



Important One Word Substitution

1. **Audience** – a number of people listening to a lecture.
2. **Altruist** – one, who considers the happiness and well-being of others first
3. **Atheist** – a person who does not believe in God
4. **Anthropologist** – one, who studies the evolution of mankind
5. **Autocracy** – government by one person
6. **Autobiography** – the life history of a person written by himself
7. **Amputate** – to cut off a part of a person's body which is infected
8. **Arsenal** – a place for ammunition and weapons
9. **Archives** – a place where government or public records are kept
10. **Amateur** – a man who does a thing for pleasure and not as a profession
11. **Aristocracy** – government by the nobles
12. **Aquatic** – animals/plants etc which live in water
13. **Amphibian** – animals which live both on land and sea
14. **Ambidexterous** – one, who can use either hand with ease
15. **Alimony** – allowance paid to wife on legal separation
16. **Anthology** – a collection of poems
17. **Abdication** – voluntary giving up of the throne in favor of someone
18. **Arbitrator** – a person, appointed by two parties to solve a dispute
19. **Astronomer** – a person, who studies stars, planets and other heavenly bodies

20. **Astrologer** – a person who studies the influence of heavenly bodies on human beings
21. **Anthology** – a collection of poems
22. **Axiom** – a statement which is accepted as true without proof
23. **Agenda** – a list of headings of the business to be transacted at a meeting
24. **Anarchist** – one, who is out to destroy all governance, law, and order
25. **Almanac** – an annual calendar with positions of stars
26. **Bigamy** – the practice of having two wives or husbands at a time
27. **Bibliophile** – a lover and collector of books
28. **Bouquet** – a collection of flowers
29. **Bureaucracy** – government by the officials
30. **Belligerent** – a person, nation that is involved in the war
31. **Biennial** – an event which happens once in two years
32. **Blasphemy** – the act of speaking disrespectfully about sacred things
33. **Creche** – a nursery where children are cared for while their parents are at work
34. **Cosmopolitan** – a person who regards the whole world as his country
35. **Chauffeur** – one, who is employed to drive a motor car
36. **Curator** – a person in charge of a museum
37. **Carnivorous** – one, who lives on flesh
38. **Cannibal** – one, who feeds on human flesh
39. **Contemporaries** – belonging to or living at the same time
40. **Cloakroom** – a place for luggage at the railway station
41. **Cynosure** – the centre of attraction
42. **Connoisseur** – a critical judge of any art and craft
43. **Crusade** – a religious war
44. **Choreographer** – one, who teaches dancing
45. **Cacographer** – a person, who is bad in spellings
46. **Calligraphist** – a person, who writes beautiful handwriting
47. **Cynic** – one, who sneers at the aims and beliefs of his fellow men

- 48. Convalescent** – one, who is recovering health
- 49. Cavalry** – soldiers, who fight on horseback
- 50. Cardiologist** – a person, who is specialist in heart diseases
- 51. Cartographer** – one, who draws maps
- 52. Dormitory** – the sleeping rooms with several beds especially in a college or institution
- 53. Drawn** – a game that results neither in victory nor in defeat
- 54. Elegy** – a poem of lamentation
- 55. Epitaph** – words which are inscribed on the grave or the tomb in the memory of the buried
- 56. Ephemeral** – lasting one day
- 57. Effeminate** – a person who is womanish
- 58. Emigrant** – a person who leaves his own country and goes to live in another
- 59. Edible** – fit to be eaten
- 60. Egotism** – practice of talking too much about oneself
- 61. Encyclopedia** – a book that contains information on various subjects
- 62. Epicure** – one, who is devoted to the pleasure of eating and drinking
- 63. Florist** – one, who deals in flowers
- 64. Fastidious** – one, who is very -selective in one's taste
- 65. Fanatic or Bigot** – one, who is filled with excessive and mistaken enthusiasm in religious matters
- 66. Fatal** – causing death
- 67. Fatalist** – one, who believes in fate
- 68. Facsimile** – an exact copy of handwriting, printing etc.
- 69. Fauna** – the animals of a certain region
- 70. Flora** – the plants of a particular region
- 71. Fratricide** – murder of brother
- 72. Fugitive** – one, who runs away from justice or the law
- 73. Fragile** – easily broken
- 74. Feminist** – one, who works for the welfare of the women

75. **Granary** – a place for grains
76. **Genocide** – murder of race
77. **Gregarious** – animals which live in flocks
78. **Hangar** – a place for housing aeroplanes
79. **Hive** – a place for bees
80. **Horticulture** – the art of cultivating and managing gardens
81. **Homicide** – murder of man
82. **Hearse** – a vehicle which is used to carry a dead body
83. **Hedonist** – one, who believes that pleasure is the chief good (sensual)
84. **Horizon** – a line at which the earth and the sky seem to meet
85. **Honorary** – holding office without any remuneration
86. **Heretic** – one, who acts against religion
87. **Herbivorous** – one, who lives on herbs
88. **Insolvent/Bankrupt** – a person who is unable to pay his debts
89. **Inaudible** – a sound that cannot be heard
90. **Inaccessible** – that cannot be easily approached
91. **Incorrigible** – incapable of being corrected
92. **Irreparable** – incapable of being repaired
93. **Illegible** – incapable of being read
94. **Inevitable** – incapable of being avoided
95. **Impracticable** – incapable of being practised
96. **Immigrant** – a person who comes to one country from another in order to settle there
97. **Invincible** – one, too strong to be overcome
98. **Indelible** – that cannot be erased
99. **Incognito** – travelling under another name than one's own
100. **Indefatigable** – one, who does not tire easily
101. **Infallible** – one, who is free from all mistakes and failures

