

Synonyms

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Exercise 1

Find ONE word from the first set of brackets, and ONE word from the second set of brackets, that have the SAME (or a very similar) meaning. Underline your answers.

- (request activate rifle)
(trigger began sharp)
- (overview briefly curt)
(lengthen synopsis overwhelm)
- (vicious provide partner)
(cruel relative given)
- (fester guarding tepid)
(upbeat abandon lukewarm)
- (limp interior imposing)
(tilted commanding garden)
- (fret enhance gracious)
(embellish decrease carefree)

Exercise 2

Circle the word on the right that is a SYNONYM of the word on the left.

- attain** forgive remain fortune achieve lofty
- dilapidated** sincere concealed crumbling gruesome gutter
- vast** swelling boundless cramped genius restricted
- sleek** strand loose coarse ration glossy
- artful** cunning masterpiece portrait talent professor
- proclaim** relinquish whisper candid announce bashful

Exercise 3

Draw lines to match the words on the left with their synonyms on the right.

wander	lavish
perplexed	awe
sumptuous	roam
wonder	confused



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Exercise 1

Find ONE word from the first set of brackets, and ONE word from the second set of brackets, that have the OPPOSITE meaning. Underline your answers.

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| <p>1. (modest dispose crucial)
(conceited personalise wasteful)</p> <p>3. (numerous greedy scanty)
(accurate adequate hunger)</p> <p>5. (turbulent gear liberty)
(free aeroplane calm)</p> | <p>2. (glare rigid query)
(flexible flutter demanded)</p> <p>4. (hazard prosperous jubilant)
(darkness destitute merriment)</p> <p>6. (experience jittery stout)
(nerves slight past)</p> |
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Exercise 2

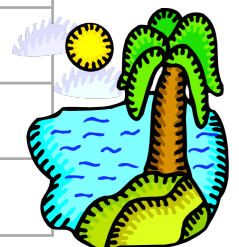
Circle the word on the right that is an ANTONYM of the word on the left.

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| 7. expire | condone | hinge | commence | finish | rapid |
| 8. peril | safety | dire | disappear | sympathy | irrational |
| 9. impudent | lacklustre | daftly | natural | creative | polite |
| 10. wound | wrapped | loosen | heal | glitch | cordon |
| 11. betrayal | forgiven | loyalty | stricken | ashamed | regret |
| 12. composed | frantic | symphony | stillness | fuss | relented |

Exercise 3

Draw lines to match the words on the left with their ANTONYMS on the right.

lenient	polite
insolent	neat
dishevelled	release
seize	strict



Answers

Synonyms

1. activate, trigger, 2. overview, synopsis, 3. vicious, cruel, 4. tepid, lukewarm, 5. imposing, commanding, 6. enhance, embellish

7. achieve, 8. crumbling, 9. boundless, 10. glossy, 11. cunning, 12. announce

wander = roam

perplexed = confused

sumptuous = lavish

wonder = awe

Antonyms

1. modest, conceited, 2. rigid, flexible, 3. scanty, adequate,

4. prosperous, destitute, 5. turbulent, calm, 6. stout, slight

7. commence, 8. safety, 9. polite, 10. heal, 11. loyalty, 12. frantic

lenient = strict

insolent = polite

dishevelled = neat

seize = release