

VOCABULARY

What is Vocabulary

- *“Vocabulary is commonly defined as “all the words known and used by a particular person”. Knowing a word, however, is not as simple as merely being able to recognize or use it.”*
- *A person's vocabulary is the set of words within a language that are familiar to that person. A vocabulary usually develops with age, and serves as a useful and fundamental tool for communication and acquiring knowledge.*



Tips and Tricks to Learn Vocabulary

Read a Lot of Literature and Texts

Reading literature will help you get to know new words. Every new word you will come across should be jotted down and its meaning should be checked out in a dictionary. Knowing the meaning of the word may help you become familiar with its usage. A habit of reading is an effective way to increase your vocabulary and so it should be incorporated daily by you.

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- B) FALSE

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A)TRUE

B)FALSE

1. Find Context of New Words

2. Learn Synonyms and Antonyms

3. Learn Root-words Prefixes and Suffixes

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4. Learn Tricks and Memorization Techniques

5. Find Words that Might be Related to Job Spheres

POLL QUESTION

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- a) Yes
- b) No

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b) No

Learn Commonly Used Words in Vocabulary Tests

ROOT WORDS

A root word is a word or word part that can form the basis of new words through the addition of prefixes and suffixes. Understanding the meanings of common roots can help you work out the meanings of new words as you encounter them.

POLL QUESTION

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- a) Words used to make new words
- B) Parts of words put onto the end of other words to make new words
- c) Parts of words put onto the beginning of other words to change their meaning

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Root Words That Can Stand Alone

There are some root words that can be used on their own or as part of other common words in the English language. The following root words are provided with their meaning and, in parentheses, a few examples of the root as part of other words:

Act: to move or do (actor, acting, reenact)

Arbor: tree (arboreal, arboretum, arborist)

Crypt: to hide (apocryphal, cryptic, cryptography)

Ego: "I" (egotist, egocentric, egomaniac)

Form: shape (conform, formulate, reform)

Legal: related to the law (illegal, legalities, paralegal)

Norm: typical (abnormal, normality, paranormal)

Phobia: fear (arachnophobia, claustrophobia, hygrophobia)

POLL QUESTION

The root word *Aqua* means

- a) Land
- b) Water
- c) Air

ANSWER

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POLL QUESTION

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A)EGO

B)IST

ANSWER

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Prefixes and Suffixes

Prefixes and suffixes are grammatical “affixes” (prefixes come *before* the root word, and suffixes come *after*).

In very simplistic terms, prefixes change the meaning of words, and suffixes change their form (including plural, tense, comparative, and part of speech).

Prefixes – Change the Meaning of Words

Some of the most common prefixes are:

Prefix	Meaning	Examples
un-	not	unhappy, unsuccessful, unable
re-	again	redo, return, reappear
dis-	not, undo	disappear, disgrace, discontinue
inter-	between	International, internet, intermission
non-	not	nonsense, nonfiction, nonviolent
pre-	before	predawn, prefix, precaution
post-	after	postpone, postscript, postwar
poly-	many	polygamy, polyester, polyglot
sub-	under	subterranean, submarine, subordinate
co-	together	cooperate, collaborate, coordinate

POLL QUESTION

The prefix “re” means

- a) First time
- b) Again
- c) For the third time

ANSWER

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Suffixes – Change the Form of Words

Some of the most common suffixes are:

Form	Suffix	Meaning	Examples
Noun	-age	action or process	marriage, voyage, pilgrimage
	-ence	state or quality of	violence, absence, reticence
	-ant	one who	servant, immigrant, assistant
	-arium	place for	aquarium, planetarium, auditorium
	-tion	state or quality of	starvation, inspiration, tension
	-cy	state or quality of	accuracy, bankruptcy, conspiracy
	-dom	state or quality of	freedom, boredom, wisdom
	-eer	person	engineer, puppeteer, auctioneer
	-ectomy	surgical removal of	tonsillectomy, appendectomy

POLL QUESTION

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SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

The synonyms and antonyms form an integral part of the English Language. Acquaintance with vocabulary of English language is a necessity for effective expression either in written or in the oral form.

SYNONYMS

Synonyms are the words which have a similar meaning to that of a given word.

POLL QUESTION

Synonym of ABSOLUTE

- A. Division
- B. Complete
- C. Small
- D. Half

ANSWER

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ANTONYMS

An antonym is a word that is directly opposite in meaning to a given word.

Antonym of Beautiful

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- b) Graceful
- c) Ugly

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Supersede (Verb) –

Definition: take the place of (a person or thing previously in authority or use); supplant.

Synonyms: replace, supplant, take the place of, take over from, substitute for, displace, oust, overthrow

Antonyms: keep, stay, accept.

Usage: the older models of car have now been **superseded**

Turbulence (Noun) –

Definition: violent or unsteady movement of air or water, or of some other fluid.

Antonym: Peace, Serenity, Quenching

Synonym: Upheaval, turbulency, turbulences

Example: Sienna's year has been marked by violent or overwhelming **turbulence**.

