

1.5. SYNONYMS

A single word can be substituted in place, phrase or group of words without causing ambiguity in its meaning.

Here is some single word substitute for clear understanding.

1. Ecology = study of environment.
2. Manuscript = hand written copy.
3. Psychology = pertaining to the mind.
4. Inedible = not suitable for eating.
5. Carnivorous = a flesh eating animal.
6. Gullible = one who is easily cheated
7. Omnipresent = one who is present everywhere.
8. Anarchy = a disorder in government.
9. Glutton = one who eats too much.
10. Epicure = spends his life in enjoying by drinking and eating.

Exercise

Substitute the following with the single word:

1. One who has disbelief in God.
2. An unmarried lady
3. Study of ancient things
4. One who looks on the positive side of the things
5. A book published after the death of the author
6. One who loves man kind

FINDING SUITABLE SYNONYMS

Synonyms are the words that have a similar meaning to another word.

Examples:

1. Abandon – discard
2. Dare – challenge
3. Eager – keen
4. Gloomy – dim
5. Omit – remove

Exercises:

1. This is a very **exacting** job.
 - a. Specific b. Complicated c. Exhausting d. Demanding e. Precise
2. He was **worn out** at the end of the day.
 - a. Successful b. Exhausted c. Dehydrated d. totally lost e. Worried
3. There have been instances of highway robbery in this area, **of late**
 - a. Recently b. Always c. Occasionally d. Ultimately e. Readily
4. **Finally** my firm decided to drop the charges against me.
 - a. Eventually b. casually c. dangerously d. Un intentionally e. Knowingly
5. I **accidentally** gave him the wrong change.
 - a. Eventually b. casually c. dangerously d. Un intentionally e. Knowingly
6. This building has been well **maintained**.
 - a. Improved b. Repaired c. Looked after d. Constructed e. Developed
7. I maintained my cool in spite of his **provocative** behaviour.
 - a. Tempting b. Inducing c. Insulting d. Respectful e. Interesting
8. You can't use the government is **bias** in this matter.

- a. Reliability b. Hostility c. Dishonesty d. Favour e. Prejudice

9. He is utterly **destitute**.

- a. Without a penny b. Without morals d. Un scrupulous e. Friendly

10. His composition was a **concise** history of the school.

- a. Succinct b. Comprehensive c. Interesting d. Emotional e. Vague

11. I'm very much a **novice** in the field of politics.

- a. Very experienced player b. very cunning politician c. very shrewd politician d. totally ignorant person e. new entrant

Match the words in column A with their meanings in column B:

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| 1. Dynamism | - v) strength |
| 2. Enhance | -iii) heighten |
| 3. Breeder | - i) producer |
| 4. Empathy | - ii) sympathy |
| | iv) getting rid of |

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| 1. Stray | - i) group |
| 2. Enforce | -ii) endure |
| 3. Convoy | -iii) wandering |
| 4. Serendipity | -iv) insist on |
| | -v) make pleasant discoveries |

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| 1. Paucity | -i) wild imagination |
| 2. Jeopardy | -ii) attempt |
| 3. Fantasy | -iii) scarcity |
| 4. Endeavor | -iv) enormity |
| | -v) danger |

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| 1. Consolidate | - i) able to continue over a period of time |
| 2. Diagnostic | - ii) crisis |
| 3. Revolutionary | - iii) deciding from symptoms |
| 4. Sustainable | - iv) make whole |
| | -v) entirely new |

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| 1. Staple | - i) a reciprocal action or effect |
| 2. Confluence | - ii) large or important part of something |
| 3. Repercussion | - iii) to increase rapidly in number or amount |
| 4. proliferate | - iv) the fact of two or more things becoming |

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| 1. coagulum | - i) hindrance |
| 2. impediment | - ii) continue to have |
| 3. Augment | - iii) thick, sticky solid mass |
| 4. Retain | - iv) long lasting |
| 5. durable | - v) to increase |

ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

Single word substitution:

A word or a group of words that can be used in the place of a phrase or a sentence and give the exact meaning without causing ambiguity. For instance, a person who is above hundred years can be called a 'centenarian'

Use a single word that substitutes the following phrases.

- i) A person who abstains from alcoholic drink
 - a) alcoholic b) drunkard c) teetotaler
- ii) A doctor who specializes in child health.
 - a) pediatrician b) physician c) psychologist
- iii) The first speech delivered by a person.
 - a) Oration
 - b) Extempore
 - c) Speech d) Maiden speech
- iv) A lady who remains unmarried.
 - a) Bachelor b) Spinster c) Maid d) Feminist

ANS: (i) C ; (ii) (a) ; (iii) (a); (iv) (b)

Exercise:-

Choose the best word from the four options that can be used for the meaning given:

1. The absence of law and order.
a) rebellion b) anarchy c) mutiny d) revolt.
2. Medical study of skin and *its* diseases
a) Endocrinology b) Gynealogy c) Dermatology
d) Orthopedics
3. One who has the ability to think and *plan*
a) Philosopher b) Fortune teller c) Visionary d) Prophet
4. The speech sounds of a language are called as
a) alphabet b) Phonology c) Sound cord d) Phoneme
5. The origin of something
a) start b) open c) Genesis d) Genius



