

CHAPTER

01

SYNONYM, ANTONYM AND WORD-MEANING

In examination, there is no any direct question asked from this chapter but the **Comprehension section** contains 2-3 questions based on antonyms, synonyms and word meaning. Hence, this chapter is given for practice purpose.

Synonyms

Synonyms are the words which are similar to each other in meaning. e.g.

- **Wise** Its synonyms are humorous, prudent, learned, well-read etc.
- **Wrong** Its synonyms are erroneous, incorrect, inaccurate etc.

Some Important Synonyms

<i>Word</i>	<i>Synonyms</i>
Alien	Foreigner, Outsider
Absolve	Pardon, Forgive
Advice	Suggestion, Counsel
Abandon	Leave, Desert
Attain	Gain, Acquire
Avoid	Ignore, Shun
Ability	Capacity, Skill
Acknowledge	Admit, Confess
Aid	Help, Relief
Apology	Pardon, Excuse
Anger	Fury, Rage
Adept	Proficient, Expert
Ban	Prohibit, Debar

<i>Word</i>	<i>Synonyms</i>
Belated	Delayed, Overdue
Bias	Partiality, Favouritism
Confess	Admit
Contradict	Deny, Oppose
Consent	Agree, Permit
Calamity	Adversity, Misfortune
Cavity	Depth, Hole
Demolish	Ruin, Devastate
Delicious	Palatable, Tasteful
Dedicate	Devote, Consecrate
Deceit	Deception, Artifice
Dearth	Lack, Shortage
Dull	Stupid, Drab

Word	Synonyms
Damage	Harm, Hurt
Evident	Obvious, Apparent
Esteem	Respect
Eradicate	Destroy, Exterminate
Endeavour	Undertake, Aspire
Fragile	Weak, Infirm
Fluctuate	Deflect
Exact	Accurate, Right
Fantastic	Fanciful, Uncommon
Gorgeous	Magnificent, Dazzling
Gloom	Darkness
Hazard	Presumption, Danger
Harass	Irritable, Molest
Hardship	Misfortune, Difficulty
Horror	Terrible, Fear
Hurdle	Difficulty, Problem
Genuine	Actual
Bold	Fearless
Prize	Award
Idle	Lazy
Keen	Clever
Strange	Odd
Praise	Admire
Trust	Faith
Postpone	Delay
Variety	Diversity
Guarantee	Assure
Quarrel	Dispute
Pray	Beg
Idle	Lazy
Outbreak	Eruption
Ornamental	Decorative, Adorned
Offensive	Abhorrent, Arrogant
Panic	Fear, Restlessness
Quit	Leave, Abandon
Regard	Respect, Esteem
Rival	Competitor, Opponent
Raise	Increase, Lift

Word	Synonyms
Recover	Regain, Obtain
Release	Free, Liberate
Reliable	Trustworthy, Dependable
Realize	Accomplish, Fulfil
Significant	Distinctive, Important
Separate	Part, Divide
Simple	Plain, Natural
Summary	Synopsis, Substance
Sacred	Holy, Consecrated
Gift	Present
Grief	Sorrow
Struggle	Strive
Variety	Diversity
Lucky	Fortunate
Struggle	Fight, Battle
Summit	Top, Peak
Seize	Capture, Arrest
Temper	Mood, Nature
Tasty	Delicious, Palatable
Thin	Slim, Slender
Thick	Dense, Compact
Target	Goal, Object
Tedious	Boring, Dull
Timid	Cowardly, Shy
Trust	Faith, Confidence
Unique	Unequalled, Matchless
Urge	Solicit, Plead
Understanding	Insight, Perception
Variety	Assortment, Diversify
Valid	Authorised, Legitimate
Various	Several, Many
Vague	Nuclear, Indefinite
Vivid	Living, Real
Vigour	Energy, Force
Victory	Conguest, Success
Venture	Dare, Risk
Withhold	Retrain, Detain

Antonyms

Antonyms are the words which are opposite to each other in meaning. e.g.

- **Wise** Its antonyms are foolish, silly, stupid etc.
- **Wrong** Its antonyms are right, correct, accurate etc.

Some Important Antonyms

<i>Word</i>	<i>Antonyms</i>
Active	Passive, Inactive
Assemble	Scatter, Disperse
Ancient	Modern, Recent, Contemporary
Adversity	Prosperity, Good fortune
Ascent	Descent, Decline
Acceptance	Rejection, Disagreement, Refusal
Absolute	Partial, Compliant
Angel	Devil, Demon
Always	Never
Awake	Sleep
Above	Below
Attack	Defend
Agree	Disagree
Bless	Curse, Denounce
Broad	Narrow, Limited
Buy	Sell, Bargain
Blunt	Sharp, Acute
Busy	Idle, Lazy
Beautiful	Ugly, Awful
Bravery	Cowardice, Timidity
Beneficial	Harmful, Destructive
Barren	Fertile, Productive
Boon	Bane, Curse
Better	Worse, Poor
Bold	Meek, Coward
Bitter	Sweet, Delicious
Begin	End
Before	After
Bad	Good
Big	Small
Buy	Sell
Beautiful	Ugly
Black	White
Blunt	Sharp
Cheerful	Gloomy, Sad, Morose

