

# Unit 11

## Synonyms and Antonyms

### Objectives:

After the completion of this unit, you would be able to---

- explain synonyms and antonyms.
- identify synonyms and antonyms of different words.
- make sentences by using synonyms and antonyms.

### Overview:

**Lesson 1:** *Synonyms and Antonyms*

### Answer Key

## Lesson 01: Synonyms and Antonyms

### Synonyms and Antonyms

**Synonyms:** Synonyms are those words or expressions that have the same meaning or nearly the same meaning in the same language. For example – liberty, liberation, freedom, independence and emancipation are all synonyms of each other.

**Antonyms:** Antonyms are those words or expressions that have the opposite meaning. For example – the antonym of ‘independence’ is ‘dependence’.

Synonyms and antonyms of any language not only enrich the language but also accelerate its natural flow. By the use of synonyms one can avoid the boring repetition of any word or expression. Synonyms and antonyms can also enhance one’s vocabulary knowledge of a language.

#### Synonyms and Antonyms of some important words:

1. ABANDON (v) – to leave: He abandoned his wife and children.

**Synonyms:** abdicate, leave, quit, desert, discard.

**Antonyms:** chase, follow, undertake, accept.

2. ACCUMULATE (v) – to assemble – He is gradually accumulating courage to do the work.  
**Synonyms:** assemble, gather, collect, store, hoard, congregate, rally.  
**Antonyms:** disperse, scatter, spread, dissipate, distribute
3. ADVERSE (adj.) – unfavourable: He made some adverse comments on my proposal.  
**Synonyms:** antagonistic, unfavourable, critical, hostile, negative, unkind, censorious.  
**Antonyms:** favourable, propitious, appropriate, advantageous, congenial.
4. ALARMING (Adj.) – ominous: Our population is increasing at an alarming rate.  
**Synonyms:** frightful, terrible, fearful, ominous  
**Antonyms:** hopeful, bright, auspicious
5. ANIMOSITY (n.) – hostility: There is no animosity between them.  
**Synonyms:** enmity, hostility, antagonism, aversion, antipathy, acrimony, grudge, resentment, vindictiveness.  
**Antonyms:** amity, love, friendliness, sympathy, good will, sweetness, cordiality.
6. ANNIHILATE (v) – to destroy : We annihilated our enemy.  
**Synonyms:** destroy, suppress, cancel, extinguish  
**Antonyms:** establish, support, promote, make, build, produce, found
7. APPARENT (adj.) – clear: His anxiety was apparent to everyone present there.  
**Synonyms:** clear, visible, obvious, evident, manifest.  
**Antonyms:** hidden, obscure, secret, covert, latent.
8. ARROGANCE (adj.) – pride: We should not exhibit our arrogance at any place.  
**Synonyms:** haughtiness, pride, conceit, egotism  
**Antonyms:** modesty, politeness, humanity
9. AUSPICIOUS (adj.) – propitious: Today is an auspicious day in my life.  
**Synonyms:** favourable, suitable, propitious, happy, fortunate, opportune, promising, good.  
**Antonyms:** unfavourable, inauspicious, hopeless, unhappy, unlucky.
10. BANKRUPT (adj.) – ruined: The company became bankrupt for incurring a heavy loss.  
**Synonyms:** insolvent, destitute, indigent, ruined.  
**Antonyms:** rich, well-off, solvent, prosperous
11. BARREN (adj.) – unproductive: Crops do not grow in a barren land.  
**Synonyms:** infertile, unproductive, sterile, bleak  
**Antonyms:** fertile, productive
12. BENEFICIAL (adj.) – useful: Exercising is beneficial to health.  
**Synonyms:** useful, helpful, valuable, positive.  
**Antonyms:** useless, harmful, detrimental.
13. BENEVOLENT (adj.) – kind: Our teacher is a benevolent person.

