

STATES OF MIND VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. CAPTIOUS** – tending to find fault
Synonym – critical; disapproving
Antonym- forgiving; easy-going
- 2. CRAVEN** – contemptibly lacking in courage
Synonym – cowardly; spineless
Antonym- brave; courageous
- 3. DISENCHANTED** – disappointed by something
Synonym – cautious; careful
Antonym- enchanted; encouraged
- 4. GAUCHE** – lacking social experience
Synonym – awkward; inelegant
Antonym- elegant, sophisticated
- 5. INCORRIGIBLE** – incapable of being corrected
Synonym – inveterate; habitual
Antonym- occasional; repentant
- 6. INDOMITABLE** – impossible to subdue or defeat
Synonym – invincible; unbeatable
Antonym- submissive; weak
- 7. MALICE** – the desire to harm someone
Synonym – spite; malevolence
Antonym- benevolence; kindness
- 8. MOROSE** – sullen and ill-tempered
Synonym – sulky; gloomy
Antonym- cheerful; happy
- 9. SURLY** – bad-tempered and unfriendly
Synonym – grumpy; glum
Antonym- friendly; pleasant
- 10. TACITURN** – reserved in speech.
Synonym – uncommunicative; reticent
Antonym- talkative; loquacious

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. SURLY | a) happy | b) grumpy | c) honourable | d) intolerant |
| 2. MALICE | a) malevolence | b) altruism | c) decency | d) extravagant |
| 3. CRAVEN | a) courageous | b) cowardly | c) outrageous | d) diminished |
| 4. INDOMITABLE | a) submissive | b) malleable | c) defeated | d) invincible |
| 5. MOROSE | a) acrimony | b) sulky | c) extravagant | d) sensitive |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. TACITURN | a) solemn | b) loquacious | c) serious | d) dignified |
| 2. INCORRIGIBLE | a) unreformable | b) confirmed | c) repentant | d) addicted |
| 3. GAUCHE | a) fancy | b) naïve | c) sophisticated | d) ignorant |
| 4. DISENCHANTED | a) aloof | b) encouraged | c) intense | d) surprising |
| 5. CAPTIOUS | a) unforgiving | b) rude | c) monstrous | d) forgiving |

EXERCISE 3

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

1. Jake was disliked for his _____ behaviour, as an _____ young man he always kept getting into trouble.
2. His _____ mother was never satisfied with anything, because of this Jim developed a _____ outlook on life.
3. Her shy brother was _____ and rarely spoke in public, he also had a _____ fear of flying.
4. His _____ table manners made Rosie cringe, she made _____ comments about his manners.
5. The critic's _____ was evident in the harsh review, their behaviour left the participants deeply _____.