

Chapter

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Synonyms *and* Antonyms

- Synonyms are the words which are similar to each other in meaning.
- Antonyms are the words which are opposite to each other in meaning.

S.No.	Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
1.	Awkward (भद्दा/कठिन/व्यग्र)	clumsy, rough	clever, apt
2.	Allure (प्रलोभन/आकर्षण)	entice, fascinate	repulse, repel
3.	Abortive (निष्फल)	vain, unproductive	effectual, productive
4.	Allay (पीड़ा/भय कम करना)	pacify, soothe	aggravate, excite
5.	Axiom (स्वयं सिद्ध कथन)	maxim, truth	absurdity, blunder
6.	Abjure (छोड़ देना/त्यागना)	forsake, renounce	approve, sanction
7.	Abject (निन्दनीय)	despicable, servile	commendable, praiseworthy
8.	Authentic (प्रामाणिक/सच्चा)	genuine, reliable	fictitious, unreal
9.	Audacity (साहस/ढिठाई)	boldness, arrogance	mildness, cowardice
10.	Abate (कम करना/शांत करना)	moderate, decrease	aggravate, supplement
11.	Arraign (दोषारोपण)	charge, blame	exculpate, pardon
12.	Apathy (उदासीनता)	unconcern, indifference	concern, care
13.	Alien (विजातीय/विदेशी)	foreigner, outsider	native, resident
14.	Affront (सार्वजनिक अपमान)	provoke, irreverence	conciliate, mollify
15.	Adversity (दुर्भाग्य/विपत्ति)	misfortune, calamity	prosperity, fortune
16.	Antipathy (घृणा/अनिच्छा)	hostility, aversion	admiration, fascination
17.	Amplify (विस्तार करना)	enlarge, extend	lessen, contraction
18.	Alleviate (पीड़ा कम करना)	abate, relieve	aggravate, enhance
19.	Admonish (चेतावनी/भर्त्सना/सलाह देना)	counsel, reprove	approve, applaud
20.	Adherent (समर्थक/अनुयायी)	follower, disciple	rival, adversary
21.	Absolve (क्षमादान/पापमोचन)	pardon, forgive	compel, accuse
22.	Acrimony (झुंझलाहट)	harshness, bitterness	courtesy, benevolence
23.	Accord (सहमति/स्वेच्छा)	agreement, harmony	disagreement, discord
24.	Adamant (कठोर/वज्र)	stubborn, inflexible	flexible, soft
25.	Adjunct (मिला हुआ/जुड़ा हुआ)	complement, addition	separation, subtraction
26.	Bustle (आकुलता/शीघ्रता)	haste, flurry	slowness, quiet
27.	Brittle (कुरकुरा/टूटने योग्य)	delicate, fragile	tough, enduring
28.	Bleak (रूखा/आनन्दरहित)	dismal, gloomy	bright, pleasant
29.	Benevolence (दया/परोपकारिता)	humanity, generosity	malevolence, inhumanity