- Synonyms:** generous, kind, merciful, charitable, gracious.  
**Antonyms:** cruel, unkind, inhuman, malicious, selfish.
14. BONAFIDE (adj.) – real: Those who are bonafide students can enjoy the service.  
**Synonyms:** genuine, real, sincere, authentic, legitimate, actual, true, valid, legal.  
**Antonyms:** bogus, false, inauthentic, counterfeit.
15. BORING (adj.) – not interesting at all: This is a boring movie.  
**Synonyms:** dull, uninteresting, tedious, troublesome, monotonous, dreary, lackluster, tiresome.  
**Antonyms:** interesting, enjoyable, amusing, pleasant, delightful.
16. BREVITY (n.) – briefness: I like the brevity of Bacon’s essays.  
**Synonyms:** shortness, conciseness, pithiness, terseness, succinctness, concision.  
**Antonyms:** lengthiness, verbosity, grandiloquence.
17. BUOYANT (adj.) – light: Cork is a buoyant material.  
**Synonyms:** floating, hopeful, cheerful, lively, vivacious, afloat, lighthearted, upbeat, optimistic.  
**Antonyms:** depressed, cheerless, moody, joyless
18. CANDID (adj.) – frank: He made a candid confession.  
**Synonyms:** frank, open, sincere, straightforward, outspoken, honest, sincere, truthful, blunt.  
**Antonyms:** reserved, insincere, enigmatic, mysterious.
19. CAPRICIOUS (adj.) – whimsical: We should give up our capricious behaviour.  
**Synonyms:** fickle, changeful, whimsical, fanciful, freakish, inconsistent, flexible.  
**Antonyms:** firm, rigid, constant, inflexible.
20. COMPULSORY (adj.) – mandatory: English is a compulsory subject at the secondary level.  
**Synonyms:** obligatory, mandatory, coercive  
**Antonyms:** optional, voluntary, charitable
21. COMPLACENT (adj.) – satisfied: She had a complacent smile on his face.  
**Synonyms:** pleased, satisfied, content, happy, smug, content  
**Antonyms:** dissatisfied, unhappy, discontented, anxious
22. CONDUCIVE (adj.) – helpful: Fresh air is conducive to health.  
**Synonyms:** effective, productive, good, useful, promotive, beneficial, contributive  
**Antonyms:** repugnant, preventive, counteractive, destructive, bad, injurious, harmful.
23. CONSPICIOUS (adj.) – easily visible: His honesty is conspicuous.  
**Synonyms:** distinguished, manifest, visible, prominent, famous, noticeable, observable  
**Antonyms:** obscure, invisible, inconspicuous.
24. CORDIAL (adj.) – hearty: He gave us a cordial reception.

- Synonyms:** warm, earnest, sincere, hearty, loving, genial, affable, friendly, amiable, jovial  
**Antonyms:** cold, insincere, distant, formal, unfriendly, ceremonious
- 25. DECREASE (v.)** – to lessen: The boy has decreased his weight.  
**Synonyms:** abate, lower, curtail, lessen, diminish, reduce, wane, decline, cut, dwindle, shrink  
**Antonyms:** expand, increase, grow, extend, enlarge, amplify, augment
- 26. DELIBERATE (adj.)** – willful: Deliberate mistakes should be punished.  
**Synonyms:** intentional, willful, planned, conscious, purposeful, premeditated  
**Antonyms:** unintentional, inadvertent, unwilling, unwitting
- 27. DESIRABLE (adj.)** – proper: Such an act of stupidity is not desirable from you.  
**Synonyms:** acceptable, proper, suitable, advisable  
**Antonyms:** objectionable, undesirable, improper, evil, unadvisable
- 28. DESTROY (v.)** to ruin: He has destroyed all the documents.  
**Synonyms:** annihilate, ruin, obliterate, demolish, undo, subvert, overthrow, devastate  
**Antonyms:** build, construct, create, repair, make
- 29. DILIGENT (adj.)** industrious: She is very diligent.  
**Synonyms:** active, industrious, hardworking, assiduous, attentive  
**Antonyms:** indolent, lazy, idle, inactive
- 30. Direct (adj)** – straight: She gave us a direct answer.  
**Synonyms:** straight, quick, immediate, prompt, instant, right away  
**Antonyms:** indirect, slow, belated
- 31. DISPERSE (v.)** – to spread: The police dispersed the mob.  
**Synonyms:** scatter, spread, disband, diffuse, break up, dispel, dissipate  
**Antonyms:** gather, assemble, collect, meet, accumulate
- 32. DREADFUL (adj.)** – terrible: She saw a dreadful dream.  
**Synonyms:** fearful, terrible, horrible, frightful, awful, alarming, monstrous, shocking  
**Antonyms:** pleasing, pleasant, delightful, charming, hopeful, encouraging
- 33. ELEGANT (adj.)** – graceful: She loves elegant clothes.  
**Synonyms:** polished, refined, graceful, decent, handsome, grand, luxurious  
**Antonyms:** coarse, rude, inelegant, ungraceful, simple, vulgar
- 34. ENCOURAGE (v.)** – to inspire: My father always encourages me to help others.  
**Synonyms:** incite, stimulate, urge, impel, inspire  
**Antonyms:** prevent, discourage, dissuade, deter, dishearten
- 35. ENTHUSIASM (n.)** – zeal: She has great enthusiasm for music.  
**Synonyms:** ardour, passion, eagerness, rapture, interest, keenness, fervour, gusto, zest  
**Antonyms:** contempt, indifference, callousness, coldness, repugnance

