



500

One Word Substitution

The answer word for every description, grouped by theme (people, places, fears, -cide, governments, sciences ...) with the **root** that helps you remember it. ★ = asked again and again in SSC and Bank exams.

500

one-word answers

11

themes

★ 221

most asked

A CARD FROM INSIDE

001 ★ MOST ASKED

One who knows everything

→ **Omniscient**

ROOT · omni = all · scient = knowing

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PEOPLE · PART 1

One Word Substitution

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001 ★ MOST ASKED

One who knows everything

→ **Omniscient**

ROOT · omni = all · scient = knowing

002 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is all-powerful

→ **Omnipotent**

ROOT · omni = all · potent = powerful

003 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is present everywhere

→ **Omnipresent**

ROOT · omni = all · present

004

One who eats everything

→ **Omnivorous**

ROOT · omni = all · vorare = to eat

005 ★ MOST ASKED

One who does not believe in God

→ **Atheist**

ROOT · a = without · theos = God

006

One who believes in God

→ **Theist**

ROOT · theos = God

007 ★ MOST ASKED

One who believes that nothing can be known about God

→ **Agnostic**

ROOT · a = not · gnosis = knowledge

008

One who believes in many gods

→ **Polytheist**

ROOT · poly = many · theos = God

009

One who believes in one God

→ **Monotheist**

ROOT · mono = one · theos = God

010 ★ MOST ASKED

One who loves mankind

→ **Philanthropist**

ROOT · phil = love · anthropos = man

011 ★ MOST ASKED

One who hates mankind

→ **Misanthrope**

ROOT · mis = hate · anthropos = man

012 ★ MOST ASKED

One who hates women

→ **Misogynist**

ROOT · mis = hate · gyne = woman

013 ★ MOST ASKED

One who hates marriage

→ **Misogamist**

ROOT · mis = hate · gamos = marriage

014

One who never marries

→ **Celibate**

ROOT · caelebs = unmarried





015

One who is unmarried

→ **Bachelor (man) / Spinster (woman)**

016 ★ MOST ASKED

One who has more than one wife at a time

→ **Polygamist**

ROOT · poly = many · gamos = marriage

017

A woman who has more than one husband at a time

→ **Polyandrist**

ROOT · poly = many · andr = man

018

One who has only one wife or husband

→ **Monogamist**

ROOT · mono = one · gamos = marriage

019 ★ MOST ASKED

One who marries a second time while the first spouse is alive

→ **Bigamist**

ROOT · bi = two · gamos = marriage

020

A woman whose husband is dead

→ **Widow**

021

A man whose wife is dead

→ **Widower**

022

A child whose parents are dead

→ **Orphan**

023 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is new to a trade or profession

→ **Novice / Tyro**

ROOT · novus = new

024 ★ MOST ASKED

One who works for pleasure, not money

→ **Amateur**

ROOT · amare = to love

025 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is skilled in many languages

→ **Polyglot**

ROOT · poly = many · glotta = tongue

026

One who can speak two languages

→ **Bilingual**

ROOT · bi = two · lingua = tongue

027 ★ MOST ASKED

One who can use both hands equally well

→ **Ambidextrous**

ROOT · ambi = both · dexter = right hand

028 ★ MOST ASKED

One who looks on the bright side of things

→ **Optimist**

ROOT · optimus = best

029 ★ MOST ASKED

One who looks on the dark side of things

→ **Pessimist**

ROOT · pessimus = worst

030 ★ MOST ASKED

One who thinks only of himself

→ **Egoist**

ROOT · ego = I





031

One who talks a lot about himself

→ **Egotist**

ROOT · ego = I

032 ★ MOST ASKED

One who lives for the welfare of others

→ **Altruist**

ROOT · alter = other

033 ★ MOST ASKED

One who gives up worldly pleasures

→ **Ascetic**

ROOT · askesis = exercise, self-discipline

034 ★ MOST ASKED

One who lives alone, away from society

→ **Recluse / Hermit**

ROOT · recludere = to shut away

035 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is fond of good food

→ **Gourmet / Epicure**

036 ★ MOST ASKED

One who eats too much

→ **Glutton**

ROOT · gluttire = to swallow

037 ★ MOST ASKED

One who eats human flesh

→ **Cannibal**

038

One who does not eat meat

→ **Vegetarian**

039

One who eats no animal products at all

→ **Vegan**

040 ★ MOST ASKED

One who abstains completely from alcohol

→ **Teetotaler**

ROOT · t-total = total abstinence

041

One who is habitually drunk

→ **Drunkard / Inebriate**

042 ★ MOST ASKED

One who walks in sleep

→ **Somnambulist**

ROOT · somnus = sleep · ambulare = walk

043

One who talks in sleep

→ **Somniloquist**

ROOT · somnus = sleep · loqui = speak

044 ★ MOST ASKED

One who speaks without the movement of lips (as a performer)

