

TEST II—VERBAL SPEED (ADVANCED)

Time 90 Seconds

Directions: The principle is the same as in the last test. That is, write a word beginning with S which is opposite in meaning to each of the following. These answers of yours will be the *antonyms*. A minute and a half by your watch should be enough.

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| 1. generous | |
| 2. meaningless | |
| 3. believing | |
| 4. complicated | |
| 5. doubtful | |
| 6. careful | |
| 7. wakefulness | |
| 8. rough | |
| 9. objective | |
| 10. laugh | |

Speed and accuracy are again of great importance. If you completed this in ninety seconds and got eight out of ten correct, you are far above the average and you doubtless show unusual skill and ease in translating your thoughts into the proper words; you are going to make swift progress in the lessons that are ahead.

TEST III

HOW ARE YOUR SYNONYMS?

Time 4 Minutes

We now want to test your skill from another point of view. You have tried the antonyms, or words of opposite meanings. How will you do with synonyms, or words of the same, or almost the same, meanings? It is highly important that you have a wealth of synonyms at your command. They are like the many colors on an artist's palette. They will help you paint in for others the many shades of thoughts that are in your mind.

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<i>Example:</i>	beautiful	lovely, pretty
	strong	rugged, powerful
	short	brief, concise

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| 1. defects | | |
| 2. desires | | |
| 3. true | | |
| 4. suitable | | |
| 5. luminous | | |
| 6. loathing (noun) | | |
| 7. doubtful | | |
| 8. vulgar | | |
| 9. admiration | | |
| 10. very | | |

TEST IV (SYNONYMS)

Time 80 Seconds

We have tested your ability to recall the synonyms for a given word. We are now going to test your ability to *recognize* synonyms when you see them.

Infidel

Large

Abduct

Ingenious

Happen

Eccentricity

Unsophisticated

Persuade

Aberration

Kidnap

Ingenuous

Induce

Unbeliever

Bulky

Occur

Clever

You can see, as we go along, how line by line is being added to your word portrait. And any flaws that are showing up are a warning to you that you are unnecessarily handicapped.

TEST VI

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN?

Time 1 Minute

This will present some difficulties to those who have not more than a fair grounding in the English language. A few of these words are common. Some of the others are known by only about fifty per cent of people. Two or three are known to less than ten per cent. Try them and see how you come out.

Directions: Let's start with *abject*. Reading across the page you will find three words given under a, b and c. Check which one of these means the same thing as *abject*. Continue through the remaining nine words. This is a 60-second test.

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| 1. abject | a. downcast | b. refuse | c. ridiculous |
| 2. badinage | a. slavery | b. banter | c. equipment |
| 3. cadaver | a. corpse | b. attempt | c. knowledge |
| 4. ennui | a. anger | b. sorrow | c. boredom |
| 5. facetious | a. joking | b. cruel | c. useless |
| 6. incisive | a. doubtful | b. sharp | c. tooth |
| 7. maelstrom | a. flood | b. whirlpool | c. labyrinth |
| 8. nomad | a. maniac | b. fanatic | c. wanderer |
| 9. phlegmatic | a. temperamental | b. placid | c. sick |
| 10. maudlin | a. supersentimental | b. obscure | c. unusual |