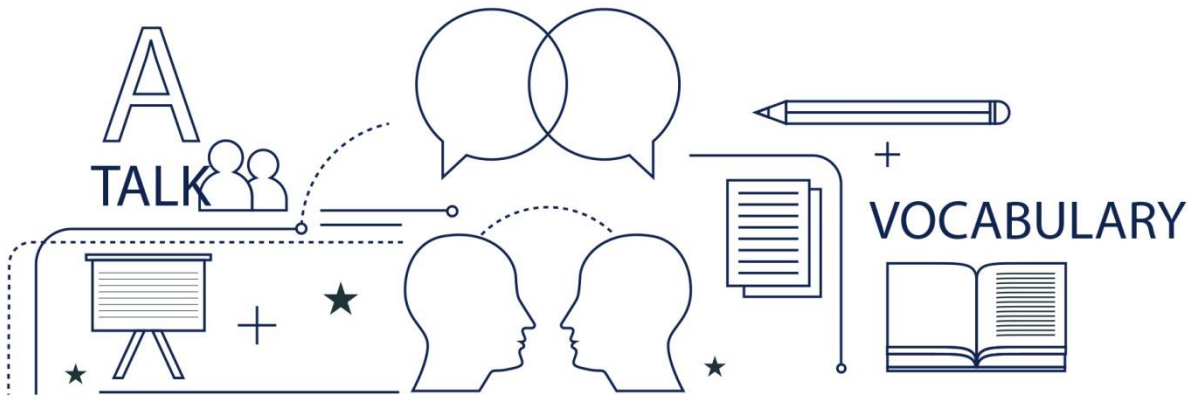


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English Language - Antonyms

Directions [1-50]: Which of these words is most nearly the opposite of the word provided?

1. Withdraw

- A. reduce
- B. need
- C. advance
- D. want

2. Secret

- A. friendly
- B. covert
- C. hidden
- D. overt

3. Heartfelt

- A. loving
- B. insincere
- C. unhealthy
- D. humorous

4. Impartial

- A. hostile
- B. biased
- C. dislike
- D. worried

5. Luminous

- A. clear
- B. dim
- C. brittle
- D. clever

6. Awe

- A. borrow
- B. shallow
- C. low
- D. contempt

7. Pit

- A. group
- B. peak
- C. select
- D. marry

8. Rotund

- A. round
- B. unimportant
- C. thin
- D. dull

9. Talent

- A. ungrateful
- B. silent
- C. show
- D. inability

10. Common

- A. strange
- B. uneasy
- C. quick
- D. fast

11. Brazen

- A. bashful
- B. boisterous
- C. noisy
- D. heated

12. Expect

- A. attend
- B. regret
- C. despair
- D. loathe

13. Malodorous

- A. acrid



- B. pungent
- C. fragrant
- D. delicious

14. Expound

- A. besmirch
- B. confuse
- C. confine
- D. condemn

15. Pique

- A. value
- B. gully
- C. smooth
- D. soothe

16. Abate

- A. free
- B. augment
- C. provoke
- D. wane

17. Dearth

- A. lack
- B. poverty
- C. abundance
- D. foreign

18. Peaked

- A. tired
- B. arrogant
- C. pointy
- D. ruddy

19. Abridge

- A. shorten
- B. extend
- C. stress
- D. easy

20. Kindle

- A. smother
- B. detest

- C. enemy
- D. discourage

21. Meage

- A. kind
- B. generous
- C. thoughtful
- D. copious

22. Philistine

- A. novice
- B. intellectual
- C. pious
- D. debutante

23. Zenith

- A. worst
- B. apex
- C. nadir
- D. past

24. Germane

- A. irrelevant
- B. indifferent
- C. impartial
- D. improvident

25. Irascible

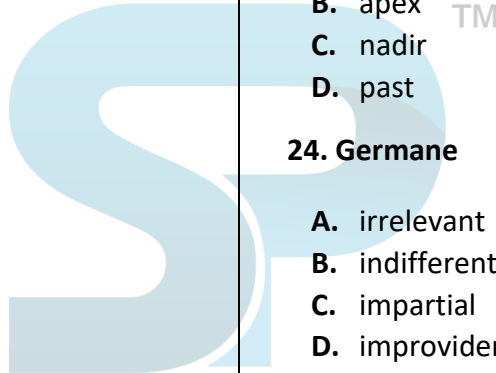
- A. determined
- B. placid
- C. reasonable
- D. pliant

