

SYNONYMS

A synonym is a word/phrase, the meaning of which is the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase. Words that are synonyms are described as synonymous.

Synonym examples:

- **ability:** capability, competence, skill
- **angry:** furious, irate, livid
- **appreciate:** cherish, treasure, value
- **baffle:** bewilder, confuse, perplex, puzzle
- **bossy:** controlling, domineering, overbearing
- **challenge:** dispute, question
- **cute:** adorable, delightful, endearing
- **develop:** enlarge, evolve, expand, grow
- **effective:** functional, operational, successful
- **excited:** exhilarated, electrified, thrilled
- **fun:** entertaining, enjoyable, pleasurable
- **funny:** humorous, comical, hilarious, hysterical
- **great:** exceptional, extraordinary
- **happy:** content, joyful, mirthful, upbeat
- **hate:** abhor, loathe, detest, despise
- **important:** required, vital, essential, primary, significant, critical
- **intelligent:** smart, bright, brilliant, sharp
- **introverted:** shy, bashful, quiet, withdrawn
- **justify:** substantiate, show cause, demonstrate
- **kind:** thoughtful, considerate, amiable, gracious
- **knowledge:** awareness, comprehension, understanding

In 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. derision | (a) humiliation | (b) embarrassment | (c) ridicule | (d) condemnation |
| 2. debacle | (a) decline | (b) downfall | (c) discomfiture | (d) degeneration |
| 3. ostracise | (a) banish | (b) belittle | (c) beguile | (d) besiege |
| 4. flimsy | (a) funny | (b) irrational | (c) weak | (d) partisan |
| 5. vindictive | (a) imaginative | (b) accusative | (c) spiteful | (d) aggressive |
| 6. barren | (a) good | (b) wholesome | (c) unproductive | (d) profitable |

7. intrepid
 (a) hesitant (b) fearless (c) extrovert (d) rash
8. errand
 (a) energy (b) task (c) mistake (d) blunder
9. bequeath
 (a) give (b) disclose (c) scold (d) surround
10. nonchalant
 (a) imaginary (b) casual (c) neutral (d) formal
11. loathing
 (a) warmth (b) affectation (c) hatred (d) affection
12. notion
 (a) thought (b) fact (c) truth (d) hypothesis
13. vivacious
 (a) poisonous (b) energetic (c) tricky (d) slow
14. fictional
 (a) genuine (b) authentic (c) fanciful (d) real
15. hostility
 (a) enmity (b) sympathy (c) goodwill (d) friendship
16. abnormal
 (a) unnatural (b) aggressive (c) unique (d) informal
17. garrulous
 (a) talkative (b) sedative (c) cocative (d) positive
18. barbaric
 (a) thorny (b) uncivilized (c) premeditated (d) barber's
19. forbearance
 (a) deliverance (b) patience (c) extravagance (d) relevance
20. gaol
 (a) destination (b) garden (c) jail (d) bird
21. hurdle
 (a) suspicion (b) throw (c) opposition (d) obstacle
22. devout
 (a) solemn (b) loyal (c) dedicated (d) pious
23. quarry
 (a) quest (b) denounce (c) intern (d) quark
24. interference
 (a) honour (b) deference (c) obtrusion (d) fearful
25. verisimilitude
 (a) festive (b) fantastic (c) grotesque (d) authenticity
26. conjecture
 (a) knowledge (b) guess (c) truth (d) bias
27. vacation
 (a) virtue (b) holiday (c) break up (c) improper

28. limpid
 (a) ruffled (b) crippled (c) lopsided (d) clear
29. merge
 (a) blend (b) meet (c) mixture (d) contact
30. gourmet
 (a) fussy (b) constant (c) gastronome (d) praise
31. credulous
 (a) funny (b) silly (c) innocent (d) gullible
32. reassure
 (a) comfort (b) console (c) inspire (d) discourage
33. amateur
 (a) timid (b) beginner (c) weary (d) dispirited
34. distinct
 (a) obscure (b) similar (c) clear (d) vague
35. condemn
 (a) approve (b) laud (c) belittle (d) commend
36. dingy
 (a) pure (b) sterile (c) immaculate (d) drab
37. clever
 (a) clear (b) naive (c) foolish (d) intelligent
38. constant
 (a) changing (b) flowing (c) moving (d) fixed
39. motivation
 (a) inducement (b) emotion (c) ambition (d) incitement
40. residue
 (a) remainder (b) nothing (c) recede (d) little
41. scorn
 (a) concise (b) despise (c) bias (d) fierce
42. admonition
 (a) reason (b) warning (c) admission (d) hindrance
43. relish
 (a) realise (b) taste (c) enjoy (d) reveal
44. poignant
 (a) showy (b) sad (c) silly (d) snobbish
45. exhort
 (a) recommend (b) coax (c) pressure (d) splendid
46. enigma
 (a) truth (b) fear (c) difficulty (d) puzzle
47. emulate
 (a) echo (b) mimic (c) reiterate (d) simulate

