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### **Advanced Words Only**

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### **Session 1: Word List**

#### neuroscience

- 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**.

#### penetrating

adj. able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion

synonym: keen, piercing, sharp

(1) **penetrating** gaze, (2) **penetrating** analysis The **penetrating** smell of freshly brewed coffee filled the room.

#### sculptor

an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms

synonym: carver, modeler, artist

(1) sculptor studio, (2) renowned sculptor

The famous **sculptor** used various tools to carve the marble into the desired shape.

#### intestine

 a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

synonym: gut, bowel, tract

(1) large intestine, (2) intestine wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

#### superficial

 adj. existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely

synonym: shallow, facile, cursory

(1) superficial wound, (2) superficial knowledge

The journalist's **superficial** reporting should have captured the full scope of the issue.

#### fanciful

 adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) fanciful idea, (2) fanciful tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

### hippocampus

- a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
- (1) involvement of the **hippocampus**, (2) neurons in the **hippocampus**

The **hippocampus** is crucial for learning and memory storage.

### morphology

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

synonym: structure, form, anatomy

(1) morphology of a language, (2) cellular morphology

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

#### neuron

 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.

#### arbor

n. a shady place or a shelter formed by trees, vines, or climbing plants; a lattice framework or trellis that supports climbing plants; a seating area or shelter made of woven branches or vines; (of medicine, also "arbor vitae") the white matter of the cerebellum in the brain

synonym: mandrel, pergola, bower

(1) grape arbor, (2) arbor vitae

The wooden bench beneath the **arbor** was a peaceful place to read a book.

#### reminiscent

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

synonym: evocative, remindful, redolent

(1) **reminiscent** of ancient times, (2) **reminiscent** smile His painting style is **reminiscent** of Monet's

#### 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.

#### anatomical

adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts synonym: physical, bodily, structural

(1) **anatomical** structure, (2) **anatomical** elements

The **anatomical** model of the human body was used to teach medical students.

#### surpass

- v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
   synonym: excel, outdo, outperform
- (1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

#### **Planck**

- a unit of measurement used in physics to quantify the smallest possible amounts of energy, typically associated with subatomic particles and other quantum phenomena
- (1) **Planck** mass, (2) **Planck** length **Planck's** constant is a fundamental constant of nature used in quantum mechanics.

#### micron

 a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms

synonym: micrometer

(1) **micron** measurements, (2) **micron** imaging

The width of a single human hair is around 100 **microns**.

#### mitochondria

- n. (singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
- (1) a membrane of a **mitochondria**, (2) healthy **mitochondria**

**Mitochondria** DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.

#### cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or unitssynonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) cascade connection,	(2) transistor cascade
The <b>cascade</b> of waterfalls	s in the national park was a
breathtaking sight.	

#### retina

- the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
- (1) retinal cells, (2) retina scanner Damage to the **retina** may play a role in the development of glaucoma.

#### synapse

- the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
- (1) synapse circuit, (2) end at a synapse Animals transmit nerve impulses through **synapses**.

#### pretension

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.
- a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
- (1) polo shirt, (2) polo championship I watched a thrilling **polo** match at the club over the weekend.

#### morph

- to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another *synonym*: alter, modify, transform
- (1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

doe

a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

#### polo

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

#### armadillo

 a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense

synonym: armored mammal, pangolin

(1) armadillo shell, (2) armadillo burrow

The biologist is conducting a study on the dietary habits of the **armadillo**.

#### cubism

n. a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once

synonym: abstractionism, geometric art

(1) geometric **cubism**, (2) abstract **cubism** 

Pablo Picasso and Georges Braque are two of the most famous **cubism** artists.

#### surreal

*adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality *synonym*: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) surreal number, (2) surreal art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

### psychedelic

adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

synonym: trippy, hallucinogenic, mind-bending

(1) psychedelic therapy, (2) psychedelic art

The Beatles' **psychedelic** music was a hallmark of the 1960s counterculture movement.

#### ambiguity

the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; the uncertainty of meaning

synonym: uncertainty, vagueness, obscurity

(1) free from **ambiguity**, (2) avoid **ambiguity** in writing The **ambiguity** in the instructions made it difficult for her to complete the task.

#### reconstruct

v. to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

synonym: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

#### categorize

 to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist categorized the viruses into four groups.

#### human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

### hallucinate

- v. to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
- (1) start to **hallucinate**, (2) **hallucinate** with drug Sleep-deprived people gradually lose their concentration and may **hallucinate**.

### fugue

 a musical composition characterized by a theme that is introduced in one voice or part and then imitated or echoed by other voices or parts, typically in a complex and contrapuntal manner; a rare psychiatric disorder characterized by reversible amnesia for personal identity

synonym: composition, counterpoint, musical form

- (1) musical **fugue**, (2) dissociative **fugue**The symphony orchestra performed a complex **fugue**, showcasing their skill and precision.
- to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

constrain

## **Session 2: Spelling**

1.	start to halte	v.	to experience a seemingly real perception of something that does not actually exist, usually as a result of a mental illness or drug use
2.	catze the image	<i>v</i> .	to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
3.	preon to authority	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
4.	the branch of neunce	n.	the scientific study of the function, structure, and disorder of the brain and the nervous system
5.	suI art	adj.	strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
6.	neurons in the hipus	n.	a major component of the brain of humans and other vertebrates that is part of the limbic system and is vital for memory
7.	a membrane of a mitria	n.	(singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
8.	moh into something entirely different	v.	to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 1. hallucinate, 2. categorize, 3. pretension, 4. neuroscience, 5. surreal, 6. hippocampus, 7. mitochondria, 8. morph

