

## Important Synonyms and Antonyms for Competitive Exams

### 1) Abandon

**Synonyms:** carelessness, desert, discontinue

**Antonyms:** caution, retain, continue

**Example:** Tom abandoned his dream of becoming an oceanographer.

### 2) Abase

**Synonyms:** fall, debase, devalue

**Antonyms:** honour, upgrade, grace

**Example:** A man who betrays a friend abases himself.

### 3) Abash

**Synonyms:** awe, humiliate, humble

**Antonyms:** embolden, reassure

**Example:** Her kindness quite abashed me.

### 4) Abate

**Synonyms:** lessen, shrink

**Antonyms:** increase, augment

**Example:** We must abate the noise on the campus.

### 5) Abdicate

**Synonyms:** relinquish, renounce

**Antonyms:** accept, accede to

**Example:** The king was forced to abdicate the throne.

### 6) Abduct

**Synonyms:** kidnap, steal, nab

**Antonyms:** rescue, salvage, liberate

**Example:** The police think the boy has been abducted.

7) **Abject****Synonyms:** Despicable, Servile**Antonyms:** Commendable, Praiseworthy**Example:** The news plunged him into abject misery.8) **Abjure****Synonyms:** Forsake, Renounce**Antonyms:** Approve, Sanction**Example:** He abjures to give up the job.9) **Abolish****Synonyms:** eliminate, stop, eradicate**Antonyms:** Setup, Establish**Example:** Some MPs want to abolish the tax altogether.10) **Abortive****Synonyms:** Vain, Unproductive**Antonyms:** Productive, effective, fruitful**Example:** I made an abortive attempt to win his support.11) **Abound****Synonyms:** Flourish, Proliferate**Antonyms:** Deficient, Destitute**Example:** Apples abound here all year-round.12) **Abscond****Synonyms:** flee, run away**Antonyms:** arrest, stay**Example:** You can not abscond from your responsibilities.13) **Absolve****Synonyms:** Pardon, Forgive**Antonyms:** Compel, Accuse**Example:** They agree to absolve you from your obligation.

14) **Abstract****Synonyms:** conceptual, synopsis**Antonyms:** actual, concrete**Example:** She finds it difficult to grasp abstract concepts.15) **Abundant****Synonyms:** plentiful, rich, profuse**Antonyms:** meager, scarce, inadequate**Example:** Fish are abundant in the lake.16) **Accessory****Synonyms:** appendage**Antonyms:** principal, adversary**Example:** The best accessory a girl can own is confidence.17) **Acclaim****Synonyms:** applause, cheer**Antonyms:** disapprove, boycott**Example:** The performance received considerable acclaim.18) **Accord****Synonyms:** Agreement, Harmony**Antonyms:** Discord**Example:** Such an act would not be in accord with our policy.19) **Acquisition****Synonyms:** attainment, achievement**Antonyms:** loss, defeat, beating**Example:** The company has just made another acquisition.20) **Acquit****Synonyms:** Absolve, clear**Antonyms:** Criminate, incriminate**Example:** The court acquits two of the accused.

21) **Acrimony****Synonyms:** Harshness, Bitterness**Antonyms:** Courtesy, Benevolence**Example:** After much acrimony, the effort failed.22) **Actuate****Synonyms:** drive, incite**Antonyms:** hinder, deter, restrain**Example:** The flow of current actuates the signal.23) **Acumen****Synonyms:** Awareness, Brilliance**Antonyms:** Stupidity, Ignorance**Example:** She has considerable business acumen.24) **Adamant****Synonyms:** Stubborn, Inflexible**Antonyms:** Flexible, Soft**Example:** Michael is adamant that he will tour this year Paris.25) **Adapt****Synonyms:** acclimatize, conform**Antonyms:** preserve, unfit**Example:** She knew how to adapt herself.26) **Adept****Synonyms:** Capable, proficient, skilled**Antonyms:** Incapable, incompetent, ignorant**Example:** She is adept at cooking.27) **Adhere****Synonyms:** stick to, cohere**Antonyms:** flout, ignore**Example:** All members of the association adhere to a strict code of practice.