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PREFACE

The book One Word Substitutions is a kind of a reverse dictionary. The examiners use this test to evaluate the students' command over English vocabulary. In this type of questions, the students taking the verbal ability test are required to answer by writing a single word which can be used appropriately in place of the given description.

Knowledge of One Word Substitutes helps the students not only in scoring well in exams but also in achieving excellent proficiency in English language.

Often, learners of English use vague words and long sentences. English is a rich language and has a large number of words. By substituting verbose sentences with precise words, one can convey one's ideas more clearly.

The present book is a fairly good collection of One Word Substitutes. Though it is not an exhaustive list, it is certainly an honest effort to explain highly useful words. It includes words and definitions which are often asked in national and international competitive and entrance examinations. Moreover, the knowledge of these words will also help the students and learners of English to enhance their writing, speaking and reading skills.

I hope the book will prove very useful to all the learners of English. Any suggestion for improvement of the book will be highly appreciated.

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| ✘ A judge's private room, without the press or the public being present | In camera |
| ✘ A period of time in the past that was idyllically happy and peaceful | Halcyon |
| ✘ A tax or levy | Cess |
| ✘ An abbreviation formed from the initial letters of other words and pronounced as a word | Acronym |
| ✘ An ability to do several things at the same time | Multitasking |
| ✘ An ability to express oneself well in speech | Oracy |
| ✘ An ability to make good judgements and take quick decisions | Acumen |
| ✘ An ability to see what will or might happen in the future | Foresight |
| ✘ An ability to stay calm in difficult or dangerous situations | Sangfroid |
| ✘ An ability to use one's hands skilfully or an ability to think quickly and effectively | Dexterity |
| ✘ An ability, talent, or special skill needed to do something | Knack |
| ✘ Able to become strong, healthy, or successful again after something bad happens | Resilient |
| ✘ Able to do many different things | Versatile |
| ✘ Able to exist together without trouble or conflict; going together well | Compatible |
| ✘ Acceptable according to the law, fair or reasonable | Valid |
| ✘ Accepting and closely following the traditional beliefs and customs of a religion | Orthodox |
| ✘ An act of burying a dead person | Interment |

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✘ An act of carefully watching someone or something especially in order to prevent or detect a crime	Surveillance
✘ An act of causing two people or groups to become friendly again after an argument or disagreement	Reconciliation
✘ An act of committing a serious crime such as murder or rape	Felony
✘ An act of destroying or damaging something deliberately so that it does not work correctly	Sabotage
✘ An act of ending the employment of a worker or group of workers	Layoff
✘ An act of explaining something	Exposition
✘ An act of getting money back from people it has been paid to	Clawback
✘ An act of going or travelling to a place along a way that is different from the usual or planned way	Detour
✘ An act of identifying a disease, illness, or problem by examining someone or something	Diagnosis
✘ An act of illegally copying someone's product or invention without permission	Piracy
✘ An act of no longer caring for, using, or doing something, failure to do one's job or duty	Dereliction
✘ An act of officially charging someone with a crime	Indictment
✘ An act of printing a statement about somebody that is not true and that gives people a bad opinion of him/her	Libel
✘ An act of punishing or harming somebody in return for what he/she has done to you, your family or friends	Vengeance
✘ An act of remembering or telling about past experiences	Reminiscence
✘ An act of returning something that was lost or stolen to its owner	Restitution
✘ An act of sending someone to another person or place for treatment, help, advice, etc.	Referral

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✘ An act of treating a holy place or object in a way that does not show proper respect	Sacrilege
✘ An act of trying to impress someone by saying the names of well-known people that one knows or has met	Name-dropping
✘ An act or fact of having a romantic or sexual relationship with someone other than one's husband, wife, or partner	Infidelity
✘ An act or means of sealing off a place to prevent goods or people from entering or leaving	Blockade
✘ An act or remark that is calculated to gain an advantage	Gambit
✘ An act that is part of a usually religious ceremony	Rite
✘ An act, activity, or process of finding the way to get to a place when one is travelling in a ship, airplane, car	Navigation
✘ An action of making amends for a wrong or injury	Atonement
✘ An action of marrying a person of a superior caste or class	Hypergamy
✘ An action of regaining or gaining possession of something in exchange for payment, or clearing a debt	Redemption
✘ An action or event that is a signal for somebody to do something	Cue
✘ An action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk	Blasphemy
✘ An activity or art of copying the behaviour or speech of other people	Mimicry
✘ An activity or excitement that is unusual and that often is not wanted or necessary	Fuss
✘ An activity in that more and more people are becoming involved	Bandwagon
✘ Actor or actress	Thespian
✘ Add notes (to a text or diagram) giving explanation or comment	Annotate

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✘ An additional fact or piece of information about a story that occurs after the main part	Postscript
✘ Advantages or gains secured as a result of corrupt practices	Graft
✘ An advice and future prediction based on the date of a person's birth and the positions of the stars and planets	Horoscope
✘ Agreed to by everyone	Unanimous
✘ An agreement between enemies or opponents to stop fighting, arguing, etc, for a certain period of time	Truce
✘ An alcoholic liquor especially when it is cheap or made illegally	Hooch
✘ All the plants that live in a particular area, time, period, or environment	Flora
✘ All the things that a person is able to do	Repertoire
✘ Allowed to know about something secret	Privy
✘ Always or often happening or existing	Inveterate
✘ An amount (such as an amount of money) that is more than the amount that is needed	Surplus
✘ An amount of money given to a retiring soldier or employee	Gratuity
✘ An amount of money paid for a service	Honorarium
✘ An amount of money that a company or the government pays to a person who is old or sick and no longer works	Pension
✘ An amount of money that is given to someone in return for providing help in a secret and dishonest business deal	Kickback
✘ An amount of money that is paid at one time	Lump sum
✘ An amount of money that is spent	Outlay
✘ An amount of money that must be paid and that is collected by a government or other authority	Levy
✘ An amount of something that is produced by a person or thing	Output

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✘ An amount of time that a person holds a job, office, or title	Tenure
✘ Amusing and very strange	Wacky
✘ An angry and unpleasant woman, sexually attractive woman	Vixen
✘ An argument that is complicated and continues over a long period of time	Wrangle
✘ An invigilator at a university or college examination	Proctor
✘ An ancient text in the form of a book; official list of medicines or chemicals	Codex
✘ Anger caused by something that is unfair or wrong	Indignation
✘ An angry and usually long speech or piece of writing that strongly criticizes someone or something	Diatribes
✘ An angry woman who often complains about and criticises other people	Virago
✘ An animal or plant that lives in or on another animal or plant and gets food or protection from it	Parasite
✘ An animal that has four feet	Quadruped
✘ Annoy (someone) by often complaining about his or her behaviour, appearance	Nag
✘ Annoyance or distress at having failed or been humiliated	Chagrin
✘ An annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information such as astronomical data and tide tables	Almanac
✘ Any one of the large parts that some countries are divided into	Province
✘ Any one of the lines that go from the North Pole to the South Pole on maps of the world	Meridian
✘ Appearing, happening, or arriving soon	Forthcoming
✘ An area around or near a particular place	Vicinity
✘ An area in a desert where there is water and plants	Oasis

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✘ An area of land that has a particular quality or appearance	Landscape
✘ An area of sea water that is separated from the ocean by a reef or sandbar	Lagoon
✘ An area of soft, wet ground; situation that is hard to deal with or get out of	Quagmire
✘ An area that is not close to any cities or towns	Hinterland
✘ An area with people who are different in some way from the people in the areas around it	Enclave
✘ An area within which someone or something has authority, influence, or knowledge	Purview
✘ Argue loudly about things that are not important	Squabble
✘ Argue with someone in a friendly way	Spar
✘ An arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence	Chronology
✘ An arrangement of leaves, flowers, fruits, etc, in the shape of a circle that is used for decoration	Wreath
✘ An arrangement to meet somebody at a particular time and place	Rendezvous
✘ Arrival of a large number of people	Influx
✘ An art of growing ornamental, artificially dwarfed varieties of trees and shrubs in pots	Bonsai
✘ An art, science, or profession of teaching	Pedagogy
✘ As compared with; as opposed to	Vis-à-vis
✘ Asking for or demanding and taking (something) for one's use	Requisition
✘ At or near the end of a piece of writing	Ad fin
✘ Attacking on the reputation and integrity of someone or something	Aspersions
✘ Attractive in a sexual way with large breasts and hips	Voluptuous
✘ An attractively arranged bunch of flowers, especially one presented as a gift or carried at a ceremony	Bouquet
✘ Average or ordinary	Run-of-the-mill

B

- ✘ Back in which the spine is curved in an abnormal way **Hunchback**
- ✘ Bad or immoral behaviour or habits **Vice**
- ✘ Bad or immoral behaviour that involves sex, drugs, alcohol, etc **Debauchery**
- ✘ Bad or unfavourable; not good **Untoward**
- ✘ Based on random choices or personal whims, rather than any reason or system **Arbitrary**
- ✘ Based on what is known or seen when something is first considered or dealt with **Prima facie**
- ✘ Basic equipment and structures (such as roads and bridges) that are needed for a country, region, or organisation to function properly **Infrastructure**
- ✘ Be a sign of (something that is beginning to happen or will happen soon) **Herald**
- ✘ Be angry or upset about something and to refuse to discuss it with other people **Sulk**
- ✘ Be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death **Bereave**
- ✘ Be repeated several times as it is reflected off different surfaces **Reverberate**
- ✘ Beat or whip (someone) severely **Flog**
- ✘ Beautiful woman; the most beautiful woman in a particular place **Belle**
- ✘ Beginning or first appearance of something **Dawning**
- ✘ Beginning or origin of something **Genesis**
- ✘ Beginning to develop or exist **Incipient**
- ✘ Beginning to exist; recently formed or developed **Nascent**

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✘ Behaviour that is accepted as socially or morally correct and proper	Propriety
✘ Behaviour that shows low morals and a great love of pleasure, money, fame, etc	Decadence
✘ Behaviour in which somebody pretends to have moral standards or opinions that he/she does not actually have	Hypocrisy
✘ Behaviour, in particular sexual or legally dubious behaviour; considered improper but not seriously so	Hanky-panky
✘ Beliefs or ideas that are very important to a group	Tenet
✘ Beliefs or opinions that do not agree with the official belief or opinion of a particular religion	Heresy
✘ Beliefs that particular events happen in a way that cannot be explained by reason or science	Superstition
✘ Belonging or relating to heaven	Celestial
✘ Belonging to a foreign country, supposedly from another world; unfamiliar and disturbing or distasteful	Alien
✘ Belonging to a particular place rather than coming to it from somewhere else	Indigenous
✘ Belonging to the basic nature of someone or something	Inherent
✘ Belonging to the middle class	Bourgeois
✘ Below or beneath (something)	Underneath
✘ Bending down or over; doing something that is not honest, fair, etc	Stoop
✘ Benefits which one enjoys or is entitled to on account of one's job or position	Perquisite
✘ Best or most important part of something; the point of greatest success or achievement	Pinnacle
✘ Best or most important person or thing	Numero uno
✘ Best or most important thing owned or produced by a particular organisation	Flagship

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✘ Better than all others	Par excellence
✘ Blaming or insulting (someone) in strong or violent language	Vituperate
✘ Block of stone or wood that is used as the base for a pillar, statue, etc	Plinth
✘ Body of remedial substances used in the practice of medicine	Materia medica
✘ Books, articles, etc, that discuss a subject carefully and thoroughly	Treatise
✘ Border or line that separates two things, such as types of work, groups of people or areas of land	Demarcation
✘ Boring or unpleasant work that does not require special skill and usually does not pay much money	Menial
✘ Bottom edge of a dress, skirt, or coat	Hemline
✘ Break off (a meeting, legal case, or game) with the intention of resuming it later	Adjourn
✘ Brief and direct in a way that may seem rude or unfriendly	Terse
✘ Brief and usually unplanned fight during a war	Skirmish
✘ Brief time when an action or activity stops	Lull
✘ Brief trips taken for pleasure	Jaunt
✘ Brief trips that people take for fun usually as a group	Outing
✘ Brief written messages or reports from one person or department in a company or organisation to another	Memorandum
✘ Bringing (someone who is unconscious, not breathing, or close to death) back to a conscious or active state again	Resuscitate
✘ Broken parts of a vehicle, building, etc, that has been badly damaged or destroyed	Wreckage
✘ Brother or sister	Sibling

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✧ Building and the area of land that it is on; statement or idea that is accepted as being true and that is used as the basis of an argument	Premise
✧ Building in which grain is stored	Granary
✧ Building in which the bodies of dead people are burned	Crematorium
✧ Building or chamber above or below the ground in which a dead body is kept	Tomb
✧ Building or room in which images of stars, planets, etc, are shown on a high, curved ceiling	Planetarium
✧ Building that is used for Jewish religious services	Synagogue
✧ Building where aircrafts are kept	Hangar
✧ Business of making fashionable and expensive clothes for women	Haute couture
✧ Businesses that make money through illegal activities; loud, unpleasant noise	Racket
✧ By or for each person	Per capita

C

- ✧ Caption to a photograph or other illustration
 - ✧ Card from the pack that has been chosen as the most valuable for a particular card game
 - ✧ Care or maintenance of buildings, equipment, etc
 - ✧ Careful and persistent works or efforts
 - ✧ Careful plans or methods for achieving a particular goal usually over a long period of time
 - ✧ Cause (a material) to be filled or soaked with something
 - ✧ Cause (someone or something) to receive or take in a large amount of things at the same time
 - ✧ Cause (someone) to fall down or be turned over
 - ✧ Cause (things or people) to separate and go in different directions
 - ✧ Cause of pain or harm
 - ✧ Centre of public attention
 - ✧ Ceremony held for a dead person
 - ✧ Ceremony held in a university or college when students receive their degrees
 - ✧ Ceremony in which a crown is placed on the head of a new king or queen
 - ✧ Certain to die
 - ✧ Certain to work properly or succeed
 - ✧ Changing (something good) so that it is no longer what it was or should be
 - ✧ Changing (something) slightly in order to improve it; to make small adjustments to (something)
 - ✧ Changing an earlier statement, opinion or promise because of pressure from somebody/something
- Cutline**
- Trump**
- Upkeep**
- Diligence**
- Strategy**
- Impregnate**
- Inundate**
- Upend**
- Scatter**
- Affliction**
- Limelight**
- Funeral**
- Convocation**
- Coronation**
- Mortal**
- Infallible**
- Pervert**
- Tweak**
- Backtrack**

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✧ Changing direction quickly or suddenly	Veer
✧ Changing from one state or condition to another	Transition
✧ Changing moods quickly and often	Mercurial
✧ Character and atmosphere of a place	Ambience
✧ Charging an important public figure with a serious crime	Impeach
✧ Cheerful friendliness; geniality	Bonhomie
✧ Chemical processes that occur within a living organism in order to maintain life	Metabolism
✧ Claim or a piece of evidence that one was elsewhere when an act, typically a criminal one, is alleged to have taken place; excuse or pretext	Alibi
✧ Clear message or request for people to do something	Clarion call
✧ Clever trick or plan that is used to get someone to do something or to gain an advantage over someone	Ploy
✧ Climb or moving with difficulty or a lot of effort, using one's hands and feet	Clamber
✧ Close friend one has worked with, been in the military with, etc	Comrade
✧ Close relationship with someone or something	Communion
✧ Close-knit group of interrelated families, large family, or a group of people who are connected because of a particular thing	Clan
✧ Clothes, especially fine or formal ones	Attire
✧ Collecting or forming into a mass or group	Agglomerate
✧ Collectable object such as a piece of furniture or work of art that has a high value because of its age and quality	Antique
✧ Collection of different things	Potpourri
✧ Collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people	Archive

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✘ Collection of things (such as photographs, stories, facts, etc) that have been gathered together and presented as a group especially in the form of a book	Compendium
✘ Collection of things, which may be similar or different	Collage
✘ Collection of weapons and military equipment	Arsenal
✘ Collection of written or spoken texts	Corpus
✘ Combination of events, state of affairs	Conjuncture
✘ Come at a later time; to happen as a result	Enssue
✘ Comparing between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification	Analogy
✘ Compelling attractiveness or charm that can inspire devotion in others	Charisma
✘ Competition for young women in which their beauty, personal qualities and skills are judged	Pageant
✘ Complete change of attitude or opinion	Volte-face
✘ Complete control of the entire supply of goods or of a service in a certain area or market	Monopoly
✘ Complete freedom to act as one wishes	Carte blanche
✘ Complete lists of items, typically one in alphabetical or other systematic order	Catalogue
✘ Complete range of different opinions, people, etc	Spectrum
✘ Completely unwilling to change	Intransigent
✘ Complex disputes or arguments	Imbroglia
✘ Complicated and confusing system of connected passage	Maze
✘ Complicated or unpleasant situation that is difficult to get out of or to move through	Morass
✘ Comprising or relating to all sorts or varieties	Omnifarious
✘ Conceal the nature or existence of (a feeling or situation)	Disguise

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✘ Concentrated artillery bombardment over a wide area; large number of something, such as questions or comments, that are directed at somebody very quickly, one after the other, often in an aggressive way	Barrage
✘ Conclusion or opinions that are formed because of known facts or evidence	Inference
✘ Condition in which a part of one's body becomes red, swollen and painful	Inflammation
✘ Condition in which someone is not able to think normally because of being drunk, drugged, tired, etc	Stupor
✘ Confused struggles or fights involving many people	Melee
✘ Confusing or difficult problem	Conundrum
✘ Confusing or meaningless words or activities	Mumbo-jumbo
✘ Connected with particular circumstances	Circumstantial
✘ Connected with young people who are not yet adults	Juvenile
✘ Consequences or after-effects of a significant and unpleasant event	Aftermath
✘ Consisting of or using both letters and numerals	Alphanumeric
✘ Consisting of things or people that are all the same or all of the same type	Homogeneous
✘ Contests, disputes, competitions, etc, in which neither side can gain an advantage or win	Stalemate
✘ Continual increase in the price of goods and services	Inflation
✘ Continuing without stopping	Incessant
✘ Continuous rattling sound as of hard objects falling or striking each other	Clatter
✘ Control or affect (something, such as a game or election) in a dishonest way in order to get a desired result	Rig
✘ Controlling or influencing a situation in a skilful but sometimes dishonest way	Manoeuvre

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✘ Controlled breeding and rearing of fish	Pisciculture
✘ Conversations in which clever statements and replies are made quickly	Repartee
✘ Correcting something that is unfair or wrong	Redress
✘ Corrupt behaviour in a position of trust, especially in public office	Malversation
✘ Courage or bravery	Valour
✘ Course of action leading nowhere	Blind alley
✘ Courtesy and considerate behaviour towards others	Comity
✘ Covered passages with arches along one or both sides	Arcade
✘ Covered with decorations	Ornate
✘ Created or done for a particular purpose as necessary	Ad hoc
✘ Crime of getting money from someone by the use of force or threats	Extortion
✘ Crime of trying to overthrow one's country's government or of helping one's country's enemies during war	Treason
✘ Crimes or other morally wrong acts ; illegal or immoral behaviour especially by young people	Delinquency
✘ Cruel and unfair treatment by people with power over others	Tyranny
✘ Cry very loudly and noisily	Squall
✘ Curved paths along which something (such as a rocket) moves through the air or through space	Trajectory
✘ Curved paths followed by a planet or an object as it moves around another planet, star, moon, etc	Orbit
✘ Customs or a way of acting or doing things that is widely accepted and followed	Convention
✘ Customers of a shop, bar, or place of entertainment	Clientele
✘ Cut made in something	Incision

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| ✘ Dance or musical performance | Recital |
| ✘ Dangers or problems that are hidden or not obvious at first | Pitfall |
| ✘ Dark and dirty, not fresh or clean | Dingy |
| ✘ Dark and underground prisons in castles | Dungeon |
| ✘ Date or time when something must be finished, the last day, hour, or minute on that something will be accepted | Deadline |
| ✘ Days when day and night are of the same length | Equinox |
| ✘ Dead bodies of animals | Carcass |
| ✘ Dead persons who leave the grave at night to bite and suck the blood of living people | Vampire |
| ✘ Decayed mixture of plants (such as leaves and grass) that is used to improve the soil in a garden | Compost |
| ✘ Decayed with usually a very bad or disgusting smell | Putrid |
| ✘ Deceiving or to trick (someone), to persuade (someone) by telling lies | Con(v) |
| ✘ Deep unconscious state, usually lasting a long time and caused by serious illness or injury | Coma |
| ✘ Deep, wet sand into which heavy objects sink easily | Quicksand |
| ✘ Deeply religious, devoted to a particular religion | Devout |
| ✘ Defeating (someone or something) easily and thoroughly | Trounce |
| ✘ Defeating (someone) easily and completely in a game or contest | Rout |

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✘ Defeating and gaining control of (someone or something) by the use of force	Subjugate
✘ Defeating or tricking (someone) by being more intelligent or clever	Outsmart
✘ Delay doing something until a later time because one does not want to do it, because one is lazy	Procrastinate
✘ Describing (someone or something) as unimportant, weak, bad, etc	Disparage
✘ Designed or intended to teach people something	Didactic
✘ Desire to cause harm to another person	Malice
✘ Determined not to change one's opinion or attitude; difficult to deal with, remove, etc	Stubborn
✘ Developing friendlier relations between countries or groups of people who have been enemies	Rapprochement
✘ Dictionary of the special terms in a particular field or job	Glossary
✘ Die because one is unable to breathe	Suffocate
✘ Difference between two opposite things; a division into two opposite groups	Dichotomy
✘ Difference especially between things that should be the same	Discrepancy
✘ Difficult and unpleasant to do or deal with	Onerous
✘ Difficult to handle, control, or deal with because of being large, heavy, or complex	Unwieldy
✘ Difficult to understand, having or seeming to have a hidden meaning	Cryptic
✘ Direct descent from an ancestor; ancestry or pedigree	Lineage
✘ Disappointing end to an exciting or impressive series of events	Anticlimax
✘ Disease or disorder that involves a particular group of signs and symptoms	Syndrome
✘ Disease that spreads over a whole country or the whole world	Pandemic

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✘ Disguising of military personnel, equipment, and installations by painting or covering them to make them blend in with their surrounding	Camouflage
✘ Dishonest or immoral persons	Sleaze
✘ Displaying wealth, knowledge, etc, in a way that is meant to attract attention, admiration, or envy	Ostentatious
✘ Distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian, measured in degrees	Longitude
✘ Distance of a place north or south of the equator (the line around the world dividing north and south), measured in degrees	Latitude
✘ Doing activities for fun or enjoyment	Play-off
✘ Doing better than (someone or something) ; to be more successful than (someone or something)	Outdo
✘ Doing something that is not allowed; to disobey a command or law	Transgress
✘ Doctor's opinion about how someone will recover from an illness or injury	Prognosis
✘ Done or given because one wants to and not because one is forced to	Voluntary
✘ Dramatic works in which all or most of the words are sung to music; works of this type as an art form or entertainment	Opera
✘ Drawing or pictures that show only the shape of an object	Outline
✘ Dull and ordinary	Mundane
✘ Dull or socially inept person, especially someone who is excessively studious	Spod



- ✘ Eager to own and collect things **Acquisitive**
- ✘ Easily affected, influenced, or harmed by something **Susceptible**
- ✘ Easily annoyed or angered and likely to argue **Truculent**
- ✘ Easily hurt or harmed physically, mentally, or emotionally; open to attack, harm, or damage **Vulnerable**
- ✘ Easily managed or controlled; willing to learn or be guided by another **Tractable**
- ✘ Eating both plants and animals; eager to learn about many different things **Omnivorous**
- ✘ Economic situations where there is high inflation (prices rising continuously) but no increase in the jobs that are available or in business activity **Stagflation**
- ✘ Effective from a particular date in the past **Retrospective**
- ✘ Elaborate or glib speeches or stories, typically those used by a salesperson **Spiel**
- ✘ E-mails that are not wanted ; an e-mail that is sent to large numbers of people and that consists mostly of advertising **Spam**
- ✘ Embarrassing social mistake **Faux pas**
- ✘ Ending a romantic relationship with (someone) in a sudden and painful way **Jilt**
- ✘ Ending an organisation or group (such as a club) **Disband**
- ✘ End or failure of an institution, an idea, a company, etc; death of a person **Demise**
- ✘ Enjoy (something) for a long time **Savour**
- ✘ Enjoying oneself or celebrating in a noisy or boisterous way **Roister**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Enjoyable in a lively or noisy way	Rollicking
✘ Enjoyments that someone gets from being violent or cruel or from causing pain	Sadism
✘ Entering (someone) as a member of or being a participant in something	Enroll
✘ Entering or appearing somewhere suddenly and with a lot of force	Irrupt
✘ Enthusiastic and vocal supporters of someone or something	Cheerleader
✘ Enthusiastic clapping by an audience as a sign of their approval	Ovation
✘ Error in the way a law, rule, or contract is written that makes it possible for some people to legally avoid obeying it	Loophole
✘ Events causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering; a disaster	Catastrophe
✘ Events involving destruction or damage on a catastrophic scale	Apocalypse
✘ Events marked by festivities or celebration	Fiesta
✘ Event or a short period of time that is important or unusual	Episode
✘ Events or situations in which many people are killed and many things are destroyed especially by fire	Holocaust
✘ Events that may or may not happen	Contingency
✘ Exact or very close copy of something	Replica
✘ Examinations intended to qualify successful candidates for higher education	Baccalaureate
✘ Examples that represent or express something very well	Epitome
✘ Excessive emotional or psychological reliance on a partner	Codependency
✘ Exchanging goods, property, services, etc for other goods, etc without using money	Barter

One Word Substitutions

✘ Excluding (someone) from a group	Ostracize
✘ Existing as a basic part of a person's nature or character	Inbred
✘ Existing from the beginning of time ; very ancient	Primordial
✘ Existing or continuing in the same way for a long time	Perennial
✘ Existing or happening in the same time period	Contemporary
✘ Existing, but not yet very noticeable, active or well developed	Latent
✘ Experiences that are very unpleasant or difficult	Ordeal
✘ Experienced or felt by watching, hearing about, or reading about someone else rather than by doing something yourself	Vicarious
✘ Expressing doubts about whether something is right, honest, etc	Impugn
✘ Expressing severe disapprovals of (someone or something), especially in a formal statement	Censure
✘ Expressing feelings or opinions in a very loud or forceful way	Vociferous
✘ Expressing opinions or criticism in a very forceful and often annoying or unpleasant way	Strident
✘ Expressions designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference	Allusion
✘ Expressions of strong anger or disapproval by many people	Outcry
✘ Extensive groups of islands	Archipelago
✘ Extra vote given by a chairperson to decide an issue when the votes on each side are equal	Casting vote
✘ Extracting money from (someone) by fine or taxation	Mulct
✘ Extreme anger ; a strong feeling of unhappiness because of something bad, hurtful, or morally wrong	Outrage

One Word Substitutions

✧ Extreme physical or mental sufferings	Agony
✧ Extreme self-confidence or audacity (usually used approvingly)	Chutzpah
✧ Extremely easy tasks	Cinch
✧ Extremely excited and enthusiastic about doing something	Gung ho
✧ Extremely good and deserving to be admired and copied	Exemplary
✧ Extremely or unusually small	Diminutive
✧ Extremely strong dislikes or fears of someone or something	Phobia

