

# ANTONYMS

An antonym is a word or phrase that means the opposite of another word or phrase.

**Antonym examples:**

- young — elderly
- hard — easy
- happy — wistful
- wise — foolish
- fat — slim
- warm — cool
- early — late
- fast — slow
- dark — pale

In each of the following questions, out of the four alternatives, choose the one which best expresses the meaning of the given word.

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|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1. propensity     | (a) disinclination    | (c) stagnation | (b) forecast   | (d) restlessness |
| 2. exodus         | (a) return            | (b) influx     | (c) homecoming | (d) restoration  |
| 3. affluence      | (a) poverty           | (b) misery     | (c) stagnation | (d) neglect      |
| 4. agony          | (a) irritation        | (b) anger      | (c) pleasure   | (d) rage         |
| 5. sublime        | (a) amusing           | (b) ludicrous  | (c) hilarious  | (d) mean         |
| 6. cumbersome     | (a) heavy             | (b) convenient | (c) smooth     | (d) automatic    |
| 7. consanguine    | (a) of different kind | (b) invisible  | (c) urbane     | (d) untenanted   |
| 8. redundant      | (a) repentant         | (b) surplus    | (c) singular   | (d) required     |
| 9. boisterous     | (a) serenity          | (b) calm       | (c) cheerful   | (d) courageous   |
| 10. relinquish    | (a) vanish            | (b) quench     | (c) relish     | (d) continue     |
| 11. tardy         | (a) prompt            | (b) gradual    | (c) late       | (d) quick        |
| 12. procrastinate | (a) experiment        | (b) expedite   | (c) exclude    | (d) propagate    |

13. insolent  
 (a) submissive (b) arrogant (c) overbearing (d) disdainful
14. impetuous  
 (a) agitated (b) impulsive (c) cautious (d) reckless
15. culmination  
 (a) completion (b) climax (c) conclusion (d) beginning
16. chivalrous  
 (a) gallant (b) dastardly (c) amorous (d) defiant
17. feasible  
 (a) unattended (b) physical (c) practical (d) unviable (e) wasteful
18. apposite  
 (a) intemperate (b) inappropriate (c) decent (d) incriminatory
19. chivalry  
 (a) dishonesty (b) discourtesy (c) disobedience (d) disaffection
20. dismal  
 (a) bright (b) indifferent (c) fast (d) energetic
21. ostensibly  
 (a) elaborately (b) really (c) vaguely (d) sensibly
22. consolidated  
 (a) disjointed (b) united (c) weakened (d) lost
23. oppressive  
 (a) gentle (b) kindly (c) brutal (d) orderly
24. obscure  
 (a) inconspicuous (b) veiled (c) clear (d) distinct
25. urbane  
 (a) elegant (b) slow (c) crude (d) foolish
26. spurious  
 (a) genuine (b) bogus (c) assumed (d) artificial
27. conceal  
 (a) reveal (b) suppress (c) disguise (d) cover up
28. provoke  
 (a) attract (b) convince (c) enrage (d) pacify
29. vague  
 (a) clear (b) pleasant (c) profound (d) sufficient
30. augment  
 (a) increase (b) defend (c) supplement (d) decrease
31. ignominious  
 (a) valuable (b) desirable (c) honourable (d) clever
32. garrulous  
 (a) quiet (b) exaggerated (c) gruesome (d) creative
33. vanity  
 (a) humanity (c) pretension (b) humility (d) arrogance
34. conspicuous  
 (a) obscure (b) blatant (c) definite (d) obvious