→ **Ventriloquist**

ROOT · venter = belly · loqui = speak

045

One who cannot read or write

→ **Illiterate**

ROOT · il = not · littera = letter

046

One who knows many subjects; a well-read person

→ **Erudite**

ROOT · erudire = to instruct





047 ★ MOST ASKED

One who pretends to have more knowledge than he has

→ **Charlatan / Quack**

048 ★ MOST ASKED

One who pretends to be what he is not

→ **Hypocrite**

ROOT · hypokrites = actor

049 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is easily deceived

→ **Gullible**

ROOT · gull = to fool

050

One who believes everything easily

→ **Credulous**

ROOT · credere = to believe

051 ★ MOST ASKED

One who doubts everything

→ **Sceptic**

ROOT · skeptikos = inquiring

052

One who is always grumbling

→ **Grouch / Querulous person**





PEOPLE · PART 2

One Word Substitution

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053 ★ MOST ASKED

One who flatters others for gain

→ **Sycophant**

054 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is fond of fighting

→ **Bellicose**

ROOT · bellum = war

055

One who loves his country

→ **Patriot**

ROOT · patria = fatherland

056

One who betrays his country

→ **Traitor**

ROOT · tradere = to hand over

057 ★ MOST ASKED

One who flees from justice

→ **Fugitive**

ROOT · fugere = to flee

058 ★ MOST ASKED

One who leaves his country to settle in another

→ **Emigrant**

ROOT · e = out · migrare = move

059 ★ MOST ASKED

One who comes into a country to settle there

→ **Immigrant**

ROOT · im = in · migrare = move

060

One who is forced to leave his country

→ **Refugee / Exile**

061 ★ MOST ASKED

One who copies another's writing and passes it off as his own

→ **Plagiarist**

ROOT · plagiarius = kidnapper

062

One who writes the life story of another

→ **Biographer**

ROOT · bios = life · graphein = write

063 ★ MOST ASKED

The life story of a person written by himself

→ **Autobiography**

ROOT · auto = self · bios = life

064

One who studies the stars and planets

→ **Astronomer**

ROOT · astron = star · nomos = law

065

One who claims to tell the future from the stars

→ **Astrologer**

ROOT · astron = star · logos = study

066 ★ MOST ASKED

One who collects postage stamps

→ **Philatelist**

ROOT · philos = loving · ateleia = tax-free





067 ★ MOST ASKED

One who collects coins

→ **Numismatist**

ROOT · nomisma = coin

068 ★ MOST ASKED

One who loves books

→ **Bibliophile**

ROOT · biblion = book · phile = lover

069 ★ MOST ASKED

One who studies insects

→ **Entomologist**

ROOT · entomon = insect

070 ★ MOST ASKED

One who studies birds

→ **Ornithologist**

ROOT · ornis = bird

071

One who studies the origin and history of words

→ **Etymologist**

ROOT · etymon = true sense

072

One who studies the human mind

→ **Psychologist**

ROOT · psyche = mind

073

One who studies ancient things

→ **Archaeologist**

ROOT · archaios = ancient

074

One who studies earthquakes

→ **Seismologist**

ROOT · seismos = earthquake

075 ★ MOST ASKED

A doctor who treats skin diseases

→ **Dermatologist**

ROOT · derma = skin

076

A doctor who treats heart diseases

→ **Cardiologist**

ROOT · kardia = heart

077 ★ MOST ASKED

A doctor who treats eye diseases

→ **Ophthalmologist**

ROOT · ophthalmos = eye

078

One who tests eyesight and prescribes glasses

→ **Optometrist**

ROOT · optos = seen · metron = measure

079 ★ MOST ASKED

A doctor who treats children

→ **Paediatrician**

ROOT · pais = child · iatros = healer

080

A doctor who treats old people

→ **Geriatrician**

ROOT · geras = old age

081

A doctor who treats bones

→ **Orthopaedist**

ROOT · orthos = straight

082

A doctor who treats teeth

→ **Dentist**

ROOT · dens = tooth





083

A doctor who specialises in diseases of the nervous system

→ **Neurologist**

ROOT · neuron = nerve

084

A doctor who treats women's diseases

→ **Gynaecologist**

ROOT · gyne = woman

085

One who attends to women in childbirth

→ **Midwife / Obstetrician**

086

A doctor who treats foot problems

→ **Podiatrist / Chiropodist**

ROOT · pous = foot

087

One who examines dead bodies to find the cause of death

→ **Pathologist / Coroner**

ROOT · pathos = disease

088

One who is a doctor for animals

→ **Veterinarian**

ROOT · veterinae = working animals

089 ★ MOST ASKED

One who believes in fate

→ **Fatalist**

ROOT · fatum = fate

090

One who believes in equal rights for all

→ **Egalitarian**

ROOT · égal = equal

091

One who wants to change things completely

→ **Radical**

ROOT · radix = root

092

One who opposes change and loves old ways

→ **Conservative**

ROOT · conservare = to keep

093 ★ MOST ASKED

One who believes in the abolition of all government

→ **Anarchist**

ROOT · an = without · archos = ruler

094 ★ MOST ASKED

One who rules alone with total power

→ **Autocrat / Dictator**

ROOT · auto = self · kratos = power

095

One who is a member of the nobility

→ **Aristocrat**

ROOT · aristos = best · kratos = rule

096

One who works in an office of a government department

→ **Bureaucrat**

ROOT · bureau = office





097 ★ MOST ASKED

One who goes on foot

→ **Pedestrian**

ROOT · pedes = foot

098 ★ MOST ASKED

One who travels from place to place

→ **Itinerant / Nomad**

ROOT · iter = journey

099

One who goes on a journey to a holy place

→ **Pilgrim**

ROOT · peregrinus = traveller

100

One who watches an event without taking part

→ **Spectator / Onlooker**

ROOT · spectare = watch

101

One who hears a case and decides

→ **Arbitrator / Judge**

102

One who brings an action in a court of law

→ **Plaintiff**

103

One against whom a case is filed in court

→ **Defendant**

104

One who gives evidence in court

→ **Witness**





PEOPLE · PART 3

One Word Substitution

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105

One who is present at an event and sees it

→ **Eyewitness**

106

One who inherits property

→ **Heir**

ROOT · heres = heir

107

One who receives money or property from a will

→ **Beneficiary**

ROOT · beneficium = favour

108 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is unable to pay his debts

