

Vocabulary

Synonyms and Antonyms

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

- (i) 'Hardworking' and 'Diligent' are synonyms as they both mean tending to work with energy and confidence.
- (ii) 'Joy' and 'Pleasure' are synonyms as they both mean a feeling of happiness.

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

- (i) 'Brave' is the antonym of 'timid' as timid means showing a lack of courage while brave means courageous.
- (ii) 'Dull' is the antonym of bright as 'Bright' means cheerful or shining while dull means boring or gloomy.

List of words with their Synonyms and Antonyms

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
Abandon	Cease, Forsake	Continue
Abhor	Hate, Loathe, Detest	Like, Love
Abiding	Enduring, Durable	Fleeting
Able	Proficient, Competent	Incompetent, Unfit
Ability	Skill, Power	Disability, Inability
Abortive	Fruitless, Futile	Fruitful, Successful
Abolish	Destroy, Undo	Restore, Revive
Abridge	Shorten, Curtail	Lengthen, Expand
Absolve	Forgive, Pardon, Excuse	Condemn
Accelerate	Hasten	Retard
Accord	Agreement, Harmony	Discord, Disagreement
Accumulate	Collect, Store, Amass	Distribute, Scatter
Adamant	Hard, Inflexible	Flexible
Adversity	Misfortune, Distress	Prosperity
Adept	Expert, Skillful	Inexpert, Unskillful
Aggravate	Heighten, Intensify	Quell, Suppress

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
Agile	Nimble	Clumsy, Undeft
Alert	Vigilant	Heedless
Allay	Calm, Soothe, Assuage	Arouse
Ameliorate	Improve, Advance, Amend	Worsen, Deteriorate
Ambiguous	Vague, Unclear	Clear
Amiable	Lovable, Agreeable	Disagreeable
Annihilate	Destroy	Create
Arduous	Hard, Strenuous	Easy
Attacks	Assault	Defend
Audacity	Boldness	Cowardice
Auspicious	Favourable, Propitious, Lucky	Ominous, Inauspicious, Unlucky
Austere	Harsh, Severe, Rigorous	Easy-going
Authentic	True, Genuine	Spurious, False
Avarice	Greed	Generosity
Averse	Unwilling Loath, Disinclined	Willing, Inclined
Aversion	Hostility, Hatred	Affinity, Liking
Base	Low, Mean, Ignoble	Noble, Exalted
Boisterous	Noisy, Stormy	Calm, Quiet
Brave	Courageous, Daring, Bold, Plucky	Cowardly, Dastardly, Timid
Brief	Short, Concise, Laconic	Lengthy, Diffuse
Bright	Vivid, Radiant	Dull, Dark
Brutal	Savage, Cruel	Humane, Kindly
Callous	Hard, Cruel, Indifferent	Soft, Tender, Concerned
Cautious	Careful, Wary	Rash, Reckless, Foolhardy
Censure (n)	Blame, Condemnation	Praise
Censure (vb)	Blame, Condemn	Praise, Commend
Circumscribed	Restricted, Confined, Limited	Unconfined, Unrestricted
Civil	Polite, Courteous, Gracious, Urbane	Rude, Uncivil, Impolite, Ungracious
Coerce	Compel, Force	Volunteer
Compassionate	Pitiful, Sympathetic, Merciful	Unsympathetic, Merciless, Cruel
Compress	Condense, Abbreviate	Expand, Lengthen
Conspicuous	Noticeable, Manifest	Inconstant, Variable
Constant	Steady, Steadfast, Uniform	Inconspicuous
Cordial	Friendly, Warm, Hearty	Cold, Unfriendly
Covert	Hidden, Secret	Overt, Open
Cruel	Savage, Ruthless, Vicious	Kind, Gentle, Benevolent
Cursory	Rapid, Superficial	Thorough, Exhaustive, Intensive
Credible	Believable, Probable, Plausible	Incredible, Unbelievable, Fantastic
Crafty	Cunning, Sly	Artless, Simple, Ingenuous
Costly	Expensive, Dear	Cheap, Inexpensive
Confidence	Trust, Reliance	Distrust, Doubt

