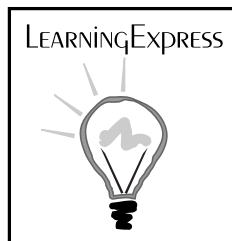


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Introduction

Welcome to **501 Synonym and Antonym Questions!** This book is designed to help you prepare for the verbal sections of many assessment and entrance exams. By completing the exercises in this book you will also increase your vocabulary and refine your knowledge of words.

Most standardized tests—including high school entrance exams, the SAT, civil service exams, and the GRE—use synonym and antonym questions to test verbal skills. These questions ask test takers to identify the word that is most similar or dissimilar to another word, effectively testing their knowledge of two words.

The questions in this book, for the most part, are grouped into sections of questions that ask you to select a word's synonym and sections that ask you to select a word's antonym. There are two sections that include questions asking for either the synonym or the antonym.

The questions increase in difficulty as you move through the exercises of each chapter. Because this book is designed for many levels

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of test takers, you may find that some of the more advanced questions are beyond your ability. If you are using this book to study for a high school entrance exam, you may get a number of questions that appear later in a section wrong. Don't worry! If you are getting the earlier questions correct, you are probably in good shape for your test. However, if you are studying for a graduate level exam such as the GRE, the full range of questions presented is appropriate for your level.

The questions in this book can help you prepare for your test in many ways. First, completing these practice exercises will make you familiar with the question format. They will also get you thinking of words in terms of other words with similar or opposite meanings. In the test-taking environment it can be difficult to switch gears from synonym questions to antonym questions; completing these exercises will make these mental gymnastics more comfortable.

Second, your performance on these questions will help you assess your vocabulary level. For example, a word may be familiar to you—you may have seen it in print and have a general sense of what it means—but when tested, you may discover that you do not know the word's precise meaning. These exercises will help you pinpoint those familiar words for which you need to learn the exact definition. In addition, you will probably encounter words that are totally unfamiliar. By memorizing their definitions, you can add these words to your vocabulary and call upon them at test time to improve your score.

Third, many of the questions in this book, and on assessment exams, test your ability to discern nuance of meaning. The question may ask you to identify the synonym for a secondary definition of a common word—for example, “inclination or natural ability” is a secondary definition of the word “bent.” Also, the direction for these exercises usually ask you to identify the word that is “*most* similar” or “*most* dissimilar” in meaning to the word in the question. This means that you may be asked to pick between degrees of meaning. For

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example, “atrocious” means “utterly revolting”; in this case, “revolting” would be a more accurate synonym than “unpleasant.”

Each question is fully explained at the end of the chapter. The answer keys give you not only the right answer but also the definitions of the word in the question and the correct answer. Use your performance to create a study guide. For example, make a list of all the words that you missed and their definitions. Then study this list as a quick and concentrated method to improve your vocabulary. In some cases, you will also benefit from looking up the definitions of the words that you selected incorrectly to ensure that you know the precise meaning of these words. Then add these words to your study list as well.

You have already taken an important step toward improving your vocabulary and your score. You have shown your commitment by purchasing this book. Now all you need to do is to complete each 35 to 40 question exercise, study the answers, and watch your vocabulary increase. You can even work in pencil and do the exercises again to reinforce what you have learned. Good luck!

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Synonyms

Which of these words is closest in meaning to the word provided?

- 1.** remote
 - a. automatic
 - b. distant
 - c. savage
 - d. mean
- 2.** detest
 - a. argue
 - b. hate
 - c. discover
 - d. reveal
- 3.** gracious
 - a. pretty
 - b. clever
 - c. pleasant
 - d. present
- 4.** predict
 - a. foretell
 - b. decide
 - c. prevent
 - d. discover
- 5.** kin
 - a. exult
 - b. twist
 - c. friend
 - d. relative
- 6.** pensive
 - a. oppressed
 - b. caged
 - c. thoughtful
 - d. happy

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- 7.** banish
a. exile
b. hate
c. fade
d. clean
- 8.** fraud
a. malcontent
b. argument
c. imposter
d. clown
- 9.** saccharine
a. leave
b. sweet
c. arid
d. quit
- 10.** drag
a. sleepy
b. crush
c. proud
d. pull
- 11.** jovial
a. incredulous
b. merry
c. revolting
d. dizzy
- 12.** indifferent
a. neutral
b. unkind
c. precious
d. mean
- 13.** simulate
a. excite
b. imitate
c. trick
d. apelike
- 14.** charisma
a. ghost
b. force
c. charm
d. courage
- 15.** apportion
a. divide
b. decide
c. cut
d. squabble
- 16.** generic
a. general
b. cheap
c. fresh
d. elderly
- 17.** qualm
a. distress
b. impunity
c. persevere
d. scruple
- 18.** wary
a. calm
b. curved
c. confused
d. cautious

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- 19.** distort
a. wrong
b. evil
c. deform
d. harm
- 20.** sumptuous
a. delirious
b. gorgeous
c. perilous
d. luxurious
- 21.** reel
a. whirl
b. fish
c. hit
d. mistake
- 22.** inscrutable
a. difficult
b. mysterious
c. inflexible
d. wary
- 23.** appall
a. delirious
b. covered
c. dismay
d. confuse
- 24.** upright
a. honorable
b. horizontal
c. humble
d. supine
- 25.** reverie
a. palimpsest
b. phantom
c. daydream
d. curio
- 26.** loot
a. destruction
b. waste
c. spoils
d. cavort
- 27.** loquacious
a. talkative
b. thirsty
c. beautiful
d. complicated
- 28.** chimera
a. chimney
b. protest
c. illusion
d. panache
- 29.** temerity
a. audacity
b. fearfulness
c. shyness
d. stupidity
- 30.** educe
a. demand
b. elicit
c. ideal
d. unlawful

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- 31.** nabob
a. bigwig
b. doubter
c. frolic
d. converse
- 32.** pall
a. light
b. satiate
c. carry
d. horror
- 33.** sacrosanct
a. prayer
b. sanctuary
c. pious
d. sacred
- 34.** louche
a. gauche
b. fine
c. brilliant
d. indecent
- 35.** stentorian
a. violent
b. misbegotten
c. loud
d. stealthy

Answers

1. b. remote means faraway, or **distant**
2. b. to detest means to feel intense or violent dislike, or to **hate**
3. c. gracious means to be **pleasant** or considerate in social interactions
4. a. to predict means to declare in advance or to **foretell**
5. d. kin means people with common ancestors, or **relatives**
6. c. pensive means moodily or dreamily **thoughtful**
7. a. to banish means to drive out from home or country, or to **exile**
8. c. a fraud is someone who is not what he or she pretends to be, or an **imposter**
9. b. saccharine means overly **sweet**
10. d. to drag is to **pull**, or to cause movement in a direction with applied force
11. b. jovial means good humored or **merry**
12. a. to be indifferent is to be marked by impartiality or to be **neutral**
13. b. to simulate is to assume the outward appearance of, or to **imitate**
14. c. charisma is magnetic **charm** or appeal
15. a. to apportion is to **divide** and share out
16. a. generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or **general**

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17. d. a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a **scruple**
18. d. wary means to be attentive especially to danger, or to be **cautious**
19. c. to distort means to twist out of a normal state, or to **deform**
20. d. sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or **luxurious**
21. a. one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to **whirl**
22. b. inscrutable means not easily interpreted or understood, or **mysterious**
23. c. to appall is to overcome with shock, or to **dismay**
24. a. upright can mean either **honorable** or vertical; horizontal and supine are both antonyms of upright
25. c. a reverie means the state of being lost in thought, or a **daydream**
26. c. loot means goods seized in war, or **spoils**
27. a. loquacious means excessively **talkative**, or garrulous
28. c. a chimera is a fabrication of the mind, or an **illusion**
29. a. temerity means unreasonable contempt for danger or recklessness, or **audacity**
30. b. to educe means to develop something potential or latent; to **elicit** means to draw out something hidden or latent
31. a. a nabob is a person of great wealth or importance, or a **bigwig**
32. b. to pall can mean to deprive of pleasure in something by **satiating**

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- 33. d.** sacrosanct means the most **sacred**, or holy
- 34. d.** louche means not reputable, or **indecent**
- 35. c.** stentorian means **loud** and is usually used to imply a voice of great power and range

2

Antonyms

Which of these words is most nearly the opposite of the word provided?

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 36. withdraw | 39. impartial |
| a. reduce | a. hostile |
| b. need | b. biased |
| c. advance | c. dislike |
| d. want | d. worried |
| 37. secret | 40. luminous |
| a. friendly | a. clear |
| b. covert | b. dim |
| c. hidden | c. brittle |
| d. overt | d. clever |
| 38. heartfelt | 41. awe |
| a. loving | a. borrow |
| b. insincere | b. shallow |
| c. unhealthy | c. low |
| d. humorous | d. contempt |

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- 42.** pit
a. group
b. peak
c. select
d. marry
- 43.** rotund
a. round
b. unimportant
c. thin
d. dull
- 44.** talent
a. ungrateful
b. silent
c. show
d. inability
- 45.** common
a. strange
b. uneasy
c. quick
d. fast
- 46.** brazen
a. bashful
b. boisterous
c. noisy
d. heated
- 47.** expect
a. attend
b. regret
c. despair
d. loathe
- 48.** malodorous
a. acrid
b. pungent
c. fragrant
d. delicious
- 49.** expound
a. besmirch
b. confuse
c. confine
d. condemn
- 50.** pique
a. value
b. gully
c. smooth
d. soothe
- 51.** abate
a. free
b. augment
c. provoke
d. wane
- 52.** dearth
a. lack
b. poverty
c. abundance
d. foreign
- 53.** peaked
a. tired
b. arrogant
c. pointy
d. ruddy

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- 54.** abridge
a. shorten
b. extend
c. stress
d. easy
- 55.** kindle
a. smother
b. detest
c. enemy
d. discourage
- 56.** meager
a. kind
b. generous
c. thoughtful
d. copious
- 57.** philistine
a. novice
b. intellectual
c. pious
d. debutante
- 58.** zenith
a. worst
b. apex
c. nadir
d. past
- 59.** germane
a. irrelevant
b. indifferent
c. impartial
d. improvident
- 60.** irascible
a. determined
b. placid
c. reasonable
d. pliant
- 61.** approbate
a. ingratitude
b. condemn
c. dissatisfaction
d. master
- 62.** supercilious
a. unimportant
b. relevant
c. serious
d. meek
- 63.** improvident
a. cautious
b. fortunate
c. proven
d. intelligent
- 64.** demur
a. embrace
b. crude
c. boisterous
d. falter
- 65.** fatuous
a. crafty
b. frugal
c. sensible
d. inane