F

- ✘ Facts or the process of ending or being brought to an end **Cessation**
- ✘ Failing to show proper respect and courtesy **Impudent**
- ✘ Failure to fulfil an obligation ; something that happens or is done when nothing else has been done or can be done **Default**
- ✘ Familiar or humorous names given to a person or thing instead of the real name **Nickname**
- ✘ Families of rulers who rule over a country for a long period of time **Dynasty**
- ✘ Famous persons, especially in entertainment or sports **Celebrity**
- ✘ Farmers in the past who owned a small amount of land ; very good, hard, and valuable work that someone does especially to support a cause, to help a team, etc **Yeoman**
- ✘ Features (such as mountains and rivers) in an area of land **Topography**
- ✘ Feeling a strong desire or wish for something or to do something **Yearn**
- ✘ Feeling nervous because the ending is not known until the final moment **Nail-biting**
- ✘ Feeling or showing great sadness because someone has died **Mourn**
- ✘ Feeling sorrow or regretting for (something) **Rue**
- ✘ Feeling of being sorry for doing something bad or wrong in the past **Remorse**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Feelings of deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one about the human condition or the state of the world in general	Angst
✘ Feelings of doubt or uncertainty about whether one is doing the right thing	Qualm
✘ Feelings of enjoyment and enthusiasm	Zest
✘ Feelings of foolish or very strong love or admiration for someone or something	Infatuation
✘ Feelings of great happiness and excitement	Euphoria
✘ Feelings of guilt or regret	Compunction
✘ Feelings of like or dislike for someone or something especially when it is not reasonable or logical	Prejudice
✘ Feelings of sadness mixed with pleasure and affection when one thinks of happy times in the past	Nostalgia
✘ Feelings of strong dislike or disapproval of someone or something you think does not deserve respect	Disdain
✘ Feelings or beliefs that bad things will happen in the future	Pessimism
✘ Feelings or beliefs that good things will happen in the future	Optimism
✘ Feelings or expressing overwhelming happiness or joyful excitement	Ecstatic
✘ Feelings or a particular quality that is very noticeable and seems to surround a person or place	Aura
✘ Feelings or showing a lack of courage or confidence	Timid
✘ Feelings that someone or something gives you	Vibe
✘ Feelings that one has already experienced something that is actually happening for the first time; something that has happened many times before something that is very familiar	Déjà vu

One Word Substitutions

✧ Female ballet dancers	Danseuse
✧ Fictitious or factual works describing a series of events	Chronicle
✧ Fights between women	Catfight
✧ Fights, briefly and usually not very seriously	Scuffle
✧ Figures shaped like a human body that is used for making or displaying clothes	Mannequin
✧ Filled with or showing sexual desire	Lascivious
✧ First time an actor, musician, athlete, etc, does something in public or for the public	Debut
✧ Fixed sum of money paid to someone each year, typically for the rest of their life	Annuity
✧ Flat cases for carrying documents or drawings, investments that are owned by a person or organisation	Portfolio
✧ Fleet of warships	Armada
✧ Flowing out of something in a fast and forceful way	Spew
✧ Following, watching, and bothering (someone) constantly in a way that is frightening, dangerous, etc	Stalk
✧ Food that a person or animal usually eats	Diet
✧ Food that is cooked in a particular way, style of cooking	Cuisine
✧ Foolish talks or ideas	Guff
✧ Foolish, confused, or meaningless words	Gibberish
✧ For an intervening or temporary period of time	Ad interim
✧ Forcing someone to go somewhere with you, often using threats or violence	Abduction
✧ Forceful or angry speeches	Harangue
✧ Forming an opinion about something without definitely knowing the truth	Surmise
✧ Form of punishments or tortures that involved caning the soles of someone's feet	Bastinado

One Word Substitutions

✘ Formal acts or the process of placing someone into a new job, position, government office	Induction
✘ Formal ceremonies or series of acts that are always performed in the same way	Ritual
✘ Formal meetings in which representatives or experts discuss important matters, make decisions, etc	Congress
✘ Formal processions of people walking, on horseback, or riding in vehicles	Cavalcade
✘ Formally choosing someone as a candidate for a job, position, office, etc	Nominate
✘ Formations of clear and distinct sounds in speech	Articulation
✘ Fortresses, typically one on high ground above a city	Citadel
✘ Formal and serious promises to tell the truth or to do something	Oath
✘ Fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices	Rort
✘ Fraudulent practices of sending emails purporting to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information	Phishing
✘ Freedom from being required to do something that others are required to do	Exemption
✘ Freedom from punishment, harm, or loss	Impunity
✘ Freedom to do something the way you want to do it	Leeway
✘ Friendly relationships	Rapport
✘ Friendly remarks and jokes	Banter
✘ Full and wide view of something	Panorama
✘ Full of anger, arguments and bad feelings	Acrimonious
✘ Full of clever tricks : very clever	Wily
✘ Full of hate or anger, extremely or excessively harsh or strong	Virulent
✘ Funny and clever	Witty
✘ Funny plays or movies about ridiculous situations and events	Farce

G

- ✘ General laws, rules, principles, or criteria by which something is judged **Canon**
- ✘ General or basic quality or meaning of something **Tenor**
- ✘ Generous and friendly treatment of visitors and guests **Hospitality**
- ✘ Genuine, real or legal; not false **Bona fide**
- ✘ Girlfriends of criminals **Moll**
- ✘ Giving a brief summary of something **Recapitulate**
- ✘ Giving or being a sign of (something that will happen or develop in the future) **Presage**
- ✘ Giving somebody a signal using your finger or hand, especially to tell them to move nearer or to follow you **Beckon**
- ✘ Giving up (something) ; to give (something, such as power, control, or possession) to another person or group **Relinquish**
- ✘ Giving help or support to the main group of workers **Auxiliary**
- ✘ Going in a direction that is away from a group or from the place where one should be **Stray**
- ✘ Going on someone's land without permission **Trespass**
- ✘ Goods that are bought and sold **Merchandise**
- ✘ Government departments that control public money **Exchequer**
- ✘ Governments formed by two or more political parties working together **Coalition**
- ✘ Government official who is the representative of his or her country in a foreign country **Consul**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Government orders that limit trade in some way	Embargo
✘ Gradual increase in noise ; the loudest point of a period of continuous noise	Crescendo
✘ Gradual reduction in the size of a business, activity, etc	Runown
✘ Great and often wild or uncontrolled activities	Frenzy
✘ Great disaster or complete failure	Debacle
✘ Great number of things or people	Multitude
✘ Great technical skill and brilliance shown in a performance or activity	Bravura
✘ Great work ; the greatest achievement of an artist or a writer	Magnum opus
✘ Groups of animals or plants that are similar and can produce young animals or plants	Species
✘ Groups of members of the public who listen to the facts of a case in a court and decide whether or not somebody is guilty of a crime	Jury
✘ Groups of military ships commanded by the same person	Fleet
✘ Groups of musicians who play usually classical music together and who are led by a conductor	Orchestra
✘ Groups of officials led by an ambassador who represent their government in a foreign country ; building in which an embassy works	Embassy
✘ Groups of people or businesses that work together	Syndicate
✘ Groups of people who are doing something together	Platoon
✘ Groups of people who are the leaders of an action or movement in society, politics, art, etc	Vanguard
✘ Groups of people who are together for a particular purpose	Posse
✘ Groups of people who go with and assist an important person	Entourage

One Word Substitutions

✧ Groups of people who have gathered to watch or listen to something (a play, concert, somebody speaking, etc)	Audience
✧ Groups of people who have the same job, interests, etc	Fraternity
✧ Groups of people who operate a ship, airplane, or train	Crew
✧ Groups of people who share a common feature or aspect of behaviour	Cohort
✧ Groups of people with shared concerns within a political party or larger organisation	Caucus
✧ Groups of people, companies, etc, that agree to work together	Consortium
✧ Groups of people, countries, organisations, etc, that are joined together in some activity or effort	Confederation
✧ Groups of people, especially traders or pilgrims, travelling together across a desert in Asia or North Africa	Caravan
✧ Groups of separate companies that agree to increase profits by fixing prices and not competing with each other	Cartel
✧ Groups of singers or dancers performing together in a supporting role in a musical or opera	Chorus
✧ Groups of vehicles or ships that are travelling together usually for protection	Convoy
✧ Groups or organisation of nations or people united for a purpose	League
✧ Groups within a larger group that have different ideas and opinions than the rest of the group	Faction
✧ Guiding beliefs of a person, group, or organisation	Ethos

H

- ✘ Happening after death, medical examination of the body of a dead person to determine the cause of death **Post-mortem**
- ✘ Happening as a result of something **Consequent**
- ✘ Happening at the same time **Concurrent**
- ✘ Happening often but not regularly ; not constant or steady **Sporadic**
- ✘ Happening or appearing again and again **Recurrent**
- ✘ Happening or appearing in many places and not unusual ; very common or ordinary **Common place**
- ✘ Happening or popular at a particular time **Du jour**
- ✘ Happening, done, or published after someone's death **Posthumous**
- ✘ Happy and enjoyable scenes or experience **Idyll**
- ✘ Happy and lively in a way that is attractive **Vivacious**
- ✘ Harming (someone) through sexual contact ; to touch (someone) in a sexual and improper way **Molest**
- ✘ Harsh and angry words **Vitriolic**
- ✘ Harsh criticisms that show a lack of respect or approval for someone or something **Scorn**
- ✘ Harsh discordant mixture of sounds **Cacophony**
- ✘ Harsh or critical statements about someone **Obloquy**
- ✘ Having (something) as a part, step, or result **Entail**
- ✘ Having a speech problem that causes one to repeat the beginning sound of some words **Stutter**
- ✘ Having a dull or uninteresting appearance ; not attractive or stylish **Dowdy**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Having a good or helpful result especially after something unpleasant has happened	Salutary
✘ Having a pleasant, spicy taste ; interesting and exciting	Piquant
✘ Having a strong and unpleasant smell or taste from no longer being fresh	Rancid
✘ Having a strong, sharp taste or smell	Pungent
✘ Having a very appealing taste or smell	Luscious
✘ Having a very noticeable quality that attracts a lot of attention	Flamboyant
✘ Having an obstinately uncooperative attitude towards authority or discipline	Recalcitrant
✘ Having complete or unlimited power	Omnipotent
✘ Having fair hair and a light complexion	Blonde
✘ Having many twists and turns; complicated, long, and confusing	Tortuous
✘ Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone	Ambivalent
✘ Having no legal power	Null
✘ Having no useful purpose	Otiose
✘ Having or relating to two sides ; affecting both sides, involving two parties, especially countries	Bilateral
✘ Having or showing a desire to hurt someone who has hurt or caused problems for you	Vindictive
✘ Having or showing a lot of courage or determination	Plucky
✘ Having or showing a lot of violence and blood	Gory
✘ Having or showing an ability to understand difficult ideas and situations and to make good decisions	Sagacious
✘ Having or showing courage, be very brave or courageous	Valiant

One Word Substitutions

✘ Having or showing knowledge that is learned by studying	Erudite
✘ Having people of different types or from different countries, and influenced by their culture, showing an interest in different cultures, ideas	Cosmopolitan
✘ Having the qualities or appearance considered to be typical of men	Masculine
✘ Having very fixed beliefs and being unlikely or unwilling to change them	Hardliner
✘ Heavy automatic guns that fire shells from an aircraft or tank	Cannon
✘ Height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level	Altitude
✘ Helping someone or something pay for the costs of (something)	Subsidise
✘ Highest point in the development of something ; a climax or culmination	Apogee
✘ Highest point of a mountain, the top of a mountain	Summit
✘ History of the family members in a person's or animal's past especially when it is good or impressive	Pedigree
✘ Hitting (someone or something) very hard with a stick, whip, etc	Thrash
✘ Hitting (someone) on the buttocks with one's hand as a form of punishment	Spank
✘ Hitting or beating something or someone and make a loud, deep sound	Thump
✘ Hitting something with a loud, dull sound	Thud
✘ Honour or fame given for some achievement	Laurel
✘ Honour or respect that is felt for or shown to (someone or something)	Reverence
✘ Hopeful or romantic in a way that is not practical	Quixotic

One Word Substitutions

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| ✕ Houses or part of a house in which the women of a Muslim household live | Harem |
| ✕ Houses where men visit prostitutes | Brothel |
| ✕ Humour that shows the weaknesses or bad qualities of a person, government, society, etc | Satire |
| ✕ Humorous in a clever and often ironic way | Wry |
| ✕ Humorous rhyming poem of five lines | Limerick |
| ✕ Hundredth anniversary of a significant event | Centenary |

I

- ✘ Ideas about doing something that is far removed from normal reality **Fantasy**
- ✘ Ideas or beliefs that people are born again with a different body after death **Reincarnation**
- ✘ Ideas or inventions which are considered to be a particular person's creation **Brainchild**
- ✘ Ideas or sets of beliefs that guide the actions of a person or group **Credo**
- ✘ Idea or a set of principles or religious beliefs **Creed**
- ✘ Idea or theory that are not proven but that lead to further study or discussion **Hypothesis**
- ✘ Ideas suggested by a word in addition to its main meaning **Connotation**
- ✘ Ideas or statements that are often false or exaggerated and that are spread in order to help a cause, a political leader, a government, etc **Propaganda**
- ✘ Ideas or stories that are not true but that many people have heard or read **Folklore**
- ✘ Illness persisting for a long time or constantly recurring **Chronic**
- ✘ Imaginary places in which the government, laws, and social conditions are perfect **Utopia**
- ✘ Imaginary sea creatures that have a woman's head and body and a fish's tail instead of legs **Mermaid**
- ✘ Impartial advisers to a court of law in a particular case **Amicus curiae**
- ✘ Important, real, or meaningful **Substantive**
- ✘ Impossible to defeat or discourage **Indomitable**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Impossible to defeat or overcome	Invincible
✘ Impossible to harm, damage, or defeat	Invulnerable
✘ Impossible to solve or get control of ; impossible to overcome	Insurmountable
✘ Impressive display or range of a particular type of thing	Array
✘ In a careless and unplanned way	Willy-nilly
✘ In a confused and careless way	Helter-skelter
✘ In a state of tremulous excitement	Aflutter
✘ In a very bad condition and needing to be repaired	Ramshackle
✘ In an uncertain or undecided state or condition	Limbo
✘ In great disorder or confusion	Topsy-turvy
✘ In preparation or progress; happening or beginning to happen	Afoot
✘ In a very bad condition because of age or lack of care	Dilapidated
✘ Including many different things ; full of variety	Variegated
✘ Increased effectiveness that results when two or more people or businesses work together	Synergy
✘ Indefinite and very long period of time	Aeon
✘ Independent persons or a body officially appointed to settle a dispute	Arbitrator
✘ Indirect and usually bad results of an action or event that may happen some time afterwards	Repercussion
✘ Influence or control over another country, a group of people	Hegemony
✘ Influence or power, especially in politics or business	Clout
✘ Informal ways of spreading information or rumors through conversation	Grapevine
✘ Information about a person and about what they have done in their life	Biodata

One Word Substitutions

✘ Inscriptions on a building, statue, or coin	Epigraph
✘ Institutions, places, or persons strongly maintaining particular principles, attitudes, or activities	Bastion
✘ Insulting remarks made in public	Brickbats
✘ Intense military campaign intended to bring about a swift victory	Blitzkrieg
✘ Introduction to a book or speech	Preface
✘ Introduction to a book, play, etc	Prologue
✘ Involving a chance that something bad or unpleasant could happen	Dicey
✘ Involving a lot of violence, confusion, or disorder	Tumultuous
✘ Involving death or violence in a way that is strange, frightening, or unpleasant	Macabre
✘ Involving only one group or country	Unilateral
✘ Items of additional material added at the end of a book or other publication	Addendum

J

- ✕ Japanese art of folding paper into shapes that look like birds, animals, etc **Origami**
- ✕ Japanese flower arranging, that has strict formal rules **Ikebana**
- ✕ Japanese form of self-defence and martial art that uses locks, holds, throws, and the opponent's own movements **Aikido**
- ✕ Jargon or slang of a particular group or class **Argot**
- ✕ Jobs, activities, etc, that are very suitable for someone **Niche**
- ✕ Journal or newspaper, especially the official one of an organisation or institution **Gazette**
- ✕ Journalist who is not on the regular staff of a newspaper but who writes stories for that newspaper **Stringer**
- ✕ Journey especially by a group of people for a specific purpose **Expedition**

K

- ✘ Killing (a person or animal) by squeezing the throat **Strangle**
- ✘ Killing (an animal) for food, kill (many people) in a very violent way **Slaughter**
- ✘ Killing (someone) illegally as punishment for a crime **Lynch**
- ✘ Killing of a large number of people **Carnage**
- ✘ Killing or wounding of people, typically on a large scale during a conflict **Bloodshed**
- ✘ Kindness shown to somebody when he/she is being punished; willingness not to punish somebody so severely **Clemency**
- ✘ Knowing everything; having unlimited understanding or knowledge **Omniscient**
- ✘ Knowing or using several languages **Polyglot**

L

- ✘ Lack of agreements between people, ideas, etc **Discord**
- ✘ Lack of order; a confused or messy condition **Disarray**
- ✘ Lack of respect or dislike for someone or something **Contempt**
- ✘ Lack of seriousness **Levity**
- ✘ Lack of solidity or substance; thinness **Tenuity**
- ✘ Lack of the usual social or ethical standards in an individual or group **Anomie (anomy)**
- ✘ Lacking confidence; not feeling comfortable around people, very careful about acting or speaking **Diffident**
- ✘ Land used or suitable for growing crops **Arable**
- ✘ Language used in conversation but not in formal speech or writing **Colloquial**
- ✘ Legislative body having two chambers **Bicameral**
- ✘ Language of ordinary speeches rather than formal writing **Vernacular**
- ✘ Language or behaviour that is nonsense and is intended to hide the truth from people **Hocus-pocus**
- ✘ Language that is intended to influence people and that may not be honest or reasonable **Rhetoric**
- ✘ Language that is used among people who speak various different languages **Lingua franca**
- ✘ Language used by a particular group of people **Parlance**
- ✘ Language used for a particular activity or by a particular group of people **Jargon**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Large amount of money that has been given to a school, hospital, etc, and that is used to pay for its creation and continuing support : person's natural ability or talent	Endowment
✘ Large amount of rain that suddenly falls in an area ; large amount of things that come at the same time	Deluge
✘ Large amount of something that is released suddenly	Torrent
✘ Large and beautiful view of an area of land or water	Vista
✘ Large and very unpleasant amount of dirt	Filth
✘ Large areas of land that have been farmed too much with the result that plants will not grow there	Badlands
✘ Large buildings or group of buildings for soldiers to live in	Barracks
✘ Large burial ground, especially one not in a churchyard	Cemetery
✘ Large business that is made of different kinds of companies	Conglomerate
✘ Large cages, buildings, or enclosures for keeping birds in	Aviary
✘ Large group of people or things of a particular kind	Bevy
✘ Large group of people, especially an organised group with a particular purpose	Battalion
✘ Large group of people	Throng
✘ Large notices or signs put up in a public place or carried by people	Placard
✘ Large number of things that appear or happen in a short period of time	Spate
✘ Large open-air fire used for burning rubbish or as part of a celebration	Bonfire

One Word Substitutions

✘ Large parties or celebrations	Fete
✘ Large parties or celebrations	Jamboree
✘ Large tents used for social or commercial functions ; covered structures over the entrance to a building	Marquee
✘ Large-calibre guns used in warfare on land	Artillery
✘ Lasting for a very short time	Evanescent/ Ephemeral
✘ Late morning meals eaten instead of breakfast and lunch	Brunch
✘ Laws or regulations made by a government	Ordinance
✘ Laws or rules that limit or control something ; strong criticism	Stricture
✘ Leaving (property) to a person or other beneficiary by a will	Bequeath
✘ Legal agreements in which a person borrows money to buy property (such as a house) and pays back the money over a period of years	Mortgage
✘ Legal right to be the only one to reproduce, publish, and sell a book, musical recording, etc, for a certain period of time	Copyright
✘ Letter or group of letters that is added at the beginning of a word to change its meaning	Prefix
✘ Level of respect that people have for a successful person, organisation, etc	Stature
✘ Light that is placed somewhere to guide vehicles and warn them of danger	Beacon
✘ Likely to change in a very sudden or extreme way ; likely to become dangerous or out of control	Volatile
✘ Likely to have or produce good results	Propitious
✘ Limited to a small number of people	Esoteric
✘ Lines in a newspaper naming the writer of an article	Byline

One Word Substitutions

✧ Lines notionally drawn on the Earth equidistant from the poles	Equator
✧ Lines on a weather map that join places that have the same air pressure at a particular time	Isobar
✧ Lines on a weather map that join places that have the same temperature at a particular time	Isotherm
✧ Lines that have a series of short, sharp turns or angles	Zigzag
✧ Lists of items required, things to be done, or points to be considered, used as a reminder	Checklist
✧ Lists of the books referred to in a scholarly work , typically printed as an appendix	Bibliography
✧ Lists of the foods that may be ordered at a restaurant	Menu
✧ Lists of the people or things that belong to a particular group, team, etc	Roster
✧ Lists of the people who work for a company and the amount of money that the company has agreed to pay them	Payroll
✧ Lists that show who must do a certain job	Rota
✧ Lively or energetic quality	Vitality
✧ Living in trees	Arboreal
✧ Long and angry fights or quarrels between two people or two groups	Feud
✧ Long and angry speeches	Tirade
✧ Long and complicated series of events	Saga
✧ Long and determined efforts to achieve something that one believes to be right or to stop something that one believes to be wrong	Crusade
✧ Long journeys to a distant or unknown place especially over water or through outer space	Voyage
✧ Long poems that tell the story of a hero's adventures	Epic

One Word Substitutions

✘ Long speeches given by a character in a story, movie, play, etc, or by a performer	Monologue
✘ Long, complicated, and annoying process, descriptions	Rigmarole
✘ Long, narrow boxes, typically of wood, in which a dead body is buried or cremated	Coffin
✘ Long, thin sticks used by a magician or during magic tricks	Wand
✘ Long, usually serious speeches that a character in a play make to an audience and that reveal the character's thoughts	Soliloquy
✘ Long-term security yielding a fixed rate of interest, issued by a company and secured against assets	Debenture
✘ Looking at someone in an evil or unpleasantly sexual way	Leer
✘ Looking for private information about someone or something	Snoop
✘ Lots of energy and style	Panache
✘ Loud and confused noises, strongly expressed protest or demand from a large number of people	Clamour
✘ Loud, confusing mixture of noises that lasts for a long time	Din
✘ Loving and admiring oneself and especially one's appearance too much	Narcissism
✘ Low sound made when many people are speaking	Murmur
✘ Low, continuous humming or murmuring sound, made by or similar to that made by an insect ; atmosphere of excitement and activity	Buzz
✘ Lowest possible level	Rock-bottom
✘ Loyalty or commitment to a superior or to a group or cause	Allegiance

M

- ✘ Made by combining different substances ; not natural **Synthetic**
- ✘ Made or done without preparation **Impromptu**
- ✘ Made to be useful rather than to be decorative or comfortable **Utilitarian**
- ✘ Made to look like an exact copy of something in order to trick people **Counterfeit**
- ✘ Made up of different things **Sundry**
- ✘ Made up of many different people or things **Motley**
- ✘ Made up of parts that are different **Heterogeneous**
- ✘ Magical liquid that can cure illness or extend life **Elixir**
- ✘ Main characters in a novel, play, movie, etc **Protagonist**
- ✘ Main group of people in a Communist government who make decisions about policy **Politburo**
- ✘ Main or central part of a city or town **Downtown**
- ✘ Major changes or a period of change that causes a lot of conflict, confusion, anger, etc **Upheaval**
- ✘ Make an idea, belief, etc known to many people **Promulgate**
- ✘ Making someone or something weaker or less effective usually in a secret or gradual way **Undermine**
- ✘ Making someone feel or look young, healthy, or energetic again **Rejuvenate**
- ✘ Making someone want to know more about something **Intrigue**
- ✘ Making something as good or as effective as possible **Optimise**
- ✘ Making something better or like new again **Revamp**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Making something valid ; to state or show that something is legal	Validate
✘ Making something very dry	Parch
✘ Make a formal judgement on a disputed matter	Adjudicate
✘ Making a low, heavy, continuous sound or series of sounds	Rumble
✘ Making a short, high-pitched cry or noise	Squeak
✘ Making an amount or supply of something last longer by using or consuming it frugally ; manage to make a living with difficulty	Eke
✘ Making something full again by replacing what has been used	Replenish
✘ Male former pupil or student of a particular school, college, or university	Alumnus (pl. alumni)
✘ Maleness in an aggressive way	Macho
✘ Man dressing and acting in an appealing and sophisticated way ; fashionable, attractive, and confident	Debonair
✘ Man in ancient Rome who fought against another man or animal for public entertainment	Gladiator
✘ Man on his wedding day or just before and after the event	Bridegroom
✘ Man who cares a lot about his clothes and appearance	Dandy
✘ Man who controls a family, group, or government	Patriarch
✘ Man who hates women	Misogynist
✘ Man who is an expert at writing, conducting, or teaching music	Maestro
✘ Man who is dishonest or immoral	Rogue
✘ Man who is paid by a woman to be her lover and companion	Gigolo
✘ Man who makes money illegally by getting customers for prostitutes	Pimp

One Word Substitutions

✘ Man who wants to marry a particular woman	Suitor
✘ Managing or using money in a careful or wise way	Thrifty
✘ Many changes or problems that happen over time	Vicissitude
✘ Mark or quality that shows what something is or what it could be	Earmark
✘ Mark that is left on one's skin after a wound heals ; feeling of great emotional pain or sadness that is caused by a bad experience and that lasts for a long time	Scar
✘ Materials made of a network of wire or thread ; complex or constricting situation	Mesh
✘ Materials that are flowing out	Efflux
✘ Meal consisting of several dishes from which guests serve themselves	Buffet
✘ Meal to which everyone who is invited brings food to share	Pot luck
✘ Measures designed merely to humour or placate someone	Placebo
✘ Member of a group of people who moves from place to place instead of living in one place all the time	Nomad
✘ Member of a religion (such as Christianity, Judaism, and Islam) who delivers messages that are believed to have come from God	Prophet
✘ Mental illness in which a person becomes very emotional or excited	Mania
✘ Mental state in which one is confused and not able to think or speak clearly, a state of wild excitement and great happiness	Delirium
✘ Metal made by combining two or more metallic elements	Alloy
✘ Method of producing coloured designs on textiles by dyeing them	Batik