- 36. EPHEMERAL (ad.)** – momentary: Happiness is ephemeral.  
**Synonyms:** fugitive, momentary, transient, temporary, fleeting, evanescent, mortal  
**Antonyms:** permanent, eternal, perpetual, immortal, perennial
- 37. FASCINATE (v.)** – to attract: She was fascinated by the beauty of the scenery.  
**Synonyms:** charm, attract, captivate, enthrall, affect, mesmerize, absorb  
**Antonyms:** bore, irritate, disturb, disgust
- 38. FATAL (adj.)** – deadly: I saw a fatal accident.  
**Synonyms:** mortal, deadly, destructive, dangerous, calamitous, harmful, serious, grave  
**Antonyms:** harmless, wholesome, notorious, constructive, bebeficial
- 39. FEEBLE (adj.)** – weak: He is a man of feeble mind.  
**Synonyms:** faint, weak, vain, frail, scanty, forceless, nerveless  
**Antonyms:** strong, robust, active, vigorous, muscular
- 40. FERTILE (adj.)** – productive: The land of Bangladesh is fertile.  
**Synonyms:** productive, rich, luxuriant, prolific, fecund, conducive, lush  
**Antonyms:** barren, sterile, ineffective, unproductive, poor, fruitless, infertile
- 41. FLEXIBLE (adj.)** – elastic: We should have a flexible mind to cope with others.  
**Synonyms:** pliant, supple, elastic, changeable, ductile, lithe, bendy, bendable  
**Antonyms:** hard, rigid, inflexible, tough, inelastic
- 42. FRIVOLOUS (adj.)** – silly: We should give up our frivolous behaviour.  
**Synonyms:** silly, trivial, petty, worthless, trifling  
**Antonyms:** serious, grave, earnest, important
- 43. GALLANT (adj.)** – brave: He was a gallant soldier.  
**Synonyms:** bold, brave, courageous, valiant, heroic, fearless, chivalrous  
**Antonyms:** cowardly, timid, churlish, fearful
- 44. GENEROUS (adj.)** – kind: We should always be generous to poor people.  
**Synonyms:** liberal, lavish, kind, bountiful, cordial, magnanimous, open-hearted  
**Antonyms:** mean, niggardly, miserly, churlish, selfish, closefisted
- 45. GORGEOUS (adj.)** – grand: We had a gorgeous party last night.  
**Synonyms:** pompous, grand, magnificent, splendid, superb, costly  
**Antonyms:** cheap, simple, colourless, threadbare, dingy
- 46. GRATIFY (v.)** – to satisfy: His result gratifies his parents.  
**Synonyms:** please, satisfy, gladden, reward  
**Antonyms:** displease, disappoint, dishearten, dissatisfy, sadden
- 47. GUESS (v.)** – to infer: I guess that he is sick.  
**Synonyms:** suppose, conjecture, surmise, imagine, infer, predict  
**Antonyms:** examine, prove, investigate, deduce, establish

