

# SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

- Synonyms are the words which are similar to each other in meaning.
- Antonyms are the words which are opposite to each other in meaning.

## List of Important Words with their Synonyms and Antonyms

Word	Synonyms	Antonyms
Absolve	pardon, forgive	compel, accuse
Accord	agreement, harmony	disagreement, discord
Authentic	genuine, reliable	fictitious, unreal
Alien	foreigner, outsider	native, resident
Affront	provoke, irreverence	conciliate, mollify
Adversity	misfortune, calamity	prosperity, fortune
Amplify	enlarge, extend	lessen, contract
Admonish	counsel, reprove	approve, applaud
Adherent	follower, disciple	rival, adversary
Awkward	clumsy, rough	clever, apt
Abortive	vain, unproductive	effectual, productive
Brittle	delicate, fragile	tough, enduring
Bleak	dismal, gloomy	bright, pleasant
Barbarous	uncivilized, savage	cultured, humane
Baffle	frustrate, perplex	compose, facilitate
Contrary	dissimilar, conflicting	similar, alike
Contradict	deny, oppose	approve, confirm
Contempt	scorn, disregard	regard, praise
Consolidate	solidify, strengthen	separate, weaken
Consequence	effect, outcome	origin, start

*Synonyms and Antonyms are the words that are used to replace a word with its similar as well as opposite meaning word as to express a same or opposite idea.*

Word	Synonyms	Antonyms
Consent	agree, permit	object, disagree
Concede	yield, permit	deny, reject
Comprise	include, contain	reject, lack
Compassion	kindness, sympathy	cruelty, barbarity
Concur	approve, agree	differ, disagree
Chaste	virtuous, pure	sullied, lustful
Capable	competent, able	incompetent, inept
Captivate	charm, fascinate	disillusion, offend
Calamity	adversity, misfortune	happiness, fortune
Cavity	depth, depression	elevation, projection
Cease	terminate, desist	begin, originate
Disdain	detest, despise	approve, praise
Demolish	ruin, devastate	repair, construct
Delicious	palatable, tasteful	distasteful, unsavoury
Deliberate	cautious, intentional	rash, sudden
Defer	prolong, suspend	accelerate, expedite
Dedicate	devote, consecrate	refuse, negate
Decipher	interpret, reveal	misinterpret, distort
Decay	collapse, decompose	flourish, progress
Evident	obvious, apparent	obscure, concealed
Evade	avoid, elude	acknowledge, confront
Eternal	perpetual, endless	temporary, momentary
Esteem	respect, regard	ridicule, spurn
Eradicate	destroy, exterminate	secure, plant
Epitome	precise, example	increment, expansion
Enormous	colossal, mammoth	diminutive, negligible
Endeavour	undertake, aspire	cease, quit
Eliminate	expel, oust	restore, accept
Elevate	dignify, heighten	demote, denounce
Eccentric	strange, abnormal	natural, conventional
Fabricate	construct, produce	destroy, dismantle
Frivolous	petty, worthless	solemn, significant
Fragile	weak, infirm	enduring, tough
Forsake	desert, renounce	hold, maintain
Fluctuate	deflect, vacillate	stabilise, resolve
Flimsy	trifling, transparent	firm, tenacious
Feeble	weak, frail	strong, robust
Fantastic	fanciful, uncommon	ordinary, normal
Fanatical	narrow-minded, biased	liberal, tolerant
Fallacy	delusion, mistake	veracity, truth
Gracious	courteous, beneficent	rude, unforgiving
Gorgeous	magnificent, dazzling	dull, unpretentious

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Hypocrisy	deception, affectation	sincerity, honesty
Hideous	frightful, shocking	attractive, alluring
Hazard	Peril, danger	conviction, security
Haughty	arrogant, pompous	humble, submissive
Haphazard	random, unsorted	considered, arranged
Hamper	retard, prevent	promote, facilitate
Irrepressible	irresistible, unconfined	composed, hesitant
Invincible	unconquerable, impregnable	effeminate, languid
Intrinsic	genuine, fundamental	extraneous, incidental
Insolvent	indigent, destitute	wealthy, solvent
Inspid	tasteless, vapid	delicious, luscious
Inevitable	unavoidable, ascertained	unlikely, doubtful
Incompetent	inefficient, unskilled	dexterous, skilled
Impious	irreligious, unholy	pious, devout
Impartial	just, unbiased	prejudiced, biased
Impair	diminish, deteriorate	restore, revive
Immunity	prerogative, privilege	blame, censure
Immerse	submerge, involve	emerge, uncover
Immense	huge, enormous	puny, insignificant
Justify	defend, exculpate	impute, arraign
Just	honest, impartial	unequal, unfair
Judicious	thoughtful, prudent	irrational, foolish
Keen	sharp, poignant	vapid, insipid
Luxuriant	profuse, abundant	scanty, meagre
Lure	attract, entice	repel, dissuade
Lucid	sound, rational	obscure, hidden
Listless	indifferent, inattentive	brisk, attentive
Liberal	magnanimous, generous	stingy, malicious
Liable	accountable, bound	unaccountable, apt to
Lenient	compassionate, merciful	cruel, severe
Lavish	abundant, excessive	scarce, deficient
Mutual	joint, identical	separate, distinct
Momentous	notable, eventful	trivial, insignificant
Modest	humble, courteous	arrogant, pompous
Mitigate	alleviate, relieve	augment, enhance
Minute	diminutive, miniature	large, colossal
Numerous	profuse, various	scarce, deficient
Nullify	cancel, annul	confirm, uphold
Novice	tyro, beginner	veteran, ingenious
Outrage	offence, maltreatment	praise, favour
Outbreak	eruption, insurrection	compliance, subjection
Ornamental	decorative, adorned	unseemly, plain

