

CHAPTER 5

Synonyms and Antonyms

Synonyms

A

Abandon	: Leave, forsake.
Abridge	: Shorten, curtail.
Abundant	: Plentiful.
Accumulate	: Collect, store.
Adequate	: Sufficient.
Adversity	: Misfortune.
Aggravate	: Heighten, intensify.
Attack	: Assault.
Authentic	: True.
Awkward	: Clumsy.

B

Behaviour	: Demeanour.
Bias	: Predilection.
Brutal	: Savage, cruel.
Brisk	: Bright, lively.

C

Callous	: Hard, cruel.
Calm	: Quiet, tranquil.
Casual	: Uncertain.
Category	: Class.
Cold	: Frigid, indifferent, passionless.
Compassion	: Pity, sympathy.
Concise	: Short, brief.
Condense	: Compress, thicken.
Conversant	: Familiar.
Crafty	: Cunning, sly.

Cruel	: Fierce, tyrannical.
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D

Damage	: Loss, harm, injury.
Decorate	: Adorn, embellish.
Deformity	: Malformation, disfigurement.
Denounce	: Accuse, condemn.
Diligent	: Industrious, persevering.
Divine	: Godlike, heavenly.

E

Earnest	: Serious, solemn.
Emergency	: Exigency.
Exceptional	: Unusual, rare.
Extravagant	: Wasteful, prodigal, spendthrift.

F

False	: Untrue, spurious.
Fascinate	: Charm, enchant.
Ferocious	: Fierce, savage.
Fraud	: Deceit, trickery.

G

Geniune	: Real.
Gigantic	: Colossal, great.
Guilt	: Sin, crime.

H

Haughty	: Arrogant, proud.
Hazardous	: Dangerous, risky, perilous.
Humility	: Modesty, politeness.

I

Illiterate	: Unlearned, ignorant.
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Imperious : Authoritative, dictatorial.
Impertinent : Impudent, insolent, shameless.
Inanimate : Lifeless.
Inexorable : Relentless, merciless.
Irresolute : Undecided, wavering, vacillating.

J

Jolly : Jovial, merry.
Judicious : Discreet, prudent.

K

Knavery : Fraud.

L

Laborious : Assiduous, industrious.
Lament : Grieve, mourn.
Lethargy : Sluggishness.
Liberty : Freedom, independence.
Loathe : Detest, abhor.
Lucky : Fortunate.

M

Magnificent : Splendid, grand.
Marvellous : Wonderful.
Meagre : Small.
Mean : Low, abject.
Mighty : Strong, powerful.
Misery : Sorrow, distress.

N

Nice : Pleasant, agreeable.
Notable : Remarkable, memorable.
Notorious : Infamous.

O

Obliterate : Destroy, efface.
Obsolete : Antiquated.
Opportune : Timely.

P

Pensive : Thoughtful.
Perennial : Permanent, perpetual.
Persuade : Induce, urge.
Plentiful : Abundant.
Precarious : Risky, dangerous.
Pretence : Pretext, excuse.

Q

Quaint : Queer, odd, singular.
Queer : Strange, odd.
Questionable : Doubtful.

R

Radiant : Bright, brilliant.
Refined : Elegant.
Rejoice : Delight.
Relevant : Pertinent.
Renown : Fame, reputation.
Repudiate : Reject.
Resistance : Opposition.
Rigid : Stiff, unyielding.
Ruinous : Destructive, injurious.

S

Sacred : Holy, consecrated, pious.
Satiate : Satisfy.
Scanty : Slender, meagre.
Sensual : Fleshly, carnal.
Shapely : Graceful, elegant.
Solitary : Single, lonely.
Sombre : Gloomy, dark.
Specimen : Sample, model.
Splendid : Magnificent, grand.
Spurious : False, imaginary.
Stiff : Rigid, stern.
Superficial : Shallow.
Surplus : Excess.

T

Talkative : Garrulous.
Temperate : Moderate.
Thankful : Grateful, obliged.
Thin : Slim, slender.
Thrive : Prosper, flourish.
Tough : Hard, strong, difficult.
Tragic : Sorrowful, distressing.

U

Ugly : Repulsive.
Urbane : Polite, courteous, suave.
Urge : Press, incite.
Useful : Advantageous.

V

Vacillate : Waver
Venerable : Respectable.
Vigilance : Watchfulness.
Voracious : Greedy.
Vulgar : Coarse, crude.

W

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Wealthy : Rich.
Wickedness : Evil.
Wild : Savage.
Wretched : Miserable, unfortunate.
Wreck : Ruin, destory.

