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## Session 1: Word List

### odyssey

*n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy

(1) go on a serious **odyssey**, (2) cross-country **odyssey**  
He continued the extraordinary **odyssey** with his brother.

### nomad

*n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode

*synonym*: wanderer, traveler, rover

(1) **nomad** worker, (2) **nomad** culture

The **nomad** tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.

### stint

*n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity

*synonym*: period, job, activity

(1) **stint** of work, (2) prison **stint**

He took a short **stint** as a teacher before returning to law practice.

## salsa

*n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

*synonym* : sauce, dip, condiment

(1) **salsa** music, (2) homemade **salsa** dip

We brought chips and **salsa** to the party as a tasty appetizer.

## octane

*n.* a hydrocarbon compound (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>) that is a component of gasoline and is used as a measure of fuel quality, with higher octane ratings indicating better performance and greater resistance to engine knock

*synonym* : fuel, gas, gasoline

(1) **octane** compound, (2) low- **octane** fuel

Premium gas has a higher **octane** rating, which makes it more expensive than regular gasoline.

## neurology

*n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

*synonym* : brain science, nervous system, neuropathology

(1) cognitive **neurology**, (2) **neurology** department

She is studying clinical **neurology** to become a brain surgeon.

## psychiatry

*n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness

*synonym* : mental health, psychology, psychoanalysis

(1) **psychiatry** therapy, (2) biological **psychiatry**

The field of **psychiatry** is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.

## long-lasting

*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time

*synonym* : enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship

They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

## cartwheel

*n.* a gymnastic move in which a person performs a spinning movement with the body held straight while moving sideways in a handstand position; the wheel of a cart

*synonym*: sommersault, wheeling, flip

(1) **cartwheel** kick, (2) attempt a **cartwheel**

The gymnast did a perfect **cartwheel** across the mat.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym*: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## morphine

*n.* a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep

*synonym*: narcotic, painkiller, sedative

(1) **morphine** addiction, (2) synthetic **morphine**

Long-term use of **morphine** can lead to tolerance, physical dependence, and addiction.

## optimist

*n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

*synonym*: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

## admiral

*n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

*synonym*: commander, captain, flag officer

(1) naval **admiral**, (2) respected **admiral**

Many high-ranking military officials attended the **admiral's** retirement ceremony.

## incarcerate

v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape

*synonym*: confine, detain, imprison

(1) **incarcerate** the murderer, (2) **incarcerate** her for life

He was **incarcerated** for the duration of the war.

## bleak

*adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

*synonym*: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were **bleak**, (2) **bleak** future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

## disappoint

v. to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad

*synonym*: sadden, dismay, frustrate

(1) **disappoint** the audience, (2) don't **disappoint** me

She worked very hard not to **disappoint** her boss's expectations.

## moralize

v. to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior

*synonym*: preach, lecture, sermonize

(1) **moralize** a situation, (2) **moralize** about politics

I don't like it when people try to **moralize** me about my personal choices.

## stoic

*adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations;  
(noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

*synonym*: unflappable, resigned, unemotional

(1) **stoic** courage, (2) do **stoic** strength training

He was known for his **stoic** demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.

## terrify

*v.* to frighten someone very much

*synonym*: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

## fragility

*n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable

*synonym*: delicacy, weakness, frailty

(1) **fragility** of life, (2) emotional **fragility**

The **fragility** of the glass required careful handling during shipping.

## aorta

*n.* the main and largest artery (= thick tube that carries blood from the heart to the body) in the human body originating from the heart

(1) abdominal **aorta**, (2) repair of an **aorta**

The patient will undergo bypass surgery of the **aorta** today.

## breakup

*n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections

*synonym*: breakdown, divorce, separation

(1) a **breakup** hug, (2) air **breakup**

He got over the big **breakup** with his wife.

## paywall

*n.* a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it

*synonym*: gate, subscription, barrier

(1) newspaper **paywall**, (2) content **paywall**

I can't read the article because it's behind a **paywall** and requires a subscription.

## ventilate

*v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it

*synonym*: air out, circulate, freshen

(1) **ventilate** my opinion, (2) **ventilate** air

It's important to **ventilate** the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.

## paralysis

*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury

*synonym*: immobility, stiffness, palsy

(1) moral **paralysis**, (2) **paralysis** in the leg

Massive demonstrations lead to total **paralysis** of transportation.

## spasm

*n.* a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity

*synonym*: convulsion, cramp, twitch

(1) gastric **spasm**, (2) **spasm** of laughter

The patient's face twitched in **spasms** as the dentist started drilling her tooth.

## determinant

*n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

*synonym*: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

## adventurer

*n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences

*synonym*: explorer, entrepreneur, daredevil

(1) daredevil **adventurer**, (2) outdoor **adventurers**

The ocean **adventurer** holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.

## dormant

*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

*synonym* : inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

## bionic

*adj.* relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original

(1) **bionic** exoskeleton, (2) **bionic** technology

The soldier was fitted with a **bionic** arm after losing him in combat.

