

Here are some important and frequently used Synonyms and Antonyms:

SYNONYMS

A

Abandon: forsake, leave, relinquish
Abate: diminish, lessen, reduce
Abdicate: give up, forego, surrender, vacate
Abhor: dislike, hate, detest
Ability: capacity, talent, efficiency, power
Abnormal: unnatural, irregular, unusual
Abolish: annihilate, cancel, destroy
Abolish: revoke, annihilate, extinguish
Absolute: unconditional, entire, unrestricted
Abstain: refrain, detest
Abundance: plenty, sufficiency, fullness
Abuse: misuse
Accelerate: quickness, expedite, forward, dispatch
Accommodate: adapt, fit, suit, serve
Accord: agree
Account: description, narration, detail
Accountable: answerable, responsible, liable
Accumulate: collect, gather, increase
Acknowledge: admit, confess, recognizes
Acquaint: inform
Active: agile
Adapt: accommodate, confirm, adjust
Adept: expert
Adjourn: postpone, defer, delay
Administer: award, execute, perform
Admit: accept, concede
Advantageous: beneficial
Adverse: against, contrary
Adversity: calamity, misery
Advise: counsel
Aggregate: accumulate, get together
Agreement: accordance, contact, harmony
Aid: assist
Alienate: withdraw from, transfer

Allude: refer

Alteration: change, variation

Amalgamate: join, compound, unit, consolidate

Ambiguous: doubtful

Ample: copious

Anger: fury, rage

Apparent: easily seen, visible, clear, obvious, self-evident

Apparent: evident, obvious

Appreciate: esteem, praise

Apt: appropriate

Assent: agree, concur

Authority: power, domination, supremacy

Authorized: accredited, empowered, commissioned

Autocrat: despot, dictator, tyrant

Auxiliary: assistant, helping, conducive

Avoid: elude, evade

B

Bargain: agreement, convention

Barren: arid, fruitless

Beautiful: handsome

Bestow: confer

Bias: prejudice

Blame: accuse, condemn

Bogus: false, wrong

Bound: confine, restrict, restrain

Brave: bold, daring

Brisk: active, lively, quick, prompt

Bulk: bigness, largeness, massiveness

C

Calculate: compute, count, consider

Calm: quiet, placid, tranquil

Caprice: freak, whim

Careless: heedless

Catalogue: list, record, index

Cause: ground, reason
Caution: care, vigilance, warning
Cease: discontinue, pause, end
Certify: testify, vouch, evidence
Chaos: confusion, disorder
Cheat: deceive, swindle
Civil: courteous, polite, respectful
Clause: provision, term, article, section
Clear: lucid
Coalition: alliance, union, combination
Coincide: agree, concur
Collision: clash, striking, encounter
Common: mutual
Compassion: pity, sympathy
Compatible: consistent, accordant
Compensate: recompense
Compensate: recompense, requite, remunerate
Competent: able, capable, efficient
Complex: complicated
Comply: agree, follow
Comply: conform
Condense: press, squeeze
Confuse: astound, perplex
Conjecture: guess
Conspicuous: distinguished, noted
Contingency: casualty, accident, occurrence
Contrary: adverse, opposite
Contrivance: plan, device
Convene: call, together
Conversation: dialogue, conference, talk
Correspond: tally, answer, agree
Correspondence: letters, communication
Crafty: cunning, sly, tricky
Criterion: test, proof, standard
Critical: crucial
Critical: ticklish, crucial
Crude: raw, half studied, unrefined
Cruel: brutal, ruthless, savage

Current: prevailing
Curtail: diminish, reduce

D

Damage: injure, hurt, loss, impair
Dangerous: perilous
Data: facts, grounds, postulates
Debase: degrade, lower
Debt: liability, obligation
Decay: decline, decrease
Decisive: conclusive
Deed: instrument, document
Default: forfeit, omission, absence, failure
Defile: pollute, corrupt, spoil
Delicate: tender
Department: section, division, branch
Depute: appoint, commission, charge
Depute: delegate
Deputy: lieutenant, representative, agent
Describe: draw, delineate, explain
Desire: craving.
Deter: warn, stop
Diligence: care, attention
Diminish: decrease, lessen, reduce
Diplomatic: judicious, prudent
Discrepancy: difference, disagreement
Disgrace: degrade, defame
Durable: permanent, abiding, counting

E

Economical: saving, sparing, careful
Effect: impact, influence
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Elastic: ductile, flexible
Elementary: primary
Eligible: fit, desirable
Eliminate: drive out, expel, cast out
Eminent: distinguished
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Endure: tolerate

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Energy: force, power
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Entail: involve
Entail: involve
Enumerate: tell, narrate, detail
Esteem: prize, value
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Exceed: excel
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Extend: increase, stretch
Extravagant: lavish, excessive

