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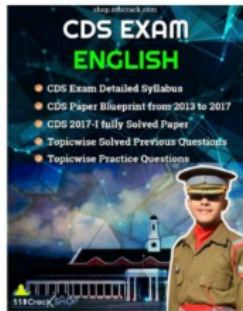
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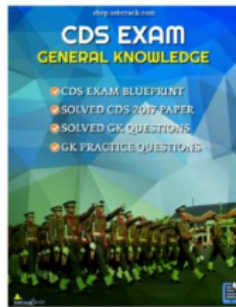
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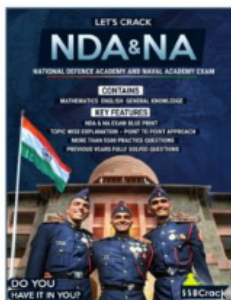
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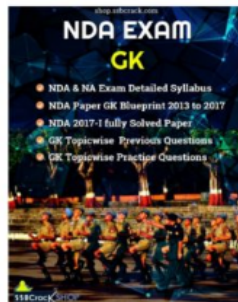
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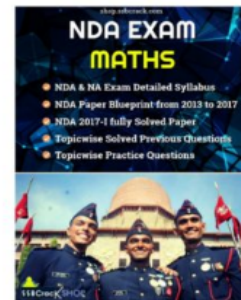


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1

Synonyms

Which of these words is closest in meaning to the word provided?

- 1.** remote
 - a. automatic
 - b. distant
 - c. savage
 - d. mean
- 2.** detest
 - a. argue
 - b. hate
 - c. discover
 - d. reveal
- 3.** gracious
 - a. pretty
 - b. clever
 - c. pleasant
 - d. present
- 4.** predict
 - a. foretell
 - b. decide
 - c. prevent
 - d. discover
- 5.** kin
 - a. exult
 - b. twist
 - c. friend
 - d. relative
- 6.** pensive
 - a. oppressed
 - b. caged
 - c. thoughtful
 - d. happy

- 7.** banish
a. exile
b. hate
c. fade
d. clean
- 8.** fraud
a. malcontent
b. argument
c. imposter
d. clown
- 9.** saccharine
a. leave
b. sweet
c. arid
d. quit
- 10.** drag
a. sleepy
b. crush
c. proud
d. pull
- 11.** jovial
a. incredulous
b. merry
c. revolting
d. dizzy
- 12.** indifferent
a. neutral
b. unkind
c. precious
d. mean
- 13.** simulate
a. excite
b. imitate
c. trick
d. apelike
- 14.** charisma
a. ghost
b. force
c. charm
d. courage
- 15.** apportion
a. divide
b. decide
c. cut
d. squabble
- 16.** generic
a. general
b. cheap
c. fresh
d. elderly
- 17.** qualm
a. distress
b. impunity
c. persevere
d. scruple
- 18.** wary
a. calm
b. curved
c. confused
d. cautious

- 19.** distort
a. wrong
b. evil
c. deform
d. harm
- 20.** sumptuous
a. delirious
b. gorgeous
c. perilous
d. luxurious
- 21.** reel
a. whirl
b. fish
c. hit
d. mistake
- 22.** inscrutable
a. difficult
b. mysterious
c. inflexible
d. wary
- 23.** appall
a. delirious
b. covered
c. dismay
d. confuse
- 24.** upright
a. honorable
b. horizontal
c. humble
d. supine
- 25.** reverie
a. palimpsest
b. phantom
c. daydream
d. curio
- 26.** loot
a. destruction
b. waste
c. spoils
d. cavort
- 27.** loquacious
a. talkative
b. thirsty
c. beautiful
d. complicated
- 28.** chimera
a. chimney
b. protest
c. illusion
d. panache
- 29.** temerity
a. audacity
b. fearfulness
c. shyness
d. stupidity
- 30.** educe
a. demand
b. elicit
c. ideal
d. unlawful

- 31.** nabob
a. bigwig
b. doubter
c. frolic
d. converse

- 32.** pall
a. light
b. satiate
c. carry
d. horror

- 33.** sacrosanct
a. prayer
b. sanctuary
c. pious
d. sacred

- 34.** louche
a. gauche
b. fine
c. brilliant
d. indecent

- 35.** stentorian
a. violent
b. misbegotten
c. loud
d. stealthy

Answers

1. b. remote means faraway, or **distant**
2. b. to detest means to feel intense or violent dislike, or to **hate**
3. c. gracious means to be **pleasant** or considerate in social interactions
4. a. to predict means to declare in advance or to **foretell**
5. d. kin means people with common ancestors, or **relatives**
6. c. pensive means moodily or dreamily **thoughtful**
7. a. to banish means to drive out from home or country, or to **exile**
8. c. a fraud is someone who is not what he or she pretends to be, or an **imposter**
9. b. saccharine means overly **sweet**
10. d. to drag is to **pull**, or to cause movement in a direction with applied force
11. b. jovial means good humored or **merry**
12. a. to be indifferent is to be marked by impartiality or to be **neutral**
13. b. to simulate is to assume the outward appearance of, or to **imitate**
14. c. charisma is magnetic **charm** or appeal
15. a. to apportion is to **divide** and share out
16. a. generic means having the characteristic of a whole group, or **general**

17. d. a qualm is a feeling of uneasiness about a moral issue, or a **scruple**
18. d. wary means to be attentive especially to danger, or to be **cautious**
19. c. to distort means to twist out of a normal state, or to **deform**
20. d. sumptuous means excessively costly, rich, or **luxurious**
21. a. one meaning of reel is to move round and round, or to **whirl**
22. b. inscrutable means not easily interpreted or understood, or **mysterious**
23. c. to appall is to overcome with shock, or to **dismay**
24. a. upright can mean either **honorable** or vertical; horizontal and supine are both antonyms of upright
25. c. a reverie means the state of being lost in thought, or a **daydream**
26. c. loot means goods seized in war, or **spoils**
27. a. loquacious means excessively **talkative**, or garrulous
28. c. a chimera is a fabrication of the mind, or an **illusion**
29. a. temerity means unreasonable contempt for danger or recklessness, or **audacity**
30. b. to educe means to develop something potential or latent; to **elicit** means to draw out something hidden or latent
31. a. a nabob is a person of great wealth or importance, or a **bigwig**
32. b. to pall can mean to deprive of pleasure in something by **satiating**

- 33. d.** sacrosanct means the most **sacred**, or holy
- 34. d.** louche means not reputable, or **indecent**
- 35. c.** stentorian means **loud** and is usually used to imply a voice of great power and range

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Antonyms

Which of these words is most nearly the opposite of the word provided?

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 36. withdraw | 39. impartial |
| a. reduce | a. hostile |
| b. need | b. biased |
| c. advance | c. dislike |
| d. want | d. worried |
| 37. secret | 40. luminous |
| a. friendly | a. clear |
| b. covert | b. dim |
| c. hidden | c. brittle |
| d. overt | d. clever |
| 38. heartfelt | 41. awe |
| a. loving | a. borrow |
| b. insincere | b. shallow |
| c. unhealthy | c. low |
| d. humorous | d. contempt |

- 42.** pit
a. group
b. peak
c. select
d. marry
- 43.** rotund
a. round
b. unimportant
c. thin
d. dull
- 44.** talent
a. ungrateful
b. silent
c. show
d. inability
- 45.** common
a. strange
b. uneasy
c. quick
d. fast
- 46.** brazen
a. bashful
b. boisterous
c. noisy
d. heated
- 47.** expect
a. attend
b. regret
c. despair
d. loathe
- 48.** malodorous
a. acrid
b. pungent
c. fragrant
d. delicious
- 49.** expound
a. besmirch
b. confuse
c. confine
d. condemn
- 50.** pique
a. value
b. gully
c. smooth
d. soothe
- 51.** abate
a. free
b. augment
c. provoke
d. wane
- 52.** dearth
a. lack
b. poverty
c. abundance
d. foreign
- 53.** peaked
a. tired
b. arrogant
c. pointy
d. ruddy

- 54.** abridge
a. shorten
b. extend
c. stress
d. easy
- 55.** kindle
a. smother
b. detest
c. enemy
d. discourage
- 56.** meager
a. kind
b. generous
c. thoughtful
d. copious
- 57.** philistine
a. novice
b. intellectual
c. pious
d. debutante
- 58.** zenith
a. worst
b. apex
c. nadir
d. past
- 59.** germane
a. irrelevant
b. indifferent
c. impartial
d. improvident
- 60.** irascible
a. determined
b. placid
c. reasonable
d. pliant
- 61.** approbate
a. ingratitude
b. condemn
c. dissatisfaction
d. master
- 62.** supercilious
a. unimportant
b. relevant
c. serious
d. meek
- 63.** improvident
a. cautious
b. fortunate
c. proven
d. intelligent
- 64.** demur
a. embrace
b. crude
c. boisterous
d. falter
- 65.** fatuous
a. crafty
b. frugal
c. sensible
d. inane

- 66.** quiescent
a. lackadaisical
b. active
c. dull
d. prescient
- 67.** sartorial
a. cheerful
b. sincere
c. inelegant
d. homespun
- 68.** sapient
a. hunched
b. strong
c. simple
d. simian
- 69.** matutinal
a. paternal
b. crepuscular
c. maritime
d. marsupial
- 70.** impecunious
a. wealthy
b. cautious
c. hungry
d. tardy

Answers

36. c. to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to **advance** is the opposite of retreat
37. d. secret means hidden or covert; **overt** means open to view
38. b. heartfelt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so **insincere** is its opposite
39. b. impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore **biased** is the opposite
40. b. luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; **dim** means dark or dull
41. d. awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; **contempt** means a lack of respect, or disdain
42. b. a pit is a hole and a **peak** is the top of a hill or mountain
43. c. rotund means rounded or plump, therefore **thin** is the opposite
44. d. a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore **inability** is the opposite
45. a. common means ordinary or familiar; **strange** means unfamiliar
46. a. brazen means to be defiant or insolent; **bashful** means to be shy or timid
47. c. to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to **despair** is to lose all hope
48. c. malodorous means to have a bad smell; **fragrant** means smelling sweet or delicate
49. b. to expound means to explain; to **confuse**, or confound, is the opposite of expound

50. d. to pique means to excite or irritate; to **soothe** means to calm
51. b. to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to **augment** means to increase
52. c. dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; **abundance** means an ample quantity, or wealth
53. d. to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be **ruddy** is to have a healthy, red complexion
54. b. to abridge means to shorten and to **extend** means to lengthen
55. a. to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to **smother** means to stifle or suppress
56. d. meager means lacking in quality or quantity; **copious** means present in large quantity, or abundant
57. b. philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an **intellectual** is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect
58. a. zenith means the highest point or the apex; **nadir** means the lowest point
59. a. germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore **irrelevant** is the opposite
60. b. irascible means easily angered; **placid** means calm or serene
61. b. to approbate means to approve or sanction; to **condemn** means to declare wrong or to convict
62. d. supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; **meek** means enduring injury with patience and without resentment
63. a. improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; **cautious** means to be wary or to exercise forethought

- 64. a.** to demur means to delay or hesitate; to **embrace** means to accept readily or gladly; demure means coy
- 65. c.** fatuous means inanely foolish; **sensible** is its nearest opposite
- 66. b.** quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore **active** is the opposite
- 67. a.** sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; **homespun** means homemade
- 68. c.** sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of **simple** is deficient in intelligence
- 69. b.** matutinal means of or relating to the morning; **crepuscular** means relating to or resembling twilight
- 70. a.** impecunious means having little or no money, therefore **wealthy** is the opposite

3

Synonyms

Select the word that most nearly means the word provided.

