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NR.	WORD	MEANING	Explanatory sentence
1	deteriorate	become progressively worse.	<i>"Relations between the countries had deteriorated sharply"</i>
2	emancipate	set free, especially from legal, social, or political restrictions.	They had not been entirely emancipated from their father's control"
3	equilibrium	a state in which opposing forces or influences are balanced.	<i>"The task is the maintenance of social equilibrium"</i>
4	infatuate	possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone	An infatuated teenager
5	pilgrimage	religious journey holy expedition	He wanted to go on a pilgrimage to Israel
6	obnoxious	extremely unpleasant	There is an obnoxious odour in the room.
7	silhouette	the dark shape and outline of someone or something visible in restricted light against a brighter background	"She paused to see its silhouette against the dimming sky"
8	simultaneous	at the same time	"The telethon was broadcast simultaneously on 31 US networks
9	recuperate	A. recover from illness or exertion B. recover or regain (something lost or taken)	A. She has been recuperating from a knee injury B. "They will seek to recuperate the returns that go with investment
10	segregate	set apart from the rest or from each other; isolate or divide	There are fears about groups segregated from the rest of society

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11	connoisseur	an expert judge in matters of taste	She is a connoisseur of music / coffee / food / art
12	choreography	the sequence of steps and movements in dance or figure skating, especially in a ballet or other staged dance	The choreography reflects the themes of the original play
13	ramification	a complex or unwelcome consequence of an action or event	Any change is bound to have legal ramifications
14	promiscuous	having or characterized by many wild relationships	"Promiscuous teenagers
15	amalgamate	combine or unite to form one organization or structure	"He amalgamated his company with another
16	jingoistic	characterized by extreme patriotism, especially in the form of aggressive or warlike foreign policy.	Jingoistic propaganda
17	claustrophobia	extreme or irrational fear of confined places	The small stuffy room had begun to give him claustrophobia
18	abbreviate	shorten (a word, phrase, or text)	'Network' is often abbreviated to 'net
19	antagonist	a person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something; an adversary; opponent ; enemy	He turned to confront his antagonis
20	asylum	the protection granted by a state to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee	She applied for asylum and was granted refugee status

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21	camaraderie	mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together	There's a strong camaraderie of office life between colleagues
22	clairvoyant	a person who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future or beyond normal sensory contact	She has had a message from a clairvoyant that her son is alive and well
23	exasperation	a feeling of intense irritation or annoyance.	She rolled her eyes in exasperation
24	extenuating	(of a factor or situation) serving to lessen the seriousness of an offence.	"Library staff will waive fines where there are genuine extenuating circumstances
25	hypothesis	a supposition or proposed explanation made on the basis of limited evidence as a starting point for further investigation.	He has 'steady state' hypothesis of the origin of the universe
26	inevitable	certain to happen; unavoidable	War was inevitable
27	ostentatious	characterized by pretentious or showy display; designed to impress.	A simple design that is glamorous without being ostentatious
28	procrastinate	delay or postpone action; put off doing something.	The temptation will be to procrastinate until the last hour.
29	provocative	causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately	A provocative article
30	reconciliation	the restoration of friendly relations.	"His reconciliation with his uncle was moving.