35. myriad  
 (a) trivial (b) difficult (c) few (d) effortless
36. myth  
 (a) reality (b) misbelief (c) contrast (d) idealism
37. pertinent  
 (a) eloquent (b) distant (c) relevant (d) irrelevant
38. indispensable  
 (a) tolerable (b) superfluous (c) expensive (d) hostile
39. vindictive  
 (a) forgiving (b) humane (c) polite (d) cruel
40. frivolous  
 (a) amusing (b) serious (c) confusing (d) teasing
41. defile  
 (a) purify (b) pollute (c) disturb (d) glorify
42. aversion  
 (a) promotion (b) attraction (c) hatred (d) passion
43. imperious  
 (a) characterless (c) imperfect (b) impermanent (d) submissive
44. vexation  
 (a) comfort (b) slyness (c) fright (d) nervousness
45. doleful  
 (a) aggressive (b) cheerful (c) tired (d) involved
46. ungainly  
 (a) quick (b) short (c) awkward (d) graceful
47. tremulous  
 (a) steady (b) healthy (c) young (d) obese
48. fake  
 (a) wrong (b) fanciful (c) ideal (d) real
49. disconsolate  
 (a) thankful (b) prominent (c) joyous (d) unprejudiced
50. eccentric  
 (a) carefree (b) peculiar (c) unusual (d) normal
51. autonomy  
 (a) submissiveness (b) dependence (c) subordination (d) freedom
52. shallow  
 (a) high (b) hidden (c) deep (d) hollow
53. assert  
 (a) agree (b) acquiesce (c) abjure (d) abdicate
54. accord  
 (a) solution (b) act (c) dissent (d) concord
55. alive  
 (a) passive (b) dead (c) asleep (d) drowsy
56. synthetic  
 (a) cosmetic (b) plastic (c) affable (d) natural

57. precarious  
 (a) dangerous (b) safe (c) cautious (d) easy
58. lend  
 (a) hire (b) pawn (c) cheat (d) borrow
59. juxtaposition  
 (a) difference (b) opposition (c) separation (d) appropriateness
60. bury  
 (a) examine (b) open (c) disinter (d) dig
61. appropriate  
 (a) skilled (b) unsuitable (c) qualified (d) able
62. opaque  
 (a) misty (b) covered (c) rough (d) transparent
63. mawkish  
 (a) sentimental (b) intelligent (c) certain (d) carefree
64. dearth  
 (a) inadequacy (b) scarcity (c) abundance (d) shortage
65. prim  
 (a) rash (b) extravagant (c) foul (d) shameful
66. keen  
 (a) dull (b) rogue (c) ardent (d) shrewd
67. enough  
 (a) inadequate (b) ample (c) deficit (d) more
68. sympathy  
 (a) enmity (b) cruelty (c) abhorrence (d) apathy
69. acquitted  
 (a) entrusted (b) convicted (c) burdened (d) freed
70. magnify  
 (a) induce (b) diminish (c) destroy (d) shrink
71. boost  
 (a) hinder (b) obstruct (c) encourage (d) raise
72. unsullied  
 (a) visible (b) foul (c) stainless (d) strong
73. acute  
 (a) sharp (b) critical (c) dull (d) sensitive
74. base  
 (a) roof (b) height (c) top (d) climax
75. moist  
 (a) parched (b) dry (c) hard (d) crisp
76. demon  
 (a) charitable (b) kind-hearted (c) angel (d) fair-minded
77. comic  
 (a) absurd (b) fearful (c) tragic (d) emotional
78. terrible  
 (a) horrible (b) minor (c) delightful (d) hideous

79. addition  
 (a) multiplication (b) subtraction (c) enumeration (d) division
80. evacuate  
 (a) admit (b) emerge (c) abandon (d) invade
81. bridge  
 (a) divide (b) bind (c) release (d) open
82. gratuity  
 (a) annuity (b) stipend (c) discount (d) wages
83. knowledge  
 (a) ignorance (b) literacy (c) mastery (d) awareness
84. nadir  
 (a) progress (b) liberty (c) zenith (d) modernity
85. foreigner  
 (a) visitor (b) stranger (c) native (d) alien
86. languid  
 (a) smart (b) energetic (c) fast (d) frail
87. alienate  
 (a) gather (b) identify (c) assembly (d) unite
88. malicious  
 (a) malign (b) indifferent (c) unkind (d) generous
89. mischievous  
 (a) hostile (b) harmless (c) simple (d) poisonous
90. hindrance  
 (a) agreement (b) cooperation (c) persuasion (d) aid
91. miserly  
 (a) generous (b) illiberal (c) greedy (d) charitable
92. contented  
 (a) rash (b) narrow-minded (c) gloomy (d) disappointed
93. rear  
 (a) front (b) foreground (c) forehead (d) forward
94. pacify  
 (a) relax (b) injure (c) offend (d) soothe
95. antipathy  
 (a) disobedience (b) admiration (c) agreement (d) hostility
96. exterior  
 (a) internal (b) inner (c) interior (d) inward
97. challenge  
 (a) admire (b) accept (c) favour (d) praise
98. dauntless  
 (a) resolute (b) thoughtful (c) weak (d) adventurous
99. dear  
 (a) cheap (b) exorbitant (c) free (d) lavish
100. stiff  
 (a) flexible (b) rigid (c) austere (d) hard

In each of the following questions, choose the word opposite in meaning of the highlighted word given in the sentence.

