

## Chapter

# 4

## Synonyms and Antonyms

Against each KEYWORD are given the lists of Synonyms and Antonyms separately. A student is required to study the words given in the list carefully. These words will add to the Theasurus comprising words and phrases that they have already learnt. If need be, they may look up a word in the dictionary for correct reference.

### A

#### AWKWARD

Syn: clumsy, ungainly, ponderous, rough

Ant: clever, dexterous, apt, skilful

#### APPARENT

Syn: evident, obvious, perceptible, distinct

Ant: masked, obscure, indistinct, doubtful

#### ALLURE

Syn: entice, fascinate, tempt, seduce

Ant: repulse, repel, deter, distaste

#### ABORTIVE

Syn: vain, useless, fruitless, unproductive

Ant: effectual, productive, successful, progressive

#### ABOMINABLE

Syn: odious, detestable, repugnant, aversion

Ant: likeable, pleasant, affectionate, enjoyable

#### ALLAY

Syn: pacify, soothe, lighten, assuage

Ant: aggravate, heighten, agitate, excite

#### AXIOM

Syn: maxim, saying, dictum, truth

Ant: absurdity, blunder, ridiculousness, irrelevant

#### ASSIDUOUS

Syn: constant, diligent, attentive, persevering

Ant: indifference, careless, indolent, lethargic

### **ABJURE**

Syn: forsake, renounce, retract, revoke  
Ant: approve, sanction, patronise, adopt

### **ABJECT**

Syn: despicable, servile, base, contemptible  
Ant: exalted, commendable, praiseworthy, imposing

### **AVERSION**

Syn: dislike, hatred, indifferent, apathy  
Ant: affection, fondness, niceness, liking

### **AUTHENTIC**

Syn: genuine, reliable, valid, guaranteed  
Ant: fictitious, counterfeit, unreal, false

### **AUDACITY**

Syn: boldness, arrogance, insolence, haughtiness  
Ant: mildness, humility, cowardice, submission

### **ASTUTE**

Syn: clever, intelligent, wise, brilliant  
Ant: dull, unintelligent, shallow, solid

### **ABETTOR**

Syn: assistant, accomplice, colleague, associate  
Ant: opponent, adversary, antagonist, rival

### **ABATE**

Syn: moderate, mitigate, lessen, decrease  
Ant: aggravate, intensify, augment, supplement

### **ARRAIGN**

Syn: charge, blame, accuse, complain  
Ant: exculpate, pardon, condone, exonerate

### **APATHY**

Syn: unconcern, indifference, insensitivity, aloofness  
Ant: concern, care, anxiety, eagerness

### **ALIEN**

Syn: foreigner, outsider, stranger, emigrant  
Ant: native, citizen resident, occupant

### **ALACRITY**

Syn: swiftness, briskness, promptness, speed  
Ant: laziness, sluggishness, indolence, lethargy

### **AFFRONT**

Syn: provoke, exasperate, indignity, irreverence  
Ant: conciliate, appease, mollify, assuage



**ADVERSITY**

Syn: misfortune, calamity, misery, affliction

Ant: prosperity, fortune, assistance, favour

**ANTIQUE**

Syn: ancient, old fashioned, primitive, of past

Ant: modern, recent, novelty, vogue

**ANTIPATHY**

Syn: hostility, aversion, disillusion, dislike

Ant: admiration, approval, fascination, devotion

**AMPLIFY**

Syn: enlarge, extend, dialation, elevate

Ant: curtail, lessen, diminution, contraction

**AMASS**

Syn: gather, accumulate, store, collect

Ant: disperse, dissipate, spend, scatter

**ALLEVIATE**

Syn: abate, relieve, mitigate, lessen

Ant: intensify, augment, aggravate, enhance

**ADMONISH**

Syn: counsel, reprove, warn, chastise

Ant: approve, applaud, praise, flattery

**ADJACENT**

Syn: adjoining, beside, proximity, closeness

Ant: distant, separate, remoteness, aloofness

**ADHERENT**

Syn: follower, disciple, dependent, supporter

Ant: rival, adversary, opponent, antagonist

**ACCOMPLISH**

Syn: attain, succeed, triumph, exploit

Ant: forsake, deter, disappoint, collapse

**ABSOLVE**

Syn: pardon, forgive, reprieve, relent

Ant: compel, accuse, charge, bind

**ACRIMONY**

Syn: harshness, bitterness, inhumanity, enmity

Ant: sweetness, courtesy, humanity, benevolence

**ACCUMULATION**

Syn: store, amass, preservation, conservation

Ant: scattering, dissipation, separation, division

**ACCORD**

- Syn: agreement, harmony, consonance, unison  
Ant: disagreement, denial, controversy, discord

**ABOUND**

- Syn: flourish, swell, teem, plentiful  
Ant: deficient, destitute, want, scarce

**ADAMANT**

- Syn: stubborn, obdurate, inflexible, rigid  
Ant: flexible, soft, suppleness, tender

**ABASH**

- Syn: discourage, confound, embarrass, discompose  
Ant: encourage, uphold, embolden, hearten

**ADJUNCT**

- Syn: appendage, complement, addition, joining  
Ant: lessening, separation, subtraction, removal

**ADROIT**

- Syn: proficient, expert, skilful, adept  
Ant: inept, clumsy, unskilled, awkward

**B****BUSTLE**

- Syn: haste, tumult, stir, flurry  
Ant: slowness, sluggishness, quiet, inertness

**BRITTLE**

- Syn: frail, fragile, delicate, breakable  
Ant: tough, enduring, unbreakable, strong

**BLEMISH**

- Syn: fault, smirch, stigma, stain  
Ant: purity, impeccable, spotless, stainless

**BLEAK**

- Syn: dismal, gloomy, chilly, dreary  
Ant: bright, pleasant, balmy, cheerful

**BLAME**

- Syn: reprove, upbraid, censure, reproach  
Ant: commend, applaud, laud, praise

**BENEVOLENCE**

- Syn: humanity, generosity, charity, liberality  
Ant: malevolence, inhumanity, malignity, unkindness



**BARBAROUS**

Syn: uncivilized, savage, untamed, brutal  
 Ant: cultured, humane, refined, gentle

**BAFFLE**

Syn: confound, elude, frustrate, perplex  
 Ant: poise, composure, facilitate, co-operate

**BEWITCHING**

Syn: magical, fascinating, tantalising, spell binding  
 Ant: repulsive, repugnant, nauseating, disgusting

**C****CRITERION**

Syn: measurement, test, standard, touchstone  
 Ant: fancy, probability haphazard, conjecture

**COVETOUS**

Syn: cupidity, avarice, greed, voracity  
 Ant: liberality, benevolence, selfless, magnanimous

**CORPULENT**

Syn: obese, ugly, fat, awkward  
 Ant: thin, lean, slim, delicate

**CONVERT**

Syn: change, transform, transmute, proselytise  
 Ant: persist, maintain, enduring, perpetual

**CONVENIENT**

Syn: handy, suited, comfortable, advantageous  
 Ant: unsuitable, tedious, unpractical, fatiguing

**CONTRARY**

Syn: dissimilar, conflicting, contradictory, opposite  
 Ant: similar, alike, homogeneous, resembling

**CONTRADICT**

Syn: impugn, deny, oppose, confront  
 Ant: approve, confirm, sanction, endorse

**CONTEMPT**

Syn: scorn, disregard, disdain, despicable  
 Ant: regard, approval, praise, recommend

**CONSTERNATION**

Syn: fear, disappointment, dismay, hopelessness  
 Ant: peace, repose, calm, fearless

**CONSPICUOUS**

Syn: distinguished, prominent, obvious, visible  
Ant: concealed, obscure, hidden, unapparent

**CONSOLIDATE**

Syn: combine, condense, compact, strong  
Ant: separate, sever, weak, scattering

**CONSEQUENCE**

Syn: effect, outcome, repercussion, result  
Ant: origin, start, beginning, incipient

**CONSENT**

Syn: agree, permit, accede, assent  
Ant: object, disagree, dissent, differ

**CONSCIOUS**

Syn: aware, apprised, knowledge, informed  
Ant: unaware, ignorant, unfeeling, faint

**CONCEDE**

Syn: yield, assent, permit, sanction  
Ant: deny, reject, dissent, disallow

**COMPRISE**

Syn: include, contain, consist, compose  
Ant: reject, lack, exclude, except

**COMPASSION**

Syn: kindness, sympathy, clemency, commiseration  
Ant: cruelty, barbarity, persecution, apathy

**CONCUR**

Syn: approve, agree, consent, endorse  
Ant: differ, disagree, dissent, oppose

**COMMODIOUS**

Syn: convenient, suitable, roomy, comfortable  
Ant: inconvenient, unsuitable, uncomfortable, confined

**COLLISION**

Syn: encounter, clash, conflict, dissenting  
Ant: agreement, harmony, compatible, union

**CHERISH**

Syn: nurture, treasure, foster, encourage  
Ant: abandon, forsake, renounce, discard

**CHASTISE**

Syn: punish, admonish, scold, reprove  
Ant: cheer, comfort, encourage, stimulate



**CHASTE**

Syn: virtuous, pure, honourable, immaculate

Ant: defiled, licentious, sullied, lustful

**CESSATION**

Syn: intermission, pause, discontinuity hindrance

Ant: continuity, perpetuation, unceasing, prolongation

**CATASTROPHE**

Syn: disaster, calamity, misfortune, mishap

Ant: prosperity, blessing, restoration, resurgence

**CARICATURE**

Syn: exaggeration, imitation, ridicule, parody

Ant: exactness, precision, reality, truth

**CARESS**

Syn: fondle, embrace, hug, snuggle

Ant: repulse, spurn, displease, repel

**CAPTIVITY**

Syn: imprisonment, confinement, apprehend, restrain

Ant: freedom, liberty, liberation, release

**CAPTIVATE**

Syn: charm, fascinate, enchant, lure

Ant: disillusion, offend, scorn, despise

**CAPTIOUS**

Syn: irritate, fretful, critical, carping

Ant: appreciative, considerate, laudatory, thoughtful

**CAPABLE**

Syn: competent, suitable, qualified, able

Ant: incompetent, inefficient, imbecile, inept

**CALUMNY**

Syn: defamation, aspersion, accusation, libel

Ant: commendation, praise, vindication, goodwill

**CALLOUS**

Syn: obdurate, unfeeling, heartless, indifferent

Ant: compassionate, tender, kind, sympathetic

**CALCULATE**

Syn: enumerate, estimate, evaluate, consider

Ant: miscalculate, blunder, predetermine, misconceive

**CALAMITY**

Syn: adversity, misfortune, misery, mishap

Ant: happiness, benefit, prosperity, fortune

**CAVITY**

Syn: depth, depression, hole, aperture

Ant: elevation, projection, mound, height

**CEASE**

Syn: terminate, pause, desist, discontinue

Ant: commence, continue, initiate, originate

**CIRCUMLOCUTION**

Syn: redundancy, verbosity, tediousness, verbiage

Ant: terseness, compression, directness, brevity

**COMMOTION**

Syn: turmoil, disturbance, agitation, excitement

Ant: tranquility, stillness, quietness, calm

**D****DISASTER**

Syn: misfortune, calamity, mishap, catastrophe

Ant: prosperity, boon, happiness, auspicious

**DESPICABLE**

Syn: contemptible, worthless, shameless, base

Ant: worthy, decent, honourable, respectable

**DISDAIN**

Syn: detest, despise, loathe, scorn

Ant: approve, praise, love, laud

**DERIDE**

Syn: mock, taunt, ridicule, jeer

Ant: inspire, encourage, stimulate, comfort

**DEPRIVE**

Syn: despoil, divest, dispossess, disinherit

Ant: restore, renew, invest, endow

**DEPLORE**

Syn: lament, bemoan, complain, regret

Ant: rejoice, cheer, applaud, celebrate

**DENOUNCE**

Syn: indict, condemn, censure, reprimand

Ant: praise, commend, vindicate, laud

**DEMOLISH**

Syn: ruin, devastate, dismantle, raze

Ant: repair, construct, create, erect



**DELUSION**

Syn: deception, hallucination, illusion, fallacy

Ant: reality, certainty, veracity, fact

**DELICIOUS**

Syn: palatable, tasteful, appetising, dainty

Ant: distasteful, unsavoury, tolerable, inedible

**DELIBERATE**

Syn: ponder, intentional, meditate, consider

Ant: rash, sudden, indifferent, random

**DEGRADATION**

Syn: disgrace, dishonour, humiliation, debase

Ant: exaltation, praise, triumphant, honour

**DEFRAY**

Syn: meet, bear, spend, pay

Ant: declaim, decline, refuse, abjure

**DEFILE**

Syn: contaminate, pollute, profane, desecrate

Ant: purify, sanctity, cleanse, disinfect

**DEFICIENT**

Syn: scanty, inadequate, lacking, wanting

Ant: adequate, ample, sufficient, abundant

**DEFER**

Syn: prolong, suspend, postpone, delay

Ant: accelerate, expedite, stimulate, hasten

**DEFAULT**

Syn: failure, omission, negligence, lapse

Ant: perfection, vigilance, attentive, observance

**DEDICATE**

Syn: devote, consecrate, loyal, surrender

Ant: refuse, negate, prohibit, reject

**DECIPHER**

Syn: interpret, reveal, decode, transcribe

Ant: misinterpret, distort, confuse, pervert

**DECEIT**

Syn: deception, artifice, treachery, duplicity

Ant: veracity, sincerity, truth, honesty

**DECAY**

Syn: collapse, decomposition, deteriorate, putrefication

Ant: flourish, progress, growth, development

**DAUNT**

Syn: discourage, frighten, agitate, intimidate

Ant: encourage, animate, embolden, inspire

**DAINTY**

Syn: elegant, delicate, refined, exquisite

Ant: clumsy, coarse, unpleasant, insipid

**E****EXULT**

Syn: brag, rejoice, applaud, triumph

Ant: deplore, lament, bemoan, grieve

**EXPLICIT**

Syn: definite, intelligible, obvious, apparent

Ant: hidden, vague, doubtful, implicit

**EXEMPT**

Syn: release, excuse, exclude, absolve

Ant: confine, hold, retard, enforce

**EXALT**

Syn: extol, dignify, glorify, elevate

Ant: dishonour, disgrace, degrade, denounce

**EVIDENT**

Syn: obvious, apparent, distinct, conspicuous

Ant: obscure, concealed, hidden, invisible

**EVADE**

Syn: avoid, elude, dodge, shun

Ant: acknowledge, confront, verify, confirm

**ETERNAL**

Syn: perpetual, endless, imperishable, immortal

Ant: temporary, momentary, transient, fleeting

**ESTEEM**

Syn: respect, regards, honour, reverence

Ant: ridicule, spurn, despise, humiliate

**ERADICATE**

Syn: destroy, exterminate, abolish, remove

Ant: secure, plant, restore, revive

**EQUIVOCAL**

Syn: uncertain, hazy, ambiguous, vague

Ant: obvious, lucid, clear, plain



**EPITOME**

Syn: precise, example, miniature, summary  
 Ant: increment, expansion, lengthen, enlargement