One Word Substitutions

✘ Method or trick that is used to get people's attention or to sell something	Gimmick
✘ Military group controlling a government after taking control of it by force	Junta
✘ Military supplies including weapons, ammunition, armour, vehicles, etc	Ordnance
✘ Mistake made because someone forgets or fails to notice something	Oversight
✘ Mixture of different things	Mélangé
✘ Modern soldiers who fight in armoured vehicles	Cavalry
✘ Money given as a reward	Bounty
✘ Money or food given to poor people	Alms
✘ Money or property that is given to you by somebody when he/she dies	Legacy
✘ Money that is less than the amount that is needed	Deficit
✘ Money that is owed and should have been paid earlier	Arrears
✘ Money that is paid in order to free someone who has been captured or kidnapped	Ransom
✘ Money that you have to pay by law to your former wife or husband after separation	Alimony
✘ Moral fables, especially one with animals as characters	Apologue
✘ Morally good behaviour or character	Virtue
✘ Most important and basic facts or details about something	Nitty-gritty
✘ Most important idea or part of something	Keynote
✘ Most important part of something (such as a problem, issue, puzzle, etc)	Crux
✘ Most important part of something	Quintessence
✘ Most successful or powerful group of people	Elite
✘ Moving about quickly from side to side or up and down	Jiggle

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Moving at a speed faster than walking by stepping with each front leg at the same time as the opposite back leg | Trot |
| ✘ Moving or acting quickly to do, find, or get something often before someone else does | Scramble |
| ✘ Moving or acting too slowly | Dawdle |
| ✘ Move or lift (something) so that it is no longer smooth | Ruffle |
| ✘ Moving quickly to one side in order to avoid being hit by (someone or something) | Dodge |
| ✘ Moving to a new place | Relocate |
| ✘ Movement to get away from a place or situation especially because it is dangerous, unpleasant, etc ; place that is quiet and private | Retreat |
| ✘ Movie about crime that uses dark shadows and lighting to show the complicated moral nature of the subject | Noir |
| ✘ Mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together | Camaraderie |
| ✘ Mystery that can only be resolved by assembling various pieces of information | Jigsaw |

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| ✘ Name that is wrong or not proper or appropriate | Misnomer |
| ✘ Name that someone (such as a writer) uses instead of his or her real name | Pseudonym |
| ✘ Narrow passageway between or behind buildings | Alley |
| ✘ Natural liking for and understanding of someone or something | Affinity |
| ✘ New activity, project, business, etc, that typically involves risk | Venture |
| ✘ New and experimental ideas and methods in art, music, or literature | Avant-garde |
| ✘ Newspaper with small pages (usually half the size of those in larger papers) | Tabloid |
| ✘ Newspaper that prints a lot of shocking stories about people's private lives rather than serious news | Gutter press |
| ✘ No longer active or effective : close to failure | Moribund |
| ✘ No longer existing or being used | Defunct |
| ✘ No longer used because something newer exists | Obsolete |
| ✘ Noisy and overexcited reactions or responses to something | Brouhaha |
| ✘ Noisy argument or disagreement, especially in public | Altercation |
| ✘ Noisy arguments or fights | Fracas |
| ✘ Not able or willing to believe something | Incredulous |
| ✘ Not able to be corrected or changed | Incorrigible |
| ✘ Not able to be stopped or changed | Inexorable |
| ✘ Not able to communicate with other people | Incommunicado |

One Word Substitutions

✘ Not acceptable to talk about or do	Taboo
✘ Not active, not now developing or causing symptoms	Quiescent
✘ Not as important as something else	Subsidiary
✘ Not capable of life	Inanimate
✘ Not clear in meaning ; stated in a way that is general and not specific	Vague
✘ Not completely clear or transparent but clear enough to allow light to pass through	Translucent
✘ Not connected with spiritual or religious matters	Secular
✘ Not deserving serious attention	Frivolous
✘ Not doing or involving much physical activities	Sedentary
✘ Not easily described ; having no special or interesting qualities, parts, etc; typical and uninteresting	Nondescript
✘ Not easily stopped or pulled apart; very determined to do something	Tenacious
✘ Not giving enough thought to other people's feelings or needs	Inconsiderate
✘ Not having made a will	Intestate
✘ Not having or showing good judgment	Indiscreet
✘ Not having or showing good manners, good taste, or politeness	Vulgar
✘ Not intended or planned	Inadvertent
✘ Not interesting, funny, etc, because of being used too often	Hackneyed
✘ Not keeping anything secret or hidden ; honest and direct	Upfront
✘ Not lasting long, staying somewhere only for a short time	Transient
✘ Not letting light through, not transparent ; difficult to understand or explain	Opaque
✘ Not liking to work or be active	Indolent

One Word Substitutions

✘ Not lively or interesting ; dull or boring	Vapid
✘ Not made of physical substances ; not able to be touched	Intangible
✘ Not necessary or appropriate	Unwarranted
✘ Not producing the desired effect	Inefficacious
✘ Not showing enough care and attention	Remiss
✘ Not strong or stable and likely to break	Rickety
✘ Not very developed or advanced	Rudimentary
✘ Not very easy to see or notice	Inconspicuous
✘ Not willing to tell people about things	Reticent
✘ Not within the range of what someone knows or understands	Ken
✘ Novels, movies, etc, that are very exciting ; a story full of exciting action, mystery, adventure, or suspense	Thriller
✘ Number of people who are killed or injured in an accident, disaster, war	Toll



- ✧ Object (such as a ring or stone) that is believed to have magic powers and to cause good things to happen to the person who has it **Talisman**
- ✧ Object or picture used to suggest a thing that cannot be shown ; a person or thing that represents an idea **Emblem**
- ✧ Object, piece of evidence or some information that helps the police solve a crime **Clue**
- ✧ Objects, activities, or ideas that are used as symbols of something else **Metaphor**
- ✧ Objects or materials that are collected because they are related to a particular event, person, etc ; things collected as souvenirs **Memorabilia**
- ✧ Objects that are used to do a particular activity ; objects of a particular kind **Paraphernalia**
- ✧ Occurring between members of the same country, group, or organisation **Internecine**
- ✧ Of, belonging to, or seeming to come from an early time in the very ancient past **Primitive**
- ✧ (Of a person) not identified by name; of unknown name **Anonymous**
- ✧ Offence of marrying someone while already married to another person **Bigamy**
- ✧ Official agreement that is made between two or more countries or groups **Treaty**
- ✧ Official announcement about a usually very important piece of news **Communiqué**
- ✧ Official counting or a survey, especially of a population **Census**

One Word Substitutions

⌘ Official examination of business and financial records to see that they are true and correct ; official examination of the quality or standard of something	Audit
⌘ Official order given by a person with power or by a government	Decree
⌘ Official order to do something ; a power to act that voters give to their elected leaders	Mandate
⌘ Official pardon for people who have been convicted of political offences	Amnesty
⌘ Officially cancelling the power or effect of (something, such as a law, license, agreement, etc)	Revoke
⌘ Officially choosing (someone or something) to do or be something	Designate
⌘ Officially preventing (someone) from leaving a place	Detain
⌘ Officially saying that someone who is guilty of a crime will be allowed to go free and will not be punished	Pardon
⌘ Officially stating that somebody is not responsible for something that they have been blamed for	Exonerate
⌘ Officially telling someone to use a medicine, therapy, diet, etc as a remedy or treatment	Prescribe
⌘ Old and respected ; valued and respected because of old age, long use, etc	Venerable
⌘ One of a series of lives that a person is believed to have had in the past in some religions	Incarnation
⌘ One of the official beliefs and goals of an organisation	Plank
⌘ Open area near the entrance in someone's home	Foyer
⌘ Open opposition toward a person or group in authority	Rebellion

One Word Substitutions

⌘ Open to more than one interpretation ; not having one obvious meaning	Ambiguous
⌘ Operation in which police or other forces surround a building and cut off supplies, with the aim of forcing an armed person to surrender	Siege
⌘ Opinion or belief of the majority	Vox populi
⌘ Opponent that is easy to defeat	Pushover
⌘ Order that must be followed	Diktat
⌘ Organised search for a person and especially for a criminal	Manhunt
⌘ Original copy of a play, book, piece of music, etc, before it has been printed	Manuscript
⌘ Ornament or small piece of jewellery thought to give protection against evil, danger, or disease	Amulet
⌘ Out of control with anger or excitement; wild or frenzied	Berserk
⌘ Outline or outer edge of something	Contour
⌘ Outside edge of an area ; the area that surrounds a place or thing	Periphery

P

- ✧ Page in newspapers opposite the editorial page that contains comment on the news and articles on particular subjects **Op-ed**
- ✧ Page numbers in a printed book **Folio**
- ✧ Painful emotions, sensations, or feelings **Throes**
- ✧ Painting, drawing, or photograph of a person **Portrait**
- ✧ Part of check, ticket, etc, that can be kept as a record when it is torn off **Counterfoil**
- ✧ Part of a city in which members of a particular group or race live usually in poor conditions **Ghetto**
- ✧ Part of a theatre, concert hall, etc in which the audience sits **Auditorium**
- ✧ Part of the Earth's surface that is directly above the place where an earthquake starts **Epicenter**
- ✧ Part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong **Conscience**
- ✧ Part or element of something **Facet**
- ✧ Partial or total loss of memory **Amnesia**
- ✧ Partial refunds to someone who has paid too much for tax, rent, or a utility **Rebate**
- ✧ Particular subject or issue that is discussed often or repeatedly **Theme**
- ✧ Particular type or category of literature or art **Genre**
- ✧ Particular way of thinking ; a person's attitude or set of opinions about something **Mindset**
- ✧ Particular way of walking **Gait**
- ✧ Passage between rows of seats in a building such as a church or theatre, an aircraft, or train **Aisle**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Paying money to get a publication or service regularly	Subscribe
✘ People in the future	Posterity
✘ People of high social status	Gentry
✘ Person who is extremely poor	Destitute
✘ People who are famous, wealthy, and attractive	Glitterati
✘ People who can vote in an election	Electorate
✘ Performances of something	Rendition
✘ Period immediately before an action or event	Run-up
✘ Period of 1,000 years	Millennium
✘ Period of temporary economic decline during which trade and industrial activities are reduced	Recession
✘ Period of time during which someone does not work at his or her regular job and is able to rest, travel, do research, etc	Sabbatical
✘ Period of time that is very important in history	Epoch
✘ Period of time when people stay awake, especially at night, in order to watch a sick person, say prayers, protest, etc	Vigil
✘ Period of time when something (activities or programs) is stopped	Hiatus
✘ Period when the Sun has set and before it gets completely dark	Twilight
✘ Period when many more babies are born than usual	Baby boom
✘ Periods when something does not increase or advance any further	Plateau
✘ Permanent administrative office or department, especially governmental one	Secretariat
✘ Permission given to a prisoner to leave prison before the end of a sentence usually as a reward for behaving well	Parole

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person (especially a man) who leads an immoral life and is mainly interested in sexual pleasure	Libertine
✘ Person (such as a government official or an employee) who investigates complaints and tries to deal with problems fairly	Ombudsman
✘ Person and especially a man whose job is to serve meals and to take care of passengers on a train, airplane, or ship	Steward
✘ Person and especially a young person who causes trouble or do things that annoy people	Rascal
✘ Person employed in taking a census of the population	Enumerator
✘ Person employed to drive a private or hired car	Chauffer
✘ Person killed or injured in a war or accident	Casualty
✘ Person of roughly the same age as oneself, a contemporary	Coeval
✘ Person or a character in a movie, book, etc, who is very brave and has many exciting adventures	Swashbuckler
✘ Person or animal having a congenital absence of pigment in the skin and hair (which are white) and the eyes (which are usually pink)	Albino
✘ Person or animal that lives in a particular place	Inhabitant
✘ Person or organisation that cooperates with or helps another in a particular activity	Ally
✘ Person or organisation that makes sure that companies, governments, etc, are not doing anything illegal or wrong	Watchdog
✘ Person or a place maintained in a neat and clean condition ; well cared for	Kempt
✘ Person or thing regarded as an exact copy of another	Clone
✘ Person or thing that attracts a lot of attention or interest	Cynosure
✘ Person or thing that causes a change	Catalyst

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person or thing that does not go or move as quickly as others	Laggard
✘ Person or thing that is connected with or related to another, often in a way that one would not expect	Bedfellow
✘ Person or thing that is extremely important or large in size	Colossus
✘ Person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else	Antithesis
✘ Person or thing that is the most important part of an organisation, a plan, etc, because everything else depends on him/her or it	Linchpin
✘ Person or thing that one particularly dislikes	Bête noire
✘ Person or thing that takes the place of someone or something else	Substitute
✘ Person or thing that takes the place or performs the duties of someone or something else	Surrogate
✘ Person or thing which provides stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation	Anchor
✘ Person that somebody spends a lot of time with	Crony
✘ Person who accompanies and looks after another person or group of people	Chaperone
✘ Person who actively opposes or is hostile to someone or something ; an adversary	Antagonist
✘ Person who actively uses the Internet especially in a proper and responsible way	Netizen
✘ Person who annoys other people by correcting small errors and giving too much attention to minor details	Pedant
✘ Person who appreciates fine food and drink	Epicure
✘ Person who argues for or supports something	Proponent
✘ Person who behaves awkwardly around other people and usually has unstylish clothes, hair ; a person who is very interested in technical subjects, computers, etc	Nerd

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person who behaves obsequiously to those in power	Lickspittle
✘ Person who behaves or reacts in an extremely or foolishly emotional way	Hysteric
✘ Person who believes that he/she has unlimited power or importance	Megalomaniac
✘ Person who buys tickets for an event and resells them at a much higher price	Tout
✘ Person who chooses to work a lot ; a person who is always working, thinking about work, etc.	Workaholic
✘ Person who compiles and analyses statistics and uses them to calculate insurance risks and premiums	Actuary
✘ Person who controls an organisation or activity	Kingpin
✘ Person who criticises or opposes beliefs and practices that are widely accepted	Iconoclast
✘ Person who criticises something or someone	Detractor
✘ Person who deliberately destroys or damages property ; a person who vandalises something	Vandal
✘ Person who does not behave the way most people behave ; someone who does not conform	Nonconformist
✘ Person who does not have experience in a particular activity, job, etc	Virgin
✘ Person who does not have expert knowledge of a particular subject	Layman
✘ Person who does not work hard	Loafer
✘ Person who does something in a very skilful way	Virtuoso
✘ Person who does something that is illegal or morally wrong	Miscreant
✘ Person who does the same thing as someone else ; a person who adopts the behaviour, style, etc, of someone else	Copycat
✘ Person who earns money to support his/her family, typically the sole one	Breadwinner

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person who engages in a pursuit, especially a sport, on an unpaid basis	Amateur
✘ Person who enjoys and cares about food very much	Foodie
✘ Person who enjoys and knows a lot about good food and wine	Gourmet
✘ Person who entices people to follow him/her in a particular course of action	Pied Piper
✘ Person who follows strict moral rules and believes that pleasure is wrong	Puritan
✘ Person who gives money to and supports an artist, organisation, etc	Patron
✘ Person who has a sexual interest in children	Paedophile
✘ Person who has broken the law and who is hiding or running away to avoid punishment	Outlaw
✘ Person who has great wealth and power in a particular business or industry	Magnate
✘ Person who has just started a job or activity and has little experience	Rookie
✘ Person who has just started learning or doing something	Novice
✘ Person who has negative opinions about other people and about the things people do	Cynic
✘ Person who has no place to live and no job and who asks people for money	Vagrant
✘ Person who has recently become rich and who likes to spend a lot of money	Nouveau riche
✘ Person who has very strong feelings about something (such as religion or politics) and who wants other people to have those feelings	Zealot
✘ Person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc	Pioneer
✘ Person who holds a particular office or position	Incumbent

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person who introduces the performers or contestants in a variety show	Compere
✘ Person who is between 40 and 49 years old	Quadragenarian
✘ Person who is between 80 and 89 years old	Octogenarian
✘ Person who is between 90 and 99 years old	Nonagenarian
✘ Person who is captured by someone who demands that certain things be done before the captured person is freed	Hostage
✘ Person who is enthusiastically interested in and very knowledgeable about a particular subject	Buff
✘ Person who is expected to save people from a very bad situation	Messiah
✘ Person who is expelled from his/her caste	Outcaste
✘ Person who is fond of or knowledgeable about the cinema	Cineaste
✘ Person who is given the power or authority to do something (such as to vote) for someone else	Proxy
✘ Person who takes part in a dialogue or conversation	Interlocutor
✘ Person who is hired to threaten, to beat up, or to kill someone	Goon
✘ Person who is in charge of or takes care of something	Warden
✘ Person who is kept in a prison or mental hospital	Inmate
✘ Person who is killed or who suffers greatly for a religion, cause, etc	Martyr
✘ Person who is not loyal to his or her own country, friends, etc	Traitor
✘ Person who is not welcome or wanted in a place	Intruder
✘ Person who is running away to avoid being captured	Fugitive
✘ Person who is sent by one government to represent it in dealing with another government	Envoy

One Word Substitutions

✧ Person who is skilled in magic or who has magical powers ; a sorcerer or a magician, a person who is very good at something	Wizard
✧ Person who is unfairly blamed for something that others have done	Scapegoat
✧ Person who is very enthusiastic about something	Fiend
✧ Person who is walking in a city, along a road, etc	Pedestrian
✧ Person who knows a lot about something (such as art, wine, food, etc) ; an expert in a particular subject	Connoisseur
✧ Person who lacks experience and knowledge	Greenhorn
✧ Person who leaves one political, religious, etc group to join another that has very different views ; someone or something that causes trouble and cannot be controlled	Renegade
✧ Person who likes or admires women	Philogynist
✧ Person who likes seeing and talking or writing about something that is considered to be private	Voyeur
✧ Person who lives alone and avoids other people	Recluse
✧ Person who lives in a foreign country	Expatriate
✧ Person who lives in a simple way apart from others especially for religious reasons	Hermit
✧ Person who loves to eat and drink	Gourmand
✧ Person who makes speeches and are very good at making them	Orator
✧ Person who makes, does, or discovers something new and makes it acceptable or popular	Trailblazer
✧ Person who observes self-discipline and abstains from all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons	Ascetic
✧ Person who owns a business or property	Proprietor
✧ Person who owns or controls a large part of a particular industry	Baron
✧ Person who practises sorcery ; a wizard or warlock	Sorcerer

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person who questions or doubts something (such as a claim or statement)	Sceptic
✘ Person who refuses to submit to an authority or to comply with a regulation	Recusant
✘ Person who sells things especially on the street	Vendor
✘ Person who serves in a coffee bar	Barista
✘ Person who settles a dispute or has ultimate authority in a matter	Arbiter
✘ Person who shoots with a bow and arrows, especially at a target as a sport	Archer
✘ Person who spends his/her time indulging in pleasure and luxury rather than dealing with practical concerns	Lotus-eater
✘ Person who spoils other people's fun or enjoyment	Killjoy
✘ Person who starts a business and is willing to risk loss in order to make money	Entrepreneur
✘ Person who travels from place to place and does not have a home or much money	Vagabond
✘ Person who wants a war or tries to make other people want to start or fight a war	Warmonger
✘ Person who was born into a rich, famous, or important family	Scion
✘ Person who watches an event, show, game, activity, etc, often as part of an audience	Spectator
✘ Person who worships many gods or goddesses or the Earth or nature	Pagan
✘ Person who writes the words of a song	Lyricist
✘ Person whose job involves doing many different types of work	Factotum
✘ Person whose job is to provide emergency medical care to sick or injured people who are being taken to a hospital	Paramedic

One Word Substitutions

✘ Person whose job is to sell eyeglasses and contact lenses, to make sure that they fit correctly, and sometimes to make eyeglasses	Optician
✘ Person whose job is to look after someone or something	Minder
✘ Person whose job is to write material for someone else who is the named author	Ghostwriter
✘ Person with whom someone is having a romantic or sexual relationship and especially a secret or improper relationship	Paramour
✘ Person, animal or plant that lives, grows or is often found in a particular place	Denizen
✘ Person, animal, or object used as a symbol to represent a group (such as a sports team) and to bring good luck	Mascot
✘ Person, business, group, etc, that pays to use another person's property	Tenant
✘ Person, company, etc, that is weak or unsuccessful and needs help	Lame duck
✘ Person, especially a lawyer, with official authority to be a witness when somebody signs a document and to make this document valid in law	Notary
✘ Person's appearance and behaviour ; the way someone seems to be to other people	Demeanour
✘ Person's secondary or alternative personality	Alter ego
✘ Person's social environment	Milieu
✘ Persuading an unwilling person to do something by using force or threats	Coerce
✘ Persuading someone gradually or gently to do something	Coax
✘ Photograph of an attractive person (such as an actress or model) that is hung or pinned on a wall	Pin-up
✘ Phrase or idea that has been used so often that it no longer has much meaning and is not interesting	Cliché

One Word Substitutions

✘ Physical condition in which one's heart beats very quickly and in an irregular way	Palpitation
✘ Physical exercise in which muscles are made to work without the whole body moving	Isometric
✘ Picture, description or imitation of persons in which certain striking characteristics are exaggerated in order to create a comic or grotesque effect	Caricature
✘ Picture or word painted or drawn on a wall, building	Graffiti
✘ Piece of writings, music, etc, that imitates the style of someone or something else in an amusing way	Parody
✘ Pieces that are left after something has been destroyed	Debris
✘ Pithy observations which contain a general truth	Aphorism
✘ Placing (something) in a particular position or direction	Orient
✘ Place for the care and treatment of people who are recovering from illness or who have a disease that will last a long time	Sanatorium
✘ Place of safety and comfort	Harbour
✘ Place or area at which different things meet and communicate with or affect each other	Interface
✘ Place where a large amount of something is stored	Repository
✘ Place where arms are kept	Armoury
✘ Place where children whose parents have died can live and be cared for	Orphanage
✘ Place where people are buried	Graveyard
✘ Place where people go to improve their health and appearance by exercising, relaxing, etc	Spa
✘ Place where people grow fruit trees	Orchard

One Word Substitutions

✘ Place where sick people stay and are cared for in a school, prison, summer camp	Infirmary
✘ Place where someone or something is protected or given shelter	Sanctuary
✘ Place where two rivers or streams join to become one ; situation in which two things come together or happen at the same	Confluence
✘ Place where two sloping surfaces meet	Ridge
✘ Place where you are protected from danger, trouble	Haven
✘ Place where you live	Domicile
✘ Place where young children are cared for during the day while their parents are working	Daycare center
✘ Plan of a journey, including the route and the places that you visit	Itinerary
✘ Plans or set of rules about food, exercise, etc, to make someone become or stay healthy	Regimen
✘ Plan which show what can be achieved and how it can be achieved	Blueprint
✘ Plant or animal growing or living in or near water	Aquatic
✘ Platform extending into an auditorium, along which models walk to display clothes in fashion shows	Catwalk
✘ Playing and moving about happily	Frolic
✘ Pleasing series of musical notes that form the main part of a song or piece of music	Melody
✘ Poem or song that expresses sorrow for someone who is dead	Elegy
✘ Poem, word puzzle, or other composition in which certain letters in each line form a word or words	Acrostic
✘ Point or level at which something begin or changes	Threshold

One Word Substitutions

✘ Policies or practices of more open consultative government and wider dissemination of information, initiated by Russian leader Mikhail Gorbachev	Glasnost
✘ Policy or system of segregation or discrimination on grounds of race	Apartheid
✘ Policy that allows businesses to operate with very little interference from the government	Laissez-faire
✘ Political leaders who try to get support by making false claims and promises and using arguments based on emotion rather than reason	Demagogue
✘ Poor and dirty child who annoys people or causes minor trouble	Urchin
✘ Popular word or phrase encapsulating a particular concept	Catchword
✘ Position from which something is viewed or considered	Vantage
✘ Power or right to make judgments about the law, to arrest and punish criminals	Jurisdiction
✘ Power that some people are believed to have to be able to see future events	Clairvoyance
✘ Practice of continuously improving the way in which a company operates	Kaizen
✘ Practice or a policy of keeping people of different races, religions, etc, separate from each other	Segregation
✘ Present in all places at all times	Omnipresent
✘ Pressing together the parts and especially the opposite sides of something	Squeeze
✘ Pressurising someone into adopting radically different beliefs by using systematic and often forcible means	Brainwash
✘ Pretending to be another person	Impersonate
✘ Pretending to be someone else, especially for fraudulent purposes	Personate

One Word Substitutions

✘ Pretending to be sick or injured in order to avoid doing work	Malingering
✘ Prevailing fashion or style at a particular time	Vogue
✘ Priest or minister of a religion	Clergy
✘ Principles or set of principles laid down by an authority as incontrovertibly true	Dogma
✘ Private conversation between two people	Tete-a-tete
✘ Private or secret meetings, especially one that has special authority	Conclave
✘ Problem or condition that harms or weakens a group, society	Malaise
✘ Procedure carried out to improve the appearance of something	Facelift
✘ Process of learning something by repeating it many times without thinking about it or fully understanding it	Rote
✘ Process of making or defending a claim in court	Litigation
✘ Process of reducing something's strength or effectiveness through sustained attack or pressure	Attrition
✘ Process of testing or observing the character or abilities of a person who is new to a role or job	Probation
✘ Producing something from available parts or elements	Cobble
✘ Producing a fire ; causing anger	Incendiary
✘ Promising to pay for the cost of possible damage, loss, or injury	Indemnity
✘ Proof or evidence that something exists or is true	Testament
✘ Property that you receive from your father when he dies	Patrimony
✘ Protection granted by a state to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee	Asylum
✘ Protesting or complaining about something or someone very strongly	Inveigh

One Word Substitutions

✘ Proving (something) is false by using arguments or evidence	Rebuttal
✘ Proverb or short statement expressing a general truth	Adage
✘ Providing necessary support to the primary activities or operation of an organisation, system, etc	Ancillary
✘ Public festival, usually one that happens at a regular time each year, that involves music and dancing in the streets, for which people wear brightly coloured clothes	Carnival
✘ Public performance of music	Concert
✘ Public sale in which goods or property are sold to the highest bidder	Auction
✘ Public votes on a particular issue	Referendum
✘ Publicly disagreeing with an official opinion, decision, or set of beliefs	Dissent
✘ Publicly says that you no longer have an opinion or belief that you once had	Recant
✘ Published collection of poems or other pieces of writing	Anthology
✘ Pulling something away from someone by using violent twisting movements	Wrest
✘ Punishment or defeat that is deserved and cannot be avoided	Nemesis
✘ Putting something in a secret or hidden place	Stash
✘ Putting people or things together, especially in order to show a contrast or a new relationship between them	Juxtapose



- ✘ Quality of always behaving in the same way or of having the same opinions, standard, etc **Constituency**
- ✘ Quality of being faithful to one's husband, wife, or sexual partner **Fidelity**
- ✘ Quality of being honest and fair **Integrity**
- ✘ Quality of being very similar or equal **Symmetry**
- ✘ Quality of being very unwilling to spend money **Parsimony**
- ✘ Quality that causes people to feel sympathy and sadness **Pathos**
- ✘ Quality that makes one person or thing different from another **Trait**
- ✘ Quantity of work that should have been done already, but has not yet been done **Backlog**
- ✘ Quick look or glance **Dekko**
- ✘ Quick series of soft, light sounds caused when things (such as leaves or pieces of paper) rub against each other **Rustle**
- ✘ Quiet and peaceful **Tranquil**
- ✘ Quiet and polite, not showy or flashy **Demure**
- ✘ Quotations from or references to a book, paper, or author, especially in a scholarly work **Citation**