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30.	Barbarous (असभ्य/निर्दयी)	uncivilized, savage	cultured, humane
31.	Baffle (घबराना)	frustrate, perplex	composure, facilitate
32.	Bewitching (मोहिनी/लुभाने वाली)	magical, fascinating	repulsive, repugnant
33.	Contrary (विरुद्ध/प्रतिकूल)	dissimilar, conflicting	similar, alike
34.	Contradict (विरोध करना)	deny, oppose	approve, confirm
35.	Contempt (अपमान/उपेक्षा)	scorn, disregard	regard, praise
36.	Conspicuous (प्रत्यक्ष/उत्कृष्ट)	prominent, obvious	concealed, hidden
37.	Consolidate (टोस/पुष्ट)	compact, strong	separate, weak
38.	Consequence (परिणाम/प्रभाव)	effect, outcome	origin, start
39.	Consent (सहमत होना)	agree, permit	object, disagree
40.	Concede (स्वीकार करना)	yield, assent	deny, reject
41.	Comprise (सम्मिलित करना)	include, contain	reject, lack
42.	Compassion (कृपा/दया)	kindness, sympathy	cruelty, barbarity
43.	Concur (सहमत होना)	approve, agree	differ, disagree
44.	Chastise (दण्ड देना)	punish, admonish	cheer, encourage
45.	Chaste (पवित्र/आडम्बर रहित)	virtuous, pure	sullied, lustful
46.	Caricature (हंसी उड़ाना)	exaggeration, imitation	exactness, precision
47.	Captivity (कारावास/अधीनता)	imprisonment, confinement	freedom, liberty
48.	Captivate (मोहित करना/लुभाना)	charm, fascinate	disillusion, offend
49.	Calumny (आक्षेप/झूठा अभियोग)	defamation, aspersion	commendation, praise
50.	Callous (कठोर)	obdurate, unfeeling	compassionate, tender
51.	Calamity (दुःख/संकट)	adversity, misfortune	happiness, fortune
52.	Cavity (छेद/खोह)	depth, hole	elevation, projection
53.	Cease (रुकना/समाप्त होना)	terminate, pause	continue, originate
54.	Despicable (नीच/घृणित)	worthless, shameless	worthy, decent
55.	Disdain (अवहेलना/तिरस्कार)	detest, despise	approve, praise
56.	Deride (उपहास करना)	mock, taunt	inspire, encourage
57.	Deprive (वंचित करना)	despoil, divest	restore, renew
58.	Demolish (नष्ट करना)	ruin, devastate	repair, construct
59.	Delicious (सुस्वादु/मधुर)	palatable, tasteful	distasteful, unsavoury
60.	Deliberate (विचारपूर्वक/निश्चित)	ponder, intentional	rash, sudden
61.	Defray (देना/अदा करना)	spend, pay	disclaim, repudiate
62.	Defile (दूषित करना/अपवित्र करना)	contaminate, pollute	purify, sanctity
63.	Defer (विलम्ब करना)	prolong, suspend	accelerate, expedite
64.	Dedicate (अर्पित करना)	devote, consecrate	refuse, negate
65.	Decipher (अर्थ निकालना)	interpret, reveal	misinterpret, distort
66.	Deceit (कपट/छल)	deception, artifice	veracity, sincerity
67.	Decay (क्षय होना/नाश होना)	collapse, decomposition	flourish, progress
68.	Dainty (मृदु/सुन्दर)	elegant, exquisite	clumsy, insipid
69.	Evident (स्पष्ट/प्रत्यक्ष)	obvious, apparent	obscure, concealed
70.	Evade (बचना/जी चुराना)	avoid, elude	acknowledge, confront
71.	Eternal (नित्य/अनन्त)	perpetual, endless	temporary, momentary
72.	Esteem (सम्मान एवं श्रद्धा)	respect, reverence	ridicule, spurn
73.	Eradicate (समाप्त करना/नष्ट करना)	destroy, exterminate	secure, plant
74.	Equivocal (अस्पष्ट/अनिश्चित)	uncertain, ambiguous	obvious, lucid
75.	Epitome (संक्षेप संग्रह)	precise, example	increment, expansion
76.	Endowment (धर्मदान/वृत्तिदान)	grant, benefit	drawback, damage
77.	Endeavour (प्रयत्न करना)	undertake, aspire	cease, quit

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78.	Encumbrance (बाधा/भार)	hindrance, obstacle	incentive, stimulant
79.	Eloquence (वाक्पटुता)	expression, fluency	halting, stammering
80.	Eliminate (हटा देना)	expel, oust	restore, accept
81.	Elevate (ऊपर उठाना/उन्नत करना)	dignify, heighten	deprecate, denounce
82.	Efface (मिटा देना)	destroy, obliterate	retain, maintain
83.	Ecstasy (परम हर्ष)	delight, exultation	despair, calamity
84.	Eccentric (विचित्र/सनकी)	strange, abnormal	natural, conventional
85.	Fabricate (बनाना/निर्माण करना)	construct, produce	destroy, dismantle
86.	Frugality (किफायत)	economy, providence	lavishness, extravagance
87.	Frivolous (अमहत्त्वपूर्ण/ओछा)	petty, worthless	solemn, significant
88.	Frantic (उत्तेजित/व्यग्र)	violent, agitated	subdued, gentle
89.	Fragile (भंगुर/नाजुक)	weak, infirm	enduring, tough
90.	Forsake (त्याग देना/छोड़ देना)	desert, renounce	hold, maintain
91.	Fluctuate (अनियमित/उतार-चढ़ाव)	deflect, vacillate	stable, resolute
92.	Flimsy (पतली/हलकी सामग्री)	trifling, transparent	firm, tenacious
93.	Fleeting (क्षणिक)	transient, temporary	enduring, eternal
94.	Feud (दुश्मनी/वैर)	strife, quarrel	fraternity, harmony
95.	Ferocious (क्रूर/खूंखार)	untamed, barbarous	gentle, innocent
96.	Feeble (क्षीण/कमजोर)	weak, frail	strong, robust
97.	Fantastic (विलक्षण)	fanciful, uncommon	ordinary, normal
98.	Fanatical (कट्टर/दुराग्रही)	narrow-minded, biased	liberal, tolerant
99.	Falter (लड़खड़ाना)	fluctuate, demur	persist, endure
100.	Fallacy (भ्रामकता/भ्रांति)	delusion, mistake	veracity, truth
101.	Guile (छलकपट)	cunning, deceit	honesty, frankness
102.	Grudge (अनिच्छा/दुर्भावना)	hatred, aversion	benevolence, affection
103.	Grisly (विकट/क्रूर)	disgusting, atrocious	pleasing, attractive
104.	Gracious (उदार)	courteous, beneficent	rude, unforgiving
105.	Gorgeous (शानदार)	magnificent, dazzling	dull, unpretentious
106.	Glut (अतिवृत्ति/भरमार)	stuff, satiate	reduce, abstain
107.	Gloom (उदासी/गहरी छाया)	obscurity, darkness	delight, mirth
108.	Hypocrisy (पाखंड/ढोंग)	deception, affectation	sincerity, honesty
109.	Hideous (घृणित)	frightful, shocking	attractive, alluring
110.	Heretic (विधर्मी)	non-conformist, secularist	conformable, religious
111.	Hazard (संकट)	presumption, danger	conviction, security
112.	Haughty (अहकारी)	arrogant, pompous	humble, submissive
113.	Harass (सताना/तंग करना)	irritable, molest	assist, comfort
114.	Hapless (अभाग्यवश)	unfortunate, ill-fated	fortunate, lucky
115.	Haphazard (अव्यवस्थित)	random, sudden	deliberate, considered
116.	Hamper (उलझाना/बाधा डालना)	retard, prevent	promote, facilitate
117.	Irrepressible (जो दबाया न जा सके)	irresistible, unconfined	composed, hesitant
118.	Invincible (अजेय)	unconquerable, impregnable	effeminate, fragile
119.	Intricate (जटिल/पेचीदा)	tangled, complicated	regulated, orderly
120.	Intrigue (पड्यंत्र)	scheme, conspiracy	candour, sincerity
121.	Intrinsic (आंतरिक गुण)	genuine, fundamental	extraneous, incidental
122.	Invective (आक्षेप/निन्दा)	accusation, censure	approval, acclamation
123.	Instil (धीरे-धीरे मन में बैठाना)	inculcate, inject	eradicate, extract
124.	Insolvent (निर्धन/दिवालिया)	indigent, destitute	wealthy, solvent

