

 **Instructions:** Read the list of words below. Write each word in the correct group. Some may belong to more than one, but choose the most common use.

**Word Bank:**

Periodically, literally, adept, back-breaking, polish, slob, oblivious, tiny, go on strike, out of the blue, exhibit, order out, whip out, zest, subsidize, gourmand

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 **Adverbs** (Describe how, when, or to what extent something happens)

 **Adjectives** (Describe a noun: what kind, how many, which one)

 **Verbs** (Action words)

 **Nouns** (People, places, things, or ideas)

 **Expressions / Phrases** (Two or more words that have a meaning together)

**□ Fill in the Blank: Household Chores**

**Instructions:** Read the paragraph and fill in the blanks using the words in the box. Each word is used **only once**.

**Word Box:**

second nature – irresistible – definite – pile up – start out – make the most of it – intimately – beneath – ego – end up – incessantly – on behalf

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Some people say cleaning is boring, but I find it oddly \_\_\_\_\_. There's something satisfying about seeing a messy room become neat and tidy. Although I didn't \_\_\_\_\_

loving chores, over time, it became \_\_\_\_\_ to grab a broom or do the laundry without thinking.

However, if I ignore things for even one day, dishes and clothes \_\_\_\_\_ quickly. That's why I set a \_\_\_\_\_ schedule: 30 minutes a day to tackle the essentials. I try to \_\_\_\_\_ by playing music or listening to a podcast while I work.

I know my house \_\_\_\_\_ looks clean, but believe me, there's a lot going on \_\_\_\_\_ the surface. Dust hides under furniture, and clutter gathers in drawers.

Sometimes, I clean \_\_\_\_\_—for my siblings or my parents—especially when they're busy. I also notice how chores can hurt the \_\_\_\_\_ of some people who think they're "too important" to do the dishes. Ironically, those same people often \_\_\_\_\_ doing the hardest jobs when they finally decide to help.

### Match the Synonym

**Instructions:** Match each word in **Column A** with its **closest synonym** in **Column B**. Write the correct letter next to each number.

#### **A** Column A (Words):

1. Drifted apart
2. Inheritance
3. Security
4. Yearn
5. Flexible
6. Jinx
7. Struggle
8. Obligation
9. Intervene
10. Resent
11. Capable
12. Self-reliant
13. Budget

#### **B** Column B (Synonyms):

- A. Curse
- B. Become distant
- C. Responsibility
- D. Take action
- E. Long for
- F. Financial plan
- G. Independent
- H. Able
- I. Fight
- J. Be bitter
- K. Gift from a will
- L. Safety
- M. Adaptable

## Match the Definitions

**Instructions:** Match each word in **Column A** with its correct **definition** in **Column B**. Write the correct letter next to each number.

### **A** Column A (Words):

1. Alienation
2. Addictive
3. Additive
4. Consideration
5. Inspect
6. Preserve
7. Unadulterated
8. Carbohydrate
9. Serving
10. Prominent
11. Relevant
12. Allotment
13. Infatuated
14. Stand on one's own
15. Alternative
16. Load up
17. Listless

### **B** Column B (Definitions):

- A. Strongly attracted to someone or something in a foolish or overly intense way
- B. A feeling of being isolated or separated from others
- C. Clean and pure, not mixed with anything else
- D. Something you eat in place of something else
- E. To examine something carefully
- F. Very noticeable or important
- G. A portion or amount of food or drink
- H. A type of nutrient that gives energy, found in bread, pasta, and rice
- I. A substance added to food to improve it or preserve it
- J. The act of thinking carefully about something
- K. A small share or portion given to someone
- L. Having little or no energy or enthusiasm
- M. To become full, especially with food or supplies
- N. Able to cause someone to become physically or mentally dependent
- O. To keep something in good condition over time
- P. Having a connection with the topic
- Q. To be independent; to manage without help