

Antonyms worksheet

Five suggested meanings are given against each keyword. Choose the word or phrase which is opposite in meaning to the key word.

1. palatable

- a) tasteless
- b) potable
- c) edible
- d) pleasant
- e) appealing

2. Palatial

- a) impressive
- b) splendid
- c) extravagant
- d) miserable
- e) regal

3. Palliate

- a) alleviate
- b) aggregate
- c) aggravate
- d) synthesize
- e) synchronize

4. Palpable

- a) conspicuous
- b) perceptible by feeling or touch
- c) overt

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- d) physical
- e) intangible

5. Panacea

- a) ineffective solution
- b) supposed cure-all
- c) solution
- d) cure
- e) magic potion

6. Panegyric

- a) allusion
- b) praise
- c) allegory
- d) censure
- e) eulogy

7. Pariah

- a) a social outcast
- b) outsider
- c) aristocrat
- d) orthodox
- e) none of these

8. Paroxysm

- a) spasm
- b) suppressed emotions
- c) sudden outburst

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- d) paradoxical
- e) none of these

9. Parsimonious

- a) modest
- b) spendthrift
- c) miserly
- d) nonchalant
- e) sparing

10. Partisan

- a) member
- b) opponent
- c) sponsor
- d) adherent
- e) fan

11. Pathos

- a) tragedy
- b) bathos
- c) grief
- d) joy
- e) satire

12. Paucity

- a) dearth
- b) possibility
- c) rareness

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- d) plethora
- e) scantiness

13. Peccadillo

- a) transgression
- b) virtue
- c) offense
- d) indulgence
- e) stain

14. Pedestrian

- a) exciting
- b) walker
- c) prosaic
- d) dull
- e) strider

15. Pellucid

- a) transparent
- b) opaque
- c) clear
- d) clean
- e) visible

16. Penchant

- a) desire
- b) proclivity
- c) horror

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- d) predilection
- e) proclivity

17. Penurious

- a) needy
- b) indigent
- c) impecunious
- d) well-off
- e) niggardly

18. Penury

- a) poverty
- b) affluence
- c) indigence
- d) destitution
- e) neediness

19. Peremptory

- a) polite
- b) dictatorial
- c) authoritative
- d) dogmatic
- e) decisive

20. Perfidy

- a) honesty
- b) lying
- c) treachery

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d) duplicity

e) deceit

Answers

1. tasteless

2. miserable

3. aggravate

4. intangible

5. ineffective solution

6. censure

7. aristocrat

8. suppressed emotions

9. spendthrift

10. opponent

11. joy

12. plethora

13. virtue

14. exciting

15. opaque

16. horror

17. well-off

18. affluence

19. polite

20. honesty