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
Death	Decease, Demise	Existence, Life
Dearth	Scarcity, Lack, Want, Paucity, Shortage	Plenty, Abundance
Decay	Dissolution, Decline, Decomposition	Regeneration
Deference	Respect, Reverence	Disrespect, Irreverence
Deficient	Lacking, Inadequate	Complete, Sufficient
Desolate	Lonely, Deserted	Crowded, Occupied
Destitute	Wanting, Needy	Rich, Affluent
Diligence	Industry, Perseverance	Idleness
Disgrace	Dishonour, Discredit	Honour, Credit
Dwindle	Decrease, Shrink	Grow, Increase
Earthly	Terrestrial, Mundane	Celestial, Heavenly, Unearthly
Eligible	Qualified, Suitable	Ineligible, Unsuitable
Emancipate	Liberate, Free	Enslave
Excited	Impassioned, Stimulated	Composed, Cool, Impassive
Extraordinary	Uncommon, Remarkable, Marvelous	Commonplace, Ordinary
Extravagant	Lavish, Prodigal, Wastrel, Spendthrift	Thrifty, Economical, Frugal
Fabricate	Construct, Make	Destroy
Fabulous	Fictitious, Mythical	Actual, Real
False	Untrue, Mendacious	True, Genuine
Famous	Well-known, Renowned	Obscure, Unknown
Fantastic	Fanciful, Imaginative, Visionary	Practical, Down to earth
Fearful	Nervous, Anxious, Afraid, Scared	Fearless, Dauntless
Felicity	Happiness	Sorrow
Gaiety	Joyousness, Hilarity	Mournting, Dullness
Garrulous	Talkative, Loquacious	Taciturn, Silent, Reserved
Generous	Liberal, Magnanimous	Stingy, Miserly
Gigantic	Huge, Colossal	Minute, Small
Graphic	Vivid, Pictorial, Meaningful	Vague
Guest	Visitor	Host
Guile	Fraud, Trickery	Artlessness, Ingenuousness
Gratitude	Gratefulness	Ingratitude, Ungratefulness
Gratuitous	Voluntary, Spontaneous, Unwarranted	Involuntary, Forced
Hamper	Hinder, Obstruct	Facilitate, Ease
Haughty	Arrogant, Proud	Humble, Modest
Hazardous	Dangerous, Perilous	Safe, Secure, Protected
Hope	Belief, Conviction, Expectation	Despair, Hopelessness
Improvident	Prodigal, Carelessness	Provident, Economical
Incessant	Unceasing, Continuous	Discontinuous
Indolent	Slothful, Lethargic	Active, Energetic
Joy	Delight, Pleasure	Sadness, Gloom

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
Jolly	Jovial, Merry	Gloomy, Sad
Judicious	Discreet, Prudent	Indiscreet, Injudicious
Knowledge	Enlightenment, Learning	Ignorance, Stupidity
Laborious	Industrious, Assiduous	Slothful, Lazy
Laxity	Slackness, Looseness	Firmness
Lenient	Mild, Forbearing	Strict, Stern
Lethal	Deadly, Fatal, Mortal	Life-giving, Vital, Vivifying
Liberal	Generous, Tolerant	Intolerant, Illiberal
Liberty	Freedom, Independence	Slavery, Bondage
Lively	Animated, Active	Dull, Listless
Loyal	Faithful, Devoted	Treacherous, Disloyal, Unfaithful
Lucky	Fortunate	Unlucky, Unfortunate
Lucrative	Profitable	Unprofitable
Magnanimous	Generous, Largehearted	Ungenerous, Stingy
Malady	Illness, Ailment	Health
Manifest	Noticeable, Obvious	Obscure, Puzzling
Meagre	Small	Plentiful, Large
Mean	Low, Abject	Noble, Exalted
Mendacious	False, Untruthful	Truthful
Misery	Sorrow, Distress	Happiness, Joy
Morbid	Sick, Diseased	Healthy
Mournful	Sorrowful, Sad	Joyful, Happy
Negligent	Careless, Heedless	Careful
Notorious	Infamous, Disreputable	Reputable
Obedient	Submissive, Compliant, Docile	Disobedient, Recalcitrant, Wayward
Obsolete	Antiquated, Out-of-Date	Current, Modern
Opportune	Timely, Seasonable	Inopportune
Opulence	Wealth, Riches	Penury, Poverty
Onerous	Heavy, Burdensome	Light, Easy
Palatable	Tasty, Delicious	Unpalatable
Pathetic	Touching	Joyous, Cheery
Persuade	Urge, Induce	Dissuade
Praise (n)	Applause, Eulogy	Condemnation
Precarious	Risky, Uncertain	Safe, Certain
Pretence	Pretext, Excuse	Candour, Frankness
Propagate	Breed, Circulate	Terminate, Restrict
Quaint	Odd, Singular	Usual, Ordinary
Quell	Suppress, Subdue	Agitate, Arouse
Rare	Uncommon, Scarce	Common, Ordinary
Refined	Polished, Elegant	Crude, Coarse

Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
Remote	Distant	Near, Close
Renown	Fame Reputation	Infamy, Notoriety
Rigid	Stiff Unyielding	Flexible, Yielding
Remorseful	Regretful, Repentant	Unrepentant
Rebellion	Revolt, Mutiny, Insurgency	Loyalty
Scared	Holy, Consecrated	Profane, Unholy
Sane	Sensible, Sound	Insane
Scold	Chide, Rebuke	Praise
Serious	Grave, Earnest	Frivolous
Shy	Bashful	Bold, Impudent
Simple	Plain, Artless	Complex, Cunning, Shrewd
Solitary	Single, Lonely, Secluded	Numerous, Multitude
Shallow	Superficial	Deep
Solace	Comfort, Relief	Discomfort, Grief
Spurious	Sham, False	Genuine, Authentic
Stagnant	Still, Motionless	Moving
Surplus	Excess	Deficit, Shortage
Tame	Gentle, Mild, Domesticated	Savage, Wild
Teacher	Instructor, Educator	Student, Pupil
Tedious	Wearisome, Monotonous	Agreeable, Lively
Temporal	Worldly, Secular	Spiritual
Temperate	Moderate	Immoderate, Intemperate
Tortuous	Winding, Circuitous	Straight, Direct
Tough	Hard, Strong	Tender, Soft, Flexible
Transient	Temporary, Fleeting	Lasting, Durable, Permanent
Trustworthy	Reliable	Unreliable, Untrustworthy
Tranquil	Calm	Agitated
Ugly	Unsightly, Repulsive	Beautiful, Attractive
Useful	Advantageous, Serviceable	Useless
Vehemence	Passion, Force	Apathy, Indifference
Vindictive	Revengeful	Forgiving
Wholesome	Healthy	Unwholesome, Morbid, Unhealthy, Diseased
Wicked	Evil, Impious	Pious, Good
Wise	Sagacious, Erudite	Foolish, Stupid
Wrath	Anger, Fury, Rage	Love, Peace, Calm
Wreck	Ruin, Destroy	Create, Construct
Yield	Surrender, Submit	Resist, Revolt
Yielding	Submissive, Supple	Inflexible, Intractable
Yoke	Oppression, Bondage	Freedom
Zeal	Passion, Fervour	Apathy, Indifference
Zest	Relish, Enthusiasm	Distaste, Disrelish

One Word Substitution

‘**One word Substitution**’ is one of an essential part of the vocabulary. It is asked in various competitive exams. It simply means that a sentence is replaced with a single word. One requires a good vocabulary to solve the questions. e.g. The life history of a person written by himself can be substituted with ‘autobiography’.

