

# ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

One Word Substitution simply means using a specific word to replace a wordy phrase or sentence and making it shorter, concise and clearer to understand. This way, the word becomes identical to the sentence, thus providing the same meaning as the wordy sentence.

## How to Solve One Word Substitution

These can be solved by identifying its 'root word' or core meaning and then identifying the **prefix and suffix**. Many words like anthropology come from the root word *anthrōpos*, which means humans. (Here, 'anthro' is the prefix and 'ology' is the suffix.)

Hence, anthropology means the study of humanity. To gain mastery in understanding root words, you should be familiar with the etymology and linguistics of the words.

## Some Interesting Facts

'ology' is the most common suffix in science, which means 'a branch of knowledge'.

**Examples:** Psychology, Biology

Another common suffix is 'cracy', which comes from the Greek word 'crat', which means 'rule or government'.

**Examples:** Autocracy, Democracy

**Out of the four alternatives, choose the one which can be substituted for the given words/sentences.**

1. Of one mind or opinion  
 (a) Voluntary                      (b) Referendum                      (c) Homogenous                      (d) Unanimous
2. One who is always doubting  
 (a) Sceptic                      (b) Deist                      (c) Rationalist                      (d) Positivist
3. A professional soldier hired to serve in a foreign army  
 (a) Mercenary                      (b) Liquidator                      (c) Venal                      (d) Hireling
4. The practice of having many wives  
 (a) Bigamy                      (b) Calligraphy                      (c) Polygamy                      (d) Polyandry
5. A person who abstains completely from alcoholic drinks  
 (a) Teetotaler                      (b) Derelict                      (c) Subjunctive                      (d) Incriminatory
6. Person who files a suit  
 (a) Charger                      (b) Suitor                      (c) Plaintiff                      (d) Accuse
7. A place where birds are kept  
 (a) Aviary                      (b) House                      (c) Aquarium                      (d) Apiary
8. Governed by a sense of duty  
 (a) Conscientious                      (b) Sensible                      (c) Intelligent                      (d) Conscientious
9. A person who lives by himself  
 (a) Monk                      (b) Recluse                      (c) Extrovert                      (d) Prophet

10. An obviously true or hackneyed statement  
 (a) Truism (b) Syllogism (c) Iconic (d) Imagism
11. A person of obscure position who has gained wealth  
 (a) Extravagant (b) Promiscuous (c) Parvenu (d) Sumptuary
12. Property inherited from one's father or ancestors  
 (a) Alimony (b) Patrimony (c) Voluntary (d) Armistice
13. One who performs daring gymnastic feats  
 (a) Athlete (b) Juggler (c) Acrobat (d) Conjuror
14. Rebellion against lawful authority  
 (a) Mutiny (b) Coup (c) Revolution (d) Dissidence
15. Soldiers who fight on horseback  
 (a) Infantry (b) Cavalry (c) Artillery (d) Armoured
16. A man who wastes his money on luxury  
 (a) Extempore (b) Thrifty (c) Promiscuous (d) Extravagant
17. To write under a different name  
 (a) Anonymous (b) Biography (c) Pseudonym (d) Masquerade
18. Fluent and clear in speech  
 (a) Articulate (b) Enthusiastic (c) Emotional (d) Confident
19. An apartment building in which each apartment is owned separately by the people living in it but also contains shared areas  
 (a) Condominium (b) Multiplex (c) Duplex (d) Caravan
20. Operation of the body after death  
 (a) Post-mortem (b) Obituary (c) Homage (d) Mortuary
21. Fear of being enclosed in a small, closed space  
 (a) Closophobia (b) Clusterophobia (c) Claustrophobia (d) Liftophobia
22. A person who thinks only about himself and not about others' needs  
 (a) Egocentric (b) Egomaniacal (c) Egoistic (d) Egotistic
23. A raised place on which offerings to a God are made.  
 (a) Mound (b) Rostrum (c) Church (d) Altar
24. Chanting of magic spells  
 (a) Narration (b) Recitation (c) Incantation (d) Utterance
25. A study of the human race  
 (a) Anthropology (b) Archaeology (c) Ethnology (d) Etymology
26. An expert in the area of the fine or other arts  
 (a) Neophyte (b) Amateur (c) Connoisseur (d) Enthusiast
27. That cannot be conquered  
 (a) Invincible (b) Invulnerable (c) Intangible (d) Inevitable
28. Bitter and violent attack in words or writing  
 (a) Loquacious (b) Stubborn (c) Diatribe (d) Epicurean

