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LIST OF SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

English (Precis & Composition)

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ABANDON: To give up completely - abandoned the sinking ship.

Synonyms: relinquish, forgo, forsake

ABASH: To lose self-confidence; to confuse, put to shame – abashed before the assembled dignitaries.

Synonyms: fluster, disconcert, discomfit, discompose.

Antonym: (adj.) self-possessed

ABDICATE: To give up claim to - abdicated the throne.

Synonyms: renounce, abandon, relinquish

ABET: To encourage -or support - treacherously abetted the enemy.

Synonyms: spur, incite.

Antonym: deter

ABRIDGE: To shorten - abridged his lengthy speech.

Synonyms: curtail, diminish, retrench.

Antonyms: protract, elongate, amplify

ABROGATE: To abolish or render void - a treaty abrogated by mutual consent.

Synonyms: annul, nullify, rescind, void.

ABSTEMIOUS: Moderate in the use of food or drink - abstemious in his habits.

Synonym: temperate

ACADEMIC: Pertaining to school; theoretical academic interests; an academic discussion, with no practical implications.

Synonym: scholastic

ACCEDE: To agree to - accede to a request.

Synonym: assent.

Antonym: demur

ACCELERATE: - To quicken, speed tip - took an accelerated course in order to graduate early.

Synonym: expedite (adj. expeditious).

Antonym: retard.

ACCOLADE: An award or salute - a tremendous accolade for a returning hero. Synonyms: tribute, ovation

ACCORD: Agreement or harmony - in full accord with his view.

Synonyms: concord, concurrence.

Antonyms: dissension, discord

ACRIMONIOUS: Sharp or harsh in language or temper - stung by the acrimonious remark.

Synonyms: caustic, acerb, pungent, tart, mordant, acrid; (noun) asperity.

Antonyms: suave, affable,

ACUMEN: Keenness of mind or insight - showing exceptional business acumen.

Synonyms: perspicacity, discernment, perception.

Antonym: obtuseness.

ADMONISH (noun: ADMONITION): To warn or find fault gently - admonishing the unruly child.

Synonyms: chide, caution, reprimand, reprehend, reproach.

ADVERSARY: (adj.: ADVERSE): An opponent - his adversary in a bitter debate.

Synonym: antagonist.

Antonyms: cohort, confederate, ally, accomplice.

ADVERSITY: Misfortune - calm in the face of adversity.

Synonyms: affliction, mischance, reverses.

AESTHETIC: Pertaining to the beautiful - interested in aesthetic values rather than in purely practical affairs.

AFFABLE: Sociable, courteous, and agreeable in manner a much admired, affable gentleman.

Synonyms: civil, complaisant, benign, gracious, genial, urbane, cordial.

Antonyms: curt, brusque, rude, boorish, surly.

AFFLUENT: Prosperous, flourishing; copious - a large bequest from an affluent grandfather.

Synonyms: opulent, profuse.

Antonyms: destitute, impecunious.

AGGRESSIVE (noun: AGGRESSION. an unprovoked attack): self-assertive; attacking, offensive - annoyed people by his aggressive attitude.

Synonyms: bumptious, officious, obtrusive.

Antonyms: meek, humble, retiring, diffident.

ALACRITY: Eagerness; cheerful promptness - responded to the flattering offer with alacrity.

Synonyms: celerity, briskness, energy, animation.

Antonyms: apathy, nonchalance, sluggishness, lethargy, phlegmatism.

ALIENATE: To estrange - altered by his gruff manner.

ALLAY: To calm; to lessen in severity - at ease now that his fears have been allayed.

Synonyms: appease, alleviate, pacify, assuage, abate, mitigate, propitiate, mollify, placate.

Antonyms: intensify, aggravate.

ALLUDE (noun: ALLUSION): To refer to indirectly - alluded quite subtly to his friend's misfortune.

Synonyms: insinuate, intimate, imply.

Antonyms: refer, cite.

ALLURE: To tempt by flattery or an attractive offer - allured by the prospect of a new job.

Synonyms: lure, decoy, inveigle, entice, seduce, wheedle, beguile, cajole.

Antonym: repel.

AMBIGUOUS: Uncertain, vague, capable of being interpreted in more than one way - puzzled by the ambiguous statement.

Synonyms: hazy, obscure, equivocal, dubious, nebulous.

Antonyms: explicit, unquestionable.

AMENABLE: Obedient; willing to submit - amenable to the suggestion.

Synonyms: tractable, docile, responsive.

Antonyms: intractable, refractory, recalcitrant.

AMIABLE: Good-natured; friendly - attracted friends by his amiable disposition.

Synonym: complaisant.

ANACHRONISM: A thing placed or occurring out of its normal time - A machine gun at the Battle of Yorktown would be an anachronism.

ANALOGY (adj.: ANALOGOUS): A relation between two things shown in the resemblance not of the things themselves but of their characteristics - He indicated points of analogy between the two situations. Synonyms: correspondence, affinity.

Antonym: anomaly (a deviation from the general rule).

ANARCHY: State of confusion or lawlessness - a country brought to utter anarchy by civil war.

Synonyms: chaos, pandemonium.

ANIMUS: A feeling of hatred-felt no animus, even against the enemy.

Synonyms: enmity, rancor, malevolence, animosity.

Antonym: amity.

ANNALS: Historical records - in the annals of literature.

ANONYMOUS: Of unknown authorship-an anonymous publication.

ANTHOLOGY: A collection of choice literary works – an anthology of modern poetry.

ANTITHESIS (adj.: ANTITHETICAL): Contrast; the direct opposite - His selfish attitude seemed to me the antithesis of patriotism.

APATHY (adj.: APATHETIC): Lack of feeling, emotion, or interest - attributed his failure to apathy, rather than lack of ability. Synonyms: torpor, lethargy, sluggishness, listlessness, languor, lassitude, dispassion; (verb) languish. Antonyms: zeal, animation.

APPREHENSIVE (verb: APPREHEND): Fearful - Being unprepared, John is apprehensive of the examination.

APPRISE: To inform -apprised his lieutenants of the new situation.

APPROBATION: Approval; praise -a plan that met with hearty approbation. Synonyms: sanction, commendation. Antonym: disapprobation.

APT (noun: APTITUDE, APTNESS): ((1) Likely; inclined or disposed - apt to succeed. Synonym: prone. (2) Fit, suitable - an apt remark. Synonyms: appropriate, felicitous. (3) Skillful, expert - apt at woodcarving. Synonyms: deft, dextrous, adept. Antonym: inept.

ARBITER: A person who has authority to decide matters in dispute - a fair decision rendered by the arbiter. Synonyms: mediator, arbitrator

ARCHETYPE: An original pattern - copies reproduced from the archetype. Synonym: prototype. Antonyms: Stereotype, facsimile, replica.

ARID: Dry; barren - the arid desert land. Synonyms: jejune, parched. Antonyms: arable, fertile.

ARISTOCRACY: Government by the best people; a privileged class -special privileges enjoyed by the aristocracy. Synonym: oligarchy. Antonym: democracy.

ARMISTICE: A temporary suspension of hostilities. The armistice halted the war. Synonym: truce

ARTFUL: Sly; crafty - attained his mean objective by artful measures. Synonyms: cunning, wily, adroit, ingenious, guileful. Antonyms: guileless, ingenuous, artless.

ARTICULATE (verb): To speak clearly or distinctly - articulated slowly so that he could not be misunderstood. (adj.): Capable of speech; distinct, clear - an articulate man, always ready to give his views.

ASCETIC: Rigorously self-denying - pursued the ascetic life of a monk. Synonyms: austere, abstinent. Antonyms: wanton, self-indulgent.

ASKANCE: With distrust - looked askance at the forged signature.

ASSEVERATE: To declare positively; to confirm - asseverated his views with conviction. Synonyms: assert, avouch, aver, avow, allege. Antonyms: gainsay, controvert, recant, rescind, abjure, disavow.

ASSIDUOUS: Industrious - an assiduous worker, toiling long hours. Synonyms: sedulous, attentive, diligent, indefatigable. Antonyms: indolent, slothful.

ASYLUM: A place offering shelter and retreat - found asylum from persecution. Synonyms: sanctuary, refuge.

ATHEIST: One who denies that God exists - The atheist declared, "There is no God." Synonyms: infidel, agnostic, skeptic.

ATTRIBUTE (verb): Assign -attributed his success to bard work. Synonym: ascribe (noun): An

inherent quality -Generosity was his outstanding attribute.

AUGMENT: To increase or enlarge - an army augmented by numerous enlistments. Synonyms: enhance, amplify. Antonyms: abate, curtail.

AUSPICIOUS: Indicating a happy outcome - The prospect for this project appears auspicious. Synonyms: propitious, fortunate. Antonyms: ominous, foreboding.

AUTHENTIC: Genuine -proved to be an authentic document. Synonyms: veritable, bona fide. Antonyms: apocryphal, counterfeit, spurious, bogus.

AUTOCRATIC: Despotic - feared by the masses as an autocratic ruler. Synonym: tyrannical. Antonym: benevolent.

AVARICE: Excessive greed - a fortune accumulated by avarice and miserliness. Synonyms: covetousness, cupidity, avidity. Antonym: magnanimity.

AWRY: Unsymmetrical; not straight - the picture, hanging awry on the wall. Synonym: askew.

BANAL: Lacking in freshness, originality, or vigor-bored by his banal remarks. Synonyms: commonplace, hackneyed, prosaic, trite, stereotyped, vapid. Antonyms: racy, original, vivid.

BANEFUL (noun: BANE: poison; source of harm): Destructive, poisonous - a baneful effect, causing serious injury. Synonyms: deleterious, pernicious, virulent, noxious, toxic. Antonym: beneficent.

BANTER: Good-natured teasing or ridicule-The two wits I exchanged banter, to the amusement of the audience. Synonyms: raillery, chaff

BATON: A stick or staff - The conductor wielded his baton gracefully.

BELIE: To give a false idea of - His gracious manner belied his evil purpose. Synonym: misrepresent

BELICOSE; Inclined to quarrel; warlike - His bellicose attitude often got John into fights. Synonyms: pugnacious, contentious, disputatious. Antonyms: pacific, conciliatory.

BELLIGERENT: Engaged in war - two belligerent nations warring fiercely.

BENEVOLENT: Kindly; charitable - like a benevolent monarch, bestowing many favors. Synonyms: benign, benignant, gracious, magnanimous. Antonyms: malevolent, malignant.

BEREAVE: To deprive or leave desolate by loss - a widow just bereaved of her husband.

BESMIRCH: To soil or dirty - besmirched his opponent's good name with vile epithets. Synonyms: stilly, defile, smirch, bespatter.

BIASED: Prejudiced - misled by a biased point of view. Synonyms: bigoted, arbitrary, partial, partisan. Antonyms: disinterested, equitable.

BIBLIOPHILE: A lover of books - The bibliophile fingered the old book fondly. Antonym: bibliophobe.

BIZARRE: Queer; unusual in appearance- bizarre clothes, outlandish in the extreme. Synonyms: odd, fantastic, grotesque, eccentric.

BLAND: Gentle; polite; agreeable - a bland diet, without irritating foods. Synonyms: mild, suave (affable or persuasive in manner), soothing, non-irritating. Antonyms: piquant, tart, racy, caustic, acrid, pungent.

BLANDISHMENT: A flattering speech or act - attracted people by his blandishments.

BLEMISH (verb): To scar or spoil - Bad associates blemished his character; (noun): A disfigurement, defect - a character without a blemish.

BLIGHT: To ruin or decay - the rotting wheat, blighted by incessant rain. Synonyms: wither, blast

BLITHE: Gay and light-hearted in spirit or mood - spread cheer with her blithe spirit. Synonyms: jocund, merry, joyous. Antonyms: dejected, forlorn, abject.

BOG: A swamp - sank into the spongy bog. Synonyms: morass, fen, quagmire, mire.

BOMBASTIC (noun: BOMBAST): High-sounding; pretentious in language - a bombastic speech, inflated with meaningless high-flown words. Synonyms: ranting, pompous, fustian.

BOORISH: Unrefined in speech or manners - exhibited the boorish manners of a backwoodsman. Synonyms: churlish, uncouth, uncultured, crass. Antonym: suave.

BUCOLIC: Pertaining to the country - a bucolic poem - the joys of the shepherd. Synonyms: pastoral, rustic, rural.

BUFFOON: A clown - acting like a buffoon, full of ludicrous tricks. Synonym: harlequin.

BULWARK: (1) An embankment used as a fortification - a lofty bulwark for defense. Synonym: rampart. 2) A person, idea, or object serving as a protection - acted as a bulwark in the fight against crime.

BUMPTIOUS: Obnoxiously conceited or self-assertive - a bumptious monitor, puffed up with his own importance. Synonyms: aggressive, arrogant, contumelious, overbearing.

CABAL: A small group of persons engaged in plotting - a cabal of prominent persons united to overthrow the government. Synonyms: junto, faction.

CACOPHONOUS: Unharmonious sounding - a cacophonous blare of trumpets, noisy and discordant. Synonyms: dissonant, discordant, blatant, strident, raucous. Antonyms: mellifluous, euphonious, dulcet.

CADAVEROUS: Corpse-like; hence, haggard, pale -His face appeared cadaverous from long

imprisonment. Synonyms: ghastly, gaunt, pallid (noun: pallor), wan, ashen. Antonyms: rubicund, florid.

CALLOUS: Unfeeling or insensitive - made callous by long suffering. Synonyms: insensible, obdurate.

CALUMNIATE: To accuse falsely or maliciously in order to injure another's reputation; slander - calumniated his political opponent by spreading false rumors. Synonyms: asperse, vilify, defame, scandalize.

CANDID (noun: CANDOR): Frank, outspoken; impartial a candid reply that could hardly be more forthright. Synonyms: artless, ingenuous, unbiased. Antonyms: guileful, evasive.

CANTANKEROUS: Ill-natured; quarrelsome – showed a cantankerous and sullen disposition. Synonyms: petulant, peevish, contentious, pugnacious, testy, choleric, fretful. Antonyms: amiable, affable, equable.

CAPRICIOUS: Inclined, through some whim or fancy change the mind, purpose, or actions suddenly - a capricious person, undependable in mood or temper. Synonyms: fickle, fitful, changeable, erratic, inconstant, crotchety, whimsical, mercurial. Antonyms: steadfast, constant, even-tempered.

CAPTOUS: Quick to find fault about trifles- a captious critic pouncing on slight laws. Synonyms: hypercritical, carping, carviling, censorious.

CARICATURE: A picture or other description of a person which exaggerates ludicrously one or more of his distinctive features - not a realistic portrait but a malicious caricature.

CASTIGATE: To punish or criticize severely - castigated for using improper language. Synonyms: reprove, upbraid, reprehend, censure, reprimand, chasten. Antonyms: commend, eulogize, laud.

CELESTIAL: Pertaining to the sky; heavenly-a celestial pageant of bright stars. Synonyms: ethereal; (noun) firmament.

CHAUVINIST. An extreme patriot-a chauvinist with most pride in his country. Synonym: jingoist.

CHICANERY: Trickery, deception,- practised chicanery all his shady dealings. Synonyms: duplicity, craft, stratagem, wile, subterfuge.

CHRONIC: Continuing a long time; habitual-a. chronic complaint, persisting for years. Synonyms: persistent, unremitting, inveterate, incessant, constant. Antonyms: intermittent, sporadic, infrequent.

CIRCUMSPECT: Cautious - looked about him circumspectly. Synonyms: prudent, vigilant, discreet, wary. Antonyms: rash, indiscreet, reckless, precipitate, footloose, temerarious, headstrong.

CIRCUMVENT: To gain an advantage by the use of trick to evade by the use of deception; to go around - circumvented the law by evasive practices. Synonyms: thwart, balk, outwit, delude.

CIVIL: (1) Of or having to do with citizens or the state - civil duties as well as civil liberties. 2) Polite, courteous - answered in a civil fashion. Synonyms: respectful, gracious.

CLAMOROUS: Loud and noisy - a clamorous outburst the crowd outside. Synonyms: vociferous, obstreperous, blatant, raucous, strident. Antonyms: muted, quiet.

CLANDESTINE: Secret; stealthy - a clandestine meeting known only to a few. Synonyms: furtive, covert, surreptitious. Antonyms: overt, manifest, above-board.

CLEMENT: Merciful; gentle - a clement judge who tempered justice with leniency. Synonyms: compassionate, forbearing. Antonyms: relentless, ruthless.

COALITION (verb: COALESCE): Alliance; merging of various units into one unit - three parties forming a coalition to rule the country. Synonyms: amalgamation, consolidation, fusion.

COERCION: Compelling a person by physical force or other means to do something against his will - rendered his services without the slightest coercion. Synonyms: constraint, restraint, impelling.

COGENT: Having the force to compel, usually by appealing to reason - persuaded by cogent arguments. Synonym: persuasive.

COLLUSION: Working together secretly for an evil purpose - acted in collusion to overthrow the government. Synonyms: collaboration, conspiracy, conniving, machination.

COMMODIOUS: Roomy - a commodious apartment. Synonyms: spacious, capacious, ample.

COMPATIBLE: Harmonious; able, to get along together parted company because they were not compatible. Synonyms: congruous, consistent. Antonyms: incongruous, discordant, incompatible.

COMPENDIUM (adj.: COMPENDIOUS): A brief summary of the main ideas of a larger work - a compendium of chemistry in a slim volume. Synonyms: synopsis, digest, precis, abstract, epitome.

COMPENSATION: Payment for services - just compensation for his labor. Synonyms: stipend, remuneration, recompense, emolument.

COMPLACENT: Self-satisfied - looked on his own performance with a complacent smile. Synonym: smug.

COMPUNCTION: Regret for wrongdoing - displayed slight compunction for his misdeed. Synonyms: contrition, penitence, atonement, remorse, qualm.

CONCEDE: To yield; to admit as true; to grant - conceded victory to a superior force. Synonyms: acquiesce, capitulate.

CONDIGN: Well-deserved (applied chiefly to punishment) - received condign punishment for his crime.

CONDOLE (noun: CONDOLENCE): To express sympathy with another in sorrow, pain, or misfortune - condoled with each other in their grief. Synonyms: commiserate, show compassion, solace.

CONDONE: To forgive or overlook (an offense) - condoned the deed, in view of the offender's age. Synonyms: extenuate, palliate, mitigate, gloss.

CONFEDERATE (noun): A person allied with others for a special purpose (frequently a bad one) - joined his confederate in secret enterprise. Synonyms: collaborator, accomplice. (adj.): United or allied in a conspiracy - two confederate groups hurrying to their rendezvous.

CONGENIAL: ((1) Possessing similar interests and tastes; able to get on well with others - congenial people with similar backgrounds. Synonym: compatible. (2) Agreeable - congenial to his taste.

CONJECTURE: To guess - Without facts, we can only conjecture about his guilt. Synonyms: surmise, presume.

CONSECRATE: ((1) To set apart as sacred - consecrate the battlefield with a monument to the dead heroes. Synonyms: hallow, sanctify. Antonym: desecrate. (2) To devote or dedicate to some aim - consecrated his life to teaching.

CONSENSUS. General agreement - The consensus of the committee was that no action should be taken. Synonym: accord.

CONSTERNATION: Amazement; lack of courage caused by fearful prospect - The threat struck deep consternation into John. Synonyms: dismay, bewilderment.

CONSTRUE (noun: CONSTRUCTION): To interpret, explain the sense of, or analyze - construed the statement to his own advantage.

CONSUMMATE (adj.): Perfect or highly accomplished - achieved with consummate skill. Antonyms: botched, bungled, inept (verb): To complete, bring to perfection - consummated the deal without delay.

CONTEMPTUOUS: Expressive of contempt (an emotion involving anger and disgust) - cast a contemptuous look at his subordinate. Synonyms: supercilious, scornful, disdainful, contumelious.

CONVIVIAL: Festive; gay - a convivial party. Synonyms: jovial, jocund, mirthful. Antonyms: lugubrious, dolorous, mirthless.

COPIOUS: Plentiful - shed copious tears at the bad news. Synonyms: profuse, bountiful, abundant. Antonyms: meager, scant.