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 71. modest most nearly means | 74. hustle most nearly means |
| a. attractive | a. dance |
| b. clever | b. hurry |
| c. current | c. busy |
| d. humble | d. clean |
| 72. custom most nearly means | 75. solemn most nearly means |
| a. dessert | a. amusing |
| b. habit | b. harmful |
| c. ethic | c. speech |
| d. deliver | d. serious |
| 73. prolong most nearly means | 76. imply most nearly means |
| a. extend | a. suggest |
| b. inquire | b. stab |
| c. relax | c. thick |
| d. wait | d. destroy |

- 77.** ramble most nearly means
a. knot
b. confuse
c. wander
d. wonder
- 78.** beneficial most nearly means
a. help
b. advantageous
c. charity
d. wise
- 79.** flare most nearly means
a. judicial
b. temper
c. style
d. blaze
- 80.** negligent most nearly means
a. pajamas
b. morbid
c. careless
d. dark
- 81.** aloof most nearly means
a. above
b. tidy
c. clever
d. reserved
- 82.** resolve most nearly means
a. turn
b. puzzle
c. decide
d. want
- 83.** congregate most nearly means
a. worship
b. gather
c. disturb
d. hurry
- 84.** utter most nearly means
a. express
b. defer
c. borrow
d. laugh
- 85.** fearless most nearly means
a. powerful
b. cowardly
c. brave
d. careful
- 86.** negligible most nearly means
a. insignificant
b. arguable
c. careless
d. dark
- 87.** placid most nearly means
a. calm
b. lazy
c. solemn
d. devious
- 88.** rake most nearly means
a. thin
b. scoundrel
c. gentleman
d. shovel

- 89.** dupe most nearly means
a. rancher
b. trick
c. simpleton
d. drug
- 90.** stigma most nearly means
a. stain
b. trial
c. difficulty
d. holiness
- 91.** reside most nearly means
a. remain
b. home
c. dwell
d. sediment
- 92.** covetous most nearly means
a. quiet
b. sneaky
c. lurking
d. greedy
- 93.** abide most nearly means
a. endure
b. hate
c. attendance
d. live
- 94.** shrewd most nearly means
a. intractable
b. mean
c. astute
d. intelligent
- 95.** fetter most nearly means
a. rancid
b. praise
c. hamper
d. persist
- 96.** flagrant most nearly means
a. vibrant
b. glaring
c. vicious
d. pleasant
- 97.** mitigate most nearly means
a. relieve
b. blend
c. defend
d. confuse
- 98.** rail most nearly means
a. scold
b. push
c. try
d. punish
- 99.** meld most nearly means
a. character
b. distinction
c. blend
d. firmness
- 100.** rally most nearly means
a. demonstrate
b. muster
c. course
d. truly

- 101.** abject most nearly means
a. indigent
b. desire
c. despondent
d. extreme
- 102.** bespoke most nearly means
a. gentle
b. quiet
c. tailored
d. handsome
- 103.** diffident most nearly means
a. apathetic
b. shy
c. arrogant
d. quarrelsome
- 104.** proffer most nearly means
a. mendicant
b. wastrel
c. predict
d. tender
- 105.** mordant most nearly means
a. dead
b. gruesome
c. fetid
d. caustic
- 106.** churlish most nearly means
a. childish
b. boorish
c. tempestuous
d. disorderly
- 107.** antediluvian most nearly means
a. antiquated
b. parched
c. nonsectarian
d. nonsensical
- 108.** picayune most nearly means
a. petty
b. spicy
c. paltry
d. southern
- 109.** smite most nearly means
a. flee
b. speck
c. dirt
d. strike
- 110.** winnow most nearly means
a. carve
b. wind
c. weed
d. carry

Answers

- 71. d.** modest means to be free of conceit or pretension, or **humble**
- 72. b.** a custom means a long-established practice, or a **habit**
- 73. a.** to prolong means to lengthen in time, or to **extend**
- 74. b.** to hustle means to **hurry**
- 75. d.** solemn means marked by grave sobriety, or **serious**
- 76. a.** to imply means to express indirectly, or to **suggest**
- 77. c.** to ramble means to move aimlessly from place to place, or to **wander**
- 78. b.** beneficial means causing benefit, or **advantageous**
- 79. d.** flare means a fire or **blaze** used to signal; flair means talent or style
- 80. c.** negligent means marked by neglect, or **careless**
- 81. d.** aloof means distant in feeling, or **reserved**
- 82. c.** one meaning of resolve is to **decide**, often to stop from doing something
- 83. b.** to congregate means to **gather** in a group
- 84. a.** to utter means to **express** in words
- 85. c.** fearless means lacking fear, or **brave**
- 86. a.** negligible means so small or **insignificant** as to deserve little attention
- 87. a.** placid means free of disturbance, or **calm**

- 88.** b. a rake is a dissolute person, or a **scoundrel**
- 89.** b. to dupe means to deceive or to **trick**
- 90.** a. stigma means a mark of shame or discredit, or a **stain**
- 91.** c. to reside means to occupy a place as one's home, or to **dwell**
- 92.** d. covetous means having an inordinate desire for wealth, or **greedy**
- 93.** a. to abide means to **endure** without yielding, or to withstand
- 94.** c. shrewd means marked by clever awareness, or **astute**
- 95.** c. to fetter means to **hamper**, or to restrain
- 96.** b. flagrant means obviously wrong or immoral; **glaring** means painfully obvious
- 97.** a. mitigate means to make less severe or painful, or to **relieve**
- 98.** a. to rail means to **scold** in harsh, abusive language
- 99.** c. to meld means to merge or to **blend**
- 100.** b. to rally means to arouse for action, or to **muster**
- 101.** c. abject means cast down in spirit, or utterly hopeless; **despondent** means having lost all hope
- 102.** c. bespoke means custom-made; **tailored** also means custom-made
- 103.** b. diffident means **shy** or lacking in confidence
- 104.** d. to proffer means to put something forward for acceptance, or to **tender**

- 105. d.** mordant means biting or **caustic** in means or speech
- 106. b.** churlish means resembling an ill-bred or vulgar person, or **boorish**
- 107. a.** antediluvian means so ancient that it could have come before the time of the flood and Noah's ark, or **antiquated**
- 108. c.** picayune means trivial or of little value; **paltry** means trivial or meager
- 109. d.** smite means to **strike** heavily especially with the hand
- 110. c.** to winnow means to sift or get rid of, like **weed**, it is often used with "out"

4

Antonyms

Select the word that is most opposite to the word provided.

- 111.** detain is most opposite to
a. release
b. silence
c. forget
d. prosper
- 112.** famous is most opposite to
a. boring
b. poor
c. obscure
d. untalented
- 113.** colossal is most opposite to
a. easy
b. tiny
c. graceful
d. roof
- 114.** fluid is most opposite to
a. solid
b. liquid
c. afraid
d. decent
- 115.** continue is most opposite to
a. curve
b. argue
c. carry
d. pause
- 116.** labor is most opposite to
a. amuse
b. cat
c. rest
d. strive

- 117.** brawny is most opposite to
a. swift
b. weak
c. strong
d. pale
- 118.** fickle is most opposite to
a. steady
b. kind
c. please
d. finagle
- 119.** inept is most opposite to
a. clumsy
b. infer
c. competent
d. foolish
- 120.** pivotal is most opposite to
a. turning
b. wavy
c. unimportant
d. clear
- 121.** cursed is most opposite to
a. swore
b. pious
c. unfortunate
d. lucky
- 122.** candid is most opposite to
a. unkind
b. blunt
c. valid
d. dishonest
- 123.** flaunt is most opposite to
a. regard
b. sink
c. hide
d. propose
- 124.** heal is most opposite to
a. sew
b. foot
c. good
d. maim
- 125.** pacify is most opposite to
a. excite
b. land
c. coddle
d. unhand
- 126.** sullen is most opposite to
a. dirty
b. cheerful
c. clean
d. risen
- 127.** assure is most opposite to
a. alarm
b. reassure
c. quiet
d. unsure
- 128.** fallacious is most opposite to
a. perfect
b. truthful
c. accidental
d. disarming

- 129.** gumption is most opposite to
 a. seriousness
 b. apathy
 c. levity
 d. despair
- 130.** ecstasy is most opposite to
 a. hate
 b. agony
 c. languor
 d. fatigue
- 131.** astute is most opposite to
 a. distraught
 b. careful
 c. generous
 d. gullible
- 132.** winsome is most opposite to
 a. dour
 b. attractive
 c. mysterious
 d. clever
- 133.** droll is most opposite to
 a. forget
 b. charm
 c. sedate
 d. absurd
- 134.** enigmatic is most opposite to
 a. healthy
 b. watchful
 c. disastrous
 d. obvious
- 135.** obtuse is most opposite to
 a. slim
 b. acute
 c. opaque
 d. thick
- 136.** obsequious is most opposite to
 a. clear
 b. clever
 c. domineering
 d. dandified
- 137.** doleful is most opposite to
 a. empty
 b. rich
 c. witty
 d. vivacious
- 138.** wanton is most opposite to
 a. merciful
 b. repast
 c. brilliant
 d. vicious
- 139.** banal is most opposite to
 a. sincere
 b. wealthy
 c. extraordinary
 d. trustworthy
- 140.** lugubrious is most opposite to
 a. quick
 b. cheerful
 c. salubrious
 d. dry

- 141.** perspicacious is most opposite to
a. calm
b. easy
c. dull
d. winsome
- 142.** elan is most opposite to
a. inelegance
b. stupidity
c. obscure
d. despair
- 143.** recondite is most opposite to
a. manifest
b. flexible
c. provident
d. sociable
- 144.** gainsay is most opposite to
a. regret
b. own
c. prudent
d. prude
- 145.** effluvium is most opposite to
a. land
b. essential
c. fragrance
d. solid
- 146.** parsimony is most opposite to
a. generosity
b. sinfulness
c. verbosity
d. tenderness
- 147.** truculent is most opposite to
a. faltering
b. gentle
c. facile
d. submissive
- 148.** spurious is most opposite to
a. disingenuous
b. thoughtless
c. placid
d. genuine
- 149.** welter is most opposite to
a. order
b. freeze
c. patron
d. sustain
- 150.** eclat is most opposite to
a. apathy
b. dullness
c. silence
d. disinterest

