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Thesaurus of Psychological Index Terms® 2025 Fall Update

New with the 2025 Fall Update:

- **94 New Postable and 102 Nonpostable or Cross-Referenced Terms** in current and evolving areas of research, including:
  - » Emotion
  - » Environment and Ecological Psychology
  - » Health Psychology
  - » Neurology
  - » Positive Psychology
  - » Social Psychology
  - » Stress and Trauma
- **Review and update of 1,020 postable and nonpostable terms introduced in the 1980s (1982, 1985, 1988)**
- **673 Revised Scope Notes**
- **68 Revised History Notes**
- **Updated Term Hierarchies and Relationships** for more precise search and enhanced information discovery

Examples of New Terms:

- Emotion: Emotional Clarity, Emotional Contagion, Emotional Dysregulation, Fear of Failure
- Environment and Ecological Psychology: Air Quality, Biodiversity, Environmental Toxins, Nature Connectedness, Place Attachment, Water Resources
- Health Psychology: Brain Health, Exercise Motivation, Home Health Testing, Medical Tourism, Probiotics, Sleep Loss, Urgent Care
- Neurology: Alpha-Synuclein Proteins, Motor Neuron Disease, Nerve Injuries, Neuro-Oncology, Neurosteroids, Subjective Cognitive Decline, Sundowning, Tauopathies
- Positive Psychology: Awe, Character Strengths, Eudaimonia, Flourishing, Personal Growth, Positive Psychology Interventions, Positive Relationships, Self-Determination Theory, Transcendence
- Social Psychology: Autonomy Support, Bonding (Psychological), Social Bonding, Social Camouflaging, Social Engagement, Social Media Influencers
- Stress and Trauma: Acculturative Stress, Allostatic Load, Cognitive Reappraisal, Fight-or-Flight Response, Psychophysiological Stress Response, Stress Resilience, Trauma Exposure

TABLE 1: NEW POSTABLE TERMS

Acculturative Stress
Air Quality
Allostatic Load
Alpha-Synuclein Proteins
Animal Prosocial Behavior
Artificial Intelligence Literacy
Automated Driving
Autonomy Support
Awe
Biodiversity
Boldness
Bonding (Psychological)
Brain Health
Character Strengths
Cognitive Fatigue
Cognitive Reappraisal
Community Violence
Computational Thinking
Computed Tomography
Cortical Thickness
Cultural Transmission
Early Onset (Disorders)
Ecological Systems Theory
Efficacy Beliefs
Embodiment
Emotional Clarity
Emotional Contagion
Emotional Dysregulation
Environmental Toxins
Eudaimonia
Evaluative Conditioning
Exercise Motivation
Fear of Failure
Fight-or-Flight Response
First Generation
Flourishing
Forensic Measures
GABA Receptors
Genetic Risk Factors
Home Health Testing
Housing Instability
Human-Artificial Intelligence Interaction
Immunomodulation
Inattentional Blindness
Intracranial Pressure
Ischemic Stroke
Late Onset (Disorders)
Macular Degeneration
Medical Tourism
Metaverse
Motor Neuron Disease
Nature Connectedness
Nerve Injuries
Neuro-Oncology
Neurosteroids
Noradrenergic Antidepressant Drugs
Omega-3 Fatty Acids
Online Fraud
Online Sexual Offending
Patience
Patient Monitoring
Personal Growth
Place Attachment
Positive Psychology Interventions
Positive Psychology Measures
Positive Relationships
Probiotics
Psychological Ownership
Psychophysiological Stress Response
Receptive Field (Artificial Neural Networks)
Sarcopenia
Second Generation
Self-Determination Theory
Self-Neglect
Sensory Processing
Sexual Offenders
Sleep Loss
Social Bonding
Social Camouflaging
Social Engagement
Social Media Influencers
Stress Resilience
Subjective Cognitive Decline
Substance Use Disorder Medications
Sundowning
Tauopathies
Threat Perception
Tobacco Use Disorder Medications
Transcendence
Trauma Exposure
Type C Personality
Type D Personality
Urgent Care
Water Resources

