

## Synonyms

### A

Abandon	=	Discard, Vacate
Abdicate	=	Renounce
Abhor	=	Hate, Loathe
Abide	=	Endure
Abnegation	=	Self denial
Abortive	=	Unsuccessful, Futile
Abrade	=	Wear off
Abrogate	=	Abolish
Absolve	=	Forgive
Abundance	=	Wealth
Accede	=	Consent
Accolade	=	Praise
Accomplice	=	Abettor
Acumen	=	Cleverness
Adequate	=	Sufficient
Admit	=	Confess
Adversity	=	Misfortune
Aegis	=	Sponsorship
Affable	=	Friendly, Amicable
Affect	=	Cultivate
Affluent	=	Rich, Prosperous
Allegations	=	Charges
Alleviate	=	Lightened
Allure	=	Entice, Fascinate
Ambiguous	=	Confusing
Ameliorate	=	Improve
Amenable	=	Agreeable, Favorable
Amicable	=	Friendly
Annihilate	=	Destroy

Apogee	=	Climax
Apologist	=	Defender
Apothegm	=	Adage
Applaud	=	Praise
Appoint	=	Nominate
Apportion	=	Divide
Apprehension	=	Fear
Approbation	=	Approval
Apropos	=	Opportune
Aptitude	=	Natural ability
Archaic	=	Ancient, Outdated
Arid	=	Dry
Arrogant	=	Haughty, Proud
Ascend	=	Mount
Ascending	=	Rising
Assiduous	=	Hardworking, Diligent
Assimilate	=	Absorb
Astute	=	Shrewd
Audacity	=	Boldness
Auspicious	=	Favorable
Aver	=	State
Awful	=	Dreadful

### B

Baffle	=	Foiled
Banish	=	Exile
Banquet	=	Feast
Barter	=	Exchange
Bashful	=	Timid, Shy
Be sized	=	Destroyed
Beneficial	=	Advantageous
Benevolence	=	Kindness
Benevolent	=	Generous, Kind

Bespoke	=	Tailored
Bilateral	=	Reciprocal
Bluster	=	Anger
Bogus	=	False, Fake
Brazen	=	Shameless
Bristle	=	Seethe
Brutality	=	Ruthlessness
Buffet	=	Strike

**C**

Calamity	=	Disaster
Callous	=	Unfeeling
Calumny	=	Slander
Candid	=	Frank, Out spoken
Candid	=	Straight Forward
Capitulate	=	Surrender
Capricious	=	Unpredictable, Uncertain
Castigate	=	Criticize, Chastise, Punishment
Catalogue	=	List
Catastrophe	=	Disaster
Ceremonial	=	Formal
Chaotic	=	Disorderly
Charisma	=	Charm
Chaste	=	Pure, Virgin
Chimera	=	Illusion
Chronic	=	Persistent
Clemency	=	Mercy, Forgiveness
Clue	=	Hint
Coalition	=	Alliance
Colossal	=	Enormous
Colossus	=	Towering

Combat	=	Fight
Come round	=	Recover
Command	=	Instruct
Commiserate	=	Sympathies
Complacent	=	Self-satisfied
Complement	=	To Complete
Conciliate	=	Appease
Concise	=	Brief
Confirm	=	Verify
Congregate	=	Gather
Conscientious	=	Careful
Console	=	Comfort
Consolidate	=	Unite
Construe	=	Interpret
Contiguous	=	Adjoining
Convivial	=	Cheerful
Corner	=	Trap
Corroborate	=	Confirmed
Courteous	=	Polite
Covetous	=	Greedy
Coward	=	Renegade
Coy	=	Shy
Coy	=	Sweet
Crazy	=	Mad, Insane
Credentials	=	Trustworthiness
Credible	=	Believable
Crucial	=	Critical, Decisive
Culmination	=	Realization
Curry	=	Flatter
Curtail	=	Shorten
Custom	=	Habit

