

One-Word Substitutes

1. Acrophobia – Pathological fear of high places
2. Acumen – Superior mental acuteness
3. Adolescence – A stage of growth between boyhood and youth
4. Adulation – Excessive devotion
5. Aerial – Living in air
6. Aeronautics – Science of flight of airplanes
7. Aesthetic – A love of beauty
8. Affidavit – A written statement given on oath
9. Affinity – Having a natural attraction to
10. Allegory - Description of a subject with symbolical representation to another
11. Allusive – Having reference to something
12. Altruist – One who works for the good of others
13. Amnesty - General pardon of the offenses against gout
14. Anachronistic – Set in wrong time or period
15. Anesthetics – Drugs causing unconsciousness such as chloroform
16. Analogy – A comparison between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation
17. Anatomy – Study of science relating to the bodily structure of human
18. Annihilate – Destroy utterly
19. Annuity – Yearly grant
20. Anodyne – Pain reliever
21. Anonymous – That which is written without name
22. Antagonist – An adversary
23. Anthropologist – One who studies history relating to the development of man from primitive ages
24. Antibiotics – Drugs which completely destroys bacteria
25. Antiquarian – A person who is interested in antiquities
26. Apologist – One who says sorry for his mistakes
27. Apostasy - To renounce one's faith or religion
28. Apostate – One who deserts his religion or principles
29. Arboreal – Living in trees
30. Archaeologist – One who studies human history through excavation of sites and artefacts
31. Archaism – Using ancient languages
32. Archive – That what is not in current use
33. Arsenal – A place where weapons are manufactured and stored
34. Autocrat – Who exercises absolute power
35. Avalanche – A heavy mass of snow falling down a hill with great noise
36. Ballad – A short narrative poem – adopted for writing and singing
37. Bibliography – A list of books with details of authorship, editions, subjects etc.
38. Bifurcate – Divided into two branches

39. Bigamy – The crime of having two life partners at a time
40. Boycott – To abstain from buying or using something
41. Cadaver – Dead body
42. Calligraphy – Beautiful writing
43. Cardiac – Pertaining to the heart
44. Cardinal – Of prime importance
45. Carrion – Dead and putrefying flesh
46. Catastrophe – Denotes the last stage of a tragedy
47. Celibate – One who resolved not to marry
48. Centipede – An insect with many legs
49. Chronology – Arrangements of events according to dates or times of occurrence
50. Clarify – Make clear
51. Classic – That which is acclaimed as an excellent work
52. Coalesce – grow into one, blend, unite, fuse
53. Comatose – In a coma, lacking energy, lethargic
54. Compensation – Money given for requisitioned property
55. Concatenate – Linked together
56. Concentric – Having the same centre
57. Connoisseur – Expert in the fine arts
58. Contemporary – One who lives at the same time of another
59. Crescendo – Gradual increase in force and volume
60. Crisis – Turning point of danger or disease
61. Cryptograph – Secret writing
62. Cul-De-Sac – Dead end
63. Cynosure – Centre of interest- something that strongly attracts attention by its brilliance
64. Dilettante – One who takes up an art, dabbler, a lover of fine arts
65. Deluge – A huge flood
66. Despotism – Is a form of government in which a single entity rules with absolute power
67. Dialysis –The process for blood purification when the kidneys malfunction
68. Dilemma – A state of a person, who is asked to choose one of the two unfavourable things
69. Domicile – A place where one lives permanently
70. Dorsal – Situated on back
71. Ebullient – Energetic and cheerful
72. Eccentric – Odd, unconventional, strange
73. Eclogue – A pastoral poem
74. Ecology – Study of plants or of animals or of people or of institutions in relation to environment
75. Effeminate – One who possess the qualities of women
76. Elegy – A serious brooding poem, lamenting the death of someone
77. Elixir – A potion or solution with magical/medicinal properties
78. Etymology – Science relating to the formation and development of words

