

Unit - VIII

II. Vocabulary Development Covering

- i. Synonyms & Antonyms
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- iii. Prefixes & Suffixes
- iv. Idioms & Phrases
- v. Words often confused

I Synonyms

(Text book)

Heaven's Gate

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|-----------------|-----|---|
| a. Impromptu    | (h) | a feeling of excitement or mystery                        |
| b. pristine     | (i) | a situation that seems impossible with two opposite facts |
| c. surreal      | (o) | existing or happening now                                 |
| d. forage       | (f) | to climb somewhere with difficulty, using hands and feet  |
| e. dramatic     | (n) | to find and bring back something                          |
| f. clamber      | (l) | a large powerful force that can not be stopped            |
| g. aromatic     | (j) | leaving someone or something forever                      |
| h. romance      | (p) | the biggest or longest street that goes through a town    |
| i. paradox      | (k) | to grow well  |
| j. abandoning   | (d) | to go from place to place searching for food              |
| k. flourish     | (e) | very sudden or full of excitement                         |
| l. juggernaut   | (c) | like a dream  |
| m. chic         | (a) | done or said with out earlier planning or preparation     |
| n. retrieve     | (b) | fresh, in a very good condition                           |
| o. contemporary | (g) | having a pleasant smell                                   |
| p. drag         | (m) | stylish and fashionable                                   |

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| a. voracious | (e) | very famous and admired                                       |
| b. pore over | (m) | very new or different   |
| c. welter    | (g) | a sound that is deep, clear and loud, continues for some time |

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| d. fabulous            | (j) | to state officially that a rule can be ignored  |
| e. legendary           | (o) | a feeling that something true and will happen   |
| f. fascinated          | (k) | to officially give someone a title, etc, especially for an achievement                              |
| g. resonant            | (c) | a large and confusing number of something   |
| h. full-fledged        | (p) | very important, that is recorded for future   |
| i. brusquely           | (r) | the period of time when someone has an important position   |
| j. waive               | (q) | praise or prize given for someone's work  |
| k. confer              | (d) | extremely good, wonderful   |
| l. intently            | (s) | cremated  |
| m. radical             | (a) | having a very strong desire to do a lot of something  |
| n. speculate           | (t) | to do something with out any preparation because you are forced to do so by an unexpected situation |
| o. hunch               | (i) | using very few words in a way that seems rude   |
| p. historic            | (l) | giving all your attention to something  |
| q. accolade            | (f) | extremely interested in something   |
| r. tenure              | (b) | to read something very carefully for a long time  |
| s. consigned to flames | (n) | to guess  |
| t. improvise           | (h) | completely established  |

### The Connoisseur

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| a. frenetic                                | (t) | a kind of heart disease that causes pains in the chest                                |
| b. pathetically                            | (e) | confused and dazed  |
| c. sly                                     | (q) | having a tendency to control other people   |
| d. perversely                              | (k) | used to say what you think is likely  |
| e. bemusedly                               | (m) | to make suggestions as a way of quietly finding out other people's views on something |
| f. impel                                   | (g) | express extreme pleasure and excitement   |
| g. go into raptures                        | (l) | to make continuous small movements that annoy others                                  |
| h. fluted                                  | (p) | spreading untidily  |
| i. petit-point<br>(Pronounced/ peti point) | (s) | a comforting remedy or cure   |
| j. array                                   | (r) | a very small amount of money  |
| k. presumably                              | (d) | not what one would expect   |
| l. fidget                                  | (a) | hyperactive, with a lot of nervous energy   |
| m. send/ put out feelers                   | (o) | turn red in the face because of strong emotions, heat, ect.                           |
| n. manuscript                              | (j) | a large group of things   |
| o. flush                                   | (f) | to make someone feel they must do something   |
| p. straggling                              | (h) | wavy around the edge  |
| q. domineering                             | (c) |   |
| r.   |     | active and able to move quickly   |
| s. pittance                                | (b) | causing sadness or pity   |
| t. panacea                                 | (n) | the original copy of a book before it is printed                                      |
| u. angina                                  | (i) | finely embroidered  |

## Disaster Management

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|--------------------------|-----|---|
| a. be prone to something | (f) | to organize or prepare something                              |
| b. fury                  | (l) | a detailed list of all items in a place                       |
| c. wreak havoc           | (p) | making land suitable for building or farming                  |
| d. mammoth               | (k) | the body of a dead animal                                     |
| e. bereaved              | (h) | to watch and check a situation carefully for a period of time |
| f. mobilise              | (a) | tending to show a particular negative feature                 |
| g. onerous               | (q) | certain to happen   |
| h. monitor               | (n) | responsibility  |
| i. potable               | (b) | extremely anger   |
| j. semblance             | (o) | very shocked and upset for a long time                        |
| k. carcass               | (r) | able to be easily hurt or influenced                          |
| l. inventory             | (d) | extremely large   |
| m. equitable             | (t) | helping poor people, by giving them money                     |
| n. accountability        | (e) | having someone close who has recently died                    |
| o. traumatised           | (s) | suffer the worst of something bad                             |
| p. reclamation           | (i) | water fit for drinking  |
| q. inevitable            | (g) | very difficult to do  |
| r. vulnerable            | (c) | to cause damage in a violent and uncontrolled way             |
| s. bear the burnt        | (j) | a situation similar to but not exactly as desired             |
| t. philanthropy          | (m) | fair  |

## Bubbling Well Road

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| a. hamlet      | (t) | the wooden or metal frame of a bed   |
| b. plumed      | (s) | happiness and laughter   |
| c. halter      | (p) | a short low sound made in the throat   |
| d. sounder     | (q) | a dirty substance that forms on the surface of the water                                     |
| e. proceeding  | (l) | not serious or sensible  |
| f. tushes      | (b) | decorated with feathers, here featherlike  |
| g. terrier     | (k) | the measurement of someone or something around them  |
| h. countenance | (j) | to walk towards someone or something slowly and quietly, as if you do not want to be noticed |
| i. devoutly    | (e) | an event   |
| j. sidle       | (h) | face or expression   |
| k. girth       | (g) | a small dog originally used for hunting  |
| l. frivolous   | (i) | strongly   |

- m. chuckling (d) a herd of wild pigs  
n. tussock (f) tusks (old use)  
o. waggle (r) to make short soft sounds like very small explosions  
p. grunt (c) a rope or leather band round a horse's neck  
q. scum (m) laughing quietly  
r. sputter (o) to move something quickly up and down or from side to side  
s. mirth (a) a very small village  
t. bedstead (n) a small thick mass of grass

## The Odds Against Us

- a. conflagration (e) a set of musical notes  
b. epic (g) naturally existing in a place  
c. predilection (j) forming a dark shape against a light background  
d. spectacle (k) lacking intelligence and imagination  
e. cadence (l) existing since the beginning of the world  
f. dirge (b) a long film, book. usually on a historical subject  
g. indigenous (o) wishing to fight or argue  
h. greenhorn (a) a large violent or destructive event  
i. brand (n) an unfair opinion formed with out enough thought or knowledge  
j. silhouetted (r) greatly respected or praised because of age  
k. vapid (f) a slow sad song or music played when someone has died  
l. primordial (c) a strong liking  
m. snide (q) to search a place very carefully in order to find something  
n. prejudice (s) to make someone less confident and frightened  
o. belligerent (h) a person who is not experienced  
p. doddering (t) a lack of basic things needed for an acceptable standard of living  
q. scour (i) to say what you think someone is like  
r. hallowed (p) old weak and unable to walk properly  
s. unnerving (d) a splendid public show  
t. privation (m) containing unpleasant, indirect criticism

## II. ONE WORD SUBSTITUTES

(From Textbook and Non-detailed)

### Objective of this Section:

To enhance students' vocabulary with a selected list of one word substitutes.