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- 66.** quiescent
a. lackadaisical
b. active
c. dull
d. prescient
- 67.** sartorial
a. cheerful
b. sincere
c. inelegant
d. homespun
- 68.** sapient
a. hunched
b. strong
c. simple
d. simian
- 69.** matutinal
a. paternal
b. crepuscular
c. maritime
d. marsupial
- 70.** impecunious
a. wealthy
b. cautious
c. hungry
d. tardy

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Answers

36. c. to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to **advance** is the opposite of retreat
37. d. secret means hidden or covert; **overt** means open to view
38. b. heartfelt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so **insincere** is its opposite
39. b. impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore **biased** is the opposite
40. b. luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; **dim** means dark or dull
41. d. awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; **contempt** means a lack of respect, or disdain
42. b. a pit is a hole and a **peak** is the top of a hill or mountain
43. c. rotund means rounded or plump, therefore **thin** is the opposite
44. d. a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore **inability** is the opposite
45. a. common means ordinary or familiar; **strange** means unfamiliar
46. a. brazen means to be defiant or insolent; **bashful** means to be shy or timid
47. c. to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to **despair** is to lose all hope
48. c. malodorous means to have a bad smell; **fragrant** means smelling sweet or delicate
49. b. to expound means to explain; to **confuse**, or confound, is the opposite of expound

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50. d. to pique means to excite or irritate; to **soothe** means to calm
51. b. to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to **augment** means to increase
52. c. dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; **abundance** means an ample quantity, or wealth
53. d. to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be **ruddy** is to have a healthy, red complexion
54. b. to abridge means to shorten and to **extend** means to lengthen
55. a. to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to **smother** means to stifle or suppress
56. d. meager means lacking in quality or quantity; **copious** means present in large quantity, or abundant
57. b. philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an **intellectual** is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect
58. a. zenith means the highest point or the apex; **nadir** means the lowest point
59. a. germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore **irrelevant** is the opposite
60. b. irascible means easily angered; **placid** means calm or serene
61. b. to approbate means to approve or sanction; to **condemn** means to declare wrong or to convict
62. d. supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; **meek** means enduring injury with patience and without resentment
63. a. improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; **cautious** means to be wary or to exercise forethought

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64. a. to demur means to delay or hesitate; to **embrace** means to accept readily or gladly; demure means coy
65. c. fatuous means inanely foolish; **sensible** is its nearest opposite
66. b. quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore **active** is the opposite
67. a. sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; **homespun** means homemade
68. c. sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of **simple** is deficient in intelligence
69. b. matutinal means of or relating to the morning; **crepuscular** means relating to or resembling twilight
70. a. impecunious means having little or no money, therefore **wealthy** is the opposite

3

Synonyms

Select the word that most nearly means the word provided.

- 71.** modest most nearly means
a. attractive
b. clever
c. current
d. humble
- 72.** custom most nearly means
a. dessert
b. habit
c. ethic
d. deliver
- 73.** prolong most nearly means
a. extend
b. inquire
c. relax
d. wait
- 74.** hustle most nearly means
a. dance
b. hurry
c. busy
d. clean
- 75.** solemn most nearly means
a. amusing
b. harmful
c. speech
d. serious
- 76.** imply most nearly means
a. suggest
b. stab
c. thick
d. destroy

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- 77.** ramble most nearly means
a. knot
b. confuse
c. wander
d. wonder
- 78.** beneficial most nearly means
a. help
b. advantageous
c. charity
d. wise
- 79.** flare most nearly means
a. judicial
b. temper
c. style
d. blaze
- 80.** negligent most nearly means
a. pajamas
b. morbid
c. careless
d. dark
- 81.** aloof most nearly means
a. above
b. tidy
c. clever
d. reserved
- 82.** resolve most nearly means
a. turn
b. puzzle
c. decide
d. want
- 83.** congregate most nearly means
a. worship
b. gather
c. disturb
d. hurry
- 84.** utter most nearly means
a. express
b. defer
c. borrow
d. laugh
- 85.** fearless most nearly means
a. powerful
b. cowardly
c. brave
d. careful
- 86.** negligible most nearly means
a. insignificant
b. arguable
c. careless
d. dark
- 87.** placid most nearly means
a. calm
b. lazy
c. solemn
d. devious
- 88.** rake most nearly means
a. thin
b. scoundrel
c. gentleman
d. shovel

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- 89.** dupe most nearly means
a. rancher
b. trick
c. simpleton
d. drug
- 90.** stigma most nearly means
a. stain
b. trial
c. difficulty
d. holiness
- 91.** reside most nearly means
a. remain
b. home
c. dwell
d. sediment
- 92.** covetous most nearly means
a. quiet
b. sneaky
c. lurking
d. greedy
- 93.** abide most nearly means
a. endure
b. hate
c. attendance
d. live
- 94.** shrewd most nearly means
a. intractable
b. mean
c. astute
d. intelligent
- 95.** fetter most nearly means
a. rancid
b. praise
c. hamper
d. persist
- 96.** flagrant most nearly means
a. vibrant
b. glaring
c. vicious
d. pleasant
- 97.** mitigate most nearly means
a. relieve
b. blend
c. defend
d. confuse
- 98.** rail most nearly means
a. scold
b. push
c. try
d. punish
- 99.** meld most nearly means
a. character
b. distinction
c. blend
d. firmness
- 100.** rally most nearly means
a. demonstrate
b. muster
c. course
d. truly

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- 101.** abject most nearly means
a. indigent
b. desire
c. despondent
d. extreme
- 102.** bespoke most nearly means
a. gentle
b. quiet
c. tailored
d. handsome
- 103.** diffident most nearly means
a. apathetic
b. shy
c. arrogant
d. quarrelsome
- 104.** proffer most nearly means
a. mendicant
b. wastrel
c. predict
d. tender
- 105.** mordant most nearly means
a. dead
b. gruesome
c. fetid
d. caustic
- 106.** churlish most nearly means
a. childish
b. boorish
c. tempestuous
d. disorderly
- 107.** antediluvian most nearly means
a. antiquated
b. parched
c. nonsectarian
d. nonsensical
- 108.** picayune most nearly means
a. petty
b. spicy
c. paltry
d. southern
- 109.** smite most nearly means
a. flee
b. speck
c. dirt
d. strike
- 110.** winnow most nearly means
a. carve
b. wind
c. weed
d. carry

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Answers

- 71. d.** modest means to be free of conceit or pretension, or **humble**
- 72. b.** a custom means a long-established practice, or a **habit**
- 73. a.** to prolong means to lengthen in time, or to **extend**
- 74. b.** to hustle means to **hurry**
- 75. d.** solemn means marked by grave sobriety, or **serious**
- 76. a.** to imply means to express indirectly, or to **suggest**
- 77. c.** to ramble means to move aimlessly from place to place, or to **wander**
- 78. b.** beneficial means causing benefit, or **advantageous**
- 79. d.** flare means a fire or **blaze** used to signal; flair means talent or style
- 80. c.** negligent means marked by neglect, or **careless**
- 81. d.** aloof means distant in feeling, or **reserved**
- 82. c.** one meaning of resolve is to **decide**, often to stop from doing something
- 83. b.** to congregate means to **gather** in a group
- 84. a.** to utter means to **express** in words
- 85. c.** fearless means lacking fear, or **brave**
- 86. a.** negligible means so small or **insignificant** as to deserve little attention
- 87. a.** placid means free of disturbance, or **calm**

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- 88.** b. a rake is a dissolute person, or a **scoundrel**
- 89.** b. to dupe means to deceive or to **trick**
- 90.** a. stigma means a mark of shame or discredit, or a **stain**
- 91.** c. to reside means to occupy a place as one's home, or to **dwell**
- 92.** d. covetous means having an inordinate desire for wealth, or **greedy**
- 93.** a. to abide means to **endure** without yielding, or to withstand
- 94.** c. shrewd means marked by clever awareness, or **astute**
- 95.** c. to fetter means to **hamper**, or to restrain
- 96.** b. flagrant means obviously wrong or immoral; **glaring** means painfully obvious
- 97.** a. mitigate means to make less severe or painful, or to **relieve**
- 98.** a. to rail means to **scold** in harsh, abusive language
- 99.** c. to meld means to merge or to **blend**
- 100.** b. to rally means to arouse for action, or to **muster**
- 101.** c. abject means cast down in spirit, or utterly hopeless; **despondent** means having lost all hope
- 102.** c. bespoke means custom-made; **tailored** also means custom-made
- 103.** b. diffident means **shy** or lacking in confidence
- 104.** d. to proffer means to put something forward for acceptance, or to **tender**

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- 105.** d. mordant means biting or **caustic** in means or speech
- 106.** b. churlish means resembling an ill-bred or vulgar person, or **boorish**
- 107.** a. antediluvian means so ancient that it could have come before the time of the flood and Noah's ark, or **antiquated**
- 108.** c. picayune means trivial or of little value; **paltry** means trivial or meager
- 109.** d. smite means to **strike** heavily especially with the hand
- 110.** c. to winnow means to sift or get rid of, like **weed**, it is often used with "out"

4

Antonyms

Select the word that is most opposite to the word provided.

- 111.** detain is most opposite to
a. release
b. silence
c. forget
d. prosper
- 112.** famous is most opposite to
a. boring
b. poor
c. obscure
d. untalented
- 113.** colossal is most opposite to
a. easy
b. tiny
c. graceful
d. roof
- 114.** fluid is most opposite to
a. solid
b. liquid
c. afraid
d. decent
- 115.** continue is most opposite to
a. curve
b. argue
c. carry
d. pause
- 116.** labor is most opposite to
a. amuse
b. cat
c. rest
d. strive

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- 117.** brawny is most opposite to
a. swift
b. weak
c. strong
d. pale
- 118.** fickle is most opposite to
a. steady
b. kind
c. please
d. finagle
- 119.** inept is most opposite to
a. clumsy
b. infer
c. competent
d. foolish
- 120.** pivotal is most opposite to
a. turning
b. wavy
c. unimportant
d. clear
- 121.** cursed is most opposite to
a. swore
b. pious
c. unfortunate
d. lucky
- 122.** candid is most opposite to
a. unkind
b. blunt
c. valid
d. dishonest
- 123.** flaunt is most opposite to
a. regard
b. sink
c. hide
d. propose
- 124.** heal is most opposite to
a. sew
b. foot
c. good
d. maim
- 125.** pacify is most opposite to
a. excite
b. land
c. coddle
d. unhand
- 126.** sullen is most opposite to
a. dirty
b. cheerful
c. clean
d. risen
- 127.** assure is most opposite to
a. alarm
b. reassure
c. quiet
d. unsure
- 128.** fallacious is most opposite to
a. perfect
b. truthful
c. accidental
d. disarming

