

VOCABULARY DEVELOPMENT

SINGLE WORD SUBSTITUTE (GRAMMAR)

One word Substitution is one of the integral parts of vocabulary. It simply means that a sentence has to be replaced with a single word. This area requires a good vocabulary to solve the questions well. Questions based on one word substitution are often asked in various competitive exams.

For example:

A hater of womankind - Misogynist

One easy method of doing one word substitution is by using the root method. Roots are nothing but the words from which the main word has been derived. In our other series of vocabulary, we have consolidated the lists of root words that will ease your preparation.

For example:

Look at the root word - CRACY.

CRACY = RULE / GOVERNMENT

- A government by the people - Democracy
- A government by a king or queen - Monarchy
- A government by the officials - Bureaucracy
- A government by the rich - Plutocracy
- A government by few - Oligarchy
- A government by the nobles - Aristocracy

OMNI = ALL

- One who is all powerful - Omnipotent

- One who is present everywhere - Omnipresent
- One who knows everything - Omniscient

CIDE= KILLING

- Killing of a human being - Homicide
- Killing/ Murder of a king - Regicide
- Killing of an Infant/ newborn baby - Infanticide
- Killing of a race or community - Genocide
- Killing of One's sister - Sorocide
- Killing of self or self-murder - Suicide
- Killing of either or both parents - Parricide
- Killing of one's brother - Fratricide
- Killing of one's father - Patricide
- Killing of one's mother - Matricide
- Killing of one's husband - Mariticide
- Killing of one's wife - Uxoricide

Ible= Able to be

- Inaudible - a sound that cannot be heard
- Inaccessible - that cannot be easily approached
- Incurable - incapable of being corrected
- Irreparable - incapable of being repaired
- Illegible - incapable of being read
- Inevitable - incapable of being avoided

- Impracticable - incapable of being practiced
- Invincible - one, too strong to be overcome
- Indelible - that cannot be erased
- Indefatigable - one, who does not tire easily
- Infallible - one, who is free from all mistakes and failures

EXAMPLE:

- a. One who is not sure about God's existence: Agnostic
- b. A person who deliberately sets fire to a building: Arsonist
- c. One who studies the evolution of mankind: Anthropologist
- d. A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft: Astronaut
- e. A line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor: Genealogy
- f. The therapeutic use of sunlight: Heliotherapy
- g. The art or practice of garden cultivation and management: Horticulture
- h. A collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people: Archives
- i. A large cage, building, or enclosure for keeping birds in: Aviary
- j. A building where animals are butchered: Abattoir
- k. A state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems: Anarchy
- l. A form of government in which power is held by the nobility: Aristocracy
- m. A system of government by one person with absolute power: Autocracy
- n. Fear of time: Chronophobia

o. Fear of dogs: Cynophobia

EXERCISE:

1. A person who thinks only of himself

- A. Egoist
- B. eccentric
- C. proud
- D. boaster

2. Ram speaks less in the forum. Ram is

- A. unintelligible
- B. reticent
- C. garrulous
- D. banal

3. Savitri travels by foot. She is a

- A. traveller
- B. stickler
- C. disciplinarian
- D. pedestrian

4. In Magadh there was the government by a king or queen

- A. democratic
- B. monarchy
- C. plutocracy
- D. autocracy

5.This is a practice of having several wives.

- A. polygamy
- B. dotage
- C. monogamy
- D. bigamy

6.A life history written by somebody else

- A. biography
- B. autobiography
- C. anthropology
- D. ornithology

7.The act of murder of a human being.

- A. matricide
- B. patricide
- C. homicide
- D. suicide

8.Something that cannot be imitated.

- A. Inimitable
- B. inevitable
- C. duplicity
- D. inexplicable

9.Gayatri doesn't know how to read and write .Her friends call her ..

- A. Illiterate

- B. invulnerable
- C. blindfolded
- D. headstrong

10. Study of birds

- A. ornithology
- B. anthropology
- C. zoology
- D. numismatics

ANSWERS:

1) A, 2) B, 3) D, 4) B, 5) A, 6) A, 7) C, 8) A, 9) A, 10) A