## robotic

*adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots

*synonym* : automated, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **robotic** arm, (2) **robotic** guide operation

The surgeon removed the tumor using **robotic** video assistance.

## exoskeleton

*n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

*synonym* : chitin, exocuticle, carapace

(1) **exoskeleton** suit, (2) robotic **exoskeleton**

The **exoskeleton** of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym* : prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## groundbreaking

*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

*synonym* : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

## electrify

*v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

*synonym* : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

## excite

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym* : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## stimming

*n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

*synonym* : self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

## confer

*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

## controllable

*adj.* able to be controlled or directed

*synonym* : manageable, governable, submissive



(1) computer- **controllable**, (2) **controllable** aircraft  
The new software is much more **controllable** and user-friendly.

## **expansive**

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

*synonym*: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views  
The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. bi\_\_\_c technology *adj.* relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original
2. fr\_\_\_\_\_ty of life *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
3. ro\_\_\_\_\_c arm *adj.* of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
4. respected ad\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
5. op\_\_\_\_\_st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
6. sp\_\_m of laughter *n.* a sudden, involuntary contraction of a muscle, causing a range of sensations from mild discomfort to severe pain; a sudden outburst or brief episode of intense emotion or activity
7. el\_\_\_\_\_fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 1. bionic, 2. fragility, 3. robotic, 4. admiral, 5. optimist, 6. spasm, 7. electrify

8. te\_\_\_\_y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
9. abdominal ao\_\_a *n.* the main and largest artery (= thick tube that carries blood from the heart to the body) in the human body originating from the heart
10. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
11. do st\_\_c strength training *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
12. low-oc\_\_\_\_e fuel *n.* a hydrocarbon compound (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>) that is a component of gasoline and is used as a measure of fuel quality, with higher octane ratings indicating better performance and greater resistance to engine knock
13. exo\_\_\_\_on suit *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab
14. inc\_\_\_\_te her for life *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
15. the threats te\_\_\_\_y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
16. prospects were bl\_\_k *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
17. content pa\_\_\_\_l *n.* a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it

ANSWERS: 8. terrify, 9. aorta, 10. paralyze, 11. stoic, 12. octane, 13. exoskeleton, 14. incarcerate, 15. terrify, 16. bleak, 17. paywall

18. ex\_\_\_e the crowd      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
19. pa\_\_\_\_\_is in the leg      *n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
20. oc\_\_\_e compound      *n.* a hydrocarbon compound (C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>) that is a component of gasoline and is used as a measure of fuel quality, with higher octane ratings indicating better performance and greater resistance to engine knock
21. cross-country od\_\_\_\_\_y      *n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
22. excessive op\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
23. mo\_\_\_\_\_ze about politics      *v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
24. a br\_\_\_\_\_p hug      *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
25. st\_\_\_\_\_ng therapy      *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

ANSWERS: 18. excite, 19. paralysis, 20. octane, 21. odyssey, 22. optimist, 23. moralize, 24. breakup, 25. stimming

26. st\_\_c courage *adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno
27. attempt a ca\_\_\_\_\_el *n.* a gymnastic move in which a person performs a spinning movement with the body held straight while moving sideways in a handstand position; the wheel of a cart
28. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
29. psy\_\_\_\_\_ry therapy *n.* the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
30. outdoor adv\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
31. co\_\_\_r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
32. st\_\_t of work *n.* a period of time spent doing a particular job or activity; a set amount of work or activity
33. a det\_\_\_\_\_nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
34. el\_\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 26. stoic, 27. cartwheel, 28. visionary, 29. psychiatry, 30. adventurer, 31. confer, 32. stint, 33. determinant, 34. electrify

35. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
36. bl\_\_k future *adj.* unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope
37. no\_\_d culture *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
38. ve\_\_\_\_\_te air *v.* to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
39. gro\_\_\_\_\_ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
40. ca\_\_\_\_\_el kick *n.* a gymnastic move in which a person performs a spinning movement with the body held straight while moving sideways in a handstand position; the wheel of a cart
41. inc\_\_\_\_\_te the murderer *v.* to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
42. a lon\_\_\_\_\_ing friendship *adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
43. mo\_\_\_\_\_ne addiction *n.* a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep
44. cognitive ne\_\_\_\_\_gy *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system
45. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

ANSWERS: 35. determinant, 36. bleak, 37. nomad, 38. ventilate, 39. groundbreaking, 40. cartwheel, 41. incarcerate, 42. long-lasting, 43. morphine, 44. neurology, 45. excite

46. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
47. dis\_\_\_\_\_nt the audience *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
48. computer-con\_\_\_\_\_ble *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
49. naval ad\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank
50. daredevil adv\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
51. air br\_\_\_\_\_p *n.* the end of a relationship between persons or nations; the separation of something into several pieces or sections
52. sa\_\_a music *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions
53. no\_\_d worker *n.* a member of a group of people who move from place to place rather than living in one place all the time; a wanderer; a person with no fixed abode
54. homemade sa\_\_a dip *n.* a type of spicy sauce or condiment made from tomatoes, onions, chili peppers, and other ingredients, commonly used in Latin American and Mexican cuisine, as well as a lively social dance style with origins in those same regions

ANSWERS: 46. expansive, 47. disappoint, 48. controllable, 49. admiral, 50. adventurer, 51. breakup, 52. salsa, 53. nomad, 54. salsa

55. con\_\_\_\_\_ble aircraft *adj.* able to be controlled or directed
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71. don't dis\_\_\_\_\_nt me *v.* to fail to meet someone or their hopes or expectations; to make someone feel sad
72. emotional fr\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality of being easily broken, damaged, or destroyed; the state of being delicate or vulnerable
73. newspaper pa\_\_\_\_\_l *n.* a barrier, often in the form of a subscription or membership fee, that limits access to certain online content or services designed to restrict access to content to those who are willing to pay for it

ANSWERS: 65. stint, 66. exoskeleton, 67. odyssey, 68. confer, 69. spasm, 70. paralyze, 71. disappoint, 72. fragility, 73. paywall

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ANSWERS: 74. aorta, 75. robotic, 76. dormant, 77. expansive, 78. visionary, 79. dormant, 80. long-lasting

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ tribe moved from place to place with its herd of sheep.  
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- adj.* relating to or using technology or devices that enhance or replace biological functions, typically in a way that mimics or improves upon the original
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.
- n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab
20. Long-term use of \_\_\_\_\_ can lead to tolerance, physical dependence, and addiction.
- n.* a powerful narcotic drug used to relieve pain and induce sleep
21. Many high-ranking military officials attended the \_\_\_\_\_ retirement ceremony.
- n.* a high-ranking naval officer commissioned to serve as commander of a fleet or naval station; the commander of a naval force or fleet; a naval officer of high rank

ANSWERS: 15. fragility, 16. salsa, 17. dormant, 18. bionic, 19. exoskeleton, 20. morphine, 21. admiral's

22. Massive demonstrations lead to total \_\_\_\_\_ of transportation.  
*n.* a condition in which you are unable to move or lose control of part or most of the body because of illness or injury
23. He continued the extraordinary \_\_\_\_\_ with his brother.  
*n.* a long wandering and eventful journey; a Greek epic poem attributed to Homer, describing the journey of Odysseus after the fall of Troy
24. I don't like it when people try to \_\_\_\_\_ me about my personal choices.  
*v.* to express or teach a moral lesson or principle, often in a self-righteous or didactic way; to reflect on the ethical or moral aspects of a situation or behavior
25. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.  
*v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
26. He has produced \_\_\_\_\_ research on the subject.  
*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
27. They finally decided to solve the \_\_\_\_\_ problem.  
*adj.* existing or continuing for a long time
28. The gymnast did a perfect \_\_\_\_\_ across the mat.  
*n.* a gymnastic move in which a person performs a spinning movement with the body held straight while moving sideways in a handstand position; the wheel of a cart
29. He was known for his \_\_\_\_\_ demeanor, never showing emotion or weakness.  
*adj.* calm and unemotional, especially in difficult situations; (noun) a member of the ancient Greek school of philosophy founded by Zeno

ANSWERS: 22. paralysis, 23. odyssey, 24. moralize, 25. confer, 26. groundbreaking, 27. long-lasting, 28. cartwheel, 29. stoic

30. The product developed through years of research continues to \_\_\_\_\_ the market.
- v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
31. He was \_\_\_\_\_ for the duration of the war.
- v. to put or keep somebody in prison or in a place from which they cannot escape
32. It would be best not to \_\_\_\_\_ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v. to frighten someone very much
33. The ocean \_\_\_\_\_ holds the record for the oldest solo Pacific Ocean crossing by a sailboat.
- n. a person who enjoys or seeks dangerous and exciting experiences
34. The surgeon removed the tumor using \_\_\_\_\_ video assistance.
- adj. of or relating to mechanical robots; (robotics) the interdisciplinary branch of computer science and engineering with the practical use of robots
35. It's important to \_\_\_\_\_ the room to avoid the buildup of harmful gases.
- v. to supply fresh air to a room, building, etc.; to remove stale air from it
36. The field of \_\_\_\_\_ is constantly evolving, with new treatments and approaches being developed all the time.
- n. the branch of medicine concerned with the study, treatment, and prevention of mental illness
37. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.
- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 30. electrify, 31. incarcerated, 32. terrify, 33. adventurer, 34. robotic, 35. ventilate, 36. psychiatry, 37. paralyzed

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

39. The company has an \_\_\_\_\_ network of offices and locations around the world.

*adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

40. She is studying clinical \_\_\_\_\_ to become a brain surgeon.

*n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the nervous system

ANSWERS: 38. visionary, 39. expansive, 40. neurology