→ **Insolvent / Bankrupt**

ROOT · in = not · solvere = pay

109 ★ MOST ASKED

One who lends money at a very high interest

→ **Usurer**

ROOT · usura = interest

110 ★ MOST ASKED

One who hoards money and lives miserably

→ **Miser**

ROOT · miser = wretched

111 ★ MOST ASKED

One who spends money recklessly

→ **Spendthrift / Prodigal**

112

One who is able to pay all debts

→ **Solvent**

ROOT · solvere = to pay

113

One who gets something without paying for it

→ **Freeloader**

114

One who sells flowers

→ **Florist**

ROOT · flos = flower

115

One who sells medicines

→ **Chemist / Druggist**

116

One who sells fruit

→ **Fruiterer**

117

One who sells meat

→ **Butcher**

118

One who makes or repairs shoes

→ **Cobbler**



119

One who makes clothes

→ **Tailor**

120

One who makes pots from clay

→ **Potter**

121

One who works with iron

→ **Blacksmith**

122

One who works with gold

→ **Goldsmith**

123

One who carves images in stone

→ **Sculptor**

ROOT · sculpere = to carve

124 ★ MOST ASKED

One who draws maps

→ **Cartographer**

ROOT · charta = map · graphein = draw

125

One who designs buildings

→ **Architect**

ROOT · archi = chief · tekton = builder

126

One who drives a car for someone else

→ **Chauffeur**

127

One who guides a ship into a harbour

→ **Pilot**

128

One who flies an aircraft

→ **Aviator / Pilot**

ROOT · avis = bird

129

One who journeys into space

→ **Astronaut**

ROOT · astron = star · nautes = sailor

130

One who works in a coal mine

→ **Collier / Miner**

131

One who looks after a building

→ **Caretaker / Janitor**

132

One who keeps the accounts

→ **Accountant**

133

One who checks the accounts

→ **Auditor**

ROOT · audire = to hear

134 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is in charge of a museum

→ **Curator**

ROOT · curare = to care

135

One who is in charge of a library

→ **Librarian**

136

One who prepares and edits a newspaper

→ **Editor**



137

One who writes for newspapers

→ **Journalist**

138

One who announces programmes on radio or television

→ **Announcer / Presenter**

139

One who presides over a meeting

→ **Chairperson**

140

One who speaks on behalf of others

→ **Spokesperson**

141

One who represents his country in a foreign country

→ **Ambassador / Envoy**

142

One who travels to spread religion

→ **Missionary**

ROOT · mittere = to send

143 ★ MOST ASKED

One who dies for a cause

→ **Martyr**

ROOT · martys = witness

144

One who is new to a religion

→ **Convert / Neophyte**

ROOT · neo = new · phytos = planted

145 ★ MOST ASKED

One who gives up his religion

→ **Apostate**

ROOT · apo = away · stasis = standing

146

One who is in favour of war

→ **Militarist / Warmonger**

147 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is against all war

→ **Pacifist**

ROOT · pax = peace

148 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is born at the same time as another

→ **Contemporary**

ROOT · con = with · tempus = time

149

One who comes before another in a post

→ **Predecessor**

ROOT · prae = before

150

One who comes after another in a post

→ **Successor**

ROOT · succedere = come after

151

One who has retired from active work

→ **Pensioner / Retiree**

152 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is more than a hundred years old

→ **Centenarian**

ROOT · centum = hundred





153 ★ MOST ASKED

One who is between eighty and ninety years old

→ **Octogenarian**

ROOT · octoginta = eighty

154

One who is between ninety and a hundred years old

→ **Nonagenarian**

ROOT · nonaginta = ninety

155

One who is between sixty and seventy years old

→ **Sexagenarian**

ROOT · sexaginta = sixty





PLACES

One Word Substitution

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156 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where birds are kept

→ **Aviary**

ROOT · avis = bird

157 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where bees are kept

→ **Apiary**

ROOT · apis = bee

158

A place where fish are kept

→ **Aquarium**

ROOT · aqua = water

159

A place where animals are kept for show

→ **Zoo / Menagerie**

160

A place where wild animals live protected

→ **Sanctuary**

ROOT · sanctus = holy, safe

161

A place where horses are kept

→ **Stable**

162

A place where cattle are kept

→ **Byre / Cowshed**

163

A place where pigs are kept

→ **Sty**

164

A place where dogs are kept

→ **Kennel**

165 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where grain is stored

→ **Granary**

ROOT · granum = grain

166 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where arms and ammunition are stored

→ **Arsenal / Armoury**

167 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where coins are made

→ **Mint**

168

A place where clothes are kept

→ **Wardrobe**

169 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where dead bodies are kept

→ **Mortuary / Morgue**

ROOT · mors = death

170 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where the dead are buried

→ **Cemetery / Graveyard**

171

A place where dead bodies are burnt

→ **Crematorium**

ROOT · cremare = to burn





172 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where orphans are looked after

→ **Orphanage**

173

A place for the care of sick or old people

→ **Infirmery / Nursing home**

174 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where a patient recovers after illness

→ **Sanatorium**

ROOT · sanare = to heal

175

A place where books are kept for reading

→ **Library**

ROOT · liber = book

176 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where old records are kept

