

## Notes For Vocabulary, Antonyms & Synonyms

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Vocabulary is an essential part in English language section in almost every competitive exam. Vocabulary is dependent on the individual learning process. Vocabulary requires more and more practice in day-to-day life.

### Vocab-Root words:

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Root words are a very easy way to learn vocabulary. These words are a part of layer words. Root words have a significant meaning and root words can come either at the middle of the word or at the start of the word or at the end of the word. When the root word comes at the start of the word, it is called as a prefix and when it comes at the end of the word, it is called as a suffix.

By learning one root word we can learn many words.

### **BENE, BON & BOUN = WELL & GOOD**

#### **WORDS WITH THE ROOT WORDS BENE, BON & BOUN :**

Benefit = An advantage; as, the employees has fringe benefits

Benefiter = One who benefits; as, the employee is the benefiter

Beneficial = Wholesome; as, bathing is beneficial

Benefactor = One who benefits others

Benefaction = A gift; a donation

Benefactress = A female benefactor

Benedict = A male name which means "Blessed"

Benediction = A blessing

Benefice = The gift of an income to a priest of a church

Benevolent = Being good hearted; a well-wisher

Bonny = Sweet and attractive; as, a bonny child. And it is also used for pretty ladies.

Bonus = Extra benefits, usually extra pay

Bonanza = An unusually rich vein of gold or silver in a mine

Bonbon = A small candy

Bonbonniere = A fancy dish or box for bonbons

Bon mot = Witty remark or repartee

Bonnily = In a bonny manner

Bounty = A reward; a gift; generosity

Bountiful = Generous; munificent; large hearted

Bountifully = Generously

Benign = Harmless; also known as cancer

## **MAL = BAD & EVIL**

### **WORDS WITH THE ROOT WORDS MAL :**

Maladroit = Clumsy; awkward; inept ( not efficient ) & (Adroit = skill)

Malady = Sickness; diseases

Malapert = Ill-bred; impudent, ( Ill-bred = not well mannered)

Malapropos = Inappropriate; Not fitting

Malapropism = Humorous misuse of words

Malaria = A diseases carried by a mosquito

Malcontent = Rebellious; discontented; bad tempered; a person who is not happy

Malediction = Slander; curse

Malefaction = An evil deed

Malefactor = One who commits an evil deed; evildoer

Malevolent = Wishing evil to others

Malevolence = Wishing evil to others

Malevolence = the state of wishing evil to others; ill will; viciousness

Malfeasance = Evil conduct; especially by a public official

Malice = Ill-will as, “with malice toward none”; something bad; something negative

Malicious = Full of ill-will; full of malice

Malpractice = Professional misconduct; something wrong

Malignant = Injurious; extremely evil; tending to produce death

Malign = to utter slander of; to defame unjustly; to speak bad about someone

Maliferous = Disease bringing; productive of evil

## **What is important in vocabulary:**

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**Principle 1:** 90% of the tasks to remembering a word is to remember its meaning.

**Principle 2:** Meanings are better remembered through experience than just going through sequences of words.(same as our mother tongue).

**Principle 3:** You need to crash 20 years of experience into 6 months. (20 years of knowing your mother tongue whereas 6 months of preparation for your exams in english.)

**Principle 4:** The power of learning through synonyms and antonyms.  
Synonyms are words that are similar in meaning, not same.

## SYNONYMS OF SLOW :

➤ CAREFUL	CAUTIOUS	CRAWLING	DAWDLING
➤ DELIBERATE	DELAYED	DILATORY	GRADUAL
➤ LAGGING	LATE	LAZY	LEISURELY
➤ LINGERING	LOITERING	MEASURED	PAINSTAKING
➤ PLODDING	PROTRACTED	SLOW MOVING	SLUGGISH
➤ STEADY	TARDY	TORPID	UNHURRIED
➤ UNPUNCTUAL			

### DAWDLING:

To spend time idly, to move lackadaisically (lackadaisically- lazy)

#Dowdle up the hill.

**Careful and cautious** are related to word slow.

### DELIBERATE:

1. Characterized by or resulting from careful and thorough consideration \*a deliberate decision\*
2. Characterised by awareness of the consequences \*deliberate falsehood\* ( deliberate falsehood - deliberately trying to slow)
3. Slow, unhurried, and steady as though allowing time for decision on each individual action involved \*a deliberately pace\*.

### DILATORY:

1. Tending or intending to cause delay ‘dilatory tactics’
2. Characterised by procrastination : TARDY (procrastination - just being lazy, try to delay something)

### LEISURELY:

1. Without haste : DELIBERATELY
2. Comes from word leisure which means free time.

### LOITERING:

1. To delay an activity with aimless idle stops and pauses : DAWDLE
2. To remain in an area for no obvious reason : HANG AROUND

3. To lag behind

**LINGERING:**

1. To be slow in parting or in quitting something : TARRY
2. To remain alive, although gradually dying
3. To remain existent although often waning in strength, importance, or influence 'lingering doubts'
4. To be slow to act : PROCRASTINATION
5. To move slowly : SAUNTER

**PAINSTAKING:**

1. The action of taking pains : diligent care and efforts (diligent - hard work)

**PLODDING:**

1. To work laboriously and monotonously : DRUDGE
2. To walk heavily or slowly : TRUDGE
3. To processed slowly or tediously 'the moving just plods along'
4. To tread slowly or heavily along or over

**PROTRACTED:**

1. Archaic : DELAY, DEFER
2. To prolong in time or space : CONTINUE
3. To extend forward or outward

**SLUGGARDLY:**

1. Lazily inactive

**SLUGGISH:**

1. Averse to actively or exertion : INDOLENT (lazy); also : TORPID
2. Slow to respond (as to simulate or treatment)
3. Markedly slow in movement, flow or growth
4. Economically inactive or slow

**TARDY:**

1. Moving slowly : SLUGGISH
2. Delayed beyond the expected or proper time: LATE

### **TORPID:**

1. Having lost motion or the power of exertion or feeling : DORMANT, NUMB ( not feel any sensation)
2. Sluggish in functioning or acting 'a torpid frog' 'a torpid mind'
3. Lacking in energy or vigor : APATHETIC, DULL

## **ANTONYMS OF SLOW AND SYNONYMS OF FAST:**

### **ADVERBS:**

- FAST
- AT FULL TILT : at a very high speed
- BRISKLY : very fast
- IN ON TIME : without wasting in time
- POST HASTE : do very very fast, now. It is used at the end of the sentence.
- QUICKLY : fast
- RAPIDLY
- SWIFTLY : comes from a swift bird. Swift is fastest flying bird

### **ADJECTIVES:**

- BREAKNECK : very fast
- BRISK : walking fast
- EXPEDITE : process doing fast / increasing the speed
- EXPRESS : very fast
- HASTY : fast (using in negative manner)
- HEAD LONG : used in two senses
  1. Going at head long (very very fast) speed
  2. When someone deep in his/her work
- HIGH SPEED
- LIVELY : very excited, very energetic
- NIPPY : speed
  1. Nip in bud : means finishing them off right at the start
  2. Nip in air : means moisture in air
  3. Nip : bite, scratch, cut
- PRECIPITATE : move to action
  1. Undersolve part of solute
  2. Rainfall
- QUICK

- RAPID
- SMART
- SPANKING : (at a-pace) : very fast speed
- SPEEDY
- SUPERSONIC : faster than speed of sound
- SWIFT
- UNHESITATING