<i>Word</i>	<i>Antonyms</i>
Complicated	Simple, Smooth, Straight forward
Confess	Deny, Renounce, Decline
Compare	Contrast, Divergence
Courageous	Timid, Modest
Cursed	Blessed, Glorified, Sacred
Creation	Destruction, Elimination
Civilised	Uncivilised, Wild
Cause	Effect, Consequence
Cruel	Kind, Generous, Cordial
Contradict	Approve, Confirm
Contempt	Regard, Praise
Consolidate	Separate, Weak
Consequence	Origin, Start
Consent	Object, Disagree
Compassion	Cruelty, Barbarity
Caricature	Exactness, Precision
Captivity	Freedom, Liberty
Calamity	Happiness, Fortune
Cold	Hot
Clever	Foolish
Come	Go
Deprive	Restore, Renew
Demolish	Repair, Construct
Delicious	Distasteful, Unsavoury
Dedicate	Refuse, Negate
Dirty	Clean
Day	Night
Dry	Wet
Difficult	Easy
Direct	Indirect
Eliminate	Restore, Accept
Extreme	Normal, Balanced
Early	Late
Empty	Full

Word	Antonyms
Enjoy	Suffer
Evening	Morning
Fragile	Enduring, Tough
Fantastic	Ordinary, Normal
Fail	Pass
False	True
Far	Near
Fast	Slow
Friend	Enemy
Fat	Slim
Forget	Remember
Gracious	Rude, Unforgiving
Gorgeous	Dull, Unpretentious
Guilty	Innocent
Hazard	Conviction, Security
Harass	Assist, Comfort
Happy	Sad
Honest	Dishonest
Import	Export, Send out
Increase	Decrease, Lesser
Innocent	Guilty, Condemned
Initial	Final, Subordinate
Inhale	Exhale, Breathe out
In	Out
Junior	Senior, Major, Superior
Justice	Injustice, Maltreatment
Joy	Sorrow, Anguish, Pain
Junior	Senior
Known	Unknown, Mysterious, Anonymous
Knowledge	Ignorance, Illiteracy
Kind	Cruel, Brutal, Atrocious
Literate	Illiterate, Ignorant
Logical	Illogical, Unreasonable
Lack	Abundance, Ample, Surplus
Laugh	Cry, Weep bitterly, Shed tears
Love	Hate
Life	Death
Material	Spiritual, Divine, Sacred

Word	Antonyms
Maximum	Minimum, Least possible
Miser	Spendthrift, Big spender, Prodigal
Merit	Demerit, Fault
Mature	Immature, Childish, Premature
Mad	Sane, Wise
Natural	Unnatural, Artificial
Native	Foreign, Alien, Unfamiliar
Noise	Quiet, Reticent, Peaceful
New	Old
Narrow	Wide
Oral	Written, Recorded
Offer	Refuse, Deny
Order	Disorder, Chaos, Clutter
Optimistic	Pessimistic, Gloomy
Old	Young, New
Obey	Disobey
Open	Close
Pride	Shame, Embarrassment
Poor	Rich
Presence	Absence
Possible	Impossible
Pure	Impure
Profit	Loss
Permanent	Temporary
Punish	Reward
Remote	Adjoining, Adjacent
Rude	Polite
Sweet	Sour
Soft	Hard
Tired	Rested, Energised, Refreshed
Timid	Bold, Intrepid
Temperate	Boisterous, Violent
Useful	Useless
Up	Down
Vulgar	Elegant, Civil
Victory	Defeat
Weak	Strong
Zenith	Nadir, Base

Word-Meaning

Following are the list of some important words with their meanings

Word	Meaning
Abandon	Quit
Abolish	Cancel
Accomplish	Achieve
Admire	Appreciate
Adventurous	Bold, Daring
Affection	Attachment, Fondness
Agree	Accept
Amazing	Fabulous
Biased	Unfair, Unjust
Blunt	Short
Calm	Quiet, Peaceful
Casual	Informal
Certainty	Sureness
Cheater	Scammer
Compile	Assemble
Complain	Grieve
Conceal	Hide
Courteous	Polite, Attentive
Deadly	Mortal, Ghastly
Decline	Dismiss
Depart	Leave

Word	Meaning
Diminish	Decrease
Erase	Delete
Expensive	Costly
Familiar	Friendly
Flexible	Supple, Ductile
Foe	Enemy
Loyal	Faithful
Merge	Mix
Moderate	Mild, Temperate
Mute	Silent
Neglect	Ignore
Obsolete	Useless
Original	Genuine
Precise	Specific, Accurate
Prohibit	Ban
Prosperous	Flourishing
Regard	Concern
Reliable	Trustworthy
Respect	Prestige
Usual	General
Widen	Expand