9.	penng analysis	adj.	able to pierce or enter deeply into something; having a sharp, intense quality that cuts through superficiality or confusion
10.	transistor cae	n.	a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
11.	remnt smile	adj.	making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests
12.	arlo burrow	n.	a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense
13.	abstract cum	n.	a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
14.	sus \$20 billion in sales	<i>v</i> .	to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
15.	suI number	adj.	strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
16.	psyic art	adj.	relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

ANSWERS: 9. penetrating, 10. cascade, 11. reminiscent, 12. armadillo, 13. cubism, 14. surpass, 15. surreal, 16. psychedelic

17. geometric cu	m ,	n.	a 20th-century art movement that emphasizes the formal structure of objects, often breaking them down into geometric shapes and planes and depicting them from multiple angles at once
18. scor studio	,	n.	an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms
19. baseless pre	on	n.	the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
20. recct an	image	v.	to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
21. coin inforn	nation flow	<i>V</i> .	to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
22. anaal struc	cture	adj.	of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts
23. end at a sye	e i	n.	the fact or state of failing to finish an activity and of stopping using, making, or doing it
24. dissociative fu	e	n.	a musical composition characterized by a theme that is introduced in one voice or part and then imitated or echoed by other voices or parts, typically in a complex and contrapuntal manner; a rare psychiatric disorder characterized by reversible amnesia for personal identity

ANSWERS: 17. cubism, 18. sculptor, 19. pretension, 20. reconstruct, 21. constrain, 22. anatomical, 23. synapse, 24. fugue

25.	musical fue	n.	a musical composition characterized by a theme that is introduced in one voice or part and then imitated or echoed by other voices or parts, typically in a complex and contrapuntal manner; a rare psychiatric disorder characterized by reversible amnesia for personal identity
26.	nen cell body	n.	a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
27.	the worst humde disaster	adj.	created or produced by humans; artificial
28.	rea scanner	n.	the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
29.	p_o shirt	n.	a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
30.	inne wall	n.	a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
31.	supal wound	adj.	existing or occurring only at or on the surface; appearing to be true or real only until examined more closely
32.	faul idea	adj.	characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

ANSWERS: 25. fugue, 26. neuron, 27. human-made, 28. retina, 29. polo, 30. intestine, 31. superficial, 32. fanciful

ANSWERS: 33. micron, 34. categorize, 35. synapse, 36. morphology, 37. superficial, 38. Planck, 39. micron, 40. mitochondria

ANSWERS: 41. ambiguity, 42. arbor, 43. ambiguity, 44. arbor, 45. morphology, 46. reconstruct, 47. penetrating

confusion

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ANSWERS: 48. constrain, 49. neuroscience, 50. armadillo, 51. neuron, 52. polo, 53. surpass, 54. intestine, 55. hippocampus, 56. hallucinate

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

adj. making you remember someone or something; relating to the recall of personal interests

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adj. relating to or characterized by the use of drugs or the effects that produce altered perceptions, heightened awareness, and vivid imagery; describing art, music, or fashion characterized by bright colors, bold patterns, and unconventional designs

60. re\_\_\_al cells

61. el\_\_\_\_fy the audience

62. rem\_\_\_\_nt of ancient times

63. hum\_\_\_\_de climate change

64. el\_\_\_\_fy a manufacturing process

65. psy\_\_\_\_ic therapy

ANSWERS: 57. cascade, 58. morph, 59. Planck, 60. retina, 61. electrify, 62. reminiscent, 63. human-made, 64. electrify, 65. psychedelic

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a mature female of mammals of which 66. buck and d e n. the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit a mature female of mammals of which 67. d e rabbit n. the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit 68. ana\_\_\_\_al elements adj. of or relating to the structure of the body and its parts 69. renowned sc or an artist who creates sculptures, three-dimensional objects, or forms 70. fa\_\_\_\_ul tale adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or

ANSWERS: 66. doe, 67. doe, 68. anatomical, 69. sculptor, 70. fanciful

### **Session 3: Fill in the Blanks**

Mitochondria

1.	The of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.
n.	the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
2.	Damage to the may play a role in the development of glaucoma.
n.	the innermost light-sensitive membrane covering the back wall of the eyeball
3.	constant is a fundamental constant of nature used in quantum mechanics.
n.	a unit of measurement used in physics to quantify the smallest possible amounts of energy, typically associated with subatomic particles and other quantum phenomena
4.	The small is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.
n.	a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
5.	I watched a thrilling match at the club over the weekend.
n.	a sport played on horseback in which two teams try to hit a ball through a goal using long-handled mallets
6.	The width of a single human hair is around 100
n.	a unit of measurement equal to one-millionth of a meter, used for measuring the size of particles and microorganisms
7.	DNA is used to trace human lineage and migration footprints.
n.	(singular: mitochondrion) an organelle (= a specialized part of a cell) found in large numbers in most cells that produce energy for the cell by breaking down food
AN	SWERS: 1. morphology, 2. retina, 3. Planck's, 4. intestine, 5. polo, 6. microns, 7.

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psychedelic, 21. fugue, 22. doe

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ANSWERS: 31. sculptor, 32. arbor, 33. penetrating, 34. armadillo, 35. synapses