Y

Yield : Surrender
Yielding : Submissive.

Z

Zeal : Passion.
Zenith : Top, summit.
Zest : Enthusiasm.

Antonyms

A

Ability : Disability.
Accept : Reject, refuse.
Acquit : Convict.
Affinity : Aversion.
Ancient : Modern.
Artificial : Natural.
Attract : Repel.
Awkward : Graceful.

B

Barbarous : Civilized.
Barren : Fertile.
Base : Noble.
Benevolent : Malevolent.
Bold : Timid, cowardly.
Brutal : Humane, kindly.

C

Callous : Soft, tender.
Care : Neglect.
Censure : Praise, applaud.
Chaste : Impure, unchaste.
Cheap : Dear.
Cheerful : Gloomy, depressed.
Competent : Incompetent.
Conceal : Reveal.
Condense : Lengthen, expand.
Confess : Deny.
Create : Destory.
Credit : Discredit, debit.

D

Danger : Safety.
Deep : Shallow.
Delight : Despleasure, sorrow.
Dense : Sparse.
Despair : Hope.
Diffident : Confident.
Distant : Near.

E

Early : Late.
Elevation : Depression.
Emancipate : Enslave.
Energetic : Weak.
Enthusiasm : Indifference.
Equality : Inequality.
Explicit : Implicit.
Exterior : Interior.
Extrinsic : Intrinsic.

F

Fabulous : Actual, real.
Failure : Success.
Fickle : Constant.
Fine : Coarse.
Folly : Wisdom.
Foreign : Native.
Fautility : Utility.

G

Gain : Loss.
Genuine : False.
Gloomy : Gay.
Guilty : Innocent.

H

Happiness : Sorrow, sadness.
Help : Hinder.
Honour : Dishonour, shame.
Humane : Cruel.
Hypocrisy : Sincerity.

I

Imperative : Optional.
Increase : Decrease.
Inhale : Exhale.
Interested : Disinterested.
Interesting : Uniteresting.

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J

Joyful : Sad, depressed.
Junior : Senior.
Justice : Injustice.

K

Kind : Cruel.
Knowledge : Ignorance.

L

Lack : Plenty.
Legal : Illegal.
Legible : Illegible.
Liberty : Slavery.
Light : Heavy.
Loose : Tight.
Love : Hate.

M

Mad : Sane.
Malice : Goodwill.
Master : Servant.
Meagre : Plentiful.
Merit : Demerit.
Mild : Harsh, stern.
Morbid : Healthy.
Motion : Rest.

N

Natural : Artificial.
Noble : Base, ignoble.
Normal : Abnormal.
Notorious : Reputable.

O

Obstinate : Yielding.
Offensive : Pleasing, defensive.
Optional : Compulsory.
Oral : Written.
Outward : Inward.

P

Part (n) : Yielding.
Part (v) : Join.
Particular : General.
Peace : War.
Persuade : Dissuade.
Pleasure : Pain.
Polite : Impolite, rude.
Praise : Condemn, defame.

Precious : Cheap, worthless.
Pride : Humility.
Prudent : Imprudent.
Punishment : Reward.

Q

Quick : Slow, tardy.

R

Raise : Lower.
Rash : Steady, cautious.
Rear : Front.
Receive : Give.
Reject : Accept, admit.
Religious : Secular, irreligious.
Remember : Forget.
Rich : Poor, needy.
Rise : Fall.

S

Sacred : Unholy, profane.
Satisfaction : Dissatisfaction.
Scanty : Plentiful.
Sensitive : Insensitive.
Service : Disservice.
Sharp : Blunt.
Silence : Noise.
Sober : Excited, drunk.
Sophisticated : Naive.
Special : Ordinary.
Stale : Fresh.
Straight : Crooked.
Superior : Inferior.
Surplus : Deficit.
Swift : Slow.

T

Tedious : Lively.
Temperate : Intemperate.
Thankful : Thankless.
Thrifty : Extravagant.
Timid : Bold.
Tranquil : Agitated.
True : False.

U

Ugly : Beautiful.
Union : Disunion, discord, split.
Urban : Rural.

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Usual : Unusual.
V

Vain : Modest.

Violent : Gentle.

Virtue : Vice.

Vulgar : Refined.
W

Youth : Age.

Zeal : Indifference.

Zenith : Nadir.

Wane : Wax

Want : Abundance.

War : Peace.

Wild : Civilised.
Y

Yield : Resist.

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