Answers

- 111.** a. to detain means to hold or keep back; to **release** means to let go
- 112.** c. famous means widely known; **obscure** means little known
- 113.** b. colossal means incredibly large, therefore **tiny** is the opposite
- 114.** a. a fluid is a substance that flows; a **solid** does not flow
- 115.** d. to continue means to act without interruption; to **pause** means to stop temporarily
- 116.** c. to labor means to work; to **rest** means to cease working
- 117.** b. brawny means muscled or strong, therefore **weak** is the opposite
- 118.** a. fickle means to lack steadiness, therefore **steady** is the opposite
- 119.** c. inept means to lack competence, therefore **competent** is the opposite
- 120.** c. pivotal means very important, or crucial, therefore **unimportant** is the opposite
- 121.** d. cursed means to be the subject of misfortune, or to be unlucky, therefore **lucky** is the opposite
- 122.** d. candid means to be frank, or honest, therefore **dishonest** is the opposite
- 123.** c. to flaunt means to display showily, or to show off, therefore **hide** is the opposite
- 124.** d. to heal means to restore to health; to **maim** means to injure
- 125.** a. to pacify means to soothe, or calm, therefore **excite** is the opposite

- 126.** b. sullen means showing a disagreeable mood, or lacking cheer, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 127.** a. to assure means to make sure by removing doubt or worry; **alarm** means to give warning or to arouse fear
- 128.** b. fallacious means tending to deceive; **truthful** means disposed to tell the truth
- 129.** b. gumption means initiative, or drive; **apathy** means a lack of interest or concern
- 130.** b. ecstasy means a state of rapturous delight; **agony** means intense pain of mind or body
- 131.** d. astute means shrewd or showing acute mental vision; **gullible** means easily duped or cheated
- 132.** a. winsome means cheerful and engaging; **dour** means gloomy or sullen
- 133.** c. droll means to have a humorous or odd quality; **sedate** means unruffled or serious
- 134.** d. enigmatic means mysterious or obscure, therefore **obvious** is the opposite
- 135.** b. obtuse means insensitive or stupid; **acute** means marked by keen perception or shrewd
- 136.** c. obsequious means subservient or fawning; **domineering** means exercising overbearing control
- 137.** d. doleful means full of grief or cheerless; **vivacious** means full of life and spirit
- 138.** a. one meaning of wanton is malicious or merciless, therefore **merciful** is the opposite

- 139.** c. banal means trite or commonplace, therefore **extraordinary** is the opposite
- 140.** b. lugubrious means mournful, or dismal, therefore **cheerful** is the opposite
- 141.** c. perspicacious means keen or astute, therefore **dull** is the opposite
- 142.** d. elan means vigorous spirit or enthusiasm; **despair** means an utter loss of hope
- 143.** a. recondite means difficult for one of ordinary understanding to comprehend; **manifest** means easily understood or recognized
- 144.** b. to gainsay means to deny; one meaning of to **own** is to admit
- 145.** c. effluvium means an offensive smell; **fragrance** means a sweet or delicate odor
- 146.** a. parsimony means thrift or stinginess, therefore **generosity** is the opposite
- 147.** b. truculent means cruel or savage, therefore **gentle** is the opposite
- 148.** d. spurious means lacking genuine qualities, or false, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 149.** a. welter means a state of wild disorder, or turmoil, therefore **order** is the opposite
- 150.** b. eclat means a dazzling effect, or brilliance, therefore **dullness** is the opposite

5

Synonyms

Which of these words most nearly means the word provided?

- 151.** deplete
a. decorate
b. beg
c. exhaust
d. hurry

- 152.** voluntary
a. willing
b. charity
c. prisoner
d. careless

- 153.** refute
a. garbage
b. deny
c. offer
d. difficult

- 154.** cheat
a. stingy
b. argue
c. freckle
d. defraud

- 155.** miserable
a. cruel
b. wrong
c. unhappy
d. miss

- 156.** vintage
a. classic
b. alcoholic
c. disease
d. spoiled

- 157.** tart
a. law
b. acid
c. angry
d. desirable
- 158.** corner
a. display
b. trap
c. paint
d. hurry
- 159.** zest
a. gusto
b. cram
c. worry
d. trial
- 160.** haggle
a. tired
b. climb
c. decrease
d. bargain
- 161.** impel
a. force
b. block
c. hinder
d. discredit
- 162.** throng
a. garment
b. bell
c. mass
d. weight
- 163.** imperial
a. bratty
b. oppressive
c. regal
d. beautiful
- 164.** diffuse
a. difficult
b. scatter
c. incomprehensible
d. unplug
- 165.** hinder
a. lose
b. loose
c. despair
d. check
- 166.** latent
a. dormant
b. recent
c. effeminate
d. desirable
- 167.** wretched
a. twisted
b. forced
c. miserable
d. increased
- 168.** irksome
a. outrageous
b. fearsome
c. impoverished
d. annoying

- 169.** regulate
a. even
b. police
c. flow
d. position
- 170.** warrant
a. justify
b. burrow
c. hide
d. integrity
- 171.** protract
a. hire
b. fold
c. delay
d. corner
- 172.** lax
a. ensure
b. slack
c. servant
d. strive
- 173.** rigor
a. austerity
b. rope
c. fix
d. excess
- 174.** discrete
a. leave
b. diminish
c. squander
d. distinct
- 175.** lissome
a. slow
b. honest
c. supple
d. dull
- 176.** misprize
a. despise
b. devalue
c. erroneous
d. covet
- 177.** impugn
a. imply
b. fret
c. assail
d. recalcitrant
- 178.** supervene
a. intervene
b. overreach
c. displace
d. follow
- 179.** exigent
a. urgent
b. treatise
c. miser
d. expedient
- 180.** fervid
a. delightful
b. difficult
c. obstinate
d. ardent

- 181.** ersatz
a. chaotic
b. artificial
c. impromptu
d. vague

- 182.** redolent
a. ubiquitous
b. odorous
c. shy
d. bellicose

- 183.** turpitude
a. lethargy
b. honor
c. belligerence
d. depravity

- 184.** propinquity
a. habit
b. nearness
c. capacity
d. tendency

- 185.** vociferous
a. numerous
b. bountiful
c. strident
d. garrulous

Answers

- 151.** c. deplete means to reduce or deprive of something essential; **exhaust** means to empty completely
- 152.** a. voluntary means done by one's own will, or **willing**
- 153.** b. to refute means to prove wrong, or to **deny** the truth of
- 154.** d. to cheat means to influence by means of trickery, or to **defraud**
- 155.** c. miserable means in a state of distress or **unhappiness**
- 156.** a. vintage means of old and enduring interest, or **classic**
- 157.** b. tart means pleasantly sharp or **acid** to the taste
- 158.** b. to corner means to drive into a corner, or to **trap**
- 159.** a. one meaning of zest is keen enjoyment, or **gusto**
- 160.** d. to haggle means to negotiate over terms or price, or to **bargain**
- 161.** a. to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to **force**
- 162.** c. a throng is a large number of assembled people, or a **mass**
- 163.** c. imperial means befitting or suggesting an emperor; **regal** means befitting or suggesting a king
- 164.** b. to diffuse means to break up or spread out, or to **scatter**

- 165.** d. to hinder means to hold back; one meaning of to **check** means to slow or bring to a stop
- 166.** a. latent means capable of becoming but not currently visible, or **dormant**
- 167.** c. wretched means extremely distressed, or **miserable**
- 168.** d. irksome means tedious or **annoying**
- 169.** b. to regulate means to bring under the control of law; to **police** means to control or keep order
- 170.** a. to warrant means to serve as adequate ground or reason, or to **justify**
- 171.** c. to protract means to prolong in time or space, or to **delay**
- 172.** b. lax means in a relaxed state, or **slack**
- 173.** a. rigor means severity of life, or **austerity**
- 174.** d. discrete means individually **distinct**
- 175.** c. lissome means **supple** or flexible
- 176.** a. to misprize means to hold in contempt, or to **despise**
- 177.** c. to impugn means to attack verbally as false or lacking integrity; to **assail** means to attack
- 178.** d. to supervene means to **follow** as an unexpected development
- 179.** a. exigent means demanding immediate attention, or **urgent**
- 180.** d. fervid means **ardent** or passionate
- 181.** b. ersatz means a usually **artificial** or inferior substitute

- 182.** b. redolent means aromatic or full of a specific scent, or **odorous**
- 183.** d. turpitude means wickedness, or **depravity**
- 184.** b. propinquity means **nearness** in place or time
- 185.** c. vociferous means loud and insistent, often in presentation of demands or requests; **strident** also means loud and insistent

6

Antonyms

Which word is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided?

- | | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 186. gracious | 189. imaginative |
| a. cordial | a. playful |
| b. rude | b. written |
| c. furious | c. small |
| d. tactile | d. dull |
| 187. valor | 190. knowing |
| a. cowardice | a. wasteful |
| b. false | b. dense |
| c. drop | c. clumsy |
| d. heavy | d. fast |
| 188. severe | 191. animosity |
| a. lenient | a. love |
| b. cautious | b. plantlike |
| c. join | c. barren |
| d. one | d. tiny |

- 192.** exact
a. join
b. sympathetic
c. incorrect
d. whole
- 193.** extravagant
a. unknown
b. homebody
c. punctual
d. moderate
- 194.** stamina
a. weakness
b. clear
c. decisive
d. calmness
- 195.** rough
a. tumble
b. sleek
c. fast
d. distant
- 196.** garner
a. unravel
b. mar
c. squander
d. tarnish
- 197.** prodigal
a. thrifty
b. secondary
c. distant
d. squalid
- 198.** tacit
a. grand
b. dictated
c. illicit
d. messy
- 199.** repudiate
a. argue
b. soften
c. slander
d. admit
- 200.** pristine
a. free
b. sullied
c. wide
d. thorough
- 201.** concede
a. sit
b. withstand
c. dismiss
d. elaborate
- 202.** placate
a. appease
b. strip
c. tremendous
d. enrage
- 203.** popular
a. empty
b. uncommon
c. famous
d. feisty