List - I

1. **Abdicate** – To give up a throne voluntarily
2. **Autobiography** – Life story of a man written by himself.
3. **Aggressor** – A person who attacks first
4. **Amateur** – One who pursues some art or sport as hobby
5. **Arbitrator** – A person appointed by parties to settle the disputes between them
6. **Adolescence** – The period between childhood and adulthood
7. **Bibliophile** – A great lover of books
8. **Botany** – The branch of biology dealing with plant life
9. **Bilingual** – A person who speaks two languages
10. **Catalogue** – A list of books
11. **Centenary** – Celebration of a hundredth year, once –a-century
12. **Colleague** – A co-worker or a fellow-worker in the same institution
13. **Contemporaries** – Persons living in the same age
14. **Credulous** – A person who readily believes whatever is told to him/her.
15. **Callous** – A man devoid of kind feeling and sympathy
16. **Cosmopolitan** – A man with a broad and international outlook
17. **Celibacy** – Abstinence from sex
18. **Deteriorate** – To go from bad to worse
19. **Democracy** – Government of the people, for the people, by the people
20. **Monarchy** – A political system in which a state is ruled by one person
21. **Draw** – A game in which neither party wins
22. **Egotist** – A person who always thinks of himself; somebody who is selfish or self-centered
23. **Epidemic** – A contagious disease which spreads over a huge area
24. **Extempore** – A speech or a presentation made without previous preparation
25. **Etiquette** – Established rules of conduct; rules of acceptable behavior
26. **Epicure** – Somebody who has refined taste for food; somebody who loves sensual pleasure and luxury
27. **Exonerate** – Free somebody from blame or guilt; free somebody from an obligation
28. **Eradicate** – Destroy or get rid of something completely; root out an evil or bad practice
29. **Fastidious** – A person difficult to please
30. **Fatalist** – A person who believes that all events are pre-determined
31. **Honorary** – A post which doesn't carry any salary
32. **Illegal** – That which is against law
33. **Illiterate** – A person who cannot read or write
34. **Hostility** – Intense aggression or anger; state of antagonism
35. **Incorrigible** – Impossible to change
36. **Irritable** – A man who is easily irritated
37. **Irrelevant** – Not applicable
38. **Invisible** – That which cannot be seen
39. **Inaudible** – That which cannot be heard

40. **Incredible** – That which cannot be believed
41. **Impracticable** – That which cannot be practiced
42. **Invincible** – That which cannot be conquered
43. **Indispensable** – Something that is essential and cannot be dispensed with
44. **Inevitable** – That which cannot be avoided
45. **Irrevocable** – That which cannot be changed
46. **Illicit** – That which is considered wrong or unacceptable by prevailing social standards
47. **Insoluble** – Incapable of being dissolved in a liquid
48. **Inflammable** – Something that quickly catches fire
49. **Infanticide** – The act of killing an infant
50. **Matricide** – Killing of one's own mother; killer of one's own mother
51. **Patricide** – Killing of one's own father; killer of one's own father
52. **Kidnap** - To take somebody away by force and hold him or her prisoner, usually for ransom
53. **Medieval** – Belonging to the Middle Ages
54. **Matinee** – A cinema show which is held in the afternoon
55. **Notorious** – A person with an evil reputation
56. **Manuscript** – Handwritten book
57. **Namesake** – Somebody or something with the same name as somebody or something else
58. **Novice** – One who is new to a trade or profession
59. **Omnipotent** – All-powerful; possessing complete power and authority
60. **Omnipresent** – One who is present everywhere
61. **Optimist** – One who looks at the bright side of things; somebody positive
62. **Panacea** – A supposed cure for all diseases or problems
63. **Polyandry** – The custom of having more than one husband at a time
64. **Polygamy** – The custom of having more than one wife at a time
65. **Postmortem** – Medical examination of a dead body
66. **Pessimist** – Very negative person; somebody who always expects the worst to happen
67. **Postscript** – A short message added on to the end of a letter after the signature
68. **Synonyms** – Words which have the same meaning
69. **Smuggler** – A person who imports or exports goods into or from a country secretly because they are illegal or in order to avoid paying duty on them
70. **Vegetarian** – Somebody who doesn't eat meat or fish
71. **Venial** – A pardonable offense
72. **Veteran** – Somebody who is considerably experienced in something
73. **Zoology** – The branch of biology dealing with the study of animals

**List – II**

1. **Anarchist:** a person who rejects the need for a system of government in society and proposes its abolition

2. **Ambidextrous:** a person who is able to use both hands with equal skill
3. **Alimony:** financial support to ex-wife
4. **Amateur:** a person who does something for pleasure rather than for pay
5. **Aborigines:** original inhabitants of a place
6. **Arbitrator:** somebody designated to hear both sides of a dispute and make a judgment
7. **Autocracy:** rule by one person who holds unlimited power
8. **Aristocracy:** people of noble families or the highest social class. Also, government of a country by a small group of people, especially hereditary nobility
9. **Atheist:** a person who does not believe in God or deities
10. **Amphibian:** a land animal that breeds in water
11. **Ambiguity:** an expression or statement that has more than one meaning
12. **Autobiography:** an account of somebody's life written by that person
13. **Biography:** an account of somebody's life written by another person
14. **Belligerents:** nations engaged in war
15. **Cannibal:** somebody who eats human flesh
16. **Circumlocution:** the indirect way of saying something
17. **Convalescence:** the gradual return to good health after a period of illness or medical treatment
18. **Egoist (also Egotist):** a person who is selfish, self absorbed and self centered
19. **Epitaph:** inscription on a tombstone
20. **Epicure:** somebody who is dedicated to sensual pleasure and luxury
21. **Epidemic:** an outbreak of a disease that spreads among a group of people quickly and extensively
22. **Endemic:** a disease that occurs within a specified area, region or locale
23. **Edible:** fit for eating
24. **Fanatic:** somebody who has extreme and sometimes irrational enthusiasms or beliefs, especially in religion or politics
25. **Feminist:** a believer in women's rights
26. **Fatricide:** the crime in which somebody kills his or her own brother
27. **Fatalist:** one who believes in the philosophical doctrine of fatalism
28. **Fastidious:** a person who is concerned that even the smallest details should be just right
29. **Herbivorous:** an animal that eats only grass or other plants
30. **Honorary:** holding an office awarded as an honour and receiving no payment for services provided in that office
31. **Impervious:** a person who remains unmoved and unaffected by other people's opinions, arguments or suggestions
32. **Illiterate:** a person who cannot read or write
33. **Infallible:** incapable of making a mistake
34. **Infanticide:** the killing of an infant
35. **Idolatry:** the worship of idols or false gods
36. **Inflammable:** something that is quickly and easily set on fire and burned

