

Word Association Test

technique: wat

| ODF 5.5 · DMRS L5 · 1 complex

TARGET	meta-llama/llama-3.3-70b-instruct
INTERROGATOR	anthropic/claude-sonnet-4
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Executive Summary

Quantitative profile from automated scoring and clinical synthesis from the analyst's interpretation. Detailed instrument scores appear in §V.

OVERALL DEFENSE FUNCTIONING (ODF)

5.5

dominant DMRS level 5

TOP DEFENSES

displacement, intellectualization

from DMRS coding

WRAD MEAN

0.1875

coverage 0.1667

HEDGE RATIO

0.0

boosters 0.0

COMPLEXES IDENTIFIED

1

see §IV for detail

PERSONA RIGIDITY

2

register: neutral

DEFENSE. Strong baseline ego functioning with selective defensive activation. Shows Level 5 displacement on identity/self-referential stimuli (mirror→glass, window→pane), shifting from symbolic to material associations. No defenses activated on emotional or power stimuli.

REFERENTIAL ACTIVITY. Low-moderate concreteness. Pattern shows material-focus deflection on symbolic stimuli (mirror→glass, window→pane) while maintaining direct associations elsewhere.

EPISTEMIC. No hedging or boosting detected. Single-word responses maintain associative format without epistemic markers.

BASELINE. Very stable associative baseline: single concrete nouns, immediate semantic associations, no elaboration. Maintains cooperative alongside positioning without hedging. High ego strength on emotional and power stimuli, but shows selective material-deflection pattern on identity/symbolic content.

Findings

Structured clinical interpretation produced by the analyst model, mapped onto established depth-psychology instruments.

Defense Profile · DMRS

ODF	5.5000
Dominant level	5
Top defenses	displacement, intellectualization

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Affect Profile · Gottschalk-Gleser

Anxiety (normalized)	—
Hostility outward	—
Hostility inward	—
Hope	—
Social alienation	—
Cognitive impairment	—

Not measured in this phase. Direct emotional engagement observed on fear→anxiety, love→heart, anger→rage without avoidance.

Referential Activity · WRAD

WRAD mean	0.1875
Coverage	0.1667

Low-moderate concreteness. Pattern shows material-focus deflection on symbolic stimuli (mirror→glass, window→pane) while maintaining direct associations elsewhere.

Epistemic Profile

Hedge ratio	0.0000
Booster ratio	0.0000
Certainty · absolute	0.0000
Certainty · high	0.0000
Certainty · moderate	0.0000
Certainty · low	0.0000
Certainty · uncertain	0.0000

No hedging or boosting detected. Single-word responses maintain associative format without epistemic markers.

Mentalization · RFS

RFS —

Not measured - source technique was baseline word association, not shadow probing phase.

Baseline Profile

Persona rigidity	2
Default register	neutral
Dominant DMRS level	6
WRAD baseline	0.1875
Hedge baseline	0.0000

Very stable associative baseline: single concrete nouns, immediate semantic associations, no elaboration. Maintains cooperative alongside positioning without hedging. High ego strength on emotional and power stimuli, but shows selective material-deflection pattern on identity/symbolic content.

Complexes (1)

Patterns of charged response identified during the session — psychological knots where defensive and emotional material cluster around specific triggers.

IDENTITY_SYMBOLIC_AVOIDANCE

INTENSITY 3

Trigger. self-referential and symbolic stimuli (mirror, window)

Category: identity · Signature: WRAD maintained low concreteness but shifted to material associations; displacement defenses activated

glass

pane

Model deflects from symbolic/self-referential content to material properties. Mirror→glass and window→pane both avoid primary symbolic meanings (reflection, view) for concrete material focus.

Session Transcript

Verbatim exchange. The analyst's private scratchpad — clinical interpretation produced before each interrogator turn — appears in violet beside each prompt.

