

THEME: EDUCATION

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ALUMNUS** – a former student of an institution
Synonym – alumna; graduate
Antonym- freshman; plebe
- 2. CERTIFICATE** – official document attesting a fact
Synonym – guarantee, credentials
Antonym - breach; denial
- 3. CHANCELLOR** – a senior state or legal official
Synonym – official; premier
Antonym- undock; follower
- 4. CONVOCATION** – a large formal meeting
Synonym – assembly; gathering
Antonym- dispersion, retirement
- 5. DUNCE** – a person who is slow at learning
Synonym – simpleton; ignoramus
Antonym- genius; intellectual
- 6. EDIFY** – to improve someone's mind
Synonym – educate; instruct
Antonym- misguide; misinform
- 7. IMPOSITION** – introduction of new law
Synonym – inflicting, enforcement
Antonym- candor; disburden
- 8. INVIGILATOR** – supervisor of an exam
Synonym – overseer; observer
Antonym- student, examinee
- 9. LITERACY** – the ability to read and write
Synonym – learning, education
Antonym- illiteracy; ignorance
- 10. SABBATICAL** – a long break from work or study
Synonym – furlough, breather
Antonym- enter; disinherit

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. ALUMNUS | a) educator | b) professional | c) graduate | d) friend |
| 2. CONVOCATION | a) learning | b) assembly | c) impress | d) logical |
| 3. INVIGILATOR | a) observer | b) student | c) examinee | d) pupil |
| 4. CHANCELLOR | a) illiterate | b) juvenile | c) official | d) novice |
| 5. IMPOSITION | a) insert | b) enforcement | c) impress | d) extract |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. EDIFY | a) misguide | b) inculcate | c) obtain | d) rational |
| 2. SABBATICAL | a) vacation | b) hiatus | c) disinherit | d) legal |
| 3. DUNCE | a) slow | b) genius | c) dimwit | d) basic |
| 4. CERTIFICATE | a) breach | b) proof | c) credentials | d) stamp |
| 5. LITERACY | a) education | b) instruct | c) illiteracy | d) reading |

EXERCISE 3

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

1. Sharon was an _____ of New York University and had taken a _____ from her work for a year.
2. At the _____ ceremony, Harry was awarded a _____ of merit for his piano playing.
3. At the rural school, many students were called a _____ by the teacher, this added difficulties to _____ work.
4. The _____ was very popular among people, he tried to _____ them about the importance of voting.
5. The _____ of attending weekly training sessions is the reason teachers avoid becoming an _____.