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125.	Inspid (बेस्वाद/अरोचक)	tasteless, vapid	delicious, luscious
126.	Insinuate (अप्रिय संकेत देना)	communicate, allude	conceal, camouflage
127.	Ingenuous (निष्कपट/सच्चा)	undisguised, naive	wily, crafty
128.	Infringe (हनन/अतिक्रमण)	violate, encroach	comply, concur
129.	Inevitable (अवश्य होने वाला/अपरिहार्य)	unavoidable, ascertained	unlikely, doubtful
130.	Incongruous (अनुपयुक्त/असंगत)	inappropriate, absurd	compatible, harmonious
131.	Incompetent (असमर्थ/अयोग्य)	inefficient, unskilled	dexterous, skilled
132.	Inclination (झुकाव/अभि रुचि)	disposition, affection	neutrality, indifference
133.	Impute (आरोप लगाना)	attribute, ascribe	exculpate, support
134.	Impious (नास्तिक/अधर्मी)	irreligious, unholy	pious, devout
135.	Impediment (बाधा/अड़चन)	hurdle, obstruction	assistance, concurrence
136.	Impartial (निष्पक्ष)	just, unbiased	prejudiced, biased
137.	Impair (हानि पहुँचाना)	diminish, deteriorate	restore, revive
138.	Immunity (प्रतिरक्षा)	prerogative, privilege	blame, censure
139.	Imminent (निकट भविष्य/समीपता)	impending, brewing	distant, receding
140.	Immerse (मग्न/डूबना)	submerge, involve	emerge, uncover
141.	Immense (विशाल)	huge, enormous	puny, insignificant
142.	Immaculate (बेदाग/शुद्ध)	unsullied, spotless	defiled, tarnished
143.	Juvenile (तरुण/किशोर)	young, tender	dotage, antiquated
144.	Justify (स्पष्टीकरण/औचित्य सिद्ध करना)	defend, exculpate	impute, arraign
145.	Just (न्यायसंगत/उचित)	honest, impartial	unequal, unfair
146.	Judicious (विवेकपूर्ण)	thoughtful, prudent	irrational, foolish
147.	Jubilant (उल्लासपूर्ण)	rejoicing, triumphant	melancholy, depressing
148.	Jovial (प्रसन्नचित्त)	frolicsome, cheerful	solemn, morose
149.	Jaded (थका हुआ)	tired, exhausted	renewal, recreation
150.	Jejune (नीरसता से)	dull, boring	interesting, exciting
151.	Kindred (सम्बन्ध/सजातीय)	relation, species	unrelated, dissimilar
152.	Keen (तीव्र/उत्सुक)	sharp, poignant	vapid, insipid
153.	Knave (धूर्त/दुष्ट)	dishonest, scoundrel	paragon, innocent
154.	Knell (मृत्युघण्टा/अशुभ सूचक)	death knell, last blow	reconstruction, rediscovery
155.	Knotty (कठिन/पेंचदार)	complicated, difficult	simple, manageable
156.	Luxuriant (प्रचुर)	profuse, abundant	scanty, meagre
157.	Luscious (स्वादिष्ट/सुमधुर)	palatable, delicious	unsavoury, tart
158.	Lure (प्रलोभन)	attract, entice	repel, dissuade
159.	Lunacy (पागलपन/उन्माद)	delusion, insanity	normalcy, sanity
160.	Lucid (सुबोध/साफ-साफ)	sound, rational	obscure, hidden
161.	Listless (निरुत्साह)	lazy, inattentive	brisk, attentive
162.	Linger (धीरे-धीरे/देर तक)	loiter, prolong	hasten, quicken
163.	Liberal (उदार/सहृदय)	magnanimous, generous	stingy, malicious
164.	Liable (प्रवृत्ति/संभावना)	accountable, bound	unaccountable, apt to
165.	Lenient (उदार)	compassionate, merciful	cruel, severe
166.	Lax (असावधान/लापरवाह)	slack, careless	firm, reliable
167.	Lavish (मुक्तहस्त/फिजूलखर्च)	abundant, excessive	scarce, deficient
168.	Mutual (पारस्परिक/सहभावना)	joint, identical	separate, distinct
169.	Mutinous (विद्रोही)	recalcitrant, insurgent	submissive, faithful
170.	Murky (अंधकारमय)	dusky, dreary	bright, shining
171.	Munificent (दानी/उदार)	liberal, hospitable	frugal, penurious

