

THEME: PHILOSOPHY

VOCABULARY

WORDS TO LEARN

- 1. ANTINOMIANISM** – the view which rejects legalism
Synonym – anarchism, lawlessness
Antonym- legalism; conformity
- 2. CAUSALITY** – the science of cause and effect
Synonym – antecedent, causation
Antonym- aftermath, aftereffect
- 3. DEDUCTION** – understanding based on evidence
Synonym – reasoning; argumentation
Antonym- illogical; irrational
- 4. EMPIRICAL** – based on observation
Synonym – observed; factual
Antonym- theoretical, conceptual
- 5. IDEALISM** – the practice of forming ideals
Synonym – utopianism; unworldly
Antonym- realism; cynicism
- 6. INDUCTION** – reason from particular to general
Synonym – foundation, instauration
Antonym- conclusion, final phase
- 7. PRAGMATISM** – the logical way of doing things
Synonym – practical, logical
Antonym- impractical, unrealistic
- 8. RELATIVISM**– absolute truth does not exist
Synonym – universalism; subjectivism
Antonym- autonomy, absolutism
- 9. SOPHISTRY** – a fallacious argument
Synonym – casuistry, chicanery
Antonym- truthfulness; forthrightness
- 10. EXPLICATION**– giving a detailed explanation
Synonym – elucidate, expound
Antonym- conceal; complicate

EXERCISES

EXERCISE 1

FIND THE SYNONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. PRAGMATISM | a) practical | b) illogical | c) irrational | d) utopia |
| 2. RELATIVISM | a) unworldly | b) negative | c) universalism | d) factual |
| 3. SOPHISTRY | a) argument | b) logical | c) casuistry | d) secular |
| 4. EXPLICATION | a) extricate | b) implicate | c) expound | d) mystic |
| 5. CAUSALITY | a) causation | b) nationality | c) interspersed | d) manual |

EXERCISE 2

FIND THE ANTONYMS FOR THE MAIN WORD

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| 1. IDEALISM | a) idealistic | b) allusion | c) cynicism | d) occult |
| 2. DEDUCTION | a) deduce | b) observe | c) expound | d) irrational |
| 3. INDUCTION | a) rationality | b) argument | c) conclusion | d) triple |
| 4. ANTINOMIANISM | a) illegal | b) lawless | c) anarchy | d) legalism |
| 5. EMPIRICAL | a) observation | b) illogical | c) theoretical | d) expel |

EXERCISE 3

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

- Both _____ and _____ are a type of inference, which means reaching a conclusion based on reasoning.
- His research paper balanced between a theoretical _____ and an _____ exploration of the topic.
- The paper uses _____ tests to verify the conclusions but, in some places, the paper resorts to _____.
- _____ considers practical consequences of an action, while _____ is about forming ideals.
- _____ is lawlessness, while _____ is the belief that there are no absolute truths.