→ **Archives**

ROOT · archeion = public office

177

A place where pictures are displayed

→ **Gallery**

178

A place where plays are performed

→ **Theatre**

179

A place where films are shown

→ **Cinema**

180 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where monks live

→ **Monastery**

ROOT · monos = alone

181 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where nuns live

→ **Nunnery / Convent**

182

A place where Christians worship

→ **Church**

183

A place where Muslims worship

→ **Mosque**

184

A place where Jews worship

→ **Synagogue**

ROOT · synagoge = assembly

185

A place where Sikhs worship

→ **Gurdwara**

186

A place where wine is made

→ **Winery / Vineyard (grapes grown)**

187

A place where beer is made

→ **Brewery**



188

A place where bread is baked

→ **Bakery**

189

A place where leather is tanned

→ **Tannery**

190

A place where milk products are made

→ **Dairy**

191

A place where ships are built or repaired

→ **Dockyard / Shipyard**

192 ★ MOST ASKED

A place where aeroplanes are kept

→ **Hangar**

193

A place where vehicles are parked or repaired

→ **Garage**

194

A place where scientific experiments are done

→ **Laboratory**

ROOT · laborare = to work

195

A place for keeping and viewing stars

→ **Observatory / Planetarium**

196

A place where soldiers live

→ **Barracks / Cantonment**

197

A place where criminals are kept

→ **Prison / Jail**

198

A place where young offenders are kept to reform

→ **Reformatory**

ROOT · reformare = to reshape

199

A place where lunatics were kept (old use)

→ **Asylum**

ROOT · asylon = refuge

200

A place where money is kept and lent

→ **Bank**

201

A place where goods are stored

→ **Warehouse / Godown**

202

A place where things are sold by auction

→ **Auction house**

203

A shelter for travellers on a road

→ **Inn / Caravanserai**



204

A place where people are married

→ **Registry office / Altar**

205

The place where a river begins

→ **Source**

206 ★ **MOST ASKED**

The place where a river meets the sea

→ **Mouth / Estuary**

207

A low area of land between hills

→ **Valley**





FEAR OF ...

One Word Substitution

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208 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of heights

→ **Acrophobia**

ROOT · acro = height · phobia = fear

209 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of water

→ **Hydrophobia**

ROOT · hydro = water

210 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of closed spaces

→ **Claustrophobia**

ROOT · claustrum = closed place

211 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of open spaces

→ **Agoraphobia**

ROOT · agora = market place

212 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of darkness

→ **Nyctophobia**

ROOT · nyx = night

213

Fear of fire

→ **Pyrophobia**

ROOT · pyr = fire

214

Fear of death

→ **Thanatophobia**

ROOT · thanatos = death

215 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of spiders

→ **Arachnophobia**

ROOT · arachne = spider

216

Fear of snakes

→ **Ophidiophobia**

ROOT · ophis = snake

217

Fear of dogs

→ **Cynophobia**

ROOT · kyon = dog

218

Fear of cats

→ **Ailurophobia**

ROOT · ailouros = cat

219

Fear of birds

→ **Ornithophobia**

ROOT · ornis = bird

220

Fear of blood

→ **Haemophobia**

ROOT · haima = blood

221

Fear of disease

→ **Pathophobia**

ROOT · pathos = disease





222 ★ MOST ASKED

Fear of foreigners or strangers

→ **Xenophobia**

ROOT · xenos = stranger

223

Fear of women

→ **Gynophobia**

ROOT · gyne = woman

224

Fear of men

→ **Androphobia**

ROOT · andr = man

225

Fear of marriage

→ **Gamophobia**

ROOT · gamos = marriage

226

Fear of being alone

→ **Monophobia / Autophobia**

ROOT · mono = alone

227

Fear of crowds

→ **Ochlophobia**

ROOT · ochlos = crowd

228

Fear of speaking in public

→ **Glossophobia**

ROOT · glossa = tongue

229

Fear of thunder and lightning

→ **Astraphobia /
Brontophobia**

ROOT · astrape = lightning

230

Fear of new things

→ **Neophobia**

ROOT · neo = new

231

Fear of books

→ **Bibliophobia**

ROOT · biblion = book

232

Fear of number 13

→ **Triskaidekaphobia**

ROOT · triskaideka = thirteen

233

Fear of germs or dirt

→ **Mysophobia**

ROOT · mysos = dirt

234

Fear of flying

→ **Aerophobia**

ROOT · aer = air

235

Fear of sleep

→ **Somniphobia /
Hypnophobia**

ROOT · somnus = sleep





KILLING (-CIDE)

One Word Substitution

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236 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of one's own father

→ **Patricide**

ROOT · pater = father · -cide = killing

237 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of one's own mother

→ **Matricide**

ROOT · mater = mother

238 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of one's own brother

→ **Fratricide**

ROOT · frater = brother

239 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of one's own sister

→ **Sororicide**

ROOT · soror = sister

240 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of a king

→ **Regicide**

ROOT · rex = king

241 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of a human being

→ **Homicide**

ROOT · homo = man

242

Killing of oneself

→ **Suicide**

ROOT · sui = of oneself

243 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of an infant

→ **Infanticide**

ROOT · infans = child

244 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of a race or people

→ **Genocide**

ROOT · genos = race

245 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of one's own wife

→ **Uxoricide**

ROOT · uxor = wife

246

Killing of one's own husband

→ **Mariticide**

ROOT · maritus = husband

247

Killing of one's own parent

→ **Parricide**

ROOT · parens = parent

248

Killing of a god

→ **Deicide**

ROOT · deus = god

249

Killing of a tyrant

→ **Tyrannicide**

ROOT · tyrannus = tyrant





250

Killing of insects

→ **Insecticide**

ROOT · insect + -cide

251

Killing of germs

→ **Germicide**

ROOT · germ + -cide

252

Killing of weeds and unwanted plants

→ **Herbicide**

ROOT · herba = grass

253 ★ MOST ASKED

Killing of a person to end pain from incurable disease

→ **Euthanasia / Mercy killing**

ROOT · eu = good · thanatos = death

254

Killing of animals for food

→ **Slaughter**

255

Killing of a large number of people

→ **Massacre**





GOVERNMENT & RULE

One Word Substitution

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256 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by the people

