



Alphabetical order of Words

Arranging words in alphabetical order implies 'to arrange them in the order as they appear in a dictionary'. For this arrangement, first we shall take the first letter of each word and then arrange the words in the order in which they appear in the English alphabet, then take the second letter and so on.

Example 1 Arrange the following words according to dictionary.

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| 1. Fenestration | 2. Feather |
| 3. Feed head | 4. Feature |
| 5. Feminine | |

(a) 4,2,3,5,1 (b) 1,5,3,4,2 (c) 2,4,3,5,1 (d) 3,4,2,1,5

Sol. (c) Sequence of given words as per dictionary is as follows

Feather → Feature → Feed head →

Feminine → Fenestration, i.e. 2, 4, 3, 5, 1

Example 2 If the following four words are arranged in alphabetical order, then which word will come at second place?

- (a) Electric
(b) Elector
(c) Electrode
(d) Elect

Sol. (b) Arranging the words in alphabetical order, we have Elect, Elector, Electric, Electrode.

Hence, Elector will come at second place.

Practice Exercise

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-12) *Arrange the following words as per order in the dictionary.*

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| 1. 1. Joker 3. Carpenter (a) 4, 3, 2, 1 (c) 3, 2, 4, 1 | 2. Humanistic 4. Animated (b) 4, 1, 2, 3 (d) 1, 3, 2, 4 | (a) 2, 3, 4, 1 (c) 1, 3, 2, 4 | (b) 1, 3, 4, 2 (d) 3, 1, 2, 4 |
| 2. 1. Error 3. Jacob (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (c) 3, 2, 1, 4 | 2. Disaster 4. Fecund (b) 2, 1, 4, 3 (d) 2, 3, 4, 1 | 4. 1. Bound 3. Bunch (a) 1, 4, 2, 3 (c) 4, 2, 1, 3 | 2. Bonus 4. Board (b) 2, 4, 3, 1 (d) 4, 3, 2, 1 |
| 3. 1. Hair 3. Harmonium | 2. Heena 4. Host | 5. 1. Artistic 3. Antonymous (a) 1, 2, 3, 4 (c) 3, 2, 1, 4 | 2. Anonymous 4. Arrogant (b) 2, 3, 4, 1 (d) 3, 4, 1, 2 |

- 6.** 1. Billion
3. Bilateral
(a) 2,1,3,4
(c) 2,3,4,1
- 7.** 1. Important
3. Improvise
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4
(c) 3, 4, 1, 2
- 8.** 1. Aqueous
3. Aquiline
(a) 4, 3, 2, 1
(c) 2, 4, 1, 3
- 9.** 1. Necrology
3. Necropolis
(a) 2,1, 4, 3
(b) 1, 2, 3, 4
(c) 1, 2, 4, 3
(d) 2, 1, 3, 4
- 10.** 1. Divide
3. Devine
5. Direct
(a) 5, 4, 3, 1, 2
(b) 5, 4, 1, 3, 2
(c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
(d) 3, 5, 4, 1, 2
2. Bifurcate
4. Bilirubin
(b) 4,3,2,1
(d) 2,3,1,4
2. Impart
4. Improve
(b) 2, 1, 4, 3
(d) 2, 1, 3, 4
2. Aquarium
4. Aquatic
(b) 1, 2, 3, 4
(d) 3, 1, 4, 2
2. Necromancy
4. Necrophilia
2. Divisions
4. Divest
- 11.** 1. Epitaxy
3. Epigene
5. Epilogue
(a) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
(c) 3, 5, 2, 1, 4
- 12.** 1. Ambitious
3. Ambiguity
5. Animals
(a) 3, 2, 4, 1, 5
(c) 3, 2, 1, 5, 4
- 13.** In dictionary, which word comes fourth in arrangement?
(a) Propense
(b) Prophet
(c) Prong
(d) Propine
- 14.** Which among the options below comes at third place in the English Dictionary?
(a) Monarchy
(b) Monastic
(c) Monetary
(d) Moneyed
- 15.** If the following words are arranged in reverse order of dictionary arrangement, then which word would come at third place?
(a) Occulist
(b) Odium
(c) Odious
(d) Ordeum