Some Commonly Used One Word Substitutions

- **Agenda**—a list of headings of the business to be transacted at a meeting
- **Amphibian**—animals which live both on land and sea
- **Anthology**—a collection of poems
- **Anthropologist**—one, who studies the evolution of mankind
- **Aquatic**—animals/plants which live in water
- **Archives**—a place where government or public records are kept
- **Aristocracy**—government by the nobles.
Astronomer a person, who studies stars, planets and other heavenly bodies
- **Astrologer**—a person who studies the influence of heavenly bodies on human beings
- **Atheist**—a person who does not believe in God
- **Audience**—a number of people listening to a lecture
- **Autobiography**—the life history of a person written by himself
- **Axiom**—a statement which is accepted as true without proof
- **Bibliophile**—a lover and collector of books
- **Biennial**—an event which happens once in 2 years
- **Bouquet**—a collection of flowers
- **Carnivorous**—one who lives on flesh
- **Calligraphist**—a person, who writes beautiful handwriting
- **Cardiologist**—a person who is specialist in heart diseases
- **Cartographer**—one who draws maps
- **Chauffeur**—one who is employed to drive a motorcar
- **Choreographer**—one who teaches dancing
- **Cloak room**—a place for luggage at railway station
- **Crèche**—a nursery where children are cared for while their parents are at work
- **Curator**—a person in charge of a museum
- **Edible**—fit to be eaten
- **Encyclopedia**—a book that contains information on various subjects
- **Fatal**—causing death
- **Fauna**—the animals of a certain region
- **Feminist**—one who works for the welfare of the women
- **Flora**—the plants of a particular region
- **Florist**—one who deals in flowers
- **Fragile**—easily broken
- **Hangar**—a place for housing airplanes
- **Herbivorous**—one who lives on herbs
- **Hive**—a place for bees
- **Horticulture**—the art of cultivating and managing gardens
- **Horizon**—a line at which the earth and the sky seem to meet
- **Insolvent/Bankrupt**—a person who is unable to pay his debts
- **Inaudible**—a sound that cannot be heard
- **Inaccessible**—that cannot be easily approached
- **Illegible**—incapable of being read
- **Invigilator**—one who supervises in the examination hall
- **Infirmity**—a home or room used for ill or injured people
- **Infanticide**—murder of an infant
- **Infantry**—soldiers who fight on foot
- **Inflammable**—liable to catch fire easily
- **Linguist**—one who is skilled in foreign languages
- **Mortuary**—a place where dead bodies are kept for post mortem
- **Martyr**—one who dies for a noble cause

- **Maiden speech**–the first speech delivered by a person
- **Mint**–a place where coins are made
- **Mammals**–animals which give milk
- **Namesake**–a person having same name as another
- **Optimist**–a person who looks at the brighter side of things
- **Orphan**–one who has lost parents
- **Omnipresent**–one who is present everywhere
- **Omnipotent**–one who is all powerful
- **Omniscient**–one who knows everything
- **Opaque**–that which cannot be seen through
- **Orphanage**–a home for orphans
- **Omnivorous**–one who eats everything
- **Pessimist**–a person who looks at the darker side of things
- **Potable**–fit to drink
- **Post mortem**–an examination of dead body
- **Panacea**–a remedy for all diseases
- **Pediatrician**–a person who is specialist in child diseases
- **Pedestrian**–one who goes on foot
- **Portable**–that can be carried easily
- **Suicide**–murder of oneself
- **Stable**–a place for horses
- **Sanatorium**–a place for the sick to recover health
- **Transparent**–that which can be seen through
- **Uxoricide**–murder of wife
- **Volunteer**–one who offers one’s services
- **Versatile**–interested in and clever at many different things
- **Wardrobe**–a place for clothes

Animals and Birds	Babies
Hen	chick
Duck	duckling
Cat	kitten
Dog	puppy
Frog	tadpole
Butterfly	caterpillar
Buffalo/Cow	calf
Spider	spiderling
Pig	piglet
Owl	owlet
Kangaroo	joey

Animals and Birds	Babies
Goat	kid
Rabbit	kit
Deer	fawn
Sheep	Lamb
Donkey	foal
Horse	colt
Lion	cub
Monkey	infant
Tiger	cub
Giraffe	calf
Fish	fry

Homonyms and Homophones

Homonyms are two words that are spelled the same and sound the same but have different meanings. The word “homonym” comes from the prefix “homo”, which means the same and the suffix “-nym”, which means name. Therefore, a homonym is a word that has the same name as

another word, meaning that the two words look and sound exactly alike.

- e.g.
1. Address – to speak to
Address – location
 2. Match – to pair like items
Match – a stick for making a flame

Homophones are words that are pronounced the same but they have different meanings and are usually spelled differently as well. They usually occur in groups of two but sometimes they can be three or four in a group. It's important to recognise and identify the most common homophones because the spelling can change the entire meaning of a sentence.

