

## Similar meanings 1: Nouns

**Exercise 1:** Look at sentences 1 – 22. These can either be completed with a word from box A or a word with a similar meaning from box B. Identify both the words that could be used. In some cases, you will need to add an -s to one or both of the words when you put them into the sentence.

A	B
acclaim administration agenda appointment benefit charisma choice code cooperation customer discipline discount drop fault liability opposition proof proximity requirement staff takeover work	acquisition advantage (personal) appeal client closeness collaboration decline defect employment evidence meeting option order patron personnel praise prerequisite receivership reduction resistance responsibility rule schedule

- We have a very busy \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ today, so I suggest we start as soon as possible.
- After two financially disastrous years, the company went into \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- We need to maintain \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ on the factory floor at all times, otherwise there are increased risks of an accident occurring.
- Several employees were made redundant following EZPrint's \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ of Colourcom.
- There has been a sharp \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ in the number of people attending the staff development sessions.
- The latest computer program has several \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ which need to be sorted out before it can be put onto the market.
- There has been a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to the new compulsory overtime plan.
- Despite government reassurances, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ that standards of living have improved.
- Repeated orders are eligible for a 10% \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ on wholesale prices.
- The hotel is popular with business people because of its \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to the central business district.
- I can't see you this afternoon because I have a / an \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ with the Board of Directors.
- A lot of our regular \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ say that they are unhappy with the speed of our service.
- When the company begins operations, it hopes to provide \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ for 300 people.
- There are several \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ to working from home: you save on travel costs, for one thing.
- If you want the job, a working knowledge of German is one of the main \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our latest range of language-learning products has received widespread \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ in the press, and is expected to help us become a market leader.
- The company \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ state(s) that no employee can leave his or her work station without asking for permission.
- The management accepts no \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ for any damage to vehicles in the car park.
- There are two \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ available to us: close the company or move to another locality.
- All \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ are requested to attend tomorrow's meeting, which will begin at 2pm.
- Thanks to our \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ with several affiliated companies, we have increased our turnover by 37%.
- We believe that the new manager's lack of \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ will have a negative effect on sales.