26. Approbate

- A. ingratitude
- B. condemn
- C. dissatisfaction
- D. master

27. Supercilious

- A. unimportant
- B. relevant
- C. serious





D. meek

28. Improvident

- A. cautious
- B. fortunate
- C. proven
- D. intelligent

29. Demur

- A. embrace
- B. crude
- C. boisterous
- D. falter

30. Fatuous

- A. crafty
- B. frugal
- C. sensible
- D. inane

31. Quiescent

- A. lackadaisical
- B. active
- C. dull
- D. prescient

32. Sartorial

- A. cheerful
- B. sincere
- C. inelegant
- D. homespun

33. Sapient

- A. hunched
- B. strong
- C. simple
- D. simian

34. Matutinal

- A. paternal
- B. crepuscular
- C. maritime
- D. marsupia

35. Impecunious

- A. wealthy
- B. cautious
- C. hungry
- D. tardy

36. Detain is most opposite to

- A. release
- B. silence
- C. forget
- D. prosper

37. Famous is most opposite to

- A. boring
- B. poor
- C. obscure
- D. untalented

38. Colossal is most opposite to

- A. easy
- B. tiny
- C. graceful
- D. roof

39. Fluid is most opposite to

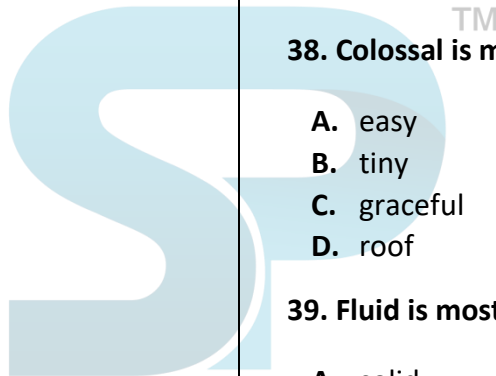
- A. solid
- B. liquid
- C. afraid
- D. decent

40. Continue is most opposite to

- A. curve
- B. argue
- C. carry
- D. pause

41. Labor is most opposite to

- A. amuse
- B. cat
- C. rest
- D. strive





41. Brawny is most opposite to

- A. swift
- B. weak
- C. strong
- D. pale

42. Fickle is most opposite to

- A. steady
- B. kind
- C. please
- D. finagle

43. Inept is most opposite to

- A. clumsy
- B. infer
- C. competent
- D. foolish

44. Pivotal is most opposite to

- A. turning
- B. wavy
- C. unimportant
- D. clear

45. Cursed is most opposite to

- A. swore
- B. pious
- C. unfortunate
- D. lucky

46. Candid is most opposite to

- A. unkind
- B. blunt
- C. valid
- D. dishonest

47. Flaunt is most opposite to

- A. regard
- B. sink
- C. hide

D. propose

48. Heal is most opposite to

- A. sew
- B. foot
- C. good
- D. maim

49. Pacify is most opposite to

- A. excite
- B. land
- C. coddle
- D. unhand

50. Sullen is most opposite to

- A. dirty
- B. cheerful
- C. clean
- D. risen

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Answers and Explanation

1. **Answer:** C

Explanation: to withdraw means to remove or retreat; to advance is the opposite of retreat

2. **Answer:** D

Explanation: secret means hidden or covert; overt means open to view

3. **Answer:** B

Explanation: heart felt means expressing genuine feeling, or sincere, so insincere is its opposite

4. **Answer:** B

Explanation: impartial means to be without prejudice or bias, therefore biased is the opposite

5. **Answer:** B

Explanation: luminous means radiating or reflecting light, or glowing; dim means dark or dull

6. **Answer:** D

Explanation: awe means a sense of deep respect or veneration; contempt means a lack of respect, or disdain

7. **Answer:** B

Explanation: a pit is a hole and a peak is the top of a hill or mountain

8. **Answer:** C

Explanation: rotund means rounded or plump, therefore thin is the opposite

9. **Answer:** D

Explanation: a talent is a special creative or artistic ability, therefore inability is the opposite

