

# Vocabulary Ex. > Essential Words in English (II)

Finding synonyms > Choose the best answer.

<b>1. appeal</b>	(A) detect	(B) assert	(C) ask for	(D) allow
<b>2. astounding</b>	(A) noisy	(B) amazing	(C) visible	(D) energetic
<b>3. ban</b>	(A) forbid	(B) get together	(C) intensify	(D) restore
<b>4. elicit</b>	(A) declare	(B) authorize	(C) conform	(D) extract
<b>5. abdicate</b>	(A) relinquish	(B) enclose	(C) prohibit	(D) heighten
<b>6. misleading</b>	(A) unequivocal	(B) deceptive	(C) changeable	(D) abrupt
<b>7. resolute</b>	(A) determined	(B) renowned	(C) perceptive	(D) solved
<b>8. resilient</b>	(A) bothersome	(B) tenacious	(C) unbearable	(D) vital
<b>9. tempt</b>	(A) entice	(B) cool down	(C) discourage	(D) invite
<b>10. vague</b>	(A) intolerable	(B) ambiguous	(C) lazy	(D) adverse
<b>11. confront</b>	(A) resolve	(B) challenge	(C) demand	(D) forbid
<b>12. obstruct</b>	(A) obscure	(B) tempt	(C) enhance	(D) block
<b>13. intrigue</b>	(A) fascinate	(B) deceive	(C) intensify	(D) enrich
<b>14. substitute</b>	(A) predecessor	(B) replacement	(C) additional	(D) original
<b>15. delicate</b>	(A) alternative	(B) shallow	(C) frail	(D) resilient
<b>16. convince</b>	(A) assert	(B) persuade	(C) restore	(D) yield
<b>17. rare</b>	(A) appealing	(B) inclusive	(C) vague	(D) unique
<b>18. shed</b>	(A) discard	(B) cry out	(C) protect	(D) cloud
<b>19. enhance</b>	(A) encourage	(B) strengthen	(C) relinquish	(D) entice
<b>20. puzzled</b>	(A) advanced	(B) assertive	(C) baffled	(D) astute
<b>21. stiff</b>	(A) ordinary	(B) agile	(C) rigid	(D) high
<b>22. traditional</b>	(A) arbitrary	(B) contemporary	(C) conventional	(D) frequent
<b>23. indeed</b>	(A) truly	(B) albeit	(C) abroad	(D) only
<b>24. curious</b>	(A) commonplace	(B) extravagant	(C) peculiar	(D) ordinary
<b>25. adequately</b>	(A) sufficiently	(B) deceptively	(C) amazingly	(D) intensely
<b>26. immense</b>	(A) abrupt	(B) massive	(C) complicated	(D) ongoing
<b>27. exceedingly</b>	(A) importantly	(B) extremely	(C) assertively	(D) limitedly
<b>28. visibly</b>	(A) noticeably	(B) secretly	(C) incredibly	(D) frequently
<b>29. ordinarily</b>	(A) restrictively	(B) coarsely	(C) cautiously	(D) routinely
<b>30. restrictively</b>	(A) exclusively	(B) adversely	(C) roughly	(D) relatively



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**Choosing synonyms in context >** Choose the word or phrase that is closest in meaning to the word **in bold**.

1. Not until 1946 did the world chess governing body, FIDE, **assert** its control over international championship play.  
(A) declare      (B) relinquish      (C) ask for      (D) decrease
2. All classifications of human societies and cultures are **arbitrary**.  
(A) confusing      (B) haphazard      (C) insufficient      (D) ambiguous
3. Paul Newman's **apparently** effortless acting skill has enabled him to play a variety of characters.  
(A) seemingly      (B) extremely      (C) visibly      (D) deceptively
4. The Monroe Doctrine **authorized** the US to mediate in the affairs of LA countries in case of foreign invasion.  
(A) empowered      (B) forbade      (C) elicited      (D) tempted
5. J. Edgar Hoover was an **astute** professional who served as director of the FBI for 48 years.  
(A) perceptive      (B) resilient      (C) astounding      (D) determined
6. Custer was **cautioned** by his advisors not to underestimate the strength of his opponent.  
(A) challenged      (B) persuaded      (C) known      (D) warned
7. **Bright** feathers have been used for ornamentation since early times.  
(A) long      (B) unique      (C) delicate      (D) brilliant
8. Telescopic images from outer space are often **blurred** by atmospheric conditions.  
(A) clouded      (B) interrupted      (C) enhanced      (D) blocked
9. The green-grey leaves of the sweet alyssum are untoothed and usually **bear** many silvery hairs.  
(A) carry      (B) yield      (C) absorb      (D) hide
10. For many years, scientists were **baffled** by the small size of the atom.  
(A) amazed      (B) curious      (C) puzzled      (D) fascinated
11. Water is the **most complex** of all the familiar substances that are single chemical compounds.  
(A) clearest      (B) simplest      (C) most valuable      (D) most complicated
12. The origin of the circus is **comparatively** recent, having little in common with Roman circuses.  
(A) apparently      (B) relatively      (C) certainly      (D) proportionally
13. The cotton gin was **commonplace** on many nineteenth-century farms in the US.  
(A) often used      (B) sorely needed      (C) frequently seen      (D) limitedly accepted
14. Under the microscope, cultivated silk fibers look **coarse**.  
(A) rough      (B) rigid      (C) delicate      (D) immense
15. The sweet potato is **chiefly** grown in the southern United States.  
(A) exclusively      (B) mostly      (C) rarely      (D) successfully



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