**D**

Dainty	=	Tasteful
Debacle	=	Collapse
Decadent	=	Declining

Decimate	=	Destroy
Decorum	=	Etiquette
Decrepitude	=	Feebleness, Weakness
Defection	=	Desertion
Defer	=	Postpone, Adjourn
Deference	=	Respect
Deferential	=	Respectful
Deft	=	Skilful
Deify	=	Worship
Delectable	=	Delightful
Delegate	=	Representative
Delineate	=	Portray
Demise	=	Death
Deplete	=	Exhaust
Deplorable	=	lamentable, Regrettable
Derelict	=	Careless
Dereliction	=	Abandon
Destitute	=	Extremely Poor
Destitution	=	Poverty
Detest	=	Hate
Detrimental	=	Harmful
Deviate	=	Differ
Diffident	=	Shy
Diffuse	=	Scatter
Dilate	=	Widen
Dilemma	=	Confusion
Diligent	=	Hard-working
Diligent	=	Industrious
Dire	=	Urgent
Discrete	=	Distinct
Discrimination	=	Good judgment
Disdain	=	Contempt
Dispassionate	=	Impartial
Dissipate	=	Scatter, Waste

Distinction	=	Different
Distort	=	Deform
Doleful	=	Mournful
Dormant	=	Inactive
Drizzle	=	Sprinkle
Drowsy	=	Sleepy
Drudgery	=	Labour
Dubious	=	Doubtful
Dulcet	=	Sweet
Duplication	=	Copying
Dynamic	=	Active

**E**

Eccentric	=	Peculiar
Edge	=	Force
Edict	=	Essence
Educe	=	Elicit
Elastic	=	Flexible
Elevate	=	Hoist
Elucidate	=	Explain
Elude	=	Escape
Emancipate	=	Liberate, Free
Eminent	=	Well known
Emulate	=	Imitate
Enchant	=	Fascinate, Charm
Encomium	=	Praise
Enigma	=	My story, Puzzle
Entangle	=	Involve
Enthusiasm	=	Zeal
Entreat	=	Request
Envious	=	Jealous
Epitome	=	Essence
Equanimity	=	Calm
Equanimity	=	Composure

Eradicate	=	Eliminate, Uproot
Erratic	=	Irregular
Erroneously	=	Wrongly
Error	=	Blunder
Erudite	=	Learned, Scholarly
Eulogy	=	Praise
Evolve	=	Develop
Exclusive	=	Sole
Exhaustive	=	Comprehensive
Exhort	=	Urge
Exigent	=	Urgent
Exile	=	Expatriation
Exonerate	=	Declared Innocent
Exonerate	=	Acquit, Release
Exorbitant	=	Excessive
Expertise	=	Mastery
Expiation	=	Atonement
Explication	=	Explanation
Explicit	=	Clear
Exploit	=	Feat
Explore	=	Examine
Expose	=	Reveal
Expostulate	=	Protest
Extinct	=	Non-existent
Extol	=	Praise
Extraneous	=	Irrelevant
Extravagant	=	Lavish
Extravaganza	=	Spectacular show
Extrovert	=	Talkative
Exultant	=	Jubilant
<b>F</b>		
Fable	=	Tale

Facile	=	Easy
Fallacious	=	Misleading
Fanaticism	=	Bigotry
Feeble	=	Helpless, Infirm
Ferry	=	Transport
Fertile	=	Fruitful
Fervor	=	Intensity, Passion
Feud	=	Argument, Dispute
Filth	=	Dirt, Squalor
Foray	=	Maraud
Foul	=	Dirty
Frivolous	=	Inconsequential, Trivial
Frugal	=	Prudent, Saving
Frugality	=	Economy
<b>G</b>		
Gambit	=	Trick
Garnish	=	Adorn
Genial	=	Kind
Germane	=	Relevant
Goad	=	Provoke, Badger
Glib	=	Smooth
Gratify	=	Pacify
Greed	=	Avarice, Longing
Grumble	=	Grouse
Guile	=	Cunning, Deceit
Gullible	=	Credulous, Unsuspecting
<b>H</b>		
Harbinger	=	Forerunner
Hinder	=	Check

**I**

Impetuous	=	Rash
Indict	=	Accuse
Insolvent	=	Bankrupt
Intimidate	=	Bluff
Invidious	=	Unpopular

**K**

Kin	=	Relative
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**L**

Lament	=	Complain
Laud	=	Praise
Lucidity	=	Clarity
Lynch	=	Kill

**M**

Massacre	=	Slaughter
Mendacious	=	False
Mirth	=	Merriment
Nemesis	=	Punishment
Niggard	=	Miser