F

Fabricate: invent, frame, make, construct
False: deceptive
False: untrue, spurious
Fame: reputation, glory, honor
Familiar: frank, conversant, intimate
Familiar: intimate
Fatigue: weariness, exhaustion
Filthy: dirty, dingy, unclean
Final: ultimate
Firm: fixed, inflexible
Firm: strong, steadfast, stable
Flock: crowd, assemble
Fluctuating: wavering, changing
Foolish: imprudent, stupid
Forego: abandon, quit, let go
Franchise: right, exemption, privilege
Fraud: deception, deceit, cheat
Frequent: often, common, usual
Frugal: provident, economical, saving
Futile: useless

G

Generate: make, form, produce
Genial: hearty, pleasant, warm
Genuine: real, true, authentic, sincere
Gesture: attitude, action, posture

Glut: stuff, block up
Gradual: slow, progressive
Grand: majestic, dignified, splendid
Grant (n): gift, boon, donation
Grant: impart give, allow, confer
Gratify: indulge
Gross: entire, whole

H

Habituated: accustomed, addicted
Halt: rest, pause
Hardy: robust, strong, tough
Haughty: arrogant
Hazardous: dangerous, risky, perilous
Hinder: stop, prevent, obstruct
Hopeful: optimistic, sanguine
Hypocrisy: deceit, pretense, cant

I

Ideal: imaginary, visionary
Identical: same, particular, similar
Idle: indolent
Illegal: unlawful, illicit, illegitimate
Illustrate: explain, elucidate, clarify
Imminent: coming, hovering
Immoral: dissolute, wicked
Impartial: disinterested, indifferent
Imply: involve, denote, signify
Impressive: exciting, affecting, moving
Improve: amend, better, reform
Incentive: motive, inducement, impulse
Incite: provoke
Include: comprise, contain, embrace
Incoherent: loose, unconnected, inconsistent
Incompetent: incapable, unable, inadequate
Inconstant: changeable, unstable, variable
Indicate: show, mark, declare
Indispensable: essential, necessary, requisite
Industrious: busy, diligent
Ingenious: candid, frank

Insidious: treacherous, cunning
Install: induct, inaugurate
Intervention: agency, interposition, mediation
Intrinsic: genuine, real, true, natural
Invalidate: attack, encroach
Irresistible: resistless, un-opposable
Issue: emerge, proceed, spring

J

Jeopardize: hazard, peril, endanger
Judicious: prudent, discreet
Juvenile: young, boyish, childish, youthful

K

Knavish: roguish, dishonest, fraudulent
Knowledge: learning, scholarship, erudition

L

Laborious: assiduous, industrious, diligent
Lasting: durable, enduring
Lavish: extravagant
Liberal: generous, bounteous, plentiful
Lucid: clear
Luminous: bright, brilliant
Luxuriant: overflowing, exuberant, abundant

M

Magnificence: splendor, grandeur
Malice: rancor, ill-feeling, grudge, spite
Manifest: exhibit, evident, visible
Manifold: several, various, many
Marvelous: amazing, miraculous, wondrous
Mature: ripe
Meek: humble, submissive
Mitigate: alleviate, relieve, diminish
Modest: diffident, shy
Monotonous: dull, tiresome
Morbid: unhealthy, diseased

N

Necessary: needful, essential, requisite
Nominate: name, entitle, appoint

Normal: ordinary, typical
Notable: remarkable, memorable, evident
Notion: idea, belief, opinion
Notorious: infamous
Novice: beginner, inexperienced

O

Obligation: duty, bond
Obliterate: destroy, efface
Obsolete: disused, antiquated, old
Offer: present, bid, propose
Omission: oversight, neglect, default
Organic: fundamental, elementary
Organize: arrange, regulate, adjust
Overrule: supersede, suppress

P

Pacify: appease, calm, soothe
Pain: agony, grief
Paramount: supreme, chief
Passive: patient, peaceful
Pathetic: moving, touching, affecting
Peculiar: particular
Penetrate: pierce, enter, reach
Perception: sensation, conception
Permanent: durable, enduring, lasting
Perseverance: steadfastness
Persuade: convince, prevail, induce, urge
Pertinent: relevant, appropriate, proper
Positive: definite
Praise: applaud, commend
Prescribe: direct, advise the use of medicine
Privilege: advantage, favor, right
Probability: chance, likelihood