48. envisaged
 (a) ensured (b) idealised (c) contemplated (d) created
49. resentment
 (a) annoyance (b) anger (c) disagreement (d) dismissal
50. collusion
 (a) a secret agreement (b) a conflict (c) a consultation (d) a misunderstanding
51. contradict
 (a) request politely (b) contempt (c) talk abusively (d) deny emphatically
52. eradicate
 (a) put up (b) soften (c) remove (d) suppress
53. yearn
 (a) deny (b) confront (c) cajole (d) crave
54. pensive
 (a) reluctant (b) unhappy (c) contemplative (d) precise
55. narcissism
 (a) unpleasant behaviour (b) self-condemnation (c) self-admiration (d) rude behaviour
56. substantial
 (a) delicate (b) graceful (c) sensational (d) significant
57. vehemently
 (a) devoutly (b) serenely (c) hysterically (d) forcefully
58. penury
 (a) poverty (b) petty (c) phony (d) pathetic
59. discreet
 (a) mature (c) idiotic (b) clever (d) prudent
60. odium
 (a) illness (b) hatred (c) oddity (d) devious
61. berate
 (a) scold (b) judge (c) downgrade (d) deny
62. bemoan
 (a) lament (b) soothe (c) denounce (d) loathe
63. ostentatious
 (a) pretty (b) modest (c) showy (d) flagrant
64. abridge
 (a) abort (b) span (c) shorten (d) cross
65. massacre
 (a) stab (b) slaughter (c) safety (d) assassinate
66. bounty
 (a) donation (b) gift (c) pleasure (d) penalty
67. ludicrous
 (a) absurd (b) clear (c) simple (d) dismal

68. celibate
 (a) saint (b) widower (c) bachelor (d) teetotaler
69. docile
 (a) stubborn (b) stupid (c) gentle (d) vague
70. mystique
 (a) fame (b) reputation (c) admirable quality (d) popularity
71. dubious
 (a) straight (b) sincere (c) zig zag (d) doubtful
72. teeming
 (a) encroaching (b) overflowing (c) surrounding (d) working together
73. luminary
 (a) bright (b) lightning (c) famous (d) dashing
74. maim
 (a) disfigure (b) slit (c) severe (d) slash
75. perfidy
 (a) debauchery (b) loyalty (c) treachery (d) conceit
76. combat
 (a) surrender (b) fight (c) engagement (d) feud
77. profound
 (a) profuse (b) boundless (c) deep (d) fathomless
78. foster
 (a) discourage (b) fabricate (c) impede (d) nurture
79. paramour
 (a) lover (b) companion (c) friend (d) rival
80. vendetta
 (a) proposal (b) harmony (c) revenge (d) compromise
81. addle
 (a) soar (b) strike (c) stop (d) confuse
82. irruption
 (a) hate (b) bursting in (c) interference (d) altercation
83. exude
 (a) ooze (b) wither (c) overflow (d) evaporate
84. yaw
 (a) dedicate (b) soar (c) arouse (d) drift
85. reiterate
 (a) reassess (b) rewrite (c) repeat (d) stutter
86. iniquitous
 (a) unequal (b) curious (c) biased (d) wicked
87. innate
 (a) unique (b) important (c) inborn (d) essential

88. indigence
 (a) poverty (b) prosperity (c) suffering (d) scarcity
89. nugatory
 (a) worthless (b) cheerful (c) negative (d) migratory
90. savvy
 (a) deform (b) understand (c) destroy (d) taste
91. cite
 (a) illustrate (b) reveal (c) recollect (d) quote
92. bandit
 (a) convict (b) robber (c) saint (d) cut-throat
93. jink
 (a) inherit (b) refrain (c) dodge (d) travel
94. deference
 (a) obligation (b) respect (c) postponement (d) pride
95. jaunty
 (a) readiness (b) hesitation (c) reluctance (d) cheerfulness
96. surreptitious
 (a) mysterious (b) abstract (c) blatant (d) secret
97. dynamic
 (a) vigorous (b) forceful (c) robust (d) active
98. optimistic
 (a) optician (b) favourable (c) wishful (d) hopeful
99. offal
 (a) tendency (b) sacrifice (c) refuse (d) poison
100. repercussion
 (a) remuneration (b) cause (c) reaction (d) recollection