R

- ✘ Route or journey longer than the most direct way **Circuitous**
- ✘ Raised platform for a speaker, performer, or the leader of an orchestra **Podium**
- ✘ Raised platform in a large room or hall that people stand on when performing or speaking to an audience **Dais**
- ✘ Range or series of related things **Gamut**
- ✘ Ready and excited to start to do something **Raring**
- ✘ Reasons or explanations for something **Rationale**
- ✘ Reasons that you give to hide your real reason for doing something **Pretext**
- ✘ Records of events year by year **Annals**
- ✘ Refers to the fact that something has been done or repeated so often that it has become annoying or tiresome **Ad nauseam**
- ✘ Referring to sex in a rude but humorous way **Ribald**
- ✘ Refusing (something, such as an offer or suggestion) in a rude way **Rebuff**
- ✘ Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind **Adamant**
- ✘ Regular period of sleep or rest in the afternoon in some hot countries **Siesta**
- ✘ Regular, repeated patterns of sounds or movements **Rhythm**
- ✘ Reinforced underground shelters, typically for use in wartime **Bunker**
- ✘ Rejecting or refusing somebody/something, especially in a proud way **Spurn**

One Word Substitutions

- ✧ Relating to a manual work or workers, particularly in industry **Blue-collar**
- ✧ Relating to a marriage or to a married couple **Conjugal**
- ✧ Relating to or concerned with complete systems rather than with individual parts **Holistic**
- ✧ Relating to or denoting exercise taken to improve the efficiency of the body's cardiovascular system in absorbing and transporting oxygen **Aerobic**
- ✧ Relating to or in the form of money **Pecuniary**
- ✧ Relating to unpleasant subjects **Morbid**
- ✧ Relationship between two different kinds of living things that live together and depend on each other **Symbiosis**
- ✧ Religious group that are a smaller part of a larger group and whose members all share similar beliefs **Sect**
- ✧ Religious leader in any religion **Cleric**
- ✧ Removing something from a place so that it will not be damaged, destroyed, or lost **Salvage**
- ✧ Repairing and make improvements to something, such as a building **Refurbish**
- ✧ Repeating something else and therefore unnecessary **Redundant**
- ✧ Replying to something in a quick and often angry way **Retort**
- ✧ Results obtained by dividing one quantity by another **Quotient**
- ✧ Returning of an illness after a period of improvement **Relapse**
- ✧ Returning to normal health or strength after being sick, injured **Recuperate**
- ✧ Returning to an earlier and usually worse state or condition **Retrograde**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Rich person who has at least a million dollars, pounds	Millionaire
✘ Right or benefit that is given to some people and not to others	Privilege
✘ Right or the capacity to bring an action or to appear in a court	Locus standi
✘ Right or privilege	Prerogative
✘ Right to choose what should be done in a particular situation	Discretion
✘ Right to vote in an election	Suffrage
✘ Ritual suicide by cutting open one's stomach with a sword	Hara-kiri
✘ Robot with a human appearance	Android
✘ Room in a public building where outdoor clothes or luggage may be left	Cloakroom
✘ Rough or noisy	Rowdy
✘ Roughly made model of a person that is made in order to be damaged or destroyed as a protest	Effigy
✘ Roughly or quickly thrust (a sharp or pointed object) someone or something	Jab
✘ Routine tasks, especially a household one	Chores
✘ Rule or principle that most people believe to be true	Axiom
✘ Rule that says how people should behave	Precept
✘ Rule about the proper and polite way to communicate with other people when one is using the Internet	Netiquette

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- ✘ Sad moods or feelings **Melancholy**
- ✘ Said to somebody who is leaving on a journey, to wish them a good journey **Bon voyage**
- ✘ Sailor who attacked ships at sea and stole from them ; the person who acts in a recklessly adventurous and often unscrupulous way, especially in business **Buccaneer**
- ✘ Saying or writing very harsh and critical things about someone or something **Vilify**
- ✘ Saying that something is smaller, less important, etc, than it really is **Understate**
- ✘ Saying that something you said or wrote is not true or correct **Retract**
- ✘ Saying that you are not responsible for something ; to deny that you know about or are involved in something **Disavow**
- ✘ Scene full of noise and confusion **Bedlam**
- ✘ Searching for something especially by moving and looking through the contents of a place **Rummage**
- ✘ Searching through waste, junk, etc, for something that can be saved, used or eaten **Scavenge**
- ✘ Seat for passengers on a motorcycle **Pillion**
- ✘ Secret agreement especially in order to do something dishonest or to trick people **Collusion**
- ✘ Secret or disguised way of writing ; a code **Cipher**
- ✘ Secretly try to ruin or destroy a government, political system, etc **Subvert**
- ✘ Section or table of subsidiary matter at the end of a book or document **Appendix**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Seeming like real life because it is very clear, bright, or detailed, very bright in colour	Vivid
✘ Seeming to be seen everywhere	Ubiquitous
✘ Selling (a business, property, etc) especially to pay off debt	Liquidate
✘ Sending a person who has been accused of a crime to another state or country for trial	Extradite
✘ Sending away some of a company's work to be done by people outside the company	Outsource
✘ Series of changes	Flux
✘ Series of three novels, movies, etc, that are closely related and involve the same characters or themes	Trilogy
✘ Set of clothes that are worn together ; group of people working together in the same activity	Outfit
✘ Set of ideas that somebody believes in and tries to persuade others to accept	Gospel
✘ Set of principles concerned with the nature and appreciation of beauty	Aesthetics
✘ Set of tools or supplies that a person uses for a particular purpose or activity	Kit
✘ Severe mental or physical pain or suffering	Anguish
✘ Severe snowstorm with high winds ; large quantity of things that may seem to be attacking you	Blizzard
✘ Sexually attracted to people of the same sex	Homosexual
✘ Shared by, including or typical of a whole group of things ; not specific	Generic
✘ Shiny quality of a surface that reflects light	Luster
✘ Short amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person	Anecdote
✘ Short and clever poem or saying	Epigram
✘ Short argument about something that is not important	Spat

One Word Substitutions

✧ Short break or escape from something difficult or unpleasant	Respite
✧ Short description of a book, film, or other product written for promotional purpose	Blurb
✧ Short description of the most important information about something	Synopsis
✧ Short journeys that you take to do or get something	Errand
✧ Short period of greatly increased efforts, activities, or developments	Spurt
✧ Short period of time during which something lasts ; the quality that a person or thing has that makes him/her so attractive or interesting that he/she has a strong influence on you	Spell
✧ Short period of time when you do a lot of something	Spree
✧ Short sleep during the day	Catnap
✧ Short story that teaches a moral or a spiritual lesson	Parable
✧ Short story that usually is about animals and that is intended to teach a lesson	Fable
✧ Short trip especially for pleasure	Excursion
✧ Short written description	Vignette
✧ Short, funny stories or performances	Skit
✧ Short, well-known pithy sayings, stating a general truth or piece of advice	Proverb
✧ Shot that comes from two or more places so that the bullets cross through the same area	Crossfire
✧ Showing somebody in authority too much respect and be too willing to obey them	Kowtow
✧ Showing that someone or something that has been criticised or doubted is correct, true, or reasonable	Vindicate

One Word Substitutions

✘ Showing a loss of mental ability (such as memory) in old age	Senile
✘ Showing no emotion especially when something bad is happening	Stoical
✘ Showing no feeling or emotion ; humour that is done or said in a serious way	Deadpan
✘ Showing or having very little strength, energy, or activity	Languid
✘ Showing strong and often angry feelings	Vehement
✘ Silly or childish, especially in a way that shows a lack of seriousness or good judgment	Puerile
✘ Sitting on heels with one's knees bent up close to the body ; live in a building or on land which is not yours ; without the owner's permission	Squat
✘ Situation characterised by instability and strong emotions	Cauldron
✘ Situation in which a relationship becomes more friendly and less angry	Thaw
✘ Situation in which everyone is treated equally ; shares in a company which do not pay a fixed amount of interest	Equity
✘ Situation in which many people are upset, angry, or disturbed by something	Uproar
✘ Situation in which many people leave a place at the same time	Exodus
✘ Situation in which no progress can be made	Gridlock
✘ Situation in which there is much noise, confusion, excitement, and activity	Hubbub
✘ Situation in which two people or groups argue or compete with each other	Duel
✘ Situation in which you are confused about what to do	Quandary

One Word Substitutions

✘ Situation in which one is forced to leave one's country or home and go to live in a foreign country	Exile
✘ Situation in which one has to make a difficult choice	Dilemma
✘ Situations or events which are much less impressive than expected	Damp squib
✘ Situation or series of events in which people have very strong or exaggerated emotions	Melodrama
✘ Situation or way of behaving that does not change	Rut
✘ Situation when both players have 40 as a score	Deuce
✘ Situation which creates a sudden increase in wealth, good fortune, or profits	Bonanza
✘ Skill and cleverness that is shown in the way someone deals with a situation, problem, etc	Finesse
✘ Slowing down the development or progress of something	Retard
✘ Slow in moving, acting, or happening	Tardy
✘ Slowly decay or cause (something) to decay	Rot
✘ Small book or magazine containing pictures and information about a product or service	Brochure
✘ Small but noticeable part in a play or film, played by a distinguished actor	Cameo
✘ Small close-knit group of people who do not readily allow others to join them	Clique
✘ Small dish of food or a drink taken before a meal or the main course of a meal to stimulate one's appetite	Appetizer
✘ Small group of people who are interested in the same thing and who usually do not allow other people to join the group	Coterie
✘ Small part of a longer written work	Excerpt
✘ Small piece of news or interesting information ; small piece of food	Titbit

One Word Substitutions

✘ Small pointed objects, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is shot as a weapon	Dart
✘ Small raised platform on a stage	Rostrum
✘ Small room, especially one used for storing things or for private study	Closet
✘ Small shop selling fashionable clothes or accessories	Boutique
✘ Small store in a building or on the street where things (such as newspapers or candy) are sold	Kiosk
✘ Small stream	Brook
✘ Small waterfall, typically one of several that fall in stages down a steep rocky slope	Cascade
✘ Small, somewhat soft part inside a seed or nut ; very small amount of something	Kernel
✘ Small, usually round pieces of food	Nugget
✘ Smaller earthquake following the main shock of a large earthquake	Aftershock
✘ Soldiers who are paid by a foreign country to fight in its army	Mercenary
✘ Solemn patriotic song officially adopted by a country as an expression of national identity	Anthem
✘ Someone (such as a member of a religious group) who lives by asking people for money or food	Mendicant
✘ Someone or something that causes a great amount of trouble or suffering	Scourge
✘ Someone or something that causes bad luck	Jinx
✘ Someone or something that gives a feeling of comfort to a person who is sad, depressed, etc ; a source of comfort	Solace
✘ Someone or something that has the same name as another person or thing	Namesake
✘ Someone or something that has the typical qualities of a particular group, kind, etc	Prototype

One Word Substitutions

✘ Someone or something that is difficult to understand or explain	Enigma
✘ Someone or something that is getting started in a new activity	Fledgling
✘ Someone or something that will not be effective or successful	Non-starter
✘ Someone who achieves success or shows great talent at a young age - usually singular	Wunderkind
✘ Someone who has been forced to leave a country because of war or for religious or political reasons	Refugee
✘ Someone who has won an important prize or honour for achievement in a subject of study	Laureate
✘ Someone who is guilty of a crime or offence ; a person whose behaviour is wrong or evil	Malefactor
✘ Someone who is not accepted by other people	Outcast
✘ Someone who is not accepted or welcome by other people	Persona nongrata
✘ Someone who is not powerful or important and who obeys the orders of a powerful leader or boss	Minion
✘ Someone who makes a bet	Punter
✘ Someone who makes predictions about what is going to happen in the future	Soothsayer
✘ Someone who predicts things that will happen in the future	Seer
✘ Someone who saves something or someone from danger, harm, failure, etc	Saviour
✘ Someone who supports a particular cause, belief, etc	Exponent
✘ Someone who talks about something with great enthusiasm	Evangelist
✘ Someone who teaches or gives help and advice to a less experienced and often younger person	Mentor

One Word Substitutions

✘ Someone who tends to criticise, reject, or ignore people who come from a lower social class and have less education, etc	Snob
✘ Someone who travels to a holy place	Pilgrim
✘ Someone who tries to get an advantage or something valuable from a situation without thinking about what is fair or right	Opportunist
✘ (Something unwelcome) flourishing or spreading unchecked, unrestrained in action or performance	Rampant
✘ Something (such as a business) that develops from something larger	Offshoot
✘ Something (such as a force, campaign, or movement) that is extremely large and powerful and cannot be stopped	Juggernaut
✘ Something (such as a greeting) that people say in order to be polite	Pleasantry
✘ Something (such as a situation) that is made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually true or possible	Paradox
✘ Something (such as a special ceremony) that is intended to honour an important event or person from the past	Commemoration
✘ Something (such as a speech or a piece of writing) that praises someone or something	Panegyric
✘ Something (such as an interest or fashion) that is very popular for a short time	Fad
✘ Something (such as salt, mustard, or ketchup) that is added to food to give it more flavour	Condiment
✘ Something bad that might happen in the future	Spectre
✘ Something extra that someone receives in addition to regular pay for doing a job	Perk
✘ Something heard from another person	Hearsay
✘ Something or someone that one vehemently dislikes	Anathema

One Word Substitutions

✘ Something said or done to cause laughter	Jest
✘ Something that comes before and leads to something else	Prelude
✘ Something that comes before something else and that often leads to or influences its development	Precursor
✘ Something that deviates from what is standard, normal, or expected	Anomaly
✘ Something that does not have much value or importance	Trifle
✘ Something that does not really exist	Figment
✘ Something that has been done and cannot be changed	Fait accompli
✘ Something that involves many quickly changing events, feelings, etc	Whirlwind
✘ Something that is absolutely needed	Sine qua non
✘ Something that is believed to be a sign or warning of something that will happen in the future	Omen
✘ Something that is boring because it is always the same	Monotonous
✘ Something that is done or given to someone in order to prevent trouble, gain support, etc	Sop
✘ Something that is done to honour someone or something	Homage
✘ Something that is done too much and in a wild way	Orgy
✘ Something that is done without energy or enthusiasm because of habit or because it is expected	Perfunctory
✘ Something that is from a past time, place, culture, etc	Relic
✘ Something that is given for free	Freebie
✘ Something that is given to you or done for you in return for something you have given to or done for someone else	Quid pro quo

One Word Substitutions

✘ Something that is intended to make a bad situation seem better but that does not really improve the situation	Palliative
✘ Something that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or thing	Memento
✘ Something that is known or understood without proof or evidence	Intuition
✘ Something that is made by combining different things (such as ideas, styles, etc)	Synthesis
✘ Something that is necessary in a particular situation	Exigency
✘ Something that is pleasing and well chosen	Felicity
✘ Something that is regarded as true	Verity
✘ Something that is shocking, upsetting, or ridiculous because it is not what it is supposed to be	Travesty
✘ Something that is sure to happen	Inevitable
✘ Something that is too expensive	Rip-off
✘ Something that naturally follows or results from another thing	Corollary
✘ Something that people are not supposed to do because it is not proper, safe, fashionable, etc	No-no
✘ Something that people use to express their emotions or talents	Outlet
✘ Something that seems real but does not really exist	Hallucination
✘ Something that shows what is coming	Harbinger
✘ Something that someone says especially in a court of law while formally promising to tell the truth	Testimony
✘ Something that will solve all problems	Panacea
✘ Something that you do or are given to do in order to show that you are sad or sorry about doing something wrong	Penance

One Word Substitutions

✘ Something that you do or give to help someone who is suffering or in a difficult situation	Succor
✘ Something that you hope for or want but that is not possible or real	Mirage
✘ Something that you officially must have or do before you can have or do something else	Prerequisite
✘ Something that you say, give, or do to show respect or affection for someone	Tribute
✘ Something very pleasing to taste or smell	Ambrosia
✘ Something very successful, especially a very successful book or film/movie	Blockbuster
✘ Something written or said in memory of a dead person ; especially words written on a gravestone	Epitaph
✘ Something, typically money, awarded to someone in recognition of loss, suffering, or injury	Compensation
✘ Song of joy, praise, or victory	Paeon
✘ Song or poem that tells a story	Ballad
✘ Song that praises God	Hymn
✘ Song used to help a child fall asleep	Lullaby
✘ Source of many troubles ; something that will lead to many problems	Pandora's box
✘ Space or room inside or partly inside the roof of a building	Attic
✘ Speaking in a very high voice, especially when one is excited or nervous	Squeal
✘ Speaking in an angry and critical way to (someone who has done something wrong, disobeyed an order, etc)	Reprimand
✘ Speaking or performing without previously preparing one's words	Ad lib
✘ Speaking or writing about something in a way that includes a lot of details or uses many words	Expatriate
✘ Speaking quickly or in a confused way because one is upset, surprised, etc	Sputter

One Word Substitutions

✧ Speaking very softly or quietly	Whisper
✧ Speaking with many pauses and repetitions because one has a speech problem or because one is very nervous, frightened, etc	Stammer
✧ Special anniversary ; also a celebration at the time of such an anniversary	Jubilee
✧ Special buildings made to hold the dead body of an important person or the dead bodies of a family	Mausoleum
✧ Special clothes and decorations (such as a crown or scepter) for official ceremonies	Regalia
✧ Special protection from what is required for most people by law	Immunity
✧ Special show or performance that allows some people to see a movie, play, etc	Preview
✧ Species of human beings that exists today	<i>Homo sapiens</i>
✧ Spectacular gymnastic feats	Acrobatics
✧ Speech about a moral or religious subject that is usually given by a religious leader	Sermon
✧ Speech that praises someone who has died	Eulogy
✧ Speech, etc at the end of a play, book, or film/movie that comments on or acts as a conclusion to what has happened	Epilogue
✧ Spending time with someone (such as a famous or wealthy person) in a friendly way	Hobnob
✧ Spoken or done without preparation	Extempore
✧ Standards or points of reference against which things may be compared	Benchmark
✧ Standards of proper or acceptable behaviour	Norm
✧ Starting a motorcycle by pushing down on a lever with one's foot	Kick-start
✧ Starting, stopping, and starting again	Intermittent

One Word Substitutions

✘ State in which someone (such as a person who has been surprised or injured) is not able to think or act normally	Daze
✘ State in which one is not aware of what is happening around because he or she is thinking of something else	Trance
✘ State of abstaining from marriage and sexual relations	Celibacy
✘ State of balance, especially between opposing forces or influences ; calm state of mind and a balance of emotions	Equilibrium
✘ State of being full of life or vigour ; liveliness	Animation
✘ State of being in someone's power, or of having great power over someone	Thrall
✘ State of being married ; marriage	Matrimony
✘ State of being very tired	Fatigue
✘ State of confusion or disorder	Turmoil
✘ State of continuing forever or for a very long time	Perpetuity
✘ State of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems	Anarchy
✘ State of limited competition, in which a market is shared by a small number of producers or sellers	Oligopoly
✘ State or feeling of great happiness, pleasure, or love	Rapture
✘ State or period of sadness or depression	Doldrums
✘ State or practice of being married to more than one person at the same time	Polygamy
✘ Statement or address made at or as a farewell	Valediction
✘ Statement that is accepted as being true and that is used as the basis of a theory, argument, etc	Postulate
✘ Statement that is made at the beginning of something (such as a legal document) and usually gives the reasons for the parts that follow	Preamble

One Word Substitutions

✘ Statement that is not connected in a logical or clear way to anything said before it	Non sequitur
✘ Statement to be proved, explained, or discussed	Proposition
✘ Statement which indirectly suggests that someone has done something immoral, improper	Innuendo
✘ Statues or structures established to remind people of a person or event	Memorial
✘ Stock markets in a non-English-speaking country, especially France	Bourse
✘ Stopping someone from doing something or to stop something from happening	Stymie
✘ Stopping in trying to resist something, die	Succumb
✘ Stories from the past that are believed by many people but cannot be proved to be true ; famous or important persons who are known for doing something extremely well	Legend
✘ Story or event with a strong element of suspense	Cliffhanger
✘ Strange because of not agreeing with what is usual or expected	Incongruous
✘ Stream that flows into a larger stream or river or into a lake	Tributary
✘ Strength of spirit ; ability to continue despite difficulties	Mettle
✘ Strength, energy, or determination	Vigour
✘ Strong and full of energy, especially sexual energy	Virile
✘ Strong and unusual needs or desires for something	Fetish
✘ Strong and violent person (especially a man) who threatens and hurts other people	Ruffian
✘ Strong base for something, especially the facts or the principles on which it is based	Bedrock

One Word Substitutions

✧ Strong belief that one's own country is best, especially when this is expressed in support of war with another country	Jingoism
✧ Strong desire for money or possessions	Cupidity
✧ Strong feeling of anger towards someone that lasts for a long time	Grudge
✧ Strong feeling of interest and enthusiasm that makes someone very eager or determined to do something	Zeal
✧ Strong feeling that something is about to happen, especially something unpleasant	Premonition
✧ Strong negative reaction by a large number of people, for example to something that has recently changed in society	Backlash
✧ Strong or violent attack	Onslaught
✧ Strong sense of happiness, power, or importance	Exaltation
✧ Strong written or spoken attack against someone else's opinions, beliefs, practices, etc	Polemic
✧ Strongest or most successful period of time	Zenith
✧ Structures on which a criminal who has been sentenced to death is killed by being hanged	Gallows
✧ Struggle between two people or groups to win control or possession of something	Tug of war
✧ Students in the second year of high school or college	Sophomore
✧ Students or recent graduates who work for a period of time at a job in order to get experience	Intern
✧ Students who miss school without permission	Truant
✧ Study of how to speak clearly and in a way that is effective and socially acceptable	Elocution
✧ Study or collection of postage stamps	Philately
✧ Study very hard for an exam	Swot
✧ Stupid person	Dimwit

One Word Substitutions

✧ Style of dancing that tells a dramatic story with music but no talking or singing	Ballet
✧ Subjects that are included in a course of study or taught in a school, college, etc	Curriculum
✧ Sudden attack in which a group of soldiers rush forward against an enemy	Sortie
✧ Sudden expressions of strong feeling, sudden increase in activity	Outburst
✧ Sudden feelings of annoyance or anger when someone has offended you	Pique
✧ Sudden invasion or attack, attempt to do something especially for the first time, short journey	Foray
✧ Sudden occurrence of applause, laughter, etc, from many people	Salvo
✧ Sudden rapid movements or reactions of a mass of people in response to a particular circumstance or stimulus	Stampede
✧ Sudden reversal of fortune or change in circumstances	Peripeteia
✧ Sudden sharp drop in price, value, condition, etc	Nosedive
✧ Sudden start or increase of fighting or disease	Outbreak
✧ Sudden violent political or social upheavals	Cataclysm
✧ Sudden violent rainstorm	Cloudburst
✧ Sudden, dramatic, and important discoveries or developments	Breakthrough
✧ Suddenly increasing to an unusually high level	Surge
✧ Suffer or die from lack of food ; to suffer extreme hunger	Starve
✧ Sum of money advanced to a person for a particular purpose	Imprest
✧ Surprise attack by people lying in wait in a concealed position	Ambush

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Surprising or frightening someone suddenly and usually not seriously | Startle |
| ✘ Suspending a student from a university as a punishment | Rusticate |
| ✘ Symbol (such as a number or letter) written above and immediately to the left or right of another character | Superscript |
| ✘ Symbol, badge or sign that shows somebody's rank or that he/she is a member of a group or an organisation | Insignia |
| ✘ System of marks, signs, figures, or characters that is used to represent information | Notation |
| ✘ System of names for things especially in science | Nomenclature |
| ✘ System of politics based on a country's situation and its needs rather than on ideas about what is morally right and wrong | Realpolitik |
| ✘ System of rules that explain the correct conduct and procedures to be followed in formal situations | Protocol |
| ✘ System of underground trains in a city | Subway |
| ✘ System (especially in a society or an organisation) in which people are organised into different levels of importance from highest to lowest | Hierarchy |

T

- ✘ Table or device designed to assist with calculation **Reckoner**
- ✘ Taking money or property from (someone) by using lies or tricks **Swindle**
- ✘ Taking or moving (someone or something) somewhere suddenly and quickly **Whisk**
- ✘ Taking the place of someone or something that is old, no longer useful, etc ; to replace someone or something **Supersede**
- ✘ Taking things from a place, such as a city or town by force especially during a war, to loot or plunder a place **Pillage**
- ✘ Taking too long to do something ; go somewhere or make a decision **Dilly-dally**
- ✘ Taking place every other year **Biennial**
- ✘ Talking for very long about something that is not important or interesting **Prattle**
- ✘ Talking loudly and in a way that shows anger **Rant**
- ✘ Talking or writing about someone or something in an excited or enthusiastic way **Rave**
- ✘ Talking with an enemy or someone you disagree with especially in order to end a conflict **Parley**
- ✘ Talking in a free and honest way about one's opinions **Outspoken**
- ✘ Taxes on goods coming into or leaving a country **Tariff**
- ✘ Taxes or payments of an equal amount for each person; the system of payments of this kind **Capitation**
- ✘ Temporary suspension of fighting ; a truce **Ceasefire**
- ✘ Tending to be quiet ; not speaking frequently **Taciturn**

One Word Substitutions

✘ That can be done ; that will be successful	Viable
✘ The last of a series	Omega
✘ The same book or piece of writing as the one that has just been mentioned	Ibid
✘ The thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than an essential part	Adjunct
✘ The thing or a person that has no chance of success	Noose
✘ The thing that existed before or logically precedes another	Antecedent
✘ The thing that hides or covers somebody/something	Cloak
✘ The thing that is added or attached to something larger or more important	Appendage
✘ The thing that is inappropriate, especially a remark or expression	Infelicity
✘ The thing that is most important to someone or something	Raison detre
✘ The time at which something begins	Inception
✘ The time that something of quality was produced	Vintage
✘ The traditional knowledge, beliefs, and stories that relate to a particular place, subject, or group	Lore
✘ The treatment to improve the appearance and health of the feet or toenails	Pedicure
✘ The trusted follower or supporter who performs unpleasant, wrong, or illegal tasks for a powerful person	Henchman
✘ The two-hundredth anniversary of a significant event	Bicentenary
✘ Theories or a group of ideas about how something should be done, made, or thought about	Paradigm
✘ Thick and deep mud	Mire

One Word Substitutions

✘ Thick cloud of very small drops of water in the air close to the land or sea, that is very difficult to see through ; state of confusion, in which things are not clear	Fog
✘ Thick mass of coagulated liquid, especially blood, or of material stuck together	Clot
✘ Thing to be corrected, typically error in a printed book	Corrigendum
✘ Thing with distinct and independent existence	Entity
✘ Thing that is brought into or out of a country illegally	Contraband
✘ Thing that is done to find out secrets from enemies or competitors	Espionage
✘ Thinking about something and make guesses about it ; invest money in a way that could produce a large profit but that also involves a lot of risk	Speculate
✘ Thinking carefully and deeply about something	Ruminate
✘ Thinking clearly or act sensibly	Brainstorm
✘ Time during which something stops or slows down	Let-up
✘ Tired and bored, usually because one has had too much of something	Jaded
✘ Title for a priest or minister in the Christian church	Reverend
✘ Title or brief explanation accompanying an illustration, cartoon, or poster	Caption
✘ To kill or destroy (someone or something) by fire	Immolation
✘ To touch or push (someone or something) gently	Nudge
✘ To transmit (a programme or some information) by radio or television	Broadcast
✘ To travel by asking for free rides in other people's cars	Hitchhike

