

Unit 4

Vocabulary development

5.1 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

EXERCISE

Choose from the expression labelled a, b, c, d, e the ones that are nearest in meaning (synonyms) to the expression that are in bold in the sentence below:

1. He was **stridently** proclaiming again and again that he was innocent.

- a. Seriously b. harshly c. happily d. confidently e. quickly

2. I want to **stress** that I don't need any more assistance.

- a. Strain b. reiterate c. emphasize d. elaborate e. maintain

3. The new textile **factory** employs 400 men.

- a. Warehouse b. mill c. company e. construction

4. Let's have the **discussion** this evening, shall we?

- a. Dispute b. debate c. argument d. talk e. conference

5. This is very **exacting** job

- a. Specific b. complicated c. exhausting d. demanding e. precise

6. Antiparty activities **improved** my relations with the opposition

- a. Enlarged b. promoted c. increased d. became friendly e. altered

7. This book **attracted** little attention when it was first published

- a. Received b. gave c. beautiful d. procured e. acquired

8. The speaker used his experience to **bolster** his philosophy.

- a. Preach b. teach c. encourage d. support e. discourage

9. A decimal currency system **facilitates** business transactions

- a. Hinders b. enables c. simplified d. promotes e. complicated

10. 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