→ **Democracy**

ROOT · demos = people · kratos = rule

257 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by one person with total power

→ **Autocracy**

ROOT · auto = self · kratos = power

258 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by a few powerful people

→ **Oligarchy**

ROOT · oligos = few · archein = rule

259 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by the rich

→ **Plutocracy**

ROOT · ploutos = wealth

260 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by the nobles

→ **Aristocracy**

ROOT · aristos = best

261 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by religious leaders

→ **Theocracy**

ROOT · theos = God

262 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by officials

→ **Bureaucracy**

ROOT · bureau = office

263 ★ MOST ASKED

Government by a king or queen

→ **Monarchy**

ROOT · monos = one · archein = rule

264 ★ MOST ASKED

Rule by the mob

→ **Mobocracy / Ochlocracy**

ROOT · ochlos = mob

265 ★ MOST ASKED

Absence of government; complete disorder

→ **Anarchy**

ROOT · an = without · archos = ruler

266

Government by the old

→ **Gerontocracy**

ROOT · geron = old man

267

Government by women

→ **Gynocracy / Gynarchy**

ROOT · gyne = woman

268

Government by the best-qualified people

→ **Meritocracy**

ROOT · merit + -cracy

269

Government by technical experts

→ **Technocracy**

ROOT · techne = skill





270

Government by the military

→ **Stratocracy / Military rule**

ROOT · stratos = army

271

Government by a dictator

→ **Dictatorship**

272

Government by a few people who seize power by force

→ **Junta**

273

A state in which the head is elected, not a king

→ **Republic**

ROOT · res publica = public thing

274

A state ruled by its own people, free from outside control

→ **Sovereign state**

275

Rule of a country by another country

→ **Imperialism / Colonialism**

276

Government by the father of a family

→ **Patriarchy**

ROOT · pater = father

277

Government by the mother of a family

→ **Matriarchy**

ROOT · mater = mother

278

A system in which all property is owned by the community

→ **Communism**

ROOT · communis = common

279

A body of persons who govern a state

→ **Government**

280

The official head of a city

→ **Mayor**



SCIENCES & STUDIES

One Word Substitution

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281 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of the stars and planets

→ **Astronomy**

ROOT · astron = star · nomos = law

282 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of birds

→ **Ornithology**

ROOT · ornis = bird

283 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of insects

→ **Entomology**

ROOT · entomon = insect

284 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of the origin of words

→ **Etymology**

ROOT · etymon = true sense

285 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of ancient things and remains

→ **Archaeology**

ROOT · archaios = ancient

286

Study of the human mind

→ **Psychology**

ROOT · psyche = mind

287 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of earthquakes

→ **Seismology**

ROOT · seismos = earthquake

288 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of the weather

→ **Meteorology**

ROOT · meteoros = high in the air

289

Study of plant life

→ **Botany**

ROOT · botane = plant

290

Study of animal life

→ **Zoology**

ROOT · zoion = animal

291 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of the human race and its culture

→ **Anthropology**

ROOT · anthropos = man

292

Study of society

→ **Sociology**

ROOT · socius = companion

293 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of coins

→ **Numismatics**

ROOT · nomisma = coin

294

Study of handwriting

→ **Graphology**

ROOT · graphein = write





295

Study of the skin

→ **Dermatology**

ROOT · derma = skin

296

Study of the heart

→ **Cardiology**

ROOT · kardia = heart

297

Study of diseases

→ **Pathology**

ROOT · pathos = suffering

298 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of old age

→ **Gerontology**

ROOT · geron = old man

299

Study of the nervous system

→ **Neurology**

ROOT · neuron = nerve

300 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of fossils

→ **Palaeontology**

ROOT · palaios = old · onta = beings

301

Study of the earth's crust and rocks

→ **Geology**

ROOT · ge = earth

302

Study of maps and map-making

→ **Cartography**

ROOT · charta = map

303 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of population

→ **Demography**

ROOT · demos = people

304 ★ MOST ASKED

Study of family history and ancestry

→ **Genealogy**

ROOT · genea = generation

305

Study of the universe as a whole

→ **Cosmology**

ROOT · kosmos = universe

306

Study of the causes of disease

→ **Aetiology**

ROOT · aitia = cause

307

Study of the meaning of words

→ **Semantics**

ROOT · sema = sign

308

Study of sounds of speech

→ **Phonetics**

ROOT · phone = sound

309

Study of right and wrong in human conduct

→ **Ethics**

ROOT · ethos = character

310

Study of beauty and art

→ **Aesthetics**

ROOT · aisthesis = feeling





311

Study of reasoning

→ **Logic**

ROOT · logos = reason

312

Study of the nature of knowledge and existence

→ **Philosophy**

ROOT · philos = love · sophia = wisdom

313

Study of the ocean

→ **Oceanography**

314

Study of mountains

→ **Orology**

ROOT · oros = mountain

315

Study of snakes and reptiles

→ **Herpetology**

ROOT · herpeton = reptile

316

Study of fish

→ **Ichthyology**

ROOT · ichthys = fish

317

Study of bacteria and tiny organisms

→ **Microbiology**

ROOT · mikros = small

318

Study of poisons

→ **Toxicology**

ROOT · toxikon = poison

319

Study of teeth

→ **Odontology**

ROOT · odous = tooth

320

Study of the eye

→ **Ophthalmology**

ROOT · ophthalmos = eye

321

Study of crime and criminals

→ **Criminology**

ROOT · crimen = crime

322

Study of the past events of people

→ **History**

323

Science of measuring time

→ **Horology**

ROOT · hora = hour

324 ★ MOST ASKED

Science of growing fruits, vegetables and flowers

→ **Horticulture**

ROOT · hortus = garden

325

Science of growing crops

→ **Agriculture**

ROOT · ager = field

326 ★ MOST ASKED

Rearing of silkworms

→ **Sericulture**

ROOT · sericum = silk





327 ★ MOST ASKED

Rearing of bees

→ **Apiculture**

ROOT · apis = bee

328 ★ MOST ASKED

Rearing of fish

→ **Pisciculture**

ROOT · piscis = fish

329

Growing of grapes

→ **Viticulture**

ROOT · vitis = vine

330

Rearing of birds (poultry)