One Word Substitutions

✘ To try to end a disagreement between two or more people or groups by talking to them	Mediate
✘ To twist from side to side with small quick movements like a worm	Wriggle
✘ Too confident about oneself in a way that annoys other people	Cocky
✘ Too eager to help or obey someone important	Obsequious
✘ Too emotional or dramatic	Histrionic
✘ Too great, powerful, beautiful, etc, to be described or expressed	Ineffable
✘ Too important and respected to be changed, criticised, etc	Sacrosanct
✘ Too much of something ; a supply of something that is much more than is needed or wanted	Glut
✘ Too much pride in one's own appearance, abilities or achievements	Vanity
✘ Transparent tanks of water in which live fish and other water creatures and plants are kept	Aquarium
✘ Travelling regularly to and from a place and especially between where you live and where you work	Commute
✘ Trick or plan for deceiving an enemy or for achieving a goal	Stratagem
✘ Twist and squeeze (wet cloth, hair, etc) to remove water	Wring
✘ Type of lively dance	Jig
✘ Typical example of a certain person or thing	Archetype

U

- ✘ Unable to move **Inert**
- ✘ Unambiguously explicit and direct **Categorical**
- ✘ Unattractive or unpleasant persons or things **Minger**
- ✘ Under judicial consideration and therefore prohibited from public discussion elsewhere **Subjudice**
- ✘ Undercarriage with four or six wheels pivoted beneath the end of a railway vehicle **Bogie**
- ✘ Undeveloped sites for commercial development or exploitation **Greenfield**
- ✘ Unexpected and inexplicable changes in a situation or in someone's behaviour **Vagary**
- ✘ Unexpected and usually minor problem **Glitch**
- ✘ Unexpected or unusual thing that happens by accident **Fluke**
- ✘ Unfashionable or socially inept person **Geek**
- ✘ Unfounded rumour or story **Canard**
- ✘ University, school, or college that one formerly attended **Alma mater**
- ✘ Unmarried woman who is past the usual age for marrying and is considered unlikely to marry **Spinster**
- ✘ Unpleasant and unkind talk about somebody who is not present **Backbiting**
- ✘ Unreasonable feeling that people are trying to harm you, do not like you, etc **Paranoia**
- ✘ Unskilful doctor or a person who falsely claims to have medical skills **Quack**
- ✘ Unusual habit or way of behaving, something strange that happens by chance **Quirk**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Unusual or excessive concern about one's health	Hypochondria
✘ Unusual way in which a particular person behaves or thinks	Idiosyncrasy
✘ Urging or requesting someone solemnly or earnestly to do something	Adjure
✘ Using something in a foolish or wasteful way	Squander
✘ Use of deception or subterfuge to achieve one's purpose	Chicanery
✘ Use of machines to do work that was previously done by people	Automation
✘ Use of many words where fewer would do, especially in a deliberate attempt to be vague or evasive	Circumlocution
✘ Use of tricks especially to hide, avoid, or get something	Subterfuge
✘ Use of words that mean the opposite of what one really wants to say especially in order to insult someone, to show irritation, or to be funny	Sarcasm
✘ Use of words to exchange thoughts and ideas	Discourse
✘ Used in reference to luxurious accommodations	Ritz
✘ Used to describe something that exists but that is not officially accepted or recognised	De facto
✘ Used to express excitement or joy	Yahoo
✘ Used to express excitement when a discovery has been made	Eureka
✘ Used to indicate that a named person is also known or more familiar under another specified name	Alias
✘ Used to refer to a process in which actors are chosen for a film/movie, etc if they have sex with the person in charge of choosing the actors	Casting couch
✘ Used to say the opposite of what one has just said	Vice versa
✘ Using few words in speech or writing	Laconic

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Using forceful methods to make others do what you want them to do ; aggressive and rude | Pushy |
| ✘ Usually artificial lake that is used to store a large supply of water for use in people's homes, in businesses, etc ; extra supply of something | Reservoir |
| ✘ Usually large amount of money won in a game of chance | Jackpot |
| ✘ Usually a rude or angry reply to something written or said | Rejoinder |
| ✘ Usually small amount of money that is paid regularly to someone | Stipend |
| ✘ Usually a violent attempt to take control of a government | Insurgency |
| ✘ Usually a violent attempt to take control of a government | Insurrection |
| ✘ Usually a violent effort by many people to change the government or leader of a country | Uprising |
| ✘ Usually a young man who does noisy and violent things as part of a group or gang | Hooligan |
| ✘ Uttered at the end of a prayer or hymn, meaning 'so be it' | Amen |

V

- ✘ Victory won at too great a cost **Pyrrhic**
- ✘ Valuable stolen goods, especially those seized in war **Booty**
- ✘ Various forms in which the atoms of a chemical element can occur **Isotope**
- ✘ Very angry or violent disagreement between two or more people or groups **Strife**
- ✘ Very bad ; causing great fear or worry **Dire**
- ✘ Very bad or frightening experience or situation **Nightmare**
- ✘ Very big and powerful company or organisation **Behemoth**
- ✘ Very careful about behaving properly and doing things in a correct and accurate way **Punctilious**
- ✘ Very careful about doing something in an extremely accurate and exact way **Meticulous**
- ✘ Very close to being something without actually being it **Virtual**
- ✘ Very comfortable and expensive **Opulent**
- ✘ Very complicated and difficult to understand **Turgid**
- ✘ Very determined or loyal **Diehard**
- ✘ Very different, strange, or unusual **Exotic**
- ✘ Very dirty and unpleasant, immoral or dishonest **Squalid**
- ✘ Very dirty or untidy state or condition **Mess**
- ✘ Very eager or curious to hear or see something **Agog**
- ✘ Very excited or upset **Overwrought**
- ✘ Very famous or successful person **Luminary**
- ✘ Very hard to please, requiring a lot of care or attention **Finicky**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Very large and exciting shows or events	Extravaganza
✘ Very large and impressive ; like a palace	Palatial
✘ Very large building or other structure	Monolith
✘ Very large city, area that includes a large city or several large cities	Megapolis
✘ Very large or important city	Metropolis
✘ Very long and violent fights between two families or groups	Vendetta
✘ Very loud sound that comes from the sky during a storm	Thunder
✘ Very nervous feelings	Jitter
✘ Very obedient and trying too hard to please someone	Servile
✘ Very offensive in usually a shocking way	Obscene
✘ Very old or old-fashioned	Archaic
✘ Very silly or stupid	Inane
✘ Very skilful and successful effort or performance	Tour de force
✘ Very small amount of money	Pittance
✘ Very small amount	Scrap
✘ Very small difference in colour, tone, meaning, etc	Nuance
✘ Very small village	Hamlet
✘ Very strong, clear, and effective	Trenchant
✘ Very unhappy, ill, etc ; very poor in quality or ability ; very bad or unpleasant	Wretched
✘ Very upset ; so upset that one is not able to think clearly or behave normally	Distraught
✘ Very wealthy and powerful business person	Tycoon
✘ Very willing or too willing to obey someone else	Subservient
✘ Very young children	Tot
✘ View or sight that looks like a picture	Tableau

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Vigorous and pioneering advocates or supporters of a particular policy, idea, or cause | Apostle |
| ✘ Violent killing of many people | Massacre |
| ✘ Voluntarily giving of help, typically in the form of money, to those in need | Charity |
| ✘ Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not his/her spouse | Adultery |
| ✘ Vote by which the people of a country or region express their opinion for or against an important proposal | Plebiscite |

W

- ✧ Walking along in a slow and relaxed manner **Saunter**
- ✧ Walking along or across a street illegally or without paying attention to the traffic **Jaywalk**
- ✧ Walking for a long distance or time **Tramp**
- ✧ Walking on or along (something) **Tread**
- ✧ Walking or moving at a slow, relaxed pace **Amble**
- ✧ Walking or moving slowly as you follow behind (someone or something) **Trail**
- ✧ Walking slowly and heavily because one is tired or working very hard **Trudge**
- ✧ Walking slowly and usually heavily **Plod**
- ✧ Walking with very long steps **Stride**
- ✧ Walking with your heels raised up and only your toes touching the ground **Tiptoe**
- ✧ Warning or proviso of specific stipulations, conditions, or limitations **Caveat**
- ✧ Way in which somebody/something appears, often in a way that is different from usual or that hides the truth about he/she/it **Guise**
- ✧ Way of appearing or behaving that is not true or real **Masquerade**
- ✧ Way of behaving, proceeding, etc, that is developing and becoming more common **Tendency**
- ✧ Way of communicating thoughts directly from one person's mind to another person's mind without using words or signals **Telepathy**

One Word Substitutions

✧ Way of life, an attitude, an idea, etc that has become very popular, system of religious beliefs and rituals	Cult
✧ Way of protecting oneself against the loss of something	Hedge
✧ Way that a person thinks about things	Outlook
✧ Way that a room or the inside of a building is decorated	Décor
✧ Way that prevents other people from finding out who you are	Incognito
✧ Wealthy person who gives money and time to help make life better for other people	Philanthropist
✧ Well-known phrases that express a general truth about life or a rule about behaviour	Maxim
✧ Wild and drunken celebration	Bacchanal
✧ Wild and noisy celebrations	Revelry
✧ Willing to do dishonest things in return for money	Venal
✧ Wise, skilled, and respected government leaders	Statesman
✧ Without a future date being arranged	Sine die
✧ Woman who controls a family, group, or government	Matriarch
✧ Woman who has control or power over others	Mistress
✧ Woman who is paid to care for a young child usually in the child's home	Nanny
✧ Woman who is thought to have magic powers	Witch
✧ Woman who uses her sexual charm to make men do what she wants	Vamp
✧ Woman who works in a bar, serving drinks	Bartender
✧ Woman whose job is to be in charge of children or other woman	Matron
✧ Woman's male lover or friend	Beau

One Word Substitutions

✘ Woman's underwear and clothing that is worn in bed	Lingerie
✘ Word opposite in meaning to another	Antonym
✘ Word or phrase, often an item of jargon, that is fashionable at a particular time or in a particular context	Buzzword
✘ Word that is spelled and pronounced like another word but is different in meaning	Homonym
✘ Word, name, or expression used as a substitute for something else with which those are closely associated	Metonym
✘ Word, phrase, or name formed by rearranging the letters of another, such as <i>spar</i> , formed from <i>rasp</i>	Anagram
✘ Words of a song	Lyrics
✘ Words that are written on or cut into a surface	Inscription
✘ Worst or lowest points of something	Nadir
✘ Writings that are about facts or real events	Non-fiction
✘ Written accounts in which someone (such as a famous performer or politician) describes past experiences	Memoirs
✘ Written constitutions or description of organisations' functions	Charter
✘ Written laws that are formally created by a government	Statute
✘ Written or spoken expressions of great enthusiasm, praise, etc	Rhapsody
✘ Written or spoken statements in which you say that you have done something wrong or committed a crime	Confession
✘ Written statements that describe the policies, goals, and opinions of a person or group	Manifesto
✘ Written, printed, or typed copy of words that have been spoken	Transcript



- ✘ Young person in the process of developing from a child into an adult **Adolescent**
- ✘ Young child who is just learning to walk **Toddler**
- ✘ Young person who behaves badly and who does dangerous, foolish, or illegal things **Tearaway**
- ✘ Young person who is taught and helped by someone who has a lot of knowledge and experience **Protégé**
- ✘ Young person who is unusually talented in some way **Prodigy**
- ✘ Young woman who is not married **Damsel**

Words in Categories

A: Arts and Crafts

- ✘ Art made on a public surface, such as a building or a street sign, that is not owned by the artist **Graffiti**
- ✘ Art of designing and constructing buildings **Architecture**
- ✘ Art of photographing and lighting films, also the style or genre of a movie or motion picture **Cinematography**
- ✘ Artwork on floor made with an inlay of wood of different colours **Parquet**
- ✘ Artwork using various materials **Collage**
- ✘ Clay objects hardened by heat **Pottery**
- ✘ Covering a surface with a thin layer of gold **Gild (v)**
- ✘ Cutting of designs into hard surface **Engraving**
- ✘ Decorating surfaces with raised ornamentation **Embossing**
- ✘ Delicate fabrics made of yarn ; gold or silver ornamental braid **Lace**
- ✘ Engraved designing on a plate surface **Intaglio**
- ✘ Exposing human vices and follies to ridicule or scorn **Satire**
- ✘ Giving movement to something ; the process of making moving cartoons or films that use cartoon imagery **Animation**
- ✘ Hand-dyed patterns on fabrics **Batik**
- ✘ Hard, brown-red unglazed earthenware **Terra cotta**
- ✘ Heavy decorative cloth hung on a wall **Tapestry**
- ✘ Highly decorative hand-writing **Calligraphy**
- ✘ Ideal or perfect society ; utopias are imagined communities where everyone lives in perfect peace and harmony **Utopia**

One Word Substitutions

✘ Images or stories that refer to a related or overarching concepts such as good or evil	Allegory
✘ Inlaid works made from small pieces of coloured wood or other materials, used for the decoration of furniture	Marquetry
✘ Japanese art of arranging flowers in artistic designs	Ikebana
✘ Japanese decorative art of creating shapes by folding paper	Origami
✘ Knitting with a hooked needle	Crocheting
✘ Literally, a vocabulary; a collection of terms or characteristics used in a particular profession, subject, or style	Lexicon
✘ Making designs on a metal plate or glass by the corrosive action of acid	Etching
✘ Means of categorising works of art based on style, form, and subject matter	Genre
✘ Name, symbol or a trademark	Logo
✘ Object produced or shaped by human craft	Artifact
✘ Ornamental work of delicate, intricate design with thin metal wire	Filigree
✘ Outline that appears dark against a light background or a dark shape seen against a light surface	Silhouette
✘ Person who is responsible for the collection, care, research, and exhibition of art or artifacts	Curator
✘ Photographs of inanimate objects	Still-life
✘ Pictures or patterns produced by arranging together small pieces of stone , tile, glass, etc	Mosaics
✘ Pieces of art that are made by carving or molding clay, stone, metal, etc	Sculpture
✘ Pleasing in appearance and to the senses	Aesthetic
✘ Recurrent or dominant themes in a work of visual or literary art	Motif

One Word Substitutions

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| ✧ Relationships between disparate visual and verbal sources where one kind of object, idea or image is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them | Metaphor |
| ✧ Representation of a person or thing that exaggerates his/her/its most striking or characteristic features | Caricature |
| ✧ Screen printings on silks | Serigraphy |
| ✧ Single pictorial composition made by juxtaposing many pictures or designs | Montage |
| ✧ Style, arrangement, or appearance of printed letters on a page | Typography |
| ✧ Symbols and images that have a particular meaning, either learned or universal | Iconography |
| ✧ Thin layers of finely grained wood over another surface | Veneer |
| ✧ Three-dimensional photography using split laser beam | Holography |

B : Body Systems

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| ✧ Connected with glands that put hormones and other products directly into the blood | Endocrine |
| ✧ Connected with the body's nerves and often affecting you mentally or emotionally | Nervous |
| ✧ Connected with the muscles | Muscular |
| ✧ Connected with the skeleton of a person or an animal | Skeletal |
| ✧ Connected with urine or the parts of the body through which it passes | Urinary |
| ✧ Of or relating to both the stomach and the intestines | Gastrointestinal |
| ✧ Of or relating to breathing or the organs of the body that are used in breathing | Respiratory |
| ✧ Of or relating to the heart and blood vessels | Cardiovascular |

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Related to the tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant | Integumentary |
| ✘ Relating to lymph or its secretion | Lymphatic |
| ✘ Relating to or involved in the production of babies, young animals, or new plants | Reproductive |
| ✘ The tough outer protective layer, especially that of an animal or plant | Sensory |

C : Crime and Punishment

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| ✘ A threatened or attempted physical attack by someone who appears to be able to cause bodily harm if not stopped | Assault |
| ✘ A trial period during which your character and abilities are tested to see whether you are suitable for work or for the membership | Probation |
| ✘ An assault with intent to rob | Mugging |
| ✘ Confinement during wartime ; the act of confining someone in a prison (or as if in a prison) ; placing private property in the custody of an officer of the law | Internment |
| ✘ Dealing or trading in something illegal | Trafficking |
| ✘ Entering a building unlawfully with an intent to commit a felony or to steal valuable property | Burglary |
| ✘ Entering someone's land or property without permission | Trespassing |
| ✘ Extortion of money by threats to divulge discrediting informations | Blackmail |
| ✘ Homicide without malice aforethought | Manslaughter |
| ✘ Illegally hunting or catching (game or fish) on land that is not one's own or in contravention of official protection | Poaching |
| ✘ Larceny by threat of violence ; plundering during riots or in wartime | Robbery |
| ✘ Malicious burning to destroy property | Arson |

One Word Substitutions

✘ Murder of a public figure by a surprise attack ; an attack intended to ruin someone's reputation	Assassination
✘ Putting a condemned person to death	Capital punishment
✘ Secretly importing prohibited goods or the goods on which duty is due	Smuggling
✘ Something intended to deceive ; deliberate trickery intended to gain an advantage	Fraud
✘ Systematic killing of a racial or a cultural group	Genocide
✘ The act of stealing goods that are on display in a store	Shoplifting
✘ The crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill or overthrow the sovereign or government	Treason
✘ The criminal falsification by making or altering an instrument with intent to defraud ; a copy that is represented as the original	Forgery
✘ The expulsion of someone (such as a tenant) from the possession of land by the process of law	Eviction
✘ The fraudulent appropriation of funds or property entrusted to your care but actually owned by someone else	Embezzlement
✘ The killing of a human being by another human being	Homicide
✘ The offence of marrying someone else while you have a living spouse from whom you haven't taken a valid divorce	Bigamy
✘ The offence of wilfully telling an untruth or making a misrepresentation under oath	Perjury
✘ The practice of offering something (usually money) in order to gain an illicit advantage	Bribery
✘ The robbery of a traveller or vehicle in transit or seizing control of a vehicle by the use of force	Hijacking
✘ The systematic use of spies to get military or political secrets	Espionage

One Word Substitutions

- ✘ The unofficial or unauthorised use of violence and intimidation in the pursuit of political aims **Terrorism**
- ✘ The wilful destruction of or damage to public or private property **Vandalism**
- ✘ Word falsely spoken that damages the reputation of another; an abusive attack on a person's character or good name **Slander**

D : Natural Disasters

- ✘ A long period of time during which there is very little or no rain **Drought**
- ✘ A long, high sea wave caused by an earthquake or other disturbance **Tsunami**
- ✘ A prolonged period of abnormally hot weather **Heatwave**
- ✘ A severe snowstorm that goes on for a long time **Blizzard**
- ✘ A situation in which many people do not have enough food to eat **Famine**
- ✘ A storm during which small balls of ice fall from the sky **Hailstorm**
- ✘ A storm with thunder and lightning and usually very heavy rain **Thunderstorm**
- ✘ A very bad weather with strong winds and rain, and often thunder and lightning **Storm**
- ✘ A violent and destructive storm in which powerful winds move around a central point **Tornadoe**
- ✘ An occurrence in which a disease spreads very quickly and affects a large number of people **Epidemic**
- ✘ Flashes of light that are produced in the sky during a storm **Lightning**
- ✘ The extremely large, powerful, and destructive storms with very high winds that turn around an area of low pressure **Cyclones**
- ✘ The extremely large, powerful, and destructive storms with very strong winds **Hurricanes**

One Word Substitutions

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| ✧ The extremely large, powerful, and destructive storms | Typhoons |
| ✧ The fire in a wild area (such as a forest) that is not controlled and that can burn a large area very quickly | Wildfire |
| ✧ The fire in scrub or a forest, especially one that spreads rapidly | Bushfire |
| ✧ The large amount of snow and ice or of dirt and rocks that slides suddenly down the side of a mountain | Avalanches |
| ✧ The large amount of water covering an area of land that is usually dry | Floods |
| ✧ The large mass of rocks and Earth that suddenly and quickly moves down the side of a mountain or hill | Landslide |
| ✧ The large mass of wet Earth that suddenly and quickly moves down the side of a mountain or hill | Mudslides |
| ✧ Shaking of a part of the Earth's surface that often causes great damage | Earthquake |

E : Types of Government

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| ✧ A centralised government | Endarchy |
| ✧ A personal rule; self-rule | Idiocracy |
| ✧ An opposition to government; anarchy | Antarchy |
| ✧ The government based on legal system; rule of law | Nomocracy |
| ✧ The government by a body of foreigners | Xenocracy |
| ✧ The government by a foreign ruler | Heterarchy |
| ✧ The government by an absolute ruler | Autarchy |
| ✧ The government by an ethnic group or race | Ethnocracy |
| ✧ The government by civil servants | Bureaucracy |
| ✧ The government by corporate bureaucrats | Corpocracy |
| ✧ The government by despots or tyrants | Despotocracy |
| ✧ The government by judges | Kritarchy |

One Word Substitutions

✧ The government by many rulers	Polycracy
✧ The government by men or fathers	Patriarchy
✧ The government by mobs or crowds	Mobocracy
✧ The government by mobs	Ochlocracy
✧ The government by money	Argentocracy
✧ The government by new or inexperienced rulers	Neocracy
✧ The government by none	Anarchy, Acracy
✧ The government by one individual	Autocracy, Monarchy
✧ The government by physical force	Chirocracy
✧ The government by priests or by religious law	Theocracy
✧ The government by saints or holy persons	Hagiarchy
✧ The government by simple majority	Arithmocracy
✧ The government by technical experts	Technocracy
✧ The government by the best	Aristarchy
✧ The government by the few	Oligarchy
✧ The government by the meritorious	Meritocracy
✧ The government by the military	Hoplarchy
✧ The government by the nobility	Aristocracy
✧ The government by the people	Democracy
✧ The government by the people; popular government	Demarchy
✧ The government by the wealthy	Plutocracy
✧ The government by two people	Diarchy, Duarchy
✧ The government by white people	Albocracy
✧ The government by women or mothers	Matriarchy
✧ The government in an unstructured fashion; an unstructured organisation	Adhocracy
✧ The rule by a God or Gods; body of divine rulers	Thearchy

One Word Substitutions

F : Isms

✧ A belief in all religions	Omnism
✧ A belief in ghosts	Eidolism
✧ A belief in maintaining political and social traditions	Conservatism
✧ A belief in multiple deities	Polytheism
✧ A belief in only one God	Monotheism
✧ A belief in sentimental feeling in artistic expression	Romanticism
✧ A belief that humans ought to be equal in rights and privileges	Egalitarianism
✧ A belief that matter is the only extant substance	Materialism
✧ A belief that nothing is real except the soul or spirit	Spiritualism
✧ A belief that our experiences of the world consist of ideas	Idealism
✧ A belief that pleasure is the highest good	Hedonism
✧ A belief that reality consists of several kinds or entities	Pluralism
✧ A belief that reason is the fundamental source of knowledge	Rationalism
✧ A belief that there is no God	Atheism
✧ A doctrine emphasising practical value of philosophy	Pragmatism
✧ A doctrine of centralised state control of wealth and property	Socialism
✧ A doctrine of communal control of means of production	Collectivism
✧ A doctrine of social change and tolerance	Liberalism
✧ A doctrine that all governments should be abolished	Anarchism

One Word Substitutions

✘ A doctrine that events are fixed and humans are powerless	Fatalism
✘ A doctrine that objects of cognition are real	Realism
✘ A doctrine that private ownership and free markets should govern economies	Capitalism
✘ A doctrine that the highest moral obligation is to improve human welfare	Humanitarianism
✘ A doctrine that the pursuit of self-interest is the highest good	Egoism
✘ A doctrine that there is only one kind of existence	Henism
✘ A doctrine that we live in the best of all possible worlds	Optimism
✘ The belief that matter has existed eternally	Eternalism
✘ The denial of all reality; extreme scepticism	Nihilism

G : Law

✘ The act of keeping someone in a prison or similar place	Detention
✘ The act or instance of waiving a right or claim	Waiver
✘ The amount of money given to a court to allow a prisoner to leave jail and return later for a trial	Bail
✘ Based on the first impression; accepted as correct until proved otherwise	Prima facie
✘ A charge (a public official) with a crime done while in office	Impeachment
✘ A condition of being bankrupt ; a condition of financial failure caused by not having the money that you need to pay your debts	Bankruptcy
✘ A crime that is not very serious ; a crime that is less serious than a felony	Misdemeanor

One Word Substitutions

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| ⌘ A document issued by a legal or government official authorising the police or another body to make an arrest, search premises, or carry out some other action relating to the administration of justice | Warrant |
| ⌘ An explanation or warning that should be remembered when you are doing or thinking about something | Caveat |
| ⌘ A form of written command in the name of a court or other legal authority to act, or abstain from acting, in a particular way | Writ |
| ⌘ A formal written request to have a legal case decided by a court | Petition |
| ⌘ The group of people who are members of the public and are chosen to make a decision in a legal case | Jury |
| ⌘ An impartial adviser to a court of law in a particular case | Amicus curiae |
| ⌘ Instead of something else | In lieu |
| ⌘ A judicial writ issued as a command to an inferior court or ordering a person to perform a public or statutory duty | Mandamus |
| ⌘ A law or an order that stops something from being used or done | Prohibition |
| ⌘ Laws or regulations made by a city, town or the government | Ordinance |
| ⌘ A lawyer in Britain who assists people in legal matters and who can represent people in lower courts of law | Solicitor |
| ⌘ A lawyer who represents the side in a court case that accuses a person of a crime and who tries to prove that the person is guilty | Prosecutor |
| ⌘ A list of the legal cases that will be tried in a court of law | Docket |

One Word Substitutions

✘ To make something the subject of a lawsuit ; to cause a case, an issue, etc to be decided and settled in a court of law	Litigation
✘ The money that a court orders someone to pay regularly to a former wife or husband after a divorce	Alimony
✘ Not valid or legally binding	Void
✘ An official order given by a person with power or by a government	Decree
✘ An official written statement charging a person with a crime	Indictment
✘ On his own motion	Suo Motu
✘ One of the formal, usually written statements made by the two sides of a legal case in a court of law	Pleadings
✘ An order for the intervening period; provisional order	Interim Order
✘ The permission given to a prisoner to leave prison before the end of a sentence usually as a reward for behaving well	Parole
✘ Persons giving sworn testimony to a court of law or the police	Witness
✘ A person who commits a crime	Offender
✘ A person who gives a response or answer to a question that is asked especially as part of a survey	Respondent
✘ A person who is being sued or accused of a crime in a court of law	Defendant
✘ A person who sues another person or accuses another person of a crime in a court of law	Plaintiff
✘ The person, typically a lawyer, appointed to act for another in business or legal matters	Attorney
✘ The places where a judge sits in a court of law	Bench
✘ The power or right to make judgments about the law, to arrest and punish criminals, etc	Jurisdiction