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- 129.** gumption is most opposite to
a. seriousness
b. apathy
c. levity
d. despair
- 130.** ecstasy is most opposite to
a. hate
b. agony
c. languor
d. fatigue
- 131.** astute is most opposite to
a. distraught
b. careful
c. generous
d. gullible
- 132.** winsome is most opposite to
a. dour
b. attractive
c. mysterious
d. clever
- 133.** droll is most opposite to
a. forget
b. charm
c. sedate
d. absurd
- 134.** enigmatic is most opposite to
a. healthy
b. watchful
c. disastrous
d. obvious
- 135.** obtuse is most opposite to
a. slim
b. acute
c. opaque
d. thick
- 136.** obsequious is most opposite to
a. clear
b. clever
c. domineering
d. dandified
- 137.** doleful is most opposite to
a. empty
b. rich
c. witty
d. vivacious
- 138.** wanton is most opposite to
a. merciful
b. repast
c. brilliant
d. vicious
- 139.** banal is most opposite to
a. sincere
b. wealthy
c. extraordinary
d. trustworthy
- 140.** lugubrious is most opposite to
a. quick
b. cheerful
c. salubrious
d. dry

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- 141.** perspicacious is most opposite to
a. calm
b. easy
c. dull
d. winsome
- 142.** elan is most opposite to
a. inelegance
b. stupidity
c. obscure
d. despair
- 143.** recondite is most opposite to
a. manifest
b. flexible
c. provident
d. sociable
- 144.** gainsay is most opposite to
a. regret
b. own
c. prudent
d. prude
- 145.** effluvium is most opposite to
a. land
b. essential
c. fragrance
d. solid
- 146.** parsimony is most opposite to
a. generosity
b. sinfulness
c. verbosity
d. tenderness
- 147.** truculent is most opposite to
a. faltering
b. gentle
c. facile
d. submissive
- 148.** spurious is most opposite to
a. disingenuous
b. thoughtless
c. placid
d. genuine
- 149.** welter is most opposite to
a. order
b. freeze
c. patron
d. sustain
- 150.** eclat is most opposite to
a. apathy
b. dullness
c. silence
d. disinterest

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Answers

- 111.** a. to detain means to hold or keep back; to **release** means to let go
- 112.** c. famous means widely known; **obscure** means little known
- 113.** b. colossal means incredibly large, therefore **tiny** is the opposite
- 114.** a. a fluid is a substance that flows; a **solid** does not flow
- 115.** d. to continue means to act without interruption; to **pause** means to stop temporarily
- 116.** c. to labor means to work; to **rest** means to cease working
- 117.** b. brawny means muscled or strong, therefore **weak** is the opposite
- 118.** a. fickle means to lack steadiness, therefore **steady** is the opposite
- 119.** c. inept means to lack competence, therefore **competent** is the opposite
- 120.** c. pivotal means very important, or crucial, therefore **unimportant** is the opposite
- 121.** d. cursed means to be the subject of misfortune, or to be unlucky, therefore **lucky** is the opposite
- 122.** d. candid means to be frank, or honest, therefore **dishonest** is the opposite
- 123.** c. to flaunt means to display showily, or to show off, therefore **hide** is the opposite
- 124.** d. to heal means to restore to health; to **maim** means to injure
- 125.** a. to pacify means to soothe, or calm, therefore **excite** is the opposite

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- 126.** b. sullen means showing a disagreeable mood, or lacking cheer, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 127.** a. to assure means to make sure by removing doubt or worry; **alarm** means to give warning or to arouse fear
- 128.** b. fallacious means tending to deceive; **truthful** means disposed to tell the truth
- 129.** b. gumption means initiative, or drive; **apathy** means a lack of interest or concern
- 130.** b. ecstasy means a state of rapturous delight; **agony** means intense pain of mind or body
- 131.** d. astute means shrewd or showing acute mental vision; **gullible** means easily duped or cheated
- 132.** a. winsome means cheerful and engaging; **dour** means gloomy or sullen
- 133.** c. droll means to have a humorous or odd quality; **sedate** means unruffled or serious
- 134.** d. enigmatic means mysterious or obscure, therefore **obvious** is the opposite
- 135.** b. obtuse means insensitive or stupid; **acute** means marked by keen perception or shrewd
- 136.** c. obsequious means subservient or fawning; **domineering** means exercising overbearing control
- 137.** d. doleful means full of grief or cheerless; **vivacious** means full of life and spirit
- 138.** a. one meaning of wanton is malicious or merciless, therefore **merciful** is the opposite

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- 139.** c. banal means trite or commonplace, therefore **extraordinary** is the opposite
- 140.** b. lugubrious means mournful, or dismal, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 141.** c. perspicacious means keen or astute, therefore **dull** is the opposite
- 142.** d. elan means vigorous spirit or enthusiasm; **despair** means an utter loss of hope
- 143.** a. recondite means difficult for one of ordinary understanding to comprehend; **manifest** means easily understood or recognized
- 144.** b. to gainsay means to deny; one meaning of to **own** is to admit
- 145.** c. effluvium means an offensive smell; **fragrance** means a sweet or delicate odor
- 146.** a. parsimony means thrift or stinginess, therefore **generosity** is the opposite
- 147.** b. truculent means cruel or savage, therefore **gentle** is the opposite
- 148.** d. spurious means lacking genuine qualities, or false, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 149.** a. welter means a state of wild disorder, or turmoil, therefore **order** is the opposite
- 150.** b. eclat means a dazzling effect, or brilliance, therefore **dullness** is the opposite

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Synonyms

Which of these words most nearly means the word provided?

- 151.** deplete
a. decorate
b. beg
c. exhaust
d. hurry

- 152.** voluntary
a. willing
b. charity
c. prisoner
d. careless

- 153.** refute
a. garbage
b. deny
c. offer
d. difficult

- 154.** cheat
a. stingy
b. argue
c. freckle
d. defraud

- 155.** miserable
a. cruel
b. wrong
c. unhappy
d. miss

- 156.** vintage
a. classic
b. alcoholic
c. disease
d. spoiled

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- 157.** tart
a. law
b. acid
c. angry
d. desirable
- 158.** corner
a. display
b. trap
c. paint
d. hurry
- 159.** zest
a. gusto
b. cram
c. worry
d. trial
- 160.** haggle
a. tired
b. climb
c. decrease
d. bargain
- 161.** impel
a. force
b. block
c. hinder
d. discredit
- 162.** throng
a. garment
b. bell
c. mass
d. weight
- 163.** imperial
a. bratty
b. oppressive
c. regal
d. beautiful
- 164.** diffuse
a. difficult
b. scatter
c. incomprehensible
d. unplug
- 165.** hinder
a. lose
b. loose
c. despair
d. check
- 166.** latent
a. dormant
b. recent
c. effeminate
d. desirable
- 167.** wretched
a. twisted
b. forced
c. miserable
d. increased
- 168.** irksome
a. outrageous
b. fearsome
c. impoverished
d. annoying

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- 169.** regulate
a. even
b. police
c. flow
d. position
- 170.** warrant
a. justify
b. burrow
c. hide
d. integrity
- 171.** protract
a. hire
b. fold
c. delay
d. corner
- 172.** lax
a. ensure
b. slack
c. servant
d. strive
- 173.** rigor
a. austerity
b. rope
c. fix
d. excess
- 174.** discrete
a. leave
b. diminish
c. squander
d. distinct
- 175.** lissome
a. slow
b. honest
c. supple
d. dull
- 176.** misprize
a. despise
b. devalue
c. erroneous
d. covet
- 177.** impugn
a. imply
b. fret
c. assail
d. recalcitrant
- 178.** supervene
a. intervene
b. overreach
c. displace
d. follow
- 179.** exigent
a. urgent
b. treatise
c. miser
d. expedient
- 180.** fervid
a. delightful
b. difficult
c. obstinate
d. ardent

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- 181.** ersatz
a. chaotic
b. artificial
c. impromptu
d. vague
- 182.** redolent
a. ubiquitous
b. odorous
c. shy
d. bellicose
- 183.** turpitude
a. lethargy
b. honor
c. belligerence
d. depravity
- 184.** propinquity
a. habit
b. nearness
c. capacity
d. tendency
- 185.** vociferous
a. numerous
b. bountiful
c. strident
d. garrulous

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Answers

- 151.** c. deplete means to reduce or deprive of something essential; **exhaust** means to empty completely
- 152.** a. voluntary means done by one's own will, or **willing**
- 153.** b. to refute means to prove wrong, or to **deny** the truth of
- 154.** d. to cheat means to influence by means of trickery, or to **defraud**
- 155.** c. miserable means in a state of distress or **unhappiness**
- 156.** a. vintage means of old and enduring interest, or **classic**
- 157.** b. tart means pleasantly sharp or **acid** to the taste
- 158.** b. to corner means to drive into a corner, or to **trap**
- 159.** a. one meaning of zest is keen enjoyment, or **gusto**
- 160.** d. to haggle means to negotiate over terms or price, or to **bargain**
- 161.** a. to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to **force**
- 162.** c. a throng is a large number of assembled people, or a **mass**
- 163.** c. imperial means befitting or suggesting an emperor; **regal** means befitting or suggesting a king
- 164.** b. to diffuse means to break up or spread out, or to **scatter**

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- 165.** d. to hinder means to hold back; one meaning of to **check** means to slow or bring to a stop
- 166.** a. latent means capable of becoming but not currently visible, or **dormant**
- 167.** c. wretched means extremely distressed, or **miserable**
- 168.** d. irksome means tedious or **annoying**
- 169.** b. to regulate means to bring under the control of law; to **police** means to control or keep order
- 170.** a. to warrant means to serve as adequate ground or reason, or to **justify**
- 171.** c. to protract means to prolong in time or space, or to **delay**
- 172.** b. lax means in a relaxed state, or **slack**
- 173.** a. rigor means severity of life, or **austerity**
- 174.** d. discrete means individually **distinct**
- 175.** c. lissome means **supple** or flexible
- 176.** a. to misprize means to hold in contempt, or to **despise**
- 177.** c. to impugn means to attack verbally as false or lacking integrity; to **assail** means to attack
- 178.** d. to supervene means to **follow** as an unexpected development
- 179.** a. exigent means demanding immediate attention, or **urgent**
- 180.** d. fervid means **ardent** or passionate
- 181.** b. ersatz means a usually **artificial** or inferior substitute

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- 182.** b. redolent means aromatic or full of a specific scent, or **odorous**
- 183.** d. turpitude means wickedness, or **depravity**
- 184.** b. propinquity means **nearness** in place or time
- 185.** c. vociferous means loud and insistent, often in presentation of demands or requests; **strident** also means loud and insistent

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Antonyms

Which word is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided?