- 204.** felicitous
a. morbid
b. boorish
c. inopportune
d. delightful
- 205.** austere
a. lavish
b. unfavorable
c. light
d. devout
- 206.** insipid
a. cold
b. brave
c. exciting
d. bashful
- 207.** wastrel
a. sober
b. spendthrift
c. mute
d. miser
- 208.** temperate
a. Celsius
b. inordinate
c. lukewarm
d. safely
- 209.** nebulous
a. cloudy
b. dim
c. distinct
d. desirable
- 210.** adroit
a. clumsy
b. left
c. diplomatic
d. unpersuasive
- 211.** mite
a. weakness
b. tend
c. bulk
d. drive
- 212.** supernal
a. nocturnal
b. special
c. despicable
d. hellish
- 213.** reprobate
a. sage
b. elevated
c. possess
d. dismiss
- 214.** specious
a. genuine
b. logical
c. common
d. deliberate
- 215.** effete
a. conquer
b. proper
c. prosperous
d. civilized

- 216.** rabble
a. order
b. clear
c. open
d. union
- 217.** protean
a. unformed
b. unchanging
c. elaborate
d. selective
- 218.** vertiginous
a. horizontal
b. litigious
c. constant
d. lowly
- 219.** parvenu
a. wallflower
b. highway
c. melody
d. plan
- 220.** lapidarian
a. square
b. secular
c. pasture
d. inelegant

Answers

- 186.** b. gracious means to be pleasant in a social situation, or cordial;
rude means to be unpleasant
- 187.** a. valor means strength of mind or spirit, or courage; **cowardice**
means lack of courage
- 188.** a. one meaning of severe is strict; **lenient** means mild or indulgent
- 189.** d. imaginative means having imagination; **dull** means lacking
imagination
- 190.** b. knowing means having information or knowledge; **dense** means
dull or stupid
- 191.** a. animosity means resentment or hostility, therefore **love** is the
opposite
- 192.** c. exact means in complete accord with fact, or correct,
therefore **incorrect** is the opposite
- 193.** d. extravagant means lacking in restraint and moderation,
therefore **moderate** is the opposite
- 194.** a. stamina means strength or endurance, therefore **weakness** is
the opposite
- 195.** b. rough means having an uneven, coarse surface; **sleek** means
having a smooth, bright surface
- 196.** c. to garner means to gather or to store; to **squander** means to
cause to disperse or to scatter
- 197.** a. prodigal means wasteful or extravagant; **thrifty** means thriving
by industry and frugality
- 198.** b. tacit means unspoken, or implied; **dictated** means spoken

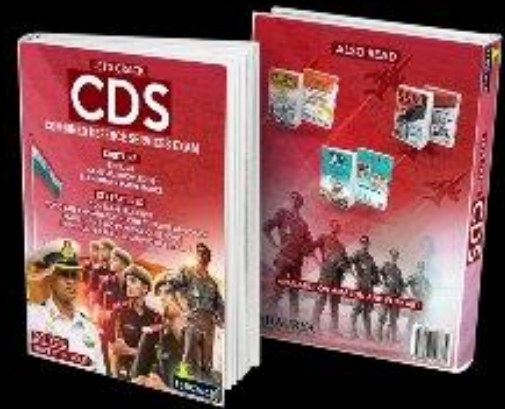
- 199.** d. to repudiate means to reject or deny, therefore to **admit** is the opposite
- 200.** b. pristine means unspoiled or pure; **sullied** means spoiled or tarnished
- 201.** b. to concede means to yield; to **withstand** means to successfully resist
- 202.** d. to placate means to soothe or calm; to **enrage** means to anger
- 203.** b. popular means frequently encountered or accepted, or common, therefore **uncommon** is the opposite
- 204.** c. felicitous means very well-suited or apt; **inopportune** means inconvenient or not well-suited
- 205.** a. austere means simple and unadorned; **lavish** means produced or expended in abundance
- 206.** c. insipid means lacking in qualities that interest or excite, therefore **exciting** is the opposite
- 207.** d. a wastrel is someone who spends foolishly or self-indulgently; a **miser** is someone who hoards his or her wealth
- 208.** b. temperate means moderate; **inordinate** means excessive or immoderate
- 209.** c. nebulous means vague or indistinct, therefore **distinct** is the opposite
- 210.** a. adroit means skillful in the use of the hands, therefore **clumsy** is the opposite
- 211.** c. mite means a very small or insignificant part; **bulk** means the main or greater part

- 212.** d. supernal means coming from on high, or heavenly; **infernal** is a synonym for hellish
- 213.** b. reprobate means morally debased or depraved; one meaning of **elevated** is to be on a moral or intellectual high plane
- 214.** a. specious means having a false look of truth or genuineness, therefore **genuine** is the opposite
- 215.** b. effete means weak or decadent; one meaning of **proper** is virtuous or respectable
- 216.** d. a rabble is a disorderly or disorganized crowd of people; a **union** is a group of individuals joined in an organized manner
- 217.** b. protean means showing great diversity or variability, or versatile, therefore **unchanging** is the opposite
- 218.** c. vertiginous means inclined to frequent change, or inconstant, therefore **constant** is the opposite
- 219.** a. a parvenu is an upstart or a social climber; a **wallflower** is someone who refrains from socializing
- 220.** d. lapidarian means having elegance or precision and comes from the word lapidary, which means a cutter or engraver of precious stones, therefore **inelegant** is the opposite

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Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is most similar or dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 221.** delirious is most similar to
a. manic
b. calm
c. tasty
d. suspicious
- 222.** infirm is most similar to
a. hospital
b. weak
c. short
d. fortitude
- 223.** cautious is most dissimilar to
a. reasonable
b. careful
c. illogical
d. reckless
- 224.** lure is most similar to
a. tickle
b. decoy
c. resist
d. suspect
- 225.** perilous is most dissimilar to
a. disciplined
b. similar
c. safe
d. honest
- 226.** isolation is most similar to
a. fear
b. plentitude
c. solitude
d. disease

- 227.** lull is most similar to
a. pause
b. noise
c. boring
d. mark
- 228.** outfit is most similar to
a. indoors
b. strong
c. special
d. furnish
- 229.** punctual is most dissimilar to
a. close
b. tardy
c. sloppy
d. precious
- 230.** delude is most dissimilar to
a. drought
b. clever
c. enlighten
d. enrage
- 231.** omit is most similar to
a. recluse
b. neglect
c. mistake
d. destroy
- 232.** resilient is most dissimilar to
a. stubborn
b. careless
c. substantial
d. flimsy
- 233.** mutiny is most similar to
a. rebellion
b. currency
c. sailor
d. hassle
- 234.** naive is most similar to
a. rural
b. secular
c. unsophisticated
d. sultry
- 235.** entice is most dissimilar to
a. piece
b. repulse
c. attract
d. repeat
- 236.** solemnity is most similar to
a. lightheartedness
b. gravity
c. diligence
d. sleepiness
- 237.** stingy is most dissimilar to
a. wasteful
b. democratic
c. spiteful
d. liberal
- 238.** malign is most similar to
a. evil
b. malicious
c. slander
d. grandiose

- 239.** impudent is most similar to
 a. cautious
 b. haphazard
 c. gleeful
 d. insolent
- 240.** vacillate is most dissimilar to
 a. decide
 b. teeter
 c. dilate
 d. please
- 241.** kinetic is most dissimilar to
 a. cold
 b. static
 c. lewd
 d. foolish
- 242.** lambaste is most similar to
 a. marinade
 b. commotion
 c. censure
 d. tickle
- 243.** kowtow is most dissimilar to
 a. snub
 b. pull
 c. fawn
 d. forage
- 244.** rudimentary is most similar to
 a. crass
 b. gracious
 c. deliberate
 d. primitive
- 245.** pitched is most similar to
 a. undone
 b. retracted
 c. heated
 d. lovely
- 246.** tepid is most dissimilar to
 a. dispassionate
 b. scalding
 c. crisp
 d. clever
- 247.** largesse is most similar to
 a. greatness
 b. generosity
 c. miniscule
 d. clumsiness
- 248.** insidious is most dissimilar to
 a. repellant
 b. pure
 c. charming
 d. delicious
- 249.** decorum is most similar to
 a. etiquette
 b. merit
 c. parliament
 d. slipshod
- 250.** succor is most dissimilar to
 a. genius
 b. abet
 c. injure
 d. deciduous

- 251.** enjoin is most dissimilar to
a. sever
b. dislike
c. permit
d. divorce
- 252.** tumid is most similar to
a. swollen
b. fetid
c. aggressive
d. despondent
- 253.** jejune is most similar to
a. youthful
b. insipid
c. charming
d. quick
- 254.** ecumenical is most dissimilar to
a. spiritual
b. humanistic
c. secular
d. parochial
- 255.** sinecure is most similar to
a. cakewalk
b. serpentine
c. evil
d. dishonest
- 256.** castigate is most similar to
a. neuter
b. punish
c. banish
d. celebrate
- 257.** reconnoiter is most dissimilar to
a. disarm
b. disassemble
c. distance
d. disregard
- 258.** obloquy is most similar to
a. tirade
b. dependence
c. oval
d. circumlocution
- 259.** recondite is most dissimilar to
a. give
b. obscure
c. patent
d. hardy
- 260.** querulous is most similar to
a. nauseous
b. fretful
c. curious
d. dizzy

Answers

- 221.** a. delirious means marked by frenzied excitement, or **manic**
- 222.** b. infirm means feeble from age, or **weak**
- 223.** d. cautious means careful; **reckless** means lacking caution
- 224.** b. a lure is used to attract animals into a trap, like a **decoy**
- 225.** c. perilous means dangerous, therefore **safe** is the opposite
- 226.** c. isolation means the state of being alone or withdrawn, or **solitude**
- 227.** a. a lull is a temporary **pause**
- 228.** d. to outfit means to supply or to **furnish**
- 229.** b. punctual means on time; **tardy** means late
- 230.** c. to delude means to mislead the judgment of someone, or to trick; to **enlighten** means to give knowledge to someone
- 231.** b. to omit means to leave out, to fail to perform, or to **neglect**
- 232.** d. resilient means capable of withstanding shock; **fimsy** means lacking in physical strength or substance
- 233.** a. mutiny means resistance to lawful authority, or **rebellion**
- 234.** c. naive means unaffectedly simple, or **unsophisticated**
- 235.** b. to entice means attract seductively, or to lure; to **repulse** means to cause aversion to, or to disgust
- 236.** b. solemnity means formal or ceremonious observance, or seriousness; **gravity** means dignity of bearing, or seriousness