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172.	Monotonous (एकसुरा/नीरस)	irksome, tedious	varied, pleasant
173.	Momentous (अति महत्वपूर्ण)	notable, eventful	trivial, insignificant
174.	Mollify (शांत करना/मुलायम करना)	appease, assuage	irritate, infuriate
175.	Molest (छेड़खानी)	pester, harass	console, soothe
176.	Modest (विनम्र/सुशील)	humble, courteous	arrogant, pompous
177.	Mitigate (कम करना)	alleviate, relieve	augment, enhance
178.	Miraculous (चमत्कार/असाधारण)	marvellous, extraordinary	ordinary, trivial
179.	Minute (सूक्ष्म)	diminutive, miniature	large, colossal
180.	Numerous (बहुसंख्यक)	profuse, various	scarce, deficient
181.	Nullify (रद्द करना)	cancel, annul	confirm, uphold
182.	Noxious (हानिकारक/अहितकारी)	baneful, injurious	healing, profitable
183.	Novice (नौसिखिया)	tyro, beginner	veteran, ingenious
184.	Nonchalant (उदासीन/शांत)	indifferent, negligent	attentive, considerate
185.	Nimble (फुर्तीला/दक्ष)	prompt, brisk	sluggish, languid
186.	Niggardly (लालची/कंजूसी से)	miserly, covetous	generous, profuse
187.	Negligent (लापरवाह)	inattentive, careless	vigilant, careful
188.	Overwhelm (कुचलना)	triumph, subjugate	flounder, falter
189.	Outrage (अत्याचार/उपद्रव)	offence, maltreatment	praise, favour
190.	Outbreak (विस्फोट/उद्रेग)	eruption, insurrection	compliance, subjection
191.	Ornamental (शोभाकार/विभूषक)	decorative, adorned	unseemly, plain
192.	Ordain (निर्दिष्ट करना/प्रबंध करना)	order, impose	revoke, abolish
193.	Oracular (आकाशवाणी/अनिश्चित)	cryptic, vague	lucid, distinct
194.	Opaque (अपारदर्शी)	obscure, shady	transparent, bright
195.	Offspring (सन्तान/सन्तति)	descendants, siblings	ancestors, forefathers
196.	Offensive (क्षतिकर/घृणित)	abhorrent, arrogant	docile, compliant
197.	Odious (उदासीन)	malevolent, obnoxious	engaging, fascinating
198.	Occult (गुप्त/रहस्यमय)	latent, ambiguous	intelligible, transparent
199.	Obvious (स्पष्ट/प्रत्यक्ष)	evident, apparent	obscure, ambiguous
200.	Obstruct (अवरोध/विघ्न)	impede, prevent	hasten, encourage
201.	Prudent (चतुर/विवेकी)	cautious, discreet	impetuous, unwise
202.	Provoke (उकसाना/उत्तेजित करना)	inflame, incite	pacify, comfort
203.	Protract (विलम्ब)	prolong, delay	abbreviate, curtail
204.	Proscribe (बहिष्कार/त्यागना)	prohibit, exclude	solicit, include
205.	Profuse (अतिव्ययी/विपुल)	lavish, abundant	scarce, meagre
206.	Profligate (भ्रष्टचरित्र/व्यसनी)	dissolute, degenerate	virtuous, upright
207.	Prodigy (अद्भुत/विलक्षण)	miracle, marvel	normal, average
208.	Prodigious (बहुत बड़ा/विलक्षणता)	vast, enormous	unimpressive, diminutive
209.	Premature (असामयिक/समय से पूर्व)	precocious, untimely	belated, opportune
210.	Predicament (दशा/स्थिति)	plight, dilemma	resolution, confidence
211.	Precarious (संदिग्ध/अनिश्चित)	doubtful, insecure	assured, undeniable
212.	Pompous (गर्वित)	haughty, arrogant	unpretentious, humble
213.	Perverse (हठी/दुष्ट)	petulant, obstinate	complacent, docile
214.	Pertness (ढिठाई)	flippancy, impudence	modesty, diffidence
215.	Peevish (झगड़ालू/चिड़चिड़ा)	perverse, sullen	suave, amiable
216.	Peerless (अनुपम)	matchless, unrivalled	mediocre, commonplace
217.	Paramount (प्रधान/विशिष्ट)	foremost, eminent	trivial, inferior
218.	Pamper (अधिक लाड़-प्यार करना)	flatter, indulge	deny, disparage

