

## One Word Substitution

Substitution is also a variant of vocabulary test. In this test, you are required to use one word for a sentence or a part of a sentence. There are certain specific words that stand for a group of words or indicate a place, a situation or state of mind. In fact, substitution plays a great role in achieving brevity of speech and writing. To communicate effectively in minimum time it is very important to acquire knowledge in this area, it also enhances the proficiency of the language. Thus, this art helps you adjust to the contemporary situation. You can master it by the usual process of learning it and committing it to memory by constant use and rigorous practice.

### Some Substitutes:

1. One who looks at the bright side of things - *Optimist*
2. One who looks at the dark side of things - *Pessimist*
3. One who does not believe in God - *Atheist*
4. One who believes in God - *Theist*
5. One who knows everything - *Omniscient*
6. One who is present everywhere - *Omnipresent*
7. One who is all powerful - *Omnipotent*
8. One who cannot read and write - *Illiterate*
9. One who loves mankind - *Philanthropist*
10. One who hates mankind - *Misanthropist*
11. One who is out to destroy the government - *Anarchist*
12. One who eats human flesh - *Cannibal*
13. One who lives on flesh - *Carnivorous*
14. One who lives at the same time - *Contemporary*
15. One who is eighty years old - *Octogenarian*
16. One for whom the world is a home - *Cosmopolitan*
17. One who is indifferent to pain and pleasure - *Stoic*

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| 18. One who champions the cause of women<br>- <b><i>Feminist</i></b>      | 32. One who compiles a dictionary<br>- <b><i>Lexicographer</i></b>                        |
| 19. One who is given to pleasures of the flesh<br>- <b><i>Epicure</i></b> | 33. One who retires from society to live a solitary life<br>- <b><i>Recluse</i></b>       |
| 20. One that lives on others<br>- <b><i>Parasite</i></b>                  | 34. One who has special skill in judging art, music, etc.<br>- <b><i>Connoisseur</i></b>  |
| 21. One who is sympathetic to mankind<br>- <b><i>Humanitarian</i></b>     | 35. One who is devoted to the pleasures of eating and drinking<br>- <b><i>Epicure</i></b> |
| 22. One who walks on foot<br>- <b><i>Pedestrian</i></b>                   | 36. Liable to catch fire easily<br>- <b><i>Inflammable</i></b>                            |
| 23. One who studies things of the past<br>- <b><i>Antiquarian</i></b>     | 37. That which can be carried<br>- <b><i>Portable</i></b>                                 |
| 24. One who is gifted with several talents<br>- <b><i>Versatile</i></b>   | 38. Incapable of being corrected<br>- <b><i>Incorrigible</i></b>                          |
| 25. One who is new to a profession<br>- <b><i>Novice</i></b>              | 39. The animals of a certain region<br>- <b><i>Fauna</i></b>                              |
| 26. One who settles in another country<br>- <b><i>Immigrant</i></b>       | 40. The plants and vegetation of a region<br>- <b><i>Incombustible</i></b>                |
| 27. One who knows many languages<br>- <b><i>Polyglot</i></b>              | 41. An instrument for seeing distant things<br>- <b><i>Telescope</i></b>                  |
| 28. One who carves in stones<br>- <b><i>Sculptor</i></b>                  | 42. A disease that ends in death<br>- <b><i>Fatal</i></b>                                 |
| 29. One who cures eye diseases<br>- <b><i>Oculist</i></b>                 | 43. A person suffering from nervous breakdown<br>- <b><i>Neurotic</i></b>                 |
| 30. One who collects postage stamps<br>- <b><i>Philatelist</i></b>        | 44. A book or paper written by hand<br>- <b><i>Manuscript</i></b>                         |
| 31. One who mends shoes<br>- <b><i>Cobbler</i></b>                        |   |

45. A word no longer in use  
- **Obsolete**
46. An instrument for detecting earthquakes  
- **Seismograph**
47. An instrument for measuring gases  
- **Manometer**
48. The property left to someone by a will  
- **Legacy**
49. Promise given by a prisoner not to escape  
- **Parole**
50. An exaggerated statement  
- **Hyperbole**
51. A nation that goes to war  
- **Belligerent**
52. A person who lives in a foreign country  
- **Alien**
53. A list of things to be discussed at a meeting  
- **Agenda**
54. One who is complete self-satisfied  
- **Complacent**
55. Simple and easily deceived  
- **Gullible**
56. One who has delusions of one's grandeur  
- **Megalomaniac**
57. One who is chivalrous, idealistic and unpractical  
- **Quixotic**
58. One who gets pleasure in others' trouble and pain  
- **Sadistic**
59. The tendency to postpone things for future  
- **Procrastination**
60. One who is interested in the welfare of other people  
- **Altruist**
61. One who believes in keeping things as they are  
- **Conservative**
62. Understanding without the interference of feelings  
- **Empathy**
63. An embarrassing mistake  
- **A faux pass**
64. A medley or heterogeneous mixture of great variety  
- **Potpourri**
65. A washing or cleansing of the body especially in a religious ceremony  
- **Ablution**
66. A legal defence by which an accused person tries to show that he was somewhere else when the crime was committed  
- **Alibi**
67. A speech uttered by one person  
- **Monologue**
68. Mental derangement confined to one idea  
- **Monomania**
69. Exclusive possession or control of any one thing  
- **Monopoly**