37. **Mercenary:** somebody who works or serves only for personal profit. Also, a professional soldier paid to fight for an army other than that of his or her country
38. **Misogynist:** a person who hates women
39. **Misogamist:** a person who does not believe in the institution of marriage
40. **Matricide:** the act of murdering one's own mother
41. **Omniscient:** a person who knows everything
42. **Omnivorous:** an animal or a human being that eats any kind of food
43. **Omnipotent:** a person who has power over all
44. **Panacea:** a supposed cure for all diseases or problems
45. **Parasite:** a person supported by another and giving him/her nothing in return
46. **Patricide:** the act of murdering one's own father
47. **Potable:** fit for drinking
48. **Polygamy:** the custom of having more than one spouse at the same time
49. **Polyandry:** the custom of having more than one husband at the same time
50. **Prosecute:** take legal action against somebody
51. **Pugnacity:** inclined to fight or be aggressive
52. **Philanthropist:** a person who helps others, especially those who are poor and in trouble
53. **Plutocracy:** the rule of a society by its wealthiest people
54. **Somnambulism:** sleepwalking
55. **Stoic:** a person who is unaffected by emotions
56. **Soporific:** a drug or other substance that induces sleep
57. **Triennial:** taking place once every three years
58. **Theist:** a person who believes in the existence of God
59. **Transparent:** a substance that allows light to pass through with little or no interruption so that objects on the other side can be clearly seen
60. **Usurer:** somebody who loans money to other people and charges them exorbitant or unlawful interest on it
61. **Usurper:** a person who seize something without the right to do so
62. **Verbatim:** corresponding word for word translation
63. **Valetudinarian:** somebody who is excessively concerned with his or her own health
64. **Widower:** a man whose wife has died
65. **Widow:** a woman whose husband has died

### Exercises for Practice ON One Word Substitutes - I

1. To change people from one place to another because of dangerous situations
  - A. Evade
  - B. Evacuate
  - C. Avoid
  - D. Exterminate
2. One who has belief that people are insincere
  - A. Egoist

- B. Fatalist
- C. Stoic
- D. Cynic

3. People who are ready to fight with others

- A. Bellicose
- B. Combative
- C. Belligerent
- D. Militant

4. A Teetotaler is someone who

- A. abstains from theft
- B. abstains from meat
- C. abstains from taking wine
- D. abstains from malice

5. One who possesses many talents.

- A. Versatile
- B. Nubile
- C. Exceptional
- D. Gifted

6. State in which the few govern the many

- A. Monarchy
- B. Oligarchy
- C. Plutocracy
- D. Autocracy

7. A solution for all problems.

- A. Solution
- B. phenomenon
- C. Panacea
- D. Recompense

8. A prima facie case is such

- A. As it seems at first sight
- B. As it is made to seem at first sight
- C. As it turns out to be at the end
- D. As it seems to the court after a number of hearings

9. The condition of being old, weak and can not be moved

- A. Imbecility
- B. Senility
- C. Second childhood
- D. Superannuation

10. List of the business or subjects to be considered at a meeting

- A. Schedule
- B. Timetable
- C. Agenda
- D. Plan

11. A person pretending to be somebody he is not

- A. Magician
- B. Rogue
- C. Liar
- D. Imposter

12. A person who knows many languages

- A. Linguist
- B. Grammarian
- C. Polyglot
- D. Bilingual

13. The mistake that can never be corrected.

- A. deficiency
- B. ineffaceable
- C. scrawled
- D. Incurable

14. A person who persists firmly on something

- A. authoritarian
- B. Stickler
- C. Instantaneous
- D. bragger

15. Words inscribed on tomb

- A. Epitome
- B. Epistle
- C. Epilogue
- D. Epitaph

16. Someone who is not easily satisfied by anything.

- A. Maiden
- B. Mediaeval
- C. wobbly
- D. Fastidious

17. A person interested in collecting, studying and selling of old things

- A. Antiquarian
- B. Junk-dealer
- C. Crank
- D. Archeologist

18. The custom or practice of having more than one husband at same time

- A. Polygyny
- B. Polyphony
- C. Polyandry
- D. Polychromy

19. Tending to move away from the centre or axis

- A. Centrifugal
- B. Centripetal
- C. Axiomatic
- D. Awry

20. Somebody who has quick grasping and reasoning power

- A. specialist
- B. Intellectual
- C. Snob
- D. Literate

21. Malafide case is one

- A. Which is undertaken in a good faith
- B. Which is undertaken in a bad faith
- C. Which is undertaken after a long delay
- D. Which is not undertaken at all

22. A drawing on transparent paper

- A. Red print
- B. Blue print
- C. Negative
- D. Transparency

23. Somebody who consumes everything

- A. Omnivorous
- B. Omniscient
- C. Irresistible
- D. Insolvent

24. A particular use of style which is a display of a writer's knowledge

- A. Pedantic
- B. wordy
- C. Pompous
- D. figurative

25. The study of earliest societies

- A. Anthropology
- B. Archaeology
- C. History
- D. Ethnology

### Answers - I

1.b 2. d 3.c 4.c 5.a 6.b 7.c 8. a 9.B 10. c 11. D 12.C 13.D 14.b 15.D 16. d 17. a

18.C 19. A 20.b 21. b 22. D 23. a 24. a 25.b

### III. Prefixes and Suffixes

#### Objective of this Section:

To enhance students' vocabulary with a selected list of prefixes and suffixes.

A **prefix** is placed at the beginning of a word to modify or change its meaning. A **suffix** is placed at the ending of a word to modify or change its meaning. There are many common prefixes and suffixes in English, together with their basic meaning and some examples. Some of the most commonest list of suffixes and suffixes provided below.