**O**

Obfuscate	=	Confuse
Obligatory	=	Required
Obscene	=	Indecent
Obverse	=	Opposite
Overstrung	=	Sensitive

**P**

Pertinacious	=	Determined
Pilfer	=	Steal
Pious	=	Devout
Pivotal	=	Crucial
Predict	=	Foretell

Prognosis	=	Forecast
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**R**

Range	=	Expanse
Resilient	=	Flexible
Restraint	=	Restriction
Revise	=	Alter
Ribald	=	Vulgar

**S**

Sanguine	=	Hopeful
Serene	=	Calm
Staid	=	Sedate
Sterile	=	Barren
Stringent	=	Strict
Stubborn	=	Obstinate

**T**

Taciturnity	=	Reserve
Tedious	=	Tiresome
Terrific	=	Excellent
Triumph	=	Victory
Tyranny	=	Cruelty

**U**

Uncouth	=	Rough
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**V**

Vent	=	Opening
Vestige	=	Evidence
Voracious	=	Greedy

**W**

Wary	=	vigilant
Whim	=	Fancy

**Z**

Zest = Gusto

### Practice Test

Select the word or group of words that is most similar in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. **BEMOAN**

- a) Lament
- b) Pacify
- c) Request
- d) Imagine

2. **PROSAIC**

- a) Dull and ordinary
- b) Slow and steady
- c) Grand
- d) Precious

3. **ELOQUENT**

- a) Ambiguous
- b) Graceful
- c) Fluent
- d) Productive

4. **FRAIL**

- a) Astute
- b) Delicate
- c) Foolish
- d) Immature

5. **DERELICT**

- a) Derogatory
- b) Depressing
- c) Ramshackle
- d) Sluggish

6. **INJUNCTION**

- a) Embargo
- b) Injustice
- c) Ruling
- d) Reproach

7. **IMPLORE**

- a) Entreat
- b) Put into Practice
- c) Interfere

d) Transmit

8. **GROTESQUE**

- a) Boring
- b) Gripping
- c) Monstrous
- d) Obnoxious

9. **PERTINENT**

- a) Dependable
- b) Relevant
- c) Remarkable
- d) Sensible

10. **ESCALATE**

- a) Rise
- b) Diminish
- c) Roll on
- d) Spiral

11. **FLIPPANT**

- a) Disrespectful
- b) Polite
- c) Serious
- d) Wrong

12. **ALACRITY**

- a) Cleanliness
- b) Cleverness
- c) Eagerness
- d) Reluctance

13. **BLEMISHES**

- a) Qualities
- b) Faults
- c) Bruises
- d) Vices

14. **INCESSANT**

- a) Uncertain
- b) Ceaseless
- c) Unshaken
- d) Successive

15. **CRYPTIC**

- a) Elaborate
- b) Obscure
- c) A warning
- d) Cautionary

16. **CLEMENCY**

- a) Harshness
- b) Mercy
- c) Stiffness
- d) Seriousness

**17. ABOMINABLE**

- a) Disgusting
- b) Lovable
- c) Abusive
- d) Undisciplined

**18. SCOWL**

- a) Scar
- b) Frown
- c) Pimple
- d) Smile

**19. EXONERATE**

- a) Absolve
- b) Implicate
- c) Exempt
- d) Entangle

**20. ARRAIGN**

- a) Punish
- b) Pardon
- c) Summon
- d) Indict

**21. SKIRMISH**

- a) Fight
- b) Contact
- c) Enmity
- d) Relations

**22. GAUCHE**

- a) Vain
- b) Tactless
- c) Rich
- d) Polished

**23. ABORTIVE**

- a) Futile
- b) Unyielding
- c) Effective
- d) Methodical

**24. SALUBRIOUS**

- a) Healthy
- b) Outdoor
- c) Spacious
- d) Luxurious

**25. CANTANKEROUS**

- a) Talkative
- b) Aggressive
- c) Quarrelsome
- d) Obedient

**26. REMOTE**

- a) Automatic
- b) Distant
- c) Savage
- d) Mean

**27. DETEST**

- a) Argue
- b) Hate
- c) Discover
- d) Reveal

**28. GRACIOUS**

- a) Pretty
- b) Clever
- c) Pleasant
