

VOCABULARY I

❖ **What is Vocabulary?**

- **A group of words which give meaning is called vocabulary.**
- **Our world is a world of words. For every single idea, belief, emotion, sentiment, and thought, we need words.**
- **When it comes to the professional front, the importance of words grows manifold. In an age of technological advancements, what establishes our credentials is our ability to use words – the powerful words.**

Here are some tips that help you attain an effective and powerful vocabulary.

Root words

In order to learn more and more words, you need to do two things regularly: firstly read more and more to come across new words and secondly group the words so that you can retain them easily. One amazing method that helps you do this is learning through a root words list. When you go through a root words list, you tend to come across new or unfamiliar words, and at the same time, you see that the words are grouped as per the word root, which will help you to remember the words easily.

Root	Meaning	Examples
ambi	both	ambiguous, ambidextrous
aqua	water	aquarium, aquamarine
aud	to hear	audience, audition
bene	good	benefactor, benevolent
cent	one hundred	century, percent
circum	around	circumference, circumstance
contra/counter	against	contradict, encounter
dict	to say	dictation, dictator

duc/duct	to lead	conduct, induce
fac	to do; to make	factory, manufacture
form	shape	conform, reform
fort	strength	fortitude, fortress
fract	to break	fracture, fraction
ject	throw	projection, rejection
jud	judge	judicial, prejudice
mal	bad	malevolent, malefactor
mater	mother	material, maternity
mit	to send	transmit, admit
mort	death	mortal, mortician

PREFIX AND SUFFIX

A prefix is a letter or a group of letters that attaches to the beginning of a word and helps to indicate or modify its meaning. An easy example would be the word 'prefix' itself! It begins with the prefix *pre-*, which means 'before'.

A suffix is a letter or a group of letters that is usually added onto the end of words, to change the way a word fits into a sentence grammatically.

PREFIX	MEANING	EXAMPLES
ante-	before	antenatal, anteroom, antedate
anti-	against, opposing	antibiotic, antidepressant, antidote
circum-	around	circumstance, circumvent, circumnavigate
co-	with	co-worker, co-pilot, co-operation
de-	off, down, away from	devalue, defrost, derail, demotivate
dis-	opposite of, not	disagree, disappear, disintegrate, disapprove
em-, en-	cause to, put into	embrace, encode, embed, enclose, engulf
epi-	upon, close to, after	epicentre, episcopate, epidermis

MNEMONICS

A mnemonic is a tool to help remember facts or a large amount of information. It can be a song, rhyme, acronym, image, or a phrase to help remember a list of facts in a certain order.

Ex:

Iconoclastic: one who destroys idols into pieces is iconoclast

icon = idol + clash

Idyllic : very simple :

sounds like idli (a very simple food).

Igneous: refers to fire : **ignite means to fire.**

Badger: annoy, bothersome : **bad**

Gaffe: mistake : **sounds like internet cafe and there always social blunders in internet cafe.**

Kindle: lighten: **Kindle sounds like CANDLE which provides light.**

Pacify: calm or quiet: **pacific ocean is calm in its way.**

Exercise : VOCABULARY

Choose the correct meaning of the word in red:

1. There had been a rash of petty thefts and we were warned to be vigilant.

- 1) impulsive**
- 2) indiscreet**
- 3) anxious**
- 4) careless**
- 5) inattentive**

2. We surveyed the plushness of the hotel and its sleek, well-dressed patrons.

1) inattentive

2) indiscreet

3) negligent

4) impulsive

5) assemblages

3. Many amino acid and peptide hormones are elaborated by neural tissue.

1) prophylactic

2) preventative

3) winsome

4) capitulation

5) preventatives

4. On examination she was **moribund and dehydrated.**

1) negligent 2) cessation 3) doomed

4) relenting 5) acquiescence

5. His reputation is worldwide, and **surmounts language barriers.**

1) relinquishment 2) succumbing 3) diaphragm

4) vanquish 5) sponge

Word Analogy

6. Lugubrious : sorrowful

1) lustrous : luscious

3) credible : incredible

2) frenzied : excited

4) euphoric : sad

7. Sound : Muffled

1) Moisture : Humid

3) Despair : Anger

2) Colour : Faded

4) Odour : Pungent

8. Giggle : twitter : guffaw

1) Happiness

3) Laugh

2) joy

4) merriment

9. Depressed : Sad

1) neat : considerate

3) rapid : plodding

2) towering : cringing

4) exhausted : tired

10. Arc : Circle

1) Number : Count

2) Fraction : Percentage

3) Pie : Slice

4) Segment : Line

ANTONYM – SYNONYM PAIR

11. A. Venom
C. Poison

B. debar
D. devour

1) B – A

2) C – A

3) C – B

4) B – D

5) D – C

12. A. Yearn
C. surge

B. pine
D. patron

1) B – A

2) C – A

3) C – B

4) B – D

5) D – C

13.A. dearth

C. Odium

B. acquisition

D. trick

1) B – A

2) C – A

3) C – B

4) B – D

5) D – C

14. A. insinuate

C. Suppress

B. lenient

D. wrest

1) B – A

2) C – A

3) C – B

4) B – D

5) D – C

15. A. invective

C. Vanity

1) B – A 2) C – A

B. casual

D. acclamation

3) C – B 4) B – D 5) D – A

16. A. laconic

C. Enemy

1) B – A 2) C – A

B. concise

D. fragile

3) C – B 4) B – D 5) D – C

Choose the option corresponding to the sentence in which the usage of the word is INCORRECT or INAPPROPRIATE.

17. Atrocity

- 1) press reports detailed a number of atrocities.**
- 2) he observed conflict and atrocity around the globe.**
- 3) press reports detailed a number of atrocities.**
- 4) after an exchange of atrocities, I proceeded to outline a plan.**
- 5) a textbook which detailed war atrocities.**

18. Replete

- 1) sensational popular fiction, replete with adultery and sudden death**
- 2) a sumptuous environment replete with European antiques**
- 3) I went out into the sun-drenched streets again, replete and relaxed**
- 4) the guests, replete with roast lamb and chocolate mousse, lingered over coffee**
- 5) None of these**

19. Hassle

- 1) you want to sit and relax and not get hassled**
- 2) he was hassled and rushed off his feet**
- 3) parking in the city centre is a hassle**
- 4) the defence minister signed an hassle on military cooperation**
- 5) None of these**

20. Stern

- 1) a smile transformed his stern face**
- 2) stern measures to restrict vehicle growth**
- 3) the past year has been a stern test of the ability of British industry**
- 4) the stern measures taken by the government added to its unpopularity**
- 5) None of these**

ANSWERS

1	3	11	2- SYNONYMS
2	5	12	1- ANTONYM
3	5	13	1- ANTONYM
4	3	14	2- ANTONYM
5	4	15	5- ANTONYM
6	2	16	4- SYNONYMS
7	2	17	4- REPLACE 'ATROCITY' WITH 'PLEASANTRIES'
8	3	18	5
9	4	19	4- REPLACE 'HASSLE' WITH 'AGREEMENT'
10	4	20	5

Thank
you