Word	Synonyms	Antonyms
Ordain	order, impose	revoke, abolish
Opaque	obscure, shady	transparent, bright
Offspring	descendant, sibling	ancestor, forefather
Offensive	abhorrent, arrogant	docile, compliant
Obvious	evident, apparent	obscure, ambiguous
Obstruct	impede, prevent	hasten, encourage
Prudent	cautious, discreet	impetuous, unwise
Provoke	inflame, incite	pacify, comfort
Profuse	lavish, abundant	scarce, scanty
Prodigy	miracle, marvel	normal, average
Premature	precocious, untimely	belated, opportune
Precarious	doubtful, insecure	assured, undeniable
Pompous	haughty, arrogant	unpretentious, humble
Peerless	matchless, unrivalled	mediocre, commonplace
Paramount	foremost, eminent	trivial, inferior
Pamper	flatter, indulge	deny, disparage
Placid	tranquil, calm	turbulent, hostile
Quaint	queer, strange	familiar, usual
Questionable	dubious, disputable	reliable, authentic
Reverence	respect, esteem	disrespect, affront
Ratify	consent, approve	deny, dissent
Ravage	destroy, ruin	reconstruct, renovate
Redeem	recover, liberate	conserve, lose
Ruthless	remorseless, inhumane	compassionate, lenient
Remote	inaccessible, farther	adjoining, adjacent
Remorse	regret, penitence	ruthlessness, obduracy
Resentment	displeasure, wrath	content, cheer
Superficial	partial, shallow	profound, discerning
Substantial	considerable, solid	tenuous, fragile
Subsequent	consequent, following	preceding, previous
Scanty	scarce, insufficient	lavish, multitude
Shrewd	cunning, crafty	simple, imbecile
Solicit	entreat, implore	protest, oppose
Slander	defame, malign	applaud, approve
Shabby	miserable, impoverished	prosperous, thriving
Saucy	impudent, insolent	modest, humble
Trivial	trifling, insignificant	significant, important
Transient	temporal, transitory	lasting, enduring
Timid	diffident, coward	bold, intrepid
Temperate	cool, moderate	boisterous, violent
Tedious	wearisome, irksome	exhilarating, lively
Taboo	prohibit, ban	permit, consent

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Vulgar	inelegant, offensive	elegant, civil
Volatile	light, changing	heavy, ponderous
Vanity	conceit, pretension	modesty, humility
Vigilant	cautious, alert	careless, negligent
Valid	genuine, authentic	fallacious, deceptive
Wicked	vicious, immoral	virtuous, noble
Yoke	connect, harness	liberate, release
Yield	surrender, abdicate	resist, protest
Yearn	languish, crave	content, satisfy
Zest	delight, enthusiasm	disgust, passive
Zenith	summit, apex	nadir, base
Zeal	eagerness, fervour	apathy, lethargy
Zig-zag	oblique, wayward	straight, unbent

## PRACTICE EXERCISE

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 1-10) *Choose the appropriate synonym of the words given below.*

1. Tired

- (a) Hopeful (b) Sick  
(c) Energetic (d) Sleepy

2. Happy

- (a) Unfortunate (b) Joyful  
(c) Sad (d) Worried

3. Messy

- (a) Dirty (b) Tidy  
(c) Spotless (d) Clean

4. Center

- (a) Right (b) Left  
(c) Middle (d) Above

5. Brief

- (a) Short (b) Small  
(c) Limited (d) Little

6. Costly

- (a) Cheap  
(b) Expensive  
(c) Inexpensive  
(d) Money

7. Eligible

- (a) False (b) Actual  
(c) Unsuitable (d) Qualified

8. Guest

- (a) Host  
(b) Visitor  
(c) Landlord  
(d) Practical

9. Famous

- (a) Unpopular (b) Fictitious  
(c) Well-known (d) Unknown

10. Wicked

- (a) Shy (b) Insane  
(c) Loyal (d) Evil

**Directions** (Q. Nos. 11-20) *Choose the appropriate antonym of the words given below.*

**11. Clean**

- (a) Tidy (b) Old  
(c) Broken (d) Dirty

**12. Stay**

- (a) Wait (b) Sit  
(c) Remain (d) Leave

**13. Quiet**

- (a) Speechless (b) Silent  
(c) Mute (d) Noisy

**14. Beautiful**

- (a) Wonderful (b) Graceful  
(c) Ugly (d) Handsome

**15. Modern**

- (a) Update (b) Recent  
(c) Current (d) Ancient

**16. Divided**

- (a) United (b) Dignified  
(c) Separated (d) Isolated

**17. Mighty**

- (a) Ferocious  
(b) Forceful  
(c) Weak  
(d) Tough

**18. Busy**

- (a) Relaxed (b) Occupied  
(c) Engaged (d) Lazy

**19. Gain**

- (a) Lost (b) Loose (c) Fall (d) Loss

**20. Shy**

- (a) Bold  
(b) Reserved  
(c) Odd  
(d) Nervous

## Answers

1	(d)	2	(b)	3	(a)	4	(c)	5	(a)	6	(b)	7	(d)	8	(b)	9	(c)	10	(d)
11	(d)	12	(d)	13	(d)	14	(c)	15	(d)	16	(a)	17	(c)	18	(a)	19	(d)	20	(a)