- e.g. 1. **Accept** - to agree to take
 Except - excluding
 2. **Any way** - by a choice of methods
 Anyway - in any case or nevertheless

List of Some Important Homophones

- **All** (everything) All the society members you invited have attended the function.
Awl (a small point tool) I have carved the wood with an awl.
- **Ail** (troubles) Mental agony ails her mother.
ale (kind of beer) They always have ale with dinner.
- **Altar** (platform for worship) Sacrifices were offered on the altar.
Alter (to change) Alter the dress as it doesn't fit me.
- **Aloud** (noisily) Do not talk aloud in hospital.
Allowed (permitted) The teacher allowed the students to go out in the park.
- **Ascent** (The action of going up) Edmond Hillary made his ascent on Mount Everest first.
Assent (approval) The Finance Minister gave his assent to the bill.
- **Advice** (counsel) He gave an advice to his son to join army.
Advise (To give counsel) Teacher advised all the students to study hard.
- **Adapt** (To fit) Sachin found difficult to adapt in England.
Adopt (accept one as son) Ira wants to adopt a child.
- **Birth** (Born) She gave birth to a female child.
Berth (With bed) I reserved 5 berths for my family.
- **Bare** (empty) He went bare footedly.
Bear (carry) You have to bear the inconvenience.
- **Bail** (on condition let out) He was let on bail.
Bale (bundle) The cotton bale was loaded in the lorry.
- **Ball** (football) I am watching football.
Bawl (shouted) The angry man bawled at me.
- **Brake** (stop) The drive applied the brake.
Break (make into pieces) He tried to break the fused bulb.
- **Beech** (a kind of tree) We sat under the shade in the beech.
Beach (sea shore) Children were playing in the beach.
- **Base** (bottom, foundation) The base of the tower is broad.
- **Bass** (notes for singing) He sang with base notes.
- **Bolder** (more courageous) Abdul is bolder than Rahim.
Boulder (a large smooth rock) There was a boulder blocking the path.
- **Boarder** (a pupil who lives at a boarding school) Robert was studying as a boarder.
Border (Line dividing two countries) There is always a dispute about the Indo-China border.
- **Born** (come to life) James was born in London.
Borne (carried) She had borne the child.
- **Beat** (to strike) Do not beat a baby.
Beet (a vegetable) Beet gives vitamin A.
- **Bred** (brought up) He was well-bred.
Bread (a baked food) Bread is a good food.
- **Be** (to exist) You should be quiet.
Bee (insect) Bees give honey.
- **Blew** (did blow) Police man blew the whistle to stop the car.
Blue (a colour) I wear the blue trouser.
- **By** (at) The chair was made by the carpenter.
Bye (by the way) Good bye.
Buy (to purchase) I buy a ball.
- **Carat** (unit to measure diamond, gold) Diamond is measured in carat.
Carrot (a kind of vegetable) Vitamin A is rich in carrot.

- **Ceiling** (to cover upper surface) The ceiling of the rooms must be high.
Sealing (stamp) We use a kind of wax for sealing letters.
- **Cereal** (food grain rich in carbohydrate) Rice is a cereal.
Serial (forming a series) Serial number comes according to alphabetical order of the names.
- **Check** (examine or control) The teacher advised her students to check whether they have attempted all the questions.
Cheque (bank written order) I got a cheque for ₹ 10,000 from my father.
- **Cell** (small room) The prisoner is locked up in a cell.
Sell (exchange things for money) They sell the fruits at a high price.
- **Cymbal** (a round brass plate used in a musical instrument) Rosy plays the cymbal in our school band.
Symbol (Emblem) Dove is the symbol of peace.
- **Cue** (Signal) The director made a cue to the actor to start.
Queue (a line of people) There was long queue in the ticket counter.
- **Council** (assembly) There is student's council in this school.
Counsel (advice) Teacher guides and counsels the students.
- **Carrier** (One who carries goods) This lorry is a public carrier.
Career (mode of living) What is your future career?
- **Canvas** (rough cloth) It is a canvas shoe.
Canvass (asking for vote) MLA canvassed for the candidate in the election.
- **Case** (box/enclose) This is a suit case.
Cash (money) Don't have cash in the pocket while you are in the bus.
- **Dual** (double) He bought a dual desk.
Duel (fight) The boy was hurt in the duel.
- **Disease** (sickness) He is weak because of disease.