Q

Quantity: property, attribute, peculiarity
Questionable: doubtful, uncertain

R

Raise: heighten, elevate, lift
Rank: order, degree, nobility

Rapidity: quickness, speed, expedition
Ratify: confirm, establish, sanction
Rational: reasonable, judicious, wise
Reciprocal: mutual, alternate, interchangeable
Reconcile: pacify, harmonize
Record: chronicle, register, note
Refund: reimburse, pay back, repay
Regular: orderly, methodical, systematical
Reimburse: refund, repay, indemnify
Relinquish: forsake, give up
Renounce: forego, reject
Replace: substitute
Reproduce: copy, imitate
Restrict: confine.
Retrench: reduce, diminish, curtail
Rival: competitor, opponent

S

Sad: sorrowful
Salient: striking, remarkable, prominent
Scarce: rare, uncommon, unusual
Scope: aim, mark, range
Secular: temporal
Serious: earnest, grave
Severe: stern, strict
Share: portion, division, quota
Sink: descend, suppress, conceal
Solemnity: ceremony, rite, sanctity
Solitary: lonely, companionless, unaccompanied
Speculation: contemplation, view, theory
Spurious: false, imaginary
Squander: waste, consume, dissipate
Subtle: delicate.
Sumptuous: costly, expensive, valuable
Surpass: exceed, outdo, outstrip, surmount
Surrender: submit, give up, relinquish
Surreptitious: underhand, furtive

T

Tactics: strategy, policy, diplomacy
Tedious: tardy, wearisome, sluggish

Terminate: close, end, complete
Testimony: witness, attestation, proof
Thought: idea, supposition, opinion
Thrifty: economical, saving, prudent
Thrive: flourish, grow, prosper
Transfer: convey, transmit, remove
Treaty: convention, negotiation, agreement

U

Ugly: unsightly, ill-favored
Ultimate: last, final, eventual
Unbounded: boundless, infinite
Unique: unequalled, race, matchless
Universal: general, all, entire
Uphold: maintain, sustain, defend
Usage: custom, fashion, practice

V

Vague: uncertain, unsettled, pointless
Valid: weighty strong, binding
Versatile: vacillating, manifold
Vicious: corrupt, faulty, malicious
Vital: essential, indispensable
Vivid: lively, clear, lucid, bright
Void: null, invalid, useless
Vulnerable: weak, exposed, tender

W

Waive: forgo, relinquish, let go
Whimsical: capricious, fanciful
Wholesome: nutritious, healthy, healing
Willingly: voluntarily, spontaneously, gratuitously
Worthy: excellent, meritorious
Yearn: long for, desire, crave
Yield: bear, give, bestow
Yore: long ago, long since

Z

Zeal: enthusiasm, energy, eagerness
Zealous: warm, ardent, enthusiastic, anxious
Zenith: apex, climax, top
Zest: relish, flavor

ANTONYMS

A

Abbreviate : Lengthen, expand.
Abandon : Retain, hold, assert.
Abstract : Concrete.
Abundance : Dearth, scarcity, paucity.
Accelerate : Retard.
Accept : Reject, refuse, disown.
Accord : Discord, disagreement, withhold.
Acquit : Convict, Condemn.
Admire : Dislike, abhor, disapprove.
Adopt : Reject, renounce, discard.
Adventurous : Cowardly, timid.
Affluence : Poverty.
Alleviate : Aggravate.
Amateur : Professional.
Analysis : Synthesis.
Appreciate : Depreciate, ignore.
Arrogant : Humble.
Artificial : Natural.
Attract : Repel.
Authentic : Spurious.
Awkward : Graceful, elegant.
Active : inactive, passive
Agreeable : disagreeable
Animate : inanimate
Appear : disappear
Attentive : inattentive
Above : below
Absent : present
Acknowledge : deny
Advance : retreat
Adversity : prosperity
Affirmative : negative
Agree : differ
Allow : forbid

Alive : dead
Ample : meager
Angry : pleased
Answer : question
Arrival : departure
Associate : dissociate
Attack : defend

B

Barbarism : Civilization.
Barren : Fertile.
Benevolent : Malevolent.
Bliss : Misery.
Boisterous : Calm.
Borrow : Lend.
Bottom : Top.
Beautiful : ugly
Before : after
Begin : end
Benefactor : Malefactor
Big, Large : small
Birth : death
Bitter : Sweet
Black : white
Blame : Praise
Blessing : Curse
Bold : Timid
Boon : curse, bane
Brave : coward
Bravery : cowardice
Bright : dull
Broad, wide : narrow
Buy : sell

C

Callous : Soft, tender.
Care : Neglect.
Cautious : Rash.

Censure : Praise, applaud.
Cheerful : Gloomy, depressed
Civility : Rudeness
Coarse : Fine.
Compare : Contrast.
Complex : Simple.
Conceal : Reveal.
Condemn : Praise
Condense : Lengthen, expand.
Confidence : Diffidence, distrust doubt.
Create : Destroy.
Credit : Discredit, debit
Crude : Refined.
Clean : dirty
Cause : effect
Clever : stupid
Cold : hot
Confession : denial
Conservative : progressive
Cool : Warm
Correct : wrong, incorrect.