Deployed (Verb) –

Meaning: move (troops or equipment) into position for military action.

Synonyms: position, station, post, place, install, locate

Antonyms: concentrate

Usage: "Profiting from a mutiny, the rebel forces deployed their troops rapidly and cut the country virtually in two."

POLL QUESTION

The era was characterized by political and cultural _____

- a) deployed
- b) Turbulence
- c) supersede

ANSWER

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- a) deployed
- b) Turbulence**
- c) supersede

Outrageous (Adjective) –

Meaning: shockingly bad or excessive.

Synonyms: shocking, disgraceful, scandalous

Antonyms: acceptable, mild, moderate

Usage: “There had to be a reason why he lost control and watched helplessly as his own body committed such an outrageous act.”

Dispensation (Noun)

Meaning: exemption from a rule or usual requirement.

Synonyms: exemption, immunity, exception

Antonyms: responsibility, liability, obligation

Usage: “The political dispensation to follow will be either stable or colonial, but not both.”

Reviled (Verb) –

Meaning: criticize in an abusive or angrily insulting manner.

Synonyms: criticize, censure, condemn

Antonyms: praise, extol, approve

Usage: “People who are creative, who invent and discover new ways are reviled.”

POLL QUESTION

The sport's ruling body gave him _____ to compete in national competitions.

- a) Dispensation
- b) reviled

ANSWER

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Connivance (Noun) –

Meaning: Willingness to secretly allow or be involved in wrongdoing, especially an immoral or illegal act.

Synonyms: collusion, complicity, collaboration

Antonyms: assistance, abetment, aid

Usage: “The culmination of this is the present unfolding catastrophe, which required the moral connivance, in one way or another, of nearly every sector of civil society.”

Rampage (Noun) –

Meaning: A period of violent and uncontrollable behaviour, typically involving a large group of people.

Synonyms: berserk, out of control, wild, bonkers

Antonyms: calmness, delight, pleasure, amusement

Usage: “Hamer residents say they are living in fear after gangs went on the rampage and vandalised cars.”

Ransacked (Verb) –

Meaning: Go hurriedly through (a place) stealing things and causing damage.

Synonyms: plunder, pillage, steal from

Antonyms: cleaned, found, gave

Usage: “It’s unusual for someone to strike like this during the day and to ransack the place in such a disturbing way.”

Detained (Verb) –

Meaning: Keep (someone) in official custody, typically for questioning about a crime or in politically sensitive situations.

Synonyms: delay, hold up, make late

Antonyms: freed, lost, released

Usage: “If people are unlawfully detained, they have a right to be free?”

Congregated (Verb) –

Meaning: gather into a crowd or mass.

Synonyms: assemble, gather, collect, accumulate, gather

Antonyms: disperse, scatter, dissolve, diffuse

Usage: “As she neared the Village Square, she saw a crowd of people congregated there.”

Assertions (Noun) –

Meaning: a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief.

Synonyms: declaration, contention, statement, speech, contention, account

Antonyms: disavowals, denial, desertion, repudiations, renunciation, abandonment

Usage: “Imposing such a ban requires far more compelling logic than the assertion that we should not play God.”

POLL QUESTION

The _____ of the right to freedom is very important to all people.

a) Connivance

b) assertion

ANSWER

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Accorded (Verb) –

Meaning: give or grant someone (power, status, or recognition).

Synonyms: give, grant, tender, stretch, allowance, kind-hearted

Antonyms: withhold, remove, refuse, confiscate

Usage: “Sand back has never received the recognition accorded his minimalist peers.”

Creeping (Verb)

Meaning: move slowly and carefully in order to avoid being heard or noticed.

Synonyms: crawl, move on all fours, move on hands and knees, Crawling, Slithering, Scrambling

Antonyms: barrelling, bolting, breakneck, fastening, quick

Usage: “She carefully crept around them and made her way to Fiona.”

Expertise (Noun)

Meaning: expert skill or knowledge in a particular field.

Synonyms: skill, skilfulness, expertness, ability, astuteness

Antonyms: incompetence, ineffectiveness, ineptitude, uselessness

Usage: “Each member casts a ballot for the category of competition in their field of expertise.”

Overdue (Adjective) –

Meaning: not having arrived, happened, or been done by the expected time.

Synonyms: late, not on time, behind, schedule

Antonyms: early, punctual, on time

Usage: “All I’m saying is that we’re 7 years overdue for skinny ties and narrow lapels.”

Devastated (Verb) –

Meaning: destroy or ruin.

Synonyms: destroy, ruin, leave in ruins

Antonyms: fixed, repaired, sober

Usage: “the city was devastated by a huge earthquake”

Evacuation (Noun)

Meaning: the action of evacuating a person or a place.

Synonyms: removal, clearance, shifting

Antonyms: retention, holding, preservation, withholding

Usage: “there were waves of evacuation during the blitz”