- d) Present

**29. PREDICT**

- a) Foretell
- b) Decide
- c) Prevent
- d) Discover

**30. KIN**

- a) Exult
- b) twist
- c) Friend
- d) Relative

**31. PENSIVE**

- a) Oppressed
- b) Caged
- c) Thoughtful
- d) Happy

**32. BANISH**

- a) Exile
- b) Hate
- c) Fade
- d) Clean

**33. FRAUD**

- a) Malcontent
- b) Argument
- c) Imposter
- d) Clown

**34. SACCHARINE**

- a) Leave
- b) Sweet
- c) Arid
- d) Quit

**35. DRAG**

- a) Sleepy
- b) Crush
- c) Proud
- d) Pull

**36. JOVIAL**

- a) Incredulous
- b) Merry

- c) Revolting      d) Dizzy
- 37. INDIFFERENT**  
a) Neutral      b) Unkind  
c) Precious      d) Mean
- 38. SIMULATE**  
a) Excite      b) Imitate  
c) Trick      d) Apelike
- 39. CHARISMA**  
a) Ghost      b) Force  
c) Charm      d) Courage
- 40. APPORTION**  
a) Divide      b) Decide  
c) Cut      d) Squabble
- 41. GENERIC**  
a) General      b) Cheap  
c) Fresh      d) Elderly
- 42. QUALM**  
a) Distress      b) Impunity  
c) Persevere      d) Scruple
- 43. WARY**  
a) Calm      b) Curved  
c) Confused      d) Cautious
- 44. DISTORT**  
a) Wrong      b) Evil  
c) Deform      d) Harm
- 45. SUMPTUOUS**  
a) Delirious      b) Gorgeous  
c) Perilous      d) Luxurious
- 46. REEL**  
a) Whirl      b) Fish  
c) Hit      d) Mistake
- 47. INSCRUTABLE**  
a) Difficult      b) Mysterious  
c) Inflexible      d) Wary
- 48. APPALL**  
a) Delirious      b) Covered  
c) Dismay      d) Confuse
- 49. UPRIGHT**  
a) Honorable      b) Horizontal  
c) Humble      d) Supine
- 50. REVERIE**  
a) Palimpsest      b) Phantom  
c) Daydream      d) Curio
- 51. LOOT**  
a) Destruction      b) Waste  
c) Spoils      d) Cavort
- 52. LOQUACIOUS**  
a) Talkative      b) Thirsty  
c) Beautiful      d) Complicated
- 53. CHIMERA**  
a) Chimney      b) Protest  
c) Illusion      d) Panache
- 54. TEMERITY**  
a) Audacity      b) Fearfulness  
c) Shyness      d) Stupidity
- 55. EDUCE**  
a) Demand      b) Elicit  
c) Ideal      d) Unlawful
- 56. NABOB**  
a) Bigwig      b) Doubter  
c) Frolic      d) Converse
- 57. PALL**  
a) Light      b) Siate  
c) Carry      d) Horror

**58. SACROSANCT**

- a) Prayer                      b) Sanctuary  
c) Pious                        d) Sacred

**59. LOUCHE**

- a) Gauche                      b) Fine  
c) Brilliant                     d) Indecent

**60. STENTORIAN**

- a) Violent                      b) Misbegotten  
c) Loud                         d) Stealthy

**Answers**

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| 1) a  | 2) a  | 3) c  | 4) b  |
| 5) c  | 6) a  | 7) a  | 8) c  |
| 9) b  | 10) a | 11) a | 12) c |
| 13) b | 14) b | 15) b | 16) b |
| 17) a | 18) b | 19) a | 20) d |
| 21) a | 22) b | 23) a | 24) a |
| 25) c | 26) b | 27) b | 28) c |
| 29) a | 30) d | 31) c | 32) a |
| 33) c | 34) b | 35) d | 36) b |
| 37) a | 38) b | 39) c | 40) a |
| 41) a | 42) d | 43) d | 44) c |
| 45) d | 46) a | 47) b | 48) c |
| 49) a | 50) c | 51) c | 52) a |
| 53) c | 54) a | 55) b | 56) a |
| 57) b | 58) d | 59) d | 60) c |