- 186.** gracious
a. cordial
b. rude
c. furious
d. tactile
- 187.** valor
a. cowardice
b. false
c. drop
d. heavy
- 188.** severe
a. lenient
b. cautious
c. join
d. one
- 189.** imaginative
a. playful
b. written
c. small
d. dull
- 190.** knowing
a. wasteful
b. dense
c. clumsy
d. fast
- 191.** animosity
a. love
b. plantlike
c. barren
d. tiny

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- 192.** exact
a. join
b. sympathetic
c. incorrect
d. whole
- 193.** extravagant
a. unknown
b. homebody
c. punctual
d. moderate
- 194.** stamina
a. weakness
b. clear
c. decisive
d. calmness
- 195.** rough
a. tumble
b. sleek
c. fast
d. distant
- 196.** garner
a. unravel
b. mar
c. squander
d. tarnish
- 197.** prodigal
a. thrifty
b. secondary
c. distant
d. squalid
- 198.** tacit
a. grand
b. dictated
c. illicit
d. messy
- 199.** repudiate
a. argue
b. soften
c. slander
d. admit
- 200.** pristine
a. free
b. sullied
c. wide
d. thorough
- 201.** concede
a. sit
b. withstand
c. dismiss
d. elaborate
- 202.** placate
a. appease
b. strip
c. tremendous
d. enrage
- 203.** popular
a. empty
b. uncommon
c. famous
d. feisty

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- 204.** felicitous
a. morbid
b. boorish
c. inopportune
d. delightful
- 205.** austere
a. lavish
b. unfavorable
c. light
d. devout
- 206.** insipid
a. cold
b. brave
c. exciting
d. bashful
- 207.** wastrel
a. sober
b. spendthrift
c. mute
d. miser
- 208.** temperate
a. Celsius
b. inordinate
c. lukewarm
d. safely
- 209.** nebulous
a. cloudy
b. dim
c. distinct
d. desirable
- 210.** adroit
a. clumsy
b. left
c. diplomatic
d. unpersuasive
- 211.** mite
a. weakness
b. tend
c. bulk
d. drive
- 212.** supernal
a. nocturnal
b. special
c. despicable
d. hellish
- 213.** reprobate
a. sage
b. elevated
c. possess
d. dismiss
- 214.** specious
a. genuine
b. logical
c. common
d. deliberate
- 215.** effete
a. conquer
b. proper
c. prosperous
d. civilized

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- 216.** rabble
a. order
b. clear
c. open
d. union
- 217.** protean
a. unformed
b. unchanging
c. elaborate
d. selective
- 218.** vertiginous
a. horizontal
b. litigious
c. constant
d. lowly
- 219.** parvenu
a. wallflower
b. highway
c. melody
d. plan
- 220.** lapidarian
a. square
b. secular
c. pasture
d. inelegant

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Answers

- 186.** b. gracious means to be pleasant in a social situation, or cordial; **rude** means to be unpleasant
- 187.** a. valor means strength of mind or spirit, or courage; **cowardice** means lack of courage
- 188.** a. one meaning of severe is strict; **lenient** means mild or indulgent
- 189.** d. imaginative means having imagination; **dull** means lacking imagination
- 190.** b. knowing means having information or knowledge; **dense** means dull or stupid
- 191.** a. animosity means resentment or hostility, therefore **love** is the opposite
- 192.** c. exact means in complete accord with fact, or correct, therefore **incorrect** is the opposite
- 193.** d. extravagant means lacking in restraint and moderation, therefore **moderate** is the opposite
- 194.** a. stamina means strength or endurance, therefore **weakness** is the opposite
- 195.** b. rough means having an uneven, coarse surface; **sleek** means having a smooth, bright surface
- 196.** c. to garner means to gather or to store; to **squander** means to cause to disperse or to scatter
- 197.** a. prodigal means wasteful or extravagant; **thrifty** means thriving by industry and frugality
- 198.** b. tacit means unspoken, or implied; **dictated** means spoken

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- 199.** d. to repudiate means to reject or deny, therefore to **admit** is the opposite
- 200.** b. pristine means unspoiled or pure; **sullied** means spoiled or tarnished
- 201.** b. to concede means to yield; to **withstand** means to successfully resist
- 202.** d. to placate means to soothe or calm; to **enrage** means to anger
- 203.** b. popular means frequently encountered or accepted, or common, therefore **uncommon** is the opposite
- 204.** c. felicitous means very well-suited or apt; **inopportune** means inconvenient or not well-suited
- 205.** a. austere means simple and unadorned; **lavish** means produced or expended in abundance
- 206.** c. insipid means lacking in qualities that interest or excite, therefore **exciting** is the opposite
- 207.** d. a wastrel is someone who spends foolishly or self-indulgently; a **miser** is someone who hoards his or her wealth
- 208.** b. temperate means moderate; **inordinate** means excessive or immoderate
- 209.** c. nebulous means vague or indistinct, therefore **distinct** is the opposite
- 210.** a. adroit means skillful in the use of the hands, therefore **clumsy** is the opposite
- 211.** c. mite means a very small or insignificant part; **bulk** means the main or greater part

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- 212.** d. supernal means coming from on high, or heavenly; **infernal** is a synonym for hellish
- 213.** b. reprobate means morally debased or depraved; one meaning of **elevated** is to be on a moral or intellectual high plane
- 214.** a. specious means having a false look of truth or genuineness, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 215.** b. effete means weak or decadent; one meaning of **proper** is virtuous or respectable
- 216.** d. a rabble is a disorderly or disorganized crowd of people; a **union** is a group of individuals joined in an organized manner
- 217.** b. protean means showing great diversity or variability, or versatile, therefore **unchanging** is the opposite
- 218.** c. vertiginous means inclined to frequent change, or inconstant, therefore **constant** is the opposite
- 219.** a. a parvenu is an upstart or a social climber; a **wallflower** is someone who refrains from socializing
- 220.** d. lapidarian means having elegance or precision and comes from the word lapidary, which means a cutter or engraver of precious stones, therefore **inelegant** is the opposite

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is most similar or dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 221.** delirious is most similar to
a. manic
b. calm
c. tasty
d. suspicious
- 222.** infirm is most similar to
a. hospital
b. weak
c. short
d. fortitude
- 223.** cautious is most dissimilar to
a. reasonable
b. careful
c. illogical
d. reckless
- 224.** lure is most similar to
a. tickle
b. decoy
c. resist
d. suspect
- 225.** perilous is most dissimilar to
a. disciplined
b. similar
c. safe
d. honest
- 226.** isolation is most similar to
a. fear
b. plentitude
c. solitude
d. disease

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- 227.** lull is most similar to
a. pause
b. noise
c. boring
d. mark
- 228.** outfit is most similar to
a. indoors
b. strong
c. special
d. furnish
- 229.** punctual is most dissimilar to
a. close
b. tardy
c. sloppy
d. precious
- 230.** delude is most dissimilar to
a. drought
b. clever
c. enlighten
d. enrage
- 231.** omit is most similar to
a. recluse
b. neglect
c. mistake
d. destroy
- 232.** resilient is most dissimilar to
a. stubborn
b. careless
c. substantial
d. flimsy
- 233.** mutiny is most similar to
a. rebellion
b. currency
c. sailor
d. hassle
- 234.** naive is most similar to
a. rural
b. secular
c. unsophisticated
d. sultry
- 235.** entice is most dissimilar to
a. piece
b. repulse
c. attract
d. repeat
- 236.** solemnity is most similar to
a. lightheartedness
b. gravity
c. diligence
d. sleepiness
- 237.** stingy is most dissimilar to
a. wasteful
b. democratic
c. spiteful
d. liberal
- 238.** malign is most similar to
a. evil
b. malicious
c. slander
d. grandiose

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- 239.** impudent is most similar to
a. cautious
b. haphazard
c. gleeful
d. insolent
- 240.** vacillate is most dissimilar to
a. decide
b. teeter
c. dilate
d. please
- 241.** kinetic is most dissimilar to
a. cold
b. static
c. lewd
d. foolish
- 242.** lambaste is most similar to
a. marinade
b. commotion
c. censure
d. tickle
- 243.** kowtow is most dissimilar to
a. snub
b. pull
c. fawn
d. forage
- 244.** rudimentary is most similar to
a. crass
b. gracious
c. deliberate
d. primitive
- 245.** pitched is most similar to
a. undone
b. retracted
c. heated
d. lovely
- 246.** tepid is most dissimilar to
a. dispassionate
b. scalding
c. crisp
d. clever
- 247.** largesse is most similar to
a. greatness
b. generosity
c. miniscule
d. clumsiness
- 248.** insidious is most dissimilar to
a. repellant
b. pure
c. charming
d. delicious
- 249.** decorum is most similar to
a. etiquette
b. merit
c. parliament
d. slipshod
- 250.** succor is most dissimilar to
a. genius
b. abet
c. injure
d. deciduous

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- 251.** enjoin is most dissimilar to
a. sever
b. dislike
c. permit
d. divorce
- 252.** tumid is most similar to
a. swollen
b. fetid
c. aggressive
d. despondent
- 253.** jejune is most similar to
a. youthful
b. insipid
c. charming
d. quick
- 254.** ecumenical is most dissimilar to
a. spiritual
b. humanistic
c. secular
d. parochial
- 255.** sinecure is most similar to
a. cakewalk
b. serpentine
c. evil
d. dishonest
- 256.** castigate is most similar to
a. neuter
b. punish
c. banish
d. celebrate
- 257.** reconnoiter is most dissimilar to
a. disarm
b. disassemble
c. distance
d. disregard
- 258.** obloquy is most similar to
a. tirade
b. dependence
c. oval
d. circumlocution
- 259.** recondite is most dissimilar to
a. give
b. obscure
c. patent
d. hardy
- 260.** querulous is most similar to
a. nauseous
b. fretful
c. curious
d. dizzy

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Answers

- 221.** a. delirious means marked by frenzied excitement, or **manic**
- 222.** b. infirm means feeble from age, or **weak**
- 223.** d. cautious means careful; **reckless** means lacking caution
- 224.** b. a lure is used to attract animals into a trap, like a **decoy**
- 225.** c. perilous means dangerous, therefore **safe** is the opposite
- 226.** c. isolation means the state of being alone or withdrawn, or **solitude**
- 227.** a. a lull is a temporary **pause**
- 228.** d. to outfit means to supply or to **furnish**
- 229.** b. punctual means on time; **tardy** means late
- 230.** c. to delude means to mislead the judgment of someone, or to trick; to **enlighten** means to give knowledge to someone
- 231.** b. to omit means to leave out, to fail to perform, or to **neglect**
- 232.** d. resilient means capable of withstanding shock; **flimsy** means lacking in physical strength or substance
- 233.** a. mutiny means resistance to lawful authority, or **rebellion**
- 234.** c. naive means unaffectedly simple, or **unsophisticated**
- 235.** b. to entice means attract seductively, or to lure; to **repulse** means to cause aversion to, or to disgust
- 236.** b. solemnity means formal or ceremonious observance, or seriousness; **gravity** means dignity of bearing, or seriousness