101. The travellers observed the climate becoming more **benign** as they moved nearer to the island.  
(a) clement (b) temperate (c) unfavourable (d) salubrious
102. Professors often find it difficult to encourage **critical** thinking amongst their students.  
(a) interpretative (b) analytical (c) precarious (d) imprecise
103. Religious judgments of value determine objects according to their bearing on our moral and **spiritual** welfare.  
(a) physical (b) ethereal (c) unworldly (d) inner
104. His father did not **approve** of his new interests and acquaintances and summoned him home.  
(a) commend (b) sanction (c) censure (d) endorse
105. His **prosperous** career came to an end after his right arm got dislocated due to the accident.  
(a) booming (b) wealthy (c) destitute (d) vigorous
106. There was no **authentic** information about the Prime Minister's visit to Russia.  
(a) improbable (b) credible (c) sterling (d) veracious
107. Mr. Darcy was **thrifty** and anxious to leave to his son a full treasury.  
(a) prudent (b) canny (c) profligate (d) parsimonious
108. We plan to **unveil** our plans for the new project of the company on Sunday.  
(a) divulge (b) conceal (c) demonstrate (d) expose
109. The journey was becoming **treacherous**, but they continued.  
(a) perilous (b) mutinous (c) seditious (d) secure
110. The civilians accused their leader of **fomenting** political unrest.  
(a) calming (b) inciting (c) agitating (d) fostering
111. Whether the rewards are **incommensurate with** the efforts or not, society will always have workaholics and shirk workgroups.  
(a) proportional to (b) equal to (c) matched (d) unparalleled
112. Wars leave behind a large number of **emaciated** soldiers in the camps of both the victorious and the vanquished.  
(a) hefty (b) thin (c) disillusioned (d) determined
113. There was a **mammoth** gathering to listen to the leader.  
(a) negligible (b) tiny (c) poor (d) large
114. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the **hilarious** drama.  
(a) amusing (b) delightful (c) serious (d) momentous
115. The writer's **erudition** in science is revealed on every page of the book.  
(a) enlightened (b) ignorance (c) intelligence (d) hollowness
116. It was a mystery where the young girl had acquired such a **naive** belief.  
(a) credulous (b) childlike (c) wise (d) innocent
117. It's the only treatment **suitable** for cancer.  
(a) insufficient (b) impertinent (c) befitting (d) congenial
118. Some of the **criticisms** which they had to put up were very unfair.  
(a) scold (b) scorn (c) appreciations (d) censure
119. I would beg all my friends not to rush to Birla House nor try to dissuade me or be **anxious** about me.  
(a) certain (b) composed (c) careless (d) heedless
120. It could not have been expected that, with such a bent of mind of the people, there should have been much **activity** for the cultivation of the physical sciences in this part of the world.  
(a) dull (b) dormant (c) indolence (d) idle

121. There are many anecdotes about his sister, who is an **imperious** personality.  
 (a) characterless (b) pious (c) arrogant (d) submissive
122. Though aware of his crimes, he remained **impenitent** throughout.  
 (a) repentant (b) sorrowful (c) hot-headed (d) pertinent
123. Throughout the evening, Rahul looked very **doleful**.  
 (a) aggressive (b) cheerful (c) tired (d) involved
124. There is not a trace of **vanity** in her behaviour.  
 (a) proudness (b) selflessness (c) modesty (d) dignity
125. She was **overstrung** before the performance.  
 (a) excited (b) calm (c) enthusiastic (d) cheerful
126. The booking clerk looked very **grumpy**.  
 (a) surly (b) pleasant (c) ill-tempered (d) crotchety
127. **Escalating** prices are causing hardship to the poor.  
 (a) fixed (b) fluctuating (c) falling (d) reasonable
128. The boy comes from an **affluent** family.  
 (a) poor (b) ordinary (c) infamous (d) backward
129. A small **altercation** between the children started a riot.  
 (a) quarrel (b) friendly discussion (c) contest (d) race
130. The three states signed a pact to have a **collective** economy.  
 (a) distributive (b) integrative (c) individual (d) undivided
131. The child was **abducted** when he was going to school.  
 (a) seized (b) set free (c) kidnapped (d) ransomed
132. I was deeply affected by his **urbane** behaviour.  
 (a) affable (b) polished (c) rude (d) sympathetic
133. The State government, for its part, can identify **vulnerable** villages where these forces can be stationed.  
 (a) important (b) famous (c) remote (d) invincible
134. Some of the needs of a modern man are surely **dispensable**.  
 (a) undesirable (b) unacceptable (c) irrelevant (d) essential
135. His **magnanimous** gesture came to his employees as a surprise.  
 (a) small (b) selfless (c) thoughtless (d) mean
136. **Reckless** driving causes accidents.  
 (a) careful (b) slow (c) good (d) correct
137. Some of their customs are **barbarous**.  
 (a) civilised (b) modern (c) polite (d) praiseworthy
138. It was a baseless rumour that **triggered** riots and arson at an unprecedented scale throughout the country.  
 (a) checked (b) tapered off (c) prevented (d) ignited
139. The old man **manifested** his greed at the sight of a huge amount of money.  
 (a) displayed (b) concealed (c) suppressed (d) masked
140. They decided to **embellish** the dress with imported ribbons.  
 (a) dishonour (b) demolish (c) spoil (d) suffice
141. **Recession** is a major cause of unemployment.  
 (a) education (b) boom (c) poverty (d) computerisation
142. The accused emphatically **denied** the charge in the court.  
 (a) accepted (b) agreed (c) asserted (d) affirmed

