

# ANTONYMS



## DEFINITION

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings. For example, the antonym of “Rude” is “Polite” because they express opposite states.

### Types of Antonyms:

- 1. Gradable Antonyms:** Words with opposite meanings on a scale (e.g., Light – Dark).
- 2. Complementary Antonyms:** Words that are complete opposites and do not overlap (e.g., Male-Female ).
- 3. Relational Antonyms:** Words where one implies the other (e.g., teacher - student).

| Word        | Antonyms (Opposites)                                            |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Abundant    | scarce, rare, insufficient, meager, sparse, deficient           |
| Accurate    | inaccurate, wrong, false, incorrect, erroneous, imprecise       |
| Advocate    | oppose, reject, criticize, condemn, disapprove, protest         |
| Benevolent  | malevolent, cruel, unkind, harsh, evil, malicious               |
| Cautious    | reckless, careless, rash, hasty, impulsive, negligent           |
| Conceal     | reveal, expose, show, disclose, uncover, display                |
| Diligent    | lazy, careless, negligent, idle, indifferent, negligent         |
| Eminent     | obscure, unknown, insignificant, ordinary, common, unimportant  |
| Frigid      | hot, warm, heated, boiling, scorching, tropical                 |
| Generous    | stingy, selfish, miserly, greedy, tightfisted, ungenerous       |
| Hostile     | friendly, kind, welcoming, warm, amicable, peaceful             |
| Ignorant    | knowledgeable, educated, aware, informed, enlightened, wise     |
| Jealous     | content, satisfied, generous, trusting, confident, secure       |
| Luminous    | dark, dim, dull, obscure, shadowy, gloomy                       |
| Mature      | immature, childish, juvenile, young, inexperienced, naive       |
| Noble       | ignoble, base, lowly, dishonorable, mean, vile                  |
| Obedient    | disobedient, rebellious, defiant, insubordinate, stubborn, wild |
| Pessimistic | optimistic, hopeful, positive, confident, cheerful, bright      |
| Quarrelsome | peaceful, friendly, calm, agreeable, amiable, harmonious        |
| Robust      | weak, fragile, feeble, frail, delicate, infirm                  |

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

- 1. Instruction:** Pick the most suitable antonym for the given word.

What is the antonym of “Idle”?

- (A) Lazy                      (B) Busy                      (C) Still                      (D) Passive

2. **Instruction: Select the most appropriate antonym.**  
What is the antonym of “Gloomy”?  
(A) Bright (B) Dark (C) Cloudy (D) Sad
3. **Instruction: Choose the correct antonym for the following word.**  
What is the antonym of “Humble”?  
(A) Modest (B) Proud (C) Simple (D) Kind
4. **Instruction: Pick the best antonym from the given choices.**  
What is the antonym of “Victory”?  
(A) Conquest (B) Defeat (C) Success (D) Glory
5. **Instruction: Select the antonym of the given word.**  
What is the antonym of “Confident”?  
(A) Bold (B) Shy (C) Assured (D) Fearless
6. **Instruction: Identify the opposite of the word provided.**  
What is the antonym of “Expand”?  
(A) Spread (B) Grow (C) Shrink (D) Widen
7. **Instruction: Choose the correct antonym from the options below.**  
What is the antonym of “Passive”?  
(A) Active (B) Inactive (C) Still (D) Quiet
8. **Instruction: Pick the word that means the opposite of the one given.**  
What is the antonym of “Abundant”?  
(A) Plentiful (B) Scarce (C) Overflowing (D) Excessive
9. **Instruction: Identify the antonym from the given list.**  
What is the antonym of “Encourage”?  
(A) Motivate (B) Inspire (C) Discourage (D) Support
10. **Instruction: Select the word that is the antonym of the one provided.**  
What is the antonym of “Construct”?  
(A) Build (B) Destroy (C) Create (D) Develop

## ANSWER KEY

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| 1. (B) | 2. (A) | 3. (B) | 4. (B) | 5. (B) | 6. (C) | 7. (A) | 8. (B) | 9. (C) | 10. (B) |
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# SYNONYMS



## DEFINITION

A synonym is a word or phrase that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word in the same language.