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219.	Placid (शांत/प्रसन्नचित्त)	tranquil, calm	turbulent, hostile
220.	Quell (दबाना/शांत करना)	subdue, reduce	exacerbate, agitate
221.	Quaint (विचित्र)	queer, strange	familiar, usual
222.	Quack (ठग विद्या करने वाला/कुवेद्य)	impostor, deceiver	upright, unfeigned
223.	Quibble (वाकछल करना)	equivocate, prevaricate	unfeign, plain
224.	Ruthless (निर्दयी/क्रूर)	remorseless, inhuman	compassionate, lenient
225.	Rustic (असभ्य/गँवार)	rural, uncivilised	cultured, refined
226.	Rout (उपद्रव/बलवा)	vanquish, overthrow	succumb, withdraw
227.	Retract (पीछे हटना)	recant, repudiate	confirm, assert
228.	Remote (दूरस्थ/दूरवर्ती)	inaccessible, farther	adjoining, adjacent
229.	Remorse (पश्चाताप)	regret, penitence	ruthless, obduracy
230.	Resentment (द्वेष/ईर्ष्या)	displeasure, wrath	content, cheer
231.	Rescind (खण्डन/लोप करना)	annul, abrogate	delegate, permit
232.	Remonstrate (प्रतिवाद)	censure, protest	agree, laud
233.	Remnant (अवशेष/बचा हुआ)	residue, piece	entire, whole
234.	Sycophant (चापलूस/नीच)	parasite, flatterer	devoted, loyal
235.	Superficial (ऊपरी/छिछला)	partial, shallow	profound, discerning
236.	Subvert (ढहाना/नाश करना)	demolish, sabotage	generate, organise
237.	Substantial (वास्तविक/ठोस)	durable, lasting	tenuous, abstract
238.	Subsequent (उत्तरगामी/आगामी)	consequent, following	preceding, previous
239.	Stain (धब्बा/कलंक)	blemish, tarnish	honour, purify
240.	Sporadic (छितराया हुआ)	intermittent, scattered	incessant, frequent
241.	Solicit (सविनय माँगना/आग्रह करना)	entreat, implore	protest, oppose
242.	Sneer (उपहास/तिरस्कार)	mock, scorn	flatter, praise
243.	Slander (अपयश फैलाना)	defame, malign	applaud, approve
244.	Shabby (मलिनता)	miserable, impoverished	prosperous, thriving
245.	Saucy (धृष्ट/अहंकारी)	impudent, insolent	modest, humble
246.	Tyro (नौसिखिया)	beginner, learner	proficient, veteran
247.	Trivial (तुच्छ/अनावश्यक)	trifling, insignificant	significant, important
248.	Trenchant (तीक्ष्ण/तीव्र)	assertive, forceful	feeble, vacillating
249.	Transient (नश्वर/अस्थिर)	temporal, transitory	lasting, enduring
250.	Tranquil (शांत/निश्चल)	peaceful, composed	violent, furious
251.	Timid (भीरु/कायर)	diffident, coward	bold, intrepid
252.	Temperate (संयमी/उत्तेजनारहित)	cool, moderate	boisterous, violent
253.	Tedious (थकाने वाला)	wearisome, irksome	exhilarating, lively
254.	Taciturn (अल्पभाषी)	reserved, silent	talkative, extrovert
255.	Utterly (सम्पूर्णतः)	completely, entirely	deficient, incomplete
256.	Usurp (अधिकार छीनना/शक्तिहनन)	seize, wrest	restore, compensate
257.	Uncouth (गँवार/असभ्य)	awkward, ungraceful	elegant, graceful
258.	Umbrage (कटु अनुभव/बुरा मानना)	resentment, bitterness	sympathy, goodwill
259.	Vulgar (अशिष्ट/अभद्र)	inelegant, offensive	elegant, civil
260.	Vouch (जिम्मा लेना/आश्वासन देना)	confirm, consent	repudiate, prohibit
261.	Volatile (चंचल/वाष्पशील)	light, changing	heavy, ponderous
262.	Vicious (धृष्ट/दूषित)	corrupt, obnoxious	noble, virtuous
263.	Venerable (पूजनीय/श्रद्धेय)	esteemed, honoured	unworthy, immature
264.	Vanity (दंभ)	conceit, pretension	modesty, humility
265.	Valour (पराक्रम)	bravery, prowess	fear, cowardice
266.	Waive (दावा छोड़ना/त्यागना)	relinquish, remove	impose, clamp