→ **Aviculture**

ROOT · avis = bird





SPEECH & WRITING

One Word Substitution

331–370 of 500

331 ★ MOST ASKED

A speech made without preparation

→ **Extempore / Impromptu**

ROOT · ex tempore = out of the moment

332 ★ MOST ASKED

A speech delivered by a character alone on stage

→ **Soliloquy**

ROOT · solus = alone · loqui = speak

333

A conversation between two people

→ **Dialogue**

ROOT · dia = through · logos = speech

334

A long speech by one person

→ **Monologue**

ROOT · monos = one

335 ★ MOST ASKED

A speech made at a funeral in praise of the dead

→ **Eulogy / Elegy (poem)**

ROOT · eu = good · logos = speech

336 ★ MOST ASKED

A poem of mourning for the dead

→ **Elegy**

ROOT · elegos = song of mourning

337 ★ MOST ASKED

Words written on a tomb

→ **Epitaph**

ROOT · epi = upon · taphos = tomb

338 ★ MOST ASKED

A short witty saying

→ **Epigram**

ROOT · epi = upon · gramma = writing

339

A short saying that expresses a general truth

→ **Proverb / Maxim / Adage**

340

A brief statement of a principle

→ **Aphorism**

ROOT · aphorismos = definition

341

A word that is opposite in meaning to another

→ **Antonym**

ROOT · anti = opposite · onyma = name

342

A word with the same meaning as another

→ **Synonym**

ROOT · syn = together · onyma = name

343 ★ MOST ASKED

A word that reads the same backwards and forwards

→ **Palindrome**

ROOT · palin = again · dromos = running

344 ★ MOST ASKED

A word formed from the first letters of other words

→ **Acronym**

ROOT · akros = tip · onyma = name





345

A word that imitates the sound it describes

→ **Onomatopoeia**

ROOT · onoma = name · poiein = make

346 ★ MOST ASKED

A false name used by a writer

→ **Pseudonym / Pen name**

ROOT · pseudes = false · onyma = name

347 ★ MOST ASKED

A book published after the death of the writer

→ **Posthumous work**

ROOT · post = after · humus = earth

348 ★ MOST ASKED

A handwritten book or document

→ **Manuscript**

ROOT · manu = hand · scriptus = written

349

A list of books used in research

→ **Bibliography**

ROOT · biblion = book

350 ★ MOST ASKED

A collection of poems or writings

→ **Anthology**

ROOT · anthos = flower · legein = gather

351

A short account of a person's life

→ **Memoir / Biography**

352

The study of words and their correct spelling

→ **Orthography**

ROOT · orthos = correct · graphein = write

353

An introduction to a book

→ **Preface / Foreword**

354

A section added at the end of a book

→ **Appendix / Epilogue**

355

A list of words with meanings at the end of a book

→ **Glossary**

ROOT · glossa = tongue, word

356

An alphabetical list of topics with page numbers

→ **Index**

357 ★ MOST ASKED

Writing done in a beautiful style

→ **Calligraphy**

ROOT · kallos = beauty · graphein = write

358 ★ MOST ASKED

Writing that cannot be read

→ **Illegible**

ROOT · il = not · legere = to read





359

Writing that is clear and easy to read

→ **Legible**

ROOT · legere = to read

360 ★ MOST ASKED

Use of more words than needed

→ **Verbosity / Tautology / Redundancy**

ROOT · verbum = word

361 ★ MOST ASKED

Saying the same thing again in different words

→ **Tautology**

ROOT · tauto = the same

362

A remark that is too often repeated to be interesting

→ **Cliché / Platitude**

363 ★ MOST ASKED

A mild word used in place of a harsh one

→ **Euphemism**

ROOT · eu = good · pHEME = speech

364 ★ MOST ASKED

Abusive language against God or religion

→ **Blasphemy**

365

Speaking ill of someone falsely in speech

→ **Slander**

366

Speaking ill of someone falsely in writing

→ **Libel**

367 ★ MOST ASKED

One who speaks very little

→ **Taciturn / Reticent**

ROOT · tacere = be silent

368 ★ MOST ASKED

One who talks too much

→ **Garrulous / Talkative**

ROOT · garrulus = chattering

369

A person who can speak fluently and persuasively

→ **Eloquent / Orator**

ROOT · eloqui = speak out

370 ★ MOST ASKED

A word or sentence that has two meanings

→ **Ambiguous**

ROOT · ambi = both ways





THAT WHICH ... · PART 1

One Word Substitution

371-400 of 500

371

That which cannot be seen

→ **Invisible**

ROOT · in = not · videre = see

372 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be heard

→ **Inaudible**

ROOT · in = not · audire = hear

373 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be touched

→ **Intangible**

ROOT · in = not · tangere = touch

374

That which cannot be believed

→ **Incredible**

ROOT · in = not · credere = believe

375 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be described

→ **Indescribable / Ineffable**

376 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be avoided

→ **Inevitable**

ROOT · in = not · evitare = avoid

377 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be corrected

→ **Incorrigible**

ROOT · in = not · corrigere = correct

378

That which cannot be cured

→ **Incurable**

379 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be defeated

→ **Invincible / Indomitable**

ROOT · in = not · vincere = conquer

380

That which cannot be broken

→ **Unbreakable / Infrangible**

381 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be imitated

→ **Inimitable**

ROOT · in = not · imitari = copy

382 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be removed or wiped out

→ **Indelible**

ROOT · in = not · delere = destroy

383 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be explained