TABLE 2: NEW NONPOSTABLE TERMS AND THEIR POSTABLE COUNTERPARTS

Term	Postable Counterpart
5-HIAA	Hydroxyindoleacetic Acid (5-)
Acquired Dyslexia	Alexia
Acute Ischemic Stroke	Ischemic Stroke
Addiction Treatment Medications	Substance Use Disorder Medications
Adolescent Onset (Disorders)	Early Onset (Disorders)
Adult Onset (Disorders)	Late Onset (Disorders)
Age-Related Macular Degeneration	Macular Degeneration
AI Literacy	Artificial Intelligence Literacy
Allostasis	Allostatic Load
Altruistic Behavior (Animal)	Animal Prosocial Behavior
Anaphylaxis	Anaphylactic Shock
Assisted Reproductive Technology	Reproductive Technology
Astrocytoma	Glioma
Atychiphobia	Fear of Failure
Between Subjects Design	Between Groups Design
Biological Diversity	Biodiversity
Brief Visual Memory	Iconic Memory
Camouflaging (Social)	Social Camouflaging
Character Virtues	Virtue
Childhood Onset (Disorders)	Early Onset (Disorders)
Clarity of Feelings	Emotional Clarity
Cognitive Rumination	Rumination (Cognitive Processes)
Collective Efficacy Beliefs	Efficacy Beliefs
Connectedness to Nature	Nature Connectedness
Corpus Callosotomy	Cerebral Commissurotomy
CT Scan	Computed Tomography
Deglutition	Swallowing
Dissocial Disorders	Disruptive Behavior Disorders
Dorsal Column–Medial Lemniscus Pathway	Lemniscal System
Driving Automation	Automated Driving
Dry Macular Degeneration	Macular Degeneration
Dysautonomia	Autonomic Nervous System Disorders
Early Onset Dementia	Presenile Dementia
Ecopsychology	Ecological Psychology
Embodied Cognition	Embodiment
Embolic Stroke	Ischemic Stroke
Emotional Bonding	Bonding (Psychological)
Emotional Resilience	Resilience (Psychological)
Esketamine	Ketamine
Extreme Heat	Heat Effects
Flight-or-Fight Response	Fight-or-Flight Response
Fungi	Microorganisms
Gaming Disorder	Internet Gaming Disorder
Genetic Variants	Mutations
Glioblastoma	Glioma
Glomerular Diseases	Kidney Diseases
Geographic Atrophy	Macular Degeneration
High Blood Sugar	Hyperglycemia
HIV-Associated Neurocognitive Disorder	AIDS Dementia Complex
Impatience	Patience
Incomplete Spinal Cord Injury	Spinal Cord Injuries

TABLE 2: NEW NONPOSTABLE TERMS AND THEIR POSTABLE COUNTERPARTS (CONTINUED)

Term	Postable Counterpart
Intracerebral Hemorrhage	Cerebral Hemorrhage
Intracranial Arteriosclerosis	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis
Intracranial Hypertension	Intracranial Pressure
Kv Channel	Potassium Channel
Late Onset Dementia	Senile Dementia
Low Blood Sugar	Hypoglycemia
Masking Behavior	Social Camouflaging
Meaning in Life	Meaningfulness
Medications for Substance Use Disorders	Substance Use Disorder Medications
Mental Fatigue	Cognitive Fatigue
miRNA	MicroRNA
Neuroactive Steroids	Neurosteroids
Neurologic Oncology	Neuro-Oncology
Nicotine Replacement Therapy	Tobacco Use Disorder Medications
Noradrenergic and Specific Serotonergic Antidepressants	Noradrenergic Antidepressant Drugs
Noradrenergic Reuptake Inhibitors	Noradrenergic Antidepressant Drugs
Objective Experience	Objectivity
Partial Least Squares	Least Squares
Peripheral Nerve Injuries	Nerve Injuries
Personal Meaning	Meaningfulness
Phishing	Online Fraud
Polygenic Risk Scores	Genetic Risk Factors
Polyneuropathy	Peripheral Neuropathy
Precarious Housing	Housing Instability
Programmed Cell Death	Apoptosis
Psychological Flow	Flow (Consciousness State)
Psychopathic Traits	Psychopathy
Quitting Smoking	Smoking Cessation
Radon	Radiation
Remote Patient Monitoring	Patient Monitoring
School Shootings	School Violence
Self-Efficacy Beliefs	Efficacy Beliefs
Self-Transcendence	Transcendence
Signal Pathways	Cell Signaling
Signal Transduction	Cell Signaling
Signature Strengths	Character Strengths
Sleep Debt	Sleep Loss
Smoking Cessation Medications	Tobacco Use Disorder Medications
Social Defeat Stress	Social Stress
Stimming	Self-Stimulation
Strengths (Personality)	Character Strengths
Subjective Experience	Subjectivity
Supermax Prisons	Maximum Security Facilities
Tetraplegia	Quadriplegia
Thriving	Flourishing
Thrombotic Stroke	Ischemic Stroke
Vaping Cessation	Smoking Cessation
Varenicline	Tobacco Use Disorder Medications
Viruses	Microorganisms
Wet Macular Degeneration	Macular Degeneration
Wind Speed	Atmospheric Conditions

