

Psychometric Success

Verbal Ability
Word Meaning

Practice Test 1

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VERBAL ABILITY WORD MEANING – PRACTICE TEST 1

Word meaning questions are designed to measure your vocabulary, specifically your understanding of word meanings. To achieve this, the questions focus on the relationships between words and the questions are phrased such that you need to know the precise meaning of the words given in order to select the correct answer. These types of question appear in all levels of verbal ability tests.

Word Meaning		Operatives	Supervisory	Management
Craft & Technical		Y	Y	Y
Clerical & Administrative		Y	Y	Y
Police, Fire, Military etc.	Y			
Management Trainee	Y			
Graduate & Professional	Y			

These questions often use synonyms and antonyms (words which have either the same or opposite meanings), dictionary definitions and word pairs. Another type of word meaning question uses words which sound similar but have different meanings. These are called homophones and an example would be the words 'allude' and 'elude'. 'Allude' means 'referred' and 'elude' means 'escaped from'. Once again, the test designer needs to choose common homophones which are in regular use and this leaves a relatively restricted list to choose from.

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Test 1 – 40 Questions

Instructions: Answer as many questions as you can in 10 minutes. Circle the letter on the right which corresponds to the correct answer.

1) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **outcome**

A	B	C	D
affect	result	upshot	effect

A B C D

2) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **comprise**

A	B	C	D
compose	cover	contain	encompass

A B C D

3) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **energize**

A	B	C	D
rejuvenate	strengthen	enervate	uplift

A B C D

4) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **populated**

A	B	C	D
crowded	packed	populous	populace

A B C D

5) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **condemn**

A	B	C	D
critique	disparage	criticize	censure

A B C D

6) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **amiss**

A	B	C	D
improper	unsuitable	avoid	incorrect

A B C D

7) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **except**

A	B	C	D
bar	accept	exclude	ban

A B C D

8) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **rudimentary**

A	B	C	D
basic	elementary	simple	mature

A B C D

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9) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **equanimity**

A	B	C	D
contradictory	self-control	calmness	poise

A B C D

10) Which word does not have a similar meaning to - **recalcitrant**

A	B	C	D
obstinate	pessimistic	intractable	disobedient

A B C D

11) Which word means - **tuneful; compatible; marked by agreement**

A	B	C	D
inclusive	harmonious	saturated	lucid

A B C D

12) Which word means - **with passionate or intense feelings**

A	B	C	D
temperamental	transitory	disconsolate	ardent

A B C D

13) Which word means - **to accumulate; to gather**

A	B	C	D
abjure	assess	amass	deliberate

A B C D

14) Which word means - **unjustifiably malicious; immoral; unmanageable**

A	B	C	D
wanton	diffident	barren	trite

A B C D

15) Which word means - **continuous; eternal; never ceasing**

A	B	C	D
indistinct	perpetual	vigilant	imperturbable

A B C D

16) Which word means - **to emerge; to issue; to emit**

A	B	C	D
emanate	infuse	quibble	tirade

A B C D

17) Which word means - **to deter; to discourage**

A	B	C	D
empathize	diminish	appreciate	daunt

A B C D

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18) Which word means - **to replace; to usurp**

A	B	C	D
sheathe	grieve	supplant	mark

A B C D

19) Which word means - **to fall; to flow, to pour**

A	B	C	D
babble	counter	proceed	cascade

A B C D

20) Which word means - **to make better; to improve**

A	B	C	D
advance	rearrange	eradicate	emasculate

A B C D

21) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **perplex**

A	B	C	D
dither	affiliate	discomfit	reiterate

A B C D

22) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **contradict**

A	B	C	D
gainsay	oppose	disparage	tarnish

A B C D

23) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **argumentative**

A	B	C	D
strident	confrontational	irreverent	vociferous

A B C D

24) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **expedite**

A	B	C	D
beckon	exterminate	disrespect	facilitate

A B C D

25) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **condescend**

A	B	C	D
criticize	usurp	patronize	contribute

A B C D

26) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **suffuse**

A	B	C	D
overspread	shrink	obstruct	renounce

A B C D

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27) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **aggrandize**

A	B	C	D
presume	understand	exaggerate	appease

A B C D

28) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **sodden**

A	B	C	D
saturated	incomplete	worthless	rudimentary

A B C D

29) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **stability**

A	B	C	D
complicity	veracity	conspiracy	homeostasis

A B C D

30) Choose the word most similar in meaning to - **eject**

A	B	C	D
misrepresent	oust	renounce	thrive

A B C D

31) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **fecund**

A	B	C	D
productive	abundant	barren	unfriendly

A B C D

32) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **tawdry**

A	B	C	D
prosperous	clean	privileged	tasteful

A B C D

33) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **pragmatic**

A	B	C	D
irrational	impractical	exuberant	realistic

A B C D

34) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **absolve**

A	B	C	D
condemn	pardon	free	exonerate

A B C D

35) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **exigent**

A	B	C	D
strenuous	light	easy	difficult

A B C D

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36) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **timorous**

A	B	C	D
brave	ambiguous	perceptive	comprehending

A B C D

37) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **arrogate**

A	B	C	D
commandeer	seize	defeat	surrender

A B C D

38) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **pious**

A	B	C	D
arrogant	irreverent	wealthy	moral

A B C D

39) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **turbid**

A	B	C	D
pretentious	dull	clear	opaque

A B C D

40) Choose the word most nearly opposite in meaning to - **ambiguous**

A	B	C	D
tentative	obvious	vague	uncertain

A B C D

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<i>Answers</i>							
1)	A		16)	A		31)	C
2)	A		17)	D		32)	D
3)	C		18)	C		33)	B
4)	D		19)	D		34)	A
5)	A		20)	A		35)	C
6)	C		21)	C		36)	A
7)	B		22)	A		37)	D
8)	D		23)	B		38)	B
9)	A		24)	D		39)	C
10)	B		25)	C		40)	B
11)	B		26)	A			
12)	D		27)	C			
13)	C		28)	A			
14)	A		29)	D			
15)	B		30)	B			