**ENORMOUS**

Syn: colossal, mammoth, immense, spacious  
 Ant: insignificant, diminutive, trivial, negligible

**ENLIGHTEN**

Syn: elucidate, educate, illumine, inculcate  
 Ant: ignorance, distortion, delude, obscure

**ENJOIN**

Syn: direct, counsel, exhort, command  
 Ant: prohibit, forbid, revolt, dissuade

**ENDURANCE**

Syn: submission, forbearance, tolerance, patience  
 Ant: break down, despair, volatile, agitating

**ENDOWMENT**

Syn: grant, benefit, bequest, gift  
 Ant: draw back, damage, loss, disinherit

**ENDEAVOUR**

Syn: undertake, aspire, venture, struggle  
 Ant: cease, quit, shun, idle

**ENCUMBRANCE**

Syn: hindrance, obstacle, burden, impediment  
 Ant: incentive, stimulant, patronize, vantage

**ENCROACH**

Syn: infringe, intrude, trespass, violate  
 Ant: avoid, evade, shun, abide

**EMBRACE**

Syn: cling, hug, adopt, caress  
 Ant: reject, neglect, shun, slight

**EMBEZZLE**

Syn: forge, swindle, defraud, peculate  
 Ant: redeem, retribute, reimburse, compensate

**ELUCIDATE**

Syn: enlighten, clarify expound, illustrate  
 Ant: equivocate, confuse distort, confound

**ELOQUENCE**

Syn: expression, fluency, peroration, oration  
 Ant: halting, stammering, indistinct, inarticulate

**ELIMINATE**

Syn: expel, oust, exclude, remove  
Ant: restore, accept, retain, include

**ELEVATE**

Syn: dignify, heighten, promote, raise  
Ant: deprecate, denounce, lower, decline

**ELEGANT**

Syn: graceful, distinguished, refined, polished  
Ant: obnoxious, unrefined, ridiculous, coarse

**ELATION**

Syn: joy, exaltation, delight, enthusiasm  
Ant: gloom, despair, depression, melancholy

**EFFACE**

Syn: destroy, obliterate, annihilate, abolish  
Ant: retain, maintain, regenerate, resurrect

**ECSTASY**

Syn: delight, exultation, overjoy, rapture  
Ant: despair, calamity, doldrums, depression

**ECCENTRIC**

Syn: strange, abnormal, cranky, odd  
Ant: natural, conventional, uniform, methodical

**EARNEST**

Syn: ardent, sincere, resolute, determined  
Ant: unheeding, frivolous, negligent, careless

**EVASION**

Syn: prevaricate, avoid, neglect, pretext  
Ant: response, defence, compliance, action

**F****FABRICATE**

Syn: construct, produce, manipulate, build  
Ant: destroy, dismantle, wreck, demolish

**FRUGALITY**

Syn: economical, providence, thrift, parsimony  
Ant: lavishness, extravagance, prodigality, improvidence

**FRIVOLOUS**

Syn: petty, worthless, capricious, volatile  
Ant: solemn, significant, essential, pertinent



**FRANTIC**

Syn: violent, agitated, frenzied, wild

Ant: subdued, gentle, lucid, coherent

**FRANCHISE**

Syn: suffrage, right, privilege, patronise

Ant: bondage, oppression, serfdom, irresolute

**FRAGMENTS**

Syn: scraps, residue, segment, section

Ant: total, entire, gross, aggregate

**FRAGILE**

Syn: weak, infirm, brittle, frail

Ant: enduring, tough, robust, tenacious

**FORSAKE**

Syn: desert, renounce, relinquish, disown

Ant: hold, maintain, retain, claim

**FORMIDABLE**

Syn: dangerous, invincible, redoubtable, dreadful

Ant: harmless, insignificant, weak, feeble

**FORERUNNER**

Syn: precursor, predecessor, ancestor, pioneer

Ant: descendant, follower, heir, successor

**FOE**

Syn: opponent, antagonist, adversary, contender

Ant: comrade, helper, friend, fellow

**FLUENT**

Syn: fast, smooth, voluble, glib

Ant: hesitant, slow, sluggish, halting

**FLUCTUATE**

Syn: deflect, vacillate, vary, deviate

Ant: stable, resolute, constant, inalterable

**FLOURISH**

Syn: Prosper, triumph, thrive, blossom

Ant: decay, collapse, wither, deteriorate

**FLIMSY**

Syn: trifling, transparent, brittle, unsubstantial

Ant: firm, tenacious, durable, retentive

**FLEETING**

Syn: transient, temporary, ephemeral, transitory

Ant: enduring, eternal, perpetual, unceasing

**FIDELITY**

Syn: loyalty, trustworthiness, obedience, devotion  
Ant: treachery, unfaithfulness, chicanery, defiance

**FICKLE**

Syn: wavering, unreliable, unsteady, volatile  
Ant: resolute, determined, inalterable, invariable

**FEUD**

Syn: strife, quarrel, row, contention  
Ant: fraternity, harmony, reconciliation, recompose

**FEROCIOUS**

Syn: untamed, barbarous, fierce, dangerous  
Ant: gentle, innocent, benevolent, symapthetic

**FEEBLE**

Syn: weak, frail, impotent, defenceless  
Ant: strong, robust, vigorous, resolute

**FATIGUE**

Syn: weariness, exhaustion, exertion, tiredness  
Ant: vigour, liveliness, vivacity, briskness

**FANTASY**

Syn: imagination, vision, image, visualization  
Ant: reality, substantiality, actuality, existence

**FANTASTIC**

Syn: fanciful, uncommon, imaginary, marvellous  
Ant: ordinary, normal, customary, common

**FANATICAL**

Syn: narrow minded, stubborn, orthodox, biased  
Ant: liberal, tolerant, unprejudiced, generous

**FALTER**

Syn: fluctuate, demur, dither, waver  
Ant: persist, endure, stable, unerring

**FALLACY**

Syn: delusion, mistake, deception, illusion  
Ant: veracity, truth, honesty, certainty

**FACSIMILE**

Syn: miniature, reproduction, copy, replica  
Ant: distinction, dissimilarity, novelty, originality

**FABULOUS**

Syn: legendary, amazing, remarkable, marvellous  
Ant: historical, common, medicore, substantial

**FACILE**

Syn: dexterous, quick, skilful, effortless  
Ant: clumsy, slow, laborious, arduous



## G

**GUILE**

Syn: cunning, deceit, duplicity, chicanery  
 Ant: honesty, frankness, sincerity, integrity

**GRUDGE**

Syn: hatred, aversion, unwilling, objection  
 Ant: benevolence, affection, goodwill, kindness

**GRISLY**

Syn: disgusting, atrocious, monstrous, loathsome  
 Ant: pleasing, attractive, beautiful, alluring

**GRACIOUS**

Syn: courteous, beneficent, magnificent, dignified  
 Ant: rude, unforgiving, discourteous, uncourtly

**GORGEOUS**

Syn: magnificent, dazzling, brilliant, grand  
 Ant: dull, unpretentious, modest, plain

**GLUT**

Syn: stuff, satiate, overflow, cram  
 Ant: reduce, abstain, moderate, restrain

**GLOOM**

Syn: obscurity, darkness, dejection, disillusion  
 Ant: delight, mirth, joviality, bright

**GIGANTIC**

Syn: huge, enormous, immense, monstrous  
 Ant: small, diminutive, miniature, slight

**GENUINE**

Syn: real, authentic, creative, original  
 Ant: deceptive, spurious, imitative, derivative

**GENIAL**

Syn: cheerful, pleasant, joyful, affable  
 Ant: sullen, dismal, morose, melancholy

**GENEROUS**

Syn: liberal, unselfish, benevolent, hospitable  
 Ant: miserly, stingy, covetous, greedy

**GARRULOUS**

Syn: loquacious, talkative, communicative, informative  
 Ant: reserved, quiet, taciturn, reticent

**GALLANT**

Syn: heroic, intrepid, valorous, chivalrous

Ant: coward, timid, craven, base

**GAUDY**

Syn: garish, brilliant, glittering, tawdry

Ant: faded, dull, sombre, solemn

**H****HUSTLE**

Syn: hurry, haste, bustle, activity

Ant: lull, quiet, idle, motionless

**HYPOCRISY**

Syn: deception, affectation, trickery, illusion

Ant: sincerity, integrity, honesty, ingenuousness

**HIDEOUS**

Syn: frightful, shocking, abominable, monstrous

Ant: attractive, alluring, splendid, appealing

**HERETIC**

Syn: nonconformist, secularist, dissident, offender

Ant: conformable, adaptable, religious, believer

**HAZARD**

Syn: presumption, danger, peril, risk, presume

Ant: conviction, security, assurance, certainty

**HAUGHTY**

Syn: arrogant, pompous, obstinate, imperious

Ant: humble, submissive, modest, inoffensive

**HARASS**

Syn: irritable, molest, suppress, tyranny

Ant: assist, comfort, tolerant, connive

**HAPLESS**

Syn: unfortunate, ill-fated, hostile, doomed

Ant: fortunate, lucky, favoured, satisfied

**HAPHAZARD**

Syn: random, sudden, unsorted, reckless

Ant: deliberate, considered, thoughtful, discerning

**HAMPER**

Syn: retard, prevent, hinder, obstruct

Ant: promote, facilitate, foster, assist



**HAGGARD**

Syn: exhausted, lean, emaciated, gaunt  
 Ant: exuberant, active, lively, robust

**HOMELY**

Syn: plain, coarse, unadorned, simple  
 Ant: suave, polished, dignified, refined

**HAIL**

Syn: greet, welcome, acclaim, honour  
 Ant: disregard, belittle, avoid, despise

**HEINOUS**

Syn: outrageous, vile, awful, wicked  
 Ant: righteous, pleasing, exquisite, appealing

**I****IRREPRESSIBLE**

Syn: irresistible, unconfined, unhindered, unshackled  
 Ant: composed, hesitant, submissive, grave

**INVINCIBLE**

Syn: unconquerable, impregnable, unsubdued, unbeatable  
 Ant: effeminate, languid, crippled, fragile

**INTIMIDATE**

Syn: frighten, dictate, hopeless, irresolute  
 Ant: console, encourage, appease, hearten

**INTREPID**

Syn: brave, courageous, valorous, chivalrous  
 Ant: scared, frightened, timid, cowardly

**INTRICATE**

Syn: tangled, complicated, formidable, arduous  
 Ant: regulated, orderly, manageable, ductile

**INTRIGUE**

Syn: scheme, conspiracy, manipulation, counterplot  
 Ant: candour, sincerity, bluntness, honesty

**INTRINSIC**

Syn: genuine, fundamental, inherent, congenital  
 Ant: extraneous, incidental, extrinsic, derived

**INVECTIVE**

Syn: accusation, censure, malediction, denunciation  
 Ant: approval, acclamation, admiration, approbation