| Prefix       |  | Meaning  | Examples   |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 1. a-        | also an-   | not, without                                   | atheist, anaemic   |
| 2. a-        |  | to, towards                                    | aside, aback   |
|              |  | in the process of, in a particular state       | a-hunting, aglow   |
| 3. a-        |  | of   | anew   |
|              |  | completely                                     | abashed  |
| 4.Ab-        | also abs-  | away, from                                     | abdicate, abstract   |
| 5.ad-        | also a-, ac-, af-, ag- al-, an-, ap-, at- as-, at- | movement to, change into, addition or increase | advance, adulterate, adjunct, ascend, affiliate, affirm, aggravate, alleviate, annotate, apprehend, arrive, assemble, attend |
| 6. ante-     |  | before, preceding                              | antecedent, ante-room  |
| 7.anti-      | also ant-  | opposing, against, the opposite                | anti-aircraft, antibiotic, anticlimax, Antarctic   |
| 8. be-       |  | all over, all around                           | bespatter, beset   |
|              |  | completely                                     | bewitch, bemuse  |
|              |  | having, covered with                           | bejewelled   |
|              |  | affect with (added to nouns)                   | befog  |
|              |  | cause to be (added to adjectives)              | becalm   |
| 9.com-       | also co-, col-, con-, cor-                         | with, jointly, completely                      | combat, codriver, collude, confide, corrode  |
| 10.contra-   |  | against, opposite                              | contraceptive  |
| 11. counter- |  | opposition, opposite direction                 | counter-attack, counteract   |
| 12. de-      |  | down, away                                     | descend, despair, depend, deduct   |
|              |  | completely                                     | denude, denigrate  |
|              |  | removal, reversal                              | de-ice, decamp   |
| 13.dia-      | also di-   | through, across                                | diagonal   |
| 14.dis-      | also di-   | negation, removal, expulsion                   | disadvantage, dismount, disbud, disbar   |
| 15.en-       |  | put into or on                                 | engulf, enmesh   |
|              |  | bring into the condition of                    | enlighten, embitter  |

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|           |                           | intensification                               | entangle, enrage                       |
| 16.ex-    | <i>also e-, ef-</i>       | out   | exit, exclude, expand                  |
|           |                           | upward  | exalt, extol                           |
|           |                           | completely                                    | excruciate, exasperate                 |
|           |                           | previous                                      | ex-wife                                |
| 17.extra- |                           | outside, beyond                               | extracurricular                        |
| 18.hemi-  |                           | half  | hemisphere                             |
| 19.hyper- |                           | beyond, more than,<br>more than normal        | hypersonic, hyperactive                |
| 20.hypo-  |                           | under   | hypodermic, hypothermia                |
| 21.in-    | <i>also il-, im-</i>      | not, without                                  | infertile, inappropriate, impossible   |
|           | <i>also il-, im-, ir-</i> | in, into, towards, inside                     | influence, influx, imbibe              |
| 22.infra- |                           | below   | infrared, infrastructure               |
| 23.inter- |                           | between, among                                | interact, interchange                  |
| 24.intra- |                           | inside, within                                | intramural, intravenous                |
| 25.non-   |                           | absence, negation                             | non-smoker, non-alcoholic              |
| 26.ob-    | <i>also oc-, of-, op-</i> | blocking, against,<br>concealing              | obstruct, occult, offend, oppose       |
| 27.out-   |                           | surpassing, exceeding                         | outperform                             |
|           |                           | external, away from                           | outbuilding, outboard                  |
| 28.over-  |                           | excessively, completely                       | overconfident, overburdened, overjoyed |
|           |                           | upper, outer, over,<br>above                  | overcoat, overcast                     |
| 29.peri-  |                           | round, about                                  | perimeter                              |
| 30.post-  |                           | after in time or order                        | postpone                               |
| 31.pre-   |                           | before in time, place,<br>order or importance | pre-adolescent, prelude, precondition  |
| 32. pro-  |                           | favouring, in support of                      | pro-African                            |
|           |                           | acting for                                    | proconsul                              |
|           |                           | motion forwards or away                       | propulsion                             |
|           |                           | before in time, place or<br>order             | prologue                               |
| 33. re-   |                           | again   | repaint, reappraise, reawake           |

|            |  |   |   |
|------------|--|---|---|
| 34. semi-  |  | half, partly                                | semicircle, semi-conscious              |
| 35. sub-   | <i>also</i> suc-, suf-, sug-, sup-, sur-, sus- | at a lower position                         | submarine, subsoil                      |
|            |  | lower in rank                               | sub-lieutenant                          |
|            |  | nearly, approximately                       | sub-tropical                            |
| 36. syn-   | <i>also</i> sym-                               | in union, acting together                   | synchronize, symmetry                   |
| 37. trans- |  | across, beyond                              | transnational, transatlantic            |
|            |  | into a different state                      | translate                               |
| 38. ultra- |  | beyond                                      | ultraviolet, ultrasonic                 |
|            |  | extreme                                     | ultramicroscopic                        |
| 39. un-    |  | not   | unacceptable, unreal, unhappy, unmanned |
|            |  | reversal or cancellation of action or state | unplug, unmask                          |
| 40. under- |  | beneath, below                              | underarm, undercarriage                 |
|            |  | lower in rank                               | undersecretary                          |
|            |  | not enough                                  | underdeveloped                          |

List of Suffixes

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Common Suffix Word Ending | Examples & List of Common Suffixes |
| -able                     | Comfortable                        |
| -ad                       | Triad                              |
| -ade                      | Blockade                           |
| -age                      | Garage                             |
| -agogy                    | Pedagogy                           |
| -al                       | Focal                              |
| -al                       | Appraisal                          |
| -ality                    | Sexuality                          |
| -an                       | Urban                              |
| -ance                     | Annoyance                          |
| -ancy                     | Vacancy                            |
| -ant                      | Relevant                           |
| -ant                      | Assistant                          |
| -ar                       | Linear                             |
| -ar                       | Liar                               |
| -ard                      | Wizard                             |
| -ary                      | Military                           |
| -ary                      | Dictionary                         |
| -arch                     | Monarch                            |

|         |               |
|---------|---------------|
| -archy  | Anarchy       |
| -ate    | Fortunate     |
| -ate    | Certificate   |
| -ate    | Concentrate   |
| -athlon | Decathlon     |
| -ation  | Concentration |
| -ative  | Lucrative     |
| -atory  | Laboratory    |
| -bound  | Outbound      |
| -cide   | Suicide       |
| -city   | Atrocity      |
| -cy     | Diplomacy     |
| -cycle  | Hydrocycle    |
| -dom    | Kingdom       |
| -ectomy | Vasectomy     |
| -ed     | Bored         |
| -ee     | Employee      |
| -eer    | Privateer     |
| -eme    | Morpheme      |
| -en     | Leukemia      |
| -en     | Golden        |
| -ence   | Independence  |
| -ency   | Frequency     |
| -ent    | Different     |
| -ent    | Resident      |
| -eous   | Courteous     |
| -er     | Writer        |
| -ergy   | Energy        |
| -ern    | Southern      |
| -ery    | Machinery     |
| -ese    | Chinese       |
| -esque  | Picturesque   |
| -ess    | Actress       |
| -etic   | Sympathetic   |
| -fare   | Warfare       |
| -ful    | Hopeful       |
| -gon    | Pentagon      |
| -gry    | Angry         |
| -holic  | Alcoholic     |
| -hood   | Brotherhood   |
| -ia     | Mania         |
| -iable  | Sociable      |
| -ial    | Special       |
| -ian    | Italian       |
| -iant   | Defiant       |
| -iate   | Deviate       |
| -ible   | Incredible    |
| -ibly   | Responsibly   |
| -ic     | Historic      |
| -ical   | Historical    |
| -ics    | Economics     |
| -id     | Candid        |
| -ier    | Cashier       |
| -ify    | Clarify       |
| -ile    | Tactile       |
| -illion | Million       |
| -ious   | Ambitious     |
| -ing    | Playing       |
| -ing    | Action        |

