

Antonyms 1 - choose the word that is most opposite in meaning?

1

complex

A

smooth

B

clean

C

simple

D

transparent

2

assemble

A

advance

B

spread

C

concentrate

D

collect

3

disarray

A

procedure

B

peace

C

form

D

order

4

postpone

A

maintain

B

continue

C

encourage

D

push

5

prey

A

trap

B

carnivore

C

beast

D

predator

6

free

A

idle

B

fresh

C

busy

D

alive

7

shrink

A

develop

B

age

C

grow

D

mature

8

emerge

A

expose

B

finish

C

abandon

D

disappear

9

isolate

A

adapt

B

detached

C

integrate

D

adjust

10

expand

A

pledge

B

bond

C

bargain

D

contract

Antonyms 2

Three of the words are synonyms, please can you spot the antonym?

1

talent

instinct

knack

flair

inability

2

simple

baffling

perplexing

mystifying

difficult

3

informed

enlightened

knowledgeable

ignorant

learned

Three of the words are synonyms, please can you spot the antonym?

4

luxurious

meagre

lavish

lush

elaborate

5

repulsed

fascinated

enchanted

bewitched

captivated

6

comrade

foe

enemy

opponent

rival

Three of the words are synonyms, please can you spot the antonym?

7

stretch

expand

grow

enlarge

reduce

8

adequate

scanty

sufficient

plenty

ample

9

savage

ferocious

fierce

docile

violent

Three of the words are synonyms, please can you spot the antonym?

10

riches

wealth

fortune

affluence

poverty

11

incapable

skilful

competent

accomplished

trained

12

completely

entirely

absolutely

partially

totally

started	alert	located	fondly	especially
remorseful	eager	unclear about	approaching	halted

The Railway Children.

The story begins with Phyllis, Peter and their older sister Roberta, known affectionately¹ as Bobbie, recalling a summer some years ago when they were 8, 10 and 12 respectively.

It had all begun² when two official-looking men had arrived at their London home. Father, who worked for the government, was arrested and charged with spying. The children were unaware of³ the reasons behind their father's absence and their mother didn't want to tell them where he had gone.

Without their father's income, they had become very poor and Mother told the children they were going to live in Yorkshire. The family's new home was a small stone cottage called Three Chimneys, which was situated⁴ close to a railway line and a railway station. The children liked to stand in the fields and wave to the train passengers and from one of the carriages, the same old man would always wave back.

Peter, keen⁵ to help his mother and aware that they had very little money, stole coal from the station yard, but he was caught by Perks the porter. The children were very sorry⁶ and told him about the family's struggles. Mr Perks forgave them and they became friends.

One day the children went as usual to wave to the passengers on the train and particularly⁷ the old gentleman. They noticed a landslide had completely blocked the tracks and, knowing the train was due to arrive, they realised they had to warn⁸ the driver. The girls took off their red petticoats and waved them in front of the oncoming⁹ train. The train stopped¹⁰ and an accident was prevented. The old gentleman rewarded them with gold pocket watches and at the end of the story, the same old gentleman cleared their father's name of spying charges and he returned to his family.

Comprehension — Recipe for a Victoria Sandwich Cake.

Ingredients:

100g butter or margarine.

100g self-raising flour.

100g sugar.

$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon vanilla essence.

2 large eggs.

Strawberry jam

Icing sugar.

Method:

Preheat the oven to 180°C/gas mark 4.

Lightly grease two cake tins and line each base with greaseproof paper.

Mix the butter/margarine with the sugar in a large mixing bowl either by hand or with an electric mixer, until the mixture is light and airy.

Gently mix in the eggs and then add the vanilla essence.

Begin adding the flour through a sieve, folding it gently into the mixture.

Divide the cake mixture equally between the two cake tins and place in the oven.

Bake for 25 minutes or until the cakes have risen and are a light golden brown.

Stand the cakes on a wire stand to cool and once the two cakes have cooled, thickly spread some jam over the top of one of the cakes and then place the other cake on top.

Finally, mix the icing sugar with a little water to make a paste and spread the icing over the top of the cake with a knife.

1

If you wanted to make double the recipe, how many grams of flour would you need?

- A 100g.
- B 200g.
- C 300g.
- D 400g.

2 Why do you think that the last two ingredients do not have any amounts specified?

- A The author has forgotten to include them.
 - B It is up to the person using the recipe to decide how much they want to use.
 - C They might not be needed and so no amounts are included.
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3 In what condition should the mixture be before the eggs are added?

- A light/airy.
 - B Smooth/airy.
 - C Fluffy/smooth.
 - D Light/fluffy.
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4 How many eggs need to be added at this stage?

- A None.
 - B One.
 - C Two.
 - D Three.
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5 What utensil is to be used for adding the flour to the mixture?

- A A spoon.
 - B A sieve.
 - C A whisk.
 - D A knife.
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Vocabulary - match the words to the correct definition

- A Someone who pays you rent to live in your house.
- B A person who drives a lorry for a living.
- C Someone who collects information and writes articles for newspapers.
- D Another name for a soldier.
- E A person who adds drawings to books.
- F Someone who job it is to represent people in court.
- G A researcher who may work in a laboratory.
- H A person who translates words from one language to another.

Q1	journalist
Q2	interpreter
Q3	illustrator
Q4	barrister
Q5	scientist
Q6	lodger

- A Worried and slightly afraid.
- B False, not real or natural.
- C Only just.
- D The larger part or number.
- E An extremely large lorry.
- F A formal meal, usually for a special occasion.
- G Better than everything else.
- H Conceited and proud.

Q7	arrogant
Q8	majority
Q9	banquet
Q10	juggernaut
Q11	artificial
Q12	apprehensive

Vocabulary - match the words to the correct definition

- A To gain an advantage from something.
- B To avoid something of somewhere by going round it.
- C To admit that you have done something wrong.
- D To demand something noisily.
- E To create something by mixing several difference things together.
- F To deliberately let someone down.
- G To fill up a space and make it messy.
- H To tell someone that they have done something badly.

Q13	bypass
Q14	clutter
Q15	benefit
Q16	concoct
Q17	betray
Q18	clamour

- A Favouring one person or team more than another.
- B Thick and short.
- C Having a low temperature.
- D Large and difficult to handle.
- E Obvious and shameless.
- F Happening all the time and never stopping.
- G To be able to do something well and with skill.
- H Careless and awkward in way that you move.

Q19	blatant
Q20	clumsy
Q21	chunky
Q22	biased
Q23	capable
Q24	bulky

Antonyms 1

1	C
2	B
3	D
4	B
5	D
6	C
7	C
8	D
9	C
10	D

Antonyms 2

1	inability
2	simple
3	ignorant
4	meagre
5	repulsed
6	comrade
7	reduce
8	scanty
9	docile
10	poverty
11	incapable
12	partially

Vocabulary

1	C
2	H
3	E
4	F
5	G
6	A
7	H
8	D
9	F
10	E
11	B
12	A
13	B
14	G
15	A
16	E
17	F
18	D
19	E
20	H
21	B
22	A
23	G
24	D

The Railway Children

1	fondly
2	started
3	unclear about
4	located
5	eager
6	remorseful
7	especially
8	alert
9	approaching
10	halted

Comprehension

1	B
2	B
3	A
4	C
5	B