**INSTIL**

Syn: Inculcate, inject, infuse, implant

Ant: eradicate, extract, eliminate, expel

**INSOLVENT**

Syn: indigent, destitute, bankrupt, defaulter

Ant: wealthy, solvent, affluent, substantial

**INSIPID**

Syn: tasteless, vapid, savourless, unflavoured

Ant: delicious, luscious, pungent, piquant

**INSINUATE**

Syn: communicate, allude, hint, suggest

Ant: conceal, camouflage, suppress, mask

**INQUISITIVE**

Syn: inquiring, curious, searching, studious

Ant: distracted, negligent, indifferent, impassive

**INNOCUOUS**

Syn: salutary, wholesome, innocent, harmless

Ant: deleterious, baneful, insanitary, injurious

**INGENUOUS**

Syn: undisguised, naive, candid, guileless

Ant: wily, crafty, perfidious, treacherous

**INFRINGE**

Syn: violate, encroach, transgress, trespass

Ant: comply, concur, conform, observe

**INEVITABLE**

Syn: unavoidable, ascertained, imminent, substantial

Ant: unlikely, doubtful, indefinite, uncertain

**INGENIOUS**

Syn: deft, proficient, dexterous, adroit

Ant: unskilled, incompetent, immature, unqualified

**INDULGE**

Syn: gratify, pamper, comfort, satisfy

Ant: annoy, trouble, torment, displease

**INDOLENT**

Syn: lazy, listless, languid, sluggish

Ant: energetic, vivacious, prompt, agile

**INDISPENSABLE**

Syn: essential, expedient, requisite, unavoidable

Ant: superfluous, redundant, needless, tranquility



**INDIGNATION**

Syn: resentment, ire, wrath, rage

Ant: modesty, tranquility, forbearance, equanimity

**INDIGENCE**

Syn: privation, destitution, insolvency, penury

Ant: affluence, abundance, opulence, luxury

**INCONGRUOUS**

Syn: inappropriate, absurd, ridiculous, awkward

Ant: compatible, harmonious, homogeneous, consistent

**INCOMPETENT**

Syn: inefficient, unskilled, immature, unqualified

Ant: dexterous, skilled, ingenious, competent

**INCLINATION**

Syn: disposition, affection, proneness, propensity

Ant: neutrality, indifference, apathy, unresponsive

**INCITE**

Syn: instigate, provoke, motivate, arouse

Ant: deter, discourage, restrain, dissuade

**INCENTIVE**

Syn: motivation, allurement, inducement, spur

Ant: dissuasion, reluctance, deterrent, discouragement

**IMPUTE**

Syn: attribute, ascribe, charge, indict

Ant: exculpate, support, vindicate, excuse

**IMPUDENCE**

Syn: sauciness, impertinence, insolence, arrogance

Ant: submissiveness, modesty, humility, meekness

**IMPIOUS**

Syn: irreligious, unholy, irreverent, hypocritical

Ant: pious, devout, spiritual, venerate

**IMPETUOUS**

Syn: violent, impulsive, imprudence, indiscretion

Ant: considerate, composed, discretion, prudence

**IMPEDIMENT**

Syn: hurdle, obstruction, hindrance, retardation

Ant: assistance, concurrence, deliverance, aid

**IMPARTIAL**

Syn: just, unbiased, equitable, evenhanded

Ant: prejudiced, biased, unjust, inequitable

**IMPART**

- Syn: divulge, bestow, inform, convey  
Ant: withhold, conceal, suppress, deny

**IMPAIR**

- Syn: diminish, deteriorate, decompose, worsen  
Ant: restore, revive, resurrect, repair

**IMMUNITY**

- Syn: prerogative, privilege, exemption, non-liability  
Ant: blame, censure, prescription, interdiction

**IMMINENT**

- Syn: impending, brewing, overhanging, approaching  
Ant: distant, receding, retreating, withdrawing

**IMMERSE**

- Syn: submerge, involve, descend, drown  
Ant: emerge, uncover, restore, recover

**IMMENSE**

- Syn: huge, enormous, gigantic, colossal  
Ant: puny, insignificant, paltry, trifling

**IMMACULATE**

- Syn: unsullied, spotless, untarnished, untainted  
Ant: defiled, tarnished, obscene, profane

**IMBECILE**

- Syn: weak, senile, feeble, unsound  
Ant: sane, sagacious, astute, wise

**IMAGINARY**

- Syn: illusory, visionary, insubstantial, subjective  
Ant: factual, tangible, genuine, evident

**IGNORANCE**

- Syn: illiteracy, darkness, unawareness, unconsciousness  
Ant: knowledge, enlightenment, apprehension, recognition

**IGNOMINIOUS**

- Syn: disgraceful, shameful, dishonourable, scandalous  
Ant: dignified, distinguished, creditable, stately



## J

**JUVENILE**

Syn: young, tender, youthful, adolescent

Ant: dotage, antiquated, senile, old

**JUSTIFY**

Syn: defend, exculpate, warrant, vindicate

Ant: impute, arraigne, accuse, incriminate

**JUST**

Syn: honest, impartial, righteous, upright

Ant: unequal, unfair, discriminatory, unseasonable

**JUDICIOUS**

Syn: thoughtful, prudent, discerning, discriminating

Ant: irrational, foolish, misconception, fatuous

**JUBILANT**

Syn: rejoicing, triumphant, gay, cheerful

Ant: melancholy, depressing, gloomy, despondent

**JOVIAL**

Syn: frolicsome, cheerful, merry, exultant

Ant: solemn, morose, malcontent, sad

**JADED**

Syn: tired, exhausted, fatigued, languish

Ant: renewal, recreation, restorative, refreshed

**JEJUNE**

Syn: dull, boring, uninteresting, monotonous

Ant: interesting, exciting, piquant, thrilling

## K

**KINDRED**

Syn: relation, species, relative, affinity

Ant: unrelated, dissimilar, heterogeneous, disparate

**KEEN**

Syn: sharp, poignant, eager, acute

Ant: vapid, insipid, blunt, undesiring

**KNAVE**

Syn: dishonest, scoundrel, vagabond, rogue

Ant: paragon, innocent, benefactor, idealist

**KNELL**

Syn: death knell, last blow, demolish, suppress

Ant: reconstruction, rediscovery, procreation, resurrection

**KNOTTY**

Syn: complicated, difficult, arduous, onerous

Ant: simple, manageable, tractable, flexible

**L****LUXURIANT**

Syn: profuse, abundant, dense, plentiful

Ant: scanty, meagre, inadequate, deficient

**LUSCIOUS**

Syn: palatable, delicious, delectable, delightful

Ant: unsavoury, tart, sharp, sour

**LURE**

Syn: attract, entice, tempt, induce

Ant: repel, dissuade, confute, threaten

**LUNACY**

Syn: delusion, insanity, madness, imbecility

Ant: normalcy, sanity, sagacity, shrewdness

**LUDICROUS**

Syn: absurd, bizarre, preposterous, grotesque

Ant: balanced, congruous, consistent, solemn

**LUCID**

Syn: sound, rational, coherent, sane

Ant: obscure, hidden, incomprehensible, unintelligible

**LISTLESS**

Syn: lazy, inattentive spiritless, incurious

Ant: brisk, attentive, diligent, agile

**LINGER**

Syn: loiter, prolong, hesitate, delay

Ant: hasten, quicken, dart, hurry

**LIBERATE**

Syn: emancipate, rescue, unshackle, absolve

Ant: suppress, menacle, obstruct, detain

**LIBERAL**

Syn: magnanimous, hospitality, generous, benevolence

Ant: stingy, niggardly, malevolent, malicious



**LIABLE**

Syn: accountable, bound, responsible, likely  
Ant: unaccountable, apt to, irresponsible, exempt

**LENIENT**

Syn: compassionate, merciful, moderate, tolerant  
Ant: cruel, severe, violent, vehement

**LAX**

Syn: slack, careless, negligence, indifferent  
Ant: firm, reliable, meticulous, scrupulous

**LAVISH**

Syn: abundant, excessive, profuse, extravagant  
Ant: scarce, deficient, frugal, conserve

**LASSITUDE**

Syn: languor, tiredness, weariness, lethargy  
Ant: vivacity, agility, animate, lively

**LAUDABLE**

Syn: deserving, honourable, praiseworthy, acceptable  
Ant: vicious, blame worthy, venomous, condemnable

**LANGUID**

Syn: pensive, lethargic, exhausted, fatigued  
Ant: lively, animated, refreshed, restored

**LAMENT**

Syn: grieve, deplore, regret, bemoan  
Ant: amuse, entertain, enliven, solace

**LAG**

Syn: retard, falter, linger, dawdle  
Ant: quicken, accelerate, expedite, spurt

**LACONIC**

Syn: brief, condensed, concise, compact  
Ant: dilated, profused, diffuse, wordy

**M****MUTUAL**

Syn: joint, identical, correlative, reciprocal  
Ant: separate, distinct, divergent, individual

**MUTINOUS**

Syn: recalcitrant, insurgent, unruly, revolutionary  
Ant: submissive, faithful, compliant, loyal

**MURKY**

Syn: dusky, dreary, dismal, bleak

Ant: bright, shining, luminous, radiant

**MUNIFICENT**

Syn: liberal, hospitable, benevolent, kind

Ant: frugal, penurious, moderate, economical

**MULTITUDE**

Syn: crowd, throng, mass, swarm

Ant: minority, handful, paucity, scarcity

**MOROSE**

Syn: surly, sulky, sullen, depressed

Ant: sprightly, animated, buoyant, blithe

**MONOTONOUS**

Syn: irksome, tedious, humdrum, insipid

Ant: varied, pleasant, appealing, captivating

**MOMENTOUS**

Syn: notable, eventful, consequential, stirring

Ant: trivial, insignificant, commonplace, immaterial

**MOLLIFY**

Syn: appease, assuage, relieve, mitigate

Ant: irritate, infuriate, aggravate, exasperate

**MOLEST**

Syn: pester, harass, vex, misbehave

Ant: console, soothe, comfort, cheer

**MODEST**

Syn: reserved, unpretentious, humble, courteous

Ant: audacious, arrogant, pompous, vain

**MODERATE**

Syn: limited, reasonable, lenient, temperate

Ant: excessive, extravagant, violent, vehement

**MITIGATE**

Syn: alleviate, relieve, lessen, assuage

Ant: augment, enhance, intensify, aggravate

**MIRACULOUS**

Syn: marvellous, extraordinary, astounding, amazing

Ant: ordinary, trivial, familiar, natural

**MINUTE**

Syn: diminutive, miniature, small, microscopic

Ant: large, colossal, stupendous, immense



**METTLE**

Syn: courage, determination, stamina, spirit  
 Ant: timidity, fear, cowardice, diffident

**MERITORIOUS**

Syn: commendable, admirable, deserving, praiseworthy  
 Ant: unworthy, infamous, disreputable, culpable

**MERCURIAL**

Syn: variable, changeable, unstable, erratic  
 Ant: stable, constant, steady, steadfast

**MENDACITY**

Syn: falsehood, deception, perjury, perfidious  
 Ant: probity, honesty, veracity, candour

**MELODIOUS**

Syn: dulcet, musical, harmonious, sweet  
 Ant: grating, dissonant, discordant, rancour

**N****NUMEROUS**

Syn: profuse, various, multitude, plenteous  
 Ant: scarce, deficient, paucity, sparse

**NULLIFY**

Syn: cancel, annul, obliterate, invalidate  
 Ant: confirm, uphold, empower, endorse

**NOXIOUS**

Syn: baneful, injurious, pernicious, disastrous  
 Ant: healing, profitable, innocuous, salubrious

**NOVICE**

Syn: tyro, beginner, debutant, apprentice  
 Ant: veteran, ingenious, experienced, mentor

**NOURISH**

Syn: sustain, nurture, tend, foster  
 Ant: exhaust, starve, weaken, enervate

**NONCHALANT**

Syn: indifferent, negligent, uncaring, heedless  
 Ant: attentive, considerate, vigilant, scrupulous