CORPULENT: Fat - corpulent due to excessive eating. Synonyms: obese, portly. Antonyms:

gaunt, lank, emaciated, peaked.

COSMOPOLITAN (noun): One who is at home in all countries - A cosmopolitan can feel at ease anywhere in the world. (adj.): Free from local prejudices - a world-wide traveler, cosmopolitan in tastes and attitudes. Synonyms: Catholic. Antonyms: parochial, provincial.

COTERIE: A group of people joined by common interests a coterie of select friend. Synonym: clique.

COUNTENANCE (noun): A face - His countenance expressed his complete disgust. Synonym: visage. (verb): To approve - refused to countenance disrespectful conduct. Synonym: sanction.

CRASS: Coarse and stupid - displayed crass ignorance. Synonym: gross.

CRAVEN (noun): Coward - the deed of a craven, motivated by fear. Synonym. Poltroon. (adj.): Cowardly - a craven act which shocked the world. Synonyms: pusillanimous, dastardly. Antonyms: stalwart, intrepid, valiant, stout-hearted.

CREDENCE: Trust or belief - gave little credence to the rumor. Synonym: conviction. Antonym: skepticism.

CREDIBLE: Worthy of belief - a credible story, true to life. Antonym: incredible.

CREDITABLE: Deserving or reflecting Credit or honor - applauded for his creditable performance. Synonyms: praiseworthy, meritorious, commendable. Antonyms: discreditable, infamous, opprobrious, ignominious.

CREDULOUS: Inclined to believe anything; easily imposed upon - a credulous fool whom anyone can dupe. Synonym: gullible. Antonyms: incredulous, skeptical.

CRINGE: To shrink in fear - cringing before superior force. Synonyms: cower, flinch, fawn, truckle, wince.

CRUCIAL: Decisive or critical; difficult - the crucial event that decided the outcome. **CRYPTIC**: Containing hidden meaning - a cryptic message, difficult to decipher. Synonyms: occult, enigmatic. Antonyms: palpable, manifest.

CULPABLE: Deserving blame or censure - removed from office for culpable negligence. Synonyms: censurable, reprehensible.

CUMBROUS: Burdensome and clumsy - a cumbrous knapsack, impeding his march. Synonyms: cumbersome, unwieldy, bulk. **CURB**: To control, check, or restrain - forcibly curbed the people's protest. Synonyms: repress, subdue.

CURSORY: Hurried; hence, superficial - Time permitted only a cursory examination. Antonyms: painstaking, meticulous. **CURT**: Rudely abrupt -offended by the curt response. Synonyms: blunt, brusque, bluff. Antonyms: affable, civil.

CYNICAL: Sneeringly distrustful of the good motives or conduct of others - belittled the hero

with a cynical remark. Synonyms: sarcastic, surly.

DEARTH: Scarcity - a dearth of news, brought about by censorship. Antonyms: plethora, abundance.

DEFERENCE: Submitting to the wishes or judgment of another - yielded out of deference to the old man. Synonyms: respect, complaisance, veneration. Antonym recalcitrance.

DEITY: A god -The sun was a deity to ancient peoples. Synonym: divinity.

DELECTABLE: Very pleasing - a delectable meal, tastefully prepared. DELETE: To erase or cancel, take out or remove - deletedan offensive phrase. Synonyms: expunge, censor, efface, eradicate.

DELINQUENT (noun): An offender - found to be a delinquent by the court. (adj.): Failing to fulfill an obligation - too many people who are delinquent in meeting their civic duties.

Synonym: derelict.

DELUGE: A great flood; downpour - a spring deluge which caused the river to overflow.

DEMAGOGUE: A leader who tries to stir the passions of people for his own purposes - the mob roused by an unprincipled demagogue.

DEMEANOR: Behavior; bearing - carrying himself with a proud demeanor. Synonyms: deportment, mien.

DEMURE: Affectedly or falsely modest or prim; serious demure as a Victorian maiden. Synonyms: sedate, staid, decorous, prudish, coy. Antonyms: immodest, frivolous.

DENOUNCE (noun: DENUNCIATION): To speak against - denounced by the press as a traitor. Synonyms: stigmatize, censure, reprehend, castigate- Antonyms: laud, eulogize.

DEPLETE: To empty or to use up - depleted the public treasury by vast building programs. Synonyms: exhaust, drain. Antonyms: replenish; (adj.) replete.

DEPLORE: To express sorrow or grief over - a lamentable situation deplored by all parties. Synonyms: lament, decry, grieve.

DEPRAVED: Of low morals; corrupt - a depraved mind, devising evil. Synonyms: debased, wicked, vicious, perverted.

DEPRECATE: To plead or argue against a certain course of action - deprecated the proposal severely. Synonyms: remonstrate, protest, decry, expostulate. Antonym: sanction.

DEPRECIATE: To belittle or speak slightly of - depreciated John's acting ability. Synonyms: disparage, derogate (adj. derogatory). Antonyms: enhance, magnify, extol, laud, eulogize.

DEVASTATION: Widespread ruin - the city left in utter devastation by war. Synonyms: destruction, desolation.

DEVIOUS: ((1) Winding; indirect - took a devious, rather than the direct way home. Synonym: circuitous. (2) Straying from the right course - used devious means to attain his wicked ends. Synonyms: crooked, erring.

DEVOID: Lacking in; not possessing - a speech devoid of even a trace of ill-will. Synonym: destitute. Antonyms: abounding, prevalent.

DEVOUT: Devoted to religious observances - devout in his regularity of attendance at worship. Synonyms: pious, religious. Antonym impious.

DICTUM: Art authoritative statement; a saying-an imperial dictum demanding instant compliance.

DIDACTIC: Designed to teach, imparting a lesson - a poem with a didactic purpose. Synonym: pedagogical.

DIFFIDENT: Lacking in self-confidence- too diffident to lead a group. Synonyms: shy, timid, reserved, reticent, retiring. Antonyms: forward, aggressive.

DILEMMA: A situation calling for a choice between two equally difficult alternatives; hence, a difficult or perplexing situation - faced with a dilemma defying solution. Synonyms: predicament, quandary, plight.

DILETTANTE: One who dabbles in the fine arts for amusement only and without concentrated study - a doctor by profession, a dilettante in art. Synonyms: amateur, connoisseur.

DISCONCERT: To confuse; to embarrass - disconcerted by his suspicious stare. Synonyms: perturb, discomfit, discompose, abash, disquiet, fluster.

DISCONSOLATE: Depressed; without hope or possibility of consolation - made disconsolate by abject poverty. Synonyms: inconsolable, dejected. Antonyms: blithesome, carefree.

DISCOURSE: To converse or talk; to discuss - discoursed at length on the rise of political parties. DISCRETE: Separate - two discrete issues, totally unrelated.

DISCURSIVE: Rambling from one subject to another - a discursive letter, covering many topics. Synonyms: desultory, digressive.

DISPARITY (adj.: DISPARATE): Inequality; difference in image, quantity, character, or rank - great disparity between promise and performance.

DISPASSIONATE: Free from feeling or partiality - coldly dispassionate as the chairman of the meeting. Synonyms: palm, impartial. Antonym partial.

DISPATCH (verb): To do speedily; to send off - dispatched with remarkable promptness. Synonym: expedite. (noun): A speedy performance; the sending off of something - done with

all possible dispatch. Synonyms: celerity, alacrity.

DISPEL: To drive away; to scatter - dispelled a doubt that had lingered. Synonyms: dissipate, disperse, diffuse.

DISSENT (noun: DISSENSION): To disagree; to differ in opinion - He dissented violently, rejecting compromise.

DISSOLUTE: Living loosely; unrestrained in conduct or morals - his life wasted by dissolute conduct. Synonyms: debauched, dissipated, profligate.

DISTRAUGHT: Mentally distressed; distracted - distraught by trials and tribulations. Synonym: harassed.

DIVERSE: (verb: DIVERSIFY; noun: DIVISIBILITY): Varied; different - two diverse characters; one candid, the other insincere. Synonym: multifarious.

DIVERTING: Entertaining - a diverting one of the most amusing I've ever seen.

DIVULGE: To make public or reveal - refused to divulge his source of information. Synonyms: disclose, impart.

DOGMATIC: Positive in expressing an opinion; asserting an opinion as though it were an undisputed fact - spoken dogmatically, as if the speaker considered himself infallible. Synonyms: overbearing, opinionated, peremptory, dictatorial.

DOLOROUS: Sorrowful; mournful - a dolorous song full of sorrow for past joys. Synonyms: doleful, lugubrious, grievous. Antonyms: jocund, blithe, mirthful.

DYNAMIC: Forceful - possessed dynamic energy, tireless and powerful. Synonym: energetic. Antonyms: static, inert, dormant, torpid, sluggish, quiescent.

ECCLESIASTIC (adj.): Pertaining to the clergy or the church - recognized as an authority in ecclesiastic matters. Antonyms: secular, lay. (noun): A clergyman - an ecclesiastic of liberal views.

EDICT: A public command or proclamation issued by an authority - proclaimed by royal edict. Synonym: decree.

EDIFY: To instruct or uplift, particularly in morals or religion - a story that edifies the reader, as well as entertains him.

EFFETE: No longer productive; hence, lacking in or, worn out - powerful in ancient days, now an effete civilization.

EGOTISTIC: Conceited - an egotistic person, flourishing on praise. Synonyms: egocentric, vain. Antonym: altruistic.

EGREGIOUS: Outstandingly bad an egregious mistake with serious implications.

EJACULATE: To exclaim or utter suddenly – ejaculated a cry of horror.

ELICIT: To draw out – elicited no response from the audience. Synonyms: evoke, extract, extort.

ELUCIDATE: To make clear; to explain – elucidated his theory so that even a schoolboy could understand it. Synonym: clarify.

EMISSARY: A person sent on an errand or mission - delegated his emissary to conclude a pact.

ENGENDER: To cause, produce, or stir up-an act that engendered good will.

ENNUI: Boredom; weariness of mind-fell asleep at the meeting from sheer ennui.

ENSUE: To follow or result-Silence ensued when the leader arose to speak.

ENTREAT: To beg earnestly – entreated the judge to show mercy. Synonyms: solicit, supplicate, beseech, implore, importune; (adj.) importunate, mendicant, suppliant

EPHEMERAL: Very short-lived - an ephemeral joy, lasting but a day. Synonyms: fleeting, transitory, transient, evanescent. Antonym: eternal

EPICUREAN (noun): A person devoted to luxurious living and pleasure - an epicurean, seeking to enjoy every meal. (adj.): Pleasure-loving - His entire existence demonstrated his epicurean tastes.

EPIGRAM: A brief pointed saying - a speech full of original epigrams. Synonyms: maxim proverb, adage.

EPITAPH: A tombstone inscription - an epitaph engraved on marble.

EPITHET: A phrase that describes a quality (good or bad) in a person or thing - "Glaring" error is a commonly used epithet. Synonyms: characterization , appellation

EQUANIMITY (adj.: EQUABLE): Evenness of temper or mind - suffered his cruel fate with equanimity. Synonyms: serenity, composure, imperturbability, aplomb.

ERR (noun: ERRATUM): To be mistaken or go astray - To err is human, to forgive divine. Synonyms: stray, blunder.

ERRATIC: Irresponsible, eccentric; lacking a fixed purpose erratic behavior, reflecting his queer ideas.

ERUDITE: Learned - an erudite person, an editor of many books. Synonyms: scholarly, knowing.

ESOTERIC: Understood by only a select few - an esoteric subject, discussed only by scholars. Synonyms: abstruse, recondite.

EXCEPTIONABLE: Objectionable - exceptionable behavior, universally criticized. Synonyms: questionable, reprehensible, censurable. Antonym: laudable.

EXCULPATE: To free from blame - exonerated by a jury. Synonyms: vindicate, exonerate, absolve, acquit. Antonyms: arraign, indict, inculpate.

EXEMPLARY (noun: EXEMPLAR): Serving as a model; commendable - exemplary conduct approved by all. Synonyms: illustrative, typical; praiseworthy, laudable.

EXODUS: Departure, emigration - the pathetic exodus of refugees from their homeland.

EXOTIC: Strange and foreign - an exotic costume imported from Asia.

EXPATIATE: To speak or write at great length - He expatiated on the subject for two hours. Synonym: dilate.

EXPATRIATE (verb): To banish or exile; to withdraw from one's country - expatriated for treachery to his country. (noun): An expatriated person - expatriates who left the United States to live in Paris.

EXPEDIENT (adj.): Convenient in helping to attain some purpose - found it expedient to maintain silence at that moment. Synonyms: opportune, seasonable. (noun): A means to accomplish something - tried all expedients to achieve a quick result.

EXPLOIT (verb): To use for one's selfish purpose – refugees exploited by unscrupulous employers. (noun): A brilliant deed - lauded for his exploits in science. Synonym: feat.

EXPOUND (noun: EXPOSITION): To set forth in detail; to explain - expounded his theory in a learned article.

EXPURGATE: To purify (usually a piece of writing) of offensive material - expurgate all obscenities before the book could be sold. Synonyms: purge, delete.

EXTEMPORANEOUS: Done or spoken on the spur of the moment or without preparation - an extemporaneous speech. Synonyms: impromptu, offhand.

EXTINCT: No longer existing or active - the extinct dinosaur, alive only in history. Synonym: defunct. Antonym: extant.

EXTIRPATE: To root out, destroy totally - extirpated the cause of trouble. Synonyms: eradicate, exterminate, efface, obliterate.

EXTRANEous. Not essential; foreign; irrelevant - excluded material extraneous to the subject. Synonyms: extrinsic, adventitious. Antonyms: germane, intrinsic, inherent, relevant, pertinent.

EXULTATION: Great rejoicing - received the good news with exultation. Synonym: jubilation.

FACADE: Front or face, especially of a building - a facade of marble.

FACETIOUS: Given to joking or inappropriate gaiety; said in fun - brightened the evening with his facetious remarks. Synonyms: jocose, droll, flippant, frivolous. Antonyms: solemn, grave, saturnine.

FALLACIOUS (noun: FALLACY): Unsound; misleading; deceptive - led astray by fallacious

reasoning and plans.

FALLIBLE: Liable to make mistakes or be deceived - Being human, Tom was naturally fallible.
Antonyms: infallible, unerring.

FATHOM: To penetrate and understand - difficult to fathom his mysterious actions.

FATUOUS: Foolish; silly - a fatuous suggestion that struck us as stupid. Synonyms: inane, vacuous, puerile. Antonyms: judicious, sagacious, sage.

FEALTY: Faithfulness - The soldiers were pledged to fealty to their ruler. Synonyms: allegiance, constancy, fidelity. Antonyms: disloyalty, infidelity, treachery.

FEASIBLE: Workable - a feasible plan, proved practical by - previous experience. Antonym: impracticable.

FEIGN (noun: FEINT): To pretend - He feigned to be angry, but we saw through his pretense.
Synonyms: dissemble, sham, dissimulate, affect.

FELICITY (adj.: FELICITOUS): (1) A state of happiness - promoted felicity in the nation.
Synonym: bliss. (2) A high ability - lie has a felicity of language, mastery of the well-chosen phrase.

FERVID: Spirited; ardent - a fervid debater, full of emotion. Synonyms: perfervid, impassioned, zealous, fervent, vehement.

FESTOON (noun): A garland of flowers, leaves, etc. hung between two points - the room bright with festoons of Thanksgiving decorations. (verb): To hang with festoons - a room festooned with spring flowers.

FETISH: (1) Something that is believed to have magical powers - savages worshipping the fetish in a ceremonial dance. Synonym: charm, talisman, amulet. (2) An object of unreasoning devotion and worship – Photography, begun as a hobby, became a fetish.

FIASCO: A ludicrous and complete failure - all his glorious plans ending in a fiasco. Synonym: debacle.

FICTITIOUS: Unreal; made-up - used a fictitious name to avoid being recognized. Synonym: fabricated.

FLACCID: Lacking firmness - muscles grown flaccid after the illness. Synonyms: flabby, limp.

FLAGRANT: Outstandingly bad - condemned for his flagrant abuse of power. Synonyms: glaring, scandalous, notorious, conspicuous, gross.

FLAMBOYANT: Elaborately showy - written in a flamboyant, style, full of highly decorative imagery. Synonyms: florid, ornate, resplendent, embellished, garish, gaudy, gorgeous, rococo. Antonym: somber.

FLAUNT: Display or wave boastfully - flaunted the excellent report before his delighted parents.

FLEETING: Passing swiftly -the fleeting hours of happiness. Synonyms: transitory, fugitive.

FLUCTUATE: To waver from one course to another; to vary irregularly - his mood fluctuating with every hour. Synonyms: oscillate, vacillate, undulate, sway.

FORBEAR (noun: FORBEARANCE): To exercise self control; to keep from - forbearing to shoot the animal despite temptation. Synonyms: restrain, abstain.

FORENSIC: Pertaining to public discussion or law courts - a lawyer gifted in forensic debate. Synonyms: rhetorical, oratorical.

FORTUITOUS: Accidental - a fortuitous meeting with a friend in need. Synonyms: casual, incidental, adventitious, random.

FRACAS: A disorderly quarrel - A fracas broke up the meeting. Synonyms: brawl, altercation, fray, wrangle, imbroglio.

FRUSTRATE: To prevent (the attainment of an object); to defeat or render ineffectual - His scholastic progress was frustrated by a serious illness. Synonyms: balk, thwart, foil, baffle, obstruct, discomfit. Antonym: abet.

FULSOME: Disgustingly excessive - nauseated by fulsome praise.

GARNISH: To trim or decorate - dishes garnished attractively with greens. Synonyms: adorn, deck.

GENEALOGY: A record of a person's or a family's ancestors or relatives - an interesting genealogy, including saints and sinners. Synonym: lineage.

GENESIS: Origin - chemistry, which had its genesis in alchemy. Synonym: inception.

GESTICULATE: To make gestures, or indicate feelings by motions - gesticulated wildly to show his distress.

GHASTLY: Horrible, deathlike - a ghastly disaster which shocked the world. Synonyms: gruesome, grisly, pallid, macabre, grim, lurid.

GIBE (variant spelling: JIBE): To laugh at; to utter with scorn - gibed at his enemy mercilessly. Synonyms: mock, sneer, jeer, scoff, flout, deride (adj.: derisive), rail, taunt.

GLIB: Smooth-spoken, fluent - a glib liar, distorting the truth effortlessly.

GLUTTONOUS (noun. GLUTTON; verb: GLUT): Inclined to eat to excess - gulped down his food in gluttonous fashion. Synonyms: voracious, intemperate.

GOSSAMER (noun): A very thin gauzelike fabric or structure - a poem so delicate that it

seemed an unreal gossamer. (adj.): Thin and light - the gossamer wings of a dragon fly.
Synonyms: diaphanous, flimsy, gauzelike Antonyms: substantial, ponderous.

GREGARIOUS: Habitually fond of associating in a company or herd - gregarious sheep; that gregarious animal, man. Antonyms: lone, aloof.

GRIMACE: A distortion of the face to express an attitude or feeling - a grimace that was more expressive than words.

HAIL: To greet - The crowd hailed the returning hero. Synonyms: accost, salute.

HARANGUE (verb): To deliver a long, noisy speech- harangued the multitude. Synonyms: rant, declaim. (noun): A loud, tiresome speech - an empty harangue which bored his audience. Synonym: tirade.

HARBINGER, A forerunner; ail announcer - the robin, harbinger of spring. Synonyms: precursor, herald.

HAUGHTY: Proud; looking down with contempt on others - dismissed the messenger in a haughty manner.

HEEDLESS: Thoughtless; taking little care - rushed into battle, heedless of the danger. Synonyms: inadvertent, rash, incautious. Antonyms: prudent, circumspect, mindful, wary.

HEINOUS: Wicked; hateful - committed a heinous crime. Synonyms: atrocious, outrageous, monstrous, odious, nefarious, abominable.

HERESY: An opinion held in opposition to the traditional view - a view condemned as heresy. Synonym: heterodoxy. Antonym: orthodoxy.

HIATUS: A gap or vacancy; break -left a hiatus on the page where he erased a sentence. Synonym: breach.

HISTRIONIC: Pertaining to the theater; designed for show - broke into histrionic laughter, hollow and insincere. Synonyms: dramatic, theatrical.