- 102. Invigilator** – one, who supervises in the examination hall
- 103. Itinerant** – one, who journeys from place to place
- 104. Infirmary** – a home or room used for ill or injured people
- 105. Infanticide** – murder of an infant
- 106. Infantry** – soldiers, who fight on foot
- 107. Inflammable** – liable to catch fire easily
- 108. Interregnum** – a period of interval between two reigns or governments
- 109. Kennel** – a place for dogs
- 110. Lunatic asylum** – a home for lunatics
- 111. Lexicographer** – one, who compiles a dictionary
- 112. Loquacious** – one, who talks continuously
- 113. Linguist** – one, who is skilled in foreign languages
- 114. Lapidist** – one, who cuts precious stones
- 115. Misanthrope** – a hater of mankind
- 116. Misogamist** – one, who hates marriage
- 117. Mortuary** – a place, where dead bodies are kept for post-mortem
- 118. Mercenary** – working only for the sake of money
- 119. Matricide** – murder of mother
- 120. Martyr** – one, who dies for a noble cause
- 121. Maiden speech** – the first speech delivered by a person
- 122. Mint** – a place where coins are made
- 123. Misogynist** – a hater of womankind
- 124. Morgue** – a place, where dead bodies are kept for identification
- 125. Mammals** – animals which give milk
- 126. Monogamy** – the practice of marrying one at a time
- 127. Missionary** – a person, who is sent to propagate religion
- 128. Numismatics** – the study of coins

129. **Namesake** – a person having same name as another
130. **Nostalgia** – a strong desire to return home, homesickness
131. **Novice or Tyro** – one, new to anything, inexperienced
132. **Narcotic** – a medicine for producing sleep
133. **Optimist** – a person who looks at the brighter side of things
134. **Orphan** – one, who has lost parents
135. **Omnipresent** – one, who is present everywhere
136. **Omnipotent** – one, who is all powerful
137. **Omniscient** – one, who knows everything
138. **Opaque** – that which cannot be seen through
139. **Obituary** – an account in the newspaper of the funeral of the one deceased
140. **Orphanage** – a home for orphans
141. **Obstetrician** – one, who is skilled in midwifery
142. **Ostler** – one, who looks after horses at an inn
143. **Omnivorous** – one, who eats everything
144. **Pessimist** – a person who looks at the darker side of things
145. **Potable** – fit to drink
146. **Post-mortem** – an examination of dead body
147. **Philanthropist** – a lover of mankind
148. **Patricide** – murder of father
149. **Philatelist** – one, who collects stamps
150. **Plagiarism** – literary theft or passing off an author's original work as one's own
151. **Polygamy** – the practice of marrying more than one wife at a time
152. **Polyandry** – the practice of marrying more than one husband at a time
153. **Philogynist** – a lover of womankind
154. **Plebiscite** – (a decision made by) votes of all qualified citizens
155. **Philanderer** – one, who amuses himself by love making

- 156. Philistine** – one who does not care for art and literature
- 157. Plutocracy** – government by the rich
- 158. Pseudonym** – an imaginary name assumed by an author for disguise
- 159. Posthumous** – a child born after the death of his father or the book published after the death of the writer
- 160. Panacea** – a remedy for all diseases
- 161. Pediatrician** – a person, who is specialist in child diseases
- 162. Platitude** – ordinary remarks often repeated
- 163. Pedant** – one, who makes a vain display of his knowledge
- 164. Polyglot** – one, who speaks many languages
- 165. Paleography** – the study of ancient writing
- 166. Posse** – a number of policemen called to quell a riot
- 167. Parole** – pledge given by a prisoner for temporary release, not to escape
- 168. Pedestrian** – one, who goes on foot
- 169. Portable** – that can be carried easily
- 170. Quarantine** – an act of separation from other persons to avoid infection
- 171. Rhetoric** – the art of elegant speech or writing
- 172. Regicide** – murder of King or Queen
- 173. Sacrilege** – violating or profaning religious things/places
- 174. Sculptor** – one, who cuts in stones
- 175. Suicide** – murder of oneself
- 176. Stable** – a place for horses
- 177. Somnambulist** – a person, who walks in sleep
- 178. Somniloquist** – a person, who talks in sleep
- 179. Souvenir** – a thing kept as a reminder of a person, place or event
- 180. Swan song** – the last work (literary) of a writer
- 181. Sot, Toper** – one, who is a habitual drunkard

182. **Sinecure** – a job with high salary but little responsibility
183. **Stoic** – a person, who is indifferent to pleasure and pain and has control over his passions
184. **Sanatorium** – a place for the sick to recover health
185. **Sororicide** – murder of sister
186. **Triennial** – an event which happens once in three years
187. **Truant** – a person/student who absents himself from class or duty without permission
188. **Teetotaler** – one, who does not take any intoxicating drink
189. **Transparent** – that which can be seen through
190. **Theocracy** – government by religious principles
191. **Uxorious** – one extremely fond of one's wife
192. **Utopia** – an imaginary perfect social and political system
193. **Uxoricide** – murder of wife
194. **Verbatim** – repetition of speech or writing word for word
195. **Volunteer** – one, who offers one's services
196. **Virgin** – a woman who has no sexual experience
197. **Versatile** – interested in and clever at many different things
198. **Veteran** – one, who has a long experience of any occupation
199. **Venial** – a fault that may be forgiven