79. Emeritus – A person who holds an office, usually a professor, who has retired but has been allowed to retain the title as a token of his/her services
80. Emetic – Including vomiting-something that induces vomiting
81. Encomium – Formal expression of high praise-eulogy
82. Encroach – Make inroads on others property
83. Enduring – Long lasting
84. Enjoin – Direct or order someone to do something
85. Ethnologist – One who studies the science of the different characteristics of human race
86. Entomologist – One who studies about insects
87. Ephemeral – Transitory, short lived
88. Epicentre – The central point of something; the point on surface which is right above the focus of an earthquake
89. Epilogue – A short speech at the end
90. Equanimity – Evenness of mind or temper
91. Equine – Of horses
92. Equinox – When days and nights are equal
93. Esoteric – Known only by a few
94. Estuary – A broad channel formed by joining of the sea and river water
95. Ethologist - One who studies the science of human and animal character
96. Etymologist – One who studies derivations of words- history of linguistic change
97. Euphemism – To soften an expression
98. Euphony – Pleasant sound
99. Euthanasia – Mercy killing, painless death to relieve suffering
100. Exegesis – Critical explanation or interpretation
101. Exemplary – Fit to be
102. Exorcism – To drive out the evil spirit or demons from someone
103. Exodus – Departure, emigration (usually of a large number of people)
104. Explicit – Fully and clearly expressed
105. Fathom – Understand fully – unit of length equal to six feet
106. Fauna – Animals of a given region or period
107. Fealty – Sworn allegiance to a lord
108. Fertile – That which is productive
109. Fetish – An excessive and irrational devotion or commitment to a particular thing
110. **Fission** – Cleaving or splitting into parts
111. **Flock** – Large group of animals such as birds, sheep or goats
112. **Flora** – Plants of a particular region or period
113. **Flotsam** – The thing which comes out from sea (cannot stay in water)
114. **Flux** – Continues change, instability, fusion
115. **Fortissimo** – Very loud
116. **Fragile** – That which can be easily broken
117. **Funambulist** – A rope dancer, one who have no chlorophyll
118. **Fusion** – Joining two or more things to form a single entity
119. **Galvanize** – Startle into sudden activity, to coat with zinc

120. **Gastronomy** – Relating to taste
121. **Genealogist** – One who traces the history of the descent of families
122. **Genealogy** – Heredity, hereditary
123. **Genocide** – Large-scale murder of a particular regional or ethnic group
124. **Germicide** – Medicine that kills germs
125. **Geysers** – Natural hot water springs
126. **Glacier** – A huge mass of snow moving slowly down the valley and slopes
127. **Gnosticism** – Religious beliefs that pre-date Christianity and have embraced the spiritual world
128. **Gregarious** – Social, amiable
129. **Haemorrhage** – Escape of blood through the ruptures of blood vessels inside the body
130. **Herbivore** – Plant eater
131. **Hedonist** – One who devotes himself to pleasure
132. **Hiatus** – Break in continuity
133. **Hibernate** – To spend the winter in a dormant state, condition of sleep during certain parts of the year
134. **Hierarchy** – Any system of persons or things passed on to other
135. **Hieroglyphic** – Pictographic script
136. **Histrionics** – Artificial behaviour or speech done for effect
137. **Holography** – Making of three dimensional photographs by use of laser beams
138. **Homogenous** – Things which are of the same kind and of same dimensions
139. **Horticulture** – An art of garden cultivation
140. **Hullabaloo** – Clamorous noise or disturbance, uproar
141. **Hybrid** – Anything derived from heterogeneous sources
142. **Hydraulics** – Study of water or other liquid in motion
143. **Hydrophobia** – Fear of water
144. **Hymn** – Song in praise of god
145. **Hyperbole** – Exaggerations, especially in terms of praise which are not to be taken literally
146. **Iconoclast** – Destroyer of images attached on traditions
147. **Iconography** – Teaching by pictures and models
148. **Igneous** – Of or about fire produced under intense heat
149. **Illegible** – That which is incapable of being read
150. **Illicit** – Unlicensed, unalterable, changeless
151. **Immutable** – Unchangeable, unalterable, changeless
152. **Implicit** – Not fully and clearly expressed, implied
153. **Imply** – Indicate without express statement
154. **Impregnable** – That which is cannot be taken by force
155. **Improbable** – That which is not likely to happen
156. **Impromptu** – Made or done without previous preparation, extemporaneous
157. **Impenetrable** – Impossible to pass through or enter
158. **Inattentive** – Not giving proper attention
159. **Incarcerate** – Imprison or confine
160. **Incinerate** – Burn, reduce to ashes