**NIMBLE**

Syn: prompt, brisk, lively, agile  
 Ant: sluggish, languid, weary, tardy

**NIGGARDLY**

Syn: miserly, covetous, inadequacy, deficiency

Ant: generous, profuse, redundant, excessive

**NEGLIGENT**

Syn: inattentive, careless, heedless, perfunctory

Ant: vigilant, careful, considerate, alert

**NEFARIOUS**

Syn: detestable, atrocious, heinous, unlawful

Ant: commendable, worthy, upright, inoffensive

**NAUSEOUS**

Syn: unsavoury, loathsome, abominable, repellent

Ant: commendable, worthy, benevolent, inoffensive

**NATIVE**

Syn: original, vernacular, indigenous, aboriginal

Ant: alien, extraneous, exotic, foreign

**NASTY**

Syn: offensive, defiled, malevolent, malignant

Ant: pleasing, gratifying, benevolent, attractive

**NOMINAL**

Syn: trifling, insubstantial, bare, negligible

Ant: substantial, considerable, excessive, exorbitant

**O****OVERWROUGHT**

Syn: excited, agitated, fervent, intense

Ant: quiet, tranquil, composed, cool

**OVERWHELM**

Syn: triumph, subjugate, overpower, vanquish

Ant: flounder, falter, restore, impotent

**OVERSIGHT**

Syn: omission, error, fault, slip

Ant: precision, observance, circumspection, caution

**OVERBEARING**

Syn: oppressive, domineering, intimidating, despotic

Ant: submissive, humble, lenient, forbearing

**OUTRAGE**

Syn: offence, maltreatment, assault, irreverent

Ant: praise, favour, esteem, reverence



**OUTBREAK**

Syn: eruption, insurrection, explosion, outburst

Ant: compliance, subjection, passivity, harmony

**OSTENTATION**

Syn: display, pretension, vaunt, pomposity

Ant: modesty, constraint, diffidence, economy

**OSTENSIBLE**

Syn: apparent, evident, obvious, overt

Ant: concealed, covert, obscure, vague

**ORNAMENTAL**

Syn: decorative, adorned, glamorous, picturesque

Ant: unseemly, plain, blemished, disfigured

**ORDAIN**

Syn: order, impose, prescribe, proclaim

Ant: revoke, abolish, violate, abrogate

**ORACULAR**

Syn: cryptic, vague, enigmatic, profound

Ant: lucid, distinct, intelligible, unambiguous

**OPAQUE**

Syn: filmy, dim, obscure, shady

Ant: transparent, bright, translucent, revealing

**ONEROUS**

Syn: arduous, troublesome, inconvenient, formidable

Ant: facile, agreeable, uncomplicated, flexible

**OMINOUS**

Syn: threatening, inauspicious, forebode, menacing

Ant: consoling, auspicious, propitious, comforting

**OFFSPRING**

Syn: descendants, siblings, posterity, progeny

Ant: ancestors, forefathers, pedigree, progenitors

**OFFENSIVE**

Syn: abhorrent, arrogant, insolent, impudent

Ant: docile, compliant, courteous, captivating

**ODIOUS**

Syn: abhorrent, obnoxious, prejudice, malevolent

Ant: engaging, fascinating, endearing, captivating

**OCCULT**

Syn: latent, ambiguous, esoteric, elusive

Ant: intelligible, transparent, fathomable, scrutable

**OBVIOUS**

Syn: evident, apparent, distinct, conspicuous

Ant: obscure, ambiguous, indiscernible, confusing

**OBSTRUCT**

Syn: impede, prevent, restrain, retard

Ant: hasten, encourage, expedite, promote

**OBSTINATE**

Syn: stubborn, resolute, unyielding, obdurate

Ant: submissive, obedient, amenable, pliable

**OBSOLETE**

Syn: outworn, archaic, antiquated, obsolescent

Ant: modern, novel, vogue, contemporary

**OBSEQUIIOUS**

Syn: slavish, servile, sycophantic, subservient

Ant: insolent, arrogant, defiant, assertive

**OBNOXIOUS**

Syn: pernicious, detestable, abhorrent, offensive

Ant: attractive, gratifying, beneficial, desirable

**OBJECTIVE**

Syn: goal, purpose, intention, resolve

Ant: origin, inception, deviating, subjective

**P****PUNGENT**

Syn: acute, penetrating, sharp, strong

Ant: mild, soothing, pleasant, palatable

**PUERILE**

Syn: shallow, immature, childish, trivial

Ant: wise, farsighted, profound, sensible

**PRUDENT**

Syn: cautious, discreet, judicious, circumspect

Ant: impetuous, unwise, reckless, rash

**PROVOKE**

Syn: inflame, incite, agitate, aggravate

Ant: pacify, comfort, dissuade, placate

**PROTRACT**

Syn: prolong, delay, stretch, procrastinate

Ant: abbreviate, curtail, abridge, compress



**PROSCRIBE**

Syn: prohibit, exclude, ban, forbid  
Ant: solicit, include, permit, sanction

**PROPITIATE**

Syn: appease, soothe, pacify, placate  
Ant: aggravate, annoy, scorn, displease

**PROMULGATE**

Syn: declare, proclaim, notify, announce  
Ant: reserve, suppress, disguise, withhold

**PROMISCUOUS**

Syn: confused, indiscriminate, casual, random  
Ant: regular, discriminate, orderly, select

**PROFUSE**

Syn: lavish, abundant, generous, plentiful  
Ant: scarce, scanty, meagre, paucity

**PROFLIGATE**

Syn: dissolute, degenerate, immoral, flagitious  
Ant: virtuous, upright, moral, ethical

**PRODIGY**

Syn: miracle, marvel, wonder, extraordinary  
Ant: normal, average, medicore, common

**PRODIGIOUS**

Syn: vast, enormous, immense, huge  
Ant: unimpressive, diminutive, slight, puny

**PRESUMPTUOUS**

Syn: presuming, arrogant, affected, insolent  
Ant: unassuming, modest, bashful, unobtrusive

**PREMATURE**

Syn: precious, untimely, mistimed, inopportune  
Ant: belated, opportune, timely, mellow

**PREDICAMENT**

Syn: plight, dilemma, fix, quandary  
Ant: resolution, confidence, firmness, certainty

**PRECARIOUS**

Syn: doubtful, insecure, unreliable, uncertain  
Ant: assured, undeniable, reliable, substantial

**POMPOUS**

Syn: haughty, arrogant, flamboyant, florid  
Ant: unpretentious, humble, coy, modest

**POISE**

Syn: equanimity, composure, equilibrium, patience

Ant: excitement, vehemence, frenzy, outburst

**PLIGHT**

Syn: predicament, perplexity, adversity, difficulty

Ant: facility, confidence, certainty, assurance

**PLIANT**

Syn: docile, amenable, pliable, submissive

Ant: defiant, adamant, rigid, obdurate

**PIQUE**

Syn: offence, resentment, indignation, displeasure

Ant: joy, rejoice, gratification, pleasure

**PIQUANT**

Syn: interesting, charming, tasteful, exciting

Ant: insipid, nauseating, unpalatable, unsavoury

**PILLAGE**

Syn: ransack, ravage, despoil, plunder

Ant: recompense, recover, redeem, restoration

**PERVERSE**

Syn: petulant, obstinate, stubborn, unyielding

Ant: complacent, docile, willing, consenting

**PERTNESS**

Syn: flippancy, impudence, impertinence, petulance

Ant: modesty, diffidence, subservient, obedient

**PERSPICUITY**

Syn: transparency, discernment, lucidity, intelligibility

Ant: perplexity, intricacy, obscurity, vagueness

**PERSEVERANCE**

Syn: persistence, endurance, tenacity, steadfastness

Ant: indolence, lethargy, stupor, sloth

**PERSECUTE**

Syn: torment, harass, intimidate, domineer

Ant: recompense, redress, comfort, console

**PERPLEX**

Syn: puzzle, confound, frustrate, baffle

Ant: convince, ascertain, confident, assure



**PERPETUAL**

Syn: uninterrupted, lasting, perennial, incessant

Ant: passing, transient, ephemeral, fleeting

**PERIL**

Syn: hazard, danger, jeopardy, compulsory

Ant: caution, security, safety, assurance

**PEREMPTORY**

Syn: overbearing, absolute, arbitrary, compulsory

Ant: tolerant, indecisive, optional, indulgent

**PENETRATE**

Syn: pierce, perforate, insert, infiltrate

Ant: discharge, leak, seep, emerge

**PEEVISH**

Syn: perverse, sullen, irritable, fretful

Ant: suave, amiable, polite, pleasant

**PEERLESS**

Syn: matchless, unrivalled, unique, surpassing

Ant: mediocre, commonplace, inferior, imperfect

**PARAMOUNT**

Syn: foremost, eminent, supreme, unrivalled

Ant: trivial, inferior, subsidiary, ordinary

**PANIC**

Syn: apprehension, dismay, alarm, dread

Ant: calm, confidence, security, tranquility

**PAMPER**

Syn: spoil, indulge, flatter, please

Ant: chasten, correct, deny, disparage

**PALPABLE**

Syn: distinct, prominent, plain, concrete

Ant: concealed, obscure, intangible, covert

**PALLIATE**

Syn: extenuate, moderate, alleviate, soften

Ant: denounce, condemn, reproach, reprehend

**PLACID**

Syn: tranquil, calm, compose, unruffled

Ant: turbulent, hostile, agitated, volatile

## Q

**QUESTIONABLE**

Syn: uncertain, disputable, dubious, unverifiable  
Ant: positive, authentic, reliable, substantial

**QUELL**

Syn: subdue, reduce, suppress, extinguish  
Ant: exacerbate, agitate, foment, instigate

**QUAINT**

Syn: queer, strange, odd, ridiculous  
Ant: familiar, usual, common, normal

**QUACK**

Syn: impostor, deceiver, dissembler, knave  
Ant: upright, unfeigned, trained, genuine

**QUIBBLE**

Syn: equivocate, prevaricate, evade, dissemble  
Ant: unfeign, plain, scrupulous, conscientious

**QUASH**

Syn: abrogate, annul, cancel, revoke  
Ant: uphold, empower, authorise, permit

**QUARANTINE**

Syn: isolate, separate, seclude, screened  
Ant: gregarious, amiable, sociable, companionable

## R

**RUTHLESS**

Syn: remorseless, inhuman, savage, unrelenting  
Ant: compassionate, lenient, benevolent, humanitarian

**RUSTIC**

Syn: pastoral, bucolic, rural, uncivilised  
Ant: cultured, refined, urban, urbane

**ROUT**

Syn: defeat, overthrow, vanquish, subjugate  
Ant: succumb, withdraw, retreat, consolidate

**RIGHTEOUS**

Syn: virtuous, honest, upright, just  
Ant: unjust, immoral, unprincipled, unfair



**REVERENCE**

Syn: respect, esteem, regards, veneration  
Ant: disrespect, dishonour, affront, offence

**REVEAL**

Syn: disclose, expose, unfold, divulge  
Ant: hide, conceal, confine, cover

**RETRACT**

Syn: recant, repudiate, revoke, withdraw  
Ant: confirm, assert, declare, affirm

**REMOTE**

Syn: inaccessible, farther, distant, slight  
Ant: adjoining, adjacent, proximate, contiguous

**REMORSE**

Syn: regret, penitence, deplore, lament  
Ant: ruthless, obduracy, pitiless, relentless

**RESENTMENT**

Syn: displeasure, wrath, ire, bitterness  
Ant: content, cheer, pleasure, agreement

**RESCIND**

Syn: annul, abrogate, revoke, repeal  
Ant: delegate, permit, authorize, propose

**REPULSIVE**

Syn: repellent, forbidding, hideous, detestable  
Ant: agreeable, enticing, attractive, alluring

**REPUGNANT**

Syn: hostile, offensive, disagreeable, distasteful  
Ant: agreeable, pleasant, friendly, tasteful

**REMONSTRATE**

Syn: censure, protest, argue, expostulate  
Ant: agree, laud, endorse, commend

**REMNANT**

Syn: residue, piece, part, remainder  
Ant: entire, whole, complete, unbroken

**RELINQUISH**

Syn: forsake, abandon, surrender, abdicate  
Ant: persist, continue, occupy, hold

**REDRESS**

Syn: relief, restoration, remedy, repair  
Ant: retribution, forfeiture, harm, degenerate

**REDEEM**

Syn: recover, liberate, fulfil, rescue  
 Ant: lose, barter, neglect, conserve

**RAZE**

Syn: demolish, destroy, annihilate, dismantle  
 Ant: restore, construct, repair, build

**RAVISH**

Syn: captivate, enchant, seize, charm  
 Ant: disgust, annoy, displease, oppress

**RAVAGE**

Syn: devastate, destroy, ruin, despoil  
 Ant: restore, organize, reconstruct, renovate

**RATIFY**

Syn: consent, approve, endorse, corroborate  
 Ant: deny, contradict, dissent, oppose

**RAPTURE**

Syn: bliss, delight, pleasure, ecstasy  
 Ant: melancholy, distress, sorrow, agonize

**RAPID**

Syn: swift, fast, speedy, accelerate  
 Ant: sluggish, lethargic, languid, listless

**RANCOUR**

Syn: hatred, malice, resentment, bitterness  
 Ant: love, regards, respect, friendliness

**RADIANCE**

Syn: glow, brilliance, splendour, gleaming  
 Ant: dullness, shady, overcast, dusky

**S****SYCOPHANT**

Syn: parasite, flatterer, cringing, servile  
 Ant: devoted, loyal, truthful, faithful

**SWAY**

Syn: influence, control, command, power  
 Ant: impotence, futility, disability, incapacity

**SUPERFLUOUS**

Syn: excessive, surplus, redundant, unnecessary  
 Ant: scanty, inadequate, dearth, scarce

**SUPERFICIAL**

Syn: partial, shallow, cursory, flimsy

Ant: profound, discerning, substantial, deep

**SUBVERT**

Syn: overthrow, suppress, demolish, sabotage

Ant: accomplish, sustain, generate, organise

**SUBSTANTIAL**

Syn: durable, lasting, concrete, tangible

Ant: tenuous, abstract, fragile, immaterial

**SUBSEQUENT**

Syn: consequent, following, later, afterwards

Ant: preceding, previous, prior, earlier

**STUPOR**

Syn: lethargy, insensibility, unconsciousness, coma

Ant: consciousness, sensibility, sensitive, feeling

**STERN**

Syn: harsh, severe, austere, rigorous

Ant: lenient, considerate, benevolent, generous

**STAIN**

Syn: blemish, tarnish, disgrace, stigma

Ant: honour, purify, virtuous, noble

**STABLE**

Syn: abiding, lasting, steadfast, constant

Ant: erratic, wavering, unsteady, restless

**SQUALID**

Syn: dirty, soiled, filthy, odious

Ant: attractive, tidy, polished, spruce

**SPURIOUS**

Syn: counterfeit, adulterated, fake, fraudulent

Ant: genuine, positive, original, sincere

**SPORADIC**

Syn: intermittent, scattered, isolated, infrequent

Ant: incessant, frequent, constant, regular

**SPONTANEOUS**

Syn: unforced, instinctive, sudden, unintentional

Ant: intended, devised, premeditated, intentional

**SOLICIT**

Syn: entreat, implore, approach, accost

Ant: protest, oppose, prohibit, disapprove



**SNEER**

Syn: mock, scorn, despise, spurn  
Ant: flatter, praise, encourage, laud

**SLANDER**

Syn: defame, malign, detract, despise  
Ant: applaud, approve, commend, exalt

**SINISTER**

Syn: woeful, disastrous evil, ruinous  
Ant: auspicious, fortunate propitious, harmless

**SHREWD**

Syn: running, observant, crafty, artful  
Ant: thoughtless, rash, simple, imbecile

**SHALLOW**

Syn: trivial, slight, superficial, insubstantial  
Ant: profound, wise, substantial, deep

**SHABBY**

Syn: miserable, impoverished, deteriorated, impaired  
Ant: prosperous, thriving, restoring, flourishing

**SCANTY**

Syn: scarce, insufficient paucity, sparseness  
Ant: lavish, luxuriant, multitude, several

**SCANDAL**

Syn: disgrace, disrepute, indignity, defamation  
Ant: praise, admiration, flattery, adulation

**SAUCY**

Syn: impudent, insolent, brazen, impertinent  
Ant: modest, humble, esteem, meek

**SARCASTIC**

Syn: derisive, ironical, sardonic, invective  
Ant: courteous, complaisant, gracious, polite