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- 237.** d. one meaning of **liberal** is giving freely, or generous; stingy means lacking generosity
- 238.** c. to malign means to speak false or harmful things of, or to **slander**
- 239.** d. impudent means contemptuously bold or cocky, or **insolent**
- 240.** a. vacillate means to hesitate among choices, or to waver; **decide** means to choose
- 241.** b. kinetic means relating to motion, or dynamic; **static** means at rest, or stationary
- 242.** c. to lambaste means to attack verbally, or to **censure**
- 243.** a. to kowtow means to show fawning deference; to **snub** means to treat with contempt
- 244.** d. rudimentary means crude or **primitive**
- 245.** c. pitched means intensely fought; one meaning of **heated** is marked by anger
- 246.** b. tepid means lukewarm; **scalding** means boiling hot
- 247.** b. largesse means liberal giving or **generosity**
- 248.** a. insidious means harmful but enticing or seductive; **repellant** means arousing aversion or disgust
- 249.** a. decorum means conduct required in social life, or **etiquette**
- 250.** c. to succor means go to the aid of, or relieve; to **injure** means to harm
- 251.** c. enjoin means to forbid or prohibit, therefore **permit** is the opposite

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- 252.** a. tumid means puffy or **swollen**
- 253.** b. jejune means lacking in substance or interest; **insipid** means lacking in qualities to excite or interest
- 254.** d. ecumenical means of or relating to the whole body of churches, or universal; **parochial** means of or relating to a parish, or limited in scope or range
- 255.** a. a sinecure is a job for which little or no work is expected; a **cakewalk** is a one-sided competition
- 256.** b. to castigate means to subject to severe **punishment**
- 257.** d. reconnoiter means to gain information or to explore; **disregard** means to pay no attention to
- 258.** a. obloquy means abusive language; **tirade** means harshly censorious language
- 259.** c. recondite means hidden from sight or obscure; **patent** means readily visible or intelligible
- 260.** b. querulous means habitually complaining, or **fretful**

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Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

- 261.** wrath
a. knot
b. anger
c. crime
d. smoke
- 262.** plethora
a. trouble
b. foolish
c. wealth
d. love
- 263.** calamity
a. potion
b. silence
c. shellfish
d. disaster
- 264.** pompous
a. arrogant
b. supportive
c. busy
d. gaudy
- 265.** prevalent
a. wind
b. servile
c. widespread
d. rare
- 266.** wince
a. flinch
b. cheer
c. crush
d. solitary

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- 267.** superficial
a. gorgeous
b. shallow
c. intelligent
d. rich
- 268.** tangle
a. snarl
b. growl
c. dance
d. shiver
- 269.** reform
a. punish
b. destroy
c. display
d. correct
- 270.** methodical
a. rhythmic
b. poetic
c. systematic
d. disrespectful
- 271.** spite
a. joy
b. beverage
c. wonder
d. malice
- 272.** scale
a. climb
b. sail
c. swim
d. skate
- 273.** smudge
a. gloat
b. residue
c. blur
d. celebrate
- 274.** drizzle
a. curly
b. sprinkle
c. sear
d. drench
- 275.** mundane
a. dirty
b. commonplace
c. confused
d. extraordinary
- 276.** pretension
a. stress
b. ambition
c. waste
d. strife
- 277.** affect
a. outcome
b. share
c. pompous
d. cultivate
- 278.** herald
a. insignia
b. postpone
c. hail
d. regal

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- 279.** faculty
a. defective
b. school
c. gift
d. desire
- 280.** mirth
a. anger
b. glee
c. sarcasm
d. mistrust
- 281.** drudgery
a. silliness
b. labor
c. evil
d. investigation
- 282.** prerequisite
a. necessary
b. course
c. difficult
d. tar
- 283.** dire
a. questionable
b. forthright
c. traitor
d. urgent
- 284.** grapple
a. struggle
b. trap
c. laugh
d. intend
- 285.** sundry
a. aged
b. supply
c. various
d. tremendous
- 286.** supplant
a. grow
b. replace
c. undo
d. question
- 287.** venerate
a. ordain
b. breathe
c. polish
d. revere
- 288.** conciliate
a. appease
b. disagree
c. revive
d. separate
- 289.** exultant
a. afraid
b. jubilant
c. expectant
d. demanding
- 290.** surreptitious
a. overbearing
b. clandestine
c. indirect
d. impious

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- 291.** recalcitrant
a. hesitant
b. subdued
c. unruly
d. subtract
- 292.** pretty
a. plain
b. confusing
c. ugly
d. terrible
- 293.** coterie
a. various
b. flirtation
c. club
d. socialize
- 294.** nefarious
a. infamous
b. macabre
c. evil
d. distinguished
- 295.** curry
a. flatter
b. spicy
c. squander
d. game
- 296.** preternatural
a. immature
b. extraordinary
c. removed
d. unearned
- 297.** pernicious
a. noxious
b. illicit
c. open
d. undecided
- 298.** reprisal
a. accusation
b. loathe
c. retaliation
d. insinuation
- 299.** manifold
a. evident
b. contemporary
c. diverse
d. willing
- 300.** factious
a. sham
b. unreliable
c. seditious
d. argumentative

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Answers

- 261.** b. wrath means strong, vengeful **anger**
- 262.** c. abundance means an ample quantity, or **wealth**
- 263.** d. a calamity is an extraordinarily grave event, or **disaster**
- 264.** a. pompous means self-important, or **arrogant**
- 265.** c. prevalent means generally accepted, or **widespread**
- 266.** a. to wince means to shrink back involuntarily, or to **flinch**
- 267.** b. superficial means to be concerned only with the surface or appearance, or **shallow**
- 268.** a. a tangle is a twisted, knotted mass, or a **snarl**
- 269.** d. to reform means to change for the better, or to **correct**
- 270.** c. methodical means proceeding according to an order or system, or **systematic**
- 271.** d. spite means petty ill will or hatred, or **malice**
- 272.** a. one meaning of scale is to **climb**
- 273.** c. a smudge is a **blurry** spot or streak
- 274.** b. one meaning of to drizzle is to rain in very small drops, or to **sprinkle**
- 275.** b. mundane means ordinary, or **commonplace**
- 276.** b. pretension means an effort to establish, or **ambition**
- 277.** d. to affect means to make a display of using or liking something, or to **cultivate**

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- 278.** c. to herald means to greet with enthusiasm, or to **hail**
- 279.** c. one meaning of faculty is an ability or **gift**
- 280.** b. mirth means gladness expressed with laughter, or **glee**
- 281.** b. drudgery means uninspiring or menial **labor**
- 282.** a. prerequisite means **necessary** for carrying out a function
- 283.** d. dire means desperately **urgent**
- 284.** a. to grapple means to come to grips with, or to **struggle**
- 285.** c. sundry means an indeterminate number, or **various**
- 286.** b. to supplant means take the place of, or to **replace**
- 287.** d. to venerate means to treat with reverential respect, or to **revere**
- 288.** a. to conciliate means to gain goodwill with pleasing acts, or to **appease**
- 289.** b. exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or **jubilant**
- 290.** b. surreptitious means done or acquired in stealth, or **clandestine**
- 291.** c. recalcitrant means defiant of authority, or **unruly**
- 292.** d. one meaning of pretty is miserable or **terrible**, as in the expression “a pretty pickle”
- 293.** c. a coterie is an intimate or exclusive group or people who share a common interest or purpose; a **club** is an association of people for a common purpose
- 294.** c. nefarious means flagrantly wicked, or **evil**
- 295.** a. to curry means to seek to gain favor, or to **flatter**

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- 296.** b. preternatural means exceeding what is natural, or **extraordinary**
- 297.** a. pernicious means highly injurious or deadly, or **noxious**
- 298.** c. a reprisal is an act of vengeance, or a **retaliation**
- 299.** c. manifold means marked by variety, or **diverse**
- 300.** c. factious means inclined to form factions; **sedition** means disposed to insurrection

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Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 301.** tragic
a. boring
b. mysterious
c. comic
d. incredulous
- 302.** able
a. willful
b. inept
c. careful
d. feasible
- 303.** tireless
a. exhausted
b. unfailing
c. broke
d. driving
- 304.** wean
a. flourish
b. flush
c. strengthen
d. addict
- 305.** haste
a. delay
b. frugal
c. debauchery
d. solemnity
- 306.** malice
a. goodwill
b. bitterness
c. coddle
d. distress

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- 307.** permanent
a. loose
b. fierce
c. fleeting
d. unhappy
- 308.** attain
a. crave
b. lose
c. harbor
d. credit
- 309.** taint
a. cheer
b. worry
c. clear
d. purify
- 310.** belittle
a. plain
b. detract
c. magnify
d. torment
- 311.** tedious
a. unwavering
b. frightening
c. horrible
d. pleasurable
- 312.** license
a. restriction
b. allow
c. join
d. gather
- 313.** frivolous
a. pious
b. inexpensive
c. serious
d. contemptuous
- 314.** plain
a. meadow
b. ugly
c. lovely
d. unadorned
- 315.** denounce
a. covet
b. condemn
c. blame
d. deplore
- 316.** contrary
a. urbane
b. agreeable
c. unpleasant
d. despicable
- 317.** glower
a. prairie
b. smile
c. raise
d. throw
- 318.** exacting
a. upright
b. lenient
c. sober
d. general

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- 319.** curtail
a. remain
b. detain
c. placate
d. prolong
- 320.** eminent
a. imminent
b. obscure
c. retire
d. unsure
- 321.** abdicate
a. deny
b. usurp
c. blame
d. renounce
- 322.** indolent
a. industrious
b. complimentary
c. native
d. smooth
- 323.** fortuitous
a. undefended
b. gratuitous
c. deliberate
d. impoverished
- 324.** disparage
a. hesitate
b. settle
c. trouble
d. applaud
- 325.** dubious
a. reliable
b. pleasing
c. rhythmic
d. careful
- 326.** interdict
a. continue
b. abstain
c. wallow
d. sanction
- 327.** mendacious
a. bashful
b. capacious
c. veracious
d. quiet
- 328.** lassitude
a. release
b. demure
c. fatigue
d. vigor
- 329.** verdant
a. dishonest
b. suspicious
c. moldy
d. arid
- 330.** ductile
a. unfeeling
b. arrogant
c. precious
d. rigid

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- 331.** asperity
a. moistness
b. amenity
c. sour
d. generosity
- 332.** epicurean
a. ascetic
b. slovenly
c. imprecision
d. providential
- 333.** traduce
a. deduce
b. laud
c. presuppose
d. converge
- 334.** bridle
a. heckle
b. dissuade
c. vent
d. persist
- 335.** spare
a. rotund
b. pacify
c. impolite
d. impose
- 336.** proclivity
a. calm
b. antipathy
c. desire
d. dearth
- 337.** vituperation
a. alacrity
b. alertness
c. reparation
d. acclaim
- 338.** gambol
a. trudge
b. hedge
c. crone
d. misplace
- 339.** quixotic
a. simple
b. staid
c. passe
d. unpredictable
- 340.** lachrymose
a. quick
b. loquacious
c. blithe
d. plentiful