→ **Inexplicable**

ROOT · in = not · explicare = unfold

384

That which cannot be imagined

→ **Unimaginable / Inconceivable**



385 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be pierced or entered

→ **Impenetrable / Impregnable**

386 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be captured by force

→ **Impregnable**

ROOT · in = not · prehendere = seize

387 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be satisfied

→ **Insatiable**

ROOT · in = not · satiare = fill

388 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be tired out

→ **Indefatigable / Tireless**

ROOT · in = not · fatigare = tire

389

That which cannot be done

→ **Impossible / Impracticable**

390 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be reached

→ **Inaccessible**

391

That which cannot be reached or attained

→ **Unattainable**

392

That which cannot be measured

→ **Immeasurable**

393 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be counted

→ **Innumerable / Countless**

ROOT · numerus = number

394 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be changed

→ **Immutable / Unalterable**

ROOT · in = not · mutare = change

395 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be taken back

→ **Irrevocable**

ROOT · ir = not · revocare = call back

396 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be repaired or made good

→ **Irreparable**

397

That which cannot be replaced

→ **Irreplaceable**

398 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be denied

→ **Undeniable / Irrefutable**

ROOT · refutare = disprove

399

That which cannot be questioned or doubted

→ **Unquestionable / Indubitable**

ROOT · dubitare = doubt

400

That which cannot be understood

→ **Incomprehensible**



THAT WHICH ... · PART 2

One Word Substitution

401–429 of 500

401

That which cannot be known

→ **Unknowable / Inscrutable**

402 ★ MOST ASKED

That which cannot be seen through

→ **Opaque**

403

That which can be seen through clearly

→ **Transparent**

ROOT · trans = across · parere = appear

404

That which allows light but not a clear view

→ **Translucent**

ROOT · trans = through · lucere = shine

405

That which cannot be burnt easily

→ **Non-inflammable / Incombustible**

406 ★ MOST ASKED

That which catches fire easily

→ **Inflammable / Combustible**

407 ★ MOST ASKED

That which can be eaten

→ **Edible / Eatable**

ROOT · edere = to eat

408

That which cannot be eaten

→ **Inedible**

409

That which can be easily carried

→ **Portable**

ROOT · portare = carry

410 ★ MOST ASKED

That which can be easily broken

→ **Fragile / Brittle**

ROOT · frangere = break

411

That which can be easily bent

→ **Flexible / Pliable**

ROOT · flectere = bend

412 ★ MOST ASKED

That which can be done

→ **Feasible / Practicable**

413

That which happens every year

→ **Annual**

ROOT · annus = year

414 ★ MOST ASKED

That which happens every two years

→ **Biennial**

ROOT · bi = two · annus = year





415

That which happens twice a year

→ **Biannual**

416

That which happens every hundred years

→ **Centennial**

ROOT · centum = hundred

417 ★ MOST ASKED

That which lasts for a very short time

→ **Ephemeral / Transient**

ROOT · ephemerous = for a day

418

That which lasts forever

→ **Eternal / Perennial**

ROOT · aeternus = everlasting

419 ★ MOST ASKED

That which is out of date

→ **Obsolete**

ROOT · obsolescere = grow old

420 ★ MOST ASKED

That which is fit to be chosen

→ **Eligible**

ROOT · eligere = to choose

421

That which is not fit to be chosen

→ **Ineligible**

422

That which is likely to happen

→ **Probable**

423

That which is beyond the power of words to express

→ **Ineffable**

ROOT · in = not · effari = speak out

424

That which is against the law

→ **Illegal / Illicit**

425

That which is allowed by law

→ **Legal / Lawful / Legitimate**

426

That which is fatal to life

→ **Lethal / Deadly**

ROOT · letum = death

427 ★ MOST ASKED

That which spreads by touch

→ **Contagious**

ROOT · contingere = to touch

428 ★ MOST ASKED

That which spreads through air or water among many people

→ **Infectious**

429 ★ MOST ASKED

That which causes sleep

→ **Soporific / Hypnotic**

ROOT · sopor = deep sleep





LOVE, MANIA & CHARACTER

One Word Substitution

430–454 of 500

430 ★ MOST ASKED

A strong desire to steal

→ **Kleptomania**

ROOT · kleptein = steal · mania = madness

431 ★ MOST ASKED

A strong desire to set things on fire

→ **Pyromania**

ROOT · pyr = fire

432 ★ MOST ASKED

An abnormal desire to drink alcohol

→ **Dipsomania**

ROOT · dipsa = thirst

433 ★ MOST ASKED

A false belief that one is very great or powerful

→ **Megalomania**

ROOT · megas = great

434

A strong desire to collect books

→ **Bibliomania**

ROOT · biblion = book

435

An obsession with oneself

→ **Egomania**

ROOT · ego = I

436 ★ MOST ASKED

Imagined illness; constant worry about health

→ **Hypochondria**

ROOT · hypo = under · chondros = breastbone

437 ★ MOST ASKED

An extreme love of one's own country

→ **Chauvinism / Jingoism**

ROOT · Nicolas Chauvin, a soldier

438

Love of one's own country

→ **Patriotism**

ROOT · patria = fatherland

439

Love for mankind

→ **Philanthropy**

ROOT · phil = love · anthropos = man

440 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is overly concerned with small rules of learning