HOAX (noun): A trick or deception; a practical joke - played a hoax upon the credulous public. Synonym: canard. (verb): To play a trick on; to deceive - He hoaxed the crowd completely with his disguise.

HOMONYM: Two words having the same sound but different meanings - confusing such homonyms as mail add male.

HOVEL: A dirty or wretched dwelling - born in a hovel, died in a mansion.

HYPERBOLE: Extravagant exaggeration for effect - An example of hyperbole: "There are a million objections to the project." Synonym: overstatement. Antonym: understatement.

HYPOTHESIS: An assumption made for the sake of argument - worked from a fantastic

hypothesis. Synonym: supposition.

IDIOSYNCRASY: A. personal peculiarity - Wearing white was one of Whistler's idiosyncrasies. Synonyms: eccentricity, foible, mannerism, crotchet, aberration, quirk, singularity.

IGNOMINIOUS (noun: IGNOMINY): Incurring public disgrace - suffered an ignominious descent from political power. Synonyms: infamous, degrading, opprobrious, odious. Antonyms: illustrious, renowned, preeminent.

IMMACULATE: Spotless; pure - an immaculate reputation. Synonyms: undefiled, unsullied, unblemished, untarnished. Antonyms: defiled, sullied, blemished.

IMMINENT: Likely to occur soon - stood in imminent peril. Synonym: impending.

IMMUNE (verb: IMMUNIZE): Exempt from; protected from - immune from taxation. Synonym: unsusceptible.

IMPALE: To pierce through with a pointed instrument - impaled a spider to the wall.

IMPEACH: (1) To accuse (a public official) of wrongdoing - impeached the judge for accepting a bribe. Synonym: arraign. (2) To cast discredit upon - impeached his motives. Synonyms: call in question, discredit.

IMPECCABLE: Faultless - performed with impeccable skill. Synonyms: consummate, irreproachable, unerring, infallible. Antonyms: culpable, fallible.

IMPERVIOUS: Incapable of being penetrated - a mind impervious to new ideas. Synonyms: impermeable, impenetrable. Antonyms: permeable, pervasive.

IMPLACABLE: Incapable of being soothed, made peaceful, or forgiving - implacable resentment. Synonyms: unrelenting, inexorable, unappeasable. Antonyms: placable, forbearing.

IMPLICIT: (1) Implied but not clearly expressed - an implicit agreement. (2) Unquestioning - implicit confidence. Synonyms: tacit, implied. Antonym: explicit.

IMPORT (noun): Meaning; significance or importance - a matter of great import. Synonyms: purport, moment, consequence.

IMPOSTOR (noun: IMPOSTURE): One who pretends to be what he is not unmasked as an impostor. Synonyms: quack, mountebank, charlatan, bogus, fraud.

IMPRECATION: A curse - hurled imprecations at those who would not listen to him. Synonyms: execration, malediction, anathema. Antonyms: benediction, benison.

IMPREGNABLE: Unconquerable - an impregnable fortress. Synonym: invincible. Antonym: vulnerable.

IMPROPRIETY: Improper act, manners, or expression - guilty of impropriety in public office.

Synonyms: indecency, indecorum. Antonym: amenity.

IMPROVIDENT: Lacking in thrift; not providing for future needs - an improvident spender.
Synonyms: prodigal, shiftless.

IMPUGN: To attack or criticize as false; to call in question - impugned his honesty.

INCARCERATE: To imprison - crushed his opponents by incarcerating them. Synonyms: intern, immure. Antonyms: emancipate, enfranchise.

INCISIVE: Cutting, penetrating - incisive criticism. Synonyms: sarcastic, mordant, trenchant, acute.

INCOGNITO. With one's identity concealed - traveled incognito.

INCONTROVERTIBLE: Indisputable - incontrovertible evidence. Synonyms: irrefutable, indubitable.

INCREMENT: An increase - a salary increment. Synonym: accrual.

INCUMBENT (noun): An officeholder - the incumbent in an election. (adj.): Obligatory - felt it incumbent to reply. Synonyms: mandatory, imperative.

INDEFATIGABLE: Untiring - an indefatigable worker. Synonyms: unflagging, unremitting, persevering.

INDIGENOUS: Native - Rice is indigenous to China. Synonyms: innate, inborn.

INDOMITABLE: Stubborn in determination not to be subdued - indomitable courage.
Synonyms: insuperable, irrepressible, invincible, unyielding. Antonyms: tractable, amenable, docile, submissive.

INFERENCE: A conclusion reached by reasoning from data or premises - an inference drawn from his remarks. Synonyms: deduction, implication.

INGENIOUS: Demonstrating originality, skill, or resourcefulness - an ingenious device.
Synonyms: dextrous, inventive, adroit. Antonyms: maladroit, gauche.

INGENUOUS: Simple and straightforward; concealing nothing - an ingenuous plan that anyone could see through. Synonyms: unsophisticated, naive, candid. Antonym: sophisticated.

INGRATIATE: To win another's favor or good opinion tried to ingratiate himself with the politician.

INHIBIT: To check or hinder - inhibited his friend from a foolhardy course. Synonyms: restrain, curb. Antonym: promote.

INNOCUOUS: Harmless; inoffensive - an innocuous remark, but it enraged him.

INNUENDO: An indirect reference or suggestion (frequently derogatory) - conveyed his idea by innuendo. Synonyms: (verb) intimate, insinuate.

INORDINATE: Excessive - spoiled by inordinate praise. Synonyms: immoderate, intemperate, extravagant.

INSATIABLE: Unable to be satisfied - insatiable greed. Synonyms. unappeasable, unquenchable, insatiate.

INSCRUTABLE: Incapable of interpretation or understanding - the inscrutable smile of the Mona Lisa. Synonyms: unfathomable, cryptic, enigmatic.

INSIDIOUS: Working secretly or slyly - that insidious disease, cancer. Synonyms: wily, crafty, furtive, treacherous, artful, guileful perfidious.

INSTIGATE: To stir tip - instigated discontent among the soldiers. Synonyms: foment, incite.

INTEGRITY: Honesty, moral soundness - a man of proved integrity. Synonyms: probity, uprightness, incorruptibility.

INVEIGH (noun-. INVECTIVE): To speak angrily or bitterly-inveighed against economic discrimination. Synonyms: rail, denounce, fulminate, vituperate.

IRASCIBLE: Easily angered - Even petty things made Peter irascible. Synonyms: choleric, petulant, testy, peevish, splenetic, touchy. Antonyms: placid, equable.

IRE: Anger -aroused his ire. Synonyms: resentment; (adj.) irate, incensed.

IRKSOME: Tedious, monotonous - an irksome chore that no one liked.

ITINERANT: Traveling about; wandering - an itinerant salesman. Synonym: nomadic.

JARGON: Confused, unintelligible, meaningless talk; special vocabulary used only by members of a group or trade - Variety, a newspaper written in theatrical jargon. Synonyms: gibberish, argot, cant.

JAUNTY: Having an air of easy carelessness or liveliness - walked with a jaunty step. Synonyms: sprightly, airy, gay, nonchalant, debonair. Antonyms: somber, staid.

JEOPARDY: Danger - His life was in jeopardy. Synonyms: hazard, peril.

JETTISON: To throw overboard (as cargo); to throw off (as a burden or something in the way)- jettisoned their old candidate as a political liability.

JUDICIOUS: Wise; using or exhibiting good judgment - a well-chosen plan, termed judicious by all. Synonyms: discreet, politic, discerning.

KALEIDOSCOPIC: Constantly changing or varying in pattern or scenes - kaleidoscopic views of New York.

KEN: Range of sight or understanding - something beyond our ken. Synonym: insight.

LABYRINTH (adj.: LABYRINTHINE): A structure or intricate passage out of which it is difficult to find one's way (also applied to spiritual and intellectual complexities) - confused by a labyrinth of intellectual discussions. Synonym: maze.

LACHRYMOSE: Causing or given to shedding tears - a lachrymose tragedy.

LAConIC: Saying much in few words - a laconic reply that spoke volumes. Synonyms: concise, pithy, terse, succinct, taciturn, reticent. Antonyms: verbose, prolix, redundant, diffuse, tautological, turgid, garrulous, voluble.

LARCENY: Theft - indicted for grand larceny.

LATENT: Hidden; present but not fully developed - latent talent that time will reveal. Synonyms: dormant, quiescent, covert, potential. Antonyms: apparent, patent.

LAVISH: (1) Profuse or generous - lavish in praise. Synonyms: ample, superabundant. (2) Given to extravagance - a lavish spender. Synonyms: prodigal, munificent, magnanimous. Antonyms: parsimonious, niggardly, frugal, penurious.

LETHAL: Deadly - a lethal weapon. Synonyms: mortal, fatal.

LONGEVITY: Prolonged duration of life - a country remarkable for the longevity of its inhabitants.

LOW: To bellow softly like cattle - the lowing herd in the meadow. Synonym: moo.

LUCID: Clear; transparent; easily understood - a lucid explanation of a difficult text. Synonyms: pellucid, perspicuous, intelligible, limpid, luminous, translucent. Antonyms: abstruse, obscure.

LUDICROUS: Ridiculous; producing laughter - a ludicrous remark that set them all to roaring. Synonyms: mirthful, droll, comical, absurd. Antonyms: doleful, lugubrious, dismal.

LUMINARY: An eminent person; a celestial body - the platform graced by a number of luminaries.

MACHIAVELLIAN: Sacrificing moral principles in order to attain power; politically cunning; crafty - a machiavellian design, wickedly contrived. Synonym: unscrupulous.

MALICIOUS (noun: MALICE): Bearing, or acting with, deliberate ill-will or spite - hurting with malicious intent. Synonyms: rancorous, malignant, malevolent, virulent, vindictive. Antonym: benign.

MASQUERADE (verb): To assume a deceptive appearance or character - a thief masquerading as an honest man. Synonyms: dissemble, feign. (noun): A disguise; a group of people in disguise or fancy costumes - a masquerade so perfect no one could guess his identity.

MAUDLIN: Sentimental to the point of tears - turned maudlin at the mention of his lost dog.
Synonym: mawkish, lachrymose.

MEANDER: To walk about (or talk) aimlessly; to wind about (as a stream) - meandered through the town, looking into shop windows. Synonym: ramble.

MEDIocre: Average in quality - a mediocre performance, unworthy of his talents.

MERCENARY: Acting solely from a consideration of reward or profit - actuated by a mercenary motive. Synonym: venal.

MERETRIOUS: Attracting in a false, cheap, or showy manner- a meretricious beauty that is too flashy to be real. Synonyms: tawdry, specious.

METICULOUS: Fussy about minute details - took meticulous pains with his composition.
Synonyms: fastidious, punctilious, overscrupulous, finical, methodical. Antonyms: desultory, perfunctory, slovenly.

METTLE (adj.: METTLESOME: high-spirited): Disposition; spirit; courage - His mettle was tried in battle. Idiom: to be on one's mettle (meaning, "ready to do one's best"). Synonyms: temperament, ardor.

MICROCOSM: A little world, or a universe in miniature this village, a microcosm of the great outside world. Antonym macrocosm (world on a large scale).

MIMIC: To make fun of or copy by imitating - mimicked the comedian's gestures.

MISANTHROPIC (noun: MISANTHROPE): Hating or distrusting mankind - condemned for his misanthropic views. Antonyms: philanthropic, altruistic.

MISNOMER: A name or term that describes wrongly - To call him a brave man is really a misnomer.

MONOLOGUE: A speech by one person - The actor gave his views in a dramatic monologue.
Synonym: soliloquy. Antonyms: colloquy (adj. colloquial): conversation between two or more persons; dialogue: conversation between two persons.

MOROSE: Gloomy; ill-humored - shunned because of his morose temper. Synonyms: sulky, crabbed, sullen, spleenetic, saturnine. Antonyms: blithe, genial.

MOTLEY: Of various colors; of mixed ingredients - a motley costume; a motley crowd.
Synonyms: checkered (referring to a varied career), piebald, variegated, diverse, heterogeneous. Antonym: homogeneous.

MOTTLED: Spotted or streaked with varied colors - a mottled pony. Synonyms: blotched, dappled.

MUNDANE: Of, or pertaining to, the world, as contrasted with the spirit - mundane affairs.

Synonyms: earthly, terrestrial, secular, temporal.

MURKY: Dark; cloudy - a murky cavern. Synonyms: dismal, tenebrous, fuliginous. Antonyms: resplendent, glowing, lustrous, luminous, fulgent, coruscating.

MUTABLE: Given to frequent change in nature, mood, or form - mutable in mood as a spring wind. Synonyms: vacillating, fickle, inconstant, fitful, mercurial, wavering, capricious. Antonyms: constant, steady.

MYRIAD: Innumerable - the myriad stars in the heavens.

NAUTICAL: Pertaining to ships or navigation - a nautical career. Synonyms: marine, naval, maritime.

NETTLE: To irritate or provoke - nettled by his critics. Synonyms: vex, pique, goad.

NOCTURNAL: Pertaining to, or occurring in, the night - awakened by the sounds of a nocturnal prowler. Antonym: diurnal.

NOISOME: Foul-smelling; harmful-the swamp gave off a noisome odor. Synonyms: malodorous, fetid, disgusting; noxious, deleterious. Antonym: salubrious.

NONCHALANT: Unmoved or indifferent; casual - reacted to the news in a nonchalant manner. Synonym: apathetic. Antonyms: enthusiastic, zealous.

NOSTALGIA: Homesickness - felt nostalgia for the old homestead.

NOTORIOUS: Widely known (in a bad sense) - a notorious gambler.

NOVICE: A beginner - conducted himself in politics like a novice. Synonyms: tyro, neophyte. Antonym: virtuoso.

OBDURATE: Hard-hearted; stubborn - an obdurate, unrepentant criminal. Synonyms: adamant, unyielding, inflexible. Antonyms: submissive, docile, compliant.

OBLIVIOUS (noun: OBLIVION): Forgetful; absent-minded - walking oblivious of his surroundings. Synonyms: unmindful, heedless, abstracted.

OBSESSION: A persistent feeling, idea, activity, etc., which dominates a person; the state of being exclusively preoccupied by a fixed idea - Now that he has learned bowling, it has become his obsession. Synonyms: mania, infatuation (a foolish passion), monomania.

OBSOLETE: No longer in use - an obsolete word, not even included by most dictionaries. Synonyms: archaic, antiquated.

OBTRUSIVE (verb: OBTRUDE): Thrusting oneself or itself into undue prominence - made himself obnoxiously obtrusive. Synonyms: intrusive, aggressive.

OBVIATE: To prevent, dispose of, or make unnecessary by appropriate actions - an act which

obviated all objections. Synonyms: preclude, forestall.

OMNIPOTENT: All-powerful - an omnipotent despot.

ONUS: Burden; duty; obligation - bore the onus of his difficult office creditably.

OSTENSIBLE: Apparent; pretended - his ostensible, though not actual, purpose. Synonyms: professed, plausible (that is, appearing true, reasonable, or fair), specious.

OSTRACIZE: To banish; to exclude from public favor or privileges - a former premier ostracized by popular vote. Synonym: outlaw.

PANACEA: A remedy for all ills - seeking a panacea to cure our social troubles. Synonym: nostrum.

PANEGYRIC: A speech or writing of extravagant praise - delivered a panegyric at his friend's testimonial dinner. Synonyms: eulogy, adulation, tribute, laudation (adj. laudatory), encomium. Antonyms: censure, disparagement, derogation, castigation, depreciation.

PARADOX: A self-contradictory statement; something 'that appears to be absurd and yet may be true' - "Life is too important a matter to be taken seriously." - a paradox by Oscar Wilde. Synonym: anomaly.

PARAPHRASE: To restate the meaning of a passage in other words - paraphrased the poem in a few lines of prose.

PARODY (noun): A humorous imitation of an author's style and mannerisms - wrote a parody on Kipling's "Gunga Din." Synonym: burlesque. (verb): To write a parody - parodied the popular authors of the (lay to his audience's amusement. Synonym: Mimic.

PECCADILLO: A petty fault-possesses one peccadillo among his many virtues. Synonyms: frailty, foible, flaw, blemish.

PECUNIARY: Pertaining to money - involved in pecuniary difficulties. Synonyms: financial, fiscal, monetary.

PEDANT (adj.: PEDANTIC): One who proudly shows off his learning or who overrates his knowledge - like a pedant glorying in his scholarly trifles.

PENSIVE: Sadly thoughtful - softly sang his pensive song. Synonyms: reflective, meditative, contemplative, musing.

PEREMPTORY: Positive in expressing an opinion - gave a peremptory judgment. Synonyms: decisive, resolute, imperious, positive, dogmatic. Antonyms: indecisive, tentative.

PERTINACIOUS: Clinging doggedly to an opinion or purpose - pertinacious in his efforts. Synonyms: obdurate, tenacious, persistent, persevering, intractable, inflexible.

PERUSE: To read carefully - perused the important letter.

PERVERSE: Willfully bent on doing the wrong thing - a perverse lad, always disobeying his parents. Synonyms: headstrong, froward, refractory, wayward, fractious.

PETRIFY: To paralyze with horror, fear, or surprise - petrified by the enemy bombardment. Synonyms: stupefy, stun, bewilder, amaze.

PLAGIARISM. Adopting and reproducing, without acknowledgment, the writings or ideas of another and passing them off as one's own - denied the charge of deliberate plagiarism.

PLATITUDE: A dull and commonplace remark - bored people by his pompous phrases and platitudes. Synonyms: bromide, truism, axiom.

PLEBEIAN: Pertaining to the common people; hence, common or vulgar - plebeian in his tastes and outlook. Antonyms: patrician, aristocratic.

PLEBISCITE. A direct vote by the people - The decision to confederate was ratified by plebiscite.

POIGNANT: (1) Gripping and moving the feelings powerfully - a poignant grief. (2) Piercing, biting, pointed - a poignant cry; poignant wit.

MONOTONOUS: Very heavy; clumsy; dull - a monotonous speech, extremely boring.

PRECARIOUS: Uncertain or risky - earning a precarious livelihood, providing no luxuries.

PRECIPITOUS: (1) Very steep - a precipitous cliff. (2) Descending rapidly - a precipitous decline in popularity.

PRELUDE: An introduction, forerunner, or preliminary step - a short prelude to the play. Synonyms: preface, prologue, preamble. Antonym: epilogue.

PREROGATIVE: A privilege or power attaching to a position - It is a woman's prerogative to refuse to tell her age. Synonym: license.

PRESTIGE: Esteem or influence accorded for recognized achievements or reputation - As Senator he enjoyed great prestige. Synonym: distinction.

PRESUMPTION: (1) Something taken for granted - acted on a reasonable presumption. (2) Going beyond proper bounds; impudent boldness - His question was downright presumption. Synonyms: effrontery, forwardness, arrogance.

PREVARICATE: To disguise or conceal the truth to lie - prevaricated in order to avoid detection. Synonyms: quibble, equivocate; (adj.) mendacious. Antonyms: (noun) veracity, verity; (adj.) forthright.

PROCRASTINATE: To postpone or put off to another time - missed his opportunity by procrastinating too long. Synonyms: defer, delay.

PROGNOSTICATE (noun: PROGNOSIS): To forecast - The Weather Bureau prognosticates daily. Synonyms: presage, portend, augur, forebode.

PROLETARIAT: The wage-earning class - a truckman, humble member of the proletariat.

PROMONTORY: A cliff - an imposing promontory along the coast. Synonyms: headland, precipice.

PROMULGATE: To publish or proclaim; to spread abroad The President promulgated a decree. Synonym: disseminate.

PROTUBERANT: Bulging or swelling out - a protuberant jaw. Antonyms: receding, recessive.

PROVISIONAL: Temporary; for the time being - a provisional plan until a permanent decision is reached. Synonym: tentative.

PROXIMITY: Nearness-worked in close proximity to his home. Synonyms: propinquity, vicinity. Antonym remoteness.

PSEUDONYM: A false name assumed by a writer - concealed his identity by a pseudonym. Synonyms: alias, pen name, nom de plume.

PUNITIVE: Inflicting, or concerned with, punishment - took punitive measures against deserters.