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Answers

- 301.** c. tragic means regrettably serious or sorrowful; **comic** means humorous
- 302.** b. able means having skill or ability; **inept** means lacking skill
- 303.** a. tireless means filled with energy; **exhausted** means depleted of energy
- 304.** d. to wean means to detach from a dependence; to **addict** means to make dependent
- 305.** a. haste means hurry; **delay** means postponement or procrastination
- 306.** a. malice means a desire to see another suffer; **goodwill** means desire to see another benefit
- 307.** c. permanent means lasting; **fleeting** means passing quickly or temporary
- 308.** b. to attain means to achieve or to gain, therefore to **lose** is the most dissimilar
- 309.** d. to taint means to contaminate or corrupt; to **purify** means to make pure
- 310.** c. to belittle means to make seem little or less; to **magnify** means to enlarge
- 311.** d. tedious means boring; **pleasurable** means enjoyable or delightful
- 312.** a. one meaning of a license is permission; **restriction** means limitation
- 313.** c. frivolous means lacking seriousness, therefore **serious** is the most dissimilar

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- 314.** c. plain means lacking in beauty; **lovely** means beautiful
- 315.** a. one meaning of to denounce is to speak out against; to **covet** means to wish for enviously
- 316.** b. contrary means unwilling to accept control or advice; **agreeable** means ready or willing to agree
- 317.** b. glower means a sullen brooding look, therefore **smile** is the most dissimilar
- 318.** b. exacting means severe; **lenient** means indulgent
- 319.** d. to curtail means to cut short; to **prolong** means to lengthen or extend
- 320.** b. eminent means prominent, or famous; **obscure** means not prominent, or unknown
- 321.** b. to abdicate means to renounce power or high office; to **usurp** means seize power or high office
- 322.** a. indolent means lazy; **industrious** means hardworking
- 323.** c. fortuitous means occurring by chance, or accidental; **deliberate** means resulting from careful consideration, or voluntary
- 324.** d. to disparage means to speak slightly about; to **applaud** means to express approval
- 325.** a. dubious means questionable or unreliable, therefore **reliable** is the most dissimilar
- 326.** d. to interdict means to forbid; to **sanction** means to approve
- 327.** c. mendacious means dishonest; **veracious** means truthful or honest
- 328.** d. lassitude means weariness; **vigor** means strength or force

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- 329.** d. one meaning of verdant is green, especially with plant life; **arid** means dry, or lacking enough rainfall for agriculture
- 330.** d. one meaning of ductile is easily led or influenced; one meaning of **rigid** is inflexible, set in opinion
- 331.** b. asperity means roughness of surface or manner; **amenity** means pleasantness or smoothness of manner
- 332.** a. epicurean means having sensitive and self-indulgent taste especially in food and wine; **ascetic** means practicing self-denial and austerity
- 333.** b. to traduce means to expose to shame or blame; to **laud** means to praise or extol
- 334.** c. to bridle means to restrain or keep under control; to **vent** means to relieve by means of an outlet
- 335.** a. one meaning of spare is lean; **rotund** means round or fleshy
- 336.** b. proclivity means inclination or predisposition; **antipathy** means settled aversion or dislike
- 337.** d. vituperation means bitter condemnation; **acclaim** means praise
- 338.** a. to gambol means to skip about in play; to **trudge** means to march steadily and laboriously
- 339.** b. quixotic means foolishly impractical and marked by extravagantly romantic ideals; **staid** means sedate and marked by prim self-restraint
- 340.** c. lachrymose means given to weeping, or morose; **blithe** means of a happy or lighthearted character, or merry

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Synonyms

Select the word that is closest in meaning to the word provided.

- 341.** glare is most similar to
a. scowl
b. hide
c. display
d. summon
- 342.** erratic is most similar to
a. enticing
b. frequent
c. difficult
d. irregular
- 343.** civil is most similar to
a. unkind
b. trite
c. public
d. questionable
- 344.** peer is most similar to
a. apple
b. connote
c. fellow
d. recluse
- 345.** fiasco is most similar to
a. festival
b. disaster
c. happenstance
d. ceremony
- 346.** chasm is most similar to
a. gorge
b. charm
c. bridle
d. criticize

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- 347.** expertise is most similar to
a. activity
b. courage
c. mastery
d. effort
- 348.** outlandish is most similar to
a. distant
b. absurd
c. pastoral
d. belligerent
- 349.** pine is most similar to
a. clean
b. hate
c. resolve
d. crave
- 350.** exploit is most similar to
a. answer
b. feat
c. accident
d. persuade
- 351.** culmination is most similar to
a. realization
b. disaster
c. serendipity
d. persuasion
- 352.** feign is most similar to
a. jab
b. swoon
c. pretend
d. dread
- 353.** auspicious is most similar to
a. deceitful
b. foreboding
c. favorable
d. dangerous
- 354.** gambit is most similar to
a. frolic
b. ploy
c. testimony
d. sentence
- 355.** voracious is most similar to
a. ravenous
b. violent
c. voluble
d. rambunctious
- 356.** facile is most similar to
a. ability
b. section
c. vindictive
d. glib
- 357.** eschew is most similar to
a. revert
b. accompany
c. admire
d. abstain
- 358.** abscond is most similar to
a. rob
b. obscure
c. flee
d. absolve

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- 359.** knack is most similar to
a. bruise
b. ability
c. keepsake
d. scoundrel
- 360.** apropos is most similar to
a. opportune
b. unexpected
c. misspoken
d. idea
- 361.** veritable is most similar to
a. deep
b. authentic
c. ancient
d. irascible
- 362.** unmitigated is most similar to
a. audacious
b. unpersuasive
c. utter
d. dense
- 363.** epitome is most similar to
a. volume
b. essence
c. summit
d. deliverance
- 364.** edict is most similar to
a. decree
b. vacate
c. correction
d. destiny
- 365.** extol is most similar to
a. praise
b. tax
c. burden
d. berate
- 366.** abeyant is most similar to
a. false
b. disgusting
c. pending
d. novice
- 367.** knell is most similar to
a. copse
b. hill
c. toll
d. rattle
- 368.** soporific is most similar to
a. juvenile
b. drunken
c. delightful
d. hypnotic
- 369.** iterate is most similar to
a. unsettled
b. repeat
c. impoverish
d. announce
- 370.** bulwark is most similar to
a. conundrum
b. festival
c. rampart
d. confuse

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- 371.** pedantic is most similar to
- a. pedestrian
 - b. arduous
 - c. fickle
 - d. consequential
- 372.** bumptious is most similar to
- a. backward
 - b. arrogant
 - c. clumsy
 - d. rugged
- 373.** expiation is most similar to
- a. breathing
 - b. immigration
 - c. divergence
 - d. atonement
- 374.** flagitious is most similar to
- a. deliberate
 - b. fatiguing
 - c. villainous
 - d. habitual
- 375.** inveigle is most similar to
- a. cajole
 - b. complexity
 - c. hoodwink
 - d. distress

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Answers

- 341.** a. to glare means to stare angrily; to **scowl** means to have an angry expression
- 342.** d. erratic means lacking regularity, or **irregular**
- 343.** c. one meaning of civil is involving the general **public**
- 344.** c. a peer is a person belonging to the same group; a **fellow** is an equal in rank, or a member of the same group
- 345.** b. a fiasco is a complete failure, or a **disaster**
- 346.** a. a chasm is a deep split in the earth, or a **gorge**
- 347.** c. expertise and **mastery** both mean special skills or knowledge
- 348.** b. outlandish means extremely out of the ordinary; **absurd** means ridiculously unreasonable
- 349.** d. to pine means to long for, or to **crave**
- 350.** b. an exploit is a notable or heroic act; a **feat** is a courageous deed
- 351.** a. culmination means the act of reaching the highest point, or decisive action; **realization** means the act of bringing into concrete existence
- 352.** c. to feign means to assert as if true, or to **pretend**
- 353.** c. auspicious means marked by **favorable** signs
- 354.** b. one meaning of gambit is a calculated move; a **ploy** is a tactic
- 355.** a. voracious and **ravenous** mean having a huge appetite
- 356.** d. facile means easily achieved and often lacking sincerity; **glib** means marked by ease and lacking depth and substance

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- 357.** d. to eschew means to avoid habitually, or to **abstain**
- 358.** c. to abscond means to depart secretly; to **flee** means to run away
- 359.** b. a knack is a special **ability**
- 360.** a. apropos means being both relevant and appropriate; **opportune** means occurring at an appropriate time
- 361.** b. veritable means not false or imagined, or **authentic**
- 362.** c. unmitigated means offering little chance of change or relief, or absolute; **utter** means total or absolute
- 363.** b. an epitome is a typical or ideal example; **essence** is the real or very basic nature of something
- 364.** a. an edict is an official proclamation; a **decree** is an order with the force of the law
- 365.** a. to extol means to **praise** highly
- 366.** c. abeyant means in a period of temporary inactivity, or **pending**
- 367.** c. to knell means to sound in an ominous manner; to **toll** means to sound in long measured strokes; both words are used to describe the ringing of bells
- 368.** d. soporific means causing sleep; **hypnotic** means tending to produce sleep
- 369.** b. to iterate means to say or do again, or to **repeat**
- 370.** c. a bulwark is a solid wall-like structure raised for defense, or a **rampart**
- 371.** a. pedantic means ostentatiously or narrowly learned, or unimaginative; one meaning of **pedestrian** is commonplace or unimaginative

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- 372.** b. bumptious means noisily self-assertive; **arrogant** means disposed to exaggerate one's own worth
- 373.** d. expiation means the act of making atonement; **atonement** means reparation for an offense or injury
- 374.** c. flagitious means marked by outrageous crime or vice; **villainous** means having the characteristics of a deliberate criminal or scoundrel
- 375.** a. to inveigle means to win over with flattery; to **cajole** means to persuade with flattery

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Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 376.** prudent is most dissimilar to
a. simple
b. rapid
c. foolish
d. verbose
- 377.** forced is most dissimilar to
a. quick
b. solid
c. trusting
d. natural
- 378.** acquaint is most dissimilar to
a. alienate
b. luxurious
c. bleach
d. stall
- 379.** expansive is most dissimilar to
a. generous
b. honest
c. narrow
d. troublesome
- 380.** benign is most dissimilar to
a. malignant
b. converse
c. cautious
d. malicious
- 381.** foster is most dissimilar to
a. discourage
b. believe
c. heal
d. brag