- **Decease** (death) She is the wife of the diseased.
- **Die** (death) Many children die on malnutrition.
Dye (colour) He applied dye to his hair.
- **Fair** (good) She is a fair lady.
Fare (charge) The ticket fare has been hiked.
- **Flew** (past tense for fly) Birds flew to warmer places.
Flue (pipe in a chimney) Smoke is let out through flue.
- **Grate** (make harsh ground) The opposition parties grate the ruling party.
Great (famous) William Shakespeare was a great English poet.
- **Hew** Great (famous) William Shakespeare was a great English poet.
Hue (colour) We can see birds of varied hues at London Wetland Centre.
- **Knight** (soldier of a cavalry) The Knight fought bravely.
Night (darkness) He came to our house last night.
- **Lessen** (to diminish) Machines lessen the burden of me.
Lesson (task) I learnt a lesson from him.
- **Loose** (ill fitting) Her garments are loose.
Lose (failing to keep something) Don't lose the opportunity.
- **Meter** (Measurer) Thermometer is used to measure the temperature.
Metre (Measure in poetry) This poem is of penta metre.
- **Not** (no) She was not going to school in this summer.
Knot (tied together) He tied a knot.
- **New** (fresh) I bought a new car.
Knew (understood) She knew French.
- **Week** (unit of time) I will come in next week.
Weak (becoming pale) She is so weak that she cannot walk quickly.
- **Wring** (to twist) Wring the clothes after wash.
- **Ring** (circle to produce a sound) He rings the bell

Idioms and Phrases

The expression that have a different meaning from its literal meaning is called an Idioms or phrase.

- **A big cheese** (most powerful man of the group) The general manager of a company is always a big cheese in the scene.
- **Action speaks louder than words** (action is better than talks) Sachin has always replied his critics by a splendid perform once and it is what we call action speaks louder than words.
- **An empty vessel sounds much** (a fool shows himself wise) When a duffer speaks, I always recall that an empty vessel sounds much.
- **A drop in the ocean** (in very less quantity) The bail-out package to the company which is having a great loss looks like a drop in the ocean.
- **As you sow, so you reap** (one has to face one's wrong deeds) The robber has been put in the jail and this proves as you sow, so you reap.
- **A nine days wonder** (a very short period happiness) If you pass an exam by cheating, you must not be happy because it is a nine days wonder.
- **Avarice is the root of all evils** (greed is not good) You should control your greed of gaining so much of physical wealth as a varice is the root of all evils.
- **Between the devil and the deep sea** (in the middle of the difficulty) Leaving the job and a failure in the new venture has lead him between the devil and the deep sea.
- **Bite your tongue** (to escape from talking) A leader will never bite his tongue anywhere.
- **Birds of same feather flock together** (the people of same nature) One can often see rogue students sitting together as birds of same feather flock together always.
- **Back to square one** (restart everything again) Broken hearts go back to square one when it comes to reunion.
- **Crying over spilt** (to regret) It's nom use crying over spilt milk.
- **Every cloud has a silver lining** (ray of hope) Don't lose your heart man! There must be a silver living in the cloud.
- **Finding one's feet** (to feel firm) Getting some runs in the last match the batsman is finding his feet now.
- **In black and white** (in written) To avoid conflict, a need everything in black and white.
- **Kick up a row** (to start fight) His abuse in the public place kicked up a row with other people.
- **Pick someone to pieces** (to critisized) The boss picked the lazy employee to pieces when he was caught sitting idle.
- **To beat about the bush** (not to talk about the actual matter) He is always beating about the bush and never talks the sense.
- **To blow one's own trumpet** (To praise oneself) One who blows one's own trumpet is not a good fellow.
- **To break the ice** (to start conversation) The two friends broke the ice when they met in a party.
- **To build castles in the air** (to see visionary scheme) Daydreamers often build castle in the air.
- **To fight like cat and dog** (fight with anger) The bargain lead the two to a fight like cat and dog.
- **To hold one's horse** (to have patient) Hold your horse if you want to gain from your shares.
- **To let the cat out of the bag** (to disclose secret) I wanted to give my mother a surprise but my brother let the cat out of the bag.
- **To mind one's own business** (concentrate on one's own work) Good and worthy people always mind their own business.

