

3. SYNONYMS

Synonyms are those words, which are very nearly alike in meaning but not quite. We have to choose from a number of synonyms, the particular word that exactly expresses the idea that we wish to convey.

Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with the words provided

in brackets: Here is a..... sword; it is the one used by Guru Gobind Singh (actual, real)

Give me aaccount of the accident, use language (concise, brief)

A mind gives and expression (vacant, empty)

Captain Cookthe pacific, and a great number of islands (discovered, explored)

The ship and many sailors were..... (sank drowned)

In my new I have not the comforts of a(house home) Mountain is enchanting. What a beautiful (sight, scenery)

It was to the astronomer that the eclipse would be at midnight (obvious, visible)

She met with an This in her life was most memorable. It was an of historical importance (accident, incident, event)

Opium smoking is a badthis existed among the ancient tribes of India (custom, habit)

A is bound to take place in our country sooner or later. The

.....

against the dictator was put down with an iron hand
(rebellion, revolution)

Rain is but not before evening. Frost is
..... though not even at the end of May. (probable,
possible)

Choose the correct synonym of the following words

COMPLEMENT

- a. disapproval b. praise c. complaint d. completion

CONCEPT

- a. idea b. belief c. deception d. control

DUMB

- a. clear b. rouge c. mute d. stupid

DUBIOUS

- a. cunning b. pretending c. resolved d. doubtful

INDUCE

- a. trap b. influence c. resolved d. inflict

MUTTER

- a. cry b. weep c. murmur d. blame

SUMMON

- a. call b. weep c. punish d. order

COMPLIMENT

- a. disapproval b. praise c. compliant d. completion

RECKON

- a. withdraw b. calculate c. estimate d. exclude

INCULCATE

- a. attract b. adapt c. cause d. exclude

SEA-CHANGE

- a. complete change b. partial change c. favourable change d. unfavourable change

ANONYMOUS	a. generous	b. well-known	c. reluctant	d. One whose name is not known.
ASSIDUITY	a. diligence	b. bitterness	c. peace	d. intelligence
CENSOR	a. deceive	b. scold	c. delete	d. fabricate
NOTHING	a. something	b. cipher	c. suffering	d. everything
ANGUISH	a. insult	b. anger	c. suffering	d. desire
COMPLACENCY	a. self-satisfaction	b. negligence	c. carelessness	d. hesitation
FLAIR	a. talent	b. anger	c. jealousy	d. hatred
JEOPARDY	a. upset	b. confusion	c. danger	d. demolition
POSTHUMOUS CHILD	a. brilliant	b. physically weak	c. illegitimate	d. born after the death of the father
INEFFABLE	a. not erasable	b. inadequate	c.	d. not effective
ORATOR	a. speaker	b. singer	c. debate	d. critic
NOSTALGIC	a. indolent	b. diseased	c. homesick	d. soothing
PROCURE	a. preserve	b. acquired	c. recover	d. harm
ATHEIST	a. bachelor	b. disbeliever in God	c. heart doctor	d. priest
OPHTHALMOLOGIST	a. eye doctor	b. skin doctor	c. heart doctor	d. cancer specialist
TERRESTRIAL	a. wide spread	b. relating to the earth	c. windswept	d. earthly

ANTONYMS

Words having opposite or contrary meanings are called Antonyms

Attractive	X	Repulsive
Acknowledge	X	Disown, deny
Adversity	X	Prosperity
Acquit	X	Convict
Affirm	x	Deny
Frugal, thrifty	X	Extravagant
Fickle	X	Constant
Condemn	x	Approve
Savage	X	Civilized
Persuade	X	Dissuade
Prohibit	x	Permit
Punish	X	Reward
Retire	X	Advance, approach
Work	x	
Benefactor	X	Malefactor
Base	X	Noble
Frank	x	Reserved
Complain	X	Refusal
Ambiguity	X	Clarity

Underline the correct antonym of the following words

DISTANT

- a. remote b. far c. near d. yonder

INEVITABLE

- a. certain b. unavoidable c. escapable d. absolute

INCREASE

- a. augment b. decrease c. improve d. .

NARROW

- a. broad b. thin c. slime d.

EXCLUSION

- a. omission b. elimination c. inclusion d. exemption

DETERIORATE

- a. dwindle b. decrease c. increase d. diminish

PROGRESS

- a. develop b. advance c. recede d. prolong

FAITH

- a. trust b. doubt c. belief d. reliance

FLUCTUATE

- a. vacillate b. change c. shift d. settle

BIAS

- a. equity b. impartiality c. prejudice d. unfairness

CELESTIAL

- a. heavenly b. divine c. supernatural d. earthly

PROTEST

- a. objection b. disapproval c. assent d. contradiction

LANKY

- a. lean b. thin c. sturdy d. bony

LAVIS

- H b. miserly c. liberal d. bountiful

- a. profuse

GREAT

a. advance b. big c. large d. little

IMPERFECT

a. absolute b. complete c. profound d. consummate

SIGNIFICANT

a. important b. insignificant c. vital d. necessary

ISOLATION

a. separation b. loneliness c. intimacy d. solitude

UNIQUE

a. ordinary b. common c. singular d. unequalled

SURMOUNT

a. surpass b. fail c. master d. overcome

JEALOUSY

a. tolerance b. aware c. jubilant d. rustic

AMBIGUITY

a. clarity b. certainty c. rationality d. perversity

FEASIBILITY

a. unsuitability b. cheapness c. impropriety d. impracticability

CIRCUITIOUS

a. round about b. aware c. complete d. direct

GORGEOUS

a. fashionable b. desperate c. plain d. sumptuous
appearance