QUASH: To crush; to render void - quashed a rebellion; quashed an indictment. Synonyms: suppress, extinguish, quell; annul.

QUERULOUS: Given to fault-finding and complaining - Her querulous nature estranged many people. Synonyms: fretful, whining, captious, carping, peevish, petulant. Antonym: affable.

QUIXOTIC: Extravagantly romantic or idealistic; highly impractical - a quixotic scheme that can never materialize. Synonyms: utopian, visionary, fantastic.

RACONTEUR: A skilled storyteller - held spellbound by a superb raconteur.

RADICAL (noun): One who advocates extreme basic changes - The reform movement was led by a radical. (adj.): Thorough, extreme - radical measures adopted to meet the emergency. Antonym (noun and adj.): conservative.

RAMIFICATION: A branching; sub-division - studied the subject in all its ramifications.

RAZE: To tear down completely- razed the old building. Synonyms: level. Antonym: rear.

RECAPITULATE: To restate in a brief, concise form; to sum up - recapitulated the main ideas.

RECIPROCAL: Mutual; done in return for something received - held each other in reciprocal esteem.

RECUMBENT: Lying down; leaning back or down - resting in a recumbent position.

REDOLENT: (1) Fragrant - a room redolent of roses. Synonym: aromatic. (2) Reminiscent of - redolent of olden times.

REDOUBTABLE: Commanding fear or respect - cringing before a redoubtable enemy. Synonym: formidable.

REFUTE: To prove incorrect or false-refuted his opponent's argument. Synonyms: rebut, confute. Antonyms: substantiate, confirm, corroborate.

REITERATE: Repeat (several times) - reiterated his story once more.

REMUNERATIVE: Profitable - a remunerative job. Synonyms: lucrative, gainful.

RENEGADE: One who forsakes political or party principles or his religious faith - a renegade from his former allegiance. Synonyms: turncoat, apostate, recreant, traitor.

REPRISAL: Injury inflicted in turn for one received - took action in reprisal against his neighbor. Synonym: retaliation.

RESENTMENT: Feeling of displeasure or indignation resulting from mistreatment or abuse - showed resentment at what he considered an unwarranted insult. Synonyms: umbrage, dudgeon, animosity.

RESILIENT: Elastic; light-hearted; possessing power of recovery - a resilient Spirit, refusing to admit defeat. Synonyms: flexible, pliable, supple, limber.

RESPITE: (1) Temporary deferment or cessation of work or pain - a brief respite from labor. Synonym: surcease. (2) A temporary delay in the execution of -a sentence - granted the doom man a temporary respite. Synonym: reprieve.

RETRIBUTION: The reward or punishment exacted for an injury, wickedness, or other action - suffered just retribution for his folly. Synonyms: requital, nemesis.

RETRIEVE: (1) To make good -retrieved a mistake. (2) To recover -retrieved the suitcase left at the station. (3) To restore - retrieved his lost fortunes.

REVERBERATE: To echo - a shot reverberating through the valley. Synonym: resound.

RUDIMENTARY: In an early stage of development - possessing only a rudimentary, knowledge of physics. Synonym: incipient.

RUE (adj.: RUEFUL): To be sorry for-He will rue the day he left home. Synonyms: regret, repent.

SACROSANCT: Very holy - a shrine. regarded as sacrosanct. Synonyms: consecrated, inviolable, hallowed.

SAGACIOUS (noun: SAGACITY): Wise; shrewd - proved to be sagacious in his judgment.

Synonyms: perspicacious, astute, sapient, discerning, sage.

SALLOW: Sick - a sallow complexion. Synonym: pallid. Antonyms: rubicund, ruddy, florid.

SALLY: (verb): To rush forth suddenly - sallied out to meet the enemy. (noun): A witty remark - amused the audience with his sallies against his opponent. Synonyms: quip, banter.

SANCTIMONIOUS: Pretending to be religious - showed his hypocrisy in a sanctimonious display of piety.

SANGUINARY: Bloody - a sanguinary battle. Synonym: gory.

SANGUINE: Of a hopeful disposition; blood-red in color - a perennial optimist, sanguine in temperament. Synonyms: buoyant, ardent.

SARTORIAL: Pertaining to a tailor or clothes - a picture of sartorial perfection.

SATELLITE: (1) An attentive or flattering follower - a prince surrounded by many satellites. Synonyms: lackey, toady, disciple, adherent; adj., fawning, obsequious, partisan. (2) A country influenced or controlled by another - Freedom is conspicuously absent in the Soviet satellites. (3) A body (natural or artificial) which revolves around a larger body, generally a planet - The moon is the only natural satellite of the earth, but in recent years it has been joined by many artificial satellites.

SCINTILLA: A trace; a particle - not a scintilla of convincing evidence. Synonyms: iota; vestige.

SCOURGE (verb): To punish severely; to afflict; to whip - a disease that scourged the country. Synonyms: excoriate, flay. (noun). A whip or other means of punishment; a cause of affliction - The Black Plague was a dreadful scourge of the Middle Ages. Synonym: tribulation.

SCRUTINIZE: To examine carefully - scrutinized the contents of the letter.

SHIBBOLETH: A party slogan - a shibboleth designed to attract votes.

SIMPER (verb): To smile in a silly or affected way simpered as he greeted each guest. (noun): An affected or silly smile - stood nervously, a simper on his face. Synonym: (verb and noun) smirk.

SINECURE: Employment entailing little or no responsibility or labor - His job was a sinecure.

SINISTER: Threatening or showing evil; dishonest - the sinister look of a gangster.

SLEAZY: Flimsy and cheap - sleazy cloth which is used only in cheap garments. Synonym: unsubstantial.

SLOVENLY: Untidy-severely criticized the student's slovenly appearance. Synonyms: slipshod, slatternly, frowzy.

SOPORIFIC: Tending to induce sleep - a poorly written novel, soporific in effect.

SORDID: Mean and base; filthy - Sordid motives breed selfish actions. Synonyms: degraded, vile, ignoble.

SOVEREIGN: Supreme in power and authority; independent of the control of any other government - possessing sovereign powers; a sovereign state. Synonyms: autonomous, imperial, majestic, paramount.

SPORADIC: Occurring singly, at irregular intervals; scattered - sporadic cases of illness.

SPURN: To refuse or reject with contempt - an offer that was spurned instantly. Synonyms: repel, snub.

STOIC: Indifferent, calm in bearing pain or pleasure; practising remarkable self-control over emotions - maintained a stoic attitude despite all his trials. Synonyms: stolid, impassive.

STRINGENT: Strict; compelling, constraining stringent regulations; stringent requirements. Synonyms: exacting, rigid. Antonym: lax.

STUPENDOUS: Amazing by virtue of its immense size, force, or any quality in exceptional degree - The circus is a stupendous spectacle. Synonyms: astounding, prodigious, monstrous, marvelous, colossal, awful.

SUCCULENT: juicy - a succulent steak. Antonyms: desiccated, vapid.

SULTRY: Close, hot, and moist - sultry tropical weather.

SUPINE: (1) Lying flat on the back - resting in a supine position. Antonym: erect. (2) Inert, inactive, averse to taking action - a supine, ineffective administrator. Synonyms: listless, torpid.

TANGIBLE: Real; actual - tangible gains which may be seen, and counted. Synonyms: material, veritable, perceptible, substantial.

TANTAMOUNT: Equivalent - an act that is tantamount to treason.

TAUNT (verb). To reproach with contempt - taunted him with the charge of failure to act promptly. Synonyms: mock, twit, gibe, sneer, deride. (noun): An insulting, jeering, or bitter remark - hurled taunts at his foes.

TEEMING: In abundance, fertile, highly productive - the teeming tropics, rank with vegetation. Synonyms: swarming, fruitful, fecund, abounding.

TEMERITY: Unwise or reckless boldness - leaped into battle with thoughtless temerity. Synonyms: audacity, presumptuousness, effrontery, rashness; (adj.) temerarious, foolhardy, venturesome. Antonyms: prudence, circumspection, wariness.

TEMPORAL: Worldly, as opposed to spiritual; existing for a time only - a man preoccupied with temporal matters. Synonyms: mundane, secular, civil.

TEMPORIZE: To delay or refuse to commit oneself in order to gain time - temporized while his friends hurried to his aid. Synonym: equivocate.

TENET: A principle of belief held as true - a tenet of religion which be maintained loyally. Synonyms: creed, doctrine, dogma.

TENUOUS: Slender; not substantial; of slight importance - clung desperately to his tenuous hope.

TRANQUIL: Calm; peaceful - a tranquil summer night. Synonyms: placid, serene. Antonyms: perturbed, ruffled, turbulent.

TRANSGRESS: To break a law or command; to violate a moral principle; to overstep a moral bound or limit - transgressed the bounds of decency; transgressed the law.

TREMULOUS: Trembling - tremulous with fright. Synonym: quivering.

TRIVIAL: Of little - importance - a trivial offense. Synonym: paltry. Antonyms: gross, momentous.

TRUCULENT (noun: TRUCULENCE): Cruel, fierce; harsh; threatening or intimidating savagely - a dispute marked by a truculent attitude on both sides.

TURGID: (1) Swollen, inflated - turgid rivers overflowing their banks. Synonyms: bloated, distended. (2) Using big or high-sounding words - a turgid prose style. Synonyms: pompous, bombastic, prolix.

UBIQUITOUS: Existing everywhere - The common cold is a ubiquitous complaint. Synonyms: omnipresent, universal.

UNTENABLE: Incapable of being defended or held - withdrew the argument as untenable.

UTILITARIAN (adj.): Materially or practically useful - beautiful, but not utilitarian.

VANQUISH: To subdue or conquer -an army vanquished with heavy losses.

VAUNT: To boast - proudly vaunted his strength. Synonyms: brag (noun: braggadocio, braggart), proclaim.

VENEER: A superficial appearance or show designed to impress one with superiority - pierced beneath his thin veneer of elegance. Synonym: gloss.

VENERABLE: Deserving respect or reverence because of age - a venerable leader.

VERNAL: Pertaining to spring-an array of vernal flowers. Antonym: hibernal (wintry).

VERSATILE: Able to do many things skillfully - versatile in all the arts.

VICARIOUS: Taking the place of another; felt, received, or done in place of another - took vicarious pleasure in his brother's victory.

VICISSITUDE: A change from one condition to another, often unexpected - suffered many vicissitudes of fortune.

VIRAGO: A scolding or ill-tempered woman - My neighbor's wife is a virago. Synonyms: shrew, termagant, vixen.

VITUPERATE (noun: VITUPERATION; adj.: VITUPERATIVE): To scold or blame loudly, find fault with in abusive language - an angry man, vituperating the world. Synonyms: berate, revile.

WAIVE: To give up (privileges, etc.); to do without - waived his rights to the property. Synonyms: relinquish, forgo, forsake.

WHIM (adj.: WHIMSICAL): A sudden notion or passing fancy -frequently acted on the whim of the moment. Synonyms: caprice, vagary, crotchet.

WRITHE: To twist about (usually with pain) - writhed in agony on the floor. Synonyms: contort, squirm.

ZEALOUS (noun: ZEALOT: fanatic): Full of enthusiasm or eagerness -a zealous student, first in his class. Antonym: perfunctory.

ZENITH: The highest point - the zenith of his career. Synonyms: acme, apex, culmination, summit. Antonym: nadir.

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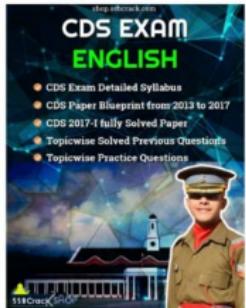
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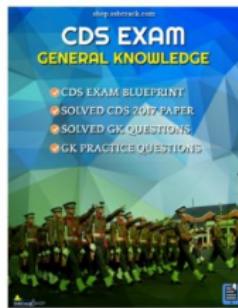
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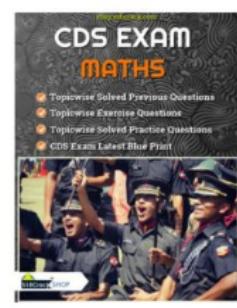
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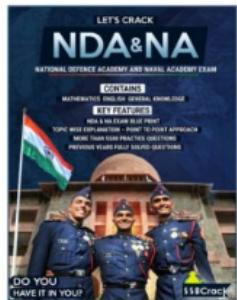
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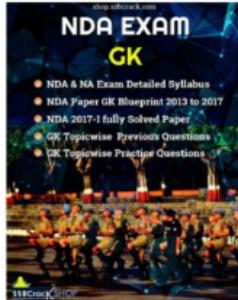
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Synonyms

Which of these words is closest in meaning to the word provided?

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1. remote | 4. predict |
| a. automatic | a. foretell |
| b. distant | b. decide |
| c. savage | c. prevent |
| d. mean | d. discover |
| | |
| 2. detest | 5. kin |
| a. argue | a. exult |
| b. hate | b. twist |
| c. discover | c. friend |
| d. reveal | d. relative |
| | |
| 3. gracious | 6. pensive |
| a. pretty | a. oppressed |
| b. clever | b. caged |
| c. pleasant | c. thoughtful |
| d. present | d. happy |

- 7.** banish
a. exile
b. hate
c. fade
d. clean
- 8.** fraud
a. malcontent
b. argument
c. imposter
d. clown
- 9.** saccharine
a. leave
b. sweet
c. arid
d. quit
- 10.** drag
a. sleepy
b. crush
c. proud
d. pull
- 11.** jovial
a. incredulous
b. merry
c. revolting
d. dizzy
- 12.** indifferent
a. neutral
b. unkind
c. precious
d. mean
- 13.** simulate
a. excite
b. imitate
c. trick
d. apelike
- 14.** charisma
a. ghost
b. force
c. charm
d. courage
- 15.** apportion
a. divide
b. decide
c. cut
d. squabble
- 16.** generic
a. general
b. cheap
c. fresh
d. elderly
- 17.** qualm
a. distress
b. impunity
c. persevere
d. scruple
- 18.** wary
a. calm
b. curved
c. confused
d. cautious

- 19.** distort
a. wrong
b. evil
c. deform
d. harm
- 20.** sumptuous
a. delirious
b. gorgeous
c. perilous
d. luxurious
- 21.** reel
a. whirl
b. fish
c. hit
d. mistake
- 22.** inscrutable
a. difficult
b. mysterious
c. inflexible
d. wary
- 23.** appall
a. delirious
b. covered
c. dismay
d. confuse
- 24.** upright
a. honorable
b. horizontal
c. humble
d. supine
- 25.** reverie
a. palimpsest
b. phantom
c. daydream
d. curio
- 26.** loot
a. destruction
b. waste
c. spoils
d. cavort
- 27.** loquacious
a. talkative
b. thirsty
c. beautiful
d. complicated
- 28.** chimera
a. chimney
b. protest
c. illusion
d. panache
- 29.** temerity
a. audacity
b. fearfulness
c. shyness
d. stupidity
- 30.** educe
a. demand
b. elicit
c. ideal
d. unlawful

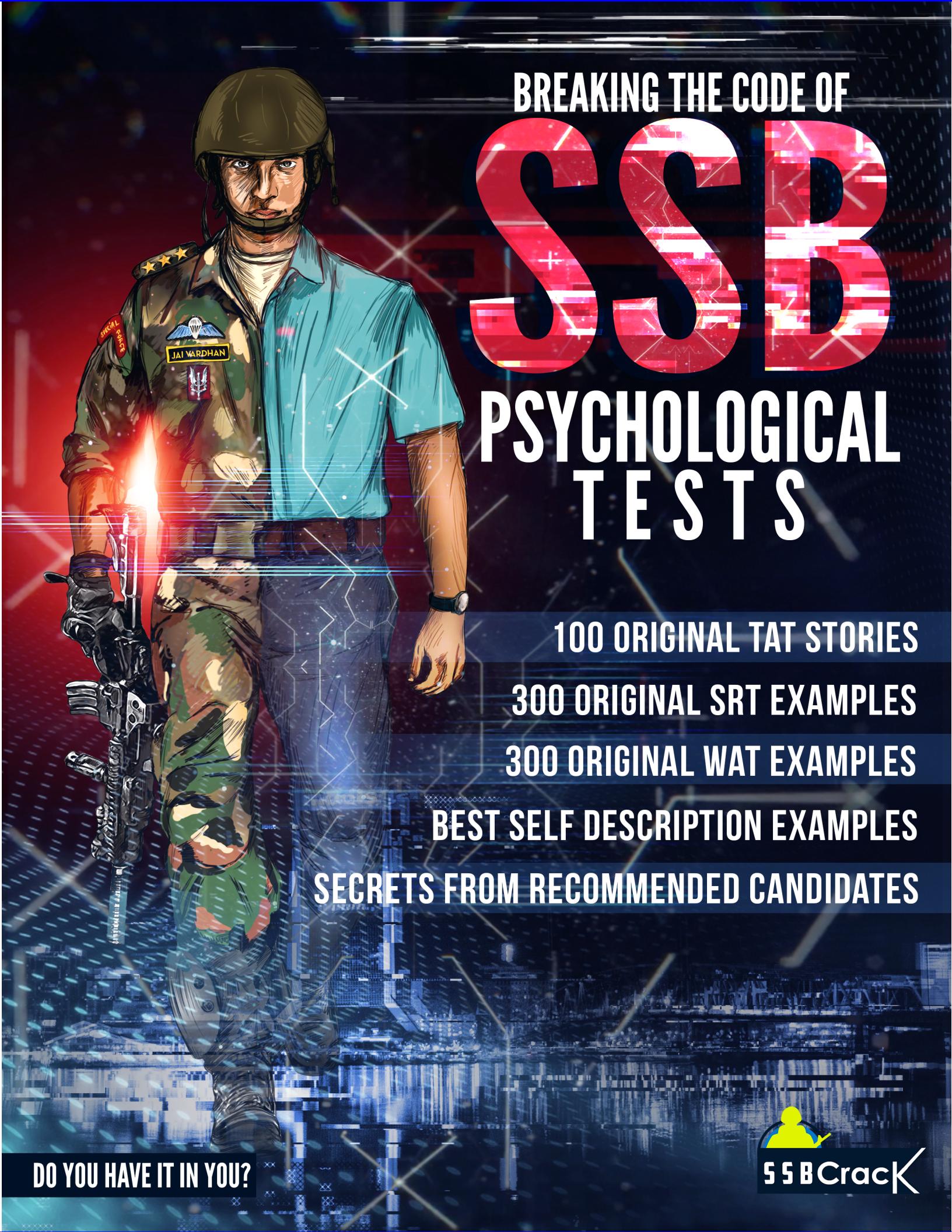
- 31.** nabob
a. bigwig
b. doubtter
c. frolic
d. converse
- 32.** pall
a. light
b. satiate
c. carry
d. horror
- 33.** sacrosanct
a. prayer
b. sanctuary
c. pious
d. sacred
- 34.** louche
a. gauche
b. fine
c. brilliant
d. indecent
- 35.** stentorian
a. violent
b. misbegotten
c. loud
d. stealthy

Answers

- 1.** b. remote means faraway, or **distant**
- 2.** b. to detest means to feel intense or violent dislike, or to **hate**
- 3.** c. gracious means to be **pleasant** or considerate in social interactions
- 4.** a. to predict means to declare in advance or to **foretell**
- 5.** d. kin means people with common ancestors, or **relatives**
- 6.** c. pensive means moodily or dreamily **thoughtful**
- 7.** a. to banish means to drive out from home or country, or to **exile**
- 8.** c. a fraud is someone who is not what he or she pretends to be, or an **impostor**
- 9.** b. saccharine means overly **sweet**
- 10.** d. to drag is to **pull**, or to cause movement in a direction with applied force
- 11.** b. jovial means good humored or **merry**
- 12.** a. to be indifferent is to be marked by impartiality or to be **neutral**
- 13.** b. to simulate is to assume the outward appearance of, or to **imitate**
- 14.** c. charisma is magnetic **charm** or appeal
- 15.** a. to apportion is to **divide** and share out
- 16.** a. generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or **general**

- 17.** d. a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a **scruple**
- 18.** d. wary means to be attentive especially to danger, or to be **cautious**
- 19.** c. to distort means to twist out of a normal state, or to **deform**
- 20.** d. sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or **luxurious**
- 21.** a. one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to **whirl**
- 22.** b. inscrutable means not easily interpreted or understood, or **mysterious**
- 23.** c. to appall is to overcome with shock, or to **dismay**
- 24.** a. upright can mean either **honorable** or vertical; horizontal and supine are both antonyms of upright
- 25.** c. a reverie means the state of being lost in thought, or a **daydream**
- 26.** c. loot means goods seized in war, or **spoils**
- 27.** a. loquacious means excessively **talkative**, or garrulous
- 28.** c. a chimera is a fabrication of the mind, or an **illusion**
- 29.** a. temerity means unreasonable contempt for danger or recklessness, or **audacity**
- 30.** b. to educe means to develop something potential or latent; to **elicit** means to draw out something hidden or latent
- 31.** a. a nabob is a person of great wealth or importance, or a **bigwig**
- 32.** b. to pall can mean to deprive of pleasure in something by **satiating**

- 33.** d. sacrosanct means the most **sacred**, or holy
- 34.** d. louche means not reputable, or **indecent**
- 35.** c. stentorian means **loud** and is usually used to imply a voice of great power and range



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Antonyms

Which of these words is most nearly the opposite of the word provided?

