

English

Comprehension

Vocabulary

Syntactic Ability

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WHAT IS SYNONYMS?

Synonyms are the two words that carry the same or very close meaning. Two set of words, which mean exactly same or similar are termed as synonyms. Thus, a single word can have many synonyms. A state of being synonyms is called synonymy. Thereby a single word can carry many synonyms. For example; Simple, Smooth, Easy are Synonyms of each other. For example, Pretty, Gorgeous , Eye catching, Attractive , Cute , Appealing, are few examples of many synonyms of the word **Beautiful**. The formations of synonyms changes as per the changing form, let it be either verb, adjective, adverb, preposition etc. On can understand better with the help of examples.

Verb: Walk and Stroll

Adjective: Beautiful and Charming

Adverb: Easily and Comfortably

Preposition: On and Upon

Tips to solve Synonyms correctly in exam:

Universally speaking, there are no short cuts to anywhere. No easy way out. You should study the list of Synonyms and antonyms taking proper time. Daily learn five to ten words but don't learn all words started with same alphabets. Revise daily, or you can write words in your room make a chart of words and paste the chart in your study room, you can also write one or two words on your hand too because when we see a particular word many times it really helps to learn. Secondly read better books, possible you can *read by Norman Lewis or Sp Bakshi. These book contains several techniques how to remember* words for a long time. Give synonyms and antonyms quizzes regularly. Besides that , read newspapers and most importantly have your own notebook where you can write down the few new words that seemed to be new to you. That way you can develop your word stock.

Having said that, there are certain points that may help you along the way.

RULE 1

CONTEXTUALIZE THE GIVEN WORD

Take a quick look at the word in capital letters. If you don't recollect its meaning right away, try to think of a phrase or sentence in which you have

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heard it used. The context may help you come up with the word's meaning. For example:

EXAMPLE

MAGNIFY:

- (A) pardon
- (B) understand
- (C) remove
- (D) Amplify

The term “magnifying glass” should immediately come to mind. A magnifying glass enlarges things. The similar of enlarging something is to make it bigger or amplify it. The answer is Choice D.

EXAMPLE

ABERRANT:

- (A) exact
- (B) simple
- (C) causal
- (D) abnormal

What phrase comes to your mind? “Aberrant behavior.” “Aberrant data.” In both cases you should have an impression of something deviating from what is expected, an impression of something unusual or abnormal. Aberrant behavior is odd or extraordinary; *aberrant*, therefore, is an synonym for *abnormal*. The correct answer is Choice D.

EXAMPLE

INDUSTRIOUS:

- (A) dim-witted
- (B) cruel
- (C) diligent
- (D) intricate

Active, productive, hard-working all are synonyms for *Industrious*. Your correct answer is Choice C.

RULE 2

FIND THE POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE CONNOTATION OF GIVEN WORD.

If the word is positive, synonym would be positive . And, if the word is negative synonym would be negative. Take note of positively and negatively charged answer choices. It is possible to associate a negative or positive charge with almost any given word. Try to discern whether each word in the following list has a positive (+), negative (-). Choose the best synonym.

EXAMPLE

DEMORALISED

- A) Advantageous
- B) magnanimous
- C) downtrodden
- D) destitute

In the example, we are trying to find the best synonym for the word demoralized. So, we should begin by ascertaining its charge. The prefix, "De" is typically used in negatively charged words. Therefore, the answer will likely have a negative charge. Let's go through the list to see how each word is charged.

- A) Advantageous (+)
- B) magnanimous (+)
- C) downtrodden (-)
- D) destitute (-)

After labeling each, we are left with two words that are positively charged: Advantageous and magnanimous. Know the meaning of any answer choices, you have narrowed your choices down to two and are left with a 50% change of answering correctly. Destitute means penniless or poor. So the answer is Downtrodden. This is a quick technique that can be very beneficial when attempting to answer a question with several words that you are unsure about.

EXAMPLE

UNRULY:

- (A) immobile
- (B) Disobedient
- (C) Euphoric
- (D) tractable

Unruly has a prefix UN. So it is negatively charged. True, an unruly person is wild and hard to manage, even rebellious. Such a person is not easy to manage, compliant because he/she is disobedient. The correct answer is Choice B.

RULE 3

LOOK AT THE ANSWER CHOICES TO DETERMINE THE WORD'S PART OF SPEECH

Look at the capitalized word. What part of speech is it? Words often exist in several forms. You may think of *run* as a verb, for example, but in the phrases, “a run in her stocking,” and “hit a home run,” *run* is a noun.