70. The group, especially in the arts, regarded as being the most experimental - **Avantgarde**
71. A connoisseur of food and drink - **Gourmet**
72. A person or thing that goes before and announces the coming of something - **Harbinger**
73. An odd, atypical or eccentric train - **Idiosyncrasy**
74. Not planned ahead of time - **Impromptu**
75. To compensate a person, etc., for loss or damage - **Indigenous**
76. A time between periods or events - **Interim**
77. A plan for or the route to be followed on a journey - **Itinerary**
78. A group of persons who band together for some secret purpose, especially for political intrigue - **Junta**
79. A short journey for pleasure - **Jaunt**
80. A swiftly changing scene or pattern - **Kaleidoscope**

## Examples

1. I was sure that he would bear hand in my new enterprise?  
a) Interfere                      b) Join  
c) Assist                              d) Rejoice  
Here the answer is (c) **Assist**. Assist stands for the group of words, bear a hand.
2. I cleared off all my debts with the large money paid to me on retirement?  
a) Golden handshake  
b) Gold mine  
c) Lion's share  
d) Windfall  
The answer is (b), **Golden handshake**. This expression stands for the underlined word.
3. That which makes it difficult to recognizes the presence or real nature of somebody or something?  
a) Cover                              b) Camouflage  
c) Pretence                              d) Mask  
Here the answer is (b), **Camouflage**, because this word stands for the whole sentence.
4. A Place where animals are kept?  
a) Zoo                                      b) Aviary  
c) Museum                              d) Sanctuary

Here the answer is (a), **Zoo** because a place where the animals are kept is known as a zoo.

5. A place where gambling is practiced?

a) Hotel                      b) Casino  
c) Restaurant              d) Theatre

The answer is (B), **Casino**.

6. A house where an Eskimo lives?

a) Tent                        b) Igloo  
c) Mint                        d) Hamlet

Here the answer is (B), **Igloo**

7. One who is unable to pay one's debt?

a) Bankrupt                  b) Borrower  
c) Loaner                      d) Obligated

The answer is (a), **Bankrupt**. Because this word indicates the economic situation of the man concerned.

8. The plants and vegetation of a region?

a) Fauna                      b) Flora  
c) Landscape                d) Climate

The answer is (b) **Flora**, as this word indicates the vegetation of the concerned area.

9. The period between two reigns?

a) Interregnum              b) Gap

c) Anachronism              d) Stasis

The answer is (a), **Interregnum**, because this word indicates the political situation of a country.

10. One who hates mankind?

a) Misanthrope              b) Gap  
c) Lover                        d) Hater

The answer is (a) **Misanthrope**, because this word indicates the mention state of mind.

11. One who believes in God?

a) Atheist                      b) Theist  
c) Moral                        d) Immoral

The answer is (B), **Theist**.

12. A man who hates marriage?

a) Polyandrous              b) Bigot  
c) Misogamist                d) Widower

The answer is (c), **Misogamist**.

13. A person who collects coins?

a) Pessimist                  b) Numismatist  
c) Philatelist                 d) Philanthropist

The answer is (b), **Numismatist**.

14. The murder of king?

a) Regicide                    b) Murder  
c) Suicide                      d) Insecticide

The answer is (a), **Regicide**.

15. Fear of strangers?

a) Hydrophobia  
b) Photophobia

c) Xenophobia

d) Gynophobia

The answer is (c), **Xenophobia**

16. Study of the origin of words?

a) Sociology    b) Etymology

c) Grammar    d) Lexical

The answer is (b), **Etymology**

17. Belief that there is only one god?

a) Psychology    b) Monotheism

c) Cynicism    d) Phonology

The answer is (b), **Monotheism**

18. Able to live both on land and in water?

a) Amphibian    b) Aquatic

c) Hydrophytes    d) Marine

The answer is (a), **Amphibian**

19. Information of death given in newspaper with a brief history?

a) Condolence    b) Obituary

c) Sympathy    d) Empathy

The answer is (b), **Obituary**

20. A building where dead bodies are kept before burial?

a) Mortuary    b) Cemetery

c) Cenotaph    d) Epitaph

The answer is (a), **Mortuary**.