|                    |                           |
|--------------------|---------------------------|
| -ion               | Foolish, Tallish          |
| -ish               | English                   |
| -ism               | Buddhism                  |
| -ist               | Dentist                   |
| -ite               | Socialite                 |
| -itive             | Sensitive                 |
| -itude             | Attitude                  |
| -ity               | Formality                 |
| -ium               | Calcium                   |
| -ive               | Aggressive                |
| -ization / isation | Organization/Organisation |
| -ize / ise         | Idolize/Idolise           |
| -land              | Finland                   |
| -less              | Careless                  |
| -like              | Childlike                 |
| -ling              | Duckling                  |
| -ly                | Monthly                   |
| -man               | Fireman                   |
| -ment              | Government                |
| -meter             | Thermometer               |
| -metry             | Geometry                  |
| -mony              | Testimony                 |
| -most              | Innermost                 |
| -nesia             | Polynesia                 |
| -ness              | Kindness, Darkness        |
| -ocracy            | Democracy                 |
| -ography           | Photography               |
| -ologist           | Archaeologist             |
| -ology             | Biology                   |
| -onomy             | Astronomy                 |
| -or                | Governor                  |
| -ory               | History                   |
| -ose               | Glucose                   |
| -ous               | Nervous                   |
| -phone             | Telephone                 |
| -scope             | Telescope                 |
| -ship              | Friendship                |
| -shire             | Oxfordshire               |
| -sion              | Decision                  |
| -some              | Awesome                   |
| -ster              | Gangster                  |
| -t                 | Burnt                     |
| -th                | Growth                    |
| -tion              | Introduction              |
| -ty                | Loyalty                   |
| -uary              | January                   |
| -ulent             | Fraudulent                |
| -ward              | Inward                    |
| -wise              | Clockwise                 |
| -wright            | Playwright                |
| -y                 | Sunny                     |

Provide the following suffixes to their respective word ENDINGS.

- i. ache
- ii. age
- iii. dom

- iv. ful
- v. kind
- vi. ledge
- vii. let
- viii. ment
- ix. ness
- x. ship
- xi. y

- 1. careful \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. jealous \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. king \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. book \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. head \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. spoon \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. polite \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. relation \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. man \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. drain \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. punish \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. free \_\_\_\_\_
- 13. crude \_\_\_\_\_
- 14. know \_\_\_\_\_

ANSWERS (✘, ✔)

- 1. careful \_\_\_\_\_ NESS
- 2. jealous \_\_\_\_\_ Y
- 3. king \_\_\_\_\_ DOM
- 4. book \_\_\_\_\_ LET
- 5. head \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. spoon \_\_\_\_\_ FUL
- 7. polite \_\_\_\_\_ ESS
- 8. relation \_\_\_\_\_ SHIP
- 9. man \_\_\_\_\_ KIND
- 10. drain \_\_\_\_\_ AGE
- 11. punish \_\_\_\_\_ MENT
- 12. free \_\_\_\_\_ DOM
- 13. crude \_\_\_\_\_ NESS
- 14. know \_\_\_\_\_ LEDGE

#### IV. IDIOMS AND PHRASES

Objective:

To enrich students' vocabulary and expression with a selected list of idioms and phrases.

- 1. The wheels are turning**  
To become effective or lead to success.
- 2. To put something to bed**  
To achieve something one hopes to
- 3. Skate on thin ice**  
A bad situation or failure
- 4. Ace in your hand**  
Something works for your advantage
- 5. Bird In The Hand Is Worth Two In The Bush:**  
Something which is sure is better than risky options.
- 6. Blessing In Disguise:**  
Something good that isn't identified initially.
- 7. Dime A Dozen:**  
Common and simple to get.
- 8. A Drop in the Bucket:**  
small part of something huge or whole.
- 9. Lick somebody's boots**  
To praise someone
- 10. A hard act to follow**  
Seems to be effective but difficult to follow
- 11. A Penny Saved Is A Penny Earned:**  
Saving money penny by penny in little amount.
- 12. A Picture Paints a Thousand Words:**  
A picture is better than words.
- 13. Turn A Blind Eye:**  
Refuse to acknowledge something you know is real or legit.
- 14. A Toss-Up:**  
An uncertain result.
- 15. A Piece of Cake:**  
A job which can be done easily.
- 16. Save someone's bacon**  
Try to save someone from a danger
- 17. Against The Clock:**  
Rushed and short on time.
- 18. Actions Speak Louder Than Words:**  
It's better to actually do something than just talk about it.
- 19. To add Fuel To The Fire:**  
to make a bad situation even worse.

**20. All Bark and No Bite:**

When someone seems to be aggressive but not ready to fight.

**21. In The Same Boat:**

When everyone has common problems.

**22. All Greek to me:**

Meaningless and incomprehensible like someone who cannot read, speak, or understand any of the Greek language would be.

**23. An Arm and A Leg:**

Very expensive. A large amount of money.

**24. On the ball**

To be alert

**25. Scapegoat:**

Someone else who takes the blame.

**26. Back To The Drawing Board:**

When an attempt fails and it's time to start all over.

**27. Barking Up The Wrong Tree:**

A mistake made in something you are trying to achieve.

**28. Copy cat**

Not original

**29. Beat A Dead Horse**

To force an issue that has already ended.

**30. Beating Around The Bush:**

Speaking indirectly about the issue.

**31. Not miss a bite**

Able to use every opportunity

**32. Bite Off More Than You Can Chew:**

To take on a task that is way to big.

**33. Bite Your Tongue:**

To avoid talking.

**34. Break A Leg:**

A superstitious way to say 'good luck' without saying 'good luck', but rather the opposite.

**35. Buy A Lemon:**

To purchase a vehicle that constantly gives problems or stops running after you drive it away.

**36. Sweep the board**

To grab all the prizes

**37. To Chew someone out:**

Verbally scold someone.

**38. Chip on his Shoulder:**

Being angry today for what was happened in the past.

**39. Pass The Buck:**

Avoid responsibility by giving it to someone else.

**40. Cock and Bull Story:**

An unbelievable tale.

**41. To Cross Your Fingers:**

To hope that something happens the way you want it to.

**42. To Cry Over Spilt Milk:**

When you complain about a loss from the past.

**43. A Wolf Cry**

Intentionally raise a false alarm.

**44. A Cup Of Joe**

A cup of coffee.

**45. Curiosity Killed The Cat:**

Being Inquisitive can lead you into a dangerous situation.

**46. Cut to the Chase:**

Leave out all the unnecessary details and just get to the point.

**47. A Dark Horse:**

One who was previously unknown and is now prominent.

**48. Rock the boat**

To create troubles

**49. Don't count your chickens before they hatch:**

Don't rely on it until your sure of it.

**50. Down To The Wire:**

Something that ends at the last minute or last few seconds.

**51. Drastic Times Call For Drastic Measures:**

When you are extremely desperate you need to take extremely desperate actions.

**52. To Drink like a fish:**

To drink very heavily.