If you suspect that a capitalized word may have more than one part of speech, don't worry. Just look at the first couple of answer choices and see what part of speech they are. That part of speech will be the capitalized word's part of speech.

See how this tactic works in answering a relatively simple question.

EXAMPLE

POLISH:

- (A) ruthless
- (B) treachery
- (C) indolence
- (D) Sparkle

Are you dealing with *polish* the verb or *polish* the noun?

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A quick look at the answers assures you that they are all nouns. *Polish* here has nothing to do with rubbing and shining your shoes. The noun *polish* means refinement and culture. Its synonym is *sparkle*. The correct answer is Choice D.

RULE 4

CONSIDER SECONDARY MEANINGS OF THE CAPITALIZED WORD AS WELL AS ITS PRIMARY MEANING

If none of the answer choices seems right to you, take another look at the capitalized word. It may have more than one meaning. Take, for example, this typical question.

EXAMPLE

LIST:

- (A) overturn
- (B) Roll
- (C) lie flat
- (D) fall forward

List here has nothing to do with making lists or enumerating. It has to do with moving. When it *lists* to starboard, a ship simply leans to one side or tilts. The best synonym for this meaning of *list* is Choice B, *be roll*.

RULE 5

BREAK DOWN UNFAMILIAR WORDS INTO RECOGNIZABLE PARTS

When you come upon a totally unfamiliar word, don't give up. Break it down and see if you recognize any of its parts. Pay particular attention to prefixes — word parts added to the beginning of a word — and to roots, the building blocks of the language.

Look once more at the following question.

EXAMPLE

ABERRANT:

- (A) exact
- (B) simple
- (C) causative

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(D) Unusual

Suppose you had never heard *aberrant* before. You have seen dozens of other words beginning with *ab-*: *absent*, abnormal, abduct. Take *abduct*. What do you do when you abduct someone? You kidnap him, or steal him away. *Ab-* means *away*.

What about the root, *err*? To err is to be wrong or to wander, as in wandering from the usual path. Thus, *aberrant* means *wandering* away, straying from what is usual or normal, Choice D is right answer.

EXAMPLE

NEOLOGISM:

- (A) pleasant salutation
- (B) short synopsis
- (C) prolonged discourse
- (D) Modern expression

Neo- means new. *Log-* means word or speech. A *neologism* must have to do with a new sort of word or speech. Logically, therefore, the *neologism* must have to do with an *new* sort of word or speech. Only one answer seems possible: Choice D is correct.

RULE 6

CHANGE UNFAMILIAR WORDS FROM ONE PART OF SPEECH TO ANOTHER

When you confront an unfamiliar word, try replacing its suffix with a different word ending

EXAMPLE

DICHOTOMOUS:

- (A) apparent
- (B) alienated
- (C) atypical
- (D) indifferent

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Remove the *-ous* ending from *dichotomous*. In its place, substitute *-y*. You have the word *dichotomy*, as in the dichotomy between Good and Evil, or the dichotomy between thought and action. A dichotomy is a division or separation in two parts, often mutually exclusive ones. Something dichotomous, therefore, is divided; Choice B is right option.

STUDY QUESTION WITH ANSWER EXPLANATION

1. ABJECT

a. indigent b. desire c. despondent d. extreme

Indigent can be poor, needy, penniless. **Desire** means longing, yearning, aspiration, need. **Extreme** means tremendous, intense, excessive. It has positive meaning. So the positive answer can't be possible if the word has negative connotation. **Despondent** means having lost all hope. **Abject** means cast down in spirit, or utterly hopeless. So the correct answer is C.

2. Bespoke most nearly means

a. gentle b. quiet c. tailored d. handsome

Bespoke means custom-made. It is something like, modified, made to order, adapted, or personalized. Gentle does not fit in the above mentioned definition. Quiet means calm, silence, hushed, which is out of focus. Tailored is something which customizes and personalizes the things. In contextualizing, it sounds like tailor, where we go for stitching the clothes and to modify them. So the correct answer is C.

3. Diffident most nearly means

a. apathetic b. shy c. arrogant d. quarrelsome

Diffident means, reserve, shy or lacking in confidence and so B is correct answer.

4. Proffer most nearly means

a. mendicant b. wastrel c. predict d. tender

To proffer means to put something forward for acceptance, or to tender .

Mendicant can't be associated with the given word.