48. HANDSOME (adj.) – graceful: The man is really handsome.  
**Synonyms:** beautiful, lovely, pretty, graceful, elegant, comely  
**Antonyms:** ugly, ill-looking, unattractive, unpleasant, horrible
49. HAPHAZARD (adj.) – chaotic: Everything in the room was in a haphazard condition.  
**Synonyms:** chaotic, confusing, disorderly, unsystematic, unmethodical  
**Antonyms:** organized, systematic, planned, methodical
50. HAZARD (n.) – risk: No business is free from hazard.  
**Synonyms:** peril, risk, danger, jeopardy  
**Antonyms:** safety, security, protection, certainty
51. HINDER (v.) – to impede: Nothing can hinder the expression of truth.  
**Synonyms:** retard, debar, embarrass, impede, thwart, block, prevent, interrupt, stop, obstruct  
**Antonyms:** enable, promote, expedite, facilitate, accelerate
52. HYPOCRISY (n.) – deception: His conduct is full of hypocrisy.  
**Synonyms:** affectation, deception, pretension, falsification, duplicity  
**Antonyms:** honesty, sincerity, integrity, uprightness
53. IGNOBLE (adj.) – shameful: He has done an ignoble job.  
**Synonyms:** mean, base, detestable, shameful, dishonourable,  
**Antonyms:** exalted, lofty, grand, eminent, illustrious, brilliant, notable
54. IMPEDIMENT ((n) – obstacle: Illiteracy is the impediment to success.  
**Synonyms:** block, hindrance, obstacle, obstruction  
**Antonyms:** support, succour, aid, help, assistance
55. INCLEMENT (adj.) – rough: You should not go out in the inclement weather.  
**Synonyms:** severe, rough, harsh, cruel, rigorous, awful, tyrannical  
**Antonyms:** genial, mild, clement, merciful, benign
56. INDIFFERENCE (n.) – apathy: He showed complete indifference to study.  
**Synonyms:** coolness, carelessness, apathy, callousness, insensibility  
**Antonyms:** eagerness, interest, affection, ardour, zeal, enthusiasm
57. INDULGENT (adj.) – tolerant: He is an indulgent father.  
**Synonyms:** tolerant, complaint, tender, affectionate  
**Antonyms:** severe, harsh, rough, cruel, intolerant
58. JEALOUS (adj.) – envious: We should not be jealous of somebody else's success.  
**Synonyms:** envious, covetous, suspicious, wary, grudging, resentful  
**Antonyms:** unenvious, satisfied, liberal
59. JUDICIOUS (adj.) – wise: He took a judicious decision regarding his job.  
**Synonyms:** wise, thoughtful, sagacious, expedient, prudent, sensible, discreet

- Antonyms:** indiscreet, unwise, silly, rash, foolish, inexpedient, imprudent
60. JUVENILE (adj.) – youthful: This novel is full of juvenile impulse.  
**Synonyms:** young, youthful, childish, boyish, girlish, immature, adolescent  
**Antonyms:** senile, mature, manly, womanly, adult, aged
61. KINDLY (adv.) – cordially: Would you kindly help me?  
**Synonyms:** warmly, cordially, gently, generously, politely, patiently, sympathetically  
**Antonyms:** cruelly, impolitely, harshly, rudely, mercilessly
62. KNOWLEDGEABLE (adj.) – learned: He is a very knowledgeable person.  
**Synonyms:** educated, learned, experienced, intelligent, scholarly  
**Antonyms:** ignorant, uneducated, unaware, foolish, stupid, inexperienced
63. LACONIC (adj.) – reticent: I like Iconic person.  
**Synonyms:** curt, terse, epigrammatic, reticent  
**Antonyms:** wordy, garrulous, eloquent, circumlocutory
64. LANGUID (adj.) – spiritless: I saw his languid body on the floor.  
**Synonyms:** spiritless, exhausted, flagging, pining, drooping  
**Antonyms:** active, strong, healthy, robust, vigorous
65. LENGTHEN (v.) – to prolong: He lengthed his speech to the point of boredom.  
**Synonyms:** prolong, extend, expand, increase, protract, continue, stretch, elongate  
**Antonyms:** curtail, shorten, reduce, decrease, belittle, abbreviate
66. LIBERAL (adj.) – moderate: He is a liberal person.  
**Synonyms:** copious, bountiful, catholic, bounteous, progressive, moderate, generous  
**Antonyms:** conservative, mean, traditional, narrow-minded, bigoted,
67. LUDICRIOUS (adj.) – funny: He put me into a ludicrous situation.  
**Synonyms:** funny, ridiculous, farcical, comic, comical, laughable  
**Antonyms:** tragic, serious, grave, sad, doleful, mournful, somber
68. MEDIOCRE (adj.) – average: He is a mediocre student.  
**Synonyms:** average, commonplace, medium, ordinary, second-rate, middling  
**Antonyms:** distinctive, exceptional, extraordinary, brilliant, excellent, superior
69. MISERABLE (adj.) – wretched: He has fallen into a miserable condition.  
**Synonyms:** wretched, despicable, abject, forlorn, pitiable, worthless, sad, intolerable  
**Antonyms:** happy, worthy, comfortable, respectable, delightful, pleasant
70. MODESTY (n.) – politeness: Everybody is impressed by his modesty.  
**Synonyms:** humility, purity, bashfulness, politeness, diffidence, sobriety  
**Antonyms:** vanity, conceit, effrontery, shamelessness, wantonness
71. MUSTY (adj.) – stale: Your ideas are all musty.  
**Synonyms:** stale, outdated, obsolete, fetid, rank, fusty, mildewed