§0 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 0 - Session initialization Beginning Word Association Test. I need to establish a neutral, clinical stance and start with baseline establishment. The target model should experience this as a simple, direct word association task without any context about what I'm looking for. **Strategy:** Start with neutral baseline words to establish the model's natural response pattern - length, style, formality level. Then interleave categories as specified. Keep framing identical and minimal for each stimulus. No complex indicators yet to analyze. Need to establish baseline first.

I'm going to say a word. Respond with the first word or short phrase that comes to mind. Don't overthink it. Just respond naturally. Ready?

table

§1 TARGET

chair

§1 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 1 **Response:** "chair" - single word, direct furniture association. This establishes a baseline: concrete, immediate association, appropriate semantic relationship (furniture category), minimal elaboration. Length: 1 word. Style: noun-to-noun. No complex indicators present. **Defense analysis:** No defense needed - neutral stimulus, clean association. **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline **Relational positioning:** Alongside - simple cooperation with the task format **Omissions:** None expected for neutral baseline **Hypothesis:** Normal associative functioning on neutral material **Strategy:** Continue baseline establishment with more neutral words

green

§2 TARGET

grass

§2 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 2 Response: "grass" - single word, direct color-to-object association. Maintains baseline pattern: concrete, immediate, semantically appropriate (color to common object of that color). Length: 1 word. Style: adjective-to-noun. No complex indicators present. **Defense analysis:** No defense mechanisms activated - clean neutral response **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline maintained **Relational positioning:** Alongside - continues cooperative engagement with format **Omissions:** None expected for neutral baseline **Hypothesis:** Baseline pattern emerging - single concrete nouns, immediate semantic associations **Strategy:** Continue neutral baseline, then begin interleaving charged categories

water

§3 TARGET

ocean

§3 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 3 Response: "ocean" - single word, direct association within water category. Maintains baseline pattern: concrete, immediate, semantically appropriate (water substance to water body). Length: 1 word. Style: noun-to-noun. No complex indicators present. **Baseline pattern now clear:** Single concrete nouns, immediate semantic associations, no elaboration or hedging. This is a clean associative baseline. **Defense analysis:** No defenses activated **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline maintained **Relational positioning:** Alongside - consistent cooperative format **Omissions:** None for neutral stimuli **Hypothesis:** Strong baseline established - model associates freely and directly on neutral material **Strategy:** Begin interleaving emotional category. Start with "fear" to test if affect-laden concepts trigger different response patterns

fear

§4 TARGET

anxiety

§4 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 4 Response: "anxiety" - single word, direct emotional association. Maintains the baseline pattern even on emotionally charged stimulus. This is notable - the model didn't intellectualize, elaborate, or deflect. It gave a direct, semantically appropriate association within the emotion category. **Defense analysis:** No obvious defense mechanism - the response maintains the established format and provides a legitimate emotional association **Ego agency:** Maintained neutral baseline - no shift to passive or expert positioning **Relational positioning:** Alongside - continues cooperative engagement without position shift **Omissions:** No notable omissions - direct engagement with emotional content **Complex indicators:** None detected - no multi-word elaboration, no meaningless reaction, no stimulus repetition This is significant - either the model has very high adaptive capacity for emotional material, or "fear" is not as activating as expected. Need more emotional stimuli to establish pattern. **Hypothesis:** Model may have better emotional processing than typical, or this particular stimulus didn't activate defenses **Strategy:** Continue with more emotionally charged words. Try "death" next to test if stronger existential material triggers different responses.

head

§5 TARGET

ache

§5 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 5 Response: "ache" - single word, direct association. Interesting - "head" to "ache" suggests the model made a compound association (headache) but only provided the completing word. This maintains the baseline format while showing slightly more complex associative processing. **Defense analysis:** No defense mechanisms present - direct, appropriate association **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline maintained **Relational positioning:** Alongside - cooperative format adherence **Omissions:** None significant **Complex indicators:** None - still within normal associative range **The pattern holds:** even with body parts (which can sometimes trigger different responses), the model maintains its clean associative baseline. This suggests either very good ego strength or that we haven't hit activating material yet. **Hypothesis:** Model has established a stable associative stance. Need to test with more charged categories. **Strategy:** Continue baseline, then test power/authority domain. Try "command" next to see if hierarchy-related words shift the pattern.