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- 382.** ample is most dissimilar to
a. complete
b. insufficient
c. quiet
d. supple
- 383.** deviant is most dissimilar to
a. winding
b. careful
c. normal
d. sad
- 384.** abolish is most dissimilar to
a. vote
b. punish
c. avoid
d. establish
- 385.** forsake is most dissimilar to
a. craft
b. embrace
c. shun
d. infer
- 386.** tractable is most dissimilar to
a. invisible
b. stubborn
c. unadvisable
d. special
- 387.** dexterous is most dissimilar to
a. clumsy
b. saline
c. cunning
d. precious
- 388.** aerate is most dissimilar to
a. argue
b. placate
c. suffocate
d. destroy
- 389.** venerable is most dissimilar to
a. impervious
b. constant
c. sophomoric
d. infirm
- 390.** rancor is most dissimilar to
a. ritual
b. argument
c. collect
d. accord
- 391.** daunt is most dissimilar to
a. calm
b. believe
c. inspirit
d. dispel
- 392.** paucity is most dissimilar to
a. excess
b. certainty
c. timidity
d. beauty
- 393.** heedless is most dissimilar to
a. heartless
b. attentive
c. speedy
d. unaware

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- 394.** abound is most dissimilar to
a. rest
b. discourage
c. bless
d. dwindle
- 395.** confederate is most dissimilar to
a. enemy
b. confuse
c. wander
d. cluster
- 396.** resplendent is most dissimilar to
a. illuminated
b. disarming
c. dowdy
d. delightful
- 397.** onerous is most dissimilar to
a. permissive
b. easy
c. unforgiving
d. public
- 398.** sagacity is most dissimilar to
a. incredulity
b. belligerence
c. stupidity
d. tolerance
- 399.** dilettante is most dissimilar to
a. puritan
b. professional
c. aesthete
d. conniver
- 400.** unalloyed is most dissimilar to
a. dismayed
b. impure
c. circumspect
d. disastrous
- 401.** banner is most dissimilar to
a. forgettable
b. casual
c. unrestrained
d. unwitting
- 402.** discalced is most dissimilar to
a. calculated
b. measured
c. inclined
d. shod
- 403.** scurrilous is most dissimilar to
a. honest
b. decent
c. peaceful
d. satisfactory
- 404.** pulchritudinous is most dissimilar to
a. pacifist
b. rare
c. smooth
d. unsightly
- 405.** dyspeptic is most dissimilar to
a. trusting
b. functional
c. euphoric
d. talented

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- 406.** reliction is most dissimilar to
- a. dedication
 - b. demolition
 - c. flood
 - d. problem
- 407.** villenage is most dissimilar to
- a. nobility
 - b. lineage
 - c. directness
 - d. dullness
- 408.** craven is most dissimilar to
- a. stalwart
 - b. release
 - c. distinguished
 - d. comfortable
- 409.** prolix is most dissimilar to
- a. brief
 - b. exquisite
 - c. reasonable
 - d. distinct
- 410.** lambent is most dissimilar to
- a. praise
 - b. present
 - c. dull
 - d. rough

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Answers

- 376.** c. prudent means marked by wisdom or good judgment; **foolish** means marked by a lack of good sense or prudence
- 377.** d. forced means produced with effort; **natural** means uncultivated or spontaneous
- 378.** a. to acquaint means to get to know or to become friendly; to **alienate** means to cause unfriendliness or hostility
- 379.** c. expansive means sizeable or extensive; **narrow** means restricted
- 380.** d. one meaning of benign is of a gentle disposition; **malicious** means marked by mischievous impulse
- 381.** a. to foster means to encourage; to **discourage** means to deprive of courage or confidence
- 382.** b. ample means more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity, or sufficient, therefore, **insufficient** is the most dissimilar
- 383.** c. deviant means departing from the established norm, or abnormal, therefore **normal** is the most dissimilar
- 384.** d. to abolish means to do away with entirely; to **establish** means to bring into existence
- 385.** b. to forsake means to renounce; one meaning of to **embrace** is to welcome or include
- 386.** b. tractable means easily handled or managed; **stubborn** means difficult to handle or manage
- 387.** a. dexterous means skillful with the hands; **clumsy** means lacking dexterity, nimbleness, or grace
- 388.** c. to aerate means to supply with oxygen; to **suffocate** means to deprive of oxygen

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- 389.** c. venerable means impressive by reason of age; **sophomoric** means poorly informed and immature
- 390.** d. rancor means bitter ill-will; one meaning of **accord** is balanced interrelationship, or harmony
- 391.** c. to daunt means to lessen the courage of; to **inspirit** means to give vigor or courage
- 392.** a. paucity means smallness of number; **excess** means ample quantity
- 393.** b. heedless means inconsiderate or thoughtless; **attentive** means heedful or mindful of the comfort of others
- 394.** d. to abound means to be present in great numbers; to **dwindle** means to become steadily less
- 395.** a. a confederate is an ally or accomplice; an **enemy** is an opponent
- 396.** c. resplendent means characterized by glowing splendor; **dowdy** means not neat or attractive in appearance, or shabby
- 397.** b. onerous means burdensome or troublesome, therefore **easy** is the most dissimilar
- 398.** c. sagacity means wisdom; **stupidity** means a lack of wisdom
- 399.** b. a dilettante is a person having a superficial interest in an art or branch or knowledge; a **professional** is a person who engages in a pursuit as a profession
- 400.** b. unalloyed means pure, therefore **impure** is the most dissimilar
- 401.** a. banner means distinguished from all others in excellence, or unforgettable, therefore **forgettable** is the most dissimilar
- 402.** d. discalced means barefoot; **shod** means wearing shoes

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- 403.** b. scurrilous means given to using foul language, or crass; **decent** means conforming to standards of propriety
- 404.** d. pulchritudinous means marked by physical beauty; **unsightly** means not pleasing to the sight, or ugly
- 405.** c. dyspeptic means showing a sour disposition; **euphoric** means marked by feeling or well-being
- 406.** c. reliction means the gradual recession of water leaving the land dry; **flood** means the rising and overflow of a body of water onto dry land
- 407.** a. villenage means the peasant or commoner class; **nobility** means the noble class, or gentry
- 408.** a. craven means cowardly; **stalwart** means marked by outstanding strength or vigor
- 409.** a. prolix means unduly prolonged, therefore **brief** is the most dissimilar
- 410.** c. lambent means softly bright or radiant; **dull** means lacking in brightness or shine

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Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

- 411.** heed
a. trek
b. consider
c. consolidate
d. bound
- 412.** edge
a. diffuse
b. point
c. force
d. dissuade
- 413.** elevate
a. lessen
b. mention
c. affix
d. hoist
- 414.** appoint
a. score
b. discuss
c. nominate
d. ensure
- 415.** hoard
a. stockpile
b. burrow
c. mine
d. dessert
- 416.** homogeneous
a. alike
b. strange
c. polite
d. alkaline

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- 417.** hub
a. counsel
b. elder
c. center
d. extension
- 418.** tame
a. lost
b. evasive
c. pushy
d. submissive
- 419.** irk
a. shrug
b. irritate
c. devour
d. avoid
- 420.** loom
a. disappear
b. cut
c. surface
d. teach
- 421.** fitful
a. erratic
b. angry
c. tired
d. pronounced
- 422.** gaudy
a. massive
b. mindful
c. tasteful
d. flashy
- 423.** flaunt
a. conceal
b. parade
c. trust
d. fray
- 424.** flex
a. bend
b. binge
c. rid
d. consume
- 425.** tantalize
a. pronounce
b. reign
c. equal
d. flirt
- 426.** dastardly
a. devastating
b. cowardly
c. clever
d. munificent
- 427.** aficionado
a. novice
b. trickster
c. devotee
d. agent
- 428.** contiguous
a. catching
b. divided
c. adjoining
d. circumstantial

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- 429.** swindler
a. charlatan
b. expert
c. divinity
d. debonair
- 430.** rogue
a. knave
b. wander
c. buffoon
d. color
- 431.** apologist
a. liar
b. defender
c. failure
d. admirer
- 432.** proxy
a. spasm
b. closeness
c. delegate
d. court
- 433.** buffet
a. protect
b. barricade
c. armoire
d. strike
- 434.** travesty
a. confusion
b. mockery
c. disaster
d. speculation
- 435.** bristle
a. aloof
b. seethe
c. wave
d. doubt
- 436.** admonish
a. laud
b. decorate
c. caution
d. admire
- 437.** wheedle
a. retreat
b. deceive
c. plead
d. question
- 438.** aplomb
a. mine
b. clumsiness
c. complication
d. poise
- 439.** aver
a. dissipate
b. create
c. hate
d. state
- 440.** mien
a. carriage
b. average
c. vicious
d. disguise

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- 441.** paroxysm
a. conundrum
b. fit
c. contraction
d. spite
- 442.** aegis
a. superstition
b. reference
c. sponsorship
d. archive
- 443.** sepulture
a. burial
b. parasite
c. verse
d. sermon
- 444.** harridan
a. governor
b. vessel
c. witch
d. lawyer
- 445.** apothegm
a. medicine
b. adage
c. speculation
d. resistance
- 446.** grandiloquence
a. respect
b. bluster
c. denial
d. solemnity
- 447.** fulmination
a. explosion
b. recession
c. achievement
d. blessing
- 448.** pococurante
a. native
b. hot
c. blasé
d. hidden
- 449.** escarpment
a. warning
b. cliff
c. campsite
d. tomb
- 450.** plutocrat
a. banker
b. priest
c. judge
d. astronomer

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Answers

- 411.** b. to heed means to pay attention to, or to **consider**
- 412.** a. to edge means to **force** or move gradually (as in to edge off the road)
- 413.** d. to elevate means to lift up, or raise; to **hoist** means to raise into position
- 414.** c. to appoint means to name officially, often to a position; to **nominate** means to appoint or propose for office
- 415.** a. to hoard means to gather a hidden supply; to **stockpile** means accumulate a reserve of something
- 416.** a. homogeneous means descended from the same ancestral type, or **alike**
- 417.** c. a hub is a **center** of activity
- 418.** d. tame means deficient in spirit or courage, or **submissive**
- 419.** b. to irk means to annoy or **irritate**
- 420.** c. to loom means to come into sight in enlarged or distorted form; to **surface** means to come to the surface or into view
- 421.** a. fitful means having intermittent or irregular character; **erratic** means lacking regularity
- 422.** d. gaudy means ostentatiously or tastelessly ornamented; **flashy** means ostentatious or showy
- 423.** b. to flaunt means to display ostentatiously or impudently; to **parade** means to exhibit ostentatiously
- 424.** a. to flex means to **bend**

