Types of Illness

Replace the words in bold type (1-26) with a word from the table

Ischaemia	trauma	immunological	necrosis	corrosive	metabolic	infectious
infestation	defects	allergic	hereditary	carrier	contagious	neoplasms
epidemic	deficiency	allergen	side effects	foetus	idiosyncratic	congenital
degenerative	protozoa	malignant	obstruction	benign		

A (1) **dating from birth** disease may be (2) **passed down from parents to offspring** or may be the result of damage to the (3) **unborn baby.**

(4) **Physical damage** may be the result of surgical operations, accidents, excessive temperatures, radiation or (5) **destructive** chemicals.

Mechanical (6) **faults** lead to the (7) **blocking** of tubes or vessels.

An infection or (8) **invasion** of living organisms may be the cause of disease. These living organisms include viruses, bacteria, (9) **worm-like parasites,** fungi or animal parasites. Some of these diseases are (10) **spread easily between people** and the result may be a (11) **large number of people suffering the disease.** It's possible to have a (12) **person with the disease but no symptoms.** Some diseases may be (13) **passed on by touching.** Most tumours are (14) **new growths.** Some of these are (15) **mild and self-limiting,** while others are (16) **cancerous and spread.**

A (17) **wearing out** disease happens when tissue loses its normal function. There may be (18) **insufficient blood supply to an organ** which may result in infarction and subsequent (19) **death of the tissue.**

If biochemical reactions in the body are upset, the result may be a (20) **chemical conversion** disease. One possible cause is an excess or (21) **shortage** of certain nutrients in the diet.

Problems in the body's complex defence mechanism can lead to (22) **defence mechanism** disease. One possible cause is a (23) **hypersensitive** reaction to an (24) **external substance** which to most people is harmless

Some drugs or poisons may cause disease because of the (25) **unwanted action** of these drugs. This can be dose-related or (26) **have a bad effect only on a few people.**