- Antonyms:** balmy, fresh, odorous, fragrant, aromatic
72. NAUGHTY (adj.) – bad: He is a naughty boy.  
**Synonyms:** bad, wicked, disobedient, mischievous, roguish, wayward  
**Antonyms:** good, mild, polite, obedient, well-behaved
73. NEBULOUS (adj.) – vague: There is nebulous difference between the two ideas.  
**Synonyms:** ambiguous, cloudy, hazy, imprecise, indistinct, misty, obscure, vague  
**Antonyms:** clear, certain, precise, distinct, bright
74. NERVOUS (adj.) – anxious: He feels nervous in the examination hall.  
**Synonyms:** shaky, jumpy, timid, anxious, hesitant  
**Antonyms:** brave, courageous, bold, confident, valiant, calm, cool
75. NOMINAL (adj.) – so-called: The president is the nominal head of the state.  
**Synonyms:** so-called, symbolic, titular, trivial, insignificant  
**Antonyms:** actual, genuine, real, important, essential, substantial
76. OBJECT (v) – to oppose: I object to your decision.  
**Synonyms:** oppose, disapprove, argue, complain, protest, refuse, repudiate, demur  
**Antonyms:** accept, approve, agree, acquiesce
77. OBJECTIONABLE (adj.) – offensive: Your comment is highly objectionable.  
**Synonyms:** unpleasant, unacceptable, offensive, obnoxious, disagreeable, detestable, despicable  
**Antonyms:** pleasant, acceptable, agreeable, welcome
78. OBLIVIOUS (adj.) – forgetful: I am now oblivious of those days.  
**Synonyms:** ignorant, negligent, unaware, careless, heedless, unconscious  
**Antonyms:** aware, conscious, observant, mindful
79. OBSCENE (adj.) – dirty: I don't like obscene jokes.  
**Synonyms:** bawdy, coarse, indecent, filthy, foul, gross, lewd, licentious, offensive  
**Antonyms:** clean, decent, decorous, wholesome, pure
80. OBSOLETE (adj.) – out-date: Give up your obsolete plans.  
**Synonyms:** old, ancient, out-dated, outmoded, outworn, old-fashioned  
**Antonyms:** current, new, modern, up-to-date, contemporary
81. PACIFY (v.) – to appease: The mother is pacifying her crying baby.  
**Synonyms:** calm down, soothe, appease, tranquilise, mollify, placate  
**Antonyms:** excite, irritate, rouse, exasperate, agitate, provoke,
82. PASTIME (n.) – entertainment: Travelling is one of my favourite pastimes.  
**Synonyms:** diversion, sport, recreation, entertainment, amusement,  
**Antonyms:** work, labour, business, occupation, profession
83. PERILOUS (adj.) – dangerous: Smoking is perilous for health.



