

Antonyms exercise

Against each key word are given five suggested meanings. Choose the word or phrase which is opposite in meaning to the key word.

1. Discrepancy

- a) inconsistency
- b) consistency
- c) inappropriate
- d) variance
- e) vagary

2. Disdain

- a) attitude
- b) honesty
- c) admiration
- d) zeal
- e) disgust

3. Disheveled

- a) tidy
- b) clumsy
- c) unkempt
- d) long
- e) exasperated

4. Disingenuous

- a) sincere
- b) sophisticated
- c) trained
- d) experienced
- e) uncomfortable

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5. Dismal

- a) remarkable
- b) trivial
- c) reserved
- d) puzzled
- e) dislocated

6. Dismay

- a) intimidate
- b) mitigate
- c) soothe
- d) hearten
- e) mystify

7. Dispel

- a) scatter
- b) gather
- c) dissipate
- d) refract
- e) agonize

8. Disposition

- a) sparking
- b) watchfulness
- c) inclination
- d) unwillingness
- e) temperament

9. Dissipate

- a) vanish

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- b) unite
- c) dispel
- d) disappear
- e) contemplate

10. Disburse

- a) collect
- b) gather
- c) pay out
- d) discard
- e) distinguish

11. Keen

- a) dull
- b) sharp
- c) brilliant
- d) focused
- e) unnecessary

12. Keep

- a) protect
- b) discard
- c) convert
- d) celebrate
- e) avert

13. Kemp

- a) professional
- b) successor
- c) brave
- d) loser

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e) atheist

14. Kill

- a) murder
- b) execute
- c) animate
- d) slay
- e) throw

15. Kindle

- a) invoke
- b) infuriate
- c) put off
- d) awaken
- e) lavish

Answers

1. consistency

2. admiration

3. tidy

4. sincere

5. remarkable

6. hearten

7. gather

8. unwillingness

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9. unite

10. pay out

11. dull

12. discard

13. loser

14. animate

15. put off