161. **Incompatible** – Persons who cannot work or live together in harmony
162. **Incriminate** - Change with a crime and fault
163. **Incumbent** – Necessary for (someone) as a duty or responsibility
164. **Indescribable** – That which is impossible to describe adequately
165. **Inescapable** – That which cannot be escaped from
166. **Inexplicable** – That which cannot be explained
167. **Inflammable** – That which sets on fire easily
168. **Inimitable** – That which cannot be
169. **Insomnia** – Loss of sleep
170. **Interdiction** – Prohibition or prevention from participation in certain sacred acts
171. **Interjection** – An abrupt interruption
172. **Intractable** – That which cannot be controlled easily
173. **Invertebrate** – Without a backbone – without strength of character
174. **Invincible** – That which cannot be defeated
175. **Isthmus** – A narrow strip of land connecting two larger land masses
176. **Jaywalk** – To cross streets on foot in a careless and dangerous way
177. **Lackey** – One who behaves like a servant by always obeying
178. **Laminate** – To cover with thin sheets of metal or plastic
179. **Legible** – Capable of being read clearly
180. **Lexicographer** – One who compiles dictionaries
181. **Libertarian** – One who believes that one should have freedom of expression
182. **Limerick** – A humorous short poem with five lines
183. **Literati** – People with knowledge of literature
184. **Loquacious** – One who talks a lot
185. **Lowbrow** – One who has no interest in literature
186. **Lullaby** – A pleasant song sung to send children to sleep
187. **Machete** – A knife with a broad heavy blade
188. **Magnum Opus** – A great work of art, particularly literary
189. **Malediction** – Evil, vicious speech
190. **Manual** – A book giving instructions or information
191. **Martinet** – A strict disciplinarian
192. **Mascot** – Something chosen as a symbol to bring good luck
193. **Masochist** – One who enjoys pain or humiliation
194. **Mediocre** – One who is neither intelligent nor dull
195. **Mercantile** – Of trade and business
196. **Meteorology** – The scientific study of weather conditions
197. **Meticulous** - A person who is very careful about details
198. **Militia** – Those trained as soldiers but not belonging to a regular army
199. **Misanthrope** – One who hates mankind
200. **Monomaniac** – One who keeps thinking of one particular thing only
201. **Monotheism** – The practice of worshipping only one god
202. **Multinational** – A company having branches in many countries
203. **Nausea** – Strong feeling of wanting to vomit
204. **Nautical** – Of or concerning navigation, sailors or the sea; maritime

205. **Nemesis** – Downfall that satisfies natural justice
206. **Neologism** – A new word
207. **Nepotism** – Undue favour shown by a person in power to his relatives
208. **Notary** – A public official who makes written statements official
209. **Obituary** – Notice of a person's death in a newspaper
210. **Obligatory** – That which required to be done by law
211. **Obsolete** – That which is out of use, or replaced by a newer model
212. **Ontology** - Philosophy concerned with the nature of existence
213. **Ophthalmologist** – An eye-doctor
214. **Optometrist** – A technician who measures your eyesight
215. **Pacifist** – One who believes in the abolition of war
216. **Paleography** - The study of ancient writing
217. **Palaeontology** – The study of fossils
218. **Pariah** – One who is not accepted by society
219. **Patent** – Sole right to make and sell one's own invention
220. **Pedant** – One who exhibits his book learning
221. **Penultimate** – Last but one
222. **Perquisite** – Gain over and above one's salary
223. **Philistine** – Person of material outlook who is indifferent to culture
224. **Philologist** – One who is well versed in the science of languages
225. **Pigment** – The natural colouring matter of plants and animals
226. **Plaintiff** – One who brings a change against someone in court
227. **Platonic** – A very intimate friendship between two people
228. **Plebeian** – Of the lower social classes
229. **Posthumous** – Something that occurs after one's death
230. **Pragmatist** – One who uses common sense
231. **Prescient** – Able to foretell what will happen in future
232. **Propellant** – An explosive for firing a bullet or a rocket
233. **Pseudonym** – A pen-name assumed by a writer
234. **Pulmonary** – Of or having an effect on the lungs
235. **Pyrotechnics** – The art of making fireworks
236. **Quack** – One who dishonestly claims to have knowledge and skill, especially in medicine
237. **Quarantine** – Confinement to one place to prevent spread of infection
238. **Quixotic** – Trying to do the impossible, usually to help others, while putting oneself into danger
239. **Raconteur** – One who is good at telling stories or who tells anecdotes
240. **Rapport** – A good relationship between two people
241. **Red Tapism** – Excessive use of official formalities which causes unnecessary delay
242. **Refugee** – One who takes refuge in a foreign country
243. **Reinforce** – Strengthen by additional men or material
244. **Reinstate** – Put back in a former station or condition
245. **Renaissance** – A renewal of interest in art, literature etc.
246. **Requisition** – An official demand or request
247. **Retribution** – A severe deserved punishment