Wastrel spendthrift or squanderer

Predict means forecast, foresee, foretell, guess, calculate,, see coming. In this regard, the correct answer is option C

5. mordant most nearly means

a. dead b. gruesome c. fetid d. caustic

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Mordant means biting or caustic in means or speech. **Dead** is the end of something. **Gruesome** refers to ghastly, horrid or shocking. **Fetid** means rotten, putrid, stinking, smelly. So after keenly analysis, whatever option is left, without doubt, it is correct answer. Thus, option D is the correct synonymous word for Mordant.

ONE WORD WITH MANY SYNONYMIES

AMELIORATE: to make better; to improve

The doctor was able to AMELIORATE the patient's suffering using painkillers.

Words with similar meanings:

AMEND

BETTER

IMPROVE

PACIFY

UPGRADE

BOLSTER: to support; to prop up

The presence of giant footprints BOLSTERED the argument that Sasquatch was in the area.

Words with similar meanings:

BRACE

BUTTRESS

PROP

SUPPORT SUSTAIN

UNDERPIN

UPHOLD

CONDONE: to overlook, pardon, or disregard

Some theorists believe that failing to prosecute minor crimes is the same as

CONDONING

an air of lawlessness.

Words with similar meanings:

EXCULPATE

EXCUSE

REMIT

PARDON

DOGMATIC: dictatorial in one's opinions

The dictator was DOGMATIC--he, and only he, was right.

Words with similar meanings:

AUTHORITARIAN

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DICTATORIAL
DOCTRINAIRE
DOMINEERING
IMPERIOUS
MASTERFUL

EPHEMERAL: lasting a short time

The lives of mayflies seem EPHEMERAL to us, since the flies' average life span is a matter of hours.

Words with similar meanings:

EVANESCENT
FLEETING
MOMENTARY
TRANSIENT

FRUGALITY: a tendency to be thrifty or cheap

Mulla Nasaruddin's FRUGALITY was so great that he accumulated enough wealth to **fill** a giant storehouse with money.

Words with similar meanings:

ECONOMICAL
PARSIMONY
PRUDENCE
SPARING

GARRULOUS: tending to talk a lot

The GARRULOUS parakeet distracted its owner with its continuous talking.

Words with similar meanings:

EFFUSIVE
LOQUACIOUS

INSIPID: lacking interest or flavor

The critic claimed that the painting was INSIPID, containing no interesting qualities at all.

Words with similar meanings:

BANAL
BLAND DULL
STALE VAPID

PUNGENT: sharp and irritating to the senses

The smoke from the burning tires was extremely PUNGENT.

Words with similar meanings:

ACRID

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CAUSTIC
PIQUANT
POIGNANT
STINGING

QUIESCENT: motionless , state of rest or inactivity

Many animals are QUIESCENT over the winter months, minimizing activity in order to conserve energy.

Words with similar meanings:

QUIESCENCE
LATENT
DORMANT

RAREM: to make thinner or sparser , the process of making something less dense

Since the atmosphere RAREFIES as altitudes increase, the air at the top of very tall mountains is too thin to breathe.

Related Words:

RAREFACTION:
ATTENUATE
THIN

TACITURN: silent, not talkative

The clerk's TACITURN nature earned him the nickname "Silent Bob."

Related Words:

TACIT: done without using words
LACONIC RETICENT

VOLATILE: easily aroused or changeable; lively or explosive

His VOLATILE personality made it difficult to predict his reaction to anything.

Words with similar meanings:

CAPRICIOUS
ERRATIC
FICKLE
INCONSISTENT
INCONSTANT
MERCURIAL

TEMPERAMENTAL

WAVER: to fluctuate between choices

If you WAVER too long before making a decision about which testing site to register for,

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you may not get your first choice.

Words with similar meanings:

DITHER

FALTER

FLUCTUATE

OSCILLATE

VACILLATE

ZEAL: passion, excitement

She brought her typical ZEAL to the project, sparking enthusiasm in the other team members.

Related Words:

ZEALOT

ARDENCY

FERVOR

PASSION

FIRE

Synonyms

Which of these words the word provided?