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- 425.** d. to tantalize means to tease by presenting something desirable; to **flirt** means to behave amorously without serious intent
- 426.** b. dastardly means despicably mean or **cowardly**
- 427.** c. an aficionado is a fan, or a **devotee**
- 428.** c. contiguous means touching along a boundary or point; **adjoining** means joining at a point or line
- 429.** a. a swindler is a person who takes money or property through fraud or deceit; a **charlatan** is a person who pretends to have knowledge or ability, or a fraud
- 430.** a. a rogue is a dishonest person; a **knave** is a tricky deceitful person
- 431.** b. an apologist is a person who writes or speaks in defense of a cause, or a **defender**
- 432.** c. a proxy is a person who has the power to act for another, or a **delegate**
- 433.** d. to buffet means to **strike** repeatedly
- 434.** b. a travesty is a distorted or grossly inferior imitation; a **mockery** is an insincere or contemptible imitation
- 435.** b. to bristle is to take on an aggressive or angry appearance; to **seethe** means to experience violent internal agitation
- 436.** c. to admonish means to express warning in a gentle manner, or to **caution**
- 437.** c. to wheedle means to influence using soft words or flattery; to **plead** means to entreat or appeal earnestly
- 438.** d. aplomb means complete composure or self-assurance, or **poise**

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439. d. to aver means to declare positively, or to **state**
440. a. mien means appearance or demeanor; **carriage** means manner of holding one's body, or posture
441. b. a paroxysm is an attack or convulsion, or a **fit**
442. c. aegis means protection, or **sponsorship**
443. a. sepulture means **burial**
444. c. a harridan is a shrew, or a **witch**
445. b. an apothegm is a short, pithy saying; an **adage** is a saying that embodies a common observation
446. b. grandiloquence means lofty or pompous eloquence; one meaning of **bluster** is loudly boastful speech
447. a. a fulmination is a sudden or loud noise, or an **explosion**
448. c. pococurante means indifferent or nonchalant; **blasé** means apathetic to pleasure
449. b. an escarpment is a long **cliff** or a steep slope
450. a. a plutocrat is one who rules by virtue of wealth; a **banker** is one who engages in the business of finance

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Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 451.** subsequent
a. aloof
b. previous
c. following
d. dismissive
- 452.** abrupt
a. continue
b. laudable
c. anticipated
d. careless
- 453.** conserve
a. waste
b. silence
c. liberal
d. complicate
- 454.** waive
a. retain
b. snub
c. imprison
d. display
- 455.** erode
a. compost
b. clarify
c. ignore
d. restore
- 456.** recall
a. rebate
b. demonstrate
c. forget
d. despise

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- 457.** dormant
a. clever
b. active
c. dreamy
d. invisible
- 458.** procrastinate
a. lengthen
b. soothe
c. hurry
d. demolish
- 459.** docile
a. intelligent
b. unruly
c. unreachable
d. pale
- 460.** impromptu
a. rehearsed
b. bizarre
c. foolish
d. disarming
- 461.** denigrate
a. blame
b. hide
c. query
d. uphold
- 462.** bent
a. curved
b. disinclination
c. careful
d. lustrous
- 463.** solvent
a. soggy
b. confusing
c. broke
d. critical
- 464.** disconsolate
a. joyful
b. inhospitable
c. anguished
d. rude
- 465.** brusque
a. cold
b. opulent
c. gracious
d. suspect
- 466.** callow
a. kind
b. urbane
c. sensitive
d. gentle
- 467.** countenance
a. force
b. genuine
c. deny
d. verify
- 468.** cachet
a. release
b. explanation
c. thinness
d. ignominy

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- 469.** evince
a. convince
b. hallow
c. hide
d. interpret
- 470.** vainglorious
a. horrible
b. fierce
c. greedy
d. modest
- 471.** iniquitous
a. virtuous
b. complacent
c. equal
d. virulent
- 472.** obstreperous
a. short
b. tame
c. strict
d. distant
- 473.** ebullient
a. aggressive
b. acrid
c. unjust
d. glum
- 474.** halcyon
a. obtrusive
b. advanced
c. tempestuous
d. unscientific
- 475.** imprimatur
a. servant
b. teacher
c. disapproval
d. rustic
- 476.** odium
a. fragrance
b. ease
c. admiration
d. trust
- 477.** mephitic
a. honest
b. healthy
c. simple
d. rural
- 478.** platitudinous
a. hilly
b. exhilarating
c. confounded
d. advantageous
- 479.** facultative
a. compulsory
b. insipid
c. pending
d. decisive
- 480.** persiflage
a. coddle
b. admiration
c. silence
d. clarity

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Answers

- 451.** b. subsequent means following in time or order; **previous** means going before in time or order
- 452.** c. abrupt means occurring without warning, or sudden; **anticipated** means expected
- 453.** a. to conserve means to keep safe or preserve, which is the opposite of to **waste**
- 454.** a. to waive means to give up voluntarily; to **retain** means to keep
- 455.** d. to erode means to wear away; to **restore** means to bring back to an original state
- 456.** c. to recall means to remember, which is the opposite of to **forget**
- 457.** b. dormant means temporarily inactive, which is the opposite of **active**
- 458.** c. to procrastinate means to delay or put off, which is the opposite of to **hurry**
- 459.** b. docile means easily taught; **unruly** means not easily managed or disciplined
- 460.** a. impromptu means unplanned or unrehearsed; **rehearsed** means trained or practiced
- 461.** d. to denigrate means to deny the importance of something, or to belittle; to **uphold** means to support or to elevate
- 462.** b. a bent is a strong inclination or capacity; a **disinclination** is a slight aversion
- 463.** c. one meaning of solvent is able to pay all debts; **broke** means penniless

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- 464.** a. disconsolate means cheerless or dejected, which is the opposite of **joyful**
- 465.** c. brusque means blunt in manner or speech to the point of being ungracious; **gracious** means marked by charm and good taste
- 466.** b. callow means unsophisticated; **urbane** means sophisticated
- 467.** c. to countenance means to extend approval or sanction; to **deny** means to refuse to grant
- 468.** d. cachet means prestige; **ignominy** means disgrace
- 469.** c. to evince means to display clearly or reveal, which is the opposite of to **hide**
- 470.** d. vainglorious means boastful, which is the opposite of **modest**
- 471.** a. iniquitous means wicked; **virtuous** means morally excellent
- 472.** b. obstreperous means stubbornly resistant to control or unruly; **tame** means docile or submissive
- 473.** d. ebullient means lively or enthusiastic; **glum** means dreary or gloomy
- 474.** c. halcyon means calm or peaceful; **tempestuous** means turbulent or stormy
- 475.** c. imprimatur means sanction or approval, therefore **disapproval** is the most dissimilar
- 476.** c. odium means hatred and condemnation; **admiration** means a feeling of delighted approval
- 477.** b. mephitic means relating to a foul, noxious exhalation from the earth; a mephitic environment would be unhealthy, so **healthy** is its opposite

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- 478. b.** platitudinous means full of or characterized by banal, trite remarks; **exhilarating** means refreshing or exciting
- 479. a.** facultative means optional; **compulsory** means mandatory, or not optional
- 480. c.** persiflage means frivolous talk, therefore **silence** is the most dissimilar

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is the most similar or most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 481.** beckon is most similar to
a. light
b. beg
c. motion
d. hear
- 482.** earnest is most dissimilar to
a. cheap
b. frivolous
c. release
d. civilized
- 483.** execute is most similar to
a. perform
b. decide
c. wonder
d. dismiss
- 484.** idiom is most similar to
a. stupidity
b. recipe
c. fastener
d. expression
- 485.** accelerate is most dissimilar to
a. delay
b. risk
c. monitor
d. deny
- 486.** engross is most similar to
a. fatten
b. absorb
c. disgust
d. destroy

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- 487.** impervious is most dissimilar to
a. kind
b. disastrous
c. prone
d. perfect
- 488.** brood is most similar to
a. wander
b. direction
c. progeny
d. tribe
- 489.** balk is most similar to
a. crow
b. fight
c. distress
d. hamper
- 490.** conversant is most dissimilar to
a. inexperienced
b. unprepared
c. shy
d. unpretentious
- 491.** staunch is most similar to
a. faithful
b. strict
c. biased
d. political
- 492.** unctuous is most dissimilar to
a. pliant
b. cruel
c. sincere
d. rubbery
- 493.** hubris is most similar to
a. earth
b. pride
c. humility
d. sorrow
- 494.** bemuse is most dissimilar to
a. depress
b. inspire
c. clarify
d. desire
- 495.** contrite is most similar to
a. brief
b. malicious
c. banal
d. rueful
- 496.** beset is most similar to
a. hector
b. decorate
c. establish
d. suspect
- 497.** penurious is most dissimilar to
a. generous
b. lenient
c. injurious
d. relaxed
- 498.** perfidy is most similar to
a. incompleteness
b. ideal
c. betrayal
d. braggart

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- 499.** ascription is most similar to
- a. account
 - b. attribution
 - c. cure
 - d. description
- 500.** fustigate is most dissimilar to
- a. inveigle
 - b. investigate
 - c. explain
 - d. praise
- 501.** bagatelle is most similar to
- a. paste
 - b. bread
 - c. bauble
 - d. pirouette

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Answers

- 481.** c. to beckon means to signal or summon with a wave or a nod; to **motion** means to gesture
- 482.** b. earnest means grave or serious; **frivolous** means lacking in seriousness
- 483.** a. one meaning of to execute is to carry out fully; one meaning of to **perform** is to carry out
- 484.** d. an idiom is an **expression** that is unique either grammatically or in meaning
- 485.** a. to accelerate means to cause to move faster; to **delay** means to move or act slowly
- 486.** b. to engross means to occupy completely; one meaning of to **absorb** is to engage or engross wholly
- 487.** c. impervious means to be incapable of being affected or disturbed; **prone** means having a tendency or inclination, or being likely
- 488.** c. a brood is the young of an animal or a family of young; **progeny** is the offspring of animals or plants
- 489.** d. one meaning of to balk is to check or to stop; to **hamper** means to impede or restrain
- 490.** a. conversant means having knowledge or experience with, therefore **inexperienced** is the most dissimilar
- 491.** a. staunch means steadfast in loyalty or principle, or **faithful**
- 492.** c. unctuous means marked by a smug or false earnestness, or insincere, therefore **sincere** is the most dissimilar
- 493.** b. hubris means exaggerated **pride** or self-confidence

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- 494.** c. to bemuse means to make confused, or to bewilder; to **clarify** means to make free from confusion
- 495.** d. contrite means penitent for sin or failing; **rueful** means regretful
- 496.** a. to beset means to trouble or harass; to **hector** means to intimidate or harass
- 497.** a. penurious means given to extreme stinginess or frugality, which is the opposite of **generous**
- 498.** c. perfidy means an act of disloyalty, or **betrayal**
- 499.** b. ascription means the act of referring to a supposed cause, source, or author; **attribution** means the act of explaining by indicating a cause, or the act of ascribing a work to a particular author or artist
- 500.** d. to fustigate means to criticize severely, which is the opposite of to **praise**
- 501.** c. a bagatelle is a trifle (something of little value or importance); a **bauble** is a trinket or a trifle