S.No.	Words	Synonyms	Antonyms
267.	Wary (सतर्क/सावधान)	cautious, circumspect	heedless, negligent
268.	Wane (क्षीण होना/निर्बल होना)	decline, dwindle	ameliorate, rise
269.	Wilt (मुरझाना)	wither, perish	revive, bloom
270.	Yoke (जुड़ा हुआ/सन्तुष्ट)	connect, harness	liberate, release
271.	Yield (आत्मसमर्पण/उपज)	surrender, abdicate	resist, protest
272.	Yearn (ललक/उत्कंठा)	languish, crave	content, satisfied
273.	Zest (रुचि/दिलचस्पी)	delight, enthusiasm	disgust, passive
274.	Zenith (पराकाष्ठा/चरम बिन्दु)	summit, apex	nadir, base
275.	Zeal (उत्साह/जोश)	eagerness, fervour	apathy, lethargy

[BASED ON SYNONYMS]

Practice Exercise 1

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-24) *Select the appropriate word which is nearest in meaning to the word given in capitals.*

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| 1. WONDROUS
(1) Winning (2) Roaming (3) Marvellous
(4) Forceful (5) Disgusting | 13. PROLIFIC
(1) Plenty (2) Competent (3) Predominant
(4) Fertile (5) Fragile |
| 2. PRAGMATIC
(1) Practical (2) Wise (3) Intelligent
(4) Proper (5) Thoughtful | 14. ATROCITY
(1) Endurance (2) Hatred (3) Fortitude
(4) Fondness (5) Cruelty |
| 3. BANEFUL
(1) Loss (2) Evil (3) Profit
(4) Benefit (5) Tempring | 15. LETHAL
(1) Unlawful (2) Sluggish (3) Deadly
(4) Smooth (5) Legal |
| 4. INSOLENT
(1) Insulting (2) Wasteful (3) Hard
(4) Difficult (5) Insane | 16. BOUNTY
(1) Gift (2) Donation (3) Pleasure
(4) Bribe (5) Curse |
| 5. DEBENTURE
(1) Fixed Deposit (2) Liabilities (3) Loan certificate
(4) Share (5) Lend | 17. MAWKISH
(1) Sentimental (2) True (3) Devious
(4) Carefree (5) Callous |
| 6. ALLY
(1) Competent (2) Accomplice (3) Counterpart
(4) Unknown (5) Emmity | 18. KNAVERY
(1) Cowardice (2) Dishonesty (3) Stupidity
(4) Heroism (5) Negligence |
| 7. DREARY
(1) Cheerful (2) Cheerless (3) Hard
(4) Gloomy (5) Interesting | 19. OBESE
(1) Thin (2) Corpulent (3) Fishy
(4) Rigid (5) Stern |
| 8. COERCE
(1) Thrilling (2) Force (3) Suspended
(4) Hidden (5) Submit | 20. RANDOM
(1) Superficial (2) Inert (3) Haphazard
(4) Exemplary (5) Tandone |
| 9. BIZARRE
(1) Normal (2) Eccentric (3) Young
(4) Fair (5) Rational | 21. TANGIBLE
(1) Savoury (2) Substantial (3) Momentous
(4) Memorable (5) Frivolous |
| 10. ZENITH
(1) Nadir (2) Minimum (3) Peak
(4) Plant (5) Base | 22. CANNY
(1) Obstinate (2) Stout (3) Handsome
(4) Clever (5) Irrational |
| 11. BOISTEROUS
(1) Noisy (2) Conflicting (3) Grateful
(4) Testimonial (5) Servue | 23. JUDICIOUS
(1) Prudent (2) Imprudent (3) Quiet
(4) Composed (5) Reluctant |
| 12. NEBULOUS
(1) Tiny (2) Vague (3) Insignificant
(4) Dead (5) Paltry | 24. CAJOLE
(1) Flaunt (2) Joking (3) Flatter
(4) Morose (5) Taunt |

Answers

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Practice Exercise 2

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-25) In the following sentences, a word or phrase is written in *italicised* letters. For each *italicised* part, four words are listed below each sentence. Choose the word nearest in meaning to the *italicised* part.