36. withdraw

- a. reduce
- b. need
- c. advance
- d. want

39. impartial

- a. hostile
- b. biased
- c. dislike
- d. worried

37. secret

- a. friendly
- b. covert
- c. hidden
- d. overt

40. luminous

- a. clear
- b. dim
- c. brittle
- d. clever

38. heartfelt

- a. loving
- b. insincere
- c. unhealthy
- d. humorous

41. awe

- a. borrow
- b. shallow
- c. low
- d. contempt

- 42.** pit
a. group
b. peak
c. select
d. marry
- 43.** rotund
a. round
b. unimportant
c. thin
d. dull
- 44.** talent
a. ungrateful
b. silent
c. show
d. inability
- 45.** common
a. strange
b. uneasy
c. quick
d. fast
- 46.** brazen
a. bashful
b. boisterous
c. noisy
d. heated
- 47.** expect
a. attend
b. regret
c. despair
d. loathe
- 48.** malodorous
a. acrid
b. pungent
c. fragrant
d. delicious
- 49.** expound
a. besmirch
b. confuse
c. confine
d. condemn
- 50.** pique
a. value
b. gully
c. smooth
d. soothe
- 51.** abate
a. free
b. augment
c. provoke
d. wane
- 52.** dearth
a. lack
b. poverty
c. abundance
d. foreign
- 53.** peaked
a. tired
b. arrogant
c. pointy
d. ruddy

- 54.** abridge
a. shorten
b. extend
c. stress
d. easy

- 55.** kindle
a. smother
b. detest
c. enemy
d. discourage

- 56.** meager
a. kind
b. generous
c. thoughtful
d. copious

- 57.** philistine
a. novice
b. intellectual
c. pious
d. debutante

- 58.** zenith
a. worst
b. apex
c. nadir
d. past

- 59.** germane
a. irrelevant
b. indifferent
c. impartial
d. improvident

- 60.** irascible
a. determined
b. placid
c. reasonable
d. pliant

- 61.** approbate
a. ingratitude
b. condemn
c. dissatisfaction
d. master

- 62.** supercilious
a. unimportant
b. relevant
c. serious
d. meek

- 63.** improvident
a. cautious
b. fortunate
c. proven
d. intelligent

- 64.** demur
a. embrace
b. crude
c. boisterous
d. falter

- 65.** fatuous
a. crafty
b. frugal
c. sensible
d. inane

- 66.** quiescent
a. lackadaisical
b. active
c. dull
d. prescient
- 67.** sartorial
a. cheerful
b. sincere
c. inelegant
d. homespun
- 68.** sapient
a. hunched
b. strong
c. simple
d. simian
- 69.** matutinal
a. paternal
b. crepuscular
c. maritime
d. marsupial
- 70.** impecunious
a. wealthy
b. cautious
c. hungry
d. tardy

Answers

- 36.** c. to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to **advance** is the opposite of retreat
- 37.** d. secret means hidden or covert; **overt** means open to view
- 38.** b. heartfelt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so **insincere** is its opposite
- 39.** b. impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore **biased** is the opposite
- 40.** b. luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; **dim** means dark or dull
- 41.** d. awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; **contempt** means a lack of respect, or disdain
- 42.** b. a pit is a hole and a **peak** is the top of a hill or mountain
- 43.** c. rotund means rounded or plump, therefore **thin** is the opposite
- 44.** d. a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore **inability** is the opposite
- 45.** a. common means ordinary or familiar; **strange** means unfamiliar
- 46.** a. brazen means to be defiant or insolent; **bashful** means to be shy or timid
- 47.** c. to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to **despair** is to lose all hope
- 48.** c. malodorous means to have a bad smell; **fragrant** means smelling sweet or delicate
- 49.** b. to expound means to explain; to **confuse**, or confound, is the opposite of expound

- 50.** d. to pique means to excite or irritate; to **soothe** means to calm
- 51.** b. to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to **augment** means to increase
- 52.** c. dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; **abundance** means an ample quantity, or wealth
- 53.** d. to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be **ruddy** is to have a healthy, red complexion
- 54.** b. to abridge means to shorten and to **extend** means to lengthen
- 55.** a. to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to **smother** means to stifle or suppress
- 56.** d. meager means lacking in quality or quantity; **copious** means present in large quantity, or abundant
- 57.** b. philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an **intellectual** is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect
- 58.** a. zenith means the highest point or the apex; **nadir** means the lowest point
- 59.** a. germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore **irrelevant** is the opposite
- 60.** b. irascible means easily angered; **placid** means calm or serene
- 61.** b. to approbate means to approve or sanction; to **condemn** means to declare wrong or to convict
- 62.** d. supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; **meek** means enduring injury with patience and without resentment
- 63.** a. improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; **cautious** means to be wary or to exercise forethought

- 64.** a. to demur means to delay or hesitate; to **embrace** means to accept readily or gladly; demure means coy
- 65.** c. fatuous means inanely foolish; **sensible** is its nearest opposite
- 66.** b. quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore **active** is the opposite
- 67.** a. sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; **homespun** means homemade
- 68.** c. sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of **simple** is deficient in intelligence
- 69.** b. matutinal means of or relating to the morning; **crepuscular** means relating to or resembling twilight
- 70.** a. impecunious means having little or no money, therefore **wealthy** is the opposite

3

Synonyms

Select the word that most nearly means the word provided.

71. modest most nearly means

- a. attractive
- b. clever
- c. current
- d. humble

74. hustle most nearly means

- a. dance
- b. hurry
- c. busy
- d. clean

72. custom most nearly means

- a. dessert
- b. habit
- c. ethic
- d. deliver

75. solemn most nearly means

- a. amusing
- b. harmful
- c. speech
- d. serious

73. prolong most nearly means

- a. extend
- b. inquire
- c. relax
- d. wait

76. imply most nearly means

- a. suggest
- b. stab
- c. thick
- d. destroy

- 77.** ramble most nearly means
a. knot
b. confuse
c. wander
d. wonder
- 78.** beneficial most nearly means
a. help
b. advantageous
c. charity
d. wise
- 79.** flare most nearly means
a. judicial
b. temper
c. style
d. blaze
- 80.** negligent most nearly means
a. pajamas
b. morbid
c. careless
d. dark
- 81.** aloof most nearly means
a. above
b. tidy
c. clever
d. reserved
- 82.** resolve most nearly means
a. turn
b. puzzle
c. decide
d. want
- 83.** congregate most nearly means
a. worship
b. gather
c. disturb
d. hurry
- 84.** utter most nearly means
a. express
b. defer
c. borrow
d. laugh
- 85.** fearless most nearly means
a. powerful
b. cowardly
c. brave
d. careful
- 86.** negligible most nearly means
a. insignificant
b. arguable
c. careless
d. dark
- 87.** placid most nearly means
a. calm
b. lazy
c. solemn
d. devious
- 88.** rake most nearly means
a. thin
b. scoundrel
c. gentleman
d. shovel

- 89.** dupe most nearly means
a. rancher
b. trick
c. simpleton
d. drug
- 90.** stigma most nearly means
a. stain
b. trial
c. difficulty
d. holiness
- 91.** reside most nearly means
a. remain
b. home
c. dwell
d. sediment
- 92.** covetous most nearly means
a. quiet
b. sneaky
c. lurking
d. greedy
- 93.** abide most nearly means
a. endure
b. hate
c. attendance
d. live
- 94.** shrewd most nearly means
a. intractable
b. mean
c. astute
d. intelligent
- 95.** fetter most nearly means
a. rancid
b. praise
c. hamper
d. persist
- 96.** flagrant most nearly means
a. vibrant
b. glaring
c. vicious
d. pleasant
- 97.** mitigate most nearly means
a. relieve
b. blend
c. defend
d. confuse
- 98.** rail most nearly means
a. scold
b. push
c. try
d. punish
- 99.** meld most nearly means
a. character
b. distinction
c. blend
d. firmness
- 100.** rally most nearly means
a. demonstrate
b. muster
c. course
d. truly

- 101.** abject most nearly means
a. indigent
b. desire
c. despondent
d. extreme
- 102.** bespoke most nearly means
a. gentle
b. quiet
c. tailored
d. handsome
- 103.** diffident most nearly means
a. apathetic
b. shy
c. arrogant
d. quarrelsome
- 104.** proffer most nearly means
a. mendicant
b. wastrel
c. predict
d. tender
- 105.** mordant most nearly means
a. dead
b. gruesome
c. fetid
d. caustic
- 106.** churlish most nearly means
a. childish
b. boorish
c. tempestuous
d. disorderly
- 107.** antediluvian most nearly means
a. antiquated
b. parched
c. nonsectarian
d. nonsensical
- 108.** picayune most nearly means
a. petty
b. spicy
c. paltry
d. southern
- 109.** smite most nearly means
a. flee
b. speck
c. dirt
d. strike
- 110.** winnow most nearly means
a. carve
b. wind
c. weed
d. carry

Answers

- 71.** d. modest means to be free of conceit or pretension, or **humble**
- 72.** b. a custom means a long-established practice, or a **habit**
- 73.** a. to prolong means to lengthen in time, or to **extend**
- 74.** b. to hustle means to **hurry**
- 75.** d. solemn means marked by grave sobriety, or **serious**
- 76.** a. to imply means to express indirectly, or to **suggest**
- 77.** c. to ramble means to move aimlessly from place to place, or to **wander**
- 78.** b. beneficial means causing benefit, or **advantageous**
- 79.** d. flare means a fire or **blaze** used to signal; flair means talent or style
- 80.** c. negligent means marked by neglect, or **careless**
- 81.** d. aloof means distant in feeling, or **reserved**
- 82.** c. one meaning of resolve is to **decide**, often to stop from doing something
- 83.** b. to congregate means to **gather** in a group
- 84.** a. to utter means to **express** in words
- 85.** c. fearless means lacking fear, or **brave**
- 86.** a. negligible means so small or **insignificant** as to deserve little attention
- 87.** a. placid means free of disturbance, or **calm**

- 88.** b. a rake is a dissolute person, or a **scoundrel**
- 89.** b. to dupe means to deceive or to **trick**
- 90.** a. stigma means a mark of shame or discredit, or a **stain**
- 91.** c. to reside means to occupy a place as one's home, or to **dwell**
- 92.** d. covetous means having an inordinate desire for wealth, or **greedy**
- 93.** a. to abide means to **endure** without yielding, or to withstand
- 94.** c. shrewd means marked by clever awareness, or **astute**
- 95.** c. to fetter means to **hamper**, or to restrain
- 96.** b. flagrant means obviously wrong or immoral; **glaring** means painfully obvious
- 97.** a. mitigate means to make less severe or painful, or to **relieve**
- 98.** a. to rail means to **scold** in harsh, abusive language
- 99.** c. to meld means to merge or to **blend**
- 100.** b. to rally means to arouse for action, or to **muster**
- 101.** c. abject means cast down in spirit, or utterly hopeless; **despondent** means having lost all hope
- 102.** c. bespoke means custom-made; **tailored** also means custom-made
- 103.** b. diffident means **shy** or lacking in confidence
- 104.** d. to proffer means to put something forward for acceptance, or to **tender**

- 105.** d. mordant means biting or **caustic** in means or speech
- 106.** b. churlish means resembling an ill-bred or vulgar person, or **boorish**
- 107.** a. antediluvian means so ancient that it could have come before the time of the flood and Noah's ark, or **antiquated**
- 108.** c. picayune means trivial or of little value; **paltry** means trivial or meager
- 109.** d. smite means to **strike** heavily especially with the hand
- 110.** c. to winnow means to sift or get rid of, like **weed**, it is often used with “out”

4

Antonyms

Select the word that is most opposite to the word provided.

- | | |
|---|--|
| 111. detain is most opposite to
a. release
b. silence
c. forget
d. prosper | 114. fluid is most opposite to
a. solid
b. liquid
c. afraid
d. decent |
| 112. famous is most opposite to
a. boring
b. poor
c. obscure
d. untalented | 115. continue is most opposite to
a. curve
b. argue
c. carry
d. pause |
| 113. colossal is most opposite to
a. easy
b. tiny
c. graceful
d. roof | 116. labor is most opposite to
a. amuse
b. cat
c. rest
d. strive |

- 117.** brawny is most opposite to
a. swift
b. weak
c. strong
d. pale
- 118.** fickle is most opposite to
a. steady
b. kind
c. please
d. finagle
- 119.** inept is most opposite to
a. clumsy
b. infer
c. competent
d. foolish
- 120.** pivotal is most opposite to
a. turning
b. wavy
c. unimportant
d. clear
- 121.** cursed is most opposite to
a. swore
b. pious
c. unfortunate
d. lucky
- 122.** candid is most opposite to
a. unkind
b. blunt
c. valid
d. dishonest
- 123.** flaunt is most opposite to
a. regard
b. sink
c. hide
d. propose
- 124.** heal is most opposite to
a. sew
b. foot
c. good
d. maim
- 125.** pacify is most opposite to
a. excite
b. land
c. coddle
d. unhand
- 126.** sullen is most opposite to
a. dirty
b. cheerful
c. clean
d. risen
- 127.** assure is most opposite to
a. alarm
b. reassure
c. quiet
d. unsure
- 128.** fallacious is most opposite to
a. perfect
b. truthful
c. accidental
d. disarming

- 129.** gumption is most opposite to
a. seriousness
b. apathy
c. levity
d. despair
- 130.** ecstasy is most opposite to
a. hate
b. agony
c. languor
d. fatigue
- 131.** astute is most opposite to
a. distraught
b. careful
c. generous
d. gullible
- 132.** winsome is most opposite to
a. dour
b. attractive
c. mysterious
d. clever
- 133.** droll is most opposite to
a. forget
b. charm
c. sedate
d. absurd
- 134.** enigmatic is most opposite to
a. healthy
b. watchful
c. disastrous
d. obvious
- 135.** obtuse is most opposite to
a. slim
b. acute
c. opaque
d. thick
- 136.** obsequious is most opposite to
a. clear
b. clever
c. domineering
d. dandified
- 137.** doleful is most opposite to
a. empty
b. rich
c. witty
d. vivacious
- 138.** wanton is most opposite to
a. merciful
b. repast
c. brilliant
d. vicious
- 139.** banal is most opposite to
a. sincere
b. wealthy
c. extraordinary
d. trustworthy
- 140.** lugubrious is most opposite to
a. quick
b. cheerful
c. salubrious
d. dry

- 141.** perspicacious is most opposite to
- calm
 - easy
 - dull
 - winsome
- 142.** elan is most opposite to
- inelegance
 - stupidity
 - obscure
 - despair
- 143.** recondite is most opposite to
- manifest
 - flexible
 - provident
 - sociable
- 144.** gainsay is most opposite to
- regret
 - own
 - prudent
 - prude
- 145.** effluvium is most opposite to
- land
 - essential
 - fragrance
 - solid
- 146.** parsimony is most opposite to
- generosity
 - sinfulness
 - verbosity
 - tenderness
- 147.** truculent is most opposite to
- faltering
 - gentle
 - facile
 - submissive
- 148.** spurious is most opposite to
- disingenuous
 - thoughtless
 - placid
 - genuine
- 149.** welter is most opposite to
- order
 - freeze
 - patron
 - sustain
- 150.** eclat is most opposite to
- apathy
 - dullness
 - silence
 - disinterest

Answers

- 111.** a. to detain means to hold or keep back; to **release** means to let go
- 112.** c. famous means widely known; **obscure** means little known
- 113.** b. colossal means incredibly large, therefore **tiny** is the opposite
- 114.** a. a fluid is a substance that flows; a **solid** does not flow
- 115.** d. to continue means to act without interruption; to **pause** means to stop temporarily
- 116.** c. to labor means to work; to **rest** means to cease working
- 117.** b. brawny means muscled or strong, therefore **weak** is the opposite
- 118.** a. fickle means to lack steadiness, therefore **steady** is the opposite
- 119.** c. inept means to lack competence, therefore **competent** is the opposite
- 120.** c. pivotal means very important, or crucial, therefore **unimportant** is the opposite
- 121.** d. cursed means to be the subject of misfortune, or to be unlucky, therefore **lucky** is the opposite
- 122.** d. candid means to be frank, or honest, therefore **dishonest** is the opposite
- 123.** c. to flaunt means to display showily, or to show off, therefore **hide** is the opposite
- 124.** d. to heal means to restore to health; to **maim** means to injure
- 125.** a. to pacify means to soothe, or calm, therefore **excite** is the opposite

- 126.** b. sullen means showing a disagreeable mood, or lacking cheer, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 127.** a. to assure means to make sure by removing doubt or worry; **alarm** means to give warning or to arouse fear
- 128.** b. fallacious means tending to deceive; **truthful** means disposed to tell the truth
- 129.** b. gumption means initiative, or drive; **apathy** means a lack of interest or concern
- 130.** b. ecstasy means a state of rapturous delight; **agony** means intense pain of mind or body
- 131.** d. astute means shrewd or showing acute mental vision; **gullible** means easily duped or cheated
- 132.** a. winsome means cheerful and engaging; **dour** means gloomy or sullen
- 133.** c. droll means to have a humorous or odd quality; **sedate** means unruffled or serious
- 134.** d. enigmatic means mysterious or obscure, therefore **obvious** is the opposite
- 135.** b. obtuse means insensitive or stupid; **acute** means marked by keen perception or shrewd
- 136.** c. obsequious means subservient or fawning; **domineering** means exercising overbearing control
- 137.** d. doleful means full of grief or cheerless; **vivacious** means full of life and spirit
- 138.** a. one meaning of wanton is malicious or merciless, therefore **merciful** is the opposite

- 139.** c. banal means trite or commonplace, therefore **extraordinary** is the opposite
- 140.** b. lugubrious means mournful, or dismal, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 141.** c. perspicacious means keen or astute, therefore **dull** is the opposite
- 142.** d. elan means vigorous spirit or enthusiasm; **despair** means an utter loss of hope
- 143.** a. recondite means difficult for one of ordinary understanding to comprehend; **manifest** means easily understood or recognized
- 144.** b. to gainsay means to deny; one meaning of to **own** is to admit
- 145.** c. effluvium means an offensive smell; **fragrance** means a sweet or delicate odor
- 146.** a. parsimony means thrift or stinginess, therefore **generosity** is the opposite
- 147.** b. truculent means cruel or savage, therefore **gentle** is the opposite
- 148.** d. spurious means lacking genuine qualities, or false, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 149.** a. welter means a state of wild disorder, or turmoil, therefore **order** is the opposite
- 150.** b. eclat means a dazzling effect, or brilliance, therefore **dullness** is the opposite

5

Synonyms

Which of these words most nearly means the word provided?

