

Synonyms and antonyms

Watch this video to remind you of synonyms and antonyms:

https://youtu.be/F_kvS4KYrqM

Then answer the following questions.

Use a dictionary if you need to!

Q1.

Add a **prefix** to the beginning of each word to form its **antonym**.

_____agree

_____legal

_____regular

1 mark

Q2.

Tick the words that mean the **opposite** of:

scarce

Tick **one**.

in short supply, rare

plentiful, easy to find

difficult, tricky

generous, kind

1 mark

Q3.

Tick the word that is similar in meaning to:

abrupt

Tick **one**.

slow

seldom

often

sudden

1 mark

Q4.

Complete the table by writing a suitable **antonym** (opposite) in the box below.

One has been done for you.

Word	Antonym
cautious	reckless
drowsy	

1 mark

Q5.

Replace the underlined word with a word that has a similar meaning.

Write the new word in the box.

When they returned, all the others had disappeared.

1 mark

Q6.

Which word is an **antonym** of difficult?

The problem was difficult to solve.

Tick **one**.

hard

easy

impossible

challenging

1 mark

Q7.

Draw a line to match each word with its **synonym**.

Word

Synonym

vast

dull

swift

busy

drab

huge

bustling

fast

1 mark

Q8.

Draw a line to match each word to its correct **antonym**.

Word

Antonym

meandering

confront

sympathetic

unfeeling

evade

unbelievable

plausible

straight

1 mark

Q9.

Circle the two words that are **synonyms** in the passage below.

The café serves delicious snacks and cakes until noon.

After midday, you can also order hot lunches, sandwiches or soup.

1 mark

Q10.

Circle the two words in the sentence below that are **synonyms** of each other.

He was lucky to win first prize - he knew it was fortunate that his closest rival had decided not to take part.

1 mark

Q11.

(a) Write an explanation of the word **antonym**.

1 mark

(b) Write one word that is an **antonym** of fierce.

1 mark

Q12.

Circle two words in the passage below that are **synonyms** of each other.

Having queued for over an hour, Sanjit found that his tolerance was being severely tested. Most of the other children had lost

patience and gone elsewhere.

1 mark

Q13.

Which verb is a **synonym** of the verb produce?

Tick **one**.

make

buy

sell

trade

1 mark

Q14.

Circle the two words that are **antonyms** in the sentence below.

What looked like a worthless collection of rusty metal turned out to include ancient coins and valuable jewellery.

1 mark

Q15.

Which one **prefix** can be added to all three words below to make their antonyms?

Write the prefix in the box.

secure

active

complete



1 mark

Mark schemes

Q1.

Award 1 mark for all three correct.

disagree

illegal

irregular

1 mark

Q2.

plentiful, easy to find

1 mark

Q3.

sudden

1 mark

Q4.

Award 1 mark for an appropriate antonym, eg:

- *awake/alert/lively/energetic*

Also accept appropriate antonyms consisting of two words, eg: *wide awake*.

Also accept informal usages, eg: *hyper*.

1 mark

Q5.

Award 1 mark for a suitable past participle synonym, eg:

- *vanished / gone / left*

1 mark

Q6.

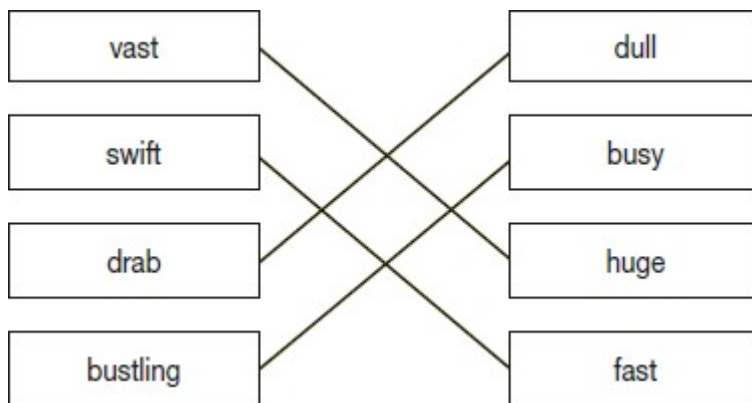
Award 1 mark for the correct box ticked.

easy

1 mark

Q7.

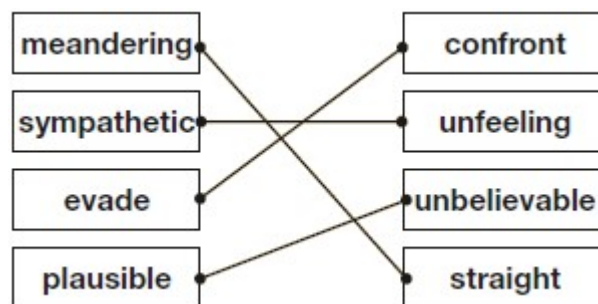
Award 1 mark for all four correct.



1 mark

Q8.

Award 1 mark for all **four** correct.



1 mark

Q9.

Award 1 mark for both synonyms encircled.

The café serves delicious snacks and cakes until **noon**.

After **midday**, you can also order hot lunches, sandwiches

or soup.

1 mark

Q10.

Award 1 mark for **both** words encircled.

He was lucky to win first prize – he knew it was fortunate that his closest rival had decided not to take part.

1 mark

Q11.

a) **Award 1 mark** for a correct explanation of the word antonym, e.g.

They are words that mean the opposite to each other.

b) **Award 1 mark** for a word that is a true opposite of the word fierce, e.g.

- *gentle*
- *calm*

1 mark

Q12.

Award 1 mark for the correct words circled.

Having queued for over an hour, Sanjit found that his tolerance was being severely tested. Most of the other children had lost patience and gone elsewhere.

1 mark

Q13.

make

1 mark

Q14.

Award 1 mark for both antonyms encircled.

What looked like a worthless collection of rusty metal turned out to include ancient coins and valuable jewellery.

1 mark

Q15.

Award 1 mark for the correct prefix.

in

1 mark