- 237. d.** one meaning of **liberal** is giving freely, or generous; stingy means lacking generosity
- 238. c.** to malign means to speak false or harmful things of, or to **slander**
- 239. d.** impudent means contemptuously bold or cocky, or **insolent**
- 240. a.** vacillate means to hesitate among choices, or to waver; **decide** means to choose
- 241. b.** kinetic means relating to motion, or dynamic; **static** means at rest, or stationary
- 242. c.** to lambaste means to attack verbally, or to **censure**
- 243. a.** to kowtow means to show fawning deference; to **snub** means to treat with contempt
- 244. d.** rudimentary means crude or **primitive**
- 245. c.** pitched means intensely fought; one meaning of **heated** is marked by anger
- 246. b.** tepid means lukewarm; **scalding** means boiling hot
- 247. b.** largesse means liberal giving or **generosity**
- 248. a.** insidious means harmful but enticing or seductive; **repellant** means arousing aversion or disgust
- 249. a.** decorum means conduct required in social life, or **etiquette**
- 250. c.** to succor means go to the aid of, or relieve; to **injure** means to harm
- 251. c.** enjoin means to forbid or prohibit, therefore **permit** is the opposite

- 252. a.** tumid means puffy or **swollen**
- 253. b.** jejune means lacking in substance or interest; **insipid** means lacking in qualities to excite or interest
- 254. d.** ecumenical means of or relating to the whole body of churches, or universal; **parochial** means of or relating to a parish, or limited in scope or range
- 255. a.** a sinecure is a job for which little or no work is expected; a **cakewalk** is a one-sided competition
- 256. b.** to castigate means to subject to severe **punishment**
- 257. d.** reconnoiter means to gain information or to explore; **disregard** means to pay no attention to
- 258. a.** obloquy means abusive language; **tirade** means harshly censorious language
- 259. c.** recondite means hidden from sight or obscure; **patent** means readily visible or intelligible
- 260. b.** querulous means habitually complaining, or **fretful**



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Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

- 261.** wrath
a. knot
b. anger
c. crime
d. smoke

- 262.** plethora
a. trouble
b. foolish
c. wealth
d. love

- 263.** calamity
a. potion
b. silence
c. shellfish
d. disaster

- 264.** pompous
a. arrogant
b. supportive
c. busy
d. gaudy

- 265.** prevalent
a. wind
b. servile
c. widespread
d. rare

- 266.** wince
a. flinch
b. cheer
c. crush
d. solitary

- 267.** superficial
a. gorgeous
b. shallow
c. intelligent
d. rich
- 268.** tangle
a. snarl
b. growl
c. dance
d. shiver
- 269.** reform
a. punish
b. destroy
c. display
d. correct
- 270.** methodical
a. rhythmic
b. poetic
c. systematic
d. disrespectful
- 271.** spite
a. joy
b. beverage
c. wonder
d. malice
- 272.** scale
a. climb
b. sail
c. swim
d. skate
- 273.** smudge
a. gloat
b. residue
c. blur
d. celebrate
- 274.** drizzle
a. curly
b. sprinkle
c. sear
d. drench
- 275.** mundane
a. dirty
b. commonplace
c. confused
d. extraordinary
- 276.** pretension
a. stress
b. ambition
c. waste
d. strife
- 277.** affect
a. outcome
b. share
c. pompous
d. cultivate
- 278.** herald
a. insignia
b. postpone
c. hail
d. regal

- 279.** faculty
a. defective
b. school
c. gift
d. desire
- 280.** mirth
a. anger
b. glee
c. sarcasm
d. mistrust
- 281.** drudgery
a. silliness
b. labor
c. evil
d. investigation
- 282.** prerequisite
a. necessary
b. course
c. difficult
d. tar
- 283.** dire
a. questionable
b. forthright
c. traitor
d. urgent
- 284.** grapple
a. struggle
b. trap
c. laugh
d. intend
- 285.** sundry
a. aged
b. supply
c. various
d. tremendous
- 286.** supplant
a. grow
b. replace
c. undo
d. question
- 287.** venerate
a. ordain
b. breathe
c. polish
d. revere
- 288.** conciliate
a. appease
b. disagree
c. revive
d. separate
- 289.** exultant
a. afraid
b. jubilant
c. expectant
d. demanding
- 290.** surreptitious
a. overbearing
b. clandestine
c. indirect
d. impious

- 291.** recalcitrant
a. hesitant
b. subdued
c. unruly
d. subtract
- 292.** pretty
a. plain
b. confusing
c. ugly
d. terrible
- 293.** coterie
a. various
b. flirtation
c. club
d. socialize
- 294.** nefarious
a. infamous
b. macabre
c. evil
d. distinguished
- 295.** curry
a. flatter
b. spicy
c. squander
d. game
- 296.** preternatural
a. immature
b. extraordinary
c. removed
d. unearned
- 297.** pernicious
a. noxious
b. illicit
c. open
d. undecided
- 298.** reprisal
a. accusation
b. loathe
c. retaliation
d. insinuation
- 299.** manifold
a. evident
b. contemporary
c. diverse
d. willing
- 300.** factious
a. sham
b. unreliable
c. seditious
d. argumentative

Answers

- 261.** b. wrath means strong, vengeful **anger**
- 262.** c. abundance means an ample quantity, or **wealth**
- 263.** d. a calamity is an extraordinarily grave event, or **disaster**
- 264.** a. pompous means self-important, or **arrogant**
- 265.** c. prevalent means generally accepted, or **widespread**
- 266.** a. to wince means to shrink back involuntarily, or to **flinch**
- 267.** b. superficial means to be concerned only with the surface or appearance, or **shallow**
- 268.** a. a tangle is a twisted, knotted mass, or a **snarl**
- 269.** d. to reform means to change for the better, or to **correct**
- 270.** c. methodical means proceeding according to an order or system, or **systematic**
- 271.** d. spite means petty ill will or hatred, or **malice**
- 272.** a. one meaning of scale is to **climb**
- 273.** c. a smudge is a **blurry** spot or streak
- 274.** b. one meaning of to drizzle is to rain in very small drops, or to **sprinkle**
- 275.** b. mundane means ordinary, or **commonplace**
- 276.** b. pretension means an effort to establish, or **ambition**
- 277.** d. to affect means to make a display of using or liking something, or to **cultivate**

- 278.** c. to herald means to greet with enthusiasm, or to **hail**
- 279.** c. one meaning of faculty is an ability or **gift**
- 280.** b. mirth means gladness expressed with laughter, or **glee**
- 281.** b. drudgery means uninspiring or menial **labor**
- 282.** a. prerequisite means **necessary** for carrying out a function
- 283.** d. dire means desperately **urgent**
- 284.** a. to grapple means to come to grips with, or to **struggle**
- 285.** c. sundry means an indeterminate number, or **various**
- 286.** b. to supplant means take the place of, or to **replace**
- 287.** d. to venerate means to treat with reverential respect, or to **revere**
- 288.** a. to conciliate means to gain goodwill with pleasing acts, or to **appease**
- 289.** b. exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or **jubilant**
- 290.** b. surreptitious means done or acquired in stealth, or **clandestine**
- 291.** c. recalcitrant means defiant of authority, or **unruly**
- 292.** d. one meaning of pretty is miserable or **terrible**, as in the expression “a pretty pickle”
- 293.** c. a coterie is an intimate or exclusive group or people who share a common interest or purpose; a **club** is an association of people for a common purpose
- 294.** c. nefarious means flagrantly wicked, or **evil**
- 295.** a. to curry means to seek to gain favor, or to **flatter**

- 296.** b. preternatural means exceeding what is natural, or **extraordinary**
- 297.** a. pernicious means highly injurious or deadly, or **noxious**
- 298.** c. a reprisal is an act of vengeance, or a **retaliation**
- 299.** c. manifold means marked by variety, or **diverse**
- 300.** c. factious means inclined to form factions; **sedition** means disposed to insurrection

9

Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 301.** tragic
a. boring
b. mysterious
c. comic
d. incredulous
- 302.** able
a. willful
b. inept
c. careful
d. feasible
- 303.** tireless
a. exhausted
b. unfailing
c. broke
d. driving
- 304.** wean
a. flourish
b. flush
c. strengthen
d. addict
- 305.** haste
a. delay
b. frugal
c. debauchery
d. solemnity
- 306.** malice
a. goodwill
b. bitterness
c. coddle
d. distress

- 307.** permanent
a. loose
b. fierce
c. fleeting
d. unhappy
- 308.** attain
a. crave
b. lose
c. harbor
d. credit
- 309.** taint
a. cheer
b. worry
c. clear
d. purify
- 310.** belittle
a. plain
b. detract
c. magnify
d. torment
- 311.** tedious
a. unwavering
b. frightening
c. horrible
d. pleasurable
- 312.** license
a. restriction
b. allow
c. join
d. gather
- 313.** frivolous
a. pious
b. inexpensive
c. serious
d. contemptuous
- 314.** plain
a. meadow
b. ugly
c. lovely
d. unadorned
- 315.** denounce
a. covet
b. condemn
c. blame
d. deplore
- 316.** contrary
a. urbane
b. agreeable
c. unpleasant
d. despicable
- 317.** glower
a. prairie
b. smile
c. raise
d. throw
- 318.** exacting
a. upright
b. lenient
c. sober
d. general

- 319.** curtail
a. remain
b. detain
c. placate
d. prolong
- 320.** eminent
a. imminent
b. obscure
c. retire
d. unsure
- 321.** abdicate
a. deny
b. usurp
c. blame
d. renounce
- 322.** indolent
a. industrious
b. complimentary
c. native
d. smooth
- 323.** fortuitous
a. undefended
b. gratuitous
c. deliberate
d. impoverished
- 324.** disparage
a. hesitate
b. settle
c. trouble
d. applaud
- 325.** dubious
a. reliable
b. pleasing
c. rhythmic
d. careful
- 326.** interdict
a. continue
b. abstain
c. wallow
d. sanction
- 327.** mendacious
a. bashful
b. capacious
c. veracious
d. quiet
- 328.** lassitude
a. release
b. demure
c. fatigue
d. vigor
- 329.** verdant
a. dishonest
b. suspicious
c. moldy
d. arid
- 330.** ductile
a. unfeeling
b. arrogant
c. precious
d. rigid

- 331.** asperity
a. moistness
b. amenity
c. sour
d. generosity
- 332.** epicurean
a. ascetic
b. slovenly
c. imprecision
d. providential
- 333.** traduce
a. deduce
b. laud
c. presuppose
d. converge
- 334.** bridle
a. heckle
b. dissuade
c. vent
d. persist
- 335.** spare
a. rotund
b. pacify
c. impolite
d. impose
- 336.** proclivity
a. calm
b. antipathy
c. desire
d. dearth
- 337.** vituperation
a. alacrity
b. alertness
c. reparation
d. acclaim
- 338.** gambol
a. trudge
b. hedge
c. crone
d. misplace
- 339.** quixotic
a. simple
b. staid
c. passe
d. unpredictable
- 340.** lachrymose
a. quick
b. loquacious
c. blithe
d. plentiful