Answers

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| 1 | (a) | 2 | (b) | 3 | (c) | 4 | (c) | 5 | (b) | 6 | (c) | 7 | (b) | 8 | (c) | 9 | (c) | 10 | (d) |
| 11 | (c) | 12 | (c) | 13 | (d) | 14 | (c) | 15 | (c) | | | | | | | | | | |

Hints & Solutions

- 1.** The correct order is 4, 3, 2, 1.
2. The correct order is 2, 1, 4, 3.
3. The correct order is 1, 3, 2, 4.
4. The correct order is 4, 2, 1, 3.
5. The correct order is 2, 3, 4, 1.
6. The correct order is 2, 3, 4, 1.
7. The correct order is 2, 1, 4, 3.
8. The correct order is 2, 4, 1, 3.
9. The correct order is 1, 2, 4, 3.
10. The correct order is 3, 5, 4, 1, 2.
11. The correct order is 3, 5, 2, 1, 4.
12. The correct order is 3, 2, 1, 5, 4.
13. The arrangement of words is as follows
Prong > Propense > Prophet > Propine
So, Propine comes at fourth in arrangement.
14. The order of the given words as per the dictionary is
Monarchy → Monastic → Monetary → Moneyed
So, Monetary comes at third place in the English dictionary.
15. The reverse order is
Ordeum → Odium → Odious → Occulist
So, Odious comes at third place in arrangement.



Try Yourself

Directions (Q. Nos. 1-9) *In the following questions, arrange the given words as per order in the dictionary.*

- 1)** 1. Chemistry 2. Chamber
3. Cheap 4. Cheerful
(a) 2, 1, 3, 4 (b) 3, 4, 2, 1
(c) 2, 4, 3, 1 (d) 2, 3, 4, 1
- 2)** 1. Preposition 2. Preparatively
3. Preposterous 4. Preponderate
(a) 2, 4, 1, 3 (b) 1, 2, 4, 3
(c) 4, 2, 3, 1 (d) 4, 2, 1, 3
- 3)** 1. Zephyr 2. Zodiac
3. Zoonomy 4. Zenith
5. Zig-zag
(a) 2, 4, 3, 5, 1 (b) 4, 2, 1, 3, 5
(c) 4, 1, 5, 2, 3 (d) 5, 3, 2, 4, 1
- 4)** 1. Eventual 2. Extra
3. Entrance 4. Exterminate
5. Emancipate
(a) 5, 3, 1, 2, 4 (b) 3, 5, 1, 2, 4
(c) 3, 5, 1, 4, 2 (d) 5, 3, 1, 4, 2
- 5)** 1. Banquet 2. Bangle 3. Bandage 4. Bantam
5. Bangalore
(a) 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
(b) 3, 5, 2, 1, 4
(c) 3, 2, 1, 5, 4
(d) 3, 2, 5, 1, 4
- 6)** 1. Live 2. Litter 3. Little 4. Literacy 5. Living
(a) 3, 4, 2, 1, 5 (b) 3, 2, 4, 5, 1
(c) 4, 3, 5, 2, 1 (d) 4, 2, 3, 1, 5
- 7)** 1. Genuine 2. Genesis 3. Gender 4. Gentle
5. General
(a) 4, 5, 3, 2, 1 (b) 1, 5, 4, 3, 2
(c) 3, 5, 2, 4, 1 (d) 2, 5, 3, 1, 4
- 8)** 1. Convince 2. Converge
3. Convenience 4. Convalesce
5. Converse
(a) 1, 4, 3, 2, 5 (b) 4, 3, 2, 1, 5
(c) 4, 3, 2, 5, 1 (d) 4, 2, 5, 3, 1
- 9)** 1. Consume 2. Consciousness
3. Conscience 4. Conservation
5. Consequence
(a) 3, 2, 5, 4, 1 (b) 3, 1, 2, 5, 4
(c) 3, 5, 2, 4, 1 (d) 3, 2, 1, 5, 4
- 10)** If the following words SHRISHRI, SRISRI, SHRISRI, SRISHRI, SHREESHREE are arranged according to dictionary rule. Which of them will be in the end?
(a) SRISHRI (b) SRISRI
(c) SHRISHRI (d) SHRISHRI

Answers

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| 1 | (d) | 2 | (a) | 3 | (c) | 4 | (d) | 5 | (b) |
| 6 | (d) | 7 | (c) | 8 | (c) | 9 | (a) | 10 | (b) |