143. The guilty appealed to the jury to **condone** his punishment.  
 (a) accept (b) forgive (c) condemn (d) criticise
144. He drove his car through a **slimy** road to reach your office.  
 (a) ugly (b) clean (c) mucky (d) slippery
145. The committee rejected his **ludicrous** proposal.  
 (a) absurd (b) reasonable (c) farcical (d) stupid
146. Many people try to **resist** reforms in society.  
 (a) repel (b) welcome (c) accept (d) fight
147. We should not **belittle** others' achievements.  
 (a) recommend (b) praise (c) encourage (d) inspire
148. The Commission took two years to go through the **massive** collection of files and documents before preparing its report.  
 (a) ugly (b) short (c) light (d) heavy (e) meagre
149. Religion teaches us not to run after the **transient** pleasures of the world.  
 (a) permanent (b) sinful (c) unnatural (d) joyful
150. Such a scene **attracts** the onlookers.  
 (a) instigates (b) annoys (c) repels (d) revolts
151. Professors are generally **serious** about what they say.  
 (a) jolly (b) thoughtful (c) smug (d) insincere
152. The Chairman **initiated** the proceedings with a brief speech.  
 (a) complicated (b) started (c) closed (d) confused
153. The decision to stop firing across the border was a **unilateral** one.  
 (a) collective (b) bilateral (c) lateral (d) multiple
154. We were advised not to **extinguish** our hopes for the time being.  
 (a) aggravate (b) intensify (c) inflate (d) promote (e) expand
155. I thought about her a lot during the **following** months.  
 (a) receding (b) preceding (c) proceeding (d) succeeding
156. There has always been a feeling of **rancour** between the two families.  
 (a) rivalry (b) competition (c) friendliness (d) suspicion
157. Avogadro's **hypothesis** has proved significant till the present day.  
 (a) fact (b) theory (c) conclusion (d) experiment
158. The students **assembled** in the meeting hall.  
 (a) removed (b) diffused (c) dispersed (d) eliminated
159. The **gross** domestic product (GDP) is an essential component of the economy.  
 (a) rough (b) coarse (c) refined (d) estimated
160. **Nourishing** food is a necessity both for a pregnant mother and a baby.  
 (a) unhygienic (b) poor (c) undercooked (d) heavy
161. She is beautiful as well as **frivolous**.  
 (a) indecent (b) serious (c) insane (d) rude
162. His punctuality and regularity **propitiates** everyone with whom he deals.  
 (a) depresses (b) excites (c) enrages (d) appeases
163. Last month tomatoes were quite **cheap**.  
 (a) inexpensive (b) costly (c) insufficient (d) less
164. It is a **Herculean** task for me.  
 (a) indecent (b) puny (c) ponderous (d) big