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

101. Docile and easily tamed when young, old males of many of the species become exceedingly **morose** and savage in captivity.
 (a) effervescent (b) zippy (c) sanguine (d) gloomy
102. The **vivacious** lilac still grows, unfolding its sweet-scented flowers each spring.
 (a) crestfallen (b) languid (c) vibrant (d) effete
103. This illness induced a spiritual change, and he resolved to **renounce** whatever kept him back from God.
 (a) repudiate (b) remit (c) recrudescence (d) retrogress
104. The early history of the country is the story of a struggle for **supremacy** between the cities.
 (a) subservience (b) servitude (c) predilection (d) paramountcy
105. French literature passed through the same phase, from which indeed it was later emerging, and the ultimate **consequence** was the enrichment of both languages.
 (a) inception (b) repercussion (c) cause (d) provenance

106. The new red wine is **eliciting** mixed reactions from wine experts.
 (a) placating (b) appeasing (c) evoking (d) pacifying
107. His talent is quite **prodigious**, and we are looking forward to seeing him at this level, where I am sure he will be very effective.
 (a) paltry (b) phenomenal (c) mediocre (d) nugatory
108. She had even lost the mob popularity that she had once gained by her **joyful** manners.
 (a) surly (b) rapacious (c) jaunty (d) dingy
109. You will always hear aspiring authors **lament** about finding the time to write.
 (a) bemoan (b) applaud (c) relish (d) exult
110. A truly respectable old man is a **ripe** person.
 (a) senior (b) mature (c) perfect (d) seasoned
111. The soldiers **repulsed** the enemy.
 (a) defeated (b) destroyed (c) rejected (d) repelled
112. She deftly **masked** her feelings.
 (a) hid (b) flaunted (c) oblique (d) obscured
113. **Vendors** must have licence.
 (a) One who drives a car (b) One who works in a hospital
 (c) One who is employed in food serving (d) One engaged in selling
114. They will not **admit** children under fourteen.
 (a) avow (b) receive (c) accept (d) concede
115. The jewels have been **stolen** from her bedroom.
 (a) embezzled (b) asserted (c) yielded (d) abdicated
116. The soldier showed **exemplary** courage.
 (a) flawed (b) faulty (c) ideal (d) boisterous
117. They **served** fruits after dinner.
 (a) assisted (b) obliged (c) waited (d) offered
118. The committee should **recommend** his name to the government.
 (a) praise (b) advise (c) counsel (d) suggest
119. Can medicines **save** us from death?
 (a) hide (b) rescue (c) protect (d) liberate
120. I don't **profess** to be a believer, but I'd like to think I have an open mind.
 (a) abjure (b) recant (c) disavow (d) aver
121. Honest officers find it difficult to attune themselves to corrupt **bureaucracy**.
 (a) tune (b) administration (c) harmony (d) accusation
122. The resignation of the Chief Minister is **intriguing**.
 (a) curious (b) interesting (c) secret (d) diplomatic
123. What meaning have you **drawn** from her tongue in cheek remarks?
 (a) deduced (b) induced (c) conduced (d) deduct
124. There is a **tacit** agreement between the superpowers not to engage themselves in armed conflict.
 (a) unspoken (b) explicit (c) speechless (d) introvert
125. Graduation day is a **momentous** day for most students.
 (a) memorable (b) melancholy (c) important (d) hectic
126. After he came back from his evening walk, he felt **famished**.
 (a) exhausted (b) hungry (c) peevish (d) relaxed

127. She purchased **gimcrack** ornaments from the market.
 (a) expensive (b) worthless (c) rare (d) smuggled
128. The five experiments gave **disparate** results.
 (a) similar (b) encouraging (c) strange (d) different
129. The early monsoon has brought **respite** to the people.
 (a) despite (b) interval of relief (c) in spite of (d) rest
130. It would be **impertinent** to suggest that he was generally wrong.
 (a) fair (b) correct (c) rude (d) impartial
131. Some satirists are known for their **trenchant** style.
 (a) vague (b) critical (c) aggressive (d) incisive
132. The navy gave **tactical** support to the marines.
 (a) sensitive (b) strategic (c) expedient (d) expert
133. We are happy that the two countries are trying to find an **amicable** solution to the disputes.
 (a) a just (b) an appropriate (c) a durable (d) a friendly
134. It is **exasperating** to listen to the suggestions of the minister about the educational reforms of which he knows nothing.
 (a) irritating (b) amusing (c) disappointing (d) boring
135. **Temperance** in eating is conducive to health.
 (a) discipline (b) caution (c) moderation (d) care
136. He could rise to this stature because of his **invincible** courage.
 (a) inviolable (b) unmanageable (c) unbeatable (d) immeasurable
137. Though he is a teacher, his speech lacks **distinctness**.
 (a) clarity (b) precision (c) distinction (d) fluency
138. Her evidence totally **refuted** the charges.
 (a) refused (b) denied (c) disproved (d) repelled
139. The song had a **soporific** effect on the child.
 (a) soothing (b) active (c) supreme (d) sleep-inducing
140. Sympathetic criticism has a **salutary** effect.
 (a) premature (b) terrible (c) disastrous (d) beneficial
141. The queen was aware of the **insolent** behaviour of the lords.
 (a) violent (b) polite (c) insulting (d) frivolous
142. He was a **charismatic** character.
 (a) exceptionally fascinating (b) particularly popular
 (c) compulsively pleasant (d) strangely haunting
143. The two **executioners** approached the tree with a red mark on its side.
 (a) executive engineers (b) explorers
 (c) experimenters (d) those who inflict capital punishment
144. He is very intelligent but **ill-favoured** by nature.
 (a) unlucky (b) weak in health (c) short-tempered (d) ugly
145. For better health, we must **refrain** from smoking.
 (a) dissuade (b) desist (c) prevent (d) curb
146. The **pact** has been in effect for twenty years.
 (a) treaty (b) monarchy (c) lease (d) trend