Practice Exercise

■ Synonyms and Antonyms

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

1. Tired
(a) Hopeful (b) Sick
(c) Energetic (d) Sleepy
2. Happy
(a) Pensive (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) Bad (d) Money
7. Eligible
(a) False (b) Actual
(c) Unsuitable (d) Qualified
8. Guest
(a) Host (b) Visitor
(c) Huge (d) Practical
9. Famous
(a) Secure (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 in the following questions.*

11. Clean
(a) Tidy (b) Old
(c) Broken (d) Dirty
12. Stay
(a) Smile (b) Sit
(c) Remain (d) Leave
13. Quiet
(a) Speechless (b) Silent
(c) Dirty (d) Noisy
14. Beautiful
(a) Wonderful (b) Graceful
(c) Ugly (d) Handsome
15. Modern
(a) Up-date (b) Recent
(c) Cast (d) Ancient
16. Divided
(a) United (b) Dignified
(c) Separated (d) Isolated
17. Mighty
(a) Forcible (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) Lose
20. Shy
(a) Bold (b) Holy
(c) Odd (d) Praise

■ One Word Substitution

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-20) *Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words.*

1. One not concerned with right or wrong
(a) moral (b) amoral
(c) immoral (d) immortal
2. Call upon God or any other power (like law) etc for help or protection
(a) invocation
(b) involution
(c) inundation
(d) revocation
3. Act of deceiving somebody in order to make money
(a) fraud (b) robbery
(c) pickpocket (d) theft
4. A person who is unable to pay his debts
(a) solvent (b) banker
(c) insolvent (d) lender
5. A person coming to a foreign land to settle there
(a) immigrant (b) emigrant
(c) tourist (d) settler
6. Something capable of being done
(a) probable (b) feasible
(c) tenable (d) explicable
7. Killing of a child
(a) homicide (b) genocide
(c) infanticide (d) suicide
8. Lasting only for a moment
(a) momentous (b) momentary
(c) trivial (d) petty
9. One who hates mankind
(a) philanthropist
(b) terrorist
(c) misanthrope
(d) misogynist
10. One who walks on ropes
(a) funambulist (b) upholsterer
(c) acrobat (d) aviator
11. Deep in thought
(a) meditation (b) pensive
(c) pesky (d) purloin
12. Without risk of punishment
(a) impudent (b) impunity
(c) inexorable (d) imperturbable
13. The sound of the funeral bell
(a) knell (b) spell
(c) dong (d) ding-dong
14. The worship of idols or images
(a) atheism (b) theism
(c) idolatry (d) iconoclasm
15. A home for dog
(a) kennel (b) lair
(c) den (d) cage
16. One who intervenes between two or more parties to settle differences
(a) neutral (b) intermediary
(c) judge (d) connoisseur
17. One who hates women
(a) philanthropist (b) ascetic
(c) misogynist (d) misogynist
18. A voice that cannot be heard
(a) unheard (b) faint
(c) audible (d) inaudible
19. Murder of a man
(a) regicide (b) fratricide
(c) homicide (d) genocide
20. Animal that feeds on plants
(a) carnivorous
(b) herbivorous
(c) insectivorous
(d) graminivorous

■ Animals and their Babies

Direction (Q. Nos. 1-5) *Select the suitable animal or bird for the sound given below.*

1. Grunt
(a) Cocks (b) Cats
(c) Camels (d) Dogs
2. Twitter
(a) Dogs (b) Birds
(c) Ducks (d) Frogs
3. Neigh
(a) Lions (b) Tigers
(c) Foxes (d) Horses
4. Roar
(a) Lions (b) Kites
(c) Mice (d) Monkeys
5. Howl
(a) Tigers (b) Wolves
(c) Oxen (d) Hens

