Oxfords E-Lesson 1, T3

Grade: Basic 9 BECE Revision

Subject: English Language2

Topic: Synonyms

**Salient Point**

A synonym is a word which very nearly has the same meaning as some other word, and which can replace the word in a sentence without changing the meaning in the sentence.

**Examples:**

**Word**  **Synonym** **Synonym**

1. Confess admit own

2 abandon give up relinquish

3 dangerous risky perilous

4 surrender resign yield

5 expensive dear costly

6 disaster misfortune calamity

7 aloof shy withdrawn

8 dishonest unjust deceptive

9 emancipate free liberate

10 reject renounce disclaim

11 elongate prolong lengthen

12 entire whole total

13 regain recover retrieve

14 wild savage barbaric

15 convince persuade influence

16 evident apparent manifest

17 scandal slander calumny

18 agree concur assent

19 famous renowned eminent

20 fearful cowardly timid

**Assignment 1**

Select a word from the given alternatives which is the closest in meaning to the underlined word in each question.

1 The thread became more entangled as he tried to undo it

(a) freed (b) separated (c) twisted (d) loosened (e) dis-united

2. It is the same thing on the previous occasion

(a) later (b) special (c) similar (d) earlier (d) notable

3. Chidi is usually curious in science subjects

(a) stupid (b) lukewarm (c) inquisitive (d) careful (e) dormant

**Assignment 2**

**Find and write out the synonyms of the following:**

(1) Palatable (2) acute (3) insolent (4) vacation (5) request (6) rule (7) feeble

(8) success (9) compulsory (10) relevant (11) genuine (12) obliterate (13) frugal (14) fault (15) seldom (16) fatal (17) ovation (18) generous (19) mutual (20) pay

**Assignment 3**

Choose any ten of the above words and make ten sentences, one for each