147. The violence erupted because of the **zealot**.
 (a) enthusiastic (b) brave (c) timid (d) fanatic
148. Mark Antony's eulogy of Caesar is finely recorded by Shakespeare in his play.
 (a) prayer (b) honour (c) praise (d) denunciation
149. She is a woman of **sterling** qualities.
 (a) interesting (b) admirable (c) irritating (d) exciting
150. **Expeditious** steps should be taken to complete the work in two weeks.
 (a) unmerciful and punitive (b) strict and forceful
 (c) disciplinary (d) prompt and efficient
151. The inspector was a **vigilant** young man.
 (a) smart (b) watchful (c) ambitious (d) intelligent
152. Man has to **encounter** many hardships in life.
 (a) solve (b) face (c) bear (d) overcome
153. I could achieve success through **conscious efforts**.
 (a) efforts done after gaining consciousness (b) tremendous efforts
 (c) efforts done without any desire (d) efforts made with critical awareness
154. We didn't believe in his statement, but **subsequent** events proved that he was right.
 (a) later (b) earlier (c) many (d) few (e) conclusive
155. The **lurid** details of the murder in broad daylight sent chilling sensations down the spine of everybody.
 (a) realistic (b) vivid (c) bleak (d) ghastly
156. Few teachers have been spared the problem of an **obstreperous** pupil in the class.
 (a) awkward (b) lazy (c) unruly (d) sullen
157. Many people buy charms and **talismans** because they think they will bring them luck.
 (a) amulets (b) tokens (c) lucky cards (d) stones
158. How beautiful! This is really something to **ponder** over.
 (a) sing (b) dance (c) think (d) wonder
159. Too many drugs are apt to cause **distress**.
 (a) misery (b) depresses (c) suffering (d) melancholy
160. **Incensed** by his rude behaviour, the manager suspended the worker.
 (a) enthused (b) enraged (c) inflamed (d) excited
161. The tour was cancelled on account of **incessant** rain.
 (a) constant (b) heavy (c) intermittent (d) unexpected
162. The **benevolence** of the God of Rain has seen a very successful monsoon this year too.
 (a) vision (b) morbidity (c) kindness (d) ill-will
163. A government rocked by frequent scandals is an **effete** set of people with no credibility.
 (a) innocent (b) stupid (c) excited (d) exhausted
164. The small boy was able to give a **graphic** description of the thief.
 (a) vague (b) broad (c) vivid (d) drawing
 (e) picture
165. He was warned at the **outset** of his career.
 (a) end (b) beginning (c) middle (d) entrance
166. The **bounties** of nature are being exploited by man.
 (a) gifts (b) products (c) rules (d) ecological balances

167. I have told him **many** times not to do that.
 (a) several (b) unlimited (c) endless (d) few
 (e) infinite
168. After his graduation, he had to pass through a period of **privation**.
 (a) hardship (b) uncertainty (c) prosperity (d) privacy
169. At the Hardy House, there was great **consternation** when Aunt Gertrude saw Joe helping Frank up the stairs.
 (a) surprise (b) panic (c) gaiety (d) anxiety
170. It is a **scandal** that the murderer was declared innocent.
 (a) rumour (b) talk (c) silly notion (d) disgraceful action
171. He must **eradicate** corruption.
 (a) minimise (b) control (c) condemn (d) uproot
172. I tried to persuade him to change his mind, but he remained **adamant**.
 (a) foolish (b) aggressive (c) stubborn (d) defensive
173. The soldier displayed **exceptional** courage and saved the Major from the enemy's hand.
 (a) new (b) strange (c) abnormal (d) unusual (e) avoidable
174. If you want the quality of your writings to improve, then avoid **redundant** words.
 (a) unwilling (b) mistaken (c) wrong (d) repetitive
175. The **aberration** in the Indian economy can be attributed to the short-sightedness of its political masters.
 (a) deviation (b) steadfastness (c) privilege (d) procrastination

ANSWERS

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