**SANGUINE**

Syn: hopeful, optimistic, buoyant, confident  
Ant: despondent, pessimistic, depressed, despairing

**SALUTARY**

Syn: wholesome, salubrious, healthful, beneficial  
Ant: harmful, deleterious, pernicious, ruinous

# T

## TYRO

Syn: beginner, learner novice, debutant

Ant: proficient, veteran, adept, connoisseur

## TUMULTUOUS

Syn: uproarious, violent, disorderly, riotous

Ant: peaceful, passive, orderly, harmonious

## TRIVIAL

Syn: trifling, insignificant, frivolous, worthless

Ant: significant, important, consequential, essential

## TRITE

Syn: ordinary, commonplace, stale, hackneyed

Ant: interesting, extraordinary, becoming, proper

## TRENCHANT

Syn: assertive, forceful, sharp, spirited

Ant: feeble, ambiguous, shallow, vacillating

## TREACHEROUS

Syn: faithless, deceitful, disloyal, unreliable

Ant: faithful, reliable, dependable, trustworthy

## TRANSIENT

Syn: temporal, transitory, fleeting, passing

Ant: lasting, enduring, perpetual, immortal

## TRANQUIL

Syn: peaceful, composed, calm, placid

Ant: violent, furious, restless, distracting

## TORTURE

Syn: torment, agony pang, oppress

Ant: comfort, consolation pleasure, delight

## TIMID

Syn: modest, humble, diffident, apprehensive

Ant: bold, intrepid, undaunted, courageous

## THRONG

Syn: assembly, gathering, congregation, crowd

Ant: dispersion, scattering, handful, sparsity

## TENACIOUS

Syn: resolved, resolute, determined, dogged

Ant: vacillating, timid, wavering, unstable



**TEMPERATE**

- Syn: cool, moderate, reasonable, lenient  
Ant: boisterous, vehement, violent, excessive

**TEMERITY**

- Syn: boldness, audacity, imprudence, indiscretion  
Ant: discretion, prudence, caution, wisdom

**TEDIOUS**

- Syn: wearisome, irksome, tiring, monotonous  
Ant: exhilarating, lively, delightful, diverting

**TAINTED**

- Syn: contaminated, corrupt, vitiated, polluted  
Ant: unblemished, wholesome, restorative, pure

**TACITURN**

- Syn: reserved, uncommunicative, silent, reticent  
Ant: talkative, loquacious, garrulous, extrovert

**TABOO**

- Syn: prohibit, prevent, forbid, ban  
Ant: permit, sanction, consent, license

**U****UTTERLY**

- Syn: completely, entirely, extremely, wholly  
Ant: deficient, incomplete, insufficient, partial

**USURP**

- Syn: seize, wrest, encroach, coup  
Ant: restore, compensate, grant, reinstate

**UNSEEMLY**

- Syn: undesirable, inappropriate, uncouth awkward  
Ant: becoming, acceptable, decorous, admirable

**UNGAINLY**

- Syn: clumsy, unskilled, immature, slovenly  
Ant: active, expert, skilful, dexterous

**UNCOUTH**

- Syn: awkward, ungraceful, inelegant, vulgar  
Ant: elegant, graceful, distinguished, shapely

**UMBAGE**

- Syn: resentment, bitterness, dissatisfaction, offence  
Ant: sympathy, goodwill, amity, esteem



## V

**VULGAR**

Syn: inelegant, offensive, nasty, ungraceful  
 Ant: refined, graceful, elegant, civil

**VOUCH**

Syn: confirm, consent, approve, endorse  
 Ant: repudiate, prohibit, recant, retract

**VOLATILE**

Syn: light, changing, transient, temporal  
 Ant: heavy, ponderous, perpetual, stable

**VIGILANT**

Syn: cautious, alert, wary, circumspect  
 Ant: careless, negligent, inattentive, casual

**VICIOUS**

Syn: corrupt, obnoxious, degraded, demoralized  
 Ant: noble, virtuous, innocent, underfiled

**VIBRATE**

Syn: swing, oscillate, fluctuate, undulate  
 Ant: cease, pause, rest, discontinue

**VENOM**

Syn: poison, resentment, malevolence, rancour  
 Ant: antidote, remedy, benevolent, sympathetic

**VENERABLE**

Syn: esteemed, honoured, respectable, worthy  
 Ant: unworthy, immature, degrade, degenerate

**VANITY**

Syn: conceit, pretension, immodesty, pride  
 Ant: modesty, humility, meek, bashful

**VALOUR**

Syn: bravery, prowess, heroism, chivalry  
 Ant: fear, cowardice, unmanliness

**VALID**

Syn: sound, authentic, genuine, reliable  
 Ant: fallacious, deceptive, dubious, uncertain

**VALIANT**

Syn: brave, gallant, courageous, chivalrous  
 Ant: fearful, afraid, coward, dastardly

**VAGRANT**

Syn: idle, roaming, wanderer, roving  
 Ant: steady, settled, stationary, stable

# W

**WAIVE**

Syn: relinquish, remove, abjure, renounce

Ant: impose, clamp, grasp, retain

**WARY**

Syn: cautious, circumspect, prudent, chary

Ant: heedless, negligent, impulsive, reckless

**WICKED**

Syn: immoral, dissolute, vicious, nefarious

Ant: virtuous, ethical, innocent, noble

**WITHHOLD**

Syn: reserve, restrain, hamper, retard

Ant: emancipate, liberate, dispense, release

**WANE**

Syn: decline, dwindle, decrease, deteriorate

Ant: ameliorate, rise, revive, wax

**WAYWARD**

Syn: volatile, capricious, unstable, inconstant

Ant: stable, determined, resolute, straight

**WILT**

Syn: wither, perish, deteriorate, smother

Ant: revive, bloom, refresh, restore

**WIELD**

Syn: use, exercise, exert, employ

Ant: abstain, avoid, forbear, forgo

**WAN**

Syn: pale, fade, discolour, feeble

Ant: bright, healthy, colourful, gaudy

**WILFUL**

Syn: stubborn, obstinate, obdurate, inexorable

Ant: amenable, irresolute, pliable, yielding

**Y****YOKE**

Syn: connect, harness, hitch, shackle

Ant: liberate, release, detach, disconnect

**YIELD**

Syn: surrender, abdicate, succumb, consent

Ant: resist, protest, prohibit, forbid

**YELL**

Syn: shout, shriek, exclaim, gesticulate

Ant: suppress, whisper, muffled, muted

**YEARN**

Syn: languish, crave, require, pine

Ant: content, unwanted, satisfied, gratified

**YAWN**

Syn: gape, sleepy, slumber, doze

Ant: close, active, brisk, wakeful

**Z****ZIGZAG**

Syn: oblique, crooked, winding, wayward

Ant: straight, even, direct, unbent

**ZEST**

Syn: delight, enthusiasm, various, energetic

Ant: disgust, passive, detriment, languid

**ZENITH**

Syn: summit, apex, maximum, pinnacle

Ant: nadir, base, bottom, floor

**ZEALOT**

Syn: fanatic, partisan, bigot, chauvinist

Ant: tolerant, liberal, blasphemy, impious

**ZEAL**

Syn: eagerness, fervour, enthusiasm, ardour

Ant: apathy, lethargy, indifference, reluctant



## (Based on Synonyms)

**Directions :** In the following sentences a word or phrase is written in *italicised* letters. For each *italicised* part four words/phrases are listed below each sentence. Choose the word nearest in meaning to *italicised* part.

### Exercise (A)

1. The inspector was a *vigilant* young man.  
(a) smart (b) watchful  
(c) ambitious (d) intelligent
2. Man has to *encounter* many hardships in life.  
(a) solve (b) face  
(c) bear (d) overcome
3. Few teachers have been spared the problem of an *obstreperous* pupil in the class.  
(a) awkward (b) lazy  
(c) unruly (d) sullen
4. Ritu asked Rashmi not to *meddle* in her affairs.  
(a) intercede (b) impose  
(c) cross (d) interfere
5. *Incensed* by his rude behaviour the manager suspended the work.  
(a) enthused (b) enraged  
(c) inflamed (d) excited
6. The Collector has yet not *relinquished* his charge.  
(a) give up (b) abdicate  
(c) leave (d) renounce
7. Don't entertain any *misgivings* about his conduct.  
(a) distrust (b) doubt  
(c) suspicion (d) impression
8. Her views are not in *consonance* with her husband's.  
(a) in disagreement (b) in conflict  
(c) in agreement (d) contradictory
9. The maidservant left the police station *contrite*.  
(a) penitent (b) sore  
(c) angry (d) remorseless
10. Being a sociable bird she was *conspicuous* by her absence in the club last evening.  
(a) important (b) prominent  
(c) ignorant (d) apparent
11. The villagers offered us an excellent *repast*.  
(a) pass time (b) as good meal  
(c) entertainment (d) fate

12. Our Prime Minister is young and *dynamic*.  
(a) belligerent (b) explosive  
(c) energetic (d) intelligent
13. He soon got fed up with his *sedentary* job.  
(a) involving sitting (b) routine  
(c) roving (d) drab
14. The treaty was later *ratified*.  
(a) charged (b) confirmed  
(c) reformed (d) updated
15. The communal politics has done *imponderable* loss to the unity of India.  
(a) incalculable (b) invaluable  
(c) irreparable (d) invulnerable
16. India has not yet been able to *harness* her domestic resources in full.  
(a) complete (b) utilize  
(c) produce (d) bridle
17. One must not be *callous* to womenfolk.  
(a) kind (b) hard hearted  
(c) arrogant (d) proud
18. As a speaker he was an *utter* failure.  
(a) total (b) partial  
(c) completely (d) relative
19. In *exasperation* she railed at the shopkeeper.  
(a) irritation (b) fear  
(c) astonishment (d) disappointment
20. No one expects a *facile* solution to the Punjab problem.  
(a) satisficatory (b) easy  
(c) satisfying (d) difficult
21. *Furtive* glances were exchanged between the lovers at the feast.  
(a) unknown (b) secret  
(c) unsuspecting (d) clandestine
22. The early monsoon have brought *respite* to the people.  
(a) despite (b) inspite of  
(c) interval of relief (d) rest
23. One of the *salient* features of your proposal is a stress on self employment.  
(a) prominent (b) silent  
(c) loud (d) important
24. Factory workers are *restive* as the company has not declared any bonus this year.  
(a) restful (b) restless  
(c) resting (d) satisfied
25. English conversation means the learning of many *catchy* phrases.  
(a) easily remembered (b) easily spoken  
(c) easily understood (d) lucid

## Exercise (B)

1. The newspapers are *clamouring* against the injustice to the landless labourers.  
 (a) protesting (b) noising  
 (c) complaining (d) demonstrating
2. Honest officers find it difficult to *attune* themselves to corrupt bureaucracy.  
 (a) tune (b) adapt  
 (c) harmony (d) accusation
3. The five day week in Government Offices is bound to benefit the *jaded* office goers.  
 (a) refreshed (b) routined  
 (c) fatigued (d) vigorous
4. The *deployment* of para-military forces in Punjab has helped the provincial government a lot.  
 (a) activated (b) employment  
 (c) use (d) spreading out
5. Indian cricketers were *brimming* over with confidence after their English tour.  
 (a) overflow (b) blow over  
 (c) flow over (d) overspill
6. The resignation of the Chief Minister is *intriguing*.  
 (a) curious (b) interesting  
 (c) secret (d) diplomatic
7. There seems to be *perpetual* war going on between the rich and the poor.  
 (a) never ending (b) regular  
 (c) always (d) intermittent
8. There was no *ostensible* reason for her being angry at her husband's remarks.  
 (a) hidden (b) covert  
 (c) apparent (d) secret
9. Poonam is ever ready to *lend a hand*.  
 (a) assist (b) obstruct  
 (c) praise (d) hand over
10. Though long, your essay is *vague* on the point.  
 (a) doubtful (b) eloquent  
 (c) indistinct (d) lucid
11. She *upbraided* the little girl who got frightened.  
 (a) make tails (b) make up  
 (c) scolded (d) handed
12. She is not seen even smiling these days; she is rather *pensive*.  
 (a) sad (b) thoughtful  
 (c) gloomy (d) black



13. There was a major *split* in the Congress party in 1969.  
(a) breach (b) division  
(c) break (d) unity
14. The *honesty* of the king's minister was above board and the king was fond of him.  
(a) propensity (b) polarity  
(c) probity (d) posterity
15. Wealth acquired through *dishonourable* means lead to moral downfall.  
(a) incredulous (b) discreditable  
(c) incredible (d) disgraceful
16. What meaning have you *drawn* from her tongue in cheek remarks.  
(a) deduced (b) induced  
(c) conducted (d) deduct
17. There is a *tacit* agreement between the super powers not to engage themselves in armed conflict.  
(a) unspoken (b) speechless  
(c) silent (d) introvert
18. The millions of the poor *hapless* Indians' future does not hold any promise.  
(a) unhappy (b) unfortunate  
(c) helpless (d) adverse
19. Mohinder Amarnath had *penchant* for hook shots.  
(a) art (b) inclination  
(c) strength (d) desire
20. On account of the *paucity* of the funds plan remained incomplete.  
(a) lack (b) scarcity  
(c) abundance (d) excess
21. In the existing circumstances her success is *out of the question*.  
(a) impossible (b) possible  
(c) unquestionable (d) certain
22. The *unlawful* activities of the terrorists need to be dealt with iron hand.  
(a) lugubrious (b) salubrious  
(c) nefarious (d) deleterious
23. The man lives long through his *good deeds* after he had died.  
(a) beneficial (b) benevolent  
(c) beneficent (d) benediction
24. The poets are known to *fly* in their thoughts more than a practical man.  
(a) sore (b) soar  
(c) sour (d) soare
25. The field was *even* enough for the joggers to have their practice.  
(a) plane (b) plain  
(c) plan (d) plaine

