

THEME: BELIEFS VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ACOLYTE** – a person assisting a priest
Synonym – assistant, helper
Antonym- leader, master
- 2. APOSTLE** – a person sent out on a special mission
Synonym – proponent, supporter
Antonym- infidel, renouncer
- 3. BLASPHEMY** – lack of reverence for God
Synonym – sacrilege; profanity
Antonym- reverence; worship
- 4. ICONOCLAST** – person who attacks accepted beliefs
Synonym – questioner; sceptic
Antonym- conservative, conformist
- 5. INFIDEL** – not accepting a particular faith
Synonym – disbeliever, nihilist
Antonym- disciple, believer
- 6. NECROMANCER** – person who uses witchcraft
Synonym – wizard, sorcerer
Antonym- commoner, rookie
- 7. PENITENT** – sorry for doing something wrong
Synonym – repentant, contrite
Antonym- impenitent, unrepentant
- 8. PROPHET** – someone who spreads word of God
Synonym – clairvoyant, oracle
Antonym- pseud apostle, asperser
- 9. SEER** – one who can see the future
Synonym – sibyl; augur
Antonym- pessimist, contestant
- 10. SHAMAN** – connected to spiritual world
Synonym – healer; witch-doctor
Antonym- mundane, commoner

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. PENITENT | a) helpful | b) ignominy | c) repentant | d) truth |
| 2. SEER | a) believer | b) pessimist | c) sibyl | d) doctor |
| 3. APOSTLE | a) supporter | b) leader | c) asperser | d) idle |
| 4. NECROMANCER | a) commoner | b) rookie | c) wizard | d) clan |
| 5. INFIDEL | a) nihilist | b) diviner | c) sceptic | d) oracle |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. BLASPHEMY | a) clairvoyant | b) sibyl | c) reverence | d) profanity |
| 2. ACOLYTE | a) assistant | b) contrite | c) leader | d) sibyl |
| 3. ICONOCLAST | a) diviner | b) impiety | c) conformist | d) mundane |
| 4. PROPHET | a) asperser | b) faith | c) scientist | d) prayer |
| 5. SHAMAN | a) astrologer | b) prophet | c) commoner | d) believer |

EXERCISE 3

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

1. A court in Pakistan sentenced a woman to death on charges of _____ for claiming that she was a _____.
2. The _____ attempted to burn down the synagogue, after being arrested he tried hard to look _____.
3. Jim was a known _____ and astrologer, while his wife was a skilled _____ who could talk to spirits.
4. The _____ assisted the priest with all of his duties, the priest narrated the story of James, the first _____.
5. Jenny was an _____ who insulted the beliefs of others, the _____ predicted that this would lead to bad luck.