Synonym flashcards

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Give a word with a similar meaning to big.

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Give a word with a similar meaning to quick.

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fast

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Give a word with a similar meaning to shout.

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yell

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7. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to anxious (adjective).

TURN TO CHECK

worried, nervous, uneasy

Feeling worried and nervous about something that might happen.

With the storm rolling in, Priya grew anxious about her dad's boat still out at sea.

8. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to content (adjective).

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satisfied, pleased, comfortable

Quietly happy and satisfied with the way things are.

Curled up by the fire with a purring cat on her lap, Gran seemed perfectly content.

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9. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to dread (noun).

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fear, terror, foreboding

A strong feeling of fear about something that is going to happen.

A cold dread crept over Amir as the dentist's door creaked open and his name was called.

10. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to envy (noun).

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jealousy, longing

An unhappy wish to have what someone else has.

Chloe gazed at her cousin's shiny new scooter with a pang of envy she tried to hide.

11. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to furious (adjective).

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enraged, livid, fuming

Extremely angry, often in a way that is hard to hide.

Dad was furious when he discovered the goat had eaten every lettuce on the allotment.

12. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to grief (noun).

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sorrow, heartache, mourning

Deep sadness, especially after someone or something is lost.

The whole village shared the farmer's grief when his faithful old sheepdog died.

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13. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to relief (noun).

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comfort, reassurance, ease

A feeling of comfort after worry, pain or danger has passed.

Relief flooded through the whole family as the missing tortoise plodded out from under the shed.

14. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to sulk (verb).

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mope, brood, pout

To stay silent and grumpy because you are annoyed about something.

Rather than join the game, Leo chose to sulk in the corner with his arms folded.

15. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to arrogant (adjective).

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conceited, big-headed, haughty

Behaving as if you are more important or clever than everyone else.

The arrogant new striker told everyone he was the only player on the team worth watching.

16. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to loyalty (noun).

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faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

Staying faithful to a person, team or promise through good times and bad.

Out of loyalty to her village team, Beth cheered even when they were losing six-nil.

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Give a word with a similar meaning to meddle (verb).

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interfere, tamper, pry

To interfere in something that is not your business.

Gran told us not to meddle in the neighbours' argument, but Josh marched over to give his opinion anyway.

18. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to mischievous (adjective).

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naughty, playful, impish

Fond of playing tricks and causing small amounts of trouble.

The mischievous kitten had unravelled the entire ball of wool across the landing by breakfast.

19. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to patience (noun).

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calmness, forbearance, tolerance

The ability to wait calmly or put up with problems without complaining.

Fishing from the harbour wall takes patience, as the mackerel may not bite for an hour.

20. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to pester (verb).

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nag, badger, hound

To keep bothering or annoying someone, often by asking for something again and again.

The seagulls will pester anyone eating chips on the pier until every last one is gone.

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Give a word with a similar meaning to stubborn (adjective).

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headstrong, obstinate, unyielding

Refusing to change your mind, even when others give good reasons.

Too stubborn to ask for help, Uncle Pete drove us around the same roundabout four times.

22. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to tantrum (noun).

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outburst, fit of rage

A sudden outburst of bad temper, usually by a young child.

The toddler threw a tantrum in the supermarket because the trolley had no seat for his teddy.

23. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to charity (noun).

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generosity, goodwill, kindness

Giving money, food or help to people who need it.

Every autumn the school collects tins for charity so that nobody in town goes hungry at Christmas.

24. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to comfort (verb).

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console, soothe, reassure

To make someone feel less sad or worried by being kind to them.

After the rabbit escaped, Grandma sat on the step to comfort Leah and dry her tears.

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Give a word with a similar meaning to donate (verb).

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give, contribute, hand over

To give something, such as money or clothes, to help a good cause.

Please donate any outgrown wellies to the box in the porch for the nursery children.

26. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to generous (adjective).

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giving, open-handed, kind

Happy to give more time, money or kindness than is expected.

A generous neighbour left a whole box of apples from her tree on our doorstep.

27. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to rely (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

depend, count on, trust

To depend on someone or something to do what is needed.

Islanders rely on the little ferry to bring their post, milk and newspapers across each morning.

28. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to sacrifice (noun).

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giving up, self-denial, surrender

Giving up something you value in order to help someone else.

Missing the cup final to look after his little sister was a real sacrifice for Marcus.

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Give a word with a similar meaning to sympathy (noun).

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compassion, understanding, pity

A feeling of care and sorrow for someone who is having a hard time.

The postman had real sympathy for Mrs Kaur, stopping to carry her shopping up the steps.

30. THINK FIRST

Give a word with a similar meaning to volunteer (verb).

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offer, step forward

To offer to do a job freely, without being made to or paid for it.

Half the class chose to volunteer at the beach clean, filling twelve sacks with litter by lunchtime.