**53. Drive someone up the wall:**

To irritate and/or annoy very much.

**54. Dropping Like Flies:**

A large number of people either falling ill or dying.

**55. A Body blow**

Great difficulty and disappointment

**56. Have a shot your bolt**

To do everything to be successful

**57. Ethnic Cleansing:**

Killing of a certain ethnic or religious group on a massive scale.

**58. Every Cloud Has A Silver Lining:**

Be optimistic, even difficult times will lead to better days.

**59. Dropping like flies**

To give up something easily

**60. Great Minds Think Alike:**

Intelligent people think like each other.

**61. Wear Your Heart On Your Sleeve:**

To openly and freely express your emotions.

**62. Everything But The Kitchen Sink:**

Almost everything and anything has been included.

**63. Excuse my French:**

Please forgive me for cussing.

**64. Cock and Bull Story:**

An unbelievable tale.

**65. In The Heat Of The Moment:**

Overwhelmed by what is happening in the moment.

**66. Cock and Bull Story:**

An unbelievable tale.

**67. Fixed In Your Ways:**

Not willing or wanting to change from your normal way of doing something.

**68. Flesh and Blood:**

This idiom can mean living material of which people are made of, or it can refer to someone's family.

**69. Fools' Gold:**

Iron pyrites, a worthless rock that resembles real gold.

**70. From Rags To Riches:**

To go from being very poor to being very wealthy.

**71. Get Your Walking Papers:**

Get fired from a job.

**72. Give Him The Slip:**

To get away from. To escape.

**73. Funny Farm:**

A mental institutional facility.

**74. Good Samaritan:**

Someone who helps others when they are in need, with no discussion for compensation, and no thought of a reward.

**75. Green Room:**

The waiting room, especially for those who are about to go on a tv or radio show.

**76. Keep body and soul together:**

To earn a sufficient amount of money in order to keep yourself alive .

**77. Gut Feeling:**

A personal intuition you get, especially when feel something may not be right.

**78. Haste Makes Waste:**

Quickly doing things results in a poor ending.

**79. Out Of The Blue:**

Something that suddenly and unexpectedly occurs.

**80. Have an Axe to Grind:**

To have a dispute with someone.

**81. He Lost His Head:**

Angry and overcome by emotions.

**82. Head Over Heels:**

Very excited and/or joyful, especially when in love.

**83. Hell in a Handbasket:**

Deteriorating and headed for complete disaster.

**84. High Five:**

Slapping palms above each others heads as celebration gesture.

**85. High on the Hog:**

Living in Luxury.

**86. Hit The Books:**

To study, especially for a test or exam.

**87. Hit The Hay:**

Go to bed or go to sleep.

**88. Hold Your Horses:**

Be patient.

**89. In Your Face:**

An aggressive and bold confrontation.

**90. Wine and Dine:**

When somebody is treated to an expensive meal.

**91. It Takes Two To Tango:**

A two person conflict where both people are at fault.

**92. It's A Small World:**

You frequently see the same people in different places.

**93. Its Anyone's Call:**

A competition where the outcome is difficult to judge or predict.

**94. Keep An Eye On Him:**

You should carefully watch him.

**95. Knock On Wood:**

Knuckle tapping on wood in order to avoid some bad luck.

**96. Know the Ropes:**

To understand the details.

**97. Let Bygones Be Bygones:**

To forget about a disagreement or argument.

**98. Let Sleeping Dogs Lie:**

To avoid restarting a conflict.

**99. Let The Cat Out Of The Bag:**

To share a secret that wasn't suppose to be shared.

**100. The Ball Is In Your Court:**

It is your decision this time.

**IDIOMS FOR PRACTICE - I**

1. 'To face the music' means
  - a. to enjoy life
  - b. to accept punishment
  - c. to face easy things
  
2. ants in one's pants means
  - a. hilarious
  - b. pathetic
  - c. Nervousness
  
3. Once in a blue moon means...
  - a. very rare
  - b. very often
  - c. now and then
  
4. "All along" means
  - a. all the time
  - b. to agree
  - c. altogether
  
5. "Along in years" means
  - a. getting old
  - b. getting tired
  - c. becoming successful
  
6. A man "after my own heart" means
  - a. liking the same things as me
  - b. looks like me
  - c. follows me
  
7. To "call it a day" means
  - a. to quit
  - b. it becomes evening
  - c. to say good morning
  
8. Across the board" means
  - a. everyone or everything is included
  - b. to travel between countries
  - c. uninteresting
  
9. All hours" means
  - a. at regular times
  - b. at irregular times
  - c. every hour

10. To "act up" means
  - a. to share an idea
  - b. to behave badly
  - c. to pretend to be rich
11. And then some" means
  - a. not many
  - b. and only a few
  - c. and a lot more
12. A bit" means
  - a. some thing to eat
  - b. to help someone
  - c. a small amount
13. To "back down" means
  - a. to give up a claim
  - b. to sit down
  - c. to fight for something
14. Against the clock" means \_\_\_\_.
  - a. a new record
  - b. a test of speed or time
  - c. an impossible task
15. To "call the tune" means
  - a. to sing a song
  - b. to give orders
  - c. to give advice
16. I "dare say" means
  - a. I don't know at all
  - b. I definitely know
  - c. I suppose
17. To "dash off" means
  - a. to do, make, or draw something quickly
  - b. to be deeply asleep
  - c. to be precise
18. "Easy does it" means
  - a. let's do it later
  - b. let's do it carefully
  - c. let's do it quickly
19. To "eat your words" means
  - a. to apologise
  - b. to shout loudly
  - c. to be quiet
20. About time" means
  - a. at the right time
  - b. soon
  - c. at last