## Exercise (C)

(IES 2001)

1. India has made *spectacular* progress in science and technology.  
(a) remarkable (b) great  
(c) formidable (d) super
2. The opposition criticised the ruling party for the *deteriorating* law and order situation in the state.  
(a) disrupting (b) worsening  
(c) crumbling (d) eroding
3. The flat has been *refurbished* recently.  
(a) white-washed (b) painted  
(c) renovated (d) repaired
4. Even the most careful researcher cannot predict the possible future *ramifications* of his findings.  
(a) uses (b) developments  
(c) consequences (d) conclusions
5. He ended his speech on a *supercilious* note which was quite unexpected of a person of balanced and stable temperament.  
(a) defamatory (b) contemptuous  
(c) superfluous (d) irrelevant
6. Graduation day is *momentous* day for most students. (CDS 2002)  
(a) memorable (b) melancholy  
(c) important (d) hectic
7. The two opposing parties have reached a *stalemate*.  
(a) dilemma (b) deadlock  
(c) exhaustion (d) settlement
8. The Prime Minister delivered an *impromptu* speech to the students.  
(a) important (b) impressive  
(c) inspiring (d) off hand
9. This is a *lucrative* business.  
(a) profitable (b) dangerous  
(c) challenging (d) questionable
10. *Forthrightness* in speech may not always be a desirable quality.  
(a) outspokenness (b) obliqueness  
(c) mendacity (d) equivocation
11. Such conduct deserves *reprimand*.  
(a) praise (b) punishment  
(c) rebuke (d) reward
12. On public occasions, she was very *punctilious* about forms and manners.  
(a) serious (b) careful  
(c) artificial (d) casual

13. She is very *discreet*.  
(a) mannered (b) mild  
(c) proud (d) prudent
14. After he came back from his evening walk, he felt *famished*.  
(a) exhausted (b) hungry  
(c) peevish (d) relaxed
15. She purchased *gimcrack* ornaments from the market.  
(a) expensive (b) worthless  
(c) rare (d) smuggled
16. He is a good looking but *insipid* young man. (NDA 2002)  
(a) arrogant (b) unscrupulous  
(c) sick (d) lacking in spirit
17. He had *insidiously* wormed his way into her affections.  
(a) in a polite manner (b) in a secret manner  
(c) in ugly way (d) in a forceful manner
18. His boss' criticism left him feeling rather *abashed*.  
(a) annoyed (b) arrogant  
(c) embarrassed (d) awakened
19. The *inexorable* demands of the workers brought the company to a closure.  
(a) unreasonable (b) relentless  
(c) monetary (d) violent
20. The *acerbic* remarks of the manager were unwarranted.  
(a) bitter (b) furious  
(c) arrogant (d) childish
21. It was an *astute* move to sell the property at that stage. (CDS 2003)  
(a) shrewd (b) unwise  
(c) dishonest (d) inexplicable
22. The five experiments gave *disparate* results.  
(a) similar (b) encouraging  
(c) strange (d) different
23. The young girl appeared *self-possessed* in front of TV cameras.  
(a) shy (b) confident  
(c) introvert (d) extrovert
24. The chairman conducted the meeting with *aplomb*.  
(a) arrogance (b) annoyance  
(c) poise (d) authority
25. The officer gave a *lucid* explanation of the company's course of action.  
(a) vague (b) unconvincing  
(c) long (d) clear



**Exercise (D)**

1. We will carry out the enquiry as *expeditiously* as possible.  
(a) fairly (b) speedily  
(c) timely (d) justifiably
2. The coach followed a *devious* course to its destination.  
(a) difficult (b) short-cut  
(c) straight (d) winding
3. It would be *impertinent* to suggest that he was generally wrong.  
(a) fair (b) correct  
(c) rude (d) impartial
4. We have witnessed an *inexorable* march of progress by the organization.  
(a) inexhaustible (b) relentless  
(c) comprehensive (d) sluggish
5. Our fates seemed *intertwined*.  
(a) complicated (b) destined  
(c) complex (d) linked
6. He displayed a distinct tendency to *long-winded* speeches when asked how he was.  
(a) boring (b) repetitive  
(c) circumlocutory (d) hyperbolic
7. The data is *misleading*.  
(a) illusory (b) deceptive  
(c) misplaced (d) misinformative
8. This library was built with donations from the *munificent* citizens of the city.  
(a) well-to-do (b) generous  
(c) respectable (d) learned
9. Some satirists are known for their *trenchant* style.  
(a) sharp (b) critical  
(c) aggressive (d) incisive
10. Many educationists think that the classroom instruction should be made more *vigorous*.  
(a) serious (b) brisk  
(c) lively (d) active
11. Medical science is yet to come out with a *panacea* for cancer.  
(a) remedy (b) medicine  
(c) treatment (d) drug
12. The navy gave *tactical* support to the marines.  
(a) sensitive (b) strategic  
(c) expedient (d) expert
13. Businessmen who lack *acumen* cannot be expected to be very successful.  
(a) smartness (b) sharpness  
(c) keenness (d) cleverness

14. In modern hospitals, computers *check* the patients before they see the doctor.  
 (a) stop (b) protect  
 (c) cover (d) screen
15. A genius tends to *deviate* from the routine way of thinking.  
 (a) dispute (b) differ  
 (c) disagree (d) distinguish
16. We are happy that the two countries are trying to find an *amicable* solution to their disputes.  
 (a) a just (b) an appropriate  
 (c) a durable (d) a friendly  
 (CDS 2000)
17. Leaders of some political parties make *fiery* speeches.  
 (a) fantastic (b) bombastic  
 (c) passionate (d) eloquent
18. The judge asked the contending parties to state their position *unequivocally*.  
 (a) adequately (b) completely  
 (c) effectively (d) plainly
19. The new volume provides substantial critical *excerpts* and biographical information on eight to ten major poets from all eras.  
 (a) sources (b) explanation  
 (c) extracts (d) substances
20. It is *exasperating* to listen to the suggestions of the minister about the educational reforms of which he knows nothing.  
 (a) irritating (b) amusing  
 (c) disappointing (d) boring
21. The *disgruntled* members of a party are a constant source of tension to the party leader.  
 (a) disloyal (b) dishonest  
 (c) discontented (d) dispirited
22. He is so *garrulous* that all sober persons avoid his company.  
 (a) quarrelsome (b) talkative  
 (c) domineering (d) foolish
23. *Temperance* in eating is conducive to health.  
 (a) discipline (b) caution  
 (c) moderation (d) care
24. His close friend, who was senior to him in the office, did not hesitate to *reprimand* him when he misplaced one important file.  
 (a) demote (b) rebuke  
 (c) suspend (d) penalise
25. I am filled with *remorse* for my failure to help the young man.  
 (a) despair (b) regret  
 (c) anger (d) hatred

## Exercise (E)

(CDS 2000)

1. He could rise to this stature because of his *invincible* courage.  
(a) inviolable (b) unmanageable  
(c) unbeatable (d) immeasurable
2. Though he is a teacher, his speech lacks *distinctness*.  
(a) clarity (b) precision  
(c) distinction (d) fluency
3. The judge was both a *judicious* and impartial man.  
(a) judicial (b) wise  
(c) intelligent (d) kind
4. Reading fiction is an *absorbing*, creative and entertaining hobby.  
(a) a concentrating (b) an engrossing  
(c) a fascinating (d) an enriching
5. The *perspicuity* of the lawyer's arguments was remarkable.  
(a) logic (b) precision  
(c) lucidity (d) profundity
6. A man of unsound mind, he was *exonerated* from all responsibility for his actions.  
(a) exculpated (b) prevented  
(c) excused (d) liberated
7. He is known to be a *prolific* writer.  
(a) versatile (b) productive  
(c) great (d) powerful
8. He tried to *alleviate* the sufferings of his neighbours.  
(a) abate (b) dissipate  
(c) remove (d) relieve
9. Her evidence totally *refuted* the charges.  
(a) refused (b) denied  
(c) disproved (d) repelled
10. If a leader wants to be popular he should master the art of being *civil* to everyone.  
(a) polite (b) civilized  
(c) friendly (d) obedient
11. The *surreptitious* movements of a long figure among the dunes filled the villagers with curiosity and awe.  
(a) invisible (b) nocturnal  
(c) secret (d) concealed
12. One's *remonstration* against social ills has to be consistent to be fruitful.  
(a) outrage (b) demonstration  
(c) protest (d) criticism



13. You should consider the matter in an *impartial* manner.  
 (a) optimistic (b) enthusiastic  
 (c) realistic (d) dispassionate
14. Mumbai is the *terminus* of the Western Railways.  
 (a) last stop (b) termination  
 (c) junction (d) tenure
15. The journey to Siliguri is quite *tedious*.  
 (a) diverting (b) wearisome  
 (c) lively (d) resolute

### Exercise (F)

**Directions :** Each of the following questions containing main word in capital letters followed by four words. Select the word that is **most similar in meaning** to the main word in capital letters.

(CDS 2004)

1. SOLITUDE  
 (a) musical composition (b) aloneness  
 (c) true statement (d) single mindedness
2. PROPITIOUS  
 (a) favourable (b) clean  
 (c) nearby (d) patriotic
3. RECTITUDE  
 (a) Duplication (b) Integrity  
 (c) Rectification (d) Recovery
4. VALOUR  
 (a) wandering (b) brightness  
 (c) bravery (d) affluence
5. INCONGRUOUS  
 (a) inconceivable (b) inevitable  
 (c) inconsistent (d) incontrovertible
6. COMMISERATION  
 (a) commission (b) vastness  
 (c) sympathy (d) commendation
7. SLIPSHOD  
 (a) vulgar (b) careless  
 (c) common place (d) retaliatory
8. MOSQUERADE  
 (a) to provide support (b) to go in disguise  
 (c) to mesmerise (d) marathon race
9. PREPOSTEROUS  
 (a) careful (b) casual  
 (c) absurd (d) deterrent

(PF Commissioner 2004)

(NDA 2004)

10. SLOTH  
(a) laziness  
(c) sludge  
(b) anger  
(d) malady
11. PARSIMONIOUS  
(a) thrifty  
(c) extravagant  
(b) cunning  
(d) upright  
(SCRA 2005)
12. CONUNDRUM  
(a) riddle  
(c) impudence  
(b) dampness  
(d) servility
13. PROSAIC  
(a) uninspiring  
(c) exotic  
(b) poetic  
(d) imaginative  
(CAGA 2005)
14. RAVAGE  
(a) destroy  
(c) irrational  
(b) break  
(d) sacred
15. MENTOR  
(a) genius  
(c) stylist  
(b) guide  
(d) philosopher
16. GARNISH  
(a) paint  
(c) garner  
(b) adorn  
(d) banish
17. GRUFF  
(a) rough  
(c) tough  
(b) hard  
(d) cheerless  
(Tax Assistant 2005)
18. SURMOUNT  
(a) overcome  
(c) surround  
(b) discount  
(d) capture
19. TORPID  
(a) insipid  
(c) sensitive  
(b) stupid  
(d) inactive
20. ITINERANT  
(a) frequent use of 'it'  
(c) plan for proposed journey  
(b) anything involving repetition  
(d) travelling from place to place
21. OSTENTATIOUS  
(a) pomp  
(c) abundance  
(b) pretence  
(d) plenty  
(Commercial Auditor 2005)
22. OBSESSION  
(a) pre-occupation  
(c) frustration  
(b) suspicion  
(d) dejection

23. DILATE  
(a) spin  
(c) widen  
(b) weaken  
(d) push
24. FLUTTER  
(a) soar  
(c) change  
(b) agitate  
(d) float
25. PRIORITY  
(a) urgency  
(c) precedence  
(b) protocol  
(d) necessity
26. ESTRANGED  
(a) jealous  
(c) separated  
(b) angry  
(d) suspicious
27. RESTIVE  
(a) rested  
(c) limited  
(b) restless  
(d) limitless
28. PREMONITION  
(a) insight  
(c) forewarning  
(b) uncertainty  
(d) scope
29. NOMADIC  
(a) fighting  
(c) strange  
(b) rare  
(d) wandering
30. DEROGATORY  
(a) infurious  
(c) disparaging  
(b) shattering  
(d) destructive
31. DECREPITUDE  
(a) disease  
(c) crowd  
(b) coolness  
(d) feebleness
32. BECKONED  
(a) accused  
(c) sent  
(b) called  
(d) acquitted
33. SUPERANNUATED  
(a) experienced  
(c) retired  
(b) accepted  
(d) senile
34. AUDACITY  
(a) strength  
(c) asperity  
(b) boldness  
(d) fear

(Investigator 2005)

(Tax Assistant 2006)