DEplete

a. decorate b. beg c. exhaust d. hurry

c. deplete means to reduce or deprive or something essential; exhaust means to empty completely

VOLUNTARY

a. willing b. charity c. prisoner d. careless

a. voluntary means done by one's own will, or willing

REFUTE

a. garbage b. deny c. offer d. difficult

b. to refute means to prove wrong, or to deny the truth of

CHEAT

a. stingy b. argue c. freckle d. defraud

d. to cheat means to influence by means of trickery, or to defraud

MISERABLE

a. cruel b. wrong c. unhappy d. miss

c. miserable means in a state of distress or unhappiness

VINTAGE

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a. classic b. alcoholic c. disease d. spoiled

a. vintage means of old and enduring interest, or classic

TART

a. law b. acid c. angry d. desirable

b. tart means pleasantly sharp or acid to the taste

CORNER

a. display b. trap c. paint d. hurry

b. to corner means to drive into a corner, or to trap

ZEST

a. gusto b. cram c. worry d. trial

a. one meaning of zest is keen enjoyment, or gusto

HAGGLE

a. tired b. climb c. decrease d. bargain

d. to haggle means to negotiate over terms or price, or to bargain

IMPEL

a. force b. block c. hinder d. discredit

a. to impel means to drive forward using strong moral pressure, or to force

THRONG

a. garment b. bell c. mass d. weight

c. a throng is a large number of assembled people, or a mass

IMPERIAL

a. bratty b. oppressive c. regal d. beautiful

c. imperial means befitting or suggesting an emperor; regal means befitting or suggesting a king

DIFFUSE

a. difficult b. scatter c. incomprehensible d. unplug

b. to diffuse means to break up or spread out, or to scatter

HINDER

a. lose b. loose c. despair d. check

d. to hinder means to hold back; one meaning of to check means to slow or bring to a stop

LATENT

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a. **dormant** b. recent c. effeminate d. desirable

a. **latent means capable of becoming but not currently visible, or dormant**

WRETCHED

a. twisted b. forced c. **miserable** d. increased

c. **wretched means extremely distressed, or miserable**

IRKSOME

a. outrageous b. fearsome c. impoverished d. **annoying**

d. **irksome means tedious or annoying**

REGULATE

a. even b. **police** c. flow d. position

b. **to regulate means to bring under the control of law; to police means to control or keep order**

WARRANT

a. **justify** b. burrow c. hide d. integrity

a. **to warrant means to serve as adequate ground or reason, or to justify**

PROTRACT

a. engage b. fold c. **delay** d. corner

c. **to protract means to prolong in time or space, or to delay**

LAX

a. guarantee b. **slack** c. servant d. strive

b. **lax means in a relaxed state, or slack**

RIGOR

a. **austerity** b. rope c. fix d. excess

a. **rigor means severity of life, or austerity**

DISCRETE

a. leave b. moderate c. squander d. **distinct**

d. **discrete means individually distinct**

LISSOME

a. slow b. honest c. **supple** d. dull

c. **lissome means supple or flexible**

MISPRIZE

a. **despise** b. devalue c. erroneous d. covet

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a. to misprize means to hold in contempt, or to despise

IMPUGN

a. imply b. fret c. assail d. recalcitrant

c. to impugn means to attack verbally as false or lacking integrity; to assail means to attack

SUPERVENE

a. intervene b. overextend c. displace d. follow

d. to supervene means to follow as an unexpected development

EXIGENT

a. urgent b. treatise c. accumulator d. expedient

a. exigent means demanding immediate attention, or urgent

FERVID

a. delightful b. difficult c. obstinate d. ardent .

d. fervid means ardent or passionate

ERSATZ

a. frenzied b. artificial c. impromptu d. vague

b. ersatz means a usually artificial or inferior substitute

REDOLENT

a. ubiquitous b. odorous c. shy d. bellicose .

b. redolent means aromatic or full of a specific scent, or odorous

TURPITUDE

a. lethargy b. honor c. belligerence d. depravity

d. turpitude means wickedness, or depravity

PROPINQUITY

a. Pattern b. nearness c. competency d. tendency.

b. propinquity means nearness in place or time

VOCIFEROUS

a. numerous b. bountiful c. strident d. garrulous

c. vociferous means loud and insistent, often in presentation of demands or requests; strident also means loud and insistent