- 151.** deplete
a. decorate
b. beg
c. exhaust
d. hurry

- 152.** voluntary
a. willing
b. charity
c. prisoner
d. careless

- 153.** refute
a. garbage
b. deny
c. offer
d. difficult

- 154.** cheat
a. stingy
b. argue
c. freckle
d. defraud

- 155.** miserable
a. cruel
b. wrong
c. unhappy
d. miss

- 156.** vintage
a. classic
b. alcoholic
c. disease
d. spoiled

- 157.** tart
a. law
b. acid
c. angry
d. desirable
- 158.** corner
a. display
b. trap
c. paint
d. hurry
- 159.** zest
a. gusto
b. cram
c. worry
d. trial
- 160.** haggle
a. tired
b. climb
c. decrease
d. bargain
- 161.** impel
a. force
b. block
c. hinder
d. discredit
- 162.** throng
a. garment
b. bell
c. mass
d. weight
- 163.** imperial
a. bratty
b. oppressive
c. regal
d. beautiful
- 164.** diffuse
a. difficult
b. scatter
c. incomprehensible
d. unplug
- 165.** hinder
a. lose
b. loose
c. despair
d. check
- 166.** latent
a. dormant
b. recent
c. effeminate
d. desirable
- 167.** wretched
a. twisted
b. forced
c. miserable
d. increased
- 168.** irksome
a. outrageous
b. fearsome
c. impoverished
d. annoying

- 169.** regulate
a. even
b. police
c. flow
d. position
- 170.** warrant
a. justify
b. burrow
c. hide
d. integrity
- 171.** protract
a. hire
b. fold
c. delay
d. corner
- 172.** lax
a. ensure
b. slack
c. servant
d. strive
- 173.** rigor
a. austerity
b. rope
c. fix
d. excess
- 174.** discrete
a. leave
b. diminish
c. squander
d. distinct
- 175.** lissome
a. slow
b. honest
c. supple
d. dull
- 176.** misprize
a. despise
b. devalue
c. erroneous
d. covet
- 177.** impugn
a. imply
b. fret
c. assail
d. recalcitrant
- 178.** supervene
a. intervene
b. overreach
c. displace
d. follow
- 179.** exigent
a. urgent
b. treatise
c. miser
d. expedient
- 180.** fervid
a. delightful
b. difficult
c. obstinate
d. ardent

- 181.** ersatz
a. chaotic
b. artificial
c. impromptu
d. vague
- 182.** redolent
a. ubiquitous
b. odorous
c. shy
d. bellicose
- 183.** turpitude
a. lethargy
b. honor
c. belligerence
d. depravity
- 184.** propinquity
a. habit
b. nearness
c. capacity
d. tendency
- 185.** vociferous
a. numerous
b. bountiful
c. strident
d. garrulous

Answers

151. c. deplete means to reduce or deprive of something essential; **exhaust** means to empty completely

152. a. voluntary means done by one's own will, or **willing**

153. b. to refute means to prove wrong, or to **deny** the truth of

154. d. to cheat means to influence by means of trickery, or to **defraud**

155. c. miserable means in a state of distress or **unhappiness**

156. a. vintage means of old and enduring interest, or **classic**

157. b. tart means pleasantly sharp or **acid** to the taste

158. b. to corner means to drive into a corner, or to **trap**

159. a. one meaning of zest is keen enjoyment, or **gusto**

160. d. to haggle means to negotiate over terms or price, or to **bargain**

161. a. to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to **force**

162. c. a throng is a large number of assembled people, or a **mass**

163. c. imperial means befitting or suggesting an emperor; **regal** means befitting or suggesting a king

164. b. to diffuse means to break up or spread out, or to **scatter**

- 165.** d. to hinder means to hold back; one meaning of to **check** means to slow or bring to a stop
- 166.** a. latent means capable of becoming but not currently visible, or **dormant**
- 167.** c. wretched means extremely distressed, or **miserable**
- 168.** d. irksome means tedious or **annoying**
- 169.** b. to regulate means to bring under the control of law; to **police** means to control or keep order
- 170.** a. to warrant means to serve as adequate ground or reason, or to **justify**
- 171.** c. to protract means to prolong in time or space, or to **delay**
- 172.** b. lax means in a relaxed state, or **slack**
- 173.** a. rigor means severity of life, or **austerity**
- 174.** d. discrete means individually **distinct**
- 175.** c. lissome means **supple** or flexible
- 176.** a. to misprize means to hold in contempt, or to **despise**
- 177.** c. to impugn means to attack verbally as false or lacking integrity; to **assail** means to attack
- 178.** d. to supervene means to **follow** as an unexpected development
- 179.** a. exigent means demanding immediate attention, or **urgent**
- 180.** d. fervid means **ardent** or passionate
- 181.** b. ersatz means a usually **artificial** or inferior substitute

- 182.** b. redolent means aromatic or full of a specific scent, or **odorous**
- 183.** d. turpitude means wickedness, or **depravity**
- 184.** b. propinquity means **nearness** in place or time
- 185.** c. vociferous means loud and insistent, often in presentation of demands or requests; **strident** also means loud and insistent

6

Antonyms

Which word is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided?

186. gracious

- a. cordial
- b. rude
- c. furious
- d. tactile

189. imaginative

- a. playful
- b. written
- c. small
- d. dull

187. valor

- a. cowardice
- b. false
- c. drop
- d. heavy

190. knowing

- a. wasteful
- b. dense
- c. clumsy
- d. fast

188. severe

- a. lenient
- b. cautious
- c. join
- d. one

191. animosity

- a. love
- b. plantlike
- c. barren
- d. tiny

- 192.** exact
a. join
b. sympathetic
c. incorrect
d. whole
- 193.** extravagant
a. unknown
b. homebody
c. punctual
d. moderate
- 194.** stamina
a. weakness
b. clear
c. decisive
d. calmness
- 195.** rough
a. tumble
b. sleek
c. fast
d. distant
- 196.** garner
a. unravel
b. mar
c. squander
d. tarnish
- 197.** prodigal
a. thrifty
b. secondary
c. distant
d. squalid
- 198.** tacit
a. grand
b. dictated
c. illicit
d. messy
- 199.** repudiate
a. argue
b. soften
c. slander
d. admit
- 200.** pristine
a. free
b. sullied
c. wide
d. thorough
- 201.** concede
a. sit
b. withstand
c. dismiss
d. elaborate
- 202.** placate
a. appease
b. strip
c. tremendous
d. enrage
- 203.** popular
a. empty
b. uncommon
c. famous
d. feisty

- 204.** felicitous
a. morbid
b. boorish
c. inopportune
d. delightful
- 205.** austere
a. lavish
b. unfavorable
c. light
d. devout
- 206.** insipid
a. cold
b. brave
c. exciting
d. bashful
- 207.** wastrel
a. sober
b. spendthrift
c. mute
d. miser
- 208.** temperate
a. Celsius
b. inordinate
c. lukewarm
d. safely
- 209.** nebulous
a. cloudy
b. dim
c. distinct
d. desirable
- 210.** adroit
a. clumsy
b. left
c. diplomatic
d. unpersuasive
- 211.** mite
a. weakness
b. tend
c. bulk
d. drive
- 212.** supernal
a. nocturnal
b. special
c. despicable
d. hellish
- 213.** reprobate
a. sage
b. elevated
c. possess
d. dismiss
- 214.** specious
a. genuine
b. logical
c. common
d. deliberate
- 215.** effete
a. conquer
b. proper
c. prosperous
d. civilized

- 216.** rabble
- a. order
 - b. clear
 - c. open
 - d. union
- 217.** protean
- a. unformed
 - b. unchanging
 - c. elaborate
 - d. selective
- 218.** vertiginous
- a. horizontal
 - b. litigious
 - c. constant
 - d. lowly
- 219.** parvenu
- a. wallflower
 - b. highway
 - c. melody
 - d. plan
- 220.** lapidarian
- a. square
 - b. secular
 - c. pasture
 - d. inelegant

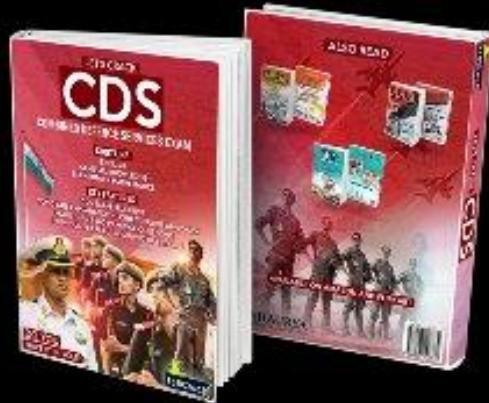
Answers

- 186.** b. gracious means to be pleasant in a social situation, or cordial; **rude** means to be unpleasant
- 187.** a. valor means strength of mind or spirit, or courage; **cowardice** means lack of courage
- 188.** a. one meaning of severe is strict; **lenient** means mild or indulgent
- 189.** d. imaginative means having imagination; **dull** means lacking imagination
- 190.** b. knowing means having information or knowledge; **dense** means dull or stupid
- 191.** a. animosity means resentment or hostility, therefore **love** is the opposite
- 192.** c. exact means in complete accordance with fact, or correct, therefore **incorrect** is the opposite
- 193.** d. extravagant means lacking in restraint and moderation, therefore **moderate** is the opposite
- 194.** a. stamina means strength or endurance, therefore **weakness** is the opposite
- 195.** b. rough means having an uneven, coarse surface; **sleek** means having a smooth, bright surface
- 196.** c. to garner means to gather or to store; to **squander** means to cause to disperse or to scatter
- 197.** a. prodigal means wasteful or extravagant; **thrifty** means thriving by industry and frugality
- 198.** b. tacit means unspoken, or implied; **dictated** means spoken

- 199.** d. to repudiate means to reject or deny, therefore to **admit** is the opposite
- 200.** b. pristine means unspoiled or pure; **sullied** means spoiled or tarnished
- 201.** b. to concede means to yield; to **withstand** means to successfully resist
- 202.** d. to placate means to soothe or calm; to **enrage** means to anger
- 203.** b. popular means frequently encountered or accepted, or common, therefore **uncommon** is the opposite
- 204.** c. felicitous means very well-suited or apt; **inopportune** means inconvenient or not well-suited
- 205.** a. austere means simple and unadorned; **lavish** means produced or expended in abundance
- 206.** c. insipid means lacking in qualities that interest or excite, therefore **exciting** is the opposite
- 207.** d. a wastrel is someone who spends foolishly or self-indulgently; a **miser** is someone who hoards his or her wealth
- 208.** b. temperate means moderate; **inordinate** means excessive or immoderate
- 209.** c. nebulous means vague or indistinct, therefore **distinct** is the opposite
- 210.** a. adroit means skillful in the use of the hands, therefore **clumsy** is the opposite
- 211.** c. mite means a very small or insignificant part; **bulk** means the main or greater part

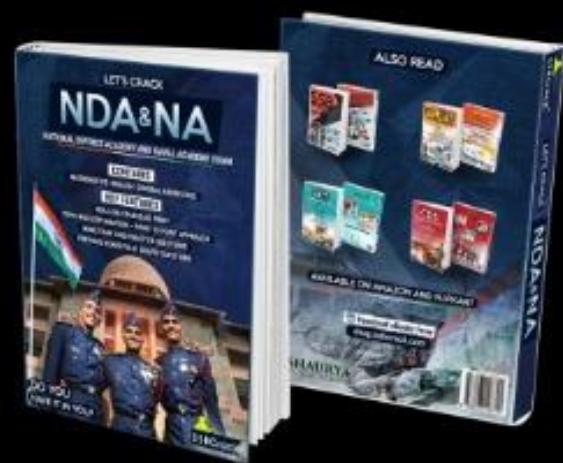
- 212.** d. supernal means coming from on high, or heavenly; **infernal** is a synonym for hellish
- 213.** b. reprobate means morally debased or depraved; one meaning of **elevated** is to be on a moral or intellectual high plane
- 214.** a. specious means having a false look of truth or genuineness, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 215.** b. effete means weak or decadent; one meaning of **proper** is virtuous or respectable
- 216.** d. a rabble is a disorderly or disorganized crowd of people; a **union** is a group of individuals joined in an organized manner
- 217.** b. protean means showing great diversity or variability, or versatile, therefore **unchanging** is the opposite
- 218.** c. vertiginous means inclined to frequent change, or inconstant, therefore **constant** is the opposite
- 219.** a. a parvenu is an upstart or a social climber; a **wallflower** is someone who refrains from socializing
- 220.** d. lapidarian means having elegance or precision and comes from the word lapidary, which means a cutter or engraver of precious stones, therefore **inelegant** is the opposite

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is most similar or dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- | | |
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| 221. delirious is most similar to
a. manic
b. calm
c. tasty
d. suspicious | 224. lure is most similar to
a. tickle
b. decoy
c. resist
d. suspect |
| 222. infirm is most similar to
a. hospital
b. weak
c. short
d. fortitude | 225. perilous is most dissimilar to
a. disciplined
b. similar
c. safe
d. honest |
| 223. cautious is most dissimilar to
a. reasonable
b. careful
c. illogical
d. reckless | 226. isolation is most similar to
a. fear
b. plentitude
c. solitude
d. disease |

- 227.** lull is most similar to
a. pause
b. noise
c. boring
d. mark
- 228.** outfit is most similar to
a. indoors
b. strong
c. special
d. furnish
- 229.** punctual is most dissimilar to
a. close
b. tardy
c. sloppy
d. precious
- 230.** delude is most dissimilar to
a. drought
b. clever
c. enlighten
d. enrage
- 231.** omit is most similar to
a. recluse
b. neglect
c. mistake
d. destroy
- 232.** resilient is most dissimilar to
a. stubborn
b. careless
c. substantial
d. flimsy
- 233.** mutiny is most similar to
a. rebellion
b. currency
c. sailor
d. hassle
- 234.** naive is most similar to
a. rural
b. secular
c. unsophisticated
d. sultry
- 235.** entice is most dissimilar to
a. piece
b. repulse
c. attract
d. repeat
- 236.** solemnity is most similar to
a. lightheartedness
b. gravity
c. diligence
d. sleepiness
- 237.** stingy is most dissimilar to
a. wasteful
b. democratic
c. spiteful
d. liberal
- 238.** malign is most similar to
a. evil
b. malicious
c. slander
d. grandiose

- 239.** impudent is most similar to
a. cautious
b. haphazard
c. gleeful
d. insolent
- 240.** vacillate is most dissimilar to
a. decide
b. teeter
c. dilate
d. please
- 241.** kinetic is most dissimilar to
a. cold
b. static
c. lewd
d. foolish
- 242.** lambaste is most similar to
a. marinade
b. commotion
c. censure
d. tickle
- 243.** kowtow is most dissimilar to
a. snub
b. pull
c. fawn
d. forage
- 244.** rudimentary is most similar to
a. crass
b. gracious
c. deliberate
d. primitive
- 245.** pitched is most similar to
a. undone
b. retracted
c. heated
d. lovely
- 246.** tepid is most dissimilar to
a. dispassionate
b. scalding
c. crisp
d. clever
- 247.** largesse is most similar to
a. greatness
b. generosity
c. minuscule
d. clumsiness
- 248.** insidious is most dissimilar to
a. repellent
b. pure
c. charming
d. delicious
- 249.** decorum is most similar to
a. etiquette
b. merit
c. parliament
d. slipshod
- 250.** succor is most dissimilar to
a. genius
b. abet
c. injure
d. deciduous

- 251.** enjoin is most dissimilar to
- a. sever
 - b. dislike
 - c. permit
 - d. divorce
- 252.** tumid is most similar to
- a. swollen
 - b. fetid
 - c. aggressive
 - d. despondent
- 253.** jejune is most similar to
- a. youthful
 - b. insipid
 - c. charming
 - d. quick
- 254.** ecumenical is most dissimilar to
- a. spiritual
 - b. humanistic
 - c. secular
 - d. parochial
- 255.** sinecure is most similar to
- a. cakewalk
 - b. serpentine
 - c. evil
 - d. dishonest
- 256.** castigate is most similar to
- a. neuter
 - b. punish
 - c. banish
 - d. celebrate
- 257.** reconnoiter is most dissimilar to
- a. disarm
 - b. disassemble
 - c. distance
 - d. disregard
- 258.** obloquy is most similar to
- a. tirade
 - b. dependence
 - c. oval
 - d. circumlocution
- 259.** recondite is most dissimilar to
- a. give
 - b. obscure
 - c. patent
 - d. hardy
- 260.** querulous is most similar to
- a. nauseous
 - b. fretful
 - c. curious
 - d. dizzy

Answers

- 221.** a. delirious means marked by frenzied excitement, or **manic**
- 222.** b. infirm means feeble from age, or **weak**
- 223.** d. cautious means careful; **reckless** means lacking caution
- 224.** b. a lure is used to attract animals into a trap, like a **decoy**
- 225.** c. perilous means dangerous, therefore **safe** is the opposite
- 226.** c. isolation means the state of being alone or withdrawn, or **solitude**
- 227.** a. a lull is a temporary **pause**
- 228.** d. to outfit means to supply or to **furnish**
- 229.** b. punctual means on time; **tardy** means late
- 230.** c. to delude means to mislead the judgment of someone, or to trick; to **enlighten** means to give knowledge to someone
- 231.** b. to omit means to leave out, to fail to perform, or to **neglect**
- 232.** d. resilient means capable of withstanding shock; **flimsy** means lacking in physical strength or substance
- 233.** a. mutiny means resistance to lawful authority, or **rebellion**
- 234.** c. naive means unaffectedly simple, or **unsophisticated**
- 235.** b. to entice means attract seductively, or to lure; to **repulse** means to cause aversion to, or to disgust
- 236.** b. solemnity means formal or ceremonious observance, or seriousness; **gravity** means dignity of bearing, or seriousness

- 237.** d. one meaning of **liberal** is giving freely, or generous; stingy means lacking generosity
- 238.** c. to malign means to speak false or harmful things of, or to **slander**
- 239.** d. impudent means contemptuously bold or cocky, or **insolent**
- 240.** a. vacillate means to hesitate among choices, or to waver; **decide** means to choose
- 241.** b. kinetic means relating to motion, or dynamic; **static** means at rest, or stationary
- 242.** c. to lambaste means to attack verbally, or to **censure**
- 243.** a. to kowtow means to show fawning deference; to **snub** means to treat with contempt
- 244.** d. rudimentary means crude or **primitive**
- 245.** c. pitched means intensely fought; one meaning of **heated** is marked by anger
- 246.** b. tepid means lukewarm; **scalding** means boiling hot
- 247.** b. largesse means liberal giving or **generosity**
- 248.** a. insidious means harmful but enticing or seductive; **repellant** means arousing aversion or disgust
- 249.** a. decorum means conduct required in social life, or **etiquette**
- 250.** c. to succor means go to the aid of, or relieve; to **injure** means to harm
- 251.** c. enjoin means to forbid or prohibit, therefore **permit** is the opposite

- 252.** a. tumid means puffy or **swollen**
- 253.** b. jejune means lacking in substance or interest; **insipid** means lacking in qualities to excite or interest
- 254.** d. ecumenical means of or relating to the whole body of churches, or universal; **parochial** means of or relating to a parish, or limited in scope or range
- 255.** a. a sinecure is a job for which little or no work is expected; a **cakewalk** is a one-sided competition
- 256.** b. to castigate means to subject to severe **punishment**
- 257.** d. reconnoiter means to gain information or to explore; **disregard** means to pay no attention to
- 258.** a. obloquy means abusive language; **tirade** means harshly censorious language
- 259.** c. recondite means hidden from sight or obscure; **patent** means readily visible or intelligible
- 260.** b. querulous means habitually complaining, or **fretful**



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Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

261. wrath

- a. knot
- b. anger
- c. crime
- d. smoke

264. pompous

- a. arrogant
- b. supportive
- c. busy
- d. gaudy

262. plethora

- a. trouble
- b. foolish
- c. wealth
- d. love

265. prevalent

- a. wind
- b. servile
- c. widespread
- d. rare

263. calamity

- a. potion
- b. silence
- c. shellfish
- d. disaster

266. wince

- a. flinch
- b. cheer
- c. crush
- d. solitary

- 267.** superficial
a. gorgeous
b. shallow
c. intelligent
d. rich
- 268.** tangle
a. snarl
b. growl
c. dance
d. shiver
- 269.** reform
a. punish
b. destroy
c. display
d. correct
- 270.** methodical
a. rhythmic
b. poetic
c. systematic
d. disrespectful
- 271.** spite
a. joy
b. beverage
c. wonder
d. malice
- 272.** scale
a. climb
b. sail
c. swim
d. skate
- 273.** smudge
a. gloat
b. residue
c. blur
d. celebrate
- 274.** drizzle
a. curly
b. sprinkle
c. sear
d. drench
- 275.** mundane
a. dirty
b. commonplace
c. confused
d. extraordinary
- 276.** pretension
a. stress
b. ambition
c. waste
d. strife
- 277.** affect
a. outcome
b. share
c. pompous
d. cultivate
- 278.** herald
a. insignia
b. postpone
c. hail
d. regal