29. An inscription on a tomb  
 (a) Espionage (b) Epilogue (c) Epitaph (d) Elegy
30. Release of a prisoner from jail on certain terms and conditions  
 (a) Parole (b) Parley (c) Pardon (d) Acquittal
31. An object or portion serving as a sample  
 (a) Specification (b) Spectre (c) Spectacle (d) Specimen
32. That which can be seen through  
 (a) Magical (b) Opaque (c) Transparent (d) Invisible
33. That which cannot be taken by force  
 (a) Impregnable (b) Inapprehensible (c) Inaccessible (d) Immutable
34. Impossible or extremely difficult to understand  
 (a) Inevitable (b) Incomprehensible (c) Incompatible (d) Inaudible
35. Willing to be guided or controlled  
 (a) Abominable (b) Amenable (c) Adamant (d) Adorable
36. A group of singers in a church  
 (a) Band (b) Host (c) Choir (d) Troop
37. The original inhabitants of a country  
 (a) Immigrants (b) Aborigines (c) Residents (d) Slaves
38. A person or thing that has the same name as another  
 (a) Namesake (b) Relative (c) Pseudonym (d) Successor
39. People who enjoy social company  
 (a) Herbivorous (b) Gregarious (c) Gorgeous (d) Unanimous
40. A group of stars found close together  
 (a) Confederation (b) Constellation (c) Concoction (d) Conflagration
41. A military or political group that rules a country after taking power by force  
 (a) Junta (b) Suffrage (c) Emancipation (d) Egalitarianism
42. A person who lives outside his native country  
 (a) Indigenous (b) Natal (c) Expatriate (d) Intrinsic
43. The ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions  
 (a) Puerility (b) Acumen (c) Stupor (d) Sanity
44. Medical study of skin and its diseases  
 (a) Endocrinology (b) Gynaecology (c) Dermatology (d) Orthopaedics
45. A story in which animals or objects speak and give a wholesome moral lesson  
 (a) Parable (b) Fable (c) Allegory (d) Legend
46. A person who enters without any invitation  
 (a) Burglar (b) Intruder (c) Vandal (d) Thief
47. Act of injuring another's reputation by any slanderous communication  
 (a) Aberration (b) Defamation (c) Misrepresentation (d) Orchestration
48. One who is concerned with the welfare of others  
 (a) Altruist (b) Egoist (c) Hedonist (d) Ascetic

49. Opinion contrary to accepted doctrines.  
 (a) Controversy (b) Convention (c) Advocacy (d) Heresy
50. A person who agrees to work for somebody in order to learn a skill  
 (a) Apprentice (b) Assistant (c) Pupil (d) Lackey
51. To examine one's own thoughts and feelings  
 (a) Meditation (b) Retrospection (c) Reflection (d) Introspection
52. The state of being married  
 (a) Monogamy (b) Bigamy (c) Polygamy (d) Matrimony
53. To cause troops, etc. to spread out in readiness for battle  
 (a) Align (b) Collocte (c) Deploy (c) Disperse
54. The policy of extending a country's empire and influence  
 (a) Imperialism (b) Capitalism (c) Internationalism (d) Communism
55. List of headings of the business to be transacted at a meeting  
 (a) Schedule (b) Agenda (c) Proceedings (d) Excerpts
56. The place where public, government or historical records are kept  
 (a) Coffe (b) Pantry (c) Scullery (d) Archives
57. A post without remuneration  
 (a) Voluntary (b) Sinecure (c) Honorary (d) Involuntary
58. To send an unwanted person out of the country  
 (a) Exclude (b) Ostracise (c) Deport (d) Expatriate
59. A government run by a dictator  
 (a) Democracy (b) Autocracy (c) Oligarchy (d) Theocracy
60. One who is determined to exact full vengeance for wrongs done to him  
 (a) Vindicator (b) Usurer (c) Vindictive (d) Virulent
61. A person living permanently in a certain place  
 (a) Native (b) Resident (c) Domicile (d) Subject
62. To slap with a flat object  
 (a) Hew (b) Swat (c) Chop (d) Gnaw
63. An associate in an office or institution  
 (a) Companion (b) Ally (c) Colleague (d) Accomplice
64. A person who claims to have a great love for and understanding of what is beautiful in nature, art, etc.  
 (a) Critic (b) Aesthete (c) Connoisseur (d) Artist
65. A disease which spreads by contact  
 (a) Infectious (b) Contagious (c) Contiguous (d) Contextual
66. A person who believes that God is everything and everything is God  
 (a) Agnostic (b) Theist (c) Pantheist (d) Pantechnicon
67. Words different in meaning but similar in sound  
 (a) Homonym (b) Synonym (c) Acronym (d) Antonym
68. Simplest filled smallest form of plant life, present in the air, water and soil; essential to life but may cause disease  
 (a) Virus (b) Amoeba (c) Bacteria (d) Toxin