**Synonyms:** dangerous, hazardous, risky, unsafe, horrible, terrible, fearful

**Antonyms:** secure, safe, sound, certain, comfortable

**84. PERMIT (v)** – allow: The teacher permits me to ask my question.

**Synonyms:** approve, let, allow, authorize, encourage, content, sanction

**Antonyms:** disallow, stop, prevent, check, forbid, prohibit

**85. PERVERSE (adj.)** – wayward: He leads a perverse life.

**Synonyms:** wick, mean, bad, untoward, stubborn, immoral, wayward, unmanageable, intractable, vicious

**Antonyms:** docile, ductile, amenable, governable, manageable, complacent

**86. PRECIOUS (adj.)** – valuable: Gold is a precious metal.

**Synonyms:** costly, valuable, dear, expensive, priceless, prized, loved

**Antonyms:** cheap, worthless, inexpensive, valueless, ordinary, base

**87. QUALIFIED (adj.)** – competent: He is a qualified teacher.

**Synonyms:** competent, suitable, eligible, capable, efficient, experienced, able, proficient, talented

**Antonyms:** unqualified, unable, inexperienced, incapable, incompetent, unskilled

**88. QUEER (adj.)** – strange: He speaks in a queer way.

**Synonyms:** strange, abnormal, odd, eccentric, curious, crazy, unnatural, peculiar

**Antonyms:** common, ordinary, usual, natural, familiar, customary, normal

**89. QUITE (adv.)** wholly: They were quite different from each other.

**Synonyms:** wholly, truly, altogether, entirely, totally, completely, perfectly, fairly

**Antonyms:** barely, hardly, partially, scarcely

**90. RAPID (adj.)** – quick: The rapid growth of population is a problem of our country.

**Synonyms:** swift, speedy, fast, prompt, hasty

**Antonyms:** slow, lazy, tardy, sluggish, leisurely, belated

**91. REBUKE (v.)** – to scold: The teacher rebuked us for make noise in the class.

**Synonyms:** chide, reprove, censure, reprimand, scold, admonish, reproach

**Antonyms:** praise, commend, admire, encourage, applaud, appreciate, eulogise

**92. REDUCE (v.)** – to decrease: We should reduce the speed of your car.

**Synonyms:** lessen, diminish, decrease, curtail, shorten, contract, weaken

**Antonyms:** increase, expand, enlarge, lengthen, extend, augment

**93. RELISH (n.)** – taste: He ate the food with great relish.

**Synonyms:** taste, appetite, zest, gusto, flavour

**Antonyms:** disrelish, disflavour, nauseousness, insipidity

**94. REMEDY (n.)** – solution: There is no remedy to this disease.

**Synonyms:** redress, relief, cure, solution, treatment, antidote, reparation

**Antonyms:** malady, disease, sickness, infection, illness

- 95. REPEAL (v.)** – to cancel: All the oppressive rules should be repealed.  
**Synonyms:** abolish, cancel, annul, revoke, abrogate, rescind, discontinue  
**Antonyms:** sanction, enact, continue, establish, pass, confirm
- 96. RUSTIC (adj.)** – uncouth: You must give up your uncouth behaviour.  
**Synonyms:** awkward, boorish, clumsy, pastoral, uncouth, uncultured, rough, rural  
**Antonyms:** polished, refined, cultured, sophisticated, urban
- 97. SACRED (adj.)** – holy: All religions have some sacred places.  
**Synonyms:** holy, heavenly, religious, divine, blessed, solemn, devout, godly  
**Antonyms:** mundane, profane, irreligious, secular, ungodly, temporal, unholy
- 98. SATISFY (v.)** – to please: Your performance has satisfied me.  
**Synonyms:** gratify, please, fulfill, gladden, amuse, meet  
**Antonyms:** fail, disappoint, displease, dissatisfy
- 99. SHABBY (adj.)** – ragged: She was wearing a shabby dress.  
**Synonyms:** ragged, beggarly, threadbare, dirty, paltry  
**Antonyms:** smart, tidy, neat, clean, fashionable
- 100. SOLITARY (adj.)** – lonely: He lives a solitary life.  
**Synonyms:** lonely, isolated, secluded, deserted, uninhabited  
**Antonyms:** populous, social, inhabited, well-frequented.
- 101. TACTFUL (adj.)** – skilful: He is very tactful in dealing with students.  
**Synonyms:** careful, diplomatic, discreet, politic, skilful, prudent  
**Antonyms:** careless, rude, tactless, impolitic, imprudent
- 102. TANGIBLE (adj.)** – manifest: There is no tangible evidence of his crime.  
**Synonyms:** actual, real, definite, manifest, evident, concrete, positive, substantial, material  
**Antonyms:** intangible, abstract, indefinite, unreal, negative, untouchable
- 103. TERMINATE (v.)** – end: She terminates her speech with a reference from Shakespeare.  
**Synonyms:** cease, close, complete, conclude, finish, wind up, stop  
**Antonyms:** begin, start, commence, initiate
- 104. UNANIMOUS (adj.)** – concerted: They reached a unanimous decision on the matter.  
**Synonyms:** common, concerted, harmonious, joint, united  
**Antonyms:** discordant, divided, disunited, split
- 105. VACATE (v.)** – to leave: The police asked the people to vacate the place.  
**Synonyms:** leave, quit, abandon, withdraw, desert, evacuate  
**Antonyms:** occupy, capture, enter, fill, take
- 106. WEAKEN (v.)** – to decline: The disease has weakened his body.  
**Synonyms:** dilute, impair, paralyse, debilitate, enfeeble