- 279.** faculty
a. defective
b. school
c. gift
d. desire
- 280.** mirth
a. anger
b. glee
c. sarcasm
d. mistrust
- 281.** drudgery
a. silliness
b. labor
c. evil
d. investigation
- 282.** prerequisite
a. necessary
b. course
c. difficult
d. tar
- 283.** dire
a. questionable
b. forthright
c. traitor
d. urgent
- 284.** grapple
a. struggle
b. trap
c. laugh
d. intend
- 285.** sundry
a. aged
b. supply
c. various
d. tremendous
- 286.** supplant
a. grow
b. replace
c. undo
d. question
- 287.** venerate
a. ordain
b. breathe
c. polish
d. revere
- 288.** conciliate
a. appease
b. disagree
c. revive
d. separate
- 289.** exultant
a. afraid
b. jubilant
c. expectant
d. demanding
- 290.** surreptitious
a. overbearing
b. clandestine
c. indirect
d. impious

- 291.** recalcitrant
a. hesitant
b. subdued
c. unruly
d. subtract
- 292.** pretty
a. plain
b. confusing
c. ugly
d. terrible
- 293.** coterie
a. various
b. flirtation
c. club
d. socialize
- 294.** nefarious
a. infamous
b. macabre
c. evil
d. distinguished
- 295.** curry
a. flatter
b. spicy
c. squander
d. game
- 296.** preternatural
a. immature
b. extraordinary
c. removed
d. unearned
- 297.** pernicious
a. noxious
b. illicit
c. open
d. undecided
- 298.** reprisal
a. accusation
b. loathe
c. retaliation
d. insinuation
- 299.** manifold
a. evident
b. contemporary
c. diverse
d. willing
- 300.** factious
a. sham
b. unreliable
c. seditious
d. argumentative

Answers

- 261.** b. wrath means strong, vengeful **anger**
- 262.** c. abundance means an ample quantity, or **wealth**
- 263.** d. a calamity is an extraordinarily grave event, or **disaster**
- 264.** a. pompous means self-important, or **arrogant**
- 265.** c. prevalent means generally accepted, or **widespread**
- 266.** a. to wince means to shrink back involuntarily, or to **flinch**
- 267.** b. superficial means to be concerned only with the surface or appearance, or **shallow**
- 268.** a. a tangle is a twisted, knotted mass, or a **snarl**
- 269.** d. to reform means to change for the better, or to **correct**
- 270.** c. methodical means proceeding according to an order or system, or **systematic**
- 271.** d. spite means petty ill will or hatred, or **malice**
- 272.** a. one meaning of scale is to **climb**
- 273.** c. a smudge is a **blurry** spot or streak
- 274.** b. one meaning of to drizzle is to rain in very small drops, or to **sprinkle**
- 275.** b. mundane means ordinary, or **commonplace**
- 276.** b. pretension means an effort to establish, or **ambition**
- 277.** d. to affect means to make a display of using or liking something, or to **cultivate**

- 278.** c. to herald means to greet with enthusiasm, or to **hail**
- 279.** c. one meaning of faculty is an ability or **gift**
- 280.** b. mirth means gladness expressed with laughter, or **glee**
- 281.** b. drudgery means uninspiring or menial **labor**
- 282.** a. prerequisite means **necessary** for carrying out a function
- 283.** d. dire means desperately **urgent**
- 284.** a. to grapple means to come to grips with, or to **struggle**
- 285.** c. sundry means an indeterminate number, or **various**
- 286.** b. to supplant means take the place of, or to **replace**
- 287.** d. to venerate means to treat with reverential respect, or to **revere**
- 288.** a. to conciliate means to gain goodwill with pleasing acts, or to **appease**
- 289.** b. exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or **jubilant**
- 290.** b. surreptitious means done or acquired in stealth, or **clandestine**
- 291.** c. recalcitrant means defiant of authority, or **unruly**
- 292.** d. one meaning of pretty is miserable or **terrible**, as in the expression “a pretty pickle”
- 293.** c. a coterie is an intimate or exclusive group or people who share a common interest or purpose; a **club** is an association of people for a common purpose
- 294.** c. nefarious means flagrantly wicked, or **evil**
- 295.** a. to curry means to seek to gain favor, or to **flatter**

- 296.** b. preternatural means exceeding what is natural, or **extraordinary**
- 297.** a. pernicious means highly injurious or deadly, or **noxious**
- 298.** c. a reprisal is an act of vengeance, or a **retaliations**
- 299.** c. manifold means marked by variety, or **diverse**
- 300.** c. factious means inclined to form factions; **sedition** means disposed to insurrection

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Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 301.** tragic
a. boring
b. mysterious
c. comic
d. incredulous

- 304.** wean
a. flourish
b. flush
c. strengthen
d. addict

- 302.** able
a. willful
b. inept
c. careful
d. feasible

- 305.** haste
a. delay
b. frugal
c. debauchery
d. solemnity

- 303.** tireless
a. exhausted
b. unfailing
c. broke
d. driving

- 306.** malice
a. goodwill
b. bitterness
c. coddle
d. distress

- 307.** permanent
a. loose
b. fierce
c. fleeting
d. unhappy
- 308.** attain
a. crave
b. lose
c. harbor
d. credit
- 309.** taint
a. cheer
b. worry
c. clear
d. purify
- 310.** belittle
a. plain
b. detract
c. magnify
d. torment
- 311.** tedious
a. unwavering
b. frightening
c. horrible
d. pleasurable
- 312.** license
a. restriction
b. allow
c. join
d. gather
- 313.** frivolous
a. pious
b. inexpensive
c. serious
d. contemptuous
- 314.** plain
a. meadow
b. ugly
c. lovely
d. unadorned
- 315.** denounce
a. covet
b. condemn
c. blame
d. deplore
- 316.** contrary
a. urbane
b. agreeable
c. unpleasant
d. despicable
- 317.** glower
a. prairie
b. smile
c. raise
d. throw
- 318.** exacting
a. upright
b. lenient
c. sober
d. general

- 319.** curtail
a. remain
b. detain
c. placate
d. prolong
- 320.** eminent
a. imminent
b. obscure
c. retire
d. unsure
- 321.** abdicate
a. deny
b. usurp
c. blame
d. renounce
- 322.** indolent
a. industrious
b. complimentary
c. native
d. smooth
- 323.** fortuitous
a. undefended
b. gratuitous
c. deliberate
d. impoverished
- 324.** disparage
a. hesitate
b. settle
c. trouble
d. applaud
- 325.** dubious
a. reliable
b. pleasing
c. rhythmic
d. careful
- 326.** interdict
a. continue
b. abstain
c. wallow
d. sanction
- 327.** mendacious
a. bashful
b. capacious
c. veracious
d. quiet
- 328.** lassitude
a. release
b. demure
c. fatigue
d. vigor
- 329.** verdant
a. dishonest
b. suspicious
c. moldy
d. arid
- 330.** ductile
a. unfeeling
b. arrogant
c. precious
d. rigid

- 331.** asperity
a. moistness
b. amenity
c. sour
d. generosity
- 332.** epicurean
a. ascetic
b. slovenly
c. imprecision
d. providential
- 333.** traduce
a. deduce
b. laud
c. presuppose
d. converge
- 334.** bridle
a. heckle
b. dissuade
c. vent
d. persist
- 335.** spare
a. rotund
b. pacify
c. impolite
d. impose
- 336.** proclivity
a. calm
b. antipathy
c. desire
d. dearth
- 337.** vituperation
a. alacrity
b. alertness
c. reparation
d. acclaim
- 338.** gambol
a. trudge
b. hedge
c. crone
d. misplace
- 339.** quixotic
a. simple
b. staid
c. passe
d. unpredictable
- 340.** lachrymose
a. quick
b. loquacious
c. blithe
d. plentiful

Answers

- 301.** c. tragic means regrettably serious or sorrowful; **comic** means humorous
- 302.** b. able means having skill or ability; **inept** means lacking skill
- 303.** a. tireless means filled with energy; **exhausted** means depleted of energy
- 304.** d. to wean means to detach from a dependence; to **addict** means to make dependent
- 305.** a. haste means hurry; **delay** means postponement or procrastination
- 306.** a. malice means a desire to see another suffer; **goodwill** means desire to see another benefit
- 307.** c. permanent means lasting; **fleeting** means passing quickly or temporary
- 308.** b. to attain means to achieve or to gain, therefore to **lose** is the most dissimilar
- 309.** d. to taint means to contaminate or corrupt; to **purify** means to make pure
- 310.** c. to belittle means to make seem little or less; to **magnify** means to enlarge
- 311.** d. tedious means boring; **pleasurable** means enjoyable or delightful
- 312.** a. one meaning of a license is permission; **restriction** means limitation
- 313.** c. frivolous means lacking seriousness, therefore **serious** is the most dissimilar

- 314.** c. plain means lacking in beauty; **lovely** means beautiful
- 315.** a. one meaning of to denounce is to speak out against; to **covet** means to wish for enviously
- 316.** b. contrary means unwilling to accept control or advice; **agreeable** means ready or willing to agree
- 317.** b. glower means a sullen brooding look, therefore **smile** is the most dissimilar
- 318.** b. exacting means severe; **lenient** means indulgent
- 319.** d. to curtail means to cut short; to **prolong** means to lengthen or extend
- 320.** b. eminent means prominent, or famous; **obscure** means not prominent, or unknown
- 321.** b. to abdicate means to renounce power or high office; to **usurp** means seize power or high office
- 322.** a. indolent means lazy; **industrious** means hardworking
- 323.** c. fortuitous means occurring by chance, or accidental; **deliberate** means resulting from careful consideration, or voluntary
- 324.** d. to disparage means to speak slightlying about; to **applaud** means to express approval
- 325.** a. dubious means questionable or unreliable, therefore **reliable** is the most dissimilar
- 326.** d. to interdict means to forbid; to **sanction** means to approve
- 327.** c. mendacious means dishonest; **veracious** means truthful or honest
- 328.** d. lassitude means weariness; **vigor** means strength or force

- 329.** d. one meaning of verdant is green, especially with plant life; **arid** means dry, or lacking enough rainfall for agriculture
- 330.** d. one meaning of ductile is easily led or influenced; one meaning of **rigid** is inflexible, set in opinion
- 331.** b. asperity means roughness of surface or manner; **amenity** means pleasantness or smoothness of manner
- 332.** a. epicurean means having sensitive and self-indulgent taste especially in food and wine; **ascetic** means practicing self-denial and austerity
- 333.** b. to traduce means to expose to shame or blame; to **laud** means to praise or extol
- 334.** c. to bridle means to restrain or keep under control; to **vent** means to relieve by means of an outlet
- 335.** a. one meaning of spare is lean; **rotund** means round or fleshy
- 336.** b. proclivity means inclination or predisposition; **antipathy** means settled aversion or dislike
- 337.** d. vituperation means bitter condemnation; **acclaim** means praise
- 338.** a. to gambol means to skip about in play; to **trudge** means to march steadily and laboriously
- 339.** b. quixotic means foolishly impractical and marked by extravagantly romantic ideals; **staid** means sedate and marked by prim self-restraint
- 340.** c. lachrymose means given to weeping, or morose; **blithe** means of a happy or lighthearted character, or merry

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Synonyms

Select the word that is closest in meaning to the word provided.

341. glare is most similar to

- a. scowl
- b. hide
- c. display
- d. summon

344. peer is most similar to

- a. apple
- b. connote
- c. fellow
- d. recluse

342. erratic is most similar to

- a. enticing
- b. frequent
- c. difficult
- d. irregular

345. fiasco is most similar to

- a. festival
- b. disaster
- c. happenstance
- d. ceremony

343. civil is most similar to

- a. unkind
- b. trite
- c. public
- d. questionable

346. chasm is most similar to

- a. gorge
- b. charm
- c. bridle
- d. criticize

- 347.** expertise is most similar to
a. activity
b. courage
c. mastery
d. effort
- 348.** outlandish is most similar to
a. distant
b. absurd
c. pastoral
d. belligerent
- 349.** pine is most similar to
a. clean
b. hate
c. resolve
d. crave
- 350.** exploit is most similar to
a. answer
b. feat
c. accident
d. persuade
- 351.** culmination is most similar to
a. realization
b. disaster
c. serendipity
d. persuasion
- 352.** feign is most similar to
a. jab
b. swoon
c. pretend
d. dread
- 353.** auspicious is most similar to
a. deceitful
b. foreboding
c. favorable
d. dangerous
- 354.** gambit is most similar to
a. frolic
b. ploy
c. testimony
d. sentence
- 355.** voracious is most similar to
a. ravenous
b. violent
c. voluble
d. rambunctious
- 356.** facile is most similar to
a. ability
b. section
c. vindictive
d. glib
- 357.** eschew is most similar to
a. revert
b. accompany
c. admire
d. abstain
- 358.** abscond is most similar to
a. rob
b. obscure
c. flee
d. absolve

- 359.** knack is most similar to
- a. bruise
 - b. ability
 - c. keepsake
 - d. scoundrel
- 360.** apropos is most similar to
- a. opportune
 - b. unexpected
 - c. misspoken
 - d. idea
- 361.** veritable is most similar to
- a. deep
 - b. authentic
 - c. ancient
 - d. irascible
- 362.** unmitigated is most similar to
- a. audacious
 - b. unpersuasive
 - c. utter
 - d. dense
- 363.** epitome is most similar to
- a. volume
 - b. essence
 - c. summit
 - d. deliverance
- 364.** edict is most similar to
- a. decree
 - b. vacate
 - c. correction
 - d. destiny
- 365.** extol is most similar to
- a. praise
 - b. tax
 - c. burden
 - d. berate
- 366.** abeyant is most similar to
- a. false
 - b. disgusting
 - c. pending
 - d. novice
- 367.** knell is most similar to
- a. copse
 - b. hill
 - c. toll
 - d. rattle
- 368.** soporific is most similar to
- a. juvenile
 - b. drunken
 - c. delightful
 - d. hypnotic
- 369.** iterate is most similar to
- a. unsettled
 - b. repeat
 - c. impoverish
 - d. announce
- 370.** bulwark is most similar to
- a. conundrum
 - b. festival
 - c. rampart
 - d. confuse

- 371.** pedantic is most similar to
- a. pedestrian
 - b. arduous
 - c. fickle
 - d. consequential
- 372.** bumptious is most similar to
- a. backward
 - b. arrogant
 - c. clumsy
 - d. rugged
- 373.** expiation is most similar to
- a. breathing
 - b. immigration
 - c. divergence
 - d. atonement
- 374.** flagitious is most similar to
- a. deliberate
 - b. fatiguing
 - c. villainous
 - d. habitual
- 375.** inveigle is most similar to
- a. cajole
 - b. complexity
 - c. hoodwink
 - d. distress

Answers

- 341.** a. to glare means to stare angrily; to **scowl** means to have an angry expression
- 342.** d. erratic means lacking regularity, or **irregular**
- 343.** c. one meaning of civil is involving the general **public**
- 344.** c. a peer is a person belonging to the same group; a **fellow** is an equal in rank, or a member of the same group
- 345.** b. a fiasco is a complete failure, or a **disaster**
- 346.** a. a chasm is a deep split in the earth, or a **gorge**
- 347.** c. expertise and **mastery** both mean special skills or knowledge
- 348.** b. outlandish means extremely out of the ordinary; **absurd** means ridiculously unreasonable
- 349.** d. to pine means to long for, or to **crave**
- 350.** b. an exploit is a notable or heroic act; a **feat** is a courageous deed
- 351.** a. culmination means the act of reaching the highest point, or decisive action; **realization** means the act of bringing into concrete existence
- 352.** c. to feign means to assert as if true, or to **pretend**
- 353.** c. auspicious means marked by **favorable** signs
- 354.** b. one meaning of gambit is a calculated move; a **ploy** is a tactic
- 355.** a. voracious and **ravenous** mean having a huge appetite
- 356.** d. facile means easily achieved and often lacking sincerity; **glib** means marked by ease and lacking depth and substance

- 357.** d. to eschew means to avoid habitually, or to **abstain**
- 358.** c. to abscond means to depart secretly; to **flee** means to run away
- 359.** b. a knack is a special **ability**
- 360.** a. apropos means being both relevant and appropriate; **opportune** means occurring at an appropriate time
- 361.** b. veritable means not false or imagined, or **authentic**
- 362.** c. unmitigated means offering little chance of change or relief, or absolute; **utter** means total or absolute
- 363.** b. an epitome is a typical or ideal example; **essence** is the real or very basic nature of something
- 364.** a. an edict is an official proclamation; a **decree** is an order with the force of the law
- 365.** a. to extol means to **praise** highly
- 366.** c. abeyant means in a period of temporary inactivity, or **Pending**
- 367.** c. to knell means to sound in an ominous manner; to **toll** means to sound in long measured strokes; both words are used to describe the ringing of bells
- 368.** d. soporific means causing sleep; **hypnotic** means tending to produce sleep
- 369.** b. to iterate means to say or do again, or to **repeat**
- 370.** c. a bulwark is a solid wall-like structure raised for defense, or a **rampart**
- 371.** a. pedantic means ostentatiously or narrowly learned, or unimaginative; one meaning of **pedestrian** is commonplace or unimaginative

- 372.** b. bumptious means noisily self-assertive; **arrogant** means disposed to exaggerate one's own worth
- 373.** d. expiation means the act of making atonement; **atonement** means reparation for an offense or injury
- 374.** c. flagitious means marked by outrageous crime or vice; **villainous** means having the characteristics of a deliberate criminal or scoundrel
- 375.** a. to inveigle means to win over with flattery; to **cajole** means to persuade with flattery

11

Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

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| 376. prudent is most dissimilar to
a. simple
b. rapid
c. foolish
d. verbose | 379. expansive is most dissimilar to
a. generous
b. honest
c. narrow
d. troublesome |
| 377. forced is most dissimilar to
a. quick
b. solid
c. trusting
d. natural | 380. benign is most dissimilar to
a. malignant
b. converse
c. cautious
d. malicious |
| 378. acquaint is most dissimilar to
a. alienate
b. luxurious
c. bleach
d. stall | 381. foster is most dissimilar to
a. discourage
b. believe
c. heal
d. brag |

- 382.** ample is most dissimilar to
a. complete
b. insufficient
c. quiet
d. supple
- 383.** deviant is most dissimilar to
a. winding
b. careful
c. normal
d. sad
- 384.** abolish is most dissimilar to
a. vote
b. punish
c. avoid
d. establish
- 385.** forsake is most dissimilar to
a. craft
b. embrace
c. shun
d. infer
- 386.** tractable is most dissimilar to
a. invisible
b. stubborn
c. unadvisable
d. special
- 387.** dexterous is most dissimilar to
a. clumsy
b. saline
c. cunning
d. precious
- 388.** aerate is most dissimilar to
a. argue
b. placate
c. suffocate
d. destroy
- 389.** venerable is most dissimilar to
a. impervious
b. constant
c. sophomoric
d. infirm
- 390.** rancor is most dissimilar to
a. ritual
b. argument
c. collect
d. accord
- 391.** daunt is most dissimilar to
a. calm
b. believe
c. inspirit
d. dispel
- 392.** paucity is most dissimilar to
a. excess
b. certainty
c. timidity
d. beauty
- 393.** heedless is most dissimilar to
a. heartless
b. attentive
c. speedy
d. unaware