69. Relationship by blood or birth  
 (a) Parentage (b) Affiliation (c) Consanguinity (d) Nepotism
70. Opposed to great or sudden change  
 (a) Static (b) Revolutionary (c) Evolutionary (d) Conservative
71. One who cannot die  
 (a) Stable (b) Immortal (c) Perpetual (d) Perennial
72. Language difficult to understand because of bad form  
 (a) Rhetoric (b) Jargon (c) Pedantic (d) Verbatim
73. A short stay at a place  
 (a) Halt (b) Interlude (c) Intermission (d) Sojourn
74. One who loves mankind  
 (a) Anthropologist (b) Philanthropist (c) Seismologist (d) Optometrist
75. A child who stays away from school without any good reason  
 (a) Vagabond (b) Delinquent (c) Schizophrenic (d) Truant
76. A person who rules without consulting the opinion of others  
 (a) Democrat (b) Bureaucrat (c) Autocrat (d) Fanatic
77. A sudden rush of wind  
 (a) Gale (b) Typhoon (c) Gust (d) Storm
78. An unexpected stroke of good luck  
 (a) Fortune (b) Windfall (c) Boon (d) Breakthrough
79. A person who helps you break the law  
 (a) Spy (b) Collaborator (c) Ally (d) Accomplice
80. Stealing from the writings of others  
 (a) Copying (b) Reframing (c) Reproducing (d) Plagiarism
81. Constant effort to achieve something  
 (a) Perseverance (b) Attempt (c) Enthusiasm (d) Vigour
82. A place where a wild animal lives  
 (a) Forest (b) Stable (c) Lair (d) Sanctuary
83. One who lends money at a high rate of interest  
 (a) Solvent (b) Uxorious (c) Usurer (d) Shylock
84. Government by the Gods  
 (a) Plutocracy (b) Theocracy (c) Pantisocracy (d) Thearchy
85. One who compiles a dictionary  
 (a) Calligrapher (b) Lexicographer (c) Editor (d) Compiler
86. One who deserts his religion  
 (a) Deserter (b) Turn-coat (c) Fanatic (d) Apostate
87. A woman whose husband is dead  
 (a) Virgin (b) Spinster (c) Wedlock (d) Widow

88. One who uses fear as a weapon of power  
 (a) Terrorist (b) Militant (c) Extremist (d) Anarchist
89. One desirous of getting money  
 (a) Avaracious (b) Voracious (c) Garrulous (d) Greedy
90. Loss of power to move in any or every part of the body  
 (a) Rheumatism (b) Paralysis (c) Eczema (d) Leprosy
91. A man of odd habits  
 (a) Eccentric (b) Cynical (c) Introvert (d) Moody
92. A thing or person behind time  
 (a) Lazy (b) Sluggish (c) Indolent (d) Antiquated
93. Deriving pleasure from inflicting pain on others  
 (a) Sadism (b) Malevolence (c) Bigotry (d) Masochism
94. One filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm for a cause  
 (a) Martyr (b) Pedant (c) Fanatic (d) Patriot
95. Time after twilight and before night  
 (a) Evening (b) Dawn (c) Dusk (d) Eclipse
96. Animals living on land and in water  
 (a) Ambiguous (b) Amphibian (c) Amorphous (d) Ambivalent
97. A light sailing boat built especially for racing  
 (a) Dinghy (b) Canoe (c) Yacht (d) Frigate
98. A house for storing grains  
 (a) Cellar (b) Store (c) Godown (d) Granary
99. A man who pays too much attention to his clothes and personal appearance  
 (a) Snob (b) Duffer (c) Dandy (d) Licentious
100. A person concerned with practical results and values  
 (a) Pragmatist (b) Realist (c) Plagiarist (d) Fundamentalist

### ANSWERS

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| 1. (d)  | 2. (a)  | 3. (a)  | 4. (c)  | 5. (a)  | 6. (c)  | 7. (a)  | 8. (d)  | 9. (b)  | 10. (a)  |
| 11. (c) | 12. (b) | 13. (c) | 14. (a) | 15. (b) | 16. (d) | 17. (c) | 18. (a) | 19. (a) | 20. (a)  |
| 21. (c) | 22. (a) | 23. (d) | 24. (c) | 25. (a) | 26. (c) | 27. (a) | 28. (c) | 29. (c) | 30. (a)  |
| 31. (d) | 32. (c) | 33. (a) | 34. (b) | 35. (b) | 36. (d) | 37. (b) | 38. (a) | 39. (b) | 40. (b)  |
| 41. (a) | 42. (c) | 43. (b) | 44. (c) | 45. (b) | 46. (b) | 47. (b) | 48. (a) | 49. (d) | 50. (a)  |
| 51. (d) | 52. (d) | 53. (c) | 54. (a) | 55. (b) | 56. (d) | 57. (c) | 58. (c) | 59. (b) | 60. (c)  |
| 61. (b) | 62. (b) | 63. (c) | 64. (b) | 65. (b) | 66. (c) | 67. (a) | 68. (c) | 69. (c) | 70. (d)  |
| 71. (b) | 72. (b) | 73. (d) | 74. (b) | 75. (d) | 76. (c) | 77. (c) | 78. (b) | 79. (d) | 80. (d)  |
| 81. (b) | 82. (c) | 83. (c) | 84. (b) | 85. (b) | 86. (d) | 87. (d) | 88. (a) | 89. (a) | 90. (b)  |
| 91. (a) | 92. (d) | 93. (a) | 94. (c) | 95. (c) | 96. (b) | 97. (c) | 98. (d) | 99. (c) | 100. (a) |