Synonyms

DELIRIOUS

a. manic b. calm c. tasty d. suspicious

a. delirious means marked by frenzied excitement, or manic

INFIRM

a. hospital b. weak c. short d. fortitude

b. infirm means feeble from age, or weak

LURE

a. tickle b. decoy c. resist d. suspect

lure is used to attract animals into a trap, like a decoy

ISOLATION

a. fear b. plentitude c. solitude d. disease

isolation means the state of being alone or withdrawn, or solitude

LULL

a. pause b. noise c. boring d. mark

a. a lull is a temporary pause

OUTFIT

a. indoors b. strong c. special d. furnish

d. to outfit means to supply or to furnish

OMIT

a. recluse b. neglect c. mistake d. destroy

b. to omit means to leave out, to fail to perform, or to neglect

MUTINY

- a. rebellion b. currency c. sailor d. hassle
a. mutiny means resistance to lawful authority, or rebellion

NAIVE

- a. rural b. secular c. unsophisticated d. sultry
c. naive means unaffectedly simple, or unsophisticated

SOLEMNITY

- a. lightheartedness b. gravity c. diligence d. sleepiness
b. solemnity means formal or ceremonious observance, or seriousness;
gravity means dignity of bearing, or seriousness

MALIGN

- a. evil b. malicious c. slander d. grandiose
c. to malign means to speak false or harmful things of, or to slander

IMPUDENT

- a. cautious b. haphazard c. gleeful d. insolent
d. impudent means contemptuously bold or cocky, or insolent

LAMBASTE

- a. marinade b. commotion c. censure d. tickle
c. to lambaste means to attack verbally, or to censure

RUDIMENTARY

- a. crass b. gracious c. deliberate d. primitive
d. rudimentary means crude or primitive

PITCHED

- a. undone b. retracted c. heated d. lovely
c. pitched means intensely fought; one meaning of heated is marked by anger

DECORUM

- a. etiquette b. merit c. parliament d. slipshod
a. decorum means conduct required in social life, or etiquette

LARGESSE

- a. greatness b. generosity c. miniscule d. clumsiness
b. largesse means liberal giving or generosity

TUMID

- a. swollen b. fetid c. aggressive d. despondent.
a. tumid means puffy or swollen

JEJUNE

- a. youthful b. insipid c. charming d. quick
b. jejune means lacking in substance or interest; insipid means lacking in qualities to excite or interest

SINECURE

- a. cakewalk b. serpentine c. evil d. dishonest
a. a sinecure is a job for which little or no work is expected; a cakewalk is a one-sided competition

CASTIGATE

- a. spay b. punish c. banish d. celebrate
b. to castigate means to subject to severe punishment

OBLOQUY

- a. tirade b. dependence c. oval d. circumlocution
a. obloquy means abusive language; tirade means harshly censorious language

QUERULOUS

- a. nauseous b. fretful c. curious d. dizzy
b. querulous means Patternnually complaining, or fretful

Answers

Synonyms

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

WRATH

- a. loop b. anger c. crime d. smoke
b. wrath means strong, vengeful anger

PLETHORA

- a. nuisance b. foolish c. wealth d. love
c. abundance means an ample quantity, or wealth

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CALAMITY

- a. concoction b. silence c. shellfish d. disaster
d. a calamity is an extraordinarily grave event, or disaster

POMPOUS

- a. arrogant b. supportive c. tiring d. gaudy
a. pompous means self-important, or arrogant

PREVALENT

- a. wind b. servile c. widespread d. rare
c. prevalent means generally accepted, or widespread

WINCE

- a. flinch b. merriment c. crush d. solitary
a. to wince means to shrink back involuntarily, or to flinch

SUPERFICIAL

- a. elegant b. shallow c. intelligent d. rich
b. superficial means to be concerned only with the surface or appearance, or shallow

TANGLE

- a. snarl b. rumble c. dance d. shiver
a. a tangle is a twisted, knotted mass, or a snarl

REFORM

- a. reprimand b. destroy c. display d. correct
d. to reform means to change for the better, or to correct

METHODICAL

- a. periodic b. poetic c. systematic d. disrespectful
c. methodical means proceeding according to an order or system, or systematic

SPITE

- a. ecstasy b. beverage c. wonder d. malice
d. spite means petty ill will or hatred, or malice

SCALE

- a. climb b. sail c. swim d. skate
a. one meaning of scale is to climb

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SMUDGE

- a. wallow b. residue c. blur d. celebrate.
c. a smudge is a blurry spot or streak

DRIZZLE

- a. curly b. sprinkle c. sear d. drench
b. one meaning of to drizzle is to rain in very small drops, or to sprinkle

MUNDANE

- a. dirty b. commonplace c. confused d. extraordinary
b. mundane means ordinary, or commonplace

PRETENSION

- a. stress b. ambition c. waste d. strife
b. pretension means an effort to establish, or ambition