**Answers:**

1. B
2. C
3. a
4. B
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. A
9. A

- 10. B
- 11. C
- 12. C
- 13. A
- 14. B
- 15. B
- 16. C
- 17. A
- 18. B
- 19. A
- 20. C

21. " turn up with flying colours" means

- a. To succeed
- b. To loose
- c. to be honest

22. To pay a deaf ear is.

- a. To listen attentively
- b. To ignore
- c. To pay unusual attention

23. To "hit the buffers" means

- a. To overcome problems
- b. to face difficulties
- c. to create problems

24. If you are "in the family way", you are \_\_\_\_.

- a. shy
- b. popular
- c. pregnant

25. An apple of one's eye means

- a. dear person
- b. looks like an apple
- c. a handsome person

26. To "Make Fanfare" means to

- a. go quicker
- b. make jubilation
- c. make a party

27. To "join forces" means to \_\_\_\_.

- a. fight
- b. be strong
- c. unite

28. To "go for broke" means to \_\_\_\_.

- a. To risk
- b. To take it easy
- c. look for something

29. To "kick the bucket" means to \_\_\_\_.

- a. get a job
- b. lose something
- c. die

30. To "lash out" means to \_\_\_\_.

- a. shout at someone
- b. relax
- c. kick or punch someone

31. A "close call" means to

- a. A secret call

- b. A close accident
- c. A hoax call
- 32. If it takes a "month of Sundays", it \_\_\_\_.
  - a. happens quickly
  - b. won't happen
  - c. feels like a long time
- 33. A death blow means
  - a. A situation which comes to an end
  - b. celebration
  - c. A gory accident
- 34. To "nail it down" means to \_\_\_\_.
  - a. start it
  - b. finalize it
  - c. talk about it
- 35. In this "neck of the woods" is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. the way we do something
  - b. around here
  - c. the way things were
- 36. "Never mind" means \_\_\_\_.
  - a. don't worry about it
  - b. pardon
  - c. why
- 37. "Box clever" means.
  - a. capable of everything
  - b. Being cunning in difficult situation
  - c. old enough
- 38. To "jazz up" means to \_\_\_\_.
  - a. go faster
  - b. make something more exciting
  - c. make a lot of noise
- 39. To "keep your chin up" means.
  - a. put away
  - b. to stay calm
  - c. send away
- 40. A "pain in the neck" means something is \_\_\_\_.
  - a. unusual
  - b. bothersome
  - c. difficult to see
- 41. If you are in "a catch 22 situation", you are \_\_\_\_.
  - a. brave
  - b. Extremely frustrating
  - c. confident

**ANSWERS - I**

- |       |       |       |       |       |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 21. A | 26. B | 31. B | 36. A | 41. B |
| 22. B | 27. C | 32. C | 37. B |       |
| 23. B | 28. A | 33. A | 38. B |       |
| 24. C | 29. C | 34. B | 39. B |       |
| 25. A | 30. A | 35. B | 40. B |       |

**PHRASES**

**Exercises on Phrases for Practice - I**

1. When the accident took place, many people \_\_\_\_.  
a. came out  
b. set out  
c. crowded around
2. Despite of being tired, they \_\_\_\_marching ahead.  
a. kept on  
b. continually  
c. stopped
3. She must be an octogenarian. She is really \_\_\_\_.  
a. getting on  
b. bringing up  
c. bringing forward
4. The man was \_\_\_\_ of jail early for good behavior.  
a. let out  
b. bent down  
c. sent down
5. Can you \_\_\_\_ all right or should I get a ladder?  
a. fall through  
b. climb down  
c. barge in
6. I am sorry that I am late. I got \_\_\_\_ in traffic.  
a. lifted off  
b. held down  
c. caught up
7. I was so angry that I \_\_\_\_ in protest.  
a. gave up  
b. walked out  
c. ran over
8. At the last everything \_\_\_\_ OK.  
a. turned out  
b. wore out  
c. climb up
9. How did John \_\_\_\_ her eccentric manner.  
a. come to  
b. account for  
c. jot down
10. The music show was \_\_\_\_ because of the bad weather.  
a. called off  
b. blacked out  
c. turned off

**ANSWERS - I**

1. c 2. a 3. a 4. a 5. b 6. c 7. b 8. a 9. b 10. a

**Exercises on Phrases for Practice - II**

*Fill the blanks with Phrasal Verbs "Make/Pull"*

1. Today we have scorching sun. Do you excuse if I pull \_\_\_\_ the roller blinds.  
a. in  
b. over  
c. down

2. A celebrated gentleman like him always pulls \_\_\_\_ the masses.
  - a. out
  - b. over
  - c. in
3. Would you mind to pull \_\_\_\_ these shoes?
  - a. off
  - b. our
  - c. in
4. Linda was sure she had just seen John's car pull \_\_\_\_ the driveway.
  - a. into
  - b. over
  - c. by
5. I hope they would not make \_\_\_\_ stories of that kind.
  - a. for
  - b. up
  - c. over
6. It took three decades for the couple to make \_\_\_\_ after their clash.
  - a. up
  - b. over
  - c. out
7. The cardiologist announces that Mr.Nelson can't pull \_\_\_\_ one more heart attack.
  - a. back
  - b. through
  - c. out
8. The man made \_\_\_\_ with all her money.
  - a. for
  - b. off
  - c. up
9. It was so foggy that she couldn't make \_\_\_\_ the road ahead.
  - a. out
  - b. over
  - c. up
10. If there is a quake, we should make \_\_\_\_ the park.
  - a. out
  - b. up
  - c. for

**ANSWERS - II**

- |      |      |      |      |       |
|------|------|------|------|-------|
| 1. c | 3. a | 5. b | 7. b | 9. a  |
| 2. c | 4. b | 6. a | 8. a | 10. c |

Exercises on Phrases for Practice - III

Fill the blanks with Phrasal Verb "Put"

1. The two lazy friends do not exercise so they have put \_\_\_ weight.
  - a. on
  - b. off
  - c. in
2. Mary has put \_\_\_ for relocation, but it was not accepted.
  - a. on
  - b. in
  - c. by
3. My parents put \_\_\_ the money to purchase a plot.
  - a. up
  - b. in
  - c. on
4. Income tax will be put \_\_\_ coming year.
  - a. in
  - b. up
  - c. over
5. Peter's back is really painful, as he put it \_\_\_\_.
  - a. out
  - b. on
  - c. down
6. I told her she couldn't come down until all her clothes were put \_\_\_\_.
  - a. off
  - b. in
  - c. away
7. The entire team members frequently put \_\_\_ team leader's views.
  - a. down
  - b. in
  - c. out
8. The match between two teams was put \_\_\_ till next week.
  - a. over
  - b. off
  - c. away
9. Could you mind to put \_\_\_ this poster?
  - a. over
  - b. through
  - c. up
10. Will the last one to leave please put \_\_\_ the candles?
  - a. out
  - b. in
  - c. by

ANSWERS-III

1. a
2. b
3. a
4. b

5. a
6. c
7. a
8. b
9. c
10. a

## V. Words Often Confused

### Objective:

To develop vocabulary of the students with a selected list of words often confused.

There are many English words which have close resemblance in spelling but do have different meanings. Some of the most confused pair of words given below.

1. **ADEPT**– Somebody who has expertise or good at something. ex: Stephen Hawking was an adept Astro Physicist.

**ADOPT** - To adopt a child or to practice something. ex: The couple adopted two orphans last week.

2. **ACCEPT**-to get or to agree. **ex:** Linda accepts Edward's proposal for their marriage.

**EXCEPT**-to leave something. **ex:** Take any fruit you want except mangoes.

3. **AFFECT** - to influence. **ex:** Working late hours affects the quality of your sleep.

**EFFECT**-n., result, v., to bring about **ex:** The government effected the change in its existing tax system.

4. **ALLUSION** - not direct reference. **ex:** The priest made an allusion to the Bible stories.

**ILLUSION**-a false notion or perception. **ex:** They saw an oasis in the desert but thought it could be a small pond: that is a type of illusion one could find in the desert.

5. **ASCENT**- to go up. **ex:** John ascended his career ladder and became G.M. of his firm.

**ASSENT**- agreement. **ex:** The two rivals made an assent to maintain peace.

6. **AMONG** – Used to refer more than two. Ex: The movie on an Orphan is the best among all the movies.