D

Danger : Safety.
Deficient : Sufficient.
Definite : Indefinite, vague.
Delay : Haste.
Diligent : Idle, lazy.
Despair : Hope.
Diffident : Confident.
Diligent : Lazy.
Discourage : Encourage.
Dissolute : Upright.
Distant : Near.
Diverge : Converge.
Dynamic : Static.
Dark : bright
Darkness : light
Day : night

Dear : Cheap
Deep : shallow
Deficit : surplus
Dense : rare
Discharge : charge
Discount : premium
Distress : comfort
Docile : stubborn
Down : up
Dry : wet
Dwarf : giant

E

Economy : Extravagance.
Egoistic : Altruistic.
Enmity : Friendship.
Enthusiasm : Apathy.
Entrance : Exit.
Equality : Inequality.
Exceptional : Ordinary.
Expedite : Impede.
Explicit : Implicit.
Extensive : Intensive
External : Internal.
Exterior : Interior
Extraordinary : Ordinary.
Extravagant : Economical.
Early : late
Earning : spending
Easy : difficult
Ebb : flow
Encourage : discourage
Enrich : impoverish
Ever : never
Export : import

F

Fabulous : Actual, Real.
Fact : Fiction.

Failure : Success.
 Famous : Obscure, notorious.
 Feasible : Impractical.
 Ferocious : Mild.
 Fickle : constant.
 Fierce : gentle.
 Flexible : Stiff, rigid.
 Folly : Wisdom.
 Foreign : Native.
 Futility : Utility.
 Far : near
 Fair : foul
 Fast : slow
 Fertile : barren
 Find : lose
 First : last
 Forget : remember
 Frank : reserved
 Freedom : slavery
 Frequent : occasional
 Fresh : stale
 Friend : foe
 Friendly : inimical
 Float : sink
 Front : rear, back
 Full : empty

G

Gaiety : Mourning.
 Gain : Loss.
 Gather : Scatter.
 General : Particular.
 Generosity : Stinginess.
 Genuine : False.
 Grant : Reject.
 Growth : Decline.
 Gain (v) : lose
 Glory : shame
 Go : come

Grave : cheerful
 Guilty : innocent.

H

Haste : Leisure.
 Haughty : Humble.
 Hereditary : Acquired.
 Honour : Dishonour, shame.
 Hope : Despair.
 Humane : Cruel.
 Humility : Arrogance.
 Hypocrisy : Sincerity.
 Happiness : misery
 Happy : sad
 Hard : soft
 Harsh : mild
 Hate : love
 Health : sickness disease
 Heaven : hell
 Heavy : light
 Help : hinder
 Hero : coward
 Hollow : solid
 Honor : shame
 Hot : cold
 Humble : haughty

I

Imperative : Optional.
 Include : Exclude.
 Initial : Final.
 Injurious : Beneficial.
 Induce : Dissuade.
 Industrious : Lazy.
 Interested : Disinterested.
 Interesting : Uninteresting.
 Idle : busy
 In : out
 Include : exclude

Sharp : blunt
Simple : complex
Single : double
Sink : swim
Sit : stand
Solid : liquid
Slow : quick, prompt
Smile : frown
Sober : drunk
Steadfast : fickle
Stout : thin
Straight : curved
Strange : familiar
Strict : lenient
Stern : mild
Strong : weak, feeble
Success : failure
Sympathy : antipathy
Sober : Excited, drunk.
Soothe : Excite.
Sophisticated : Native.
Spiritual : Material.
Splendid : Ordinary.
Stationary : Moving
Surplus : Deficit
Synonym : Antonym

T

Tangible : Intangible.
Tedious : Lively.
Tender : Hard, strong
Theory : Practice.
Thrifty : Extravagant.
Transparent : opaque
Truth : falsehood

U

Unanimity : Dissent.

Unbounded : Finite.
Uncertain : Certain.
Unite : separate
Universal : particular
Union : discord
Use : abuse

V

Vague : Specific.
Vital : Unnecessary.
Vertical : horizontal
Violent : gentle
Virtue : vice
Voluntary : compulsory
Vulgar : refined
Void : Valid.

W

Waive : Enforce.
Worthy : Worthless.
Wreck : Completeness.
War : peace
Wax : wane
Well : badly
Weal : woe
Wicked : virtuous
Wild : tame
Windy : calm
Wise : foolish
Word: deed

Y

Yore: Now.
Youthful: Old.

Z

Zeal: Apathy
Zealous : Unconcerned.