

STATES OF MIND VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. AVARICE** – extreme greed for material gains
Synonym – acquisitiveness; cupidity
Antonym- generosity; liberality
- 2. CHURLISHNESS** – the quality of being rude
Synonym – acrimony; bitterness
Antonym- courtesy; politeness
- 3. CIRCUMSPECT** – unwilling to take risks
Synonym – cautious; careful
Antonym- unguarded; unfortified
- 4. CONVIVIAL** – friendly, lively, and enjoyable
Synonym – genial; affable
Antonym- successor, heir
- 5. HYPOCHONDRIA** – chronic anxiety about one's health
Synonym – health-obsession; neurosis
Antonym- anosognosia
- 6. PARANOIA** – unjustified suspicion of other people
Synonym – delusion; obsession
Antonym- pronoia; sanity
- 7. PRODIGAL** – wastefully extravagant
Synonym – spend-thrift; improvident
Antonym- parsimonious; economical
- 8. PRUDENCE** – the quality of being cautious
Synonym – wisdom; judgement
Antonym- folly; recklessness
- 9. FORBEARANCE** – patient self-control
Synonym – restraint; tolerance
Antonym- excess; intolerance
- 10. TURPITUDE** – wicked behaviour or character.
Synonym – depravity; immorality
Antonym- virtue; honour

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. CONVIVIAL | a) immorality | b) genial | c) honourable | d) intolerant |
| 2. PARANOIA | a) obsession | b) depravity | c) liberality | d) improvident |
| 3. TURPITUDE | a) immorality | b) economical | c) unfortified | d) impurified |
| 4. HYPOCHONDRIA | a) neurosis | b) neural | c) successor | d) folly |
| 5. PRODIGAL | a) parsimony | b) helpful | c) extravagant | d) sensitive |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. AVARICE | a) generosity | b) misery | c) acquiror | d) cupidity |
| 2. CIRCUMSPECT | a) warning | b) careful | c) unguarded | d) disregarded |
| 3. CHURLISHNESS | a) politeness | b) rudeness | c) simplicity | d) joyful |
| 4. PRUDENCE | a) recklessness | b) wisdom | c) judgement | d) shrewdness |
| 5. FORBEARANCE | a) clemency | b) endurance | c) intolerance | d) restraint |

EXERCISE 3

FILL IN THE BLANKS WITH THE APROPRIATE WORDS FROM THE VOCABULARY LIST

1. Simi could not give up her _____ shopping habits, she sued a wealthy businessman out of pure _____.
2. She shows a decided _____ in her dealings with the press, because she suffers from _____ about the media.
3. She was _____ about recommending the new drug to her sister as she did want to fuel her _____.
4. The detective showed an admirable _____ in dealing with the criminal who committed acts of _____.
5. Sarah was _____ to her employees, her financial _____ also led her to make wise business decisions