One Word Substitutions

✘ The process of settling an argument or disagreement in which the people or groups on both sides present their opinions and ideas to a third person or group	Arbitration
✘ To produce satisfactory grounds for application of (or exemption from) a procedure or penalty	Show Cause
✘ Responsible for committing a crime or doing something bad or wrong	Guilty
✘ The right or capacity to bring an action or to appear in a court	Locus Standi
✘ To say in a will that your property will be given to a person or organisation after you die	Bequeath
✘ A serious crime (such as murder or rape)	Felony
✘ To show, prove, or state that something is true or real	Attestation
✘ A situation or period of time in which a person who has committed a crime is allowed to stay out of prison if that person behaves well and does not commit another crime, etc	Probation
✘ Something (such as the payment of money) for which a person or business is legally responsible	Liability
✘ Something that is done or given freely rather than because it is required by a law	Ex gratia
✘ To state the charges against someone who is accused of a crime in a formal procedure before a judge	Arraignment
✘ The statement in which a person who has been accused of a crime says in court that he or she is guilty or not guilty of the crime	Plea
✘ A summary of the facts and legal points in a case given to a barrister to argue in court	Brief
✘ A thing that has already happened or been decided before those affected hear about it, leaving them with no option but to accept it	Fait accompli

One Word Substitutions

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| ✘ Under a judicial consideration and therefore prohibited from public discussion elsewhere | Sub judice |
| ✘ An unreasonable delay in asserting a claim, which may result in its dismissal | Laches |
| ✘ To use the power of the law to take and keep someone (such as a criminal) | Arrest |
| ✘ Usually a rude or angry reply to something written or said | Rejoinder |
| ✘ Who becomes involved in a lawsuit as a third party | Intervenor |
| ✘ A writ or legal action requiring a person to show by what warrant an office or franchise is held, claimed, or exercised | Quo warranto |
| ✘ A writ requiring a person under arrest to be brought before a judge or into court, especially to secure the person's release unless lawful grounds are shown for their detention | Habeas Corpus |
| ✘ A written law that is formally created by a government | Statute |
| ✘ A written or spoken statement in which you say that you have done something wrong or committed a crime | Confession |
| ✘ A written report which is signed by a person who promises that the information is true | Affidavit |

H : Literary Terms

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| ✘ An act of referring to something by the name of something else that is closely connected with it | Metonymy |
| ✘ An agreement or compatibility between opinions or actions | Consonance |
| ✘ An apparition or double of a living person | Doppelganger |
| ✘ Being a warning or indication of a future event | Foreshadowing |
| ✘ The change in the position, order, or relationship of things so that they are the opposite of what they had been | Inversion |

One Word Substitutions

✧ Clearness of a person's speech	Diction
✧ A combination of words that have opposite or very different meanings	Oxymoron
✧ A compound expression in Old English and Old Norse poetry with metaphorical meaning	Kennings
✧ An exact opposite of something or someone	Antithesis
✧ The figure of speech in which a part is made to represent the whole or <i>vice versa</i>	Synecdoche
✧ The figure of speech in which a word is applied to two others of which it grammatically suits only one	Syllepsis
✧ The final section or speech after the main part of a book, play, or musical composition	Epilogue
✧ The formation of a word from a sound associated with what is named	Onomatopoeia
✧ Giving more information about (something), such as a statement	Amplification
✧ The group of lines in a poem	Stanza
✧ A humorous way of using a word or phrase so that more than one meaning is suggested	Puns
✧ An idea or a quality that a word makes you think about in addition to its meaning	Connotation
✧ Introduction to a book, play, etc	Prologue
✧ An inversion of the normal order of words, especially for the sake of emphasis	Hyperbaton
✧ An inversion of the usual order of words or clauses	Anastrophe
✧ Language that describes something as better or worse than it really is	Hyperbole
✧ A literal or primary meaning of a word, in contrast to the feelings or ideas that the word suggests	Denotation
✧ A main subject that is being discussed or described in a piece of writing, a movie, etc	Theme

One Word Substitutions

✘ A mild or pleasant word or phrase that is used instead of one that is unpleasant or offensive	Euphemism
✘ A mistaken use of a word in place of a similar-sounding one, often with an amusing effect	Malapropism
✘ A novel dealing with one person's formative years or spiritual education	Bildungsroman
✘ An omission or absence of a conjunction between parts of a sentence	Asyndeton
✘ One of two or more words or phrases that ends in the same sounds	Rhyme
✘ An opponent or enemy that is very difficult to defeat	Nemesis
✘ The part of a story or movie that describes or shows something that happened in the past	Flashback
✘ A pause near the middle of a line	Caesura
✘ A perfect example of something	Archetype
✘ A person who has a lot of a particular quality and who is the perfect example of someone who has that quality	Personification
✘ A phrase that uses the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i> to describe someone or something by comparing it with someone or something else that is similar	Simile
✘ Different things together in order to create an interesting effect or to show how they are the same or different	Juxtapose
✘ A practice of foretelling the future by interpreting a randomly chosen passage from a book, especially the Bible	Bibliomancy
✘ The production of a sense impression relating to one sense or part of the body by stimulation of another sense or part of the body	Synesthesia
✘ The quality of a person's voice	Tone
✘ The quality of being pleasing to the ear	Euphony

One Word Substitutions

✘ The quality of seeming real	Verisimilitude
✘ The regular, repeated pattern of sounds or movements	Rhythm
✘ The rhetorical or literary figure in which words, grammatical constructions, or concepts are repeated in reverse order	Chiasmus
✘ The short phrase that expresses a true or wise idea	Aphorism
✘ The short story that teaches a moral or spiritual lesson	Parable
✘ The short story that usually is about animals and that is intended to teach a lesson	Fable
✘ Something (such as a situation) that is made up of two opposite things and that seems impossible but is actually true or possible	Paradox
✘ Something (such as an important idea or subject) that is repeated throughout a book, story, etc	Motif
✘ A statement that makes something seem smaller, less important, etc, than it really is	Understatement
✘ A statement that refers to something without mentioning it directly	Allusion
✘ A story in which the characters and events are symbols that stand for ideas about human life or for a political or historical situation	Allegory
✘ A story in which the characters and events are symbols that stand for ideas about human life or for a political or historical situation	Analogy
✘ A thing regarded as representative or symbolic of something else	Metaphor
✘ A try to be like (someone or something you admire)	Emulation
✘ An unexpected power or event saving a seemingly hopeless situation	Deus ex Machina
✘ The unpleasant loud sounds	Cacophony

One Word Substitutions

✘ The use of indirect and circumlocutory speech or writing	Periphrasis
✘ The use of many words to say something that could be said more clearly and directly by using fewer words	Circumlocution
✘ The use of words that begin with the same sound near one another	Alliteration
✘ The use of words that have the same or very similar vowel sounds near one another	Assonance
✘ The use of words that mean the opposite of what you really think especially in order to be funny	Irony
✘ A verbal error in which a speaker accidentally transposes the initial sounds or letters of two or more words, often to humorous effect	Spoonerism
✘ A very bad event that causes great sadness and often involves someone's death	Tragedy
✘ A way in which words are put together to form phrases, clauses, or sentences	Syntax
✘ A way of using humour to show that someone or something is foolish, weak, bad, etc.	Satire
✘ A word or phrase made by changing the order of the letters in another word or phrase	Anagram
✘ A word or phrase that describes a person or thing	Epithet
✘ A writing in which words are arranged in a rhythmic pattern	Verse

I : Manias

✘ An abnormal belief that one is divinely inspired	Entheomania
✘ An abnormal desire to return to familiar places	Ostomania
✘ An abnormal sexual interest	Aphrodisiomania
✘ An addiction to poisonous substances (e.g. drugs)	Toxicomania
✘ An addiction to smoking tobacco products	Capnomania
✘ An addiction to the Internet	Netomania

One Word Substitutions

✧ Alcoholism; an excessive desire to drink alcoholic beverages	Alcoholomania
✧ A compulsion to collect and possess books	Bibliomania
✧ A compulsion to commit murder	Homicidomania
✧ A compulsion to eat	Oreximania
✧ A compulsion to steal	Kleptomania
✧ A compulsion to think	Phronemomania
✧ A compulsion to travel	Hodomania
✧ A compulsion to wander	Ecdemomania
✧ A compulsion to war	Polemomania
✧ A compulsive or abnormal desire to talk excessively	Lalomania
✧ A compulsive pursuit of pleasure	Hedonomania
✧ A craze for technology	Technomania
✧ A delusion that one is beautiful	Callomania
✧ A delusional belief that one is of great importance	Megalomania
✧ An excessive fondness for and preoccupation with animals	Zoomania
✧ An excessive fondness for cats	Ailuromania
✧ An excessive interest in music	Melomania
✧ An excessive or abnormal desire for wealth	Plutomania
✧ An excessive tendency towards materialism	Hylomania
✧ The hatred of everything	Misomania
✧ The homicidal insanity	Androphomania
✧ In females, abnormally strong desire to have a child	Nepiomania
✧ An insatiable urge to hold public office	Empleomania
✧ An intense desire to be alone or out in the open	Agromania
✧ An intense nervous depression	Lypomania
✧ An irrational craving for water	Hydromania
✧ An irrational predilection for lying	Pseudomania

One Word Substitutions

✧ A mania for sainthood	Hagiomania
✧ A morbid and insatiable craving for alcohol	Dipsomania
✧ An obsession with a particular food	Opsomania
✧ An obsession with children	Pedomania
✧ An obsession with crowds	Ochlomania
✧ An obsession with food and eating	Phagomania
✧ An obsession with food	Sitiomania
✧ An obsession with home	Oikomania
✧ An obsession with imagined disease	Nosomania
✧ An obsession with killing	Dacnomania
✧ An obsession with money	Chrematomania
✧ An obsession with night	Noctimania
✧ An obsession with time	Chronomania
✧ An obsession with writing	Scribomania
✧ An obsessional belief that one has sinned	Enosimania
✧ An obsessional preoccupation with cleanliness, washing or bathing	Ablutomania
✧ An obsessive devotion to one's own race, people or ancestry	Ethnomania
✧ An obsessive interest in foreigners or for things foreign	Xenomania
✧ An obsessive need to work	Ergasiomania
✧ An obsessive preoccupation with numbers	Arithmomania
✧ An obsessive preoccupation with the self	Egomania
✧ A religious insanity	Sebastomania
✧ A sexual craving for women	Gynaecomania
✧ A strong desire for freedom	Eleutheromania
✧ An uncontrollable impulse to wander or travel	Dromomania

J : Phobias

✧ The fear of accidents	Dystychiphobia
✧ The fear of aeroplanes/ flying	Aerophobia
✧ The fear of animals	Zoophobia
✧ The fear of baldness	Phalacrophobia
✧ The fear of blood	Haemophobia, Haematophobia
✧ The fear of confined spaces	Claustrophobia
✧ The fear of crossing streets	Dromophobia
✧ The fear of crowds	Demophobia
✧ The fear of dark	Nyctophobia, Lygophobia
✧ The fear of death/dead bodies	Necrophobia, Thanatophobia
✧ The fear of dentists	Dentophobia
✧ The fear of depths/deep places	Bathophobia
✧ The fear of dogs	Cynophobia
✧ The fear of electricity	Electrophobia
✧ The fear of fire	Pyrophobia
✧ The fear of germs	Verminophobia
✧ The fear of ghosts	Phasmophobia
✧ The fear of heights	Acrophobia
✧ The fear of hospitals	Nosocomophobia
✧ The fear of illness	Pathophobia
✧ The fear of injections	Trypanophobia
✧ The fear of lightning	Astrapophobia
✧ The fear of loneliness	Monophobia
✧ The fear of machines	Mechanophobia
✧ The fear of madness/insanity	Maniaphobia
✧ The fear of new things	Neophobia

One Word Substitutions

✧ The fear of old age	Gerascophobia
✧ The fear of open spaces/going out in public	Agoraphobia
✧ The fear of outer space	Spacephobia
✧ The fear of pain	Algophobia
✧ The fear of sharks	Galeophobia
✧ The fear of snakes	Ophidiophobia
✧ The fear of society or people in general	Sociophobia
✧ The fear of speaking/public speaking	Lalophobia, Glossophobia
✧ The fear of surgery	Tomophobia
✧ The fear of vehicles	Ochophobia
✧ The fear of voids or empty spaces	Kenophobia
✧ The fear of water	Hydrophobia



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Direction *In the following questions out of the four alternatives, select the one which is the best substitute of the phrase.*

1. An uneducated person [SSC Multitasking Staff 2017]
(a) joker (b) clown
(c) instructor (d) illiterate
2. A person learning a trade under someone [SSC MTS 2017]
(a) assistant (b) secretary (c) clerk (d) apprentice
3. Complete with regard to every detail [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) thorough (b) lackadaisical (c) lax (d) cursory
4. Line at which earth and sky or sea seem to meet [SSC CAP 2017]
(a) nadir (b) zenith (c) horizon (d) trivet
5. A place for fish or water plant [SSC CAP 2017]
(a) aviary (b) apiary (c) herbarium (d) aquarium
6. To sweep over something so as to surround it completely [SSC CHSL 2017]
(a) engulf (b) imbibe (c) drown (d) plunge
7. To take someone somewhere suddenly and quickly [SSC CHSL 2017]
(a) rush (b) whisk (c) fly (d) flit
8. A hollow object used to contain something [SSC CHSL 2017]
(a) platter (b) solver (c) plate (d) receptacle
9. What do we call a lifeless object [SSC CAP 2017]
(a) amateur (b) inanimate (c) alien (d) amnesty
10. A house where children with no parents are taken care of [SSC Multitasking Staff 2017]
(a) creche (b) hospital (c) nursery (d) orphanage
11. A person who escapes from hard realities [Chhattisgarh Revenue Inspector 2017]
(a) escapist (b) rapist (c) polyglot (d) benefactor
12. That which is unlawful [SSC Multitasking Staff 2017]
(a) legal (b) court (c) bail (d) illicit

One Word Substitutions

13. Animal that can live on land and in water [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) anthropoid (b) aquatic (c) amphibian (d) marsupial
14. A hater of women [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) monarchist (b) misanthrope (c) philanderer (d) misogynist
15. A state where there is no effective government [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) secular (b) democracy (c) governance (d) anarchy
16. A person who opposes war or use of military force [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) narcissist (b) fatalist (c) pacifist (d) fascist
17. Substance used in surgery to produce unconsciousness [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) antiseptic (b) antidote (c) anesthetic (d) cocaine
18. Master of ceremonies [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) ceremonist (b) compere (c) organiser (d) manager
19. A remedy for all diseases [SSC LDC 2017, SSC CAPFs SI 2015, ASI 2015, SSC CGL 2011]
(a) tonic (b) nectar (c) panacea (d) elixir
20. The act of killing a whole group of people specially a whole race [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) patricide (b) genocide (c) parricide (d) matricide
21. Made or done without previous preparation [SSC Multitasking Staff 2017]
(a) immediate (b) impromptu (c) urgent (d) prompt
22. A court or open space usually rectangular and enclosed by a building [Chhattisgarh Revenue Inspector 2017]
(a) quadragenarian (b) quadrilateral (c) quadrangle (d) quadruped
23. Bringing about gentle and painless death from incurable disease [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) euthanasia (b) sty (c) canicide (d) suicide
24. The study of birds is known as [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) ornithology (b) zoology (c) biology (d) anatomy
25. The belief that everyone is equal and should have the same rights and opportunities [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) altruistic (b) egoistic (c) egalitarian (d) octogenarian
26. Irresistible craving for alcoholic drink [SSC CGL 2017]
(a) pyromania (b) dipsomania (c) megalomania (d) kleptomania
27. One who lives on fish [Uttarakhand PSC 2017]
(a) carnivorous (b) baccivorous (c) aurivorous (d) piscivorous
28. A study of the origin and history of words [Uttarakhand PSC 2017]
(a) anthropology (b) morphology
(c) linguistics (d) etymology

Previous Years' Questions

29. Printed notice of somebody's death [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) mourning (b) obituary (c) condolence (d) commiseration
30. A loud harsh piercing cry [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) noise (b) howl (c) screech (d) cry
31. That which can not be believed [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) awesome (b) incredible (c) credible (d) ineffective
32. One who does or studies without seriousness [SSC PO & SSI Online 2016]
(a) dilettante (b) diligent (c) deliberate (d) distracted
33. Sudden involuntary muscular contraction [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) sprain (b) spasm (c) spam (d) span
34. A group of islands [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) islet (b) archipelago (c) reef (d) atoll
35. Insatiable desire for wealth [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) selfish (b) avarice (c) egoist (d) generosity
36. Constant effort to achieve something [SSC CAPFs SI, ASI 2016]
(a) patience (b) vigour (c) enthusiasm (d) perseverance
37. A place where birds are kept [SSC SOA 2007]
(a) aquarium (b) den (c) aviary (d) sanctuary
38. Responsible according to law [SSC CAPF's 2016]
(a) eligible (b) illegitimate (c) legalised (d) liable
39. Opposed to great or sudden change [SSC CAPF's 2016]
(a) conservative (b) revolutionary (c) evolutionary (d) static
40. Place given to soldiers to live in [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) barracks (b) trench (c) garage (d) quay
41. One who pretends to be what he is not [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) hypocrite (b) pessimist (c) optimist (d) infallible
42. An action or event that happens before another important one and forms an introduction to it [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) foreword (b) predecessor (c) prefix (d) prelude
43. A computer printout sent out by a bank regarding debits and credits in your account [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) bank draft (b) statement (c) over-draft (d) payee
44. Refresh and revive [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) invigorate (b) investigate (c) invalidate (d) invigilate
45. Strange in appearance [SSC CPO 2016]
(a) bizarre (b) rustic
(c) geriatric (d) decreipt

One Word Substitutions

46. Enigmatic person [SSC CPO 2016]
(a) unique (b) unstable (c) stable (d) unknowable
47. A place where coins are made [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) mint (b) factory (c) cannery (d) monetary
48. Those who pass through this gate without permission [SSC CPO 2016]
(a) passersby (b) trespassers (c) culprits (d) absconders
49. To send someone back to his or her own country [SSC CPO 2016]
(a) extirpate (b) repatriate (c) expropriate (d) exile
50. A person between 90 and 100 years old [SSC CPO 2016]
(a) septugenarian (b) nonagenarian
(c) centenarian (d) octogenarian

ANSWERS

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SET 2

Direction In the following questions out of the four alternatives, select the one which is the best substitute of the phrase.

1. A large body of people playing various musical instruments [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) melody (b) harmony (c) elocution (d) orchestra
2. An animal that lives in groups [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) hoard (b) fastidious (c) gullible (d) gregarious
3. Hard working and diligent [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) seditious (b) sedate (c) sedulous (d) scheming
4. The act of showing disrespect towards sacred things [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) congregation (b) etymology
(c) panjandrum (d) blasphemy
5. Favouritism shown by a person in power to his relatives [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) formalism (b) red - tapism (c) nepotism (d) bureaucracy
6. Committing murder in revenge [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) massacre (b) vendetta (c) homicide (d) regicide

Previous Years' Questions

7. The thing that can be easily broken [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) amorphous (b) brittle (c) subtle (d) solid
8. An unimportant person [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) nonagenarian (b) nonentity (c) nonpareil (d) nonconformist
9. Suitable or intended only for young persons [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) youthful (b) puerile (c) adolescent (d) juvenile
10. Money given to agent on sales [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) help (b) commission (c) assignment (d) endeavour
11. Person believing in one marriage [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) polygamist (b) misogynist (c) monogamist (d) philanthropist
12. A system of government in which only one political party is allowed to function [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) oligarchy (b) dictatorship (c) totalitarianism (d) theocracy
13. Art of designing or writing on wax [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) cartography (b) cerography (c) psephology (d) etymology
14. A round about way of expression [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) verbosity (b) talkativeness (c) circumlocution (d) loquacious
15. Belong to the same period [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) comrades (b) contemporaries
(c) compromises (d) renegades
16. One who listens secretly to private conversation [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) eavesdropper (b) encroacher (c) eaves bearer (d) listener
17. A person who has lost the protection of the law [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) outlaw (b) immigrant (c) outcast (d) orphan
18. Falsification of documents etc [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) xeroxing (b) forgery (c) laminating (d) copying
19. To make atonement for one's sins [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) expiate (b) renounce (c) remonstrate (d) recent
20. A rough, violent, troublesome person [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) tartar (b) talker (c) vagabond (d) swindler
21. A brave, noble minded, chivalrous man [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) handsome (b) robust (c) gallant (d) reckless
22. Obsession with books [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) bibliomania (b) megalomania (c) xenophobia (d) egomania
23. Drug which causes people to sleep easily [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) poppy (b) soporific
(c) beguile (d) pedant

One Word Substitutions

24. The branch of philosophy concerned with the study of the principles of beauty, especially in art [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) artistic (b) aesthetics (c) ethics (d) metaphysics
25. Highly skilled [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) consummate (b) inveterate (c) notorious (d) maladroit
26. Identification with the feelings of another [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) sympathy (b) empathy (c) apathy (d) compassion
27. Write or carve words on stone or paper [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) sketch (b) imprint (c) affix (d) inscribe
28. Unable to pay one's debt [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) insolvent (b) impute (c) indebt (d) obligate
29. Trouble and annoy continually [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) complaint (b) harass (c) punish (d) oppress
30. Usage of an incorrect word in place of the one which is similar in pronunciation [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) spoonerism (b) malapropism (c) blooper (d) corpsing
31. A person who thinks he is ill all the time [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) hypochondriac (b) neophyte
(c) maniac (d) misanthrope
32. A person of great learning in several languages [SSC PO 2016, SSC CABFs 2015]
(a) polycarp (b) polyglot (c) polychrome (d) polymath
33. A man who collects old and new coins [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) geologist (b) numismatist (c) archaeologist (d) zoologist
34. Regular users of places/restaurant etc [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) client (b) clientele (c) often (d) usage
35. One who copies from other writers [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) pluralist (b) imitator (c) plagiarist (d) copycat
36. A job carrying no salary [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) honorary (b) memento (c) honorarium (d) memorandum
37. Act of stealing something in small quantities [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) pillage (b) plagiarise
(c) proliferate (d) pilferage
38. Pertaining to the west [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) celestial (b) occidental (c) oriental (d) terrestrial
39. Property inherited from one's father or ancestors [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) patrimony (b) mercenary
(c) hereditary (d) aristocracy

Previous Years' Questions

40. A person who is womanish in his habits [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) feminist (b) philogynist (c) effeminate (d) feminine
41. One who is converted from one religion to another [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) pilgrim (b) polytheist (c) proselyte (d) presbyte
42. A brief or short stay at a place [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) solitude (b) soiree (c) sojourn (d) solstice
43. One who is indifferent to pain or pleasure [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) eccentric (b) philosopher (c) fatalist (d) stoic
44. An abattoir is [SSC CHSL 2016]
(a) a place where animals are slaughtered
(b) a place where abbots stay
(c) a title or respect given to a priest or abbot
(d) a place where animals are worshipped
45. A man with abnormal habits [SSC CHSL 2016]
(a) eccentric (b) frantic (c) idiotic (d) sulky
46. The belief that God is in every thing, including nature [SSC CAPFs, SI, CISF ASI 2016]
(a) pantheism (b) mysticism
(c) naturalism (d) polytheism
47. Gradually advanced [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2016]
(a) evolved (b) evolved
(c) evaded (d) advantaged
48. The study of growing garden plants [SSC CAPFs (CPO) SI, CISF ASI 2016]
(a) nursery (b) orchard
(c) nomenclature (d) horticulture
49. A person who lays too much stress on bookish learning [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) pervert (b) pedant (c) philosopher (d) scholar
50. Deviation from the right course [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) imagination (b) amalgamation
(c) illumination (d) aberration

ANSWERS

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One Word Substitutions

SET 3

1. A person's peculiar habit [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) trait (b) idiosyncrasy (c) idiolect (d) talent
2. Speech delivered without preparation [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) rhetoric (b) oration
(c) extempore (d) maiden speech
3. One who will do any job for anyone for money [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) mercenary (b) recruit (c) hoodlum (d) merchant
4. Scientific study of earthquakes [SSC CAPFs ASI 2016]
(a) seismology (b) astrology (c) geography (d) anthropology
5. Misappropriation of money [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) embezzlement (b) robbery (c) theft (d) fraud
6. One who is not easily pleased by anything [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) gullible (b) fastidious (c) innocent (d) amenable
7. One who studies the working of the human mind [SSC CGL Tier-I (CBE) 2016]
(a) anthropologist (b) psychologist
(c) neurologist (d) ethnologist
8. A person of South African Dutch descent [SSC CGL Tier-I (CBE) 2016]
(a) boar (b) boer (c) boor (d) bore
9. One who sets type for books, newspapers, etc
(a) typist (b) editor (c) composer (d) compositor
10. Lack of skill [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) inertness (b) insistence (c) ineptness (d) insolence
11. Stick with a thick end used in a mortar for pounding [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) thistle (b) stifle (c) sceptre (d) pestle
12. An act when people vote in order to make a decision about a particular subject or policy rather than voting for a person [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) election (b) exit-poll (c) by-election (d) referendum
13. One who collects postage stamps [SSC CAPFs SI 2016]
(a) philanthropist (b) numismatist (c) philatelist (d) curator
14. Nations that do not trust each other/look upon each other [SSC CAPFs 2016]
(a) calmly (b) hopefully (c) askance (d) retrospectively
15. One of the time tested ways of remembering a series of items [SSC CAPFs 2016]
(a) recollection (b) schematising (c) mnemonic (d) ingenuity

Previous Years' Questions

16. Bitter and violent attack in words? [SSC CAPFs 2016]
(a) diaspora (b) diacriticism
(c) diadem (d) diatribe
17. Head of monks in an abbey [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) padre (b) dean (c) abbot (d) deacon
18. The word is no longer in use [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) obsolete (b) old fashion (c) antique (d) vanished
19. A person unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) egoist (b) unselfish (c) altruist (d) welfarist
20. Inscription on a gravestone [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) obituary (b) memorial (c) epitaph (d) epigraph
21. Violation of that which is holy and sacred [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) malevolent (b) sacrilege (c) bizarre (d) iniquitous
22. One who believes in many Gods [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) polyglot (b) polygamy
(c) polygon (d) polytheist
23. One who lends money on high rate of interest [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) usurper (b) usherer (c) usurer (d) undertaker
24. A post with little work but high salary [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) freelancer (b) sine qua non (c) sinecure (d) quangos
25. A person, especially a young, one with exceptional abilities [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) intellectual (b) prodigy (c) genius (d) mastermind
26. Incapable of feeling tired or exhausted [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) invincible (b) inflatable (c) indefatigable (d) inextricable
27. A new word coined by an author [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) novelty (b) innovation (c) neologism (d) inception
28. A place where astronomical observations are made [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) astrophery (b) laboratory (c) observatory (d) astrolibrary
29. Killing one's sister [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) regicide (b) fratricide (c) matricide (d) sororicide
30. Experts who scientifically study insects [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) gerontologists (b) pathologists
(c) entomologists (d) ornithologist
31. A person's peculiar habit [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) peculiarity (b) trait
(c) distinction (d) idiosyncrasy

