



altercation (n)—a noisy dispute

From Latin *altercare* (to wrangle)

The **altercation** between the two teams erupted after the umpire made several bad calls.



Think of three synonyms for *altercation*. Write them below.

Now use *altercation* and two of its synonyms in sentences of your own.

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opulent (adj)—demonstrating great wealth; extravagant

From Latin *ops* (power, help)

The **opulent** lifestyle of the business tycoon was evident in his luxurious mansion on the ocean.



Think of three antonyms for *opulent*. Write them below.

Now think of three items that might be part of an opulent lifestyle. Write them below.

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ephemeral (adj)—momentary; fleeting

When times are difficult, memories of happiness seem **ephemeral**.

Choose a word from the list to complete the following analogy:

ephemeral : lasting :: ethereal : _____

(A) fleeting (B) mistaken (C) happy (D) earthly

Now use *ephemeral* in a sentence of your own.

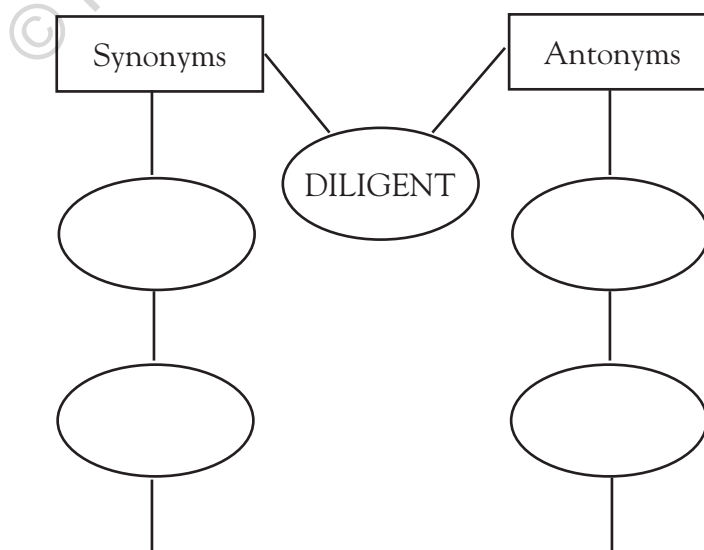
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diligent (adj)—hardworking

The rescuers were **diligent** in their efforts to save the museum paintings from the rising floodwaters.

Write synonyms and antonyms in the word web. Add as many circles as you can.



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abstain (vb)— to refrain from doing something

During training, the player had to **abstain** from eating his favourite foods because he didn't want to gain any extra weight.



Use each of the following forms of *abstain* in a sentence.

abstain (vb) _____

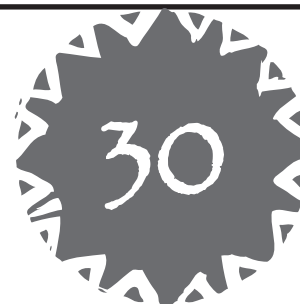
abstinence (n) _____

abstemious (adj) _____

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remuneration (n)—payment

I refused to do the boring work asked of me without some form of **remuneration**.



Unscramble the following letters to find synonyms for *remuneration*.

M E T N A Y P _____

O E R C M E P S E N _____

Now use *remuneration* in a sentence of your own.

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wary (adj)—watchful; alert

At first, the kitten was **wary** of its new home, but soon it grew comfortable and played with its new owners.

Circle the words that are similar in meaning to *wary*.

congruous careful cogent clear
cautious candid circumspect congenial

Now use *wary* in a sentence of your own.

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subtle (adj)—elusive; sly; ambiguous

The fragrance of the new perfume was so **subtle** that it was difficult to detect its ingredients

Name three things you could describe using *subtle*.

Write an antonym of *subtle*. _____

Now use *subtle* in a sentence of your own.

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capricious (adj)—impulsive; unpredictable

The young prince was quite **capricious**; his friends never knew what his next adventure would be.



Circle a synonym for *capricious*:

prepared whimsical irresponsible

Circle an antonym for *capricious*:

daring spontaneous premeditated

Now use *capricious* in a sentence of your own.

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amphibious (adj)—able to function both on land and in water

From Greek *amphi* (on both sides) and *bios* (life)

A frog is one example of an amphibious creature; it can live on land and in the water.



List another word containing the prefix *amphi*-.

Give three examples of other amphibious creatures.

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