35. TRANSITION  
(a) position  
(c) change  
(b) translation  
(d) movement
36. DECIMATED  
(a) denounced  
(c) successful  
(b) destroyed  
(d) depressed
37. AVARICE  
(a) generosity  
(c) greed  
(b) envy  
(d) hatred
38. AUGUST  
(a) majestic  
(c) difficult  
(b) important  
(d) huge
39. RARE  
(a) common  
(c) scarce  
(b) usual  
(d) few
40. CRAVEN  
(a) greedy  
(c) flattering  
(b) cowardly  
(d) restless  
(NDA 2006)
41. VICARIOUS  
(a) ambitious  
(c) nostalgic  
(b) not experienced personally  
(d) vindictive
42. DEBONAIR  
(a) bedridden  
(c) elegant  
(b) candid  
(d) thrifty
43. BROWBEAT  
(a) to bully  
(c) to give a hint  
(b) to chase  
(d) to revive
44. MENIAL  
(a) unskilled  
(c) affluent  
(b) tall  
(d) sick  
(CDS 2006)
45. RECLUSE  
(a) hospitable  
(c) withdrawn  
(b) humorous  
(d) effective
46. EXTOL  
(a) steal  
(c) exterior  
(b) praise  
(d) excess  
(CDS 2006)
47. CELERITY  
(a) quickness  
(c) lineage  
(b) bachelorhood  
(d) backwardness

48. VIRTUOSO  
(a) futuristic  
(c) prompt  
(b) stubborn  
(d) exceptionally skilled
49. CONTRAPTION  
(a) device  
(c) forest  
(b) valley  
(d) window
50. THRONG  
(a) excitement  
(c) danger  
(b) crowded mass of people  
(d) suspense
51. COUNTERVAILING  
(a) compensating  
(c) crying  
(b) argumentative  
(d) complaining
52. FERRET  
(a) steal  
(c) forget  
(b) search  
(d) fight
53. EVINCE  
(a) to learn  
(c) to resist  
(b) to exhibit  
(d) to become infirm
54. REPRISAL  
(a) loneliness  
(c) remuneration  
(b) retaliation  
(d) pleasure
55. PECUNIARY  
(a) pertaining to money  
(c) pertaining to history  
(b) pertaining to politics  
(d) pertaining to geography
56. ILLICIT  
(a) immoral  
(c) ineligible  
(b) illegal  
(d) illegible
57. FLAIR  
(a) talent  
(c) bias  
(b) tendency  
(d) need
58. CONGREGATION  
(a) concentration  
(c) discussion  
(b) meeting  
(d) judgement
59. SALIENT  
(a) valiant  
(c) prudent  
(b) variant  
(d) prominent
60. DECAMP  
(a) move  
(c) flee  
(b) encamp  
(d) hide

(CDS 2007)

61. COUNTERFEIT

(SSC 2009)

- (a) constant  
(c) biased

- (b) unknown  
(d) fake

62. NOVICE

- (a) expert  
(c) generalist

- (b) specialist  
(d) beginner

63. BARREN

- (a) insane  
(c) infertile

- (b) rough  
(d) lush

64. SAGE

- (a) wiseman  
(c) era

- (b) tale  
(d) fool

(Delhi Police-2009)

65. RUSE

- (a) break  
(c) maudlin

- (b) strategem  
(d) guru

66. FETID

- (a) comical  
(c) stinking

- (b) ornament  
(d) regular

67. ADMONISH

- (a) warn  
(c) wroship

- (b) escape  
(d) distribute warm

68. GRANDIOSE

- (a) imposing  
(c) boring

- (b) unpretentious  
(d) lanky

69. KNAVE

- (a) emperor  
(c) soldier

- (b) enchanter  
(d) scoundrel

(Tax Assistant-2009)

70. IMPOST

- (a) fertilizer  
(c) dispatch

- (b) coarse  
(d) tax

71. FORGO

- (a) renounce  
(c) leave

- (b) disown  
(d) accumulate

72. ROUT

- (a) death  
(c) loss

- (b) defeat  
(d) crash



**73. INDICTMENT**

- (a) arraignment
- (c) indoctrination

- (b) entrapment
- (d) inducement

**74. ABSTEMIOUS**

- (a) resistant
- (c) superstitions

- (b) temperate
- (d) careful

**75. PROBITY**

- (a) courtesy
- (c) efficiency

- (b) promptness
- (d) uprightness

**76. GARISH**

- (a) beautifully decorated
- (c) unpleasantly gaudy

- (b) boldly arranged
- (d) carefully prepared

# Revision Exercises

## (Based on Antonyms)

**Directions :** The following sentences consist of a word or a phrase which is written in *italicised* letters. Each of them is followed by four words or phrases. Select the word or the phrase which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the *italicised* word or phrase.

### Exercise (A)

1. The plane lay burnt in *fragments*.  
(a) whole (b) parts  
(c) scraps (d) pieces
2. He was charged with *abetting* the murder of an innocent child.  
(a) baffle (b) instigate  
(c) promote (d) support
3. Her *candid* confession of the crime earned her reprieve.  
(a) frank (b) crafty  
(c) simple (d) ambiguous
4. His health has been *deteriorating* since he returned from trekking expedition.  
(a) ameliorating (b) amending  
(c) undertaking (d) worsening
5. Twenty point programme is aimed at *alleviating* the sufferings of the poor.  
(a) aggravating (b) mitigating  
(c) eradicating (d) appeasing
6. The visit of the Vice Chancellor has been *deferred* indefinitely.  
(a) expedited (b) dissolved  
(c) postponed (d) put off
7. How dare you *desecrate* an idol of this temple.  
(a) defile (b) pollute  
(c) deify (d) impious
8. She is known for her *frugality* in household expenditure.  
(a) economy (b) extravagance  
(c) miserliness (d) niggardiness
9. He *endeavoured* hard to reach the top of his career.  
(a) shirked (b) strove  
(c) undertake (d) laboured

10. *Formidable* obstacles have to be overcome before success is achieved.  
(a) indomitable (b) facile  
(c) dangerous (d) invincible
11. Though generous and *benevolent*, he did not meet with success in his career.  
(a) beneficent (b) malevolent  
(c) goodwill (d) liberal
12. *Apathy* for the poor is common to officials of every cadre.  
(a) indifference (b) sympathy  
(c) eagerness (d) antipathy
13. There exists *rancour* between the two brothers.  
(a) animosity (b) harmony  
(c) devotion (d) enmity
14. Born in *squalid* surroundings of the slums she rose to stardom overnight.  
(a) dirty (b) clean  
(c) disorderly (d) mean
15. Though *novice* in art she shows great promise.  
(a) tyro (b) inexperienced  
(c) veteran (d) green horn.
16. You will have to learn to gloss over the *trivial* mistakes of the youngsters.  
(a) important (b) pardonable  
(c) insignificant (d) futile
17. India will have to cultivate all her *barren* land to meet with her food requirements.  
(a) arid (b) simple  
(c) sterile (d) productive
18. An honest person need not *hesitate* to take bold steps.  
(a) shirk (b) demur  
(c) act willingly (d) malingering
19. *Hectic* arrangements are on for the coming visit of the Minister.  
(a) unhurried (b) unhindered  
(c) feverish (d) fast
20. The outgoing Chairman has a number of *laudable* achievements to his credit.  
(a) noble (b) disreputable  
(c) glorious (d) praiseworthy
21. The *fetters* of slavery are hard to shake off.  
(a) bondage (b) shackles  
(c) freedom (d) irons
22. Their family *feud* has taken ugly turn lately.  
(a) brotherhood (b) dispute  
(c) fraternal (d) quarrel



23. Indian economy is basically dependent on *fickle* monsoons.  
(a) usteady (b) benign  
(c) stable (d) capricious
24. Mrs. Nisha made *fervent* appeal to the members of the club to maintain unity.  
(a) active (b) impassive  
(c) cold (d) passionate
25. His failure in this venture may be attributed to his *lackadaisical* approach.  
(a) enthusiastic (b) insufficient  
(c) indifferent (d) reckless

### Exercise (B)

1. The *feebleness* of mind is the greatest hurdle to success in life.  
(a) sound (b) infirm  
(c) imbecility (d) strength
2. None but his *sycophants* were impressed by his haughtiness.  
(a) detractors (b) flatterers  
(c) benefactors (d) officious
3. You are advised to show *clemency* to the defeated enemy.  
(a) callousness (b) mercy  
(c) leniency (d) kindness
4. After a day's toil he was feeling *fatigue*.  
(a) energy (b) listlessness  
(c) extortion (d) tiredness
5. The Board of Directors showered *encomium* on the Chairman for his liberal policies.  
(a) denunciation (b) generosity  
(c) tribute (d) praise
6. A lady of a few words she is given to *laconic* answers.  
(a) copious (b) lingering  
(c) terse (d) brief
7. One usually feels *languid* on summer noons.  
(a) brisk (b) fussy  
(c) drowsy (d) listless
8. The mountains present a bleak sight at night.  
(a) warm (b) desolate  
(c) dense (d) deserted
9. A character without a *blemish* is a virtue of a leader.  
(a) stigma (b) adornment  
(c) strength (d) blot

10. Sometimes it is necessary to *retreat* in a battle.  
(a) retrograde (b) march  
(c) advance (d) go back
11. I was *disgusted* at the manner he was flattering the party leader.  
(a) revolting (b) pleased  
(c) sickening (d) irritated
12. Strangely the honour Napoleon brought to France ultimately brought no *credit* to the country.  
(a) disgrace (b) elevation  
(c) applause (d) victory
13. Even a *lunatic* person sometimes talk intelligently.  
(a) sane (b) insane  
(c) insensible (d) mad
14. There was *dismal* atmosphere in the dressing room of the defeated team.  
(a) cheerful (b) dreadful  
(c) gloomy (d) jovial
15. Those in *distress* should not be laughed at because they deserve our sympathy.  
(a) trouble (b) prosperity  
(c) affluence (d) adversity
16. Some have the habit of *disparaging* the success of their friend because of jealousy.  
(a) belittling (b) esteeming  
(c) lauding (d) castigating
17. You are advised not to *dessipate* your energy on impracticable schemes.  
(a) conserve (b) deform  
(c) waste (d) utilise
18. You must put up the facts *straight* before me and don't try to befool me.  
(a) distort (b) candid  
(c) soften (d) direct
19. *Modesty* is a virtue but it must not be allowed to be exploited.  
(a) reserve (b) boldness  
(c) mildness (d) humility
20. At his success in the examination he felt *elated*.  
(a) exultant (b) dejected  
(c) resting (d) jubilant
21. *Reunion* was overwhelming as he returned home after long time.  
(a) meeting (b) parting  
(c) division (d) home coming
22. *Counterfeit* coins are in circulation because of negligence on the part of police authorities.  
(a) spurious (b) genuine  
(c) truthful (d) fake



23. Professors are generally *serious* about what they say.

- (a) jolly (b) thoughtful  
(c) smug (d) insincere

24. What he tells me *confirms* my ideas.

- (a) verifies (b) contradicts  
(c) opposes (d) strengthens.

25. The minister was accused of indulging in *nepotism*.

- (a) impartiality (b) hatred  
(c) condemnation (d) indifference

### Exercise (C)

1. The facts of the case were *obscured* by the speech of the defence counsel. (IES 2000)

- (a) reflected (b) illustrated  
(c) clarified (d) exhibited

2. Due to his excessive *craftiness* he achieved success but lost friends.

- (a) simplicity (b) sincerity  
(c) straightforwardness (d) innocence

3. He made several attempts to *placate* his opponents.

- (a) infuriate (b) defeat  
(c) discourage (d) deceive

4. Guerillas *infiltrated* into the region during the severe winter of 1997.

- (a) entered (b) expelled  
(c) penetrated (d) filtered

5. He has always been *fastidious* while examining answer scripts.

- (a) amiable (b) discriminating  
(c) critical (d) judicious

6. The professor had to share a hotel room with a *garrulous* tax collector. (CDS 2000)

- (a) dumb (b) speechless  
(c) tongue-tied (d) silent

7. It was *fortuitous* that I met her in that party.

- (a) unlucky (b) bad  
(c) distressing (d) abominable

8. He is *zealous* only in the initial stages of a project.

- (a) absent-minded (b) distraught  
(c) inattentive (d) indifferent

9. The climate in the north of Europe is really *dreadful*.

- (a) pleasant (b) amiable  
(c) comfortable (d) gratifying



10. He glanced through the letter *perfunctorily*.  
 (a) nicely (b) ceremoniously  
 (c) carefully (d) particularly
11. It is not difficult to take note of his *immaculate* style of writing.  
 (a) stained (b) uneven  
 (c) impure (d) flawed
12. He is very *fastidious* about his choice of food.  
 (a) sloppy (b) thoughtless  
 (c) careless (d) indiscreet
13. However hard you may try to *mitigate* his problems; you will not succeed.  
 (a) augment (b) increase  
 (c) expand (d) enlarge
14. *Genuine* jewellery is available only in this shop.  
 (a) false (b) cheap  
 (c) imitation (d) duplicate
15. His speech was full of frequent *facetious* remarks.  
 (a) stupid (b) grave  
 (c) dull (d) sarcastic
16. The research showed that the drug has *pernicious* effect on the health of patients.  
 (a) fair (b) advantageous  
 (c) beneficial (d) satisfactory
17. I am in a rather *precarious* position in my place of work.  
 (a) comfortable (b) senior  
 (c) privileged (d) secure
18. Some people always drive their cars *recklessly*.  
 (a) slowly (b) regularly  
 (c) carefully (d) patiently
19. There are no permanent *adversaries* in politics.  
 (a) associates (b) allies  
 (c) collaborators (d) partners
20. He produced *cogent* reasons for the change of policy.  
 (a) flimsy (b) unconvincing  
 (c) improper (d) simple
21. This officer is noted for his *zeal*.  
 (a) intolerance (b) inefficiency  
 (c) insensibility (d) indifference
22. The speaker recalled the deceased leader's *benevolent* deeds.  
 (a) unpopular (b) unkind  
 (c) unbecoming (d) unplanned

(IES 2001)