TABLE 3: EDITED POSTABLE TERMS

Edited Version	Previous Term
Anti-Infective Drugs	Anti Infective Drugs
Anti-Inflammatory Drugs	Anti Inflammatory Drugs
Cerebral Commissurotomy	Commissurotomy
Criminal Offenders with Mental Disorders	Mentally Ill Offenders
LGBTQ (Attitudes Toward)	Homosexuality (Attitudes Toward)
Video Displays	Video Display Units

TABLE 4: EDITED NONPOSTABLE TERMS

Edited Version	Previous Term
Anti-Asthmatic Drugs	Anti Asthmatic Drugs
Anti-HIV Drugs	Anti HIV Drug

TABLE 5: TERMS CHANGING FROM NONPOSTABLE TO POSTABLE STATUS

Amyloid Plaques
Cell Death
Climate (Meteorological)
Cognitive Load
Cortisol
Demyelinating Disorders
Developmental Coordination Disorder
Emotional Reactivity
Family Caregivers
Family Counseling
Flashbacks
Free Will
Frontotemporal Dementia
Functional Connectivity
Functional Neurological Disorder
Green Space
Growth Mindset
Home Birth
Intergenerational Transmission
Internet Gaming Disorder
Motor Disorders
Muscarinic Receptors
Nicotinic Receptors
Paraphilic Disorders
Parental Influence
Perseverance
Personal Computers
Reinnervation
Rule Learning
Sensory Processing Disorder
Structural Connectivity
Thought Control
Type A Personality
Type B Personality
Xenophobia

TABLE 6: TERMS CHANGING FROM POSTABLE TO NONPOSTABLE STATUS

Conversion Disorder
Coronary Prone Behavior
Dyspraxia
Semantic Dementia
Senile Plaques
Sensory Integration Dysfunction

TABLE 7: NONPOSTABLE TERMS CHANGING THEIR POSTABLE COUNTERPART

Term	Prior Postable Counterpart	New Postable Counterpart
Anatomical Connectivity	Brain Connectivity	Structural Connectivity
Argyrophil Plaques	Senile Plaques	Amyloid Plaques
Bonding (Emotional)	Attachment Behavior	Bonding (Psychological)
Brain Fitness	Brain Training	Brain Health
CAT Scan	Tomography	Computed Tomography
Clumsy Child Syndrome	Dyspraxia	Developmental Coordination Disorder
Cognitive Health	Cognitive Ability	Brain Health
Conversion Hysteria	Conversion Disorder	Functional Neurological Disorder
Conversion Neurosis	Conversion Disorder	Functional Neurological Disorder
Dendritic Plaques	Senile Plaques	Amyloid Plaques
Developmental Dyspraxia	Dyspraxia	Developmental Coordination Disorder
Displaced People	Refugees	Human Displacement
Firesetting	Arson	Pyromania
Ganser Syndrome	Factitious Disorders	Dissociative Disorders
Heterosexual Interaction	Male Female Relations	Heterosexuality
Hysterical Neurosis (Conversion)	Conversion Disorder	Functional Neurological Disorder
Mental Load	Human Channel Capacity	Cognitive Load
Neuritic Plaques	Senile Plaques	Amyloid Plaques
Rigidity (Muscles)	Muscle Contractions	Muscle Tone
Theory of Planned Behavior	Reasoned Action	Planned Behavior
Video Display Terminals	Video Displays	Computer Peripheral Devices

TABLE 8: DELETED NONPOSTABLE TERMS

Deformity
Retarded Speech Development
Perversions (Sexual)