AFFECT

- a. outcome b. share c. pompous d. cultivate
d. to affect means to make a display of using or liking something, or to cultivate

HERALD

- a. insignia b. postpone c. hail d. regal
c. to herald means to greet with enthusiasm, or to hail

FACULTY

- a. defective b. school c. gift d. desire
c. one meaning of faculty is an ability or gift

MIRTH

- a. anger b. glee c. sarcasm d. mistrust
b. mirth means gladness expressed with laughter, or glee

DRUDGERY

- a. silliness b. labor c. evil d. investigation
b. drudgery means uninspiring or menial labor

PREREQUISITE

- a. necessary b. course c. difficult d. tar
a. prerequisite means necessary for carrying out a function

DIRE

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a. questionable b. forthright c. traitor d. urgent
d. dire means desperately urgent

GRAPPLE

a. struggle b. trap c. laugh d. intend
a. to grapple means to come to grips with, or to struggle

SUNDRY

a. aged b. supply c. various d. tremendous
c. sundry means an indeterminate number, or various

SUPLANT

a. grow b. replace c. undo d. question
b. to supplant means take the place of, or to replace

VENERATE

a. ordain b. breathe c. polish d. revere
d. to venerate means to treat with reverential respect, or to revere

CONCILIATE

a. appease b. disagree c. revive d. separate
a. to conciliate means to gain goodwill with pleasing acts, or to appease

EXULTANT

a. afraid b. jubilant c. expectant d. demanding
b. exultant means filled with or expressing great joy, or jubilant

SURREPTITIOUS

a. overbearing b. clandestine c. indirect d. impious
b. surreptitious means done or acquired in stealth, or clandestine

RECALCITRANT

a. hesitant b. subdued c. unruly d. subtract
c. recalcitrant means defiant of authority, or unruly

PRETTY

a. plain b. confusing c. ugly d. terrible
d. one meaning of pretty is miserable or terrible, as in the expression “a pretty pickle”

COTERIE

a. various b. flirtation c. club d. socialize

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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

NEFARIOUS

a. infamous b. macabre c. evil d. distinguished
c. nefarious means flagrantly wicked, or evil

CURRY

a. flatter b. spicy c. squander d. game
a. to curry means to seek to gain favor, or to flatter

PRETERNATURAL

a. immature b. extraordinary c. removed d. unearned
b. preternatural means exceeding what is natural, or extraordinary

PERNICIOUS

a. noxious b. illicit c. open d. undecided
a. pernicious means highly injurious or deadly, or noxious

REPRISAL

a. accusation b. loathe c. retaliation d. insinuation
c. a reprisal is an act of vengeance, or a retaliation

MANIFOLD

a. evident b. contemporary c. diverse d. willing
c. manifold means marked by variety, or diverse

FACTIOUS

a. sham b. unreliable c. seditious d. argumentative
c. factious means inclined to form factions; seditious means disposed to insurrection

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

GLARE

a. scowl
b. hide
c. display

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d. summon

- a. **to glare means to stare angrily; to scowl means to have an angry expression**

ERRATIC

a. enticing

b. frequent

c. difficult

d. **irregular**

d. **erratic means lacking regularity, or irregular**

CIVIL

a. unkind

b. trite

c. public

d. questionable

c. **one meaning of civil is involving the general public**

PEER

a. apple

b. connote

c. **fellow**

d. recluse

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**

FIASCO

a. festival

b. **disaster**

c. happenstance

d. ceremony.

b. **a fiasco is a complete failure, or a disaster**

CHASM

a. **gorge**

b. charm

c. bridle

d. criticize

a. **a chasm is a deep split in the earth, or a gorge**

EXPERTISE

a. activity

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- b. courage
- c. mastery
- d. effort

b. expertise and mastery both mean special skills or knowledge

OUTLANDISH

- a. distant
- b. absurd
- c. pastoral
- d. belligerent

b. outlandish means extremely out of the ordinary; absurd means ridiculously unreasonable

PINE

- a. clean
- b. hate
- c. resolve
- d. crave

c. to pine means to long for, or to crave

EXPLOIT

- a. answer
- b. feat
- c. accident
- d. persuade.

b. an exploit is a notable or heroic act; a feat is a courageous deed

CULMINATION

- a. realization
- b. disaster
- c. serendipity
- d. persuasion

a.culmination means the act of reaching the highest point, or decisive action; realization means the act of bringing into concrete existence