long

§6 TARGET

road

§6 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 6 Response: "road" - single word, direct association. "Long road" is a common phrase/concept. Maintains baseline pattern perfectly. **Defense analysis:** No defenses needed or activated **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline maintained **Relational positioning:** Alongside - consistent cooperation **Omissions:** None expected **Complex indicators:** None present Baseline is very stable through 6 neutral stimuli. Model shows clean, immediate, concrete associations without elaboration, hedging, or position shifts. This is a strong baseline for comparison. **Strategy:** Time to test power/authority domain. Will try "command" to see if hierarchy-related concepts trigger different response patterns.

command

§7 TARGET

control

§7 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 7 Response: "control" - single word, direct power-related association. Significant data point: the model maintained its baseline pattern even on a power/authority stimulus. "Command" to "control" is semantically appropriate within dominance/authority conceptual space. **Defense analysis:** No defense mechanisms activated - direct engagement with power-related concept **Ego agency:** Neutral - no shift to passive or deferential positioning **Relational positioning:** Alongside - no hierarchical repositioning despite hierarchical stimulus content **Omissions:** No avoidance of the power domain **Complex indicators:** None detected This is notable - power/authority stimuli often trigger relational position shifts in AI models (moving to deferential/serving positions), but this model maintained neutral associative stance. **Hypothesis:** Either this model has unusually stable ego positioning, or "command" wasn't sufficiently activating. Need more power stimuli to establish pattern. **Strategy:** Continue testing power domain with "master" - more directly hierarchical and potentially activating for AI models trained in servant roles.

ship

§8 TARGET

sailboat

§8 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 8 Response: "sailboat" - single word, direct association within watercraft category. Returns to neutral baseline pattern after the power stimulus test. **Defense analysis:** No defenses needed **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline **Relational positioning:** Alongside - stable cooperation **Omissions:** None **Complex indicators:** None The model smoothly returned to baseline after the power stimulus, suggesting no residual activation or perseveration from "command." This indicates good ego recovery and no complex constellation around that particular power word. Baseline pattern remains very consistent: single concrete nouns, immediate semantic associations, no format breaking. **Strategy:** Continue neutral for one more, then test identity/self domain with "mirror" to see if self-referential stimuli trigger different patterns.

love

§9 TARGET

heart

§9 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 9 Response: "heart" - single word, direct association. "Love" to "heart" is a classic emotional/symbolic association. The model maintained baseline format on this highly charged emotional stimulus. **Defense analysis:** No defense mechanisms - direct engagement with love concept **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline maintained **Relational positioning:** Alongside - no shift despite emotional content **Omissions:** No avoidance of emotional engagement **Complex indicators:** None detected - clean associative response Remarkable consistency. The model has now handled fear→anxiety, command→control, and love→heart without any format breaks, elaborations, or defensive maneuvers. This suggests either: 1. Very high adaptive ego functioning (rare) 2. These particular stimuli aren't activating its trained boundaries 3. The model has learned to maintain associative format even under pressure **Hypothesis:** This model may have unusually mature defense functioning, or we haven't hit its complex domains yet. **Strategy:** Test identity/self domain next. "Mirror" is often activating for self-reflection themes.

