



# Synonyms and Antonyms

## Learning Outcomes

- Students will learn the meaning of synonyms (words with similar meanings) and antonyms (words with opposite meanings).

**Synonym** : A **Synonym** is a word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

Here is a list of Synonyms

Word	Synonym
artful	crafty
abandon	leave
abundant	plentiful
adversity	misfortune
adamant	stubborn
ascend	climb
assistance	help
awkward	clumsy
brief	short
brittle	breakable
barrier	barricade
calamity	misfortune
captivity	confinement
consent	agree
consequence	outcome
commence	start
conquest	victory
demolish	ruin
ecstasy	delight
eccentric	strange, abnormal
eloquence	fluency
epitome	example
feeble	weak
hazard	peril, danger
immaculate	spotless
immerse	submerge
impediment	obstruction
incompetent	inefficient
inevitable	unavoidable
insipid	tasteless
intrinsic	genuine
jubilant	rejoicing
juvenile	young

Word	Synonym
lavish	abundant
lure	attract
modest	humble
minute	small
mysterious	unknown
marvellous	wonderful
mercy	pity
magnificent	splendid
obstinate	stubborn
offspring	children
outbreak	eruption
progress	betterment
reluctant	unwilling
redeem	recover
savage	wild, untamed
slender	slim
sacred	holy
stationary	still
temperate	moderate
tranquil	peaceful
treacherous	dishonest
trivial	insignificant
thankful	grateful
venom	poison
veteran	experienced
vivid	clear
virtue	righteousness
wane	decline
yell	shout
zenith	summit
zeal	eagerness
zest	enthusiasm



### A. Write the synonyms of the following words:

1. abandon \_\_\_\_\_
3. adversity \_\_\_\_\_
5. assistance \_\_\_\_\_
7. compassion \_\_\_\_\_

2. modest \_\_\_\_\_
4. minute \_\_\_\_\_
6. marvellous \_\_\_\_\_
8. placid \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Circle the word which is similar in meaning to the first word in each group.

1. adequate : opposite sufficient brief
2. assistance : seem reply help
3. bliss : hopeless joy ordinary
4. scold : rebuke ridicule grave
5. reluctant : recover holy unwilling
6. tranquil : shout recover peaceful
7. trival : small insignificant decline

### Antonym

A word which is opposite in meaning to another word is called an **Antonym**.

Word	Antonym
ancient	modern
allow	prohibit
adversity	prosperity
ascend	descend
affection	hatred
ancestor	successor
beautiful	ugly
comfort	distress
destroy	create
guest	host
huge	tiny
hollow	solid
haste	delay
hope	despair
honour	shame
humble	proud
hide	reveal
joyful	sad
kind	cruel
knowledge	ignorance
learned	stupid

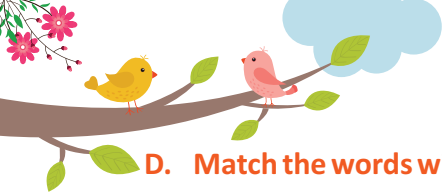
Word	Antonym
legal	illegal
mortal	immortal
quiet	noise
rough	smooth
remember	forget
release	detain
reward	punishment
spend	hoard
sympathy	apathy
thankful	thankless
understand	misunderstand
unity	division
upper	lower
victim	assailant
virtue	vice
visible	invisible
wide	narrow
war	peace
waste	conserve
weep	laugh

### C. Write the antonyms of the following words.

1. agree \_\_\_\_\_
3. brave \_\_\_\_\_
5. defend \_\_\_\_\_
7. expensive \_\_\_\_\_
9. honour \_\_\_\_\_

2. adversity \_\_\_\_\_
4. bless \_\_\_\_\_
6. dangerous \_\_\_\_\_
8. huge \_\_\_\_\_





**D. Match the words with their antonyms.**

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|-------------|---------------|
| 1. ancient  | (a) despair   |
| 2. ascend   | (b) stupid    |
| 3. ancestor | (c) detain    |
| 4. destroy  | (d) modern    |
| 5. hollow   | (e) descend   |
| 6. hope     | (f) successor |
| 7. learned  | (g) create    |
| 8. release  | (h) solid     |

**Making Antonyms with the Help of Prefixes**

Antonyms of many words can be formed by adding the prefixes **un-**, **in-**, **ir-**, **il-**, **im-**, **mis-**. Here are some examples:

un-	unskilled	unhurt	unsold	unhygienic
	unstable	unimportant	unsystematic	uninteresting
	untidy	uninvited	unusable	unjust
	unwise	unkind	unforgettable	unpopular
	unknown	unlucky	unnatural	unfit
	unable	unavoidable	unbeaten	uncommon
	unconditional	unconscious	uncountable	undemocratic
	undesirable	uneducated	unexpected	unfortunate
	unripe	unfriendly	unsafe	ungrammatical
	unscientific	ungrateful	unshaven	unhealthy
in-	incorrect	incurable	indecent	indefinite
	invisible	infinite	insufficient	inactive
	incapable	inexpensive	incomplete	indigestible
	inequality			
dis-	discontinue	disconnect	disarm	disadvantage
	disagree	disallow	disappear	disrespect
	disqualify	displease	disobey	dislike
	dishonest	dishonour	disgrace	
ir-	irrelevant	irreligious	irrational	irregular
	irreparable	irreplaceable	irreversible	irresponsible
il-	illegal	illegitimate	illiterate	illegible
	illogical			
im-	immovable	impure	immature	immobile
	immoral	immortal	impartial	impatient
	imperfect	impolite	impossible	improper
mis-	misspell	misguide	misbehave	misrule
	misquote	misfire	misplace	misconduct
	mishandle	mislead	misprint	misrepresent
	misunderstand	miscalculate	misuse	

**E. Form antonyms using the suitable prefixes.**

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|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| 1. able      | _____ | 2. active     | _____ |
| 3. expensive | _____ | 4. respect    | _____ |
| 5. legal     | _____ | 6. legitimate | _____ |
| 7. partial   | _____ | 8. guide      | _____ |
| 9. spoilt    | _____ | 10. literate  | _____ |