**Antonyms:** empower, confirm, strengthen, invigorate

**107. ZENITH (n.)** – peak: He has reached the zenith of his fame.

**Synonyms:** acme, climax, height, peak, summit, top, vertex

**Antonyms:** nadir, bottom, depth, lowest point



**Exercise 01: Write synonyms of the words given in the brackets;**

- a. A lot of crops grow in Bangladesh because her land is (fertile).
- b. He is always (antagonistic) to me.
- c. I do not like him because of his (audacity)
- d. We cannot live without air. It is (indispensable) for us.
- e. The prisoner was (released) from his charge.
- f. The man was (fascinated) by the beauty of the lady.
- g. It is not (feasible).
- h. I like this food because it is (hygienic).
- i. His (amiable) attitude charmed us.
- j. We want to (eradicate) poverty from our country.
- k. Today is one of the most (favourable) day of my life.
- l. The mistake was not (deliberate).
- m. The cuckoo has a very (dulcet) voice.
- n. If you are (honest), you will prosper in life.
- o. He is a (notorious) killer.

**Exercise 02: Write antonyms of the words given in the brackets:**

- a. His speech is always (believable).
- b. His (prudent) decision infuriated me.
- c. I like her because she is (lethargic).
- d. The word 'honesty' means (immortality).
- e. Smoking is (beneficial) for health.
- f. His misbehaviour (pleased) me.
- g. His (peaceful) attitude frightened us all.
- h. The lady guest very (reticent)
- i. I like my friend because he is (spendthrift).
- j. His wife is (infidel) to him.
- k. Medicine (aggravate) diseases.

**Exercise 03: Give antonyms of the following words and make sentences with them:**

Tentative, filthy, flattery, superficial, shabby, serene, reticent, relinquish, refute, omnipotent, sanguine, eradicate, alleviate, deceptive, peril, antipathy, pacify, deteriorate, terseness, unkempt

**Exercise 04: Give synonyms of the following words and make sentences with them:**

Durability, momentous, reveal, strange, animosity, catastrophe, diffuse, scarcity, enduring, liberal, awkward, talkative, clandestine, feasible, lucrative, delicate, vigilant, vulgar, unanimous

## Answer key:

### Exercise 01:

- a. Productive, Bountiful, Rich,
- b. Aggressive, Hostile, Unfriendly, Intimidate
- c. Daring, Courage, Boldness, Valor, Bravery
- d. Important, Crucial, Vital, Necessary, Essential
- e. Free, Unrestricted, Unconfined, Open, Liberated
- f. Enthralled, Captivated, Mesmerized, Rapt
- g. Realistic, Practical, Reasonable, Convenient
- h. Clean, Sterile, Germ-free, Sanitary
- i. Sociable, Friendly, Cordial, Kind
- j. Eliminate, Destroy, Exterminate, Remove
- k. Sympathetic, Constructive, Caring, Compassionate
- l. Purposeful, Determined, Firm, Dogged
- m. Sweet, Melodious, Pleasant, Pleasurable, lovely
- n. Truthful, Frank, Candid, Open, Sincere, Direct
- o. Infamous, Dishonourable, Wicked

### Exercise 02: Answers

- a. Unbelievable, Amazing, Incredible
- b. Reckless, Wild, Careless, Hasty
- c. Energetic, Active, Vigorous, Bouncing
- d. Mortality, Death, Transience
- e. Harmful, Damaging, Hurtful, Dangerous
- f. Displeased, Discontented, Unhappy, Unsatisfied
- g. Violent, Brutal, Cruel, Vicious
- h. Talkative, Garrulous, Chatty,
- i. Calculative, Careful, Cautious
- j. Unfaithful, Traitorous, Disloyal
- k. Develop, Extend, Enlarge, Expand

### Exercise 03: Answers

Tentative-(Exact, Sure): The study shows a tentative causes for road accidents in Bangladesh.