Answers

- 301.** c. tragic means regrettably serious or sorrowful; **comic** means humorous
- 302.** b. able means having skill or ability; **inept** means lacking skill
- 303.** a. tireless means filled with energy; **exhausted** means depleted of energy
- 304.** d. to wean means to detach from a dependence; to **addict** means to make dependent
- 305.** a. haste means hurry; **delay** means postponement or procrastination
- 306.** a. malice means a desire to see another suffer; **goodwill** means desire to see another benefit
- 307.** c. permanent means lasting; **fleeting** means passing quickly or temporary
- 308.** b. to attain means to achieve or to gain, therefore to **lose** is the most dissimilar
- 309.** d. to taint means to contaminate or corrupt; to **purify** means to make pure
- 310.** c. to belittle means to make seem little or less; to **magnify** means to enlarge
- 311.** d. tedious means boring; **pleasurable** means enjoyable or delightful
- 312.** a. one meaning of a license is permission; **restriction** means limitation
- 313.** c. frivolous means lacking seriousness, therefore **serious** is the most dissimilar

- 314.** c. plain means lacking in beauty; **lovely** means beautiful
- 315.** a. one meaning of to denounce is to speak out against; to **covet** means to wish for enviously
- 316.** b. contrary means unwilling to accept control or advice; **agreeable** means ready or willing to agree
- 317.** b. glower means a sullen brooding look, therefore **smile** is the most dissimilar
- 318.** b. exacting means severe; **lenient** means indulgent
- 319.** d. to curtail means to cut short; to **prolong** means to lengthen or extend
- 320.** b. eminent means prominent, or famous; **obscure** means not prominent, or unknown
- 321.** b. to abdicate means to renounce power or high office; to **usurp** means seize power or high office
- 322.** a. indolent means lazy; **industrious** means hardworking
- 323.** c. fortuitous means occurring by chance, or accidental; **deliberate** means resulting from careful consideration, or voluntary
- 324.** d. to disparage means to speak slightingly about; to **applaud** means to express approval
- 325.** a. dubious means questionable or unreliable, therefore **reliable** is the most dissimilar
- 326.** d. to interdict means to forbid; to **sanction** means to approve
- 327.** c. mendacious means dishonest; **veracious** means truthful or honest
- 328.** d. lassitude means weariness; **vigor** means strength or force

- 329.** d. one meaning of verdant is green, especially with plant life; **arid** means dry, or lacking enough rainfall for agriculture
- 330.** d. one meaning of ductile is easily led or influenced; one meaning of **rigid** is inflexible, set in opinion
- 331.** b. asperity means roughness of surface or manner; **amenity** means pleasantness or smoothness of manner
- 332.** a. epicurean means having sensitive and self-indulgent taste especially in food and wine; **ascetic** means practicing self-denial and austerity
- 333.** b. to traduce means to expose to shame or blame; to **laud** means to praise or extol
- 334.** c. to bridle means to restrain or keep under control; to **vent** means to relieve by means of an outlet
- 335.** a. one meaning of spare is lean; **rotund** means round or fleshy
- 336.** b. proclivity means inclination or predisposition; **antipathy** means settled aversion or dislike
- 337.** d. vituperation means bitter condemnation; **acclaim** means praise
- 338.** a. to gambol means to skip about in play; to **trudge** means to march steadily and laboriously
- 339.** b. quixotic means foolishly impractical and marked by extravagantly romantic ideals; **staid** means sedate and marked by prim self-restraint
- 340.** c. lachrymose means given to weeping, or morose; **blithe** means of a happy or lighthearted character, or merry

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Synonyms

Select the word that is closest in meaning to the word provided.

- 341.** glare is most similar to
a. scowl
b. hide
c. display
d. summon
- 342.** erratic is most similar to
a. enticing
b. frequent
c. difficult
d. irregular
- 343.** civil is most similar to
a. unkind
b. trite
c. public
d. questionable
- 344.** peer is most similar to
a. apple
b. connote
c. fellow
d. recluse
- 345.** fiasco is most similar to
a. festival
b. disaster
c. happenstance
d. ceremony
- 346.** chasm is most similar to
a. gorge
b. charm
c. bridle
d. criticize

- 347.** expertise is most similar to
a. activity
b. courage
c. mastery
d. effort
- 348.** outlandish is most similar to
a. distant
b. absurd
c. pastoral
d. belligerent
- 349.** pine is most similar to
a. clean
b. hate
c. resolve
d. crave
- 350.** exploit is most similar to
a. answer
b. feat
c. accident
d. persuade
- 351.** culmination is most similar to
a. realization
b. disaster
c. serendipity
d. persuasion
- 352.** feign is most similar to
a. jab
b. swoon
c. pretend
d. dread
- 353.** auspicious is most similar to
a. deceitful
b. foreboding
c. favorable
d. dangerous
- 354.** gambit is most similar to
a. frolic
b. ploy
c. testimony
d. sentence
- 355.** voracious is most similar to
a. ravenous
b. violent
c. voluble
d. rambunctious
- 356.** facile is most similar to
a. ability
b. section
c. vindictive
d. glib
- 357.** eschew is most similar to
a. revert
b. accompany
c. admire
d. abstain
- 358.** abscond is most similar to
a. rob
b. obscure
c. flee
d. absolve

- 359.** knack is most similar to
a. bruise
b. ability
c. keepsake
d. scoundrel
- 360.** apropos is most similar to
a. opportune
b. unexpected
c. misspoken
d. idea
- 361.** veritable is most similar to
a. deep
b. authentic
c. ancient
d. irascible
- 362.** unmitigated is most similar to
a. audacious
b. unpersuasive
c. utter
d. dense
- 363.** epitome is most similar to
a. volume
b. essence
c. summit
d. deliverance
- 364.** edict is most similar to
a. decree
b. vacate
c. correction
d. destiny
- 365.** extol is most similar to
a. praise
b. tax
c. burden
d. berate
- 366.** abeyant is most similar to
a. false
b. disgusting
c. pending
d. novice
- 367.** knell is most similar to
a. copse
b. hill
c. toll
d. rattle
- 368.** soporific is most similar to
a. juvenile
b. drunken
c. delightful
d. hypnotic
- 369.** iterate is most similar to
a. unsettled
b. repeat
c. impoverish
d. announce
- 370.** bulwark is most similar to
a. conundrum
b. festival
c. rampart
d. confuse

- 371.** pedantic is most similar to
a. pedestrian
b. arduous
c. fickle
d. consequential
- 372.** bumptious is most similar to
a. backward
b. arrogant
c. clumsy
d. rugged
- 373.** expiation is most similar to
a. breathing
b. immigration
c. divergence
d. atonement
- 374.** flagitious is most similar to
a. deliberate
b. fatiguing
c. villainous
d. habitual
- 375.** inveigle is most similar to
a. cajole
b. complexity
c. hoodwink
d. distress

Answers

- 341.** a. to glare means to stare angrily; to **scowl** means to have an angry expression
- 342.** d. erratic means lacking regularity, or **irregular**
- 343.** c. one meaning of civil is involving the general **public**
- 344.** c. a peer is a person belonging to the same group; a **fellow** is an equal in rank, or a member of the same group
- 345.** b. a fiasco is a complete failure, or a **disaster**
- 346.** a. a chasm is a deep split in the earth, or a **gorge**
- 347.** c. expertise and **mastery** both mean special skills or knowledge
- 348.** b. outlandish means extremely out of the ordinary; **absurd** means ridiculously unreasonable
- 349.** d. to pine means to long for, or to **crave**
- 350.** b. an exploit is a notable or heroic act; a **feat** is a courageous deed
- 351.** a. culmination means the act of reaching the highest point, or decisive action; **realization** means the act of bringing into concrete existence
- 352.** c. to feign means to assert as if true, or to **pretend**
- 353.** c. auspicious means marked by **favorable** signs
- 354.** b. one meaning of gambit is a calculated move; a **ploy** is a tactic
- 355.** a. voracious and **ravenous** mean having a huge appetite
- 356.** d. facile means easily achieved and often lacking sincerity; **glib** means marked by ease and lacking depth and substance

- 357. d.** to eschew means to avoid habitually, or to **abstain**
- 358. c.** to abscond means to depart secretly; to **flee** means to run away
- 359. b.** a knack is a special **ability**
- 360. a.** apropos means being both relevant and appropriate; **opportune** means occurring at an appropriate time
- 361. b.** veritable means not false or imagined, or **authentic**
- 362. c.** unmitigated means offering little chance of change or relief, or absolute; **utter** means total or absolute
- 363. b.** an epitome is a typical or ideal example; **essence** is the real or very basic nature of something
- 364. a.** an edict is an official proclamation; a **decree** is an order with the force of the law
- 365. a.** to extol means to **praise** highly
- 366. c.** abeyant means in a period of temporary inactivity, or **pending**
- 367. c.** to knell means to sound in an ominous manner; to **toll** means to sound in long measured strokes; both words are used to describe the ringing of bells
- 368. d.** soporific means causing sleep; **hypnotic** means tending to produce sleep
- 369. b.** to iterate means to say or do again, or to **repeat**
- 370. c.** a bulwark is a solid wall-like structure raised for defense, or a **rampart**
- 371. a.** pedantic means ostentatiously or narrowly learned, or unimaginative; one meaning of **pedestrian** is commonplace or unimaginative

- 372.** b. bumptious means noisily self-assertive; **arrogant** means disposed to exaggerate one's own worth
- 373.** d. expiation means the act of making atonement; **atonement** means reparation for an offense or injury
- 374.** c. flagitious means marked by outrageous crime or vice; **villainous** means having the characteristics of a deliberate criminal or scoundrel
- 375.** a. to inveigle means to win over with flattery; to **cajole** means to persuade with flattery

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Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 376.** prudent is most dissimilar to
a. simple
b. rapid
c. foolish
d. verbose
- 377.** forced is most dissimilar to
a. quick
b. solid
c. trusting
d. natural
- 378.** acquaint is most dissimilar to
a. alienate
b. luxurious
c. bleach
d. stall
- 379.** expansive is most dissimilar to
a. generous
b. honest
c. narrow
d. troublesome
- 380.** benign is most dissimilar to
a. malignant
b. converse
c. cautious
d. malicious
- 381.** foster is most dissimilar to
a. discourage
b. believe
c. heal
d. brag

