

Antonyms /Synonyms

The following is a list of common words along with their synonyms (words with more or less similar meanings) and antonyms (words with more or less opposite meanings) to help you tackle the vocabulary section of Synonyms and Antonyms in your examination.

Word	SYNONYMS (similar meaning)	ANTONYMS (opposite meaning)
abandon	Forsake, leave, give up	retain, stay with
aboriginal	Native, indigenous	Immigrant, imported
avenge	Retaliate, punish	forgive, pardon, overlook
Barbarous	Uncivilized, cruel	Civilized, gentle
Bliss	Happiness, delight	Unhappiness, misery
Bombastic	Turgid, fustian	Simple, quiet, brief, sober
Caress	Fondle, hug, embrace	Repel
Cede	Give up, surrender, yield, relinquish	Hold, refuse
Combat	Struggle, fight, encounter	Peace, rest
Dash	Hurl, cast, smash, rush, abash, destroy	Retain, stand, still
Debility	Weakness, infirmity	Strength, health
Desert	Abandon, run away	Stay with, retain
Earnest	Eager, ardent	Slack, apathetic
Excel	Surpass, superior	Fail, inferior
Explicit	Express, definite	Implicit, vague
Facetious	Merry, jesting	Dull, serious
Funeral	Dismal, mournful, gloomy	Cheerful, bright
Gaiety	Joyousness, festivity	Sadness, mourning
Gloomy	Dark, dreary, grey, dim	Cheerful, bright
Grim	Sullen, surly	Mild, gentle
Hackneyed	Common, stale	Novel, fresh
Heartily	Cordially, ardently	Insincere, cold
Identity	Sameness, oneness	Difference, dissimilar
Impeach	Accuse, arraign	Exonerate, pardon
Jeopardy	Danger, hazard	Defence, protection
Juvenile	Youthful, young	Senile, old
Kidnap	Abduct, carry off	Restore, bring back
Knack	Aptitude, faculty	Ineptitude
Laborious	Tiresome, wearisome	Easy, light
Legend	Myth, fable	True story, fact
Malign	Asperse, defame	Praise, eulogise
Melodious	Tuneful, musical	Unmelodious
Nervous	Edgy, excitable	Composed, steady
Nugatory	Trifling, insignificant	Important, effective
Obedient	Dutiful, good	Mischievous, stubborn
Optimistic	Confident, hopeful	Pessimistic, cynical
pacific	Peaceful, gentle	Violent, hostile
Petition	Request, appeal	Command, order
Quack	Charlatan, imposter	Professional
Quell	Calm, placate	Noisy
Radiance	Brilliancy, lustre	Dullness, dimness
random	Casual, desultory	Formal, invariable



scared	Blessed, consecrated	Temporal, worldly
Solemn	Formal, ceremonial	Informal, profane
Tangible	Tactile, substantial	Impalpable, unreal
triumph	Victory, achievement	Lament, fail
Unanimous	accordant	Discordant
Urbanity	civility	Rudeness
Vain	empty	Useful
Velocity	swiftness	Slowness
Wander	meander	Remain
Warrant	guarantee	Forbid
zenith	Top, apex	Base, bottom

Idioms and Phrases

An **idiom** is an expression, a word, or a phrase. The meaning of an idiom is completely different from the literal meaning or its individual elements, idioms do not mean the same as what the words say but have a hidden meaning.

A **phrase** has two or more words which are related to each other. A phrase does not contain a verb and a subject. Below are mentioned some idioms and phrases to develop your understanding.

1. Way around- To find an alternative or solution for something
2. An arm and a leg" Extremely expensive or costly
3. All ears- To be attentive
4. Kill two birds with one stone- To achieve two things with one action
5. Spin a yarn" To tell fanciful tales