23. Their arrival *defiled* the atmosphere.  
(a) purified (b) polluted  
(c) disturbed (d) glorified
24. The Prime Minister's radio broadcast *glvanized* the people's spirit.  
(a) frightened (b) pacified  
(c) dampened (d) distracted
25. A *fortuitous* combination of circumstances led to the discovery of his lineage.  
(a) unfortunate (b) accidental  
(c) planned (d) ludicrous

### Exercise (D)

1. The young business executive was very *perspicacious*. (CDS 2002)  
(a) banal (b) clever  
(c) humble (d) unreliable
2. The speaker made some very *cogent* remarks.  
(a) flattering (b) unconvincing  
(c) superfluous (d) vociferous
3. There are many *anecdotes* about his sister who is an *imperious* personality.  
(a) characterless (b) pious  
(c) arrogant (d) submissive
4. Though aware of his crimes, he remained *impenitent* throughout.  
(a) repentant (b) sorrowful  
(c) hot-headed (d) pertinent
5. In facing adverse situations, he was very *stoical*.  
(a) tactless (b) flinching  
(c) awkward (d) assured
6. While facing that situation he turned out to be *dauntless*. (NDA 2002)  
(a) tactful (b) stoical  
(c) bashful (d) cowardly
7. We went to the first floor through the *rickety* wooden stairs.  
(a) stable (b) old  
(c) narrow (d) uncomfortable
8. They made a *profligate* use of scarce resources.  
(a) proper (b) extravagant  
(c) effective (d) thrifty
9. The consultant analysed the proposal carefully before he decided to *jettison* it.  
(a) abandon (b) strengthen  
(c) accept (d) modify



10. The politician was *flummoxed* by the questions put to him.  
(a) comfortable (b) annoyed  
(c) delighted (d) disconcerted
11. Throughout the evening, Rahul looked very *doleful*. (CDS 2003)  
(a) aggressive (b) cheerful  
(c) tired (d) involved
12. He is showing signs of *senility*.  
(a) virility (b) laziness  
(c) maturity (d) exhaustion
13. He gave the reply written in a *terse* style.  
(a) pleasant (b) verbose  
(c) rude (d) concise
14. He walked in *ungainly* strides.  
(a) quick (b) short  
(c) awkward (d) graceful
15. There is not a trace of *vanity* in her behaviour.  
(a) humility (b) selflessness  
(c) modesty (d) dignity
16. They approached the stranger *warily*.  
(a) suspiciously (b) cautiously  
(c) carefully (d) carelessly
17. The forwards of their football team made *sporadic* raids into the opponent's territory.  
(a) rare (b) frequent  
(c) sharp (d) co-ordinated
18. She was *overstrung* before the performance.  
(a) excited (b) calm  
(c) enthusiastic (d) cheerful
19. The speaker had a *superficial* knowledge of the subject.  
(a) artificial (b) deep  
(c) fictitious (d) overt
20. The booking-clerk looked very *grumpy*.  
(a) surly (b) pleasant  
(c) efficient (d) honest
21. A culturally *diverse* country has customers with unique needs.  
(a) singular (b) unanimous  
(c) uniform (d) comfortable
22. She paid special attention to those women who had *succumbed* to adversity.  
(a) surrendered (b) given up  
(c) overcome (d) demanded



23. Arrangements were made to handle the *mammoth* gathering tactfully.  
(a) quiet (b) significant  
(c) huge (d) small
24. He *despises* classical music.  
(a) appreciates (b) respects  
(c) comprehends (d) endures
25. He is very *callous* to the suffering of others.  
(a) indifferent (b) sensitive  
(c) kind (d) positive

### Exercise (E)

1. The signature tune of this serial is a *harmonious* blend of notes.  
(a) haphazard (b) discordant  
(c) unmusical (d) crude
2. He has translated the play into English with *fidelity*.  
(a) difficulty (b) insincerity  
(c) carelessness (d) inaccuracy
3. Her dress was too *slovenly* for that kind of interview.  
(a) gaudy (b) tidy  
(c) formal (d) old fashioned
4. I was deeply affected by his *urbane* behaviour.  
(a) rural (b) indifferent  
(c) rude (d) unsympathetic
5. The fact was discovered only on reaching the *summit*.  
(a) base (b) ground  
(c) tunnel (d) surface
6. The judge thought that the offence was *deliberate*.  
(a) negligible (b) casual  
(c) unintentional (d) legitimate
7. His face bore a *blank* look all the time while I was telling him about that exciting incident.  
(a) a passive (b) an expressive  
(c) a passionate (d) a mysterious
8. The state government for its part can identify *vulnerable* villages where these forces can be stationed.  
(a) important (b) famous  
(c) remote (d) invincible
9. All the employees of this organization want to have an officer who is *lenient*.  
(a) capable (b) strict  
(c) strong (d) conservative

(CDS 2000)

10. Some of the needs of a modern man are surely *dispensable*.  
 (a) desirable (b) acceptable  
 (c) relevant (d) essential
11. The officer had issued *explicit* instructions to his staff.  
 (a) inadequate (b) elusive  
 (c) ambiguous (d) queer
12. Some democratic countries believe in racial *segregation*.  
 (a) subordination (b) integration  
 (c) inferiority (d) domination
13. The task assigned to him was *arduous*.  
 (a) absorbing (b) good  
 (c) plain (d) easy
14. His *magnanimous* gesture came to his employees as a surprise.  
 (a) small (b) cruel  
 (c) thoughtless (d) mean
15. He received the news *coldly*.  
 (a) angrily (b) enthusiastically  
 (c) gratefully (d) bravely.

### Exercise (F)

**Directions :** Each of the following main words in capital letters are followed by four words. Select the word that is **furthest** (opposite) in meaning to the main word.

1. RELENTLESS (CDS 2004)  
 (a) merciless (b) yielding  
 (c) monotonous (d) incisive
2. FORBEARANCE  
 (a) patience (b) self-control  
 (c) intolerance (d) preference
3. OVERBEARING  
 (a) thrifty (b) timid  
 (c) cautious (d) futuristic
4. SYNCHRONOUS  
 (a) not in working order (b) not in phase  
 (c) without problems (d) without permission
5. PALTRY  
 (a) obsolete (b) cautious  
 (c) random (d) plentiful
6. RECTITUDE (PF Commissioner 2004)  
 (a) self condemnation (b) dectetfulness  
 (c) reprisal (d) punctuality



7. PROPENSITY  
(a) disinclination  
(c) stagnation

(b) forecast  
(d) restlessness

8. SCANTY  
(a) arrogant  
(c) painful

(b) plentiful  
(d) handsome

9. PROLIFIC  
(a) controversial  
(c) wise

(NDA 2004)

10. IMPROMPTU  
(a) rehearsed  
(c) appropriate

(b) foolish  
(d) vast

11. ENCOMIUM  
(a) meagre  
(c) diffidence

(SCRA 2005)

(b) unethical  
(d) hypercriticism

12. CHIMERICAL  
(a) fearful  
(c) serene

(b) breathtaking  
(d) practical idea

13. PETULANT  
(a) fearless  
(c) industrious

(b) scrupulous  
(d) calm

14. LACONIC  
(a) uncivilised  
(c) erudite

(b) talkative  
(d) livid

15. EXODUS  
(a) influx  
(c) home coming

(CAGA 2005)

(b) return  
(d) restoration

16. INQUISITIVE  
(a) insincere  
(c) insensitive

(b) indifferent  
(d) insulting

17. NADIR  
(a) modernity  
(c) liberty

(b) zenith  
(d) progress

18. CANDID  
(a) out spoken  
(c) frank

(b) devious  
(d) disguised

19. AFFLUENCE  
(a) poverty  
(c) stagnation

(Tax Assistant 2005)

(b) misery  
(d) neglect



20. RETICENT  
(a) forward  
(c) communicative

- (b) developed  
(d) sophisticated

21. PRUDENT  
(a) silly  
(c) idiotic

- (b) unwise  
(d) poor

22. AGONY  
(a) pleasure  
(c) bliss

- (b) laughter  
(d) ecstasy

23. GENTLEMAN  
(a) boor  
(c) dud

- (b) clown  
(d) buffoon

24. PANICKY  
(a) confident  
(c) quiet

- (b) sober  
(d) calm

25. MYOPIC  
(a) near sighted  
(c) farsighted

- (b) feeble minded  
(d) farsighted

26. MOURNFUL  
(a) playful  
(c) laughable

- (b) joyous  
(d) humorous

27. TIMOROUS  
(a) trembling  
(c) bright

- (b) cowardly  
(d) bold

28. SUBLIME  
(a) amusing  
(c) hilarious

- (b) ludicrous  
(d) mean

29. DEMENTED  
(a) sensible  
(c) sensual

- (b) sensitive  
(d) inordinate

30. SURVIVAL  
(a) evolution  
(c) creation

- (b) development  
(d) extinction

31. CUMBERSOME  
(a) heavy  
(c) smooth

- (b) convenient  
(d) automatic

32. INTELLIGIBLE  
(a) dull  
(c) garbled

- (b) foolish  
(d) confused

(Commercial Auditor 2005)

(Investigator 2005)

(Tax Assistant 2006)

33. LOQUACIOUS

- (a) talkative  
(c) diffident

- (b) taciturn  
(d) bashful

34. PHILANTHROPIST

- (a) philistine  
(c) spendthrift

- (b) moralist  
(d) miser

35. CURTAIL

- (a) detail  
(c) promote

- (b) enlarge  
(d) exaggerate

(AOS 2006)

36. ARID

- (a) cloudy  
(c) marshy

- (b) juicy  
(d) wet

37. CONVICTED

- (a) acquitted  
(c) exempted

- (b) pardoned  
(d) liberated

38. SENILE

- (a) suspicious  
(c) corrupt

- (b) mentally alert  
(d) affluent

(NDA 2006)

39. BLITHESOME

- (a) graceful  
(c) adventurous

- (b) sullen  
(d) mammoth

40. CONSANGUINE

- (a) of different kind  
(c) urbane

- (b) invisible  
(d) untenanted

41. REDOUBTABLE

- (a) truthful  
(c) widely travelled

- (b) crafty  
(d) ordinary

42. INORDINATE

- (a) distant  
(c) moderate

- (b) facile  
(d) attractive

43. MODICUM

- (a) surfeit  
(c) adulation

- (b) decent  
(d) modern

(CDS 2006)

44. ACCOLADE

- (a) contenance  
(c) reprimand

- (b) vulgar  
(d) virtue

45. OVERBEARING

- (a) dishonest  
(c) partisan

- (b) modest  
(d) sluggish

## 46. SPECIOUS

- (a) narrow
- (c) true

- (b) introspective
- (d) courageous

## 47. NAIVE

- (a) sophisticated
- (c) tireless

- (b) brave
- (d) magnanimous

## 48. SALUBRIOUS

- (a) perfect
- (c) clean

- (b) anonymous
- (d) unwholesome

## 49. LUCID

- (a) lacking resources
- (c) lacking clarity

- (b) lacking vitality
- (d) lacking comfort

(CDS 2007)

## 50. CHOLERIC

- (a) affluent
- (c) pleasant

- (b) brave
- (d) tired

## 51. SPASMODIC

- (a) ill-humoured
- (c) regular

- (b) ancient
- (d) tireless

## 52. TERSE

- (a) detailed
- (c) advanced

- (b) nasty
- (d) impure

## 53. INTREPID

- (a) honest
- (c) timid

- (b) sick
- (d) ugly

## 54. PUERILE

- (a) inquisitive
- (c) impure

- (b) matured
- (d) original

## 55. EXCRUCIATING

- (a) mild
- (c) sophisticating

- (b) noisy
- (d) modern

## 56. SUPPRESS

- (a) stirup
- (c) urge

- (b) rouse
- (d) incite

## 57. LOOSEN

- (a) fasten
- (c) delay

- (b) accelerate
- (d) paste

## 58. REBELLION

- (a) forgiveness
- (c) submission

- (b) retribution
- (d) domination



59. IDIOSYNCRASY

- (a) insanity
- (c) generality

- (b) sanity
- (d) singularity

60. SOBRIETY

- (a) moderation
- (c) dizziness

- (b) drunkenness
- (d) stupidity

61. EXTINCT

- (a) recent
- (c) alive

- (b) distinct
- (d) ancient

62. ZEAL

- (a) disinterest
- (c) carelessness

- (b) apathy
- (d) hatred

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63. NIGGARDLY

- (a) hastily
- (c) likely

- (b) lavishly
- (d) gorgeously

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64. COMPLY

- (a) challenge
- (c) Conform

- (b) complain
- (d) compete

65. INQUISITIVE

- (a) inadequate
- (c) uncomfortable

- (b) immature
- (d) unconcerned

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66. HAUGHTINESS

- (a) unskilled
- (c) adduce

- (b) affability
- (d) adject

67. AMNESTY

- (a) loyalty
- (c) depth

- (b) punishment
- (d) dearth

68. RETREAT

- (a) heaven
- (c) advance

- (b) shelter
- (d) egress

69. ANTI DOTE

- (a) medicine
- (c) depth

- (b) west
- (d) dearth

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70. PHILISTINE

- (a) cultured
- (c) sober

- (b) libertine
- (d) educated

71. HERETICAL

- (a) contradictory
- (c) impious

- (b) doubtful
- (d) orthodox

**72. INGEST**

- (a) disrupt
- (c) dismiss

- (b) disgorge
- (d) display

**73. LACERATION**

- (a) convalescence
- (c) healing

- (b) recuperation
- (d) palpitation

**74. DESPONDENT**

- (a) pleased
- (c) infuriated

- (b) satisfied
- (d) elated

**(CDS-2010)****75. DENIGRATE**

- (a) belittle
- (c) doubt

- (b) believe
- (d) praise