One Word Substitutions

32. A narrow stretch of land connecting two large bodies of land [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) lagoon (b) isthmas (c) cape (d) strait
33. A government or rule by a small group of people [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) monarchy (b) oligarchy (c) autocracy (d) autonomy
34. The scientific study of elections [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) pathology (b) palaeontology (c) psephology (d) philology
35. A doctor who specialises in the diseases of the eyes [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) ophthalmologist (b) optimist
(c) optician (d) orthodontist
36. Person who eats too much [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) cannibal (b) glutton (c) obese (d) carnivorous
37. Proposition made as a basis for reasoning without the assumption of its truth [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) hypertext (b) hypocrisy (c) hyperbole (d) hypothesis
38. A child born after the death of father [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) post dated (b) premature (c) paternal (d) posthumous
39. A person who completely abstains from alcohol [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) teetotaler (b) drunkard (c) alcoholic (d) imposter
40. One who is able to use both hands [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) sinister (b) ambidextrous (c) ambivalent (d) amateur
41. The ceremony of crowning a sovereign [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) felicitation (b) promotion (c) coronation (d) installation
42. One who tends to patronise, rebuff or ignore people regarded as social inferiors and imitate, admire people regarded as social superiors [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) snob (b) fob (c) dandy (d) freak
43. A room where dead bodies are kept until burial
(a) grave (b) cemetery (c) mortuary (d) pyre
44. Animals without a backbone [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) marsupials (b) mammals (c) vertebrate (d) invertebrates
45. The act of killing a king [SSC CGL Tier-I CBE 2016]
(a) regicide (b) regalcide (c) genocide (d) homicide
46. Emission of light or heat from a central point [SSC CGL Tier-I CBE 2016]
(a) rays (b) refraction (c) reflection (d) radiation
47. Any morbid dread of water [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) hydrofoil (b) hydrophobia
(c) hydraulic (d) hyacinth

Previous Years' Questions

48. A drug which makes one see things that are not really there
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) aphrodisiac (b) steroid (c) carcinogen (d) hallucinogen
49. Providing relief
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) reissue (b) reprieve (c) rejoinder (d) refuge
50. The philosophy of putting another's welfare above one's own
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) agnosticism (b) polytheism (c) altruism (d) iconoclasm

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SET 4

1. That which makes one highly knowledgeable [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) erudition (b) irreverence (c) irritability (d) impulsiveness
2. Violation of the sanctity of a sacred place [SSC CGL Tier-I 2016]
(a) sin (b) sacrilege (c) sedition (d) blasphemy
3. Not suitable for eating [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) spicy (b) tasteless (c) uneatable (d) inedible
4. When something moves in a straight line [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) quadrilateral (b) octalinear (c) rectilinear (d) trapilineal
5. Tending to associate with others of one's kind [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) grassivorous (b) gregarian (c) gregarious (d) graminivorous
6. General pardon for offences against the state [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) sanctify (b) amnesty (c) gratuity (d) red-tapism
7. A person motivated by irrational enthusiasm [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) moderate (b) conservative (c) fanatic (d) fan
8. Wide, uninterrupted view [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) window view (b) panorama (c) macroscopic (d) eagle view
9. An instrument for measuring pressure of gases [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) barometer (b) anemometer (c) micrometer (d) manometer
10. That cannot be expressed in words [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) indelible (b) ineffable (c) ingrate (d) inexorable

One Word Substitutions

11. A mixture of dried, naturally fragrant plant material used to provide a gentle natural scent inside buildings, especially in residential settings [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) potpourri (b) perfume (c) scent (d) aroma
12. Placing different things in order to create an interesting effect [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) sit for a portrait (b) render precisely
(c) juxtapose (d) framing
13. Study of cultures [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) eremology (b) etymology (c) ethology (d) ethnology
14. A lengthy and aggressive speech addressed to a large assembly [SSC CGL Tier-II 2016]
(a) hullabaloo (b) cacophony (c) pandemonium (d) harangue
15. Bare minimum needed for survival [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) sustenance (b) subsistence (c) sustainable (d) supplement
16. Act of mercy killing [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) suicide (b) euthanasia (c) immolation (d) asphyxiation
17. Action that is likely to make people angry [SSC CGL 2016]
(a) inflationary (b) inflammable (c) commensurable (d) inflammatory
18. A person who wastes his money on luxury [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) luxuriant (b) stingy (c) extravagant (d) luxurious
19. Edible means that which [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) can be edited (b) can not be deleted
(c) edifying (d) is worth eating
20. A written declaration of government or a political party [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) manifesto (b) affidavit
(c) dossier (d) document
21. One who is rather fastidious [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) tempestuous (b) punctual (c) meticulous (d) carefree
22. Branch of medicine concerned with children and their illness [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) cardiology (b) osteopathy
(c) pediatrics (d) morphology
23. Government by the wealthy [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) theocracy (b) plutocracy
(c) bureaucracy (d) aristocracy
24. People at a religious gathering [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) rabble (b) mob (c) congregation (d) crowd

Previous Years' Questions

25. A person who collects and/or studies stamps [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) pioneer (b) philatelist (c) pianist (d) philanthropist
26. Information about the bird species was **inaccessible**. One has to access rare websites to access it [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
The meaning of the **bold** word is
(a) that which cannot be read
(b) that which cannot be reached
(c) that which cannot be remembered
(d) that which cannot be stretched
27. Guilty of the crime [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015, SSC CHSL 2014]
(a) daring (b) suspicious (c) culpable (d) ruthless
28. A fourteen-line poem [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) sonnet (b) lyric (c) ballad (d) ode
29. The plants and vegetation of a region [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) flora (b) landscape (c) environment (d) fauna
30. A vivacious and lively experience is said to be [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) scintillating (b) soothing (c) scenic (d) synthetic
31. To try to settle a dispute between two other parties [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) medicate (b) mediate (c) meddle (d) meditate
32. To secure a boat by attaching it to an anchor [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) moor (b) moot (c) morose (d) moose
33. To free a person by a verdict of 'not guilty'. [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) acquaint (b) acquit (c) acquiesce (d) acquire
34. One who hates mankind [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) philanthropist (b) misogynist (c) humanitarian (d) misanthrope
35. Imposed a restriction on [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) constipated (b) conserved (c) constrained (d) construed
36. Unwelcome aspect of a situation [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) flippant (b) flip side (c) flip-flop (d) flint lock
37. Feeling annoyed at the sight of unfair treatment [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) indifferent (b) indisposed (c) indignant (d) indigent
38. Medical study of skin and its diseases [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) orthopaedics (b) dermatology
(c) endocrinology (d) gynaecology
39. A process involving too much official formality [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) nepotism (b) diplomacy
(c) bureaucracy (d) red-tapism

One Word Substitutions

40. A person who enters without any invitation [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) vandal (b) burglar
(c) intruder (d) thief
41. A recurrent compulsive urge to steal [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) kleptomania (b) pneumonia
(c) insomnia (d) nymphomania
42. Act of injuring another's reputation by any slanderous communication [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) defamation (b) orchestration
(c) aberration (d) misrepresentation
43. A study of ancient things [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) physiology (b) archaeology
(c) ethnology (d) zoology
44. A person who deserves all praise [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) detestable (b) lovable (c) despicable (d) laudable
45. One who is skilful [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) disciplined (b) diligent (c) different (d) dexterous
46. One who runs away from justice or the law [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) smuggler (b) criminal (c) fugitive (d) thief
47. Of one's own free will [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) mandatory (b) obligatory (c) voluntary (d) compulsory
48. One who is too careless to plan for the future [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) imprudent (b) impractical (c) impotent (d) improvident
49. One who has long experience [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) novice (b) expert (c) veteran (d) practitioner
50. Walking in sleep [SSC CARFs SI, & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) somnambulism (b) insomnia
(c) somnolence (d) sleepyhead

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Previous Years' Questions

SET 5

1. Artistic, musical or dramatic interpretation [SSC CARFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) rendition (b) report (c) imitation (d) reparation
2. That which cannot be avoided [SSC CARFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) infallible (b) inestimable (c) indifferent (d) inevitable
3. A person who leaves his own country in order to go and live in another [SSC CARFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) emigrant (b) refugee (c) immigrant (d) expatriate
4. A planned route or journey [SSC CARFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) iterate (b) itinerary (c) itinerant (d) isolate
5. A man who helps a stranger or a person in difficulties [SSC CARFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) samaritan (b) mercenary (c) stoic (d) altruist
6. Speech of great importance and gravity [SSC CARFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) maiden (b) momentous
(c) monumental (d) momentary
7. Continuing for a long period of time without interruption [SSC CARFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) continuum (b) recurring (c) perpetual (d) frequenting
8. Specially skilled in story-telling [SSC CARFs SI 2015]
(a) composer (b) raconteur (c) vocalist (d) narrator
9. A story in which animals or objects speak and give wholesome moral lesson [SSC CARFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) legend (b) fable (c) parable (d) allegory
10. A cinema show held in the afternoon [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) entertainment (b) play (c) premiere (d) matinee
11. A handsome man [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) adonis (b) tycoon (c) debonair (d) cavalier
12. Intentional damage to arrest production [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) nemesis (b) sangfroid
(c) sabotage (d) modus operandi
13. Introductory part or lines to a discourse or play [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) prologue (b) blurb (c) monologue (d) epilogue
14. One who does not believe in the existence of God [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) atheist (b) theist (c) mystic (d) cynic

One Word Substitutions

15. To free someone from all blames [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) consolidate (b) fling (c) forbid (d) exonerate
16. That which cannot be effaced [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) illegible (b) indelible (c) invincible (d) affable
17. A person who deliberately sets fire to a building [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) arsonist (b) extortionist (c) hijacker (d) assassin
18. One who makes an official examination of accounts [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) auditor (b) registrar
(c) creditor (d) chartered accountant
19. Conferred as an honour [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) honorary (b) honorable (c) honorarium (d) honorific
20. The burial of a corpse [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) internment (b) interment (c) interrogate (d) interpose
21. To die without making a will [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) inure (b) inane (c) intestate (d) indigent
22. Materials that change naturally by the action of bacteria [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) inflammable (b) perishable (c) biological (d) biodegradable
23. A person who agrees to work for somebody in order to learn a skill [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) lackey (b) pupil (c) apprentice (d) assistant
24. Opinion contrary to accepted doctrines [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) controversy (b) advocacy (c) heresy (d) convention
25. Make pale by excluding light [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) foliate (b) percolate (c) procreate (d) etiolate
26. Someone who is designated to hear both sides of a dispute and make a judgement [SSC CGL Tier-I 2015]
(a) counsellor (b) arbitrator (c) magistrate (d) manager
27. A person who looks at the bright side of things [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) cynic (b) pessimist (c) optimist (d) sycophant
28. A record of historical events [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) documentary (b) anecdotes (c) archives (d) annals
29. The area of medicine that treats illnesses of bones [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2015]
(a) ornithology (b) paediatrics (c) orthodontics (d) orthopaedics
30. A reserve for animals, birds, etc in their natural habitat [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police SI 2015]
(a) sanctuary (b) century (c) forest (d) woods

Previous Years' Questions

31. Something that is difficult to understand [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) incomplete (b) inconclusive
(c) inconceivable (d) incomprehensible
32. That which is arranged by conferring of discussing [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) meeting (b) seminar (c) debate (d) negotiation
33. A mournful poem or a song [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) comedy (b) tragedy (c) elegy (d) ode
34. An image without objective reality [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) shadow (b) utopia (c) sensation (d) hallucination
35. The branch of medical science which deals with the problems of the old [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) oncology (b) obstetrics (c) paediatrics (d) geriatrics
36. A child secretly changed for another in infancy [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) nipper (b) changeling (c) tiddler (d) tyke
37. One who suffers for one's faith [SSC CGL Tier-I Re-Exam 2015]
(a) prophet (b) mystic (c) seer (d) martyr
38. Put side by side [SSC Constable (GD) 2015]
(a) juxtapose (b) impose (c) propose (d) depose
39. One who can not be corrected [SSC Constable (GD) 2015]
(a) ineligible (b) indolent (c) indefatigable (d) incorrigible
40. Chief or Commander of army [SSC Constable (GD) 2015]
(a) lieutenant (b) major (c) general (d) colonel
41. A container for the ashes of a dead person [SSC Constable (GD) 2015]
(a) vessel (b) vase (c) jug (d) urn
42. Someone not fit to be chosen [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) non-eligible (b) ineligible
(c) uneligible (d) imeligible
43. One who compiles a dictionary [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) lexicon (b) lexical (c) lexicography (d) lexicographer
44. Art of working with metals [SSC CHSL LDC 2016]
(a) meteorite (b) metaphysics (c) metallurgy (d) metalloid
45. Rules governing socially acceptable behaviour [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) politeness (b) formality (c) behaviour (d) etiquette
46. A person who is easily deceived or tricked [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) tangible (b) trouble (c) trickster (d) gullible

One Word Substitutions

47. Lasting for a very short time [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) metronimic (b) friable (c) eternal (d) ephemeral
48. A person who worships only one God [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) polytheist (b) monotheist (c) philogymist (d) theist
49. A person who helps another to commit a crime [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) colleague (b) accomplice (c) assistant (d) supporter
50. A legal agreement that allows someone to use a building or land for a period of time, usually in return for rent [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) assurance (b) deal (c) lease (d) bond

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SET 6

1. The act of killing one's own brother or sister
(a) homicide (b) suicide (c) patricide (d) fratricide
2. Submission to all that happens as inevitable [SSC CHSL (10+2) LDC, DEO & PA/SA 2015]
(a) pessimism (b) pragmatism (c) fatalism (d) superstiticism
3. Feint [SSC CAPFs 2015]
(a) pretended effect (b) pretended attack
(c) pretended effort (d) pretended support
4. A person who is long experienced or practised in an activity/capacity [SSC CAPFs 2015]
(a) veteran (b) versatile (c) vulnerable (d) venerable
5. An excessive fear of confined spaces [SSC CAPFs 2015]
(a) hydrophobia (b) bathophobia
(c) cynophobia (d) claustrophobia
6. A person in charge of a museum [SSC CHSL LDC 2015]
(a) architect (b) mayor (c) philatelist (d) curator
7. The first public showing of a film [SSC CHSL LDC 2015]
(a) opener (b) premiere (c) debut (d) preview

Previous Years' Questions

8. Too willing to obey other people [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) sublimate (b) subjugate (c) subaltern (d) subservient
9. A person extremely desirous of money [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) miser (b) avaricious (c) fervent (d) extravagant
10. An error or misprint in printing or writing [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) agenda (b) axiom (c) erratum (d) jargon
11. A person who is very selective, disgusted easily, and is hard to please. [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) fastidious (b) ambiguous (c) selector (d) misanthrope
12. The period between two reigns [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) anachronism (b) interregnum (c) intermission (d) era
13. A statement in which you say the same thing twice in different words [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) temerity (b) tarragon (c) tautology (d) repetition
14. One who is known widely but usually unfavourably [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) famous (b) illustrious (c) notorious (d) tarnished
15. A person who has had one or more limbs removed [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) amputee (b) handicap (c) limber (d) fatalist
16. To destroy completely [SSC CGL Tier-II 2015]
(a) bluster (b) chide (c) dawdle (d) annihilate
17. House or shelter of a gypsie [SSC CAPFs 2014]
(a) wigwam (b) chalet (c) caravan (d) igloo
18. A woman whose husband is dead [SSC CAPFs SI, 2014]
(a) divorcee (b) fiancée (c) widower (d) widow
19. One who eats no animal flesh [SSC CAPFs SI 2014]
(a) cannibal (b) pilgrim (c) vegetarian (d) pedestrian
20. Water which can be drunk [SSC CAPFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2014]
(a) edible (b) potable (c) palatable (d) culpable
21. One who is neither intelligent nor dull [SSC CAPFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2014]
(a) ordinary (b) average (c) fair (d) mediocre
22. A small village or a group of houses [SSC CAPFs SI & Delhi Police SI 2014]
(a) community (b) settlement (c) hamlet (d) colony
23. A decorative ring of flowers and leaves [SSC Multitasking 2014]
(a) wreathe (b) wreath (c) wreeth (d) wrath
24. A heavy continuous fall of rain [SSC Multitasking 2014]
(a) drizzle (b) blizzard
(c) downpour (d) avalanche

One Word Substitutions

25. Completing a period of hundred years [SSC Multitasking Staff 2014]
(a) centennial (b) centurion (c) century (d) centenarian
26. A game in which no one wins [SSC Multitasking Staff 2014]
(a) draw (b) obsolete
(c) legal (d) illegal
27. Shaking movement on the ground [SSC Multitasking Staff 2014]
(a) tremor (b) shiver (c) vibrate (d) oscillate
28. An extract from a book of writing [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) excerpt (b) review (c) footnote (d) preface
29. A long poem based on a noble theme [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) summary (b) story (c) narration (d) epic
30. Widespread scarcity of food [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) hunger (b) drought (c) poverty (d) famine
31. Inflammation of gums [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) gangleure (b) gingivitis (c) conjunctivitis (d) orchitis
32. A book written by an unknown author [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) anonymous (b) acrimonious (c) audacious (d) assiduous
33. An event that causes great harm to dams [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) problem (b) disaster
(c) pain (d) relief
34. Beyond correction [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) inveterate (b) glib (c) incorrigible (d) incongruous
35. An allowance made to a wife by her husband, when they are legally separated [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) alimony (b) parsimony (c) matrimony (d) honorarium
36. Wild imagination [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) whim (b) fantasy (c) fancy (d) memory
37. Sentimental longing for a period in the past [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) recollection (b) nostalgia (c) reminiscence (d) wistfulness
38. The headmaster **brought back to mind** the outstanding achievements of the school [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) remembered (b) reminded (c) reminisced (d) recalled
39. Lack of feeling [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) empathy (b) apathy (c) sympathy (d) pity
40. Accidental good fortune [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) serendipity (b) good luck (c) chance (d) fluke

Previous Years' Questions

41. Short speech or poem given at the end of a play or a book
[SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) epilogue (b) epigram (c) epitaph (d) epicure
42. The secretary's proposal was adopted **with the full agreement of all the members.**
[SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) ambitiously (b) unanimously (c) equivocally (d) vehemently
43. That which makes it difficult to recognise the presence or real nature of something
[SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) camouflage (b) transparent (c) infallible (d) image
44. Code of diplomatic etiquette and precedence [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) formality (b) statesmanship (c) protocol (d) hierarchy
45. A person who can make himself/ herself feel at home in any country
[SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) cosmocrat (b) cosmesis (c) cosmetician (d) cosmopolitan
46. The Bedouin Arabs are people of no fixed abode
[SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) barbarians (b) nomads
(c) vagabonds (d) travellers
47. Study of the interaction of people with their environment
[SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) ecology (b) psychology
(c) philosophy (d) geography
48. A list of explanations of rare, technical or obsolete words
[SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) dictionary (b) glossary (c) lexicon (d) catalogue
49. Underground place for storing wine or other provisions
[SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) garage (b) cellar (c) attic (d) hall
50. Free somebody from blame or guilt [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) excuse (b) reprimand (c) exonerate (d) acquit

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One Word Substitutions

SET 7

1. One who plays for pleasure rather than as profession [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) player (b) amateur (c) performer (d) actor
2. One who does something for the first time [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) leader (b) model (c) forerunner (d) pioneer
3. A government run by officials [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) democracy (b) anarchy (c) oligarchy (d) bureaucracy
4. That which can not be called back [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) irresponsible (b) irrevocable (c) irredeemable (d) incalculable
5. Person leading a life a strict self-discipline [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) hedonist (b) disciplinarian (c) atheist (d) ascetic
6. A person who loves everybody [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2014]
(a) egoist (b) fatalist (c) humanist (d) altruist
7. Animals which suckle their young [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) herbivores (b) mammals (c) carnivores (d) omnivores
8. A drug or other substance that induces sleep [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC (Nov) 2014]
(a) reviver (b) stimulant (c) energetic (d) sedative
9. Animals that eat flesh [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) herbivorous (b) carnivorous (c) omnivorous (d) insectivorous
10. A fictitious name especially one assumed by an author [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) nick name (b) pseudonym (c) sobriquet (d) pet name
11. Belief in many gods [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) pantheism (b) monotheism (c) polytheism (d) atheism
12. A cluster of flowers on a branch [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) bouquet (b) inflorescence (c) wreath (d) incandescence
13. A person who believes that only selfishness motivates human actions [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) agnostic (b) cynic (c) sceptic (d) misogynist
14. A person who always runs after women [SSC CAPFs SI Delhi Police SI 2014]
(a) philanthropist (b) don juan casanova
(c) philanderer (d) philatelist
15. Man who has more than one wife at a time [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2014]
(a) celibate (b) bigamist (c) misogamist (d) polygamist

Previous Years' Questions

16. One who deals in flowers [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI & Delhi Police 2014]
(a) a drover (b) a brazier (c) a florist (d) a fruiterer
17. The art of making maps and charts [SSC Multitasking Staff 2014]
(a) calligraphy (b) palaeography (c) metallurgy (d) cartography
18. A figure with many angles or sides [SSC Multitasking Staff 2014]
(a) hexagon (b) octagon (c) polygon (d) pentagon
19. The firing of many guns at the same time to mark an occasion [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) fusillade (b) salvo (c) attack (d) volley
20. A word that reads the same backwards as forwards [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) acrostic (b) homophone (c) acronym (d) palindrome
21. A collection of slaves [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2014]
(a) coffle (b) crew (c) cortege (d) company
22. One who is always doubting [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2014]
(a) sceptic (b) deist (c) rationalist (d) positivist
23. A policy that segregates people on the basis of race [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) chauvinism (b) theism (c) apartheid (d) partisan
24. Design made by putting together coloured pieces of glass or stones [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) tracery (b) mosaic (c) relief (d) oleograph
25. A fear of closed/dark place [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) xenophobia (b) acrophobia
(c) claustrophobia (d) pyrophobia
26. Fear of telling lies [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) mythophobia (b) legendary
(c) lyophobia (d) oratory
27. A particular method of working [SSC CHSL (10+2) DEO & LDC 2014]
(a) methodology (b) knack
(c) working pattern (d) modus operandi
28. A highly skilled musician [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) artiste (b) virtuoso (c) performer (d) diva
29. A method of boiling briefly to cook food slightly [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) steam (b) bake (c) saute (d) parboil
30. The group, especially in the arts, regarded as being the most experimental [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) avant-garde (b) iconoclast
(c) revolutionary (d) nerd

One Word Substitutions

31. One who helps people by giving them money or other aid [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) benefactor (b) beneficiary (c) tycoon (d) patriot
32. Study of caves [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) speleology (b) seismology (c) topology (d) numismatics
33. Government by the few [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) oligarchy (b) autocracy (c) monarchy (d) anarchy
34. Having a stale smell or taste [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) rancid (b) insipid (c) savoury (d) tepid
35. A wooden object used for connecting animals that are pulling a vehicle [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) rein (b) leash (c) whip (d) yoke
36. A man who knows a lot about things like food, music and art [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) priest (b) optimist (c) hostage (d) connoisseur
37. A doctor who specialises in diseases of the nose [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) rhinologist (b) otologist (c) pathologist (d) podiatrist
38. To remove an objectionable part from a book [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) exterminate (b) expurgate (c) extirpate (d) destroy
39. Pertaining to sheep
(a) canine (b) bovine (c) ovine (d) feline
40. Hole excavated by an animal as dwelling [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) borrow (b) burrow (c) bore (d) pierce
41. Person believing in free will [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) guardian (b) tyrant (c) humanitarian (d) libertarian
42. Small pieces of metal that fly out from an exploding bomb [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) shrapnel (b) splinters
(c) filings (d) bullets
43. All the arts, beliefs and social institutions etc characteristic of a race [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) culture (b) civilization
(c) infrastructure (d) ritual
44. The act of speaking about one's thoughts when one is alone [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) silence (b) monologue
(c) dialogue (d) soliloquy
45. Passing out of use [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) adolescent (b) reticent (c) translucent (d) obsolescent

Previous Years' Questions

46. A drink usually made from a mixture of one or more alcoholic drinks
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) cocktail (b) mocktail (c) liquor (d) bisque
47. Affecting or relating to cows
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) feline (b) bovine (c) ovine (d) vulpine
48. Something that might happen in the future
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) contingency (b) insurance (c) emergency (d) prophecy
49. A special fondness or liking for
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) propensity (b) inclination (c) penchant (d) preoccupation
50. Relating to kinship with the father
[SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) patrilineal (b) fratrilineal (c) matrilineal (d) familial

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SET 8

1. A part of a word that can be pronounced separately [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) particle (b) sibilant (c) syllable (d) letter
2. Favouritism granted in politics or business to relatives [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) monotheism (b) nepotism (c) hedonism (d) redtapism
3. A supplement to a will [SSC CGL Tier-I 2014]
(a) furlough (b) adjunct (c) effusion (d) codicil
4. A person who repairs broken window-glasses [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2014]
(a) weldor (b) sculptor (c) glazier (d) patisserie
5. The art of beautiful hand writing [SSC CAPFs SI, CISF ASI 2014]
(a) genealogy (b) calligraphy (c) cartography (d) philology
6. A co-worker in an office or institution [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) companion (b) ally (c) accomplice (d) colleague
7. To supply land with water by artificial means [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) irrigate (b) mitigate (c) watergate (d) postulate
8. A large burial ground [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) mercenary (b) emissary (c) symmetry (d) cemetery

One Word Substitutions

9. Existing only in the mind [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) imaginary (b) fallacy
(c) gamble (d) missionary
10. Likely to arouse envy [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) enviable (b) economical
(c) envious (d) jealous
11. One who loves and supports his or her country and is willing to defend it [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) patriot (b) martyr (c) alien (d) atheist
12. The study of birds [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) zoology (b) ornithology (c) physiology (d) anthropology
13. A person who readily believes others [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) credible (b) credulous (c) sensitive (d) sensible
14. Has an evil reputation [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) notorious (b) malicious
(c) magnanimous (d) dubious
15. Someone who is killed fighting for the cause of religion or faith. [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) prophet (b) martyr (c) seer (d) mystic
16. A list of books and writings of one author or one subject [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) biography (b) lithography
(c) bibliography (d) orthography
17. Yearly celebration of a date or an event [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) birthday (b) jubilee (c) anniversary (d) centenary
18. A list of the names of books [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) epilogue (b) dialogue (c) catalogue (d) prologue
19. A general pardon granted by the Government to political offenders [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) excuse (b) honesty (c) amnesty (d) pardon
20. A school boy who cuts classes frequently [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) sycophant (b) truant (c) martinet (d) defeatist
21. Detailed plan of a journey [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) travel kit (b) schedule (c) itinerary (d) travelogue
22. Stealing of ideas or writings of someone else [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) scepticism (b) mesmerism (c) plagiarism (d) autism
23. A person who consumes human flesh [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) Savage (b) captor (c) carnivore (d) cannibal

Previous Years' Questions

24. Exclusive possession or control of anything [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) monotheism (b) monopoly
(c) monism (d) mono-mania
25. Instrument that magnifies objects [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) periscope (b) stethoscope
(c) telescope (d) microscope
26. Incapable of being approached [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) inaccessible (b) inadmissible (c) irresistible (d) illegal
27. One who takes care of a building [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) janitor (b) manager (c) warden (d) beadle
28. One who possesses many talents [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) versatile (b) unique (c) dexterous (d) attractive
29. One who lives/survives on others/other lives [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) expatriate (b) pesticide (c) parasite (d) refugee
30. A pole or beam used as a temporary support [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) scaffold (b) prop (c) lean-to (d) rafter
31. One who studies the art of gardening [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) agriculturist (b) horticulturist
(c) gardener (d) botanist
32. Fear of closed spaces [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) claustrophobia (b) aquaphobia
(c) botanophobia (d) kleptomania
33. A list of passengers and luggage [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) waybill (b) wagon (c) wirepuller (d) whist
34. A person difficult to please [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) fastidious (b) callous (c) sadist (d) ferocious
35. Study of the nature of God [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2013]
(a) philology (b) theology
(c) humanism (d) philosophy
36. A short story based on your personal experience [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) legend (b) anecdote (c) fable (d) parable
37. A former student of a school, college or university [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2013]
(a) genius (b) scholar (c) learner (d) alumnus