Direction (Q. Nos. 6-10) *Name the youngones of the animals given below.*

6. Duck
(a) tadpole (b) puppy
(c) duckling (d) chick
7. Goat
(a) calf (b) piglet
(c) kitten (d) kid
8. Deer
(a) cub (b) fawn
(c) puppy (d) kitten
9. Lion
(a) colt (b) infant
(c) kit (d) cub
10. Sheep
(a) Lamb (b) colt
(c) cub (d) kid

■ Homonyms and Homophones

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-20) *In the following questions, select the word that belongs in each sentence.*

1. We several trucks on the highway.
(a) passed (b) past
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
2. The trail goes the mountains.
(a) threw (b) through
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) none of these
3. your history teacher?
(a) Who's (b) Whose
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
4. Is that book?
(a) you're (b) your
(c) yours (d) None of these
5. The TV has lost picture.
(a) it's (b) its
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
6. My grandfather has a great deal of common
(a) sense (b) since
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these

7. Returning students can enroll early for classes.
(a) there (b) they're
(c) their (d) None of these
8. Your answer is
(a) rite (b) write
(c) right (d) Either (a) or (c)
9. going to have a wonderful vacation.
(a) You're (b) Your
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
10. Did you that sound?
(a) hair (b) heir
(c) here (d) hear
11. The quarterback the ball to the wide receiver.
(a) threw (b) through
(c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
12. Put your backpack, on the table in the corner.
(a) their (b) there
(c) they're (d) None of these

13. Is it late to sign up for the golf tournament?
 (a) to (b) two
 (c) toe (d) too
14. Tom has been collecting comic books he was ten years old.
 (a) sense (b) since
 (c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
15. Baptisms, weddings and funerals are examples of
 (a) writes (b) rights
 (c) rites (d) None of these
16. To means to plant seeds.
 (a) sew (b) so
 (c) sow (d) Either (a) or (b)

17. Iron is used to produce.....
 (a) steal (b) steel
 (c) still (d) None of these
18. I am very honored to.....you.
 (a) meat (b) meet
 (c) Either (a) or (b) (d) None of these
19. A is a type of shellfish.
 (a) mussel
 (b) muscle
 (c) Either (a) or (b)
 (d) None of the above
20. When it, it pours.
 (a) reigns (b) reins
 (c) rains (d) None of these

■ Idioms and Phrases

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-10) *Select the most suitable meaning of the phrase given below*

1. To break the ice
 (a) to criticise
 (b) to escape unhurt
 (c) to die
 (d) to short conversation
2. To build castles in the air
 (a) to think visionary scheme
 (b) to help others
 (c) to play a game
 (d) to make a palace
3. Bite your tongue
 (a) to run from a fight
 (b) to escape from talking
 (c) to live in peace
 (d) to feel firm
4. In black and white
 (a) in dark
 (b) in black and white colours
 (c) in paper
 (d) in written
5. Pick someone to pieces
 (a) to start a fight
 (b) to praise some one
 (c) to criticize someone
 (d) to call someone

6. To mind one's own business
 (a) to start business
 (b) to have patient
 (c) to take ill
 (d) to concentrate on one's own business
7. An empty vessel sounds much
 (a) a fool shows himself wise
 (b) the sound of a vessel
 (c) a coward
 (d) a wise person
8. A drop in the ocean
 (a) in abundance
 (b) a very short period
 (c) very big
 (d) in very less quantity
9. Crying over spilt milk
 (a) to cry (b) to regret
 (c) to become happy (d) to fight
10. Kick up a raw
 (a) to start a fight (b) to stop a fight
 (c) to help the poor (d) to kick a football

Direction (Q. Nos. 11-15) *Find the suitable phrase for the group of words given below.*

11. To become free
 (a) Do or die (b) Drop in the ocean
 (c) Get rid of (d) Commit suicide

- 13.** To make a final effect
- (a) To die in one's bed
 - (b) Close fisted
 - (c) At stake
 - (d) Do and die

- 14.** To get in to trouble
- (a) Dog in the manger
 - (b) to get into hot water
 - (c) At a pinch
 - (d) to dig one's grave
- 15.** To make useless effort
- (a) A queer fish
 - (b) hard of hearing
 - (c) An open secret
 - (d) A wild goose chase

Answers

Synonyms and Antonyms

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)

One Word Substitution

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

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

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