- A million cinemas a year bring the same stale *bladderdash*.
(1) adventure (2) nonsense (3) thriller
(4) romance (5) tragedy
- There must be lively discussion of Indian authors if we are to *foster* our knowledge.
(1) promote (2) cherish (3) nourish
(4) nurture (5) snow
- Buoyed by these visions of the future of his son, the artist *soldiered* on.
(1) continued bravely (2) stopped further
(3) struggled hard (4) fought on
(5) revolted
- Last fortnight the rains came to the parched soils of India after the merciless drought had already *sapped* the vitality and livelihood of millions of peasants.
(1) decreased (2) demolished (3) destroyed
(4) drained away (5) rained
- The boy gave a *vivid* description of all that happened.
(1) brilliant (2) fresh (3) explanatory
(4) picturesque (5) short
- It is *compulsory* for all the students to join this tour.
(1) regular (2) necessary (3) dutiful
(4) obligatory (5) essential
- Some of the discoveries of modern science are simply *marvellous*.
(1) praiseworthy (2) commendable
(3) amazing (4) admirable
(5) attractive
- The teacher felt that the student lacked *discrimination* in the study of his data.
(1) imagination (2) good taste (3) objectivity
(4) good judgement (5) creativity
- We don't know how we are to *recompense* you for the trouble you have taken.
(1) reward (2) help (3) praise
(4) thank (5) applaud
- John Milton wrote 'Paradise Lost' to *vindicate* the ways of God to man.
(1) explain (2) support (3) justify
(4) criticise (5) elucidate
- When youngsters do not have good role-models to *emulate*, they start searching for them among sportsmen or film stars.
(1) inhabit (2) imitate (3) mollify
(4) modify (5) amend
- The eyewitness testimony was *incontrovertible*.
(1) debatable (2) unquestionable (3) unacceptable
(4) disputable (5) unbelievable
- The invasion forces had no artillery and were completely *annihilated*.
(1) reduced (2) destroyed (3) dismembered
(4) split (5) torn
- The novel was so interesting that I was *oblivious* of my surroundings.
(1) indifferent (2) watchful (3) unmindful
(4) precarious (5) careful
- Elsie is seventy years old and a *fanatical* gardener.
(1) crazy (2) fantastic
(3) excessively enthusiastic (4) obsessed
(5) lethargic
- The courage shown by the soldiers at this moment of crisis is *exemplary*.
(1) admirable (2) clear (3) elementary
(4) suitable (5) obligatory
- Grandfather has been getting *feeble* of late.
(1) tall (2) weak (3) diseased
(4) small (5) dull
- Even though Akshay does not study hard, he always *comes* first in his class.
(1) scores (2) stands (3) arrives
(4) completes (5) runs
- The arguments of the lawyer of the accused were so *persuasive* that the judge acquitted him.
(1) convincing (2) clever (3) eloquent
(4) logical (5) demanding
- Your master will like you if you are *diligent*.
(1) conscientious (2) obedient (3) meticulous
(4) intelligent (5) hard working
- We should always try to maintain and promote communal *amity*.
(1) understanding (2) bondage (3) friendship
(4) contention (5) adjustment
- Before I could *make out* anything he had spoken again.
(1) find out (2) apprehend (3) explain
(4) reveal (5) prepare
- It is amazing how such a *motley* group could get along so well.
(1) heterogenous (2) assorted (3) promiscuous
(4) confused (5) perplexed
- His speech was nothing but a string of *platitudes*.
(1) grand statements (2) stereo-typed statements
(3) noble sentiments (4) humorous anecdotes
(5) rash emotions
- He wrote a *scathing* review of the prize-winning novel.
(1) biased (2) scornful (3) unbalanced
(4) subjective (5) admiring

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| 11. (2) | 12. (2) | 13. (2) | 14. (3) | 15. (3) | 16. (1) | 17. (2) | 18. (2) | 19. (1) | 20. (4) |
| 21. (3) | 22. (2) | 23. (2) | 24. (2) | 25. (2) | | | | | |

[BASED ON ANTONYMS]

Practice Exercise 3

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-25) *From the given words, select the one which is opposite in meaning to the word given in capitals.*

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| <p>1. ACCEDE
(1) Grant (2) Indignant (3) Disturbed
(4) Refuse (5) Comply</p> <p>2. TORPID
(1) Alert (2) Indolent (3) Pitiable
(4) Cruel (5) Conguid</p> <p>3. ECSTASY
(1) Unhappiness (2) Regret (3) Silent
(4) Depression (5) Depression</p> <p>4. BRITTLE
(1) Dull (2) Weak (3) Tough
(4) Mild (5) Opaque</p> <p>5. MACABRE
(1) Gruesome (2) Attractive (3) Splendour
(4) Trash (5) Blame</p> <p>6. REMISS
(1) Cheerful (2) Active (3) Dutiful
(4) Careful (5) Wonder</p> <p>7. OBLIGATION
(1) Compulsion (2) Responsibility (3) Covenant
(4) Force (5) Choice</p> <p>8. BIGOTED
(1) Tolerant (2) Democratic (3) Flexible
(4) Open (5) Rigid</p> <p>9. THWART
(1) Encourage (2) Obstruct (3) Strife
(4) Baffle (5) Polity</p> <p>10. MEAGRE
(1) Excessive (2) Excel (3) Jemmy
(4) Moist (5) Bolmy</p> <p>11. OBLIVION
(1) Remembrance (2) Delight (3) Peace
(4) Cheer (5) Gloom</p> <p>12. CAPACIOUS
(1) Changeable (2) Limited (3) Caring
(4) Foolish (5) Spacious</p> <p>13. OVERT
(1) Secret (2) Unwritten (3) Shallow
(4) Deep (5) Clear</p> | <p>14. WANE
(1) Wax (2) Rest (3) Rosy
(4) Humility (5) Drowry</p> <p>15. RETICENCE
(1) Fatigue (2) Fashion
(3) Treachery (4) Loquaciousness
(5) Silence</p> <p>16. TERMINATE
(1) Pacify (2) Abolish (3) Restrain
(4) Begin (5) Ban</p> <p>17. LUMINOUS
(1) Delectable (2) Lucid (3) Distasteful
(4) Vibrant (5) Gloomy</p> <p>18. COY
(1) Weak (2) Brazen (3) Old
(4) Tiresome (5) Weary</p> <p>19. HOSTILE
(1) Friendly (2) Swift (3) Independent
(4) Antagonistic (5) Arrogant</p> <p>20. INCLEMENT
(1) Pleasant (2) Stormy (3) Feeble
(4) Dignified (5) Alarming</p> <p>21. AMBIGUOUS
(1) Corresponding (2) Responsible (3) Clear
(4) Auxiliary (5) Vague</p> <p>22. CONVENE
(1) Adjourn (2) Contact (3) Dissolve
(4) Postpone (5) Prolong</p> <p>23. MESSY
(1) Pompous (2) Orderly (3) Vertical
(4) Horizontal (5) Random</p> <p>24. SCOFF
(1) Pull down (2) Renown (3) Compliment
(4) Recrimination (5) Condemas</p> <p>25. LOQUACIOUS
(1) Garrulous (2) Gluttonous (3) Silent
(4) Slanderous (5) Pompous</p> |
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| 11. (1) | 12. (2) | 13. (1) | 14. (1) | 15. (4) | 16. (4) | 17. (4) | 18. (2) | 19. (1) | 20. (1) |
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Practice Exercise 4