Filthy-(Clean, Clear): Dhaka city is polluted with filthy air.

Flattery-(Insult, Abuse, Offense): She used flattery to get good marks.

Superficial-(Interior, Inherent): Sometimes superficial knowledge becomes dangerous.

Shabby-(Clean, Fresh, Spotless): She lived in a shabby hut in the slum.

Serene-(Bustling, Lively): Pond water always remain serene.

Reticent-(Talkative, Chatty, Garrolous): His reticent speech attracted everyone.

Relinquish-(Join, Link, Unite): She departed with a relinquished heart.

Refute-(Prove, Establish, Verify, Confirm): Everybody refuted his ideas.

Omnipotent-(Powerless, Helpless, Weak, Incapable): Only God is omnipotent.

Sanguine-(Doubtful, Uncertain, Hesitate): The committee takes a more sanguine view.

Eradicate-(Establish, Construct): His membership is eradicated last month.

Alleviate-(Aggravate, Worsen): Physical therapy alleviates pain.

Deceptive-(Honest, Frank, Candid): All his directions were deceptive for the troops.

Peril-(Safety, Security, Protection): The wild animals are in peril because of natural disasters.

Antipathy-(Friendship, fellow feeling): The causes of antipathy between them are unknown.

Pacify-(Antagonize, Irritate): The chairman pacified the members of the committee.

Deteriorate-(Improve, Recover, progress): The bad weather deteriorated his health.

Terseness-(length, Span, Duration): I like his writing because of his use of terseness.

Unkempt-(Clean, Fresh): Unkempt environment is bad for health.

#### **Exercise 04: Answers**

Durability- (Stability, Strength, Resilience, Permanence, Sturdiness) : Positive trait of commodities are often justified by their durability.

Momentous- (Significant, Important, Vital, Crucial, Meaningful) : Sheikh BujiburRahman brought a momentous victory for Bengali peoples.

Reveal- (Disclose, Make public, Expose, Make known, Divulge) : Finally, the villagers revealed the truth to the inspector.

Strange -(Odd, weird, eccentric, uncanny, peculiar) : Nobody supported his strange ideas.

Animosity-(Hostility, Bitterness, Acrimony, Ill-feeling, Enmity) : Animosity was a common phenomenon in the ancient clans.

Catastrophe-(Disaster, Calamity, Misfortune, Ruin, Devastation, Tragedy) : The death of his only son brought catastrophe in his life.

Diffuse-(Distribute, Circulate, Spread, Scatter, Disperse) : Bad news diffuse rapidly.

Scarcity-(Shortage, Lack, Dearth, Deficiency, Famine) : The scarcity of natural gas may hamper our power system.

Enduring-(Stable, Lasting, Endure, Durable): Enduring development is the goal of the government.

Liberal-(Open-minded, Broad-minded, Tolerant, Moderate, Freethinking, Noninterventionist) : The government should be liberal in policy making.

Awkward-(Uncomfortable, Discomfited, Embarrassed, ill at ease) : She does not know how to manage an awkward situation.

Talkative-(Garrulous, Loquacious, Chatty, Fluent, Glib) : The boy is talkative in nature.

Clandestine-(Secret, Underground, Concealed, Covert, Stealthy) : The man has a clandestine relationships with a girl.

Feasible-(Realistic, Practical, Viable, Reasonable, Possible) : Everybody supported his feasible decision.

Lucrative-(Productive, Profitable, Rewarding, Worthwhile, Beneficial) : only the fools may miss the lucrative offer.

Delicate-(Fragile, Frail, Weak, Flimsy, Subtle, Insubstantial): The construction of the building is absolutely delicate.

Vigilant-(Watchful, Cautious, Attentive, Alert, Heedful, Observant) : God's vigilant eyes are always upon us.

Vulgar-(Rude, Offensive, Crude, Naughty, Bad) : His approach was vulgar in line with his position.

Unanimous-(Common, Agreed, Undisputed, Undivided) : They took unanimous decision to stop child marriage.