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Session 1: Word List

neurological

adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system

synonym : nervous, neural, brain-related

(1) fever with **neurological** signs, (2) **neurological** symptoms

The patient was diagnosed with a **neurological** disorder affecting their motor skills.

encompass

v. to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely

synonym : surround, encircle, include

(1) **encompass** a broad range, (2) **encompass** the enemy

The optimal solution that would **encompass** all these elements has yet to be proposed.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

sanity

n. the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational

synonym : mental health, rationality, soundness

(1) **sanity** check, (2) have a **sanity** hearing

Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her

sanity.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym: cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

obsession

n. the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person

synonym: compulsion, fixation, enthusiasm

(1) **obsession** with character, (2) national **obsession**

Gambling became an **obsession** for him, and he eventually lost everything.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

edgy

adj. being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality

synonym : tense, nervous, anxious

(1) **edgy** haircut, (2) **edgy** fashion

I always feel **edgy** when I have to give a speech in front of a large crowd.

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.

craving

n. a strong desire of wanting something

synonym : desire, appetite, longing

(1) **craving** for revenge, (2) curb our **cravings**

I have a **craving** for nicotine.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 2. front fe____r | <i>n.</i> a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact |
| 3. he was ov_____lmed with gratitude | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 4. curb our cr_____gs | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 5. co_____r the world | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 6. Internet ad____t | <i>n.</i> a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 7. cr_____g for revenge | <i>n.</i> a strong desire of wanting something |
| 8. st_____ng therapy | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 9. en_____ss a broad range | <i>v.</i> to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely |
| 10. pro_____te weeds | <i>v.</i> to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner |

ANSWERS: 1. sibling, 2. fender, 3. overwhelm, 4. craving, 5. conquer, 6. addict, 7. craving, 8. stimming, 9. encompass, 10. proliferate

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| 11. play with my si_____gs | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 12. sa___y check | <i>n.</i> the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational |
| 13. e__y haircut | <i>adj.</i> being tense, nervous, or irritable; nervous, jittery behavior; having a provocative, unconventional, or avant-garde style or mentality |
| 14. ov_____lm opponents by numbers | <i>v.</i> to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody |
| 15. ob_____on with character | <i>n.</i> the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person |
| 16. vehicle fe___r | <i>n.</i> a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact |
| 17. have a sa___y hearing | <i>n.</i> the state of being mentally sound, healthy, and rational |
| 18. co_____r fatal disease | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 19. en_____ss the enemy | <i>v.</i> to surround or cover something completely; to include a large number of or different types of things entirely |
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ANSWERS: 11. sibling, 12. sanity, 13. edgy, 14. overwhelm, 15. obsession, 16. fender, 17. sanity, 18. conquer, 19. encompass, 20. edgy

21. fever with neu_____cal signs *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
22. neu_____cal symptoms *adj.* of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
23. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
24. national ob_____on *n.* the state in which a person's mind is filled with thoughts of one single object or particular person
25. 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
26. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

ANSWERS: 21. neurological, 22. neurological, 23. addict, 24. obsession, 25. stimming, 26. proliferate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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3. The patient was diagnosed with a _____ disorder affecting their motor skills.
adj. of or relating to the science of neurology or the nervous system
4. I have a _____ for nicotine.
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5. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
6. We have become TV _____ due to video streaming services.
n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
7. Her job's long hours and high pressure started affecting her _____.
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ANSWERS: 1. obsession, 2. stimming, 3. neurological, 4. craving, 5. conquer, 6. addicts, 7. sanity

8. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
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10. The optimal solution that would _____ all these elements has yet to be proposed.
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11. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
12. He had a _____ bender last night.
- n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
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- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

ANSWERS: 8. proliferate, 9. edgy, 10. encompass, 11. siblings, 12. fender, 13. overwhelm