248. **Ringleader** – One who leads others to do wrong or make trouble
249. **Sabotage** – Wanton destruction especially of a factory, etc. by dissatisfied workers
250. **Sacrilege** – The violation or profaning of sacred things
251. **Sanatorium** – A hospital; especially for patients and convalescents
252. **Sanctimonious** – Making a show of piety
253. **Scaffold** – A structure on which criminals used to be hanged
254. **Sceptic** – Person who doubts the truth of what he is told
255. **Sedentary** – Done while sitting down
256. **Sensationalism** – The intentional producing of excitement or shock
257. **Septuagenarian** – One is his seventies
258. **Silhouette** – Black shadow-like picture on white background
259. **Simultaneous** – Happening or done at the same time
260. **Sinecure** – Any office with good salary but no work
261. **Snippet** – A small piece from something spoken or written
262. **Sojourn** – A short stay at a place
263. **Somnambulist** – One who walks in his sleep
264. **Spendthrift** – One who spends too much
265. **Spinster** – An unmarried women
266. **Stale** – Something which is not fresh
267. **Stampede** – A sudden rush of a large number of frightened people or animals
268. **Stellar** – Of the stars
269. **Stockbroker** – One who buys and sell shares for others
270. **Stratagem** – A trick to deceive an enemy
271. **Stringent** – Very strict
272. **Sub Judice** – A subject which cannot be publicly discussed because it is being considered by a court of law
273. **Subcutaneous** – Beneath the skin
274. **Subsidy** – Money paid by a government to make prices lower
275. **Subversive** – **Attempting to weaken or overthrow authority**
276. **Superannuated** – Too old for work
277. **Superfluous** – More than is needed
278. **Surgeon** – One who treats disease by operating
279. **Surreal** – Having a strange, dreamlike unreal quality
280. **Symposium** – Collection of views of several persons on a topic
281. **Tableau** – A lifelike representation of a famous scene by a group of people who do not move or speak
282. **Taboo** – An act which religion or custom regards as forbidden
283. **Technocrat** – A specialist in technology
284. **Teetotaller** – One who doesn't consume alcoholic drinks
285. **Theocracy** – Government by priests
286. **Thesaurus** – Lexicon, especially a collection of words
287. **Timber** – Wood cut down for buildings etc.
288. **Topography** – The art of representing the physical features of a place on a map
289. **Traitor** – One who betrays his friends, ruler, country, etc.

290. **Transmigration** – Belief that the soul passes at death into another body
291. **Tyrant** – A ruler with complete power who rules cruelly
292. **Ultimatum** – Final proposal of terms given by one party to another
293. **Unanimous** – A decision taken by the votes of all
294. **Unanimous** – Of the same opinion
295. **Undertaker** – A tradesman who manages funerals
296. **Unisex** – Of one type, used by both males and females
297. **Upstart** – A person who has suddenly risen from low rank to wealth and importance
298. **Usurer** – One who lends money at an excessive rate of interest
299. **Utopian** – Ideally perfect but impracticable
300. **Uxoricide** – The killing of one's wife
301. **Uxorious** – Greatly or excessively fond of one's wife
302. **Vagabond** – One who wanders without settled home
303. **Versatile** – Of many sided ability
304. **Veterinarian** – One skilled in the treatment of diseases of animals
305. **Vicarious** – Done for another
306. **Volunteer** – One who takes part in an enterprise of his own free will
307. **Wanton** – Recklessly inconsiderate
308. **Xenophobia** – Dislike and prejudice against people of other countries