- 382.** ample is most dissimilar to
a. complete
b. insufficient
c. quiet
d. supple
- 383.** deviant is most dissimilar to
a. winding
b. careful
c. normal
d. sad
- 384.** abolish is most dissimilar to
a. vote
b. punish
c. avoid
d. establish
- 385.** forsake is most dissimilar to
a. craft
b. embrace
c. shun
d. infer
- 386.** tractable is most dissimilar to
a. invisible
b. stubborn
c. unadvisable
d. special
- 387.** dexterous is most dissimilar to
a. clumsy
b. saline
c. cunning
d. precious
- 388.** aerate is most dissimilar to
a. argue
b. placate
c. suffocate
d. destroy
- 389.** venerable is most dissimilar to
a. impervious
b. constant
c. sophomoric
d. infirm
- 390.** rancor is most dissimilar to
a. ritual
b. argument
c. collect
d. accord
- 391.** daunt is most dissimilar to
a. calm
b. believe
c. inspirit
d. dispel
- 392.** paucity is most dissimilar to
a. excess
b. certainty
c. timidity
d. beauty
- 393.** heedless is most dissimilar to
a. heartless
b. attentive
c. speedy
d. unaware

- 394.** abound is most dissimilar to
 a. rest
 b. discourage
 c. bless
 d. dwindle
- 395.** confederate is most dissimilar to
 a. enemy
 b. confuse
 c. wander
 d. cluster
- 396.** resplendent is most dissimilar to
 a. illuminated
 b. disarming
 c. dowdy
 d. delightful
- 397.** onerous is most dissimilar to
 a. permissive
 b. easy
 c. unforgiving
 d. public
- 398.** sagacity is most dissimilar to
 a. incredulity
 b. belligerence
 c. stupidity
 d. tolerance
- 399.** dilettante is most dissimilar to
 a. puritan
 b. professional
 c. aesthete
 d. conniver
- 400.** unalloyed is most dissimilar to
 a. dismayed
 b. impure
 c. circumspect
 d. disastrous
- 401.** banner is most dissimilar to
 a. forgettable
 b. casual
 c. unrestrained
 d. unwitting
- 402.** discalced is most dissimilar to
 a. calculated
 b. measured
 c. inclined
 d. shod
- 403.** scurrilous is most dissimilar to
 a. honest
 b. decent
 c. peaceful
 d. satisfactory
- 404.** pulchritudinous is most dissimilar to
 a. pacifist
 b. rare
 c. smooth
 d. unsightly
- 405.** dyspeptic is most dissimilar to
 a. trusting
 b. functional
 c. euphoric
 d. talented

- 406.** reliction is most dissimilar to
- a. dedication
 - b. demolition
 - c. flood
 - d. problem
- 407.** villenage is most dissimilar to
- a. nobility
 - b. lineage
 - c. directness
 - d. dullness
- 408.** craven is most dissimilar to
- a. stalwart
 - b. release
 - c. distinguished
 - d. comfortable
- 409.** prolix is most dissimilar to
- a. brief
 - b. exquisite
 - c. reasonable
 - d. distinct
- 410.** lambent is most dissimilar to
- a. praise
 - b. present
 - c. dull
 - d. rough

Answers

- 376.** c. prudent means marked by wisdom or good judgment; **foolish** means marked by a lack of good sense or prudence
- 377.** d. forced means produced with effort; **natural** means uncultivated or spontaneous
- 378.** a. to acquaint means to get to know or to become friendly; to **alienate** means to cause unfriendliness or hostility
- 379.** c. expansive means sizeable or extensive; **narrow** means restricted
- 380.** d. one meaning of benign is of a gentle disposition; **malicious** means marked by mischievous impulse
- 381.** a. to foster means to encourage; to **discourage** means to deprive of courage or confidence
- 382.** b. ample means more than adequate in size, scope, or capacity, or sufficient, therefore, **insufficient** is the most dissimilar
- 383.** c. deviant means departing from the established norm, or abnormal, therefore **normal** is the most dissimilar
- 384.** d. to abolish means to do away with entirely; to **establish** means to bring into existence
- 385.** b. to forsake means to renounce; one meaning of to **embrace** is to welcome or include
- 386.** b. tractable means easily handled or managed; **stubborn** means difficult to handle or manage
- 387.** a. dexterous means skillful with the hands; **clumsy** means lacking dexterity, nimbleness, or grace
- 388.** c. to aerate means to supply with oxygen; to **suffocate** means to deprive of oxygen

- 389.** c. venerable means impressive by reason of age; **sophomoric** means poorly informed and immature
- 390.** d. rancor means bitter ill-will; one meaning of **accord** is balanced interrelationship, or harmony
- 391.** c. to daunt means to lessen the courage of; to **inspirit** means to give vigor or courage
- 392.** a. paucity means smallness of number; **excess** means ample quantity
- 393.** b. heedless means inconsiderate or thoughtless; **attentive** means heedful or mindful of the comfort of others
- 394.** d. to abound means to be present in great numbers; to **dwindle** means to become steadily less
- 395.** a. a confederate is an ally or accomplice; an **enemy** is an opponent
- 396.** c. resplendent means characterized by glowing splendor; **dowdy** means not neat or attractive in appearance, or shabby
- 397.** b. onerous means burdensome or troublesome, therefore **easy** is the most dissimilar
- 398.** c. sagacity means wisdom; **stupidity** means a lack of wisdom
- 399.** b. a dilettante is a person having a superficial interest in an art or branch or knowledge; a **professional** is a person who engages in a pursuit as a profession
- 400.** b. unalloyed means pure, therefore **impure** is the most dissimilar
- 401.** a. banner means distinguished from all others in excellence, or unforgettable, therefore **forgettable** is the most dissimilar
- 402.** d. discalced means barefoot; **shod** means wearing shoes

- 403.** b. scurrilous means given to using foul language, or crass; **decent** means conforming to standards of propriety
- 404.** d. pulchritudinous means marked by physical beauty; **unsightly** means not pleasing to the sight, or ugly
- 405.** c. dyspeptic means showing a sour disposition; **euphoric** means marked by feeling or well-being
- 406.** c. reliction means the gradual recession of water leaving the land dry; **flood** means the rising and overflow of a body of water onto dry land
- 407.** a. villenage means the peasant or commoner class; **nobility** means the noble class, or gentry
- 408.** a. craven means cowardly; **stalwart** means marked by outstanding strength or vigor
- 409.** a. prolix means unduly prolonged, therefore **brief** is the most dissimilar
- 410.** c. lambent means softly bright or radiant; **dull** means lacking in brightness or shine

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Synonyms

Select the word that is most similar in meaning to the word provided.

- 411.** heed
a. trek
b. consider
c. consolidate
d. bound

- 414.** appoint
a. score
b. discuss
c. nominate
d. ensure

- 412.** edge
a. diffuse
b. point
c. force
d. dissuade

- 415.** hoard
a. stockpile
b. burrow
c. mine
d. dessert

- 413.** elevate
a. lessen
b. mention
c. affix
d. hoist

- 416.** homogeneous
a. alike
b. strange
c. polite
d. alkaline

- 417.** hub
a. counsel
b. elder
c. center
d. extension
- 418.** tame
a. lost
b. evasive
c. pushy
d. submissive
- 419.** irk
a. shrug
b. irritate
c. devour
d. avoid
- 420.** loom
a. disappear
b. cut
c. surface
d. teach
- 421.** fitful
a. erratic
b. angry
c. tired
d. pronounced
- 422.** gaudy
a. massive
b. mindful
c. tasteful
d. flashy
- 423.** flaunt
a. conceal
b. parade
c. trust
d. fray
- 424.** flex
a. bend
b. binge
c. rid
d. consume
- 425.** tantalize
a. pronounce
b. reign
c. equal
d. flirt
- 426.** dastardly
a. devastating
b. cowardly
c. clever
d. munificent
- 427.** aficionado
a. novice
b. trickster
c. devotee
d. agent
- 428.** contiguous
a. catching
b. divided
c. adjoining
d. circumstantial

- 429.** swindler
a. charlatan
b. expert
c. divinity
d. debonair
- 430.** rogue
a. knave
b. wander
c. buffoon
d. color
- 431.** apologist
a. liar
b. defender
c. failure
d. admirer
- 432.** proxy
a. spasm
b. closeness
c. delegate
d. court
- 433.** buffet
a. protect
b. barricade
c. armoire
d. strike
- 434.** travesty
a. confusion
b. mockery
c. disaster
d. speculation
- 435.** bristle
a. aloof
b. seethe
c. wave
d. doubt
- 436.** admonish
a. laud
b. decorate
c. caution
d. admire
- 437.** wheedle
a. retreat
b. deceive
c. plead
d. question
- 438.** aplomb
a. mine
b. clumsiness
c. complication
d. poise
- 439.** aver
a. dissipate
b. create
c. hate
d. state
- 440.** mien
a. carriage
b. average
c. vicious
d. disguise

- 441.** paroxysm
a. conundrum
b. fit
c. contraction
d. spite
- 442.** aegis
a. superstition
b. reference
c. sponsorship
d. archive
- 443.** sepulture
a. burial
b. parasite
c. verse
d. sermon
- 444.** harridan
a. governor
b. vessel
c. witch
d. lawyer
- 445.** apothegm
a. medicine
b. adage
c. speculation
d. resistance
- 446.** grandiloquence
a. respect
b. bluster
c. denial
d. solemnity
- 447.** fulmination
a. explosion
b. recession
c. achievement
d. blessing
- 448.** pococurante
a. native
b. hot
c. blasé
d. hidden
- 449.** escarpment
a. warning
b. cliff
c. campsite
d. tomb
- 450.** plutocrat
a. banker
b. priest
c. judge
d. astronomer

Answers

- 411.** b. to heed means to pay attention to, or to **consider**
- 412.** a. to edge means to **force** or move gradually (as in to edge off the road)
- 413.** d. to elevate means to lift up, or raise; to **hoist** means to raise into position
- 414.** c. to appoint means to name officially, often to a position; to **nominate** means to appoint or propose for office
- 415.** a. to hoard means to gather a hidden supply; to **stockpile** means accumulate a reserve of something
- 416.** a. homogeneous means descended from the same ancestral type, or **alike**
- 417.** c. a hub is a **center** of activity
- 418.** d. tame means deficient in spirit or courage, or **submissive**
- 419.** b. to irk means to annoy or **irritate**
- 420.** c. to loom means to come into sight in enlarged or distorted form; to **surface** means to come to the surface or into view
- 421.** a. fitful means having intermittent or irregular character; **erratic** means lacking regularity
- 422.** d. gaudy means ostentatiously or tastelessly ornamented; **flashy** means ostentatious or showy
- 423.** b. to flaunt means to display ostentatiously or impudently; to **parade** means to exhibit ostentatiously