165. He was asked to **accelerate** the pace of work.  
 (a) check (b) control (c) slacken (d) supervise
166. The actor is well known both for his **humility** and courage.  
 (a) gentleness (b) honesty (c) determination (d) pride
167. He could not **confirm** that he had made any such statement.  
 (a) affirm (b) verify (c) deny (d) sanction
168. The General Manager is **tactful** and handles the workers' union very effectively.  
 (a) relaxed (b) strict (c) naive (d) disciplined (e) loose
169. He **frequently** visits his old uncle in his native village.  
 (a) temporarily (b) rarely (c) regularly (d) secretly
170. What he tells me **confirms** my ideas.  
 (a) verifies (b) contradicts (c) justifies (d) strengthens
171. **Feasibility** of the project is under study.  
 (a) Suitability (b) Impracticability (c) Impropriety (d) Cheapness
172. This area is well known for **plentiful** rain.  
 (a) poor (b) impoverished (c) scarce (d) miserly
173. The children are playing in the **nearby** park.  
 (a) different (b) close (c) separate (d) distant
174. She sat all alone in the party bearing that **sulky** face.  
 (a) kind (b) loving (c) mild (d) cheerful
175. Mr Parekh is a **noted** personality in the town.  
 (a) condemned (b) ostracised (c) obscure (d) notorious

#### ANSWERS

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| 1. (a)   | 2. (b)   | 3. (a)   | 4. (c)   | 5. (b)   | 6. (b)   | 7. (a)   | 8. (d)   | 9. (b)   | 10. (d)  |
| 11. (a)  | 12. (b)  | 13. (a)  | 14. (c)  | 15. (d)  | 16. (d)  | 17. (d)  | 18. (b)  | 19. (b)  | 20. (a)  |
| 21. (b)  | 22. (a)  | 23. (a)  | 24. (c)  | 25. (c)  | 26. (a)  | 27. (a)  | 28. (d)  | 29. (a)  | 30. (d)  |
| 31. (c)  | 32. (a)  | 33. (b)  | 34. (a)  | 35. (c)  | 36. (a)  | 37. (d)  | 38. (b)  | 39. (a)  | 40. (b)  |
| 41. (a)  | 42. (b)  | 43. (d)  | 44. (a)  | 45. (b)  | 46. (d)  | 47. (a)  | 48. (d)  | 49. (c)  | 50. (d)  |
| 51. (b)  | 52. (c)  | 53. (b)  | 54. (c)  | 55. (b)  | 56. (d)  | 57. (b)  | 58. (d)  | 59. (c)  | 60. (c)  |
| 61. (b)  | 62. (d)  | 63. (b)  | 64. (c)  | 65. (a)  | 66. (a)  | 67. (a)  | 68. (d)  | 69. (b)  | 70. (b)  |
| 71. (a)  | 72. (b)  | 73. (c)  | 74. (c)  | 75. (b)  | 76. (c)  | 77. (c)  | 78. (c)  | 79. (b)  | 80. (a)  |
| 81. (d)  | 82. (d)  | 83. (a)  | 84. (c)  | 85. (c)  | 86. (b)  | 87. (b)  | 88. (d)  | 89. (b)  | 90. (d)  |
| 91. (a)  | 92. (d)  | 93. (a)  | 94. (c)  | 95. (b)  | 96. (c)  | 97. (b)  | 98. (d)  | 99. (a)  | 100. (a) |
| 101. (c) | 102. (a) | 103. (a) | 104. (c) | 105. (c) | 106. (a) | 107. (c) | 108. (b) | 109. (d) | 110. (a) |
| 111. (a) | 112. (a) | 113. (b) | 114. (c) | 115. (b) | 116. (c) | 117. (a) | 118. (c) | 119. (b) | 120. (c) |
| 121. (d) | 122. (a) | 123. (b) | 124. (c) | 125. (b) | 126. (b) | 127. (c) | 128. (a) | 129. (b) | 130. (c) |
| 131. (b) | 132. (c) | 133. (d) | 134. (d) | 135. (d) | 136. (a) | 137. (a) | 138. (b) | 139. (b) | 140. (c) |
| 141. (b) | 142. (a) | 143. (c) | 144. (b) | 145. (b) | 146. (b) | 147. (b) | 148. (e) | 149. (a) | 150. (c) |
| 151. (d) | 152. (c) | 153. (b) | 154. (d) | 155. (b) | 156. (c) | 157. (a) | 158. (c) | 159. (d) | 160. (a) |
| 161. (b) | 162. (c) | 163. (b) | 164. (b) | 165. (c) | 166. (d) | 167. (c) | 168. (c) | 169. (b) | 170. (b) |
| 171. (b) | 172. (c) | 173. (d) | 174. (d) | 175. (c) |          |          |          |          |          |