Directions (Q.Nos. 1-25) In the following sentences, a word or phrase is written in *italicised* letters. For each *italicised* part, five words are listed below each sentence. Choose the word which is closest to the opposite in meaning of the *italicised* part.

1. The last show of the concert at the Ritz theatre was a *fiasco*.
(1) triumph (2) victory (3) fruitful
(4) success (5) joyful
2. He proved utterly *capricious* in his dealings with his friends.
(1) helpful (2) steadfast (3) understanding
(4) obstinate (5) wavering
3. *Miscellaneous* items were discussed at the meeting.
(1) minor (2) unrelated (3) mixed
(4) classified (5) jumbled
4. The author has *perspicuity* in his style.
(1) frankness (2) bluntness (3) obtruseness
(4) vivacity (5) lucidity
5. Her *impetuous* behaviour was attributed to her upbringing.
(1) poised (2) hash (3) quiet and gentle
(4) sluggish (5) clumsy
6. The deliberate *suavity* of Dev's behaviour made the emotions of the audience volatile.
(1) politeness (2) impetuosity (3) stupidity
(4) pleasant (5) mockery
7. Sanjay's point of view was correct but his behaviour with his father was quite *impertinent*.
(1) impressive (2) smooth (3) healthy
(4) respectful (5) rude
8. At least some students are in the habit of doing their exercises in a slovenly manner.
(1) neat (2) proper (3) decent
(4) correct (5) rash
9. It is surprising to find her *condoning* such an act.
(1) disparaging (2) condemning (3) disliking
(4) forbidding (5) accepting
10. They had an *insipid* conversation.
(1) curious (2) loud (3) argumentative
(4) vapid (5) lively
11. The usual *adulation* on the officers must end.
(1) back-biting (2) flattery (3) knavery
(4) praise (5) condemnation
12. Like poverty, *affluence* can sometimes create its own problems.
(1) sorrow (2) indigence (3) exuberance
(4) opulence (5) abundance
13. James had the habit of *running down* his colleagues.
(1) deriding (2) pushing down (3) praising
(4) supporting (5) criticising
14. His principles are *flexible*.
(1) accurate (2) rigid (3) distinct
(4) strict (5) cautious
15. She had nothing but *scorn* for my ideas.
(1) admiration (2) encouragement (3) appreciation
(4) agreement (5) harmony
16. He directed a couple of *mediocre* films.
(1) noble (2) successful (3) outstanding
(4) famous (5) gentle
17. His partners felt that it was a *viable* business proposition.
(1) impracticable (2) inviolable (3) unavailable
(4) enviable (5) practicable
18. Overeating can often be *detrimental* to health.
(1) beneficial (2) injurious (3) useful
(4) destructive (5) baneful
19. He was *dejected* when he heard the news.
(1) elated (2) impressed (3) hilarious
(4) gleeful (5) indifferent
20. After meeting the holy man, his nagging mood of *diffidence* suddenly changed.
(1) confusion (2) self assurance (3) contentment
(4) consternation (5) disappointment
21. It was a *revolting* sight.
(1) comfortable (2) pleasant (3) delicious
(4) remarkable (5) repulsive
22. There is something *repulsive* about the way he handles people's complaints.
(1) lovely (2) delightful (3) attractive
(4) distinctive (5) average
23. High School students generally take pleasure in asking *puerile* questions.
(1) sensible (2) pleasing (3) sure
(4) familiar (5) confident
24. He liked the *pungent* sauce prepared by his mother.
(1) gentle (2) mild (3) insipid
(4) unsavoury (5) strong
25. Water scarcity is a *perennial* problem in that village.
(1) transitory (2) ephemeral (3) momentary
(4) temporary (5) prevailing

Answers

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| 21. (2) | 22. (3) | 23. (1) | 24. (2) | 25. (2) | | | | | |