→ **Pedant**

441 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who lacks taste for art and culture

→ **Philistine**

442 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is very particular about small details

→ **Fastidious / Meticulous**

443 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is easily angered

→ **Irritable / Irascible**

ROOT · ira = anger





444

A person who is very cruel and inhuman

→ **Brute / Barbarian**

445 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is very strict in discipline

→ **Martinet / Disciplinarian**

ROOT · General Martinet

446

A person who does not care for art or culture and loves only money

→ **Materialist**

447 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who believes that pleasure is the highest good

→ **Hedonist / Epicurean**

ROOT · hedone = pleasure

448 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is indifferent to pleasure or pain

→ **Stoic**

ROOT · Stoa = porch of the philosophers

449 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who believes that people act only from self-interest

→ **Cynic**

ROOT · kynikos = dog-like

450

A person who leaves a cause or party

→ **Renegade / Turncoat / Deserter**

451

A person who opposes authority

→ **Rebel / Insurgent**

452 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is an expert judge of art

→ **Connoisseur**

ROOT · connoître = to know

453 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who appreciates and loves art (but not an expert)

→ **Dilettante**

ROOT · dilettare = to delight

454

A person who regularly visits a place

→ **Frequenter / Habitué**



GROUPS & SOUNDS

One Word Substitution

455–476 of 500

455

A group of cattle

→ **Herd**

456

A group of sheep

→ **Flock**

457

A group of wolves

→ **Pack**

458 ★ MOST ASKED

A group of lions

→ **Pride**

459 ★ MOST ASKED

A group of fish

→ **Shoal / School**

460

A group of bees

→ **Swarm**

461 ★ MOST ASKED

A group of ships

→ **Fleet**

462 ★ MOST ASKED

A group of stars

→ **Constellation / Galaxy**

ROOT · con = together · stella = star

463

A group of singers

→ **Choir / Chorus**

464

A group of musicians playing together

→ **Orchestra / Band**

465

A group of soldiers

→ **Troop / Battalion**

466

A group of thieves

→ **Gang**

467 ★ MOST ASKED

A group of islands

→ **Archipelago**

ROOT · archi = chief · pelagos = sea

468

A group of hills

→ **Range**

469

A group of travellers in the desert

→ **Caravan**

470

A group of people at a lecture or show

→ **Audience**



471

A group of people watching a match

→ **Spectators**

472

A group of ministers

→ **Cabinet**

473

A group of flowers

→ **Bouquet / Bunch**

474 ★ MOST ASKED

Sound of a horse

→ **Neigh**

475 ★ MOST ASKED

Sound of an elephant

→ **Trumpet**

476 ★ MOST ASKED

Sound of a donkey

→ **Bray**





MORE ONE-WORD ANSWERS

One Word Substitution

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477 ★ MOST ASKED

Medicine that counteracts a poison

→ **Antidote**

ROOT · anti = against · dots = given

478 ★ MOST ASKED

A disease that spreads over a whole country or the world

→ **Pandemic**

ROOT · pan = all · demos = people

479 ★ MOST ASKED

A disease that affects many people at the same time in an area

→ **Epidemic**

ROOT · epi = upon · demos = people

480 ★ MOST ASKED

A disease that is always present in a particular area

→ **Endemic**

ROOT · en = in · demos = people

481 ★ MOST ASKED

A cure for all diseases or problems

→ **Panacea**

ROOT · pan = all · akos = cure

482 ★ MOST ASKED

A period of a thousand years

→ **Millennium**

ROOT · mille = thousand · annus = year

483 ★ MOST ASKED

A person or thing out of its proper time

→ **Anachronism**

ROOT · ana = backwards · chronos = time

484 ★ MOST ASKED

A life led without luxury, very simply

→ **Austerity / Spartan life**

485 ★ MOST ASKED

A list of items to be discussed at a meeting

→ **Agenda**

ROOT · agere = to do

486 ★ MOST ASKED

Minimum number of members needed for a meeting to be valid

→ **Quorum**

ROOT · quorum = of whom

487 ★ MOST ASKED

Voting by people on a single political question

→ **Referendum / Plebiscite**

488 ★ MOST ASKED

A general pardon granted by the government

→ **Amnesty**

ROOT · amnestia = forgetfulness

489 ★ MOST ASKED

A temporary stopping of fighting

→ **Truce / Armistice**

490 ★ MOST ASKED

A ban on trade with a country

→ **Embargo**



491 ★ MOST ASKED

Allowance paid to a wife after divorce

→ **Alimony**

ROOT · alimonia = nourishment

492 ★ MOST ASKED

Payment made to an author for each copy sold

→ **Royalty**

493 ★ MOST ASKED

A plant or animal living on another and taking food from it

→ **Parasite**

ROOT · para = beside · sitos = food

494 ★ MOST ASKED

An animal that lives both on land and in water

→ **Amphibian**

ROOT · amphi = both · bios = life

495 ★ MOST ASKED

An animal that feeds on flesh

→ **Carnivore**

ROOT · caro = flesh · vorare = eat

496 ★ MOST ASKED

An animal that feeds on plants

→ **Herbivore**

ROOT · herba = grass

497 ★ MOST ASKED

Animals that are active at night

→ **Nocturnal**

ROOT · nox = night

498 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who travels on a ship or train without paying

→ **Stowaway**

499 ★ MOST ASKED

A person who is very fond of himself

→ **Narcissist**

ROOT · Narcissus of the Greek story

500 ★ MOST ASKED

The act of violating something sacred

→ **Sacrilege**

ROOT · sacer = holy · legere = steal





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