- 394.** abound is most dissimilar to
a. rest
b. discourage
c. bless
d. dwindle
- 395.** confederate is most dissimilar to
a. enemy
b. confuse
c. wander
d. cluster
- 396.** resplendent is most dissimilar to
a. illuminated
b. disarming
c. dowdy
d. delightful
- 397.** onerous is most dissimilar to
a. permissive
b. easy
c. unforgiving
d. public
- 398.** sagacity is most dissimilar to
a. incredulity
b. belligerence
c. stupidity
d. tolerance
- 399.** dilettante is most dissimilar to
a. puritan
b. professional
c. aesthete
d. conniver
- 400.** unalloyed is most dissimilar to
a. dismayed
b. impure
c. circumspect
d. disastrous
- 401.** banner is most dissimilar to
a. forgettable
b. casual
c. unrestrained
d. unwitting
- 402.** discalced is most dissimilar to
a. calculated
b. measured
c. inclined
d. shod
- 403.** scurrilous is most dissimilar to
a. honest
b. decent
c. peaceful
d. satisfactory
- 404.** pulchritudinous is most dissimilar to
a. pacifist
b. rare
c. smooth
d. unsightly
- 405.** dyspeptic is most dissimilar to
a. trusting
b. functional
c. euphoric
d. talented

- 406.** reliction is most dissimilar to
- a. dedication
 - b. demolition
 - c. flood
 - d. problem
- 407.** villenage is most dissimilar to
- a. nobility
 - b. lineage
 - c. directness
 - d. dullness
- 408.** craven is most dissimilar to
- a. stalwart
 - b. release
 - c. distinguished
 - d. comfortable
- 409.** prolix is most dissimilar to
- a. brief
 - b. exquisite
 - c. reasonable
 - d. distinct
- 410.** lambent is most dissimilar to
- a. praise
 - b. present
 - c. dull
 - d. rough

Answers

- 376.** c. prudent means marked by wisdom or good judgment; **foolish** means marked by a lack of good sense or prudence
- 377.** d. forced means produced with effort; **natural** means uncultivated or spontaneous
- 378.** a. to acquaint means to get to know or to become friendly; to **alienate** means to cause unfriendliness or hostility
- 379.** c. expansive means sizeable or extensive; **narrow** means restricted
- 380.** d. one meaning of benign is of a gentle disposition; **malicious** means marked by mischievous impulse
- 381.** a. to foster means to encourage; to **discourage** means to deprive of courage or confidence
- 382.** b. ample means more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity, or sufficient, therefore, **insufficient** is the most dissimilar
- 383.** c. deviant means departing from the established norm, or abnormal, therefore **normal** is the most dissimilar
- 384.** d. to abolish means to do away with entirely; to **establish** means to bring into existence
- 385.** b. to forsake means to renounce; one meaning of to **embrace** is to welcome or include
- 386.** b. tractable means easily handled or managed; **stubborn** means difficult to handle or manage
- 387.** a. dexterous means skillful with the hands; **clumsy** means lacking dexterity, nimbleness, or grace
- 388.** c. to aerate means to supply with oxygen; to **suffocate** means to deprive of oxygen

- 389.** c. venerable means impressive by reason of age; **sophomoric** means poorly informed and immature
- 390.** d. rancor means bitter ill-will; one meaning of **accord** is balanced interrelationship, or harmony
- 391.** c. to daunt means to lessen the courage of; to **inspirit** means to give vigor or courage
- 392.** a. paucity means smallness of number; **excess** means ample quantity
- 393.** b. heedless means inconsiderate or thoughtless; **attentive** means heedful or mindful of the comfort of others
- 394.** d. to abound means to be present in great numbers; to **dwindle** means to become steadily less
- 395.** a. a confederate is an ally or accomplice; an **enemy** is an opponent
- 396.** c. resplendent means characterized by glowing splendor; **dowdy** means not neat or attractive in appearance, or shabby
- 397.** b. onerous means burdensome or troublesome, therefore **easy** is the most dissimilar
- 398.** c. sagacity means wisdom; **stupidity** means a lack of wisdom
- 399.** b. a dilettante is a person having a superficial interest in an art or branch or knowledge; a **professional** is a person who engages in a pursuit as a profession
- 400.** b. unalloyed means pure, therefore **impure** is the most dissimilar
- 401.** a. banner means distinguished from all others in excellence, or unforgettable, therefore **forgettable** is the most dissimilar
- 402.** d. discalced means barefoot; **shod** means wearing shoes

- 403.** b. scurrilous means given to using foul language, or crass; **decent** means conforming to standards of propriety
- 404.** d. pulchritudinous means marked by physical beauty; **unsightly** means not pleasing to the sight, or ugly
- 405.** c. dyspeptic means showing a sour disposition; **euphoric** means marked by feeling or well-being
- 406.** c. reliction means the gradual recession of water leaving the land dry; **flood** means the rising and overflow of a body of water onto dry land
- 407.** a. villenage means the peasant or commoner class; **nobility** means the noble class, or gentry
- 408.** a. craven means cowardly; **stalwart** means marked by outstanding strength or vigor
- 409.** a. prolix means unduly prolonged, therefore **brief** is the most dissimilar
- 410.** c. lambent means softly bright or radiant; **dull** means lacking in brightness or shine

12

Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

- 411.** heed
a. trek
b. consider
c. consolidate
d. bound

- 414.** appoint
a. score
b. discuss
c. nominate
d. ensure

- 412.** edge
a. diffuse
b. point
c. force
d. dissuade

- 415.** hoard
a. stockpile
b. burrow
c. mine
d. dessert

- 413.** elevate
a. lessen
b. mention
c. affix
d. hoist

- 416.** homogeneous
a. alike
b. strange
c. polite
d. alkaline

- 417.** hub
a. counsel
b. elder
c. center
d. extension
- 418.** tame
a. lost
b. evasive
c. pushy
d. submissive
- 419.** irk
a. shrug
b. irritate
c. devour
d. avoid
- 420.** loom
a. disappear
b. cut
c. surface
d. teach
- 421.** fitful
a. erratic
b. angry
c. tired
d. pronounced
- 422.** gaudy
a. massive
b. mindful
c. tasteful
d. flashy
- 423.** flaunt
a. conceal
b. parade
c. trust
d. fray
- 424.** flex
a. bend
b. binge
c. rid
d. consume
- 425.** tantalize
a. pronounce
b. reign
c. equal
d. flirt
- 426.** dastardly
a. devastating
b. cowardly
c. clever
d. munificent
- 427.** aficionado
a. novice
b. trickster
c. devotee
d. agent
- 428.** contiguous
a. catching
b. divided
c. adjoining
d. circumstantial

- 429.** swindler
a. charlatan
b. expert
c. divinity
d. debonair
- 430.** rogue
a. knave
b. wander
c. buffoon
d. color
- 431.** apologist
a. liar
b. defender
c. failure
d. admirer
- 432.** proxy
a. spasm
b. closeness
c. delegate
d. court
- 433.** buffet
a. protect
b. barricade
c. armoire
d. strike
- 434.** travesty
a. confusion
b. mockery
c. disaster
d. speculation
- 435.** bristle
a. aloof
b. seethe
c. wave
d. doubt
- 436.** admonish
a. laud
b. decorate
c. caution
d. admire
- 437.** wheedle
a. retreat
b. deceive
c. plead
d. question
- 438.** aplomb
a. mine
b. clumsiness
c. complication
d. poise
- 439.** aver
a. dissipate
b. create
c. hate
d. state
- 440.** mien
a. carriage
b. average
c. vicious
d. disguise

- 441.** paroxysm
a. conundrum
b. fit
c. contraction
d. spite
- 442.** aegis
a. superstition
b. reference
c. sponsorship
d. archive
- 443.** sepulture
a. burial
b. parasite
c. verse
d. sermon
- 444.** harridan
a. governor
b. vessel
c. witch
d. lawyer
- 445.** apothegm
a. medicine
b. adage
c. speculation
d. resistance
- 446.** grandiloquence
a. respect
b. bluster
c. denial
d. solemnity
- 447.** fulmination
a. explosion
b. recession
c. achievement
d. blessing
- 448.** pococurante
a. native
b. hot
c. blasé
d. hidden
- 449.** escarpment
a. warning
b. cliff
c. campsite
d. tomb
- 450.** plutocrat
a. banker
b. priest
c. judge
d. astronomer

Answers

- 411.** b. to heed means to pay attention to, or to **consider**
- 412.** a. to edge means to **force** or move gradually (as in to edge off the road)
- 413.** d. to elevate means to lift up, or raise; to **hoist** means to raise into position
- 414.** c. to appoint means to name officially, often to a position; to **nominate** means to appoint or propose for office
- 415.** a. to hoard means to gather a hidden supply; to **stockpile** means accumulate a reserve of something
- 416.** a. homogeneous means descended from the same ancestral type, or **alike**
- 417.** c. a hub is a **center** of activity
- 418.** d. tame means deficient in spirit or courage, or **submissive**
- 419.** b. to irk means to annoy or **irritate**
- 420.** c. to loom means to come into sight in enlarged or distorted form; to **surface** means to come to the surface or into view
- 421.** a. fitful means having intermittent or irregular character; **erratic** means lacking regularity
- 422.** d. gaudy means ostentatiously or tastelessly ornamented; **flashy** means ostentatious or showy
- 423.** b. to flaunt means to display ostentatiously or impudently; to **parade** means to exhibit ostentatiously

- 425.** d. to tantalize means to tease by presenting something desirable; to **flirt** means to behave amorously without serious intent
- 426.** b. dastardly means despicably mean or **cowardly**
- 427.** c. an aficionado is a fan, or a **devotee**
- 428.** c. contiguous means touching along a boundary or point; **adjoining** means joining at a point or line
- 429.** a. a swindler is a person who takes money or property through fraud or deceit; a **charlatan** is a person who pretends to have knowledge or ability, or a fraud
- 430.** a. a rogue is a dishonest person; a **knaves** is a tricky deceitful person
- 431.** b. an apologist is a person who writes or speaks in defense of a cause, or a **defender**
- 432.** c. a proxy is a person who has the power to act for another, or a **delegate**
- 433.** d. to buffet means to **strike** repeatedly
- 434.** b. a travesty is a distorted or grossly inferior imitation; a **mockery** is an insincere or contemptible imitation
- 435.** b. to bristle is to take on an aggressive or angry appearance; to **seethe** means to experience violent internal agitation
- 436.** c. to admonish means to express warning in a gentle manner, or to **caution**
- 437.** c. to wheedle means to influence using soft words or flattery; to **plead** means to entreat or appeal earnestly
- 438.** d. aplomb means complete composure or self-assurance, or **poise**

- 439.** d. to aver means to declare positively, or to **state**
- 440.** a. mien means appearance or demeanor; **carriage** means manner of holding one's body, or posture
- 441.** b. a paroxysm is an attack or convulsion, or a **fit**
- 442.** c. aegis means protection, or **sponsorship**
- 443.** a. sepulture means **burial**
- 444.** c. a harridan is a shrew, or a **witch**
- 445.** b. an apothegm is a short, pithy saying; an **adage** is a saying that embodies a common observation
- 446.** b. grandiloquence means lofty or pompous eloquence; one meaning of **bluster** is loudly boastful speech
- 447.** a. a fulmination is a sudden or loud noise, or an **explosion**
- 448.** c. pococurante means indifferent or nonchalant; **blasé** means apathetic to pleasure
- 449.** b. an escarpment is a long **cliff** or a steep slope
- 450.** a. a plutocrat is one who rules by virtue of wealth; a **banker** is one who engages in the business of finance

13

Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

451. subsequent

- a. aloof
- b. previous
- c. following
- d. dismissive

454. waive

- a. retain
- b. snub
- c. imprison
- d. display

452. abrupt

- a. continue
- b. laudable
- c. anticipated
- d. careless

455. erode

- a. compost
- b. clarify
- c. ignore
- d. restore

453. conserve

- a. waste
- b. silence
- c. liberal
- d. complicate

456. recall

- a. rebate
- b. demonstrate
- c. forget
- d. despise

- 457.** dormant
a. clever
b. active
c. dreamy
d. invisible
- 458.** procrastinate
a. lengthen
b. soothe
c. hurry
d. demolish
- 459.** docile
a. intelligent
b. unruly
c. unreachable
d. pale
- 460.** impromptu
a. rehearsed
b. bizarre
c. foolish
d. disarming
- 461.** denigrate
a. blame
b. hide
c. query
d. uphold
- 462.** bent
a. curved
b. disinclination
c. careful
d. lustrous
- 463.** solvent
a. soggy
b. confusing
c. broke
d. critical
- 464.** disconsolate
a. joyful
b. inhospitable
c. anguished
d. rude
- 465.** brusque
a. cold
b. opulent
c. gracious
d. suspect
- 466.** callow
a. kind
b. urbane
c. sensitive
d. gentle
- 467.** countenance
a. force
b. genuine
c. deny
d. verify
- 468.** cachet
a. release
b. explanation
c. thinness
d. ignominy

- 469.** evince
a. convince
b. hallow
c. hide
d. interpret
- 470.** vainglorious
a. horrible
b. fierce
c. greedy
d. modest
- 471.** iniquitous
a. virtuous
b. complacent
c. equal
d. virulent
- 472.** obstreperous
a. short
b. tame
c. strict
d. distant
- 473.** ebullient
a. aggressive
b. acrid
c. unjust
d. glum
- 474.** halcyon
a. obtrusive
b. advanced
c. tempestuous
d. unscientific
- 475.** imprimatur
a. servant
b. teacher
c. disapproval
d. rustic
- 476.** odium
a. fragrance
b. ease
c. admiration
d. trust
- 477.** mephitic
a. honest
b. healthy
c. simple
d. rural
- 478.** platitudinous
a. hilly
b. exhilarating
c. confounded
d. advantageous
- 479.** facultative
a. compulsory
b. insipid
c. pending
d. decisive
- 480.** persiflage
a. coddle
b. admiration
c. silence
d. clarity

Answers

- 451.** b. subsequent means following in time or order; **previous** means going before in time or order
- 452.** c. abrupt means occurring without warning, or sudden; **anticipated** means expected
- 453.** a. to conserve means to keep safe or preserve, which is the opposite of to **waste**
- 454.** a. to waive means to give up voluntarily; to **retain** means to keep
- 455.** d. to erode means to wear away; to **restore** means to bring back to an original state
- 456.** c. to recall means to remember, which is the opposite of to **forget**
- 457.** b. dormant means temporarily inactive, which is the opposite of **active**
- 458.** c. to procrastinate means to delay or put off, which is the opposite of to **hurry**
- 459.** b. docile means easily taught; **unruly** means not easily managed or disciplined
- 460.** a. impromptu means unplanned or unrehearsed; **rehearsed** means trained or practiced
- 461.** d. to denigrate means to deny the importance of something, or to belittle; to **uphold** means to support or to elevate
- 462.** b. a bent is a strong inclination or capacity; a **disinclination** is a slight aversion
- 463.** c. one meaning of solvent is able to pay all debts; **broke** means penniless

- 464.** a. disconsolate means cheerless or dejected, which is the opposite of **joyful**
- 465.** c. brusque means blunt in manner or speech to the point of being ungracious; **gracious** means marked by charm and good taste
- 466.** b. callow means unsophisticated; **urbane** means sophisticated
- 467.** c. to countenance means to extend approval or sanction; to **deny** means to refuse to grant
- 468.** d. cachet means prestige; **ignominy** means disgrace
- 469.** c. to evince means to display clearly or reveal, which is the opposite of to **hide**
- 470.** d. vainglorious means boastful, which is the opposite of **modest**
- 471.** a. iniquitous means wicked; **virtuous** means morally excellent
- 472.** b. obstreperous means stubbornly resistant to control or unruly; **tame** means docile or submissive
- 473.** d. ebullient means lively or enthusiastic; **glum** means dreary or gloomy
- 474.** c. halcyon means calm or peaceful; **tempestuous** means turbulent or stormy
- 475.** c. imprimatur means sanction or approval, therefore **disapproval** is the most dissimilar
- 476.** c. odium means hatred and condemnation; **admiration** means a feeling of delighted approval
- 477.** b. mephitic means relating to a foul, noxious exhalation from the earth; a mephitic environment would be unhealthy, so **healthy** is its opposite

- 478.** b. platitude means full of or characterized by banal, trite remarks; **exhilarating** means refreshing or exciting
- 479.** a. facultative means optional; **compulsory** means mandatory, or not optional
- 480.** c. persiflage means frivolous talk, therefore **silence** is the most dissimilar

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is the most similar or most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

481. beckon is most similar to

- a. light
- b. beg
- c. motion
- d. hear

484. idiom is most similar to

- a. stupidity
- b. recipe
- c. fastener
- d. expression

482. earnest is most dissimilar to

- a. cheap
- b. frivolous
- c. release
- d. civilized

485. accelerate is most dissimilar to

- a. delay
- b. risk
- c. monitor
- d. deny

483. execute is most similar to

- a. perform
- b. decide
- c. wonder
- d. dismiss

486. engross is most similar to

- a. fatten
- b. absorb
- c. disgust
- d. destroy

- 487.** impervious is most dissimilar to
- kind
 - disastrous
 - prone
 - perfect
- 488.** brood is most similar to
- wander
 - direction
 - progeny
 - tribe
- 489.** balk is most similar to
- crow
 - fight
 - distress
 - hamper
- 490.** conversant is most dissimilar to
- inexperienced
 - unprepared
 - shy
 - unpretentious
- 491.** staunch is most similar to
- faithful
 - strict
 - biased
 - political
- 492.** unctuous is most dissimilar to
- pliant
 - cruel
 - sincere
 - rubbery
- 493.** hubris is most similar to
- earth
 - pride
 - humility
 - sorrow
- 494.** bemuse is most dissimilar to
- depress
 - inspire
 - clarify
 - desire
- 495.** contrite is most similar to
- brief
 - malicious
 - banal
 - rueful
- 496.** beset is most similar to
- hector
 - decorate
 - establish
 - suspect
- 497.** penurious is most dissimilar to
- generous
 - lenient
 - injurious
 - relaxed
- 498.** perfidy is most similar to
- incompleteness
 - ideal
 - betrayal
 - braggart

- 499.** ascription is most similar to **501.** bagatelle is most similar to
- a. account
 - b. attribution
 - c. cure
 - d. description
- a. paste
 - b. bread
 - c. bauble
 - d. pirouette
- 500.** fustigate is most dissimilar to
- a. inveigle
 - b. investigate
 - c. explain
 - d. praise

Answers

- 481.** c. to beckon means to signal or summon with a wave or a nod; to **motion** means to gesture
- 482.** b. earnest means grave or serious; **frivolous** means lacking in seriousness
- 483.** a. one meaning of to execute is to carry out fully; one meaning of to **perform** is to carry out
- 484.** d. an idiom is an **expression** that is unique either grammatically or in meaning
- 485.** a. to accelerate means to cause to move faster; to **delay** means to move or act slowly
- 486.** b. to engross means to occupy completely; one meaning of to **absorb** is to engage or engross wholly
- 487.** c. impervious means to be incapable of being affected or disturbed; **prone** means having a tendency or inclination, or being likely
- 488.** c. a brood is the young of an animal or a family of young; **progeny** is the offspring of animals or plants
- 489.** d. one meaning of to balk is to check or to stop; to **hamper** means to impede or restrain
- 490.** a. conversant means having knowledge or experience with, therefore **inexperienced** is the most dissimilar
- 491.** a. staunch means steadfast in loyalty or principle, or **faithful**
- 492.** c. unctuous means marked by a smug or false earnestness, or insincere, therefore **sincere** is the most dissimilar
- 493.** b. hubris means exaggerated **pride** or self-confidence

- 494.** c. to bemuse means to make confused, or to bewilder; to **clarify** means to make free from confusion
- 495.** d. contrite means penitent for sin or failing; **rueful** means regretful
- 496.** a. to beset means to trouble or harass; to **hector** means to intimidate or harass
- 497.** a. penurious means given to extreme stinginess or frugality, which is the opposite of **generous**
- 498.** c. perfidy means an act of disloyalty, or **betrayal**
- 499.** b. ascription means the act of referring to a supposed cause, source, or author; **attribution** means the act of explaining by indicating a cause, or the act of ascribing a work to a particular author or artist
- 500.** d. to fustigate means to criticize severely, which is the opposite of to **praise**
- 501.** c. a bagatelle is a trifle (something of little value or importance); a **bauble** is a trinket or a trifle