- 425. d.** to tantalize means to tease by presenting something desirable; to **flirt** means to behave amorously without serious intent
- 426. b.** dastardly means despicably mean or **cowardly**
- 427. c.** an aficionado is a fan, or a **devotee**
- 428. c.** contiguous means touching along a boundary or point; **adjoining** means joining at a point or line
- 429. a.** a swindler is a person who takes money or property through fraud or deceit; a **charlatan** is a person who pretends to have knowledge or ability, or a fraud
- 430. a.** a rogue is a dishonest person; a **knave** is a tricky deceitful person
- 431. b.** an apologist is a person who writes or speaks in defense of a cause, or a **defender**
- 432. c.** a proxy is a person who has the power to act for another, or a **delegate**
- 433. d.** to buffet means to **strike** repeatedly
- 434. b.** a travesty is a distorted or grossly inferior imitation; a **mockery** is an insincere or contemptible imitation
- 435. b.** to bristle is to take on an aggressive or angry appearance; to **seethe** means to experience violent internal agitation
- 436. c.** to admonish means to express warning in a gentle manner, or to **caution**
- 437. c.** to wheedle means to influence using soft words or flattery; to **plead** means to entreat or appeal earnestly
- 438. d.** aplomb means complete composure or self-assurance, or **poise**

439. d. to aver means to declare positively, or to **state**
440. a. mien means appearance or demeanor; **carriage** means manner of holding one's body, or posture
441. b. a paroxysm is an attack or convulsion, or a **fit**
442. c. aegis means protection, or **sponsorship**
443. a. sepulture means **burial**
444. c. a harridan is a shrew, or a **witch**
445. b. an apothegm is a short, pithy saying; an **adage** is a saying that embodies a common observation
446. b. grandiloquence means lofty or pompous eloquence; one meaning of **bluster** is loudly boastful speech
447. a. a fulmination is a sudden or loud noise, or an **explosion**
448. c. pococurante means indifferent or nonchalant; **blasé** means apathetic to pleasure
449. b. an escarpment is a long **cliff** or a steep slope
450. a. a plutocrat is one who rules by virtue of wealth; a **banker** is one who engages in the business of finance

13

Antonyms

Select the word that is most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 451.** subsequent
a. aloof
b. previous
c. following
d. dismissive
- 452.** abrupt
a. continue
b. laudable
c. anticipated
d. careless
- 453.** conserve
a. waste
b. silence
c. liberal
d. complicate
- 454.** waive
a. retain
b. snub
c. imprison
d. display
- 455.** erode
a. compost
b. clarify
c. ignore
d. restore
- 456.** recall
a. rebate
b. demonstrate
c. forget
d. despise

- 457.** dormant
a. clever
b. active
c. dreamy
d. invisible
- 458.** procrastinate
a. lengthen
b. soothe
c. hurry
d. demolish
- 459.** docile
a. intelligent
b. unruly
c. unreachable
d. pale
- 460.** impromptu
a. rehearsed
b. bizarre
c. foolish
d. disarming
- 461.** denigrate
a. blame
b. hide
c. query
d. uphold
- 462.** bent
a. curved
b. disinclination
c. careful
d. lustrous
- 463.** solvent
a. soggy
b. confusing
c. broke
d. critical
- 464.** disconsolate
a. joyful
b. inhospitable
c. anguished
d. rude
- 465.** brusque
a. cold
b. opulent
c. gracious
d. suspect
- 466.** callow
a. kind
b. urbane
c. sensitive
d. gentle
- 467.** countenance
a. force
b. genuine
c. deny
d. verify
- 468.** cachet
a. release
b. explanation
c. thinness
d. ignominy

- 469.** evince
a. convince
b. hallow
c. hide
d. interpret
- 470.** vainglorious
a. horrible
b. fierce
c. greedy
d. modest
- 471.** iniquitous
a. virtuous
b. complacent
c. equal
d. virulent
- 472.** obstreperous
a. short
b. tame
c. strict
d. distant
- 473.** ebullient
a. aggressive
b. acrid
c. unjust
d. glum
- 474.** halcyon
a. obtrusive
b. advanced
c. tempestuous
d. unscientific
- 475.** imprimatur
a. servant
b. teacher
c. disapproval
d. rustic
- 476.** odium
a. fragrance
b. ease
c. admiration
d. trust
- 477.** mephitic
a. honest
b. healthy
c. simple
d. rural
- 478.** platitudinous
a. hilly
b. exhilarating
c. confounded
d. advantageous
- 479.** facultative
a. compulsory
b. insipid
c. pending
d. decisive
- 480.** persiflage
a. coddle
b. admiration
c. silence
d. clarity

Answers

- 451.** b. subsequent means following in time or order; **previous** means going before in time or order
- 452.** c. abrupt means occurring without warning, or sudden; **anticipated** means expected
- 453.** a. to conserve means to keep safe or preserve, which is the opposite of to **waste**
- 454.** a. to waive means to give up voluntarily; to **retain** means to keep
- 455.** d. to erode means to wear away; to **restore** means to bring back to an original state
- 456.** c. to recall means to remember, which is the opposite of to **forget**
- 457.** b. dormant means temporarily inactive, which is the opposite of **active**
- 458.** c. to procrastinate means to delay or put off, which is the opposite of to **hurry**
- 459.** b. docile means easily taught; **unruly** means not easily managed or disciplined
- 460.** a. impromptu means unplanned or unrehearsed; **rehearsed** means trained or practiced
- 461.** d. to denigrate means to deny the importance of something, or to belittle; to **uphold** means to support or to elevate
- 462.** b. a bent is a strong inclination or capacity; a **disinclination** is a slight aversion
- 463.** c. one meaning of solvent is able to pay all debts; **broke** means penniless

- 464.** a. disconsolate means cheerless or dejected, which is the opposite of **joyful**
- 465.** c. brusque means blunt in manner or speech to the point of being ungracious; **gracious** means marked by charm and good taste
- 466.** b. callow means unsophisticated; **urbane** means sophisticated
- 467.** c. to countenance means to extend approval or sanction; to **deny** means to refuse to grant
- 468.** d. cachet means prestige; **ignominy** means disgrace
- 469.** c. to evince means to display clearly or reveal, which is the opposite of to **hide**
- 470.** d. vainglorious means boastful, which is the opposite of **modest**
- 471.** a. iniquitous means wicked; **virtuous** means morally excellent
- 472.** b. obstreperous means stubbornly resistant to control or unruly; **tame** means docile or submissive
- 473.** d. ebullient means lively or enthusiastic; **glum** means dreary or gloomy
- 474.** c. halcyon means calm or peaceful; **tempestuous** means turbulent or stormy
- 475.** c. imprimatur means sanction or approval, therefore **disapproval** is the most dissimilar
- 476.** c. odium means hatred and condemnation; **admiration** means a feeling of delighted approval
- 477.** b. mephitic means relating to a foul, noxious exhalation from the earth; a mephitic environment would be unhealthy, so **healthy** is its opposite

- 478. b.** platitudinous means full of or characterized by banal, trite remarks; **exhilarating** means refreshing or exciting
- 479. a.** facultative means optional; **compulsory** means mandatory, or not optional
- 480. c.** persiflage means frivolous talk, therefore **silence** is the most dissimilar

14

Synonyms and Antonyms

Read each question carefully and select the word that is the most similar or most dissimilar in meaning to the word provided.

- 481.** beckon is most similar to
a. light
b. beg
c. motion
d. hear
- 482.** earnest is most dissimilar to
a. cheap
b. frivolous
c. release
d. civilized
- 483.** execute is most similar to
a. perform
b. decide
c. wonder
d. dismiss
- 484.** idiom is most similar to
a. stupidity
b. recipe
c. fastener
d. expression
- 485.** accelerate is most dissimilar to
a. delay
b. risk
c. monitor
d. deny
- 486.** engross is most similar to
a. fatten
b. absorb
c. disgust
d. destroy

- 487.** impervious is most dissimilar to
a. kind
b. disastrous
c. prone
d. perfect
- 488.** brood is most similar to
a. wander
b. direction
c. progeny
d. tribe
- 489.** balk is most similar to
a. crow
b. fight
c. distress
d. hamper
- 490.** conversant is most dissimilar to
a. inexperienced
b. unprepared
c. shy
d. unpretentious
- 491.** staunch is most similar to
a. faithful
b. strict
c. biased
d. political
- 492.** unctuous is most dissimilar to
a. pliant
b. cruel
c. sincere
d. rubbery
- 493.** hubris is most similar to
a. earth
b. pride
c. humility
d. sorrow
- 494.** bemuse is most dissimilar to
a. depress
b. inspire
c. clarify
d. desire
- 495.** contrite is most similar to
a. brief
b. malicious
c. banal
d. rueful
- 496.** beset is most similar to
a. hector
b. decorate
c. establish
d. suspect
- 497.** penurious is most dissimilar to
a. generous
b. lenient
c. injurious
d. relaxed
- 498.** perfidy is most similar to
a. incompleteness
b. ideal
c. betrayal
d. braggart

- 499.** ascription is most similar to
- a. account
 - b. attribution
 - c. cure
 - d. description
- 500.** fustigate is most dissimilar to
- a. inveigle
 - b. investigate
 - c. explain
 - d. praise
- 501.** bagatelle is most similar to
- a. paste
 - b. bread
 - c. bauble
 - d. pirouette

Answers

- 481.** c. to beckon means to signal or summon with a wave or a nod; to **motion** means to gesture
- 482.** b. earnest means grave or serious; **frivolous** means lacking in seriousness
- 483.** a. one meaning of to execute is to carry out fully; one meaning of to **perform** is to carry out
- 484.** d. an idiom is an **expression** that is unique either grammatically or in meaning
- 485.** a. to accelerate means to cause to move faster; to **delay** means to move or act slowly
- 486.** b. to engross means to occupy completely; one meaning of to **absorb** is to engage or engross wholly
- 487.** c. impervious means to be incapable of being affected or disturbed; **prone** means having a tendency or inclination, or being likely
- 488.** c. a brood is the young of an animal or a family of young; **progeny** is the offspring of animals or plants
- 489.** d. one meaning of to balk is to check or to stop; to **hamper** means to impede or restrain
- 490.** a. conversant means having knowledge or experience with, therefore **inexperienced** is the most dissimilar
- 491.** a. staunch means steadfast in loyalty or principle, or **faithful**
- 492.** c. unctuous means marked by a smug or false earnestness, or insincere, therefore **sincere** is the most dissimilar
- 493.** b. hubris means exaggerated **pride** or self-confidence

- 494.** c. to bemuse means to make confused, or to bewilder; to **clarify** means to make free from confusion
- 495.** d. contrite means penitent for sin or failing; **rueful** means regretful
- 496.** a. to beset means to trouble or harass; to **hector** means to intimidate or harass
- 497.** a. penurious means given to extreme stinginess or frugality, which is the opposite of **generous**
- 498.** c. perfidy means an act of disloyalty, or **betrayal**
- 499.** b. ascription means the act of referring to a supposed cause, source, or author; **attribution** means the act of explaining by indicating a cause, or the act of ascribing a work to a particular author or artist
- 500.** d. to fustigate means to criticize severely, which is the opposite of to **praise**
- 501.** c. a bagatelle is a trifle (something of little value or importance); a **bauble** is a trinket or a trifle