| Word              | Synonyms                                                          |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Quell</b>      | Suppress, Crush, Defeat, Subdue, Conquer, Overcome                |
| <b>Resilient</b>  | Strong, Tough, Flexible, Hardy, Durable, Adaptable                |
| <b>Scrutinize</b> | Examine, Inspect, Analyze, Investigate, Review, Study             |
| <b>Tedious</b>    | Boring, Dull, Monotonous, Tiresome, Repetitive, Wearisome         |
| <b>Unanimous</b>  | Agreed, United, Undivided, Consentient, Unified, Harmonious       |
| <b>Valiant</b>    | Brave, Heroic, Courageous, Bold, Gallant, Daring                  |
| <b>Wary</b>       | Cautious, Careful, Alert, Watchful, Suspicious, Vigilant          |
| <b>Yearn</b>      | Long, Desire, Crave, Pine, Ache, Hanker                           |
| <b>Zealous</b>    | Enthusiastic, Passionate, Fervent, Devoted, Ardent, Eager         |
| <b>Astute</b>     | Clever, Sharp, Intelligent, Shrewd, Perceptive, Insightful        |
| <b>Blatant</b>    | Obvious, Glaring, Conspicuous, Flagrant, Outright, Evident        |
| <b>Concur</b>     | Agree, Consent, Approve, Assent, Harmonize, Accept                |
| <b>Deride</b>     | Mock, Ridicule, Scorn, Taunt, Jeer, Belittle                      |
| <b>Elusive</b>    | Evasive, Slippery, Mysterious, Obscure, Ambiguous, Indefinable    |
| <b>Frugal</b>     | Economical, Thrifty, Prudent, Saving, Modest, Sparing             |
| <b>Gluttonous</b> | Greedy, Voracious, Ravenous, Insatiable, Overindulgent, Devouring |
| <b>Haughty</b>    | Arrogant, Proud, Conceited, Snobbish, Disdainful, Overbearing     |
| <b>Illicit</b>    | Illegal, Unlawful, Forbidden, Prohibited, Criminal, Unauthorized  |
| <b>Jaded</b>      | Weary, Tired, Bored, Fed up, Overused, Cynical                    |
| <b>Kindle</b>     | Ignite, Light, Spark, Arouse, Stimulate, Inspire                  |

## PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. **Instruction:** Select the most suitable synonym for the given word.

Choose the synonym for “Jubilant”

- (A) Sorrowful      (B) Joyful      (C) Depressed      (D) Gloomy

2. **Instruction: Select the most suitable synonym for the given word.**  
**Choose the synonym for “Luminous”**  
 (A) Dull (B) Bright (C) Dark (D) Dim
3. **Instruction: Select the most suitable synonym for the given word.**  
**Choose the synonym for “Notorious”**  
 (A) Famous (B) Infamous (C) Unknown (D) Respectable
4. **Instruction: Select the most suitable synonym for the given word.**  
**Choose the synonym for “Peculiar”**  
 (A) Ordinary (B) Strange (C) Normal (D) Common
5. **Instruction: Select the most suitable synonym for the given word.**  
**Choose the synonym for “Serene”**  
 (A) Chaotic (B) Peaceful (C) Noisy (D) Disturbed
6. **Instruction: Choose the correct synonym of the word “Abrupt” from the options given below.**  
**Which of the following is a synonym for “Abrupt”?**  
 (A) Gradual (B) Sudden (C) Slow (D) Expected
7. **Instruction: Identify the synonym of the word “Affluent” from the options below.**  
**Which of the following is a synonym for “Affluent”?**  
 (A) Poor (B) Wealthy (C) Needy (D) Miserable
8. **Instruction: Select the option that best replaces the word “Benevolent” with its synonym.**  
**Which of the following is a synonym for “Benevolent”?**  
 (A) Kind (B) Selfish (C) Cruel (D) Unkind
9. **Instruction: Choose the word that has a similar meaning to “Comprehend.”**  
**Which of the following is a synonym for “Comprehend”?**  
 (A) Forget (B) Understand (C) Ignore (D) Dismiss
10. **Instruction: Identify the correct synonym of the word “Conceal.”**  
**Which of the following is a synonym for “Conceal”?**  
 (A) Reveal (B) Hide (C) Show (D) Disclose

## ANSWER KEY

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| 1. (B) | 2. (B) | 3. (B) | 4. (B) | 5. (B) | 6. (B) | 7. (A) | 8. (B) | 9. (B) | 10. (B) |
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