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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### neuroscience

*n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system

(1) the branch of **neuroscience**, (2) a theoretical concept in **neuroscience**

Our university is famous for its professors, who are well-versed in behavioral **neuroscience**.

### cofounder

*n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

### shrub

*n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

*synonym*: bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

### Arthurian

*adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him

(1) the **Arthurian** cycle, (2) **Arthurian** romances

The **Arthurian** legends of King Arthur and the knights of the

Round Table are popular literary motifs.

## swamp

*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

*synonym*: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

## carnivorous

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

*synonym*: meat-eating, predatory, flesh-eating

(1) **carnivorous** cell, (2) aquatic **carnivorous** mammal

The **carnivorous** dinosaur preyed on other animals.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

*synonym*: nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## electrocardiogram

*n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity

*synonym*: ECG, heart monitor, cardiac monitor

(1) **electrocardiogram** technician, (2) abnormal **electrocardiogram**

The hospital invested in state-of-the-art **electrocardiogram** machines to improve patient care.

## mimosa

*n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers

*synonym*: cocktail, drink

(1) **mimosa** tree, (2) **mimosa** cocktail

The wedding reception was decorated with delicate white

roses and yellow **mimosa** arrangements.

## herbivore

*n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

*synonym*: plant-eater, browser, graminivore

(1) **herbivore** diet, (2) **herbivore** animals

A giraffe is an **herbivore** that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

## Venus

*n.* the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

## pretension

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## darn

*v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches

*synonym*: mend, repair, patch

(1) **darn** stockings, (2) **darn** hole

I have to **darn** these socks before they become unwearable.

## probabilistic

*adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks

*synonym*: probable, statistical, likely

(1) **probabilistic** model, (2) **probabilistic** approach

In a **probabilistic** system, the outcome is uncertain and can vary based on chance.

## 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.

## axon

*n.* a long and slender projection of a nerve cell, or neuron, that sends out signals away from the nerve cell

(1) an **axon** of a nerve cell, (2) the **axon** terminals

We are developing a technology to promote the elongation and regeneration of sensory nerve **axons**.

## actualize

*v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention

*synonym*: realize, accomplish, effectuate

(1) **actualize** your ideas, (2) **actualize** the company's vision

I need to **actualize** my plan to make it a reality.

## 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.

## ubiquitous

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

*synonym*: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

## interspecies

*adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

*synonym*: interbreeding, crossbreeding, mixed

(1) **interspecies** interaction, (2) **interspecies**

communication

There are many cases of **interspecies** cooperation in the animal kingdom.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. small sh\_\_b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
2. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic approach *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
3. the branch of neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
4. mi\_\_\_a tree *n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers
5. int\_\_\_\_\_ies communication *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species
6. ac\_\_\_\_\_ze the company's vision *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
7. 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
8. co\_\_\_\_\_er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
9. int\_\_\_\_\_ies interaction *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

ANSWERS: 1. shrub, 2. probabilistic, 3. neuroscience, 4. mimosa, 5. interspecies, 6. actualize, 7. electrify, 8. cofounder, 9. interspecies

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| 10. sw__p tour             | <i>n.</i> an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation  |
| 11. excite the ne___ns     | <i>n.</i> a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body  |
| 12. ele_____ram technician | <i>n.</i> a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity |
| 13. ubi_____us computing   | <i>adj.</i> being or existing everywhere at once  |
| 14. tree and sh__bs        | <i>n.</i> a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil   |
| 15. muddy sw__p            | <i>n.</i> an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation  |
| 16. late co_____er         | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business  |
| 17. surface of Ve__s       | <i>n.</i> the planet second in order from the sun   |
| 18. the a__n terminals     | <i>n.</i> a long and slender projection of a nerve cell, or neuron, that sends out signals away from the nerve cell   |
| 19. baseless pre_____on    | <i>n.</i> the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition                                 |

ANSWERS: 10. swamp, 11. neuron, 12. electrocardiogram, 13. ubiquitous, 14. shrub, 15. swamp, 16. cofounder, 17. Venus, 18. axon, 19. pretension

20. aquatic car\_\_\_\_\_us mammal      *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
21. 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
22. he\_\_\_\_\_re diet      *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
23. pro\_\_\_\_\_tic model      *adj.* characterized by the influence of chance or probability; involving the use of statistical models or methods to estimate likelihoods or risks
24. Ve\_\_s orbiter      *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
25. Ar\_\_\_\_\_an romances      *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
26. d\_\_n hole      *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
27. 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
28. an a\_\_n of a nerve cell      *n.* a long and slender projection of a nerve cell, or neuron, that sends out signals away from the nerve cell
29. the Ar\_\_\_\_\_an cycle      *adj.* relating to king Arthur and the tales and legends associated with him
30. ne\_\_\_n cell body      *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

ANSWERS: 20. carnivorous, 21. electrify, 22. herbivore, 23. probabilistic, 24. Venus, 25. Arthurian, 26. darn, 27. determinant, 28. axon, 29. Arthurian, 30. neuron



31. he\_\_\_\_\_re animals *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
32. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
33. mi\_\_\_a cocktail *n.* a cocktail typically made with champagne and orange juice; a plant with delicate, fern-like leaves and fluffy pink or yellow flowers
34. ac\_\_\_\_\_ze your ideas *v.* to make real or concrete; to bring into existence or implementation; to fulfill or realize a potential or intention
35. d\_\_n stockings *v.* to mend a piece of clothing by sewing over a hole or tear with small, tight stitches
36. abnormal ele\_\_\_\_\_ram *n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity
37. car\_\_\_\_\_us cell *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
38. a theoretical concept in neu\_\_\_\_\_nce *n.* the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
39. environmental det\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 31. herbivore, 32. pretension, 33. mimosa, 34. actualize, 35. darn, 36. electrocardiogram, 37. carnivorous, 38. neuroscience, 39. determinant

40. ubi\_\_\_\_\_us across ecosystems      *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

ANSWERS: 40. ubiquitous

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. One \_\_\_\_\_ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
  - n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
  
2. The hospital invested in state-of-the-art \_\_\_\_\_ machines to improve patient care.
  - n.* a test that uses electrodes placed on the chest, arms, and legs to record the electrical signals of the heart and create a graph that shows the heart's rhythm and activity
  
3. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my plan to make it a reality.
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4. The lowland \_\_\_\_\_ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
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ANSWERS: 1. determinant, 2. electrocardiogram, 3. actualize, 4. swamp, 5. darn, 6. axons

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ legends of King Arthur and the knights of the Round Table are popular literary motifs.

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8. The wedding reception was decorated with delicate white roses and yellow \_\_\_\_\_ arrangements.

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13. They launched a rocket toward \_\_\_\_\_.

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ANSWERS: 7. Arthurian, 8. mimosa, 9. neuroscience, 10. electrify, 11. neuron, 12. pretensions, 13. Venus

14. Sugar is \_\_\_\_\_ in food.

*adj.* being or existing everywhere at once

15. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur preyed on other animals.

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16. There are many cases of \_\_\_\_\_ cooperation in the animal kingdom.

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ANSWERS: 14. ubiquitous, 15. carnivorous, 16. interspecies, 17. probabilistic, 18. shrubs, 19. cofounder, 20. herbivore