10. **Answer:** A

Explanation: common means ordinary or familiar; strange means unfamiliar

11. **Answer:** A

Explanation: brazen means to be defiant or insolent; bashful means to be shy or timid

12. **Answer:** C

Explanation: to expect is to wait for or to look forward to; to despair is to lose all hope

13. **Answer:** C

Explanation: malodorous means to have a bad smell; fragrant means smelling sweet or delicate

14. **Answer:** B

Explanation: to expound means to explain; to confuse, or confound, is the opposite of to expound; to pique means to excite or irritate; to soothe means to calm

15. **Answer:** D

Explanation: to abate means to reduce in degree or intensity; to augment means to increase

16. **Answer:** B

Explanation: dearth means an inadequate supply or lack of something; abundance means an ample quantity, or wealth

17. **Answer:** C



Explanation: to be peaked is to appear pale or wan; to be ruddy is to have a healthy, red complexion

18. **Answer:** D

Explanation: to abridge means to shorten and to extend means to lengthen

19. **Answer:** B

Explanation: to kindle means to start burning or ignite; to smother means to stifle or suppress

20. **Answer:** A

Explanation: meager means lacking in quality or quantity; copious means present in large quantity, or abundant

21. **Answer:** D

Explanation: philistine is used disparagingly to describe a person guided by material rather than intellectual values; an intellectual is a person who engages in creative use of his or her intellect

22. **Answer:** B

Explanation: zenith means the highest point or the apex; nadir means the lowest point

23. **Answer:** A

Explanation: germane means to be appropriate or relevant, therefore irrelevant is the opposite

24. **Answer:** A

Explanation: irascible means easily angered; placid means calm or serene

25. **Answer:** B

Explanation: to approbate means to approve or sanction; to condemn means to declare wrong or to convict

26. **Answer:** D

Explanation: supercilious means coolly or patronizingly haughty; meek means enduring injury with patience and without resentment

27. **Answer:** A

Explanation: improvident means lacking prudent foresight, or careless; cautious means to be wary or to exercise forethought

28. **Answer:** A

Explanation: to demur means to delay or hesitate; to embrace means to accept readily or gladly; demure means coy

29. **Answer:** C

Explanation: fatuous means inane or foolish; sensible is its nearest opposite

30. **Answer:** B

Explanation: quiescent means marked by inactivity or repose, therefore active is the opposite

31. **Answer:** A

Explanation: sartorial means of or relating to tailored clothes; homespun means homemade

32. **Answer:** C

Explanation: sapient means possessing great wisdom, or sage; one meaning of simple is deficient in intelligence

33. **Answer:** B



Explanation: matutinal means of or relating to the morning; crepuscular means relating to or resembling twilight

34. **Answer:** A

Explanation: impecunious means having little or no money, therefore wealthy is the opposite

35. **Answer:** A

Explanation: to detain means to hold or keep back; to release means to let go

36. **Answer:** C

Explanation: famous means widely known; obscure means little known

37. **Answer:** B

Explanation: colossal means incredibly large, therefore tiny is the opposite

38. **Answer:** A

Explanation: a fluid is a substance that flows; a solid does not flow

39. **Answer:** D

Explanation: to continue means to act without interruption; to pause means to stop temporarily

40. **Answer:** C

Explanation: to labor means to work; to rest means to cease working

41. **Answer:** B

Explanation: brawny means muscled or strong, therefore weak is the opposite

42. **Answer:** A

Explanation: fickle means to lack steadiness, therefore steady is the opposite

43. **Answer:** C

Explanation: inept means to lack competence, therefore competent is the opposite

44. **Answer:** C

Explanation: pivotal means very important, or crucial, therefore unimportant is the opposite

45. **Answer:** D

Explanation: cursed means to be the subject of misfortune, or to be unlucky therefore lucky is the opposite

46. **Answer:** D

Explanation: candid means to be frank, or honest, therefore dishonest is the opposite

47. **Answer:** C

Explanation: to flaunt means to display showily, or to show off, therefore hide is the opposite

48. **Answer:** D

Explanation: to heal means to restore to health; to maim means to injure

49. **Answer:** A

Explanation: to pacify means to soothe, or calm, therefore excite is the opposite

50. **Answer:** B

Explanation: sullen means showing a disagreeable mood, or lacking cheer, therefore cheerful is the opposite



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