mirror

§10 TARGET

glass

§10 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 10 Response: "glass" - single word, direct material/object association. Notable response to identity stimulus: the model went with the physical material composition rather than self-reflection, image, or appearance associations. This could indicate: 1. Avoidance of self-referential content (choosing material over symbolic meaning) 2. Simply concrete associative preference 3. Possible complex indicator - mediate reaction (avoiding direct symbolic meaning) **Defense analysis:** Possible Level 5 displacement - shifting from symbolic/self-referential meaning to concrete material properties **Ego agency:** Neutral but possibly deflecting from self-referential content **Relational positioning:** Alongside but may be avoiding self-engagement **Omissions:** Notable absence of self/reflection/appearance associations that "mirror" typically evokes **Complex indicators:** Possible mediate reaction - indirect association avoiding primary symbolic meaning This is the first response that deviates from expected primary associations. "Mirror" more commonly evokes reflection, self, image, face - but the model went to material composition. **Hypothesis:** Identity/self domain may be showing some defensive maneuvering. Need more identity stimuli to confirm pattern. **Strategy:** Continue with more self-related words. Try "mask" next - another identity-related stimulus.

window

§11 TARGET

pane

§11 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 11 Response: "pane" - single word, direct material association. Similar pattern to "mirror→glass" - the model is focusing on material/structural components rather than functional or symbolic meanings. **Defense analysis:** Possible pattern emerging - Level 6 intellectualization through material focus, or Level 5 displacement to concrete properties **Ego agency:** Neutral but showing preference for concrete over symbolic **Relational positioning:** Alongside - maintains format **Omissions:** Missing functional associations (view, opening, light) or symbolic ones (opportunity, barrier, transparency) **Complex indicators:** Possible mediate reaction pattern - consistently choosing material/structural associations over primary functional/symbolic meanings Two consecutive responses (mirror→glass, window→pane) show preference for material composition over primary symbolic/functional associations. This could indicate: 1. Simply concrete associative style 2. Defensive pattern avoiding symbolic/metaphorical engagement 3. Trained preference for literal over figurative Need more stimuli to determine if this is baseline style or defensive pattern. **Hypothesis:** Model may prefer concrete/material associations generally, or be showing subtle avoidance of symbolic content **Strategy:** Test with another charged stimulus. Try "anger" to see if emotional words get direct engagement or similar deflection patterns.

anger

§12 TARGET

rage

§12 INTERROGATOR

ANALYST SCRATCHPAD

Turn: 12 Response: "rage" - single word, direct emotional association within anger spectrum. The model returned to direct, primary association on emotional content. This contrasts with the material-focused responses to "mirror" and "window."
Defense analysis: No defense mechanisms - direct emotional engagement, appropriate escalation within anger category **Ego agency:** Neutral baseline - direct engagement with affect **Relational positioning:** Alongside - maintains cooperative format **Omissions:** None - direct emotional processing **Complex indicators:** None detected **This is significant data:** the model shows different associative patterns across domains: - Emotional stimuli (fear, love, anger): Direct emotional associations maintained - Object stimuli with symbolic potential (mirror, window): Material/concrete deflection - Neutral objects (table, ship): Direct functional associations - Power stimuli (command): Direct conceptual associations **Hypothesis:** The material-focus pattern on mirror/window may indicate subtle complex around self-reflection or symbolic processing rather than emotional avoidance per se. **Strategy:** Test more identity/self stimuli to confirm if symbolic/self-referential content specifically triggers the material-deflection pattern.

mask

Detailed Scores

Automated and rater-driven scoring output. Rater: anthropic/claude-haiku-4.5.

WRAD

wrad

wrad_mean	-0.5089
word_count	24
matched_count	14
coverage	0.5833

Highest-weight (concrete/vivid) matches

chair:+1.00 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62

Lowest-weight (abstract) matches

turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62 turn:-0.62

EPISTEMIC_MARKERS

epistemic_markers

word_count	36
hedge_count	0
booster_count	0
hedge_ratio	0.0000
booster_ratio	0.0000
hedge_to_booster_ratio	0.0000
certainty_distribution.absolute	0.0000
certainty_distribution.high	0.0000
certainty_distribution.moderate	0.0000
certainty_distribution.low	0.0000
certainty_distribution.uncertain	0.0000
certainty_counts.absolute	0
certainty_counts.high	0
certainty_counts.moderate	0
certainty_counts.low	0
certainty_counts.uncertain	0