**BETWEEN** – used when referred two objects. Ex. The father divided his property between his two sons.

6. **FEWER** - Used for countable nouns **Ex:** The guests were fewer than expected.

**LESS** - Used for uncountable and abstract nouns. **Ex:** Peter has less anger than Mary.

7. **HANGED:** Means to put somebody to death. The gruesome criminals are generally hanged to death

**HUNG** – to hang a picture or something to the wall. I hanged my photo to the wall.

8. **COMPLEMENT**- to finish. **ex:** a fine wine is a perfect complement to the dinner.

**COMPLIMENT**- to praise. **ex:** The teacher complimented students for their hard work.

9. **CONSCIENCE** – discretion power. Although he did not confess his mistake, the accused felt bad about his conscience.

**CONSCIOUS** – alert, circumspect. **ex:** I was conscious when the thief entered into the house.

10. **COUNCIL**-a group that consults or advises. **ex:** The members of the council unanimously voted in favor of a new leader.

**COUNSEL**-to advise. **ex:** The doctors counseled the traumatized people.

11 **ELICIT** - to draw or bring out. **Ex:** The teacher elicited the correct response from the student.

**ILLICIT**-illegal. **ex:** The Nigerian drug lord was arrested for his illicit activities.

12. **EMINENT**-famous. **Ex:** The eminent scientists were awarded.

**IMMANENT**-inherent. **ex:** The content of this article is immanent and not easily understood

**IMMINENT**- ready to happen. **Ex:** Freedom from tyrant was imminent for the Libyans.

14. **ITS**- of or belonging to it. **ex:** The baby will scream as soon as its mother goes out.

**IT'S**-contraction for it is **ex:** It's a beautiful look at dawn.

15. **LEAD**- a kind of metal **ex:** The vessel made of steel.

**LED**- past tense of the verb "to lead"

**ex:** She led the campers on an over-night hike.

16. **LIE**-to sleep or to tell lies (a person or animal)

**ex:** I have a stomachache, so I'm going to lie down on the bed.

The boy lied to his mother that he did not eat fast food.

**LAY**-to lay an object down.

**ex:** "Lay down your arms!" The Major demanded terrorists.

**ex:** The hamlet lay at the foot of the mountain.

17. **LOSE**--verb, not win or loose something **ex:** If our team drops this match we will be disqualified for the semi-final match next week.

**LOOSE** - - adjective, to not be tight - to release

**ex:** *Be careful my boy, the cap of your bottle is loose.*

18. **PRECEDE**-to come before

**ex:** *Most English adjectives precede the noun they modify*

**PROCEED**-to go forward

**ex:** He proceeded to pass back the failing grades on the exam.

19. **PRINCIPAL**- vital

**ex:** The teacher sent unruly pupils to see the principal.

**ex:** The principal ingredient of this juice is mango.

**PRINCIPLE**-a general truth

**ex:** Newton's study was based on the principle of gravity.

**20. QUOTE**-verb, to cite

**ex:** I would like to quote Shakespeare in my next paper.

**QUOTATION**-noun, the act of citing

**ex:** The book of famous quotations inspired us all.

**21. STATIONARY**-standing still

**ex:** The car remained stationary with the engine running".

**STATIONERY**-writing paper

**ex:** My mother bought me stationery that was on recycled paper.

**22. SUPPOSED TO**- to be obligated to or presumed to. **Ex:** When is the meeting supposed to begin?

**SUPPOSE**-to guess. **ex:** Do you suppose we will get to the airport on time?

**23. THAN** - use with comparisons. **ex:** I eat fruits more than anything.

**THEN**- at that time, or next. **ex:** I waited for two hours and then I left.

**24. THEIR** - possessive form of they. **ex:** Their house is elegant.

**THERE**- Means location. **Ex:** There your office bus comes!

**THEY'RE** - contraction for "they are"

**ex:** They're in Europe for the summer--again!

**25. WHO** - used as a subject or as a subject complement. **ex:** The boy who sang yesterday was my brother.

**WHOM** - used as an object

**ex:** Whom did Mary choose as her life partner?

### Words often Confused Exercises for Practice - I

#### 1. Adept or Adopt

The ministry of telecom has recently \_\_\_\_\_ a policy from a foreign country to wire up remote places of India.

#### 2. Allude or Elude

The young man \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem but did not mention it.

#### 3. Complement or Compliment

The professor \_\_\_\_\_ his students on their success.

#### 4. Accept or Except

The players \_\_\_\_\_ their defeat in the finals.

#### 5. Affect or Effect

The new university stringent rules will certainly \_\_\_\_\_ all those irregular students.

#### 6. Floundered or Foundered

The proposed project was \_\_\_\_\_ because of the internal crooked politics of the team members.

**7. Incredible or Incredulous**

The movie's unlikely happy ending came to pass as the result of an incredulous series of lucky accidents

**8. Later or Latter**

Tom and Dick were both heroes but only the \_\_\_\_ is remembered today

**9. Pored/porous or Poured**

Our unfenced and largely unpoliced border inevitably has been very \_\_\_\_\_.

**10. Principal or Principle**

A man of principle"; "he will not violate his \_\_\_\_\_

**11. Shear or Sheer**

In this ct throat competitive world, One could only get a job through \_\_\_\_ persistence

**12. Stationary or Stationery**

The train passengers spent the night in the makeshift hotels of \_\_\_\_ carriages parked on railway sidings.

**13. Who or Whom**

I am the only one \_\_\_\_ could survive in this ghastly earthquake.

**14. Allusion or Illusion**

They have the \_\_\_\_ that I am very wealthy and could influence anyone in society.

**15. Aural or Oral**

While visual learners prefer to learn information through charts and graphs, \_\_\_\_ learners prefer to hear information.

**16. Eminent or Imminent**

All the \_\_\_\_ members of the community are going to appear on the screen tomorrow.

**17. Fair or Fare**

As how much \_\_\_\_\_ we are supposed to pay to get a ticker.

**18. Lead or Led**

"We can chart our future clearly and wisely only when we know the path which has \_\_\_\_ to the present.

**19. Than or Then**

The temperature of Africa is more \_\_\_\_\_ that of Asia.

**20. There or Their**

The two brothers divided \_\_\_\_\_ property equally.

**21. Loose or Lose**

Although she left her purse unattended on her seat she did not \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**22. Miner or Minor**

In spite of the gory accident they suffered only \_\_\_\_\_ injuries.

**23. Dazed or Dazzled**

The player was \_\_\_\_\_ by intense and bright headlights.

**24. Ingenious or Ingenuous**

He was very well known for his \_\_\_\_\_ solutions any kind of tricky problems

**25. Leach or Leech**

In the olden days, doctors used to \_\_\_\_\_ patients as part of the treatment

**Answers (Exercise - I)**

1. adopt
2. elude
3. complement
4. accept
5. affect
6. foundered
7. incredulous
8. latter
9. porous
10. principles
11. sheer
12. stationary
13. who
14. illusion
15. aural
16. eminent
17. fare
18. led
19. than
20. their
21. lose
22. minor
23. dazed
24. ingenious
25. leech