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Session 1: Word List

unrelenting

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

synonym: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

convulse

v. to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this

synonym: spasm, tremble, seize

(1) **convulse** with laughter, (2) **convulse** with anger

He **convulsed** in pain as the injury was severe.

stigma

n. a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person

synonym: mark, blemish, disgrace

(1) social **stigma**, (2) **stigma** against obesity

The mental health **stigma** often prevents people from seeking treatment.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym: extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

resemblance

n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
synonym: closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was astonishing.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

anesthesia

n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

(1) **anesthesia** for surgery, (2) local **anesthesia**

He is in general **anesthesia** under the surgeon.

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.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym: harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

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.

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.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

bipolar

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

(1) **bipolar** depression, (2) a **bipolar** semiconductor

The physician prescribed medication to treat **bipolar** disorder.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym : hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

nauseate

v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust

synonym : queasy, sicken, disgust

(1) **nauseate** my stomach, (2) make me **nauseate**

The roller coaster ride was so intense that it **nauseated** some passengers.

neurotransmitter

n. a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles

(1) **neurotransmitter** receptor, (2) **neurotransmitters** released from the brain

Endorphins are a type of **neurotransmitter** that gives a sense of well-being.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. na_____te my stomach | <i>v.</i> to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. striking res_____ce | <i>n.</i> similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details |
| 4. ane_____ia for surgery | <i>n.</i> a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes |
| 5. unr_____ng pressure | <i>adj.</i> not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal |
| 6. neu_____ter receptor | <i>n.</i> a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles |
| 7. st___a against obesity | <i>n.</i> a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person |
| 8. le_____er goods | <i>adj.</i> not consumed or used at the end of something |
| 9. sp__m of laughter | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 1. nauseate, 2. neuron, 3. resemblance, 4. anesthesia, 5. unrelenting, 6. neurotransmitter, 7. stigma, 8. leftover, 9. spasm

10. 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
11. 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
12. a bi_____r semiconductor *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
13. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
14. unr_____ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
15. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
16. social st____a *n.* a mark of shame or disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person
17. 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
18. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

ANSWERS: 10. electrify, 11. electrify, 12. bipolar, 13. twitch, 14. unrelenting, 15. medicinal, 16. stigma, 17. stimming, 18. ache

19. autistic st____ng *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
20. bi____r depression *adj.* of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness
21. tw____h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
22. le____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
23. faint res____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
24. co____se with anger *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
25. make me na____te *v.* to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
26. 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
27. local ane____ia *n.* a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes

ANSWERS: 19. stimming, 20. bipolar, 21. twitch, 22. leftover, 23. resemblance, 24. convulse, 25. nauseate, 26. neuron, 27. anesthesia

28. neu_____ters released from the brain *n.* a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles
29. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
30. gastric sp___m *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
31. co_____se with laughter *v.* to experience a sudden and violent contraction of the muscles, often caused by pain, illness, or emotional distress, or to make someone or something do this
32. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
33. singing in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
34. a__e all the time *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

ANSWERS: 28. neurotransmitter, 29. unison, 30. spasm, 31. convulse, 32. medicinal, 33. unison, 34. ache

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.
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n. a chemical that carries nerve impulses between neurons or between neurons and muscles
3. He _____ in pain as the injury was severe.
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4. Our body transfers information along each _____ using an electrical impulse.
n. a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
5. The roller coaster ride was so intense that it _____ some passengers.
v. to cause feelings of nausea or sickness; to feel sick or queasy; to cause repugnance or disgust
6. He is in general _____ under the surgeon.
n. a state of controlled, temporary loss of bodily sensation or awareness that is induced for medical purposes
7. The _____ between Anna and her mother was astonishing.
n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

ANSWERS: 1. unrelenting, 2. neurotransmitter, 3. convulsed, 4. neuron, 5. nauseated, 6. anesthesia, 7. resemblance

8. The patient's face twitched in _____ as the dentist started drilling her tooth.
- 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
9. 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
10. The mental health _____ often prevents people from seeking treatment.
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11. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
- v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
12. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
- v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
13. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
14. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
- 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: 8. spasms, 9. electrify, 10. stigma, 11. twitching, 12. ache, 13. medicinal, 14. stimming

15. They saluted in _____ to the captain.

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

16. The physician prescribed medication to treat _____ disorder.

adj. of, relating to, or occurring in both polar regions; of or relating to manic depressive illness

17. The chef will make soup with the _____ ham bone.

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

ANSWERS: 15. unison, 16. bipolar, 17. leftover