

Verbal Reasoning

Synonyms

What do I do?

Underline two words, one from each set of brackets, that are most similar in meaning.

Example:
(happy, sad, excited) (angry, petrified, glad)

Top Tips!

- Check all three words in both sets of brackets, taking each one in turn.
- If you think you have found the synonyms, don't forget to check all words – just in case!
- Be cautious of words that are designed to challenge you – there may be a few homophones in there!

What skills do I need to improve?

Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?

- With any question type involving vocabulary, skills are often improved by reading. **READ, READ, READ!** When you're reading and come across a word that you're unsure of – make a note of it and look it up! Think of how to use that word in a sentence and words that have a similar meaning, if you can. This way, you'll be improving your vocabulary every time you read.

Practice Questions

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| 2. (fracture, rupture, explode) | (bend, anger, break) |
| 3. (interested, impartial, weak) | (unbiased, unjust, influenced) |
| 4. (reward, endure, lose) | (tolerate, gain, hurt) |
| 5. (flatten, harden, look) | (hustle, peak, compress) |
| 6. (embarrass, prejudice, injure) | (judge, discrimination, perjury) |
| 7. (loyal, deranged, forgetful) | (balanced, irrational, moral) |
| 8. (rally, wander, alleviate) | (think, run, roam) |
| 9. (beloved, reached, uncertain) | (adored, ascertained, tolerated) |
| 10. (exhausted, unimpressed, ravenous) | (satiated, angry, starving) |
| 11. (assassinate, ignore, harm) | (murder, invite, cure) |
| 12. (scammed, found, revenge) | (swindled, pained, examined) |
| 13. (astounding, rancid, respectful) | (fast, foul, delightful) |
| 14. (haunting, tedious, rewarding) | (nervous, boring, enthralling) |
| 15. (puny, brave, old) | (small, putrid, strong) |

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Words with opposite meanings are called **antonyms**.