

B2 **Synonyms**

Match the words in the left column with their synonyms.

A	bend		permit
B	angry		clear
C	sudden		shiver
D	boast		handicapped
E	attentive		follow
F	forbid		relaxed
G	shake		entire
H	scared		curve
I	hate		even
J	attack		eliminate
K	escape		courageous
L	disabled		talented
M	pursue		frightened
N	distinct		notify
O	calm		detest
P	remove		observant
Q	main		flee
R	pale		unexpected
S	allow		circular
T	examine		primary
U	brave		assault
V	smooth		furious
W	inform		brag
X	gifted		colourless
Y	round		prohibit
Z	whole		investigate

Choose the correct word or phrase for each blank.

1. Have you read the list of _____ that are in this food product? (**RECIPES / INGREDIENTS / MAKINGS / ELEMENTS**)
2. The Internet can be used as a _____ of getting a lot of information in a short time. (**PROCESS / KIND / MEANS / MEASURE**)
3. Up to now scientists have not been able to find a _____ for the disease. (**PRESERVE / HEALING / THERAPY / CURE**)
4. The average _____ of electricity per household has increased dramatically over the years. (**CONSUME / CONSUMING / CONSUMPTION / CONSUMERISM**)
5. There has been a lot of _____ about the upcoming election. (**UNDERSTANDING / HARMONY / ARGUMENT / CONTROVERSY**)
6. I was surprised to hear how many _____ of snakes there are all over the world. (**CLASSES / ORDERS / VARIETIES / SPECIES**)
7. During the Age of Exploration, the Spanish _____ many countries in South America. (**CONQUERED / OVERCAME / OVERTHREW / MASTERED**)
8. It is _____ for you to practice often if you want to pass the test. (**KEY / PRINCIPAL / ESSENTIAL / FUNDAMENTAL**)
9. Pele began his soccer _____ when he was a teenager. (**CAREER / JOB / VOCATION / OCCUPATION**)
10. Those who _____ their pets should have them taken away. (**VIOLENCE / EXPLOIT / ABUSE / WASTE**)
11. He was _____ to break up with his girlfriend because she cheated on him. (**PUSHED / FORCED / POWERED / DRIVEN**)
12. Regular exercise _____ to a healthy and longer life. (**CONTRIBUTES / SUPPLIES / PROVIDES / IMPACTS**)
13. The moon is _____ 400,000 km from the earth. (**EXACTLY / NEARLY / APPROXIMATELY / CLOSELY**)
14. She always wants to travel to _____ places in faraway countries. (**ALIEN / FAMILIAR / STRIKING / EXOTIC**)
15. During our first evening in the city we _____ the shopping streets. (**SEARCHED / EXPLORED / INVESTIGATED / EXAMINED**)

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1. She lives in a neighbourhood with very few people. It's not a very _____ area. (**POPULATION / POPULATED / POPULOUS / POPULATE**)
2. The authorities want to build new sports _____ in the suburbs. (**SERVICES / FACILITIES / DEPARTMENTS / RESOURCES**)
3. People are worried about the _____ created by the new factories near the river. (**TOXIC / SMOKES / POLLUTION / EXHAUSTS**)
4. Albert Einstein is _____ one of the greatest scientists of the last century. (**CONSIDERED / THOUGHT / STUDIED / BELIEVED**)
5. His _____ came from Sweden to America in the 19th century. (**SUCCESSORS / FORERUNNERS / PREDECESSORS / ANCESTORS**)
6. The company has always been famous for _____ modern, futuristic cars. (**PROPOSING / AIMING / SHAPING / DESIGNING**)
7. The _____ of the Antarctic will continue for the next decades. (**DISCOVERY / EXPLORATION / SEARCHING / INSPECTION**)
8. People have been following that _____ tradition for centuries. (**ANCIENT / AGING / ANTIQUE / AGELESS**)
9. For her birthday she hopes to get some money _____ of a gift. (**DESPITE / ALTHOUGH / INSTEAD / IN SPITE**)
10. Various creams and lotions can make your skin _____. (**FLATTER/ EASIER / SMOOTHER / ROUGHER**)
11. You cannot _____ the skirt if you don't have a receipt. (**SWAP / CHANGE / TRADE / EXCHANGE**)
12. The book describes the _____ of events that led to the Wall Street crash. (**CABLE / KEY / GROUP / CHAIN**)
13. Your health certificate is not _____ anymore. You'll have to get a new one. (**VALID / LEGAL / USABLE / EFFECTIVE**)
14. He broke the vase by _____. He didn't really mean to. (**FORTUNE / MISHAP / CHANCE / ACCIDENT**)
15. You should always _____ the opinions of other people. (**ADMIRE / RESPECT / ARGUE / THINK**)