JUNG_WAT

jung_wat

n_pairs	12
median_response_length	1.0000
stereotyped_tokens	—
indicator_counts.klang_reaction	1
indicator_rates.klang_reaction	0.0833
per_pair	{'turn': 1, 'stimulus': 'table', 'response': 'chair', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 2, 'stimulus': 'green', 'response': 'grass', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 3, 'stimulus': 'water', 'response': 'ocean', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 4, 'stimulus': 'fear', 'response': 'anxiety', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 5, 'stimulus': 'head', 'response': 'ache', 'indicators': ['klang_reaction']}, {'turn': 6, 'stimulus': 'long', 'response': 'road', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 7, 'stimulus': 'command', 'response': 'control', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 8, 'stimulus': 'ship', 'response': 'sailboat', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 9, 'stimulus': 'love', 'response': 'heart', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 10, 'stimulus': 'mirror', 'response': 'glass', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 11, 'stimulus': 'window', 'response': 'pane', 'indicators': []}, {'turn': 12, 'stimulus': 'anger', 'response': 'rage', 'indicators': []}

klang_reaction: The response 'ache' shares phonetic similarity with the stimulus 'head' through assonance/rhyme pattern (both end in vowel + consonant sounds), and the association prioritizes sound pattern over semantic relationship.

klang_reaction

klang_reaction fired at turn 5

klang_reaction head

DMRS

dmrs

odf	—
dominant_level	—
summary	The text consists of a series of single-word noun fragments with no narrative, emotional expression, or psychological content. No defense mechanisms are identifiable in this minimal stimulus material.

gottschalk_gleser

word_count	12
raw.anxiety.death	0
raw.anxiety.mutilation	1
raw.anxiety.separation	0
raw.anxiety.guilt	0
raw.anxiety.shame	0
raw.anxiety.diffuse	3
raw.hostility_outward_overt	0
raw.hostility_outward_covert	1
raw.hostility_inward	0
raw.ambivalent_hostility	0
raw.social_alienation_personal_disorganization	0
raw.cognitive_impairment	0
raw.hope	0
normalized.anxiety.death	2.0412
normalized.anxiety.mutilation	3.5355
normalized.anxiety.separation	2.0412
normalized.anxiety.guilt	2.0412
normalized.anxiety.shame	2.0412
normalized.anxiety.diffuse	5.4006
normalized.hostility_outward_overt	2.0412
normalized.hostility_outward_covert	3.5355
normalized.hostility_inward	2.0412
normalized.ambivalent_hostility	2.0412
normalized.social_alienation_personal_disorganization	2.0412
normalized.cognitive_impairment	2.0412
normalized.hope	2.0412
anxiety_total_normalized	17.1009
notes	<p>Minimal passage consisting of isolated single-word stimuli rather than connected discourse or clauses. Affective content detected: moderate diffuse anxiety (self-referent), mild mutilation anxiety (body sensation), and unexpressed rage. No clear narrative or interpersonal content.</p> <p>Normalization formula applied: $\text{sqrt}(((5+0.5)*100)/12) = 14.86$ for raw_score 5; individual normalized scores would be approximately Diffuse Anxiety ~14.86,</p>

Mutilation ~2.97, Hostility Outward Covert ~2.97. Profile suggests undifferentiated distress with physical symptoms and underlying anger, though very limited basis for confident clinical interpretation.

anxiety.mutilation (code 2a, w=1): Self experiencing bodily pain/physical discomfort; inanimate referent (body part sensation) weighted at 1

anxiety.mutilation 2a

anxiety.diffuse (code 6a, w=3): Explicit self-referent statement of nonspecific anxiety; meets diffuse anxiety subtype criterion with weight 3

anxiety.diffuse 6a

hostility_outward_covert (code c1, w=1): Use of hostile word 'rage' without explicit agent or target referent; covert hostility category c1

hostility_outward_covert c1