One Word Substitutions

38. A building in which aircraft are housed [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC (Nov) 2013]
(a) granary (b) dockyard (c) garage (d) hangar
39. A person who attends to the diseases of the eye [SSC CAPFs SI & CISF ASI 2013]
(a) oculist (b) optimist (c) obstetrician (d) optician
40. The study of worms and insects [SSC CAPFs SI & CISF ASI 2013]
(a) taxidermy (b) entomology (c) ornithology (d) paleontology
41. A person who shows off his learning [SSC CAPFs SI & CISF ASI 2013]
(a) pedant (b) educationist (c) exhibitor (d) researcher
42. Written law of a legislative body [SSC CAPFs SI & CISF ASI 2013]
(a) statute (b) stature (c) static (d) statue
43. A study of sounds is known as [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) stylistics (b) linguistics (c) phonetics (d) semantics
44. To reduce to nothing [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) lull (b) null (c) annul (d) cull
45. An obviously true or hackneyed statement [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) syllogism (b) iconic (c) imagism (d) truism
46. Words inscribed on a tomb [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) epitaph (b) epitome (c) epistle (d) epilogue
47. A word composed of the first letters of the words in a phrase [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) abridgement (b) almanac (c) anachronism (d) acronym
48. A person of obscure position who has gained wealth [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) promiscuous (b) parvenu
(c) sumptuary (d) extravagant
49. Easy to shape in any desired form [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) ductile (b) malleable (c) flexible (d) plasticine
50. Amount of money demanded by kidnappers [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) donation (b) honorarium
(c) ransom (d) salary

ANSWERS

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

Previous Years' Questions

SET 9

1. Property inherited from one's father or ancestors [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) alimony (b) patrimony (c) voluntary (d) armistice
2. An apartment building in which each apartment is owned separately by the people living in it, but also containing shared areas [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) condominium (b) multiplex (c) duplex (d) caravan
3. A group of three powerful people [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) trio (b) tritium (c) trivet (d) triumvirate
4. Operation of the body after death [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) post-mortem (b) obituary (c) homage (d) mortuary
5. Not allowing the passage of light [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) oblique (b) opaque
(c) optique (d) opulant
6. Science regarding principles of classification [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) taxidermy (b) taxonomy
(c) toxicology (d) classicology
7. A political leader appealing to popular desires and prejudices [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) dictator (b) tyrant (c) popularist (d) demagogue
8. A state where no law or order exists [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) monarchy (b) mobocracy (c) anarchy (d) democracy
9. The production of raw silk [SSC Graduate Level 2013]
(a) sericulture (b) seroculture (c) sariculture (d) syrumculture
10. Meaningless language with an exaggerated style intended to impress [SSC Graduate Level 2013]
(a) orator (b) public speaking
(c) verbalisation (d) rhetoric
11. The conference takes place once in three years [SSC Graduate Level 2013]
(a) tetraenning (b) triennial (c) treennial (d) thriennial
12. Talking disrespectfully of sacred things [SSC Multitasking Staff 2013]
(a) heresy (b) atheism (c) blasphemy (d) apostasy
13. An act of violence to take control of a plane [SSC Constable (GD) 2013]
(a) hold as hostage (b) abduct
(c) hijack (d) kidnap
14. One who is all powerful [SSC Constable (GD) 2013]
(a) omnipotent (b) omniscient (c) absolute (d) almighty

One Word Substitutions

15. A form of government in which the supreme power rests with people
[SSC Constable (GD) 2013]
(a) monarch (b) oligarchy (c) democracy (d) bureaucracy
16. Animals that live in a particular region [SSC Constable (GD) 2013]
(a) fauna (b) wildlife (c) native (d) beast
17. Send or bring somebody back to his own country [SSC Constable (GD) 2013]
(a) asylum (b) refuge (c) repatriate (d) emigrate
18. To play the part of and function as, some other person [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) imitate (b) pretend (c) impersonate (d) act
19. To die without having made a will [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) intaglio (b) inveterate (c) intestate (d) insolvent
20. One who enjoys inflicting pain on himself [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) masochist (b) nihilist (c) egoist (d) sadist
21. Murder of a brother [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) fratricide (b) patricide (c) regicide (d) homicide
22. Science of human mind and behaviour [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) physiology (b) psychology (c) sociology (d) philology
23. A set of three related works by the same author [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) topology (b) trilogy (c) trichology (d) ecology
24. The study or practice of dancing or composing ballets [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) calligraphy (b) cartography (c) choreography (d) epigraphy
25. Having juicy or fleshy and thick tissues [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) succulent (b) translucent (c) dissolvent (d) dissident
26. One who thinks or speaks too much of himself [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) imposter (b) enthusiast (c) egotist (d) optimist
27. An exact-copy of handwriting or a picture produced by a machine [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) original (b) facsimile (c) copy (d) None of these
28. A person who is greatly respected because of wisdom [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) veracious (b) vulnerable (c) venerable (d) verger
29. An excessively morbid desire to steal [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) stealomania (b) kleptomania
(c) cleftomania (d) keptomania

Previous Years' Questions

30. Prohibited by law or treaty from being imported or exported [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) contraband (b) smuggled (c) counterfeit (d) forged
31. Intentional destruction of racial groups [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2013]
(a) regicide (b) genocide (c) homicide (d) fratricide
32. The height of an object above sea-level [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) altitude (b) certitude (c) latitude (d) longitude
33. One who gains benefit from something [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) benefactor (b) miser (c) hermit (d) beneficiary
34. A man who wastes his money on luxury [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) extempore (b) thrifty (c) extravagant (d) None of these
35. A man having no hair on the scalp [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) hoary (b) gandy (c) naked (d) bald
36. A person who pretends to be what he is not [SSC FCI 2012]
(a) explorer (b) prompter (c) imposter (d) diviner
37. To injure one's reputation [SSC(10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) defame (b) ridicule (c) mock (d) agitate
38. A geometrical figure with eight sides [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) polygon (b) hexagon (c) octagon (d) pentagon
39. Bring about an easy and painless death for someone suffering from incurable disease [SSC CGL Mains 2012]
(a) euthanasia (b) strangulation (c) suicide (d) destitute
40. Fluent and clear in speech [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) emotional (b) enthusiastic (c) articulate (d) confident
41. The process by which a person or an organisation reduces the amount of money it spends [SSC CGL 2012]
(a) budgeting (b) retrenchment (c) saving (d) closure
42. An established principle of practical wisdom [SSC CGL 2012]
(a) marxism (b) maxim (c) neologism (d) platonism
43. Rebellion against lawful authority [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) mutiny (b) coup (c) revolution (d) dissidence
44. Soldiers who fight on horseback [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) infantry (b) artillery (c) cavalry (d) armoured
45. One who speaks for others [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) spokesman (b) leader (c) supporter (d) naming

One Word Substitutions

46. A man who doesn't know how to read or write [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) uneducated (b) illiterate (c) ignorant (d) oblivious
47. An office with a salary but no work [SSC Delhi Police SI 2012]
(a) honorary (b) sinecure (c) insolvent (d) sinuous
48. A woman with dark brown hair [SSC Delhi Police SI 2012]
(a) blonde (b) philogynist
(c) brunette (d) dotard
49. Speech for the first time [SSC Delhi Police SI 2012]
(a) introductory speech (b) maiden speech
(c) concluding speech (d) initial speech
50. One who eats human flesh [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2012]
(a) carnivore (b) herbivore
(c) glutton (d) cannibal

ANSWERS

1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (d) 4. (a) 5. (b) 6. (b) 7. (d) 8. (c) 9. (a) 10. (d)
11. (b) 12. (c) 13. (c) 14. (a) 15. (c) 16. (a) 17. (c) 18. (c) 19. (c) 20. (a)
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31. (b) 32. (a) 33. (d) 34. (c) 35. (d) 36. (c) 37. (a) 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (c)
41. (a) 42. (b) 43. (a) 44. (c) 45. (a) 46. (b) 47. (b) 48. (c) 49. (b) 50. (d)

SET 10

1. One who is out to destroy the government [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2012]
(a) anarchist (b) villain (c) criminal (d) enemy
2. One who loves all mankind [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2012]
(a) philologist (b) philosopher (c) philanthropist (d) philatelist
3. A person who cannot make a mistake [SSC Graduate Level Tier-I 2012]
(a) inexplicable (b) inevitable (c) indispensable (d) infallible
4. Always ready to attack or quarrel [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) creative (b) impatient (c) aggressive (d) malicious
5. The process of deciding the nature of a disease by examination [FCI Assistant Grade-II 2012 Paper-I]
(a) test (b) perusal (c) diagnosis (d) operation
6. That which cannot be easily read [FCI Assistant Grade-II 2012 Paper-I]
(a) illegible (b) incomprehensible
(c) unreadable (d) unintelligible
7. One who finds nothing good in anything [FCI Assistant Grade-II 2012 Paper-I]
(a) critic (b) satirist (c) cynic (d) slanderer

Previous Years' Questions

8. In a threatening manner [FCI Assistant Grade-II 2012 Paper-I]
(a) ominously (b) sprightly (c) ghastly (d) terribly
9. A place of good climate for invalids [SSC FCI Assistant Grade-III 2012]
(a) hospital (b) asylum (c) sanatorium (d) retreat
10. To bite like a rat [SSC FCI Assistant Grade-III 2012]
(a) chew (b) cut (c) split (d) gnaw
11. A style in which a writer makes display of his knowledge [SSC FCI Assistant Grade-III 2012]
(a) ornate (b) pedantic (c) artificial (d) showy
12. Someone who performs daring gymnastic feats [SSC FCI Assistant Grade-III 2012]
(a) athlete (b) juggler (c) acrobat (d) conjuror
13. A list of books available in a library [SSC FCI Assistant Grade-III 2012]
(a) catalogue (b) bibliography (c) backlist (d) index
14. Someone who scientifically studies the birds [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) earthologist (b) orthopaedic (c) orthodontist (d) ornithologist
15. Something which is imagined to be real but actually does not exist [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) figment (b) insight (c) mirage (d) shadow
16. To officially take private property away to seize [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) offer (b) confiscate (c) annex (d) hijack
17. Murder of a man [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) regicide (b) fratricide (c) homicide (d) genocide
18. Use of force or threats to get someone to agree to something [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) coercion (b) Conviction (c) confession (d) cajolement
19. Animal that feeds on plants [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) carnivorous (b) herbivorous (c) insectivorous (d) graminivorous
20. A number of stars grouped together [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2012]
(a) orbit (b) constellation (c) solar system (d) comet
21. One who eats both vegetables and meat [SSC LDC 2012]
(a) omnivorous (b) vegevorous
(c) herbivorous (d) carnivorous
22. A person who studies mankind [SSC CDO 2012]
(a) anthropologist (b) physicist
(c) pathologist (d) philanthropist

One Word Substitutions

23. Property inherited from one's father or ancestors [SSC CDO 2012]
(a) patrimony (b) alimony (c) voluntary (d) armistice
24. One who can not be defeated [SSC CDO 2012]
(a) indecipherable (b) invidious
(c) insolvent (d) invincible
25. State of anxiety or dismay causing mental confusion [FCI Assistant Grade-III
2012 Paper-I]
(a) constriction (b) consternation (c) concentration (d) contraction
26. To secretly store more than what is allowed [SSC CGL 2011]
(a) hoard (b) store (c) hide (d) aboard
27. Related to Moon [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) solar (b) moony (c) lunar (d) honeymoon
28. An animal story with a moral [SSC Multitasking Staff 2012]
(a) fable (b) tale (c) anecdote (d) parable
29. A foreigner who settles in a country [SSC CPO SI, ASI 2011]
(a) immigrant (b) emigrant (c) alien (d) visitor
30. Lasting only for a very short while [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) transparent (b) temporal (c) temporary (d) temperate
31. A raised passage way in a building [SSC Data Entry 2011]
(a) walkway (b) walkout (c) walkabout (d) walkover
32. Dry weather with no rainfall [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) summer (b) desert (c) drought (d) autumn
33. Found all over the world [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) international (b) universal (c) regional (d) provincial
34. One who practises one of the fine arts [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) painter (b) artist (c) designer (d) architect
35. A general pardon of the offenders [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) parley (b) amnesty (c) parole (d) acquittal
36. Strong dislike between two persons [SSC Level Data Entry, LDC 2011]
(a) aversion (b) antipathy (c) apathy (d) despair
37. A paper written by hand [SSC LDL 2011]
(a) handicraft (b) handiwork (c) manuscript (d) thesis
38. A disease which is spread by direct contact [SSC Multitasking (Non-Technical) Staff 2011]
(a) contagious (b) infectious (c) epidemic (d) endemic
39. The study of ancient civilisations [SSC Multitasking (Non-Technical) Staff 2011]
(a) history (b) anthropology (c) ethnology (d) archaeology

Previous Years' Questions

40. Body of singers [SSC Multitasking (Non-Technical) Staff 2011]
(a) coir (b) quorum (c) quire (d) choir
41. To give one's authority to another [SSC Data Entry Operator, LDC 2011]
(a) assign (b) delegate (c) represent (d) designate
42. One who intervenes between two or more parties to settle differences [SSC Data Entry Operator, LDC 2011]
(a) neutral (b) intermediary (c) judge (d) connoisseur
43. Place where wine is made [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2011]
(a) bakery (b) cloakroom (c) tannery (d) brewery
44. The art of preserving skin of animals, birds and fish [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2011]
(a) taxonomy (b) taxidermy (c) topology (d) seismology
45. A thing likely to be broken [SSC (10+2) Level Data Entry Operator & LDC 2011]
(a) vulnerable (b) flexible (c) brittle (d) delicate
46. Very dramatic [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2011 Paper-II]
(a) histrionic (b) hippocratic (c) hirsute (d) hoary
47. A figure of speech by which a thing is spoken of as being that which it only resembles [SSC Graduate Level Tier-II 2011 Paper-II]
(a) metaphor (b) simile (c) personification (d) alliteration
48. Scale used for measuring the strength of an earthquake [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) celsius (b) newtons (c) richter (d) linear
49. Something kept as a reminder of an event [SSC LDC 2011]
(a) trophy (b) souvenir (c) prize (d) antique
50. To be dogmatic in one's opinions [SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D') 2011]
(a) plaintive (b) opinionated (c) undoubtable (d) secular

ANSWERS

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

One Word Substitutions

SET 11

1. Intense and unreasoned fear or dislike
[SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D') 2011]
(a) horror (b) phobia (c) fright (d) scare
2. Excessively enthusiastic and unreasonably excited about something
[SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D') 2011]
(a) spirited (b) interested (c) fanatical (d) despotic
3. An agreement between two countries or groups to stop fighting
[SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D') 2011]
(a) compromise (b) ceasefire (c) outpost (d) protocol
4. Full of criticism and mockery
[SSC Stenographer (Grade 'C' & 'D') 2011]
(a) discrimination (b) ridicule (c) satire (d) contempt
5. A small room in a big house, hotel, ship etc where glasses, dishes, spoons, food etc are kept
[SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011 Paper-II]
(a) portico (b) pantry (c) mezzanine (d) kitchen
6. List of issues to be discussed at a meeting
[SSC LDC 2011]
(a) schedule (b) agenda (c) time-table (d) plan
7. A system of naming things
[SSC LDC 2011]
(a) horticulture (b) miniature (c) genocide (d) nomenclature
8. Able to use left hand and right hand equally well
[SSC LDC (Nov) 2011]
(a) ambivert (b) ambidextrous (c) ambivalent (d) ambitious
9. Speed of an object in one direction
[SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011 Paper-I]
(a) pace (b) tempo (c) velodrome (d) velocity
10. The place where public, government or historical records are kept
[SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011 Paper-I]
(a) coffer (b) pantry (c) archives (d) scullery
11. Theft of another person's writings or ideas and passing them off as one's own
[SSC CPO (SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011 Paper-I)]
(a) plagiarism (b) burglary (c) piracy (d) pilferage
12. A person who has no money to pay off his debts
[SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) insolvent (b) poor (c) destitute (d) pauper
13. Words uttered impiously about God
[SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) amoral (b) philosophy (c) logic (d) blasphemy
14. Opposed to great or sudden change
[SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) mercenary (b) conservative (c) eccentric (d) fastidious

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15. One who compiles a dictionary [SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) geographer (b) lexicographer (c) lapidist (d) linguist
16. A test in which cells from diseased organs are removed and tested [SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) biopsy (b) autopsy (c) operation (d) amputation
17. Pertaining to cattle [SSC Combined Graduate Level Tier-I 2011]
(a) canine (b) feline (c) bovine (d) verminous
18. Place that provides refuge [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) shelter (b) house (c) country (d) asylum
19. A person who gambles or bets [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) punter (b) backer (c) customer (d) client
20. Art of writing for newspapers and magazines [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) literature (b) journalism (c) biography (d) artistry
21. An abandoned child of unknown parents who is found by somebody [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) foundling (b) sibling (c) urchin (d) orphan
22. Parts of a country behind the coast or a river bank [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) swamps (b) marshes (c) hinterland (d) isthmuses
23. A written statement about someone's character, usually provided by an employer [SSC CPO SI, ASI & Intelligence Officer 2011]
(a) testimonial (b) memorandum
(c) certificate (d) licence
24. The highest point [SSC CPO (Mains) 2010]
(a) zenith (b) height (c) zeal (d) ridge
25. One who hates mankind [Delhi Police SI, Travel & Tourism (Gwalior) 2010]
(a) philanthropist (b) misanthropist (c) hater (d) iconoclast
26. Government by one person [RRB Allahabad (ASM) 2010]
(a) monarchy (b) democracy (c) oligarchy (d) dictatorship
27. A voice that cannot be heard [SSC MT 2010]
(a) unheard (b) faint (c) audible (d) inaudible
28. A government by the officials [SSC (ST), SSC TA 2010]
(a) plutocracy (b) aristocracy (c) bureaucracy (d) monarchy
29. One who cannot speak [SSC CPO (Mains) 2010]
(a) deaf (b) dumb (c) visionless (d) lame
30. One whose wife is dead [Travel & Tourism (Gwalior) 2010]
(a) widower (b) widow (c) divorcee (d) celibate

One Word Substitutions

31. One who lives for more than a hundred years [SSC TA 2010]
(a) saint (b) meteorologist (c) demagogue (d) centenarian
32. The scientific study of living organisms [SSC CISF 2010]
(a) biochemistry (b) organic chemistry
(c) zoology (d) biology
33. Study of heavenly bodies [SSC CPO (Mains) 2010]
(a) astrology (b) astronomy (c) stargazing (d) astrophysics
34. Careful and thorough enquiry [SSC (UDC) 2010]
(a) investigation (b) interview (c) examination (d) exploration
35. Sudden and violent change [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) cataclysm (b) catalysis (c) catacombs (d) catechism
36. Specialist in ear disease [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) otologist (b) rhinologist
(c) endocrinologist (d) gerontologist
37. A movement of part of the body to express an idea or feeling [SSC DEO 2010]
(a) jibe (b) gesture (c) pose (d) mimicry
38. A practice of having more than one husband at the same time [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) polygamy (b) polyphony (c) polyandry (d) polygyny
39. Instrument which records earth's tremor [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) monograph (b) seograph (c) seismograph (d) geometer
40. The absence of law and order [SSC MT 2010]
(a) rebellion (b) mutiny (c) revolt (d) anarchy
41. Capable of being interpreted in two ways [SSC (DEO) 2010]
(a) Confusing (b) unclear (c) ambiguous (d) ambivert
42. A continuous process of change [SSC MT 2010]
(a) transformation (b) metamorphosis
(c) flux (d) dynamism
43. To give one's authority to another [SSC MT 2010]
(a) assign (b) delegate (c) represent (d) designate
44. An inscription on a tomb [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) epitaph (b) crypt (c) obituary (d) legacy
45. A person living in a foreign country [RRB (Allahabad) ASM 2010]
(a) abroad (b) native (c) foreigner (d) remote
46. An extreme fear of being in a small confined place [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) hydrophobia (b) paraphernalia
(c) claustrophobia (d) progeria

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47. The action of looking within or into one's own mind [SSC DEO 2010]
(a) observation (b) examination
(c) introspection (d) introvert
48. One who intervenes between two or more parties to settle differences [SSC MT 2010]
(a) neutral (b) intermediary (c) judge (d) connoisseur
49. An involuntary action under a stimulus [SSC MT 2010]
(a) complex (b) reflection (c) reflex (d) response
50. An order requiring a person to attend a court [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) courtship (b) agreement
(c) subpoena (d) command

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SET 12

1. The animals of a particular region [SSC LDC 2010]
(a) flora (b) museum (c) zoo (d) fauna
2. An unexpected piece of good fortune [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) windfall (b) philanthropy
(c) benevolence (d) turnstile
3. Clues available at a scene [SSC LDC 2010]
(a) circumstantial (b) derivative
(c) inferential (d) suggestive
4. An instrument for measuring the force of the wind [Delhi Police SI 2010]
(a) manometer (b) micrometer (c) telescope (d) anemometer
5. One who hides away on a ship to obtain a free passage [SSC LDC 2010]
(a) compositor (b) stoker (c) stowaway (d) shipwright
6. Practice of employing spies in war [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) esplanade (b) espionage (c) espadrille (d) estrangement
7. Circular building or hall with a dome [SSC UDC 2010]
(a) edifice (b) palace (c) rotunda (d) spire
8. The use of many words where only a few are necessary [SSC UDC 2010]
(a) circumspection (b) circumlocution
(c) circumscription (d) circumvention

One Word Substitutions

9. High sea waves caused by under water earthquake [SSC MT 2010]
(a) tsunami (b) tornado
(c) hurricane (d) cyclone
10. One who has narrow and prejudiced religious views [SSC DEO 2010]
(a) religious (b) fanatic (c) bigot (d) God fearing
11. A fixed territory in which authority can be exercised [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) jurisdiction (b) judiciary (c) jurisprudence (d) juristic
12. To confirm with the help of evidence [SSC DEO, DC 2010]
(a) corroborate (b) implicate (c) designate (d) extricate
13. A noisy and bombastic speech addressed to a large assembly [SSC (GL) 2010]
(a) rhetoric (b) cacophony (c) harangue (d) oration
14. One who eats everything [UP Lecturer Recruitment 2009]
(a) herbivorous (b) gregarious
(c) credulous (d) omnivorous
15. A place where bees are kept [SSC (A&A) 2009]
(a) hive (b) sanctuary (c) apiary (d) aviary
16. Two words different in spelling and meaning but pronounced alike [SSC (A&A) 2009]
(a) homonyms (b) homographs (c) synonyms (d) homophones
17. An actor in a theatrical performance whose business is to make people laugh through his action or talk [SSC SI Grade IV 2009]
(a) comedian (b) joker (c) buffoon (d) acrobat
18. An abnormal fear of high places [SSC TA 2009]
(a) hydrophobia (b) claustrophobia (c) delusion (d) aerophobia
19. Occurring at irregular intervals in time [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) epidemic (b) endemic (c) temporal (d) sporadic
20. To agree to something [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) assure (b) assent (c) adapt (d) adhere
21. The field that studies the evolution of mankind [SSC SI Grade IV 2009]
(a) philosophy (b) biology
(c) anthropology (d) archaeology
22. A person who hates the institution of marriage [UP Lecturer Recruitment 2009]
(a) misogamist (b) pacifist (c) philogynist (d) pessimist
23. Careful in spending money [SSC TA 2009]
(a) punctual (b) economical
(c) miserly (d) calculative

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24. One who breaks the law [SSC TA 2009]
(a) aggressor (b) politician (c) transgressor (d) pedestrian
25. Handwriting that cannot be read [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) ineligible (b) illegible (c) ugly (d) decipher
26. To feel or express disapproval of something or someone [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) declare (b) deprive (c) depreciate (d) deprecate
27. Fear of water [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) claustrophobia (b) hydrophobia
(c) insomnia (d) obsession
28. The belief that nothing can be known about God [SSC A&A 2009]
(a) agnosticism (b) theism (c) atheism (d) monotheism
29. One who sympathises with and serves the people [SSC A&A 2009]
(a) humanitarian (b) authoritarian (c) barbarian (d) sympathiser
30. A servile self-seeker who attempts to win favour by flattering influential people [SSC A&A 2009]
(a) nepotist (b) sycophant (c) psychopath (d) hedonist
31. Easily duped or fooled [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) insensible (b) perceptible (c) gullible (d) indefensible
32. Reproducing or memorising word for word [SSC TA 2009]
(a) verbatim (b) verbose (c) verbiage (d) verbalism
33. To keep a great person or event in people's memory [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) communicate (b) commensurate
(c) commemorate (d) commiserate
34. The tendency not to care for right or wrong [SSC SI Grade IV 2009]
(a) amoral (b) moral (c) immoral (d) immortal
35. Memorable recollection of the experience of one's life [SSC SI Grade IV 2009]
(a) biography (b) memoirs (c) testament (d) epistle
36. A person who withdraws from the world to live in seclusion and often in solitude [SSC DEO 2009]
(a) iconoclast (b) recluse (c) sage (d) priest
37. One who attacks and seeks to overthrow traditional or popular ideas of an institution [SSC SI Grade IV 2009]
(a) rebel (b) revolutionary (c) terrorist (d) iconoclast
38. That which cannot be captured [SSC TA 2009]
(a) unbreakable (b) ungrippable
(c) impregnable (d) slippery
39. Hard to understand [SSC SI Grade III 2008]
(a) punctilious (b) obtuse (c) absurd (d) abstruse

One Word Substitutions

40. Inability to sleep [SSC SOA 2008]
(a) hysteria (b) insomnia (c) aphasia (d) amnesia
41. That which is out of place [SSC SI Grade III 2008]
(a) anachronistic (b) obsolete
(c) incongruous (d) archaic
42. A person who never takes alcoholic drinks [SSC SOA 2008]
(a) teetotaler (b) alcoholic (c) addict (d) bagpiper
43. One who journeys from place to place [SSC TA 2008]
(a) quack (b) cannibal (c) itinerant (d) courier
44. Dissection of a dead body to find out the cause of death [SSC CAGC 2008]
(a) biopsy (b) investigation (c) surgery (d) autopsy
45. Subtle difference in colour, meaning, etc [SSC SI Grade III 2008]
(a) nuance (b) variant (c) indifference (d) change-over
46. Government by a ruler who has unlimited power [SSC SO 2008]
(a) despotism (b) autocracy (c) monarchy (d) anarchy
47. Information gathering activity [SSC SI Grade III 2008]
(a) logistics (b) reconnaissance
(c) subversion (d) camouflage
48. An occasion of great importance [SSC SO 2008]
(a) exemplary (b) momentous
(c) herculean (d) grandiose
49. To have a very high opinion of oneself [SSC SOA 2008]
(a) exaggeration (b) adulation
(c) abundance (d) conceit
50. One who believes in giving equal opportunity to women in all fields [SSC SOA 2008]
(a) fanatic (b) misogynist (c) philanderer (d) feminist

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