



**ENGLISH**  
**11+ Vocabulary**  
**Book 1 Preview**

*Vocab - the edge in 11+ and beyond!*

**Fill in the blanks**

**Synonyms**

**Antonyms**

**Meanings**

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## Foreword

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Over the years, 11+ exams have become more and more competitive. Given the logical nature of maths, most students are able to master the 11+ maths content. So, doing well in the English paper has become the key to doing well overall in the 11+ exams. Vocabulary underpins this success. A good hold on English vocabulary helps you better comprehend the comprehension. Doing well in comprehension is sometimes the secret of acing an 11+ exam. Good vocabulary will also help with questions on synonyms, antonyms and even grammar as children get to know the usage of the same word as a noun, a verb or an adjective.

Lastly, mastery in vocabulary is not only for 11+ exams, it is something that continues to serve you better beyond 11+ exams too!

We encourage children to keep their own notebook of vocabulary where they keep adding words they learn on a daily basis. When capturing these words, besides the meaning also try to capture the synonyms, antonyms and try to write a sentence for the word – this is the best way to remember it for longer and also to use it in your creative writing. You will come across new words as part of your reading (which is really essential for 11+ preparations, so read a variety of books from different genres), or while doing other 11+ resources, or just hearing others speak or even watching TV! The idea is, aim to learn at least ten new words every day. You may exceed this target some days and some days you may not learn as many. Sometimes it may not be possible for you to look up the meanings immediately, so best is to make a note of all such word in a post-it note and start crossing it out as you move those words to your vocabulary notebook. You can even play games where you ask the other person the meaning of 5 words from your vocabulary book and see how many they get right and then switch turns and ask them to ask you 5 words – keep a running score!

We welcome all feedback to keep improving our offering. Please email any feedback (good or not so good) to [info@elevenplusvocab.com](mailto:info@elevenplusvocab.com).

We wish you all the very best for your 11+ preparation.

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scuttle	diabolical	impetuous	impetus	allure
dainty	Indolent	nonchalant	epitome	frugal

### Exercise 1

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the country life had brought him back to his small town.
2. The incident threatened to \_\_\_\_\_ the peace talks.
3. The little girl's \_\_\_\_\_ little hands stood out in the crowd.
4. The management decided to take drastic measures after the team's \_\_\_\_\_ performance in the game.
5. He is fat and \_\_\_\_\_ but has a sharp mind.
6. She is the \_\_\_\_\_ of kindness and generosity.
7. Jobless and old, he survived on a \_\_\_\_\_ meal of bread and cheese during the entire pandemic.
8. Her \_\_\_\_\_ decision proved to be very expensive for her.
9. The head teacher's speech provided the necessary \_\_\_\_\_ for the students to work harder.
10. He tried to appear \_\_\_\_\_ in the face of the dangers that lied ahead.

despair	dawdled	limpid	conviction	pertinent
parch	incarcerated	gnawed	brandish	capsize

### Exercise 2

1. Rise in temperature due to climate change can \_\_\_\_\_ continents, turning farmland into desert.
2. The horrors of war drove people to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Rats had \_\_\_\_\_ through the wall insulation.
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ along the beck, remembering the old times.
5. They could see the fish through the \_\_\_\_\_ water.
6. In the war, thousands were \_\_\_\_\_ in labour camps.
7. The captain knew the stormy weather could \_\_\_\_\_ the ship, so he delayed the sail.
8. He was recruited as a security guard despite a previous \_\_\_\_\_ of theft.
9. As soon as he decided to \_\_\_\_\_ the knife, he was shot down by undercover cops.
10. Please keep your comments \_\_\_\_\_ to the topic of discussion.

## **Reinforcements – Synonyms / Antonyms**

Now that you are familiar with the words, test your knowledge on synonyms and antonyms

Beware!! Some words have multiple different meanings!!

**Synonyms - Exercise A**

Underline the word that is closest in meaning

1. **allure**  
A) comrade                      B) entice                      C) repel                      D) refer
2. **scuttle**  
A) scurry                      B) sculpt                      C) hurdle                      D) harass
3. **dainty**  
A) delicate                      B) dark                      C) murky                      D) laborious
4. **diabolical**  
A) loathe                      B) diagnose                      C) terrible                      D) stupendous
5. **Indolent**  
A) rude                      B) lazy                      C) polite                      D) mediocre
6. **epitome**  
A) equable                      B) tomb                      C) marquee                      D) embodiment
7. **frugal**  
A) extravagant                      B) meagre                      C) fragile                      D) hubris
8. **impetuous**  
A) important                      B) impulsive                      C) impish                      D) momentum
9. **impetus**  
A) stimulus                      B) important                      C) impossible                      D) dole
10. **nonchalant**  
A) unchallenged                      B) confused                      C) biased                      D) casual
11. **limpid**  
A) crude                      B) lump                      C) transparent                      D) insipid
12. **pertinent**  
A) possible                      B) perennial                      C) stealth                      D) relevant
13. **mound**  
A) heap                      B) mould                      C) whisper                      D) momentum
14. **mirth**  
A) misty                      B) merriment                      C) gloomy                      D) heath
15. **bellow**  
A) yell                      B) below                      C) belly                      D) mellow

# Meanings

Match the words to its meaning.

Beware!! Some words have more than one meaning and may appear twice in the same exercise!!

scuttle	impetus	diabolical	indolent	epitome
frugal	impetuous	dainty	nonchalant	allure
parch	despair	gnaw	dawdle	limpid

### Meanings - Exercise 1

1. \_\_\_\_\_ : the quality of being attractive and exciting
2. \_\_\_\_\_ : to deliberately cause something to fail
3. \_\_\_\_\_ : small and delicate in a way that is attractive
4. \_\_\_\_\_ : evil and morally bad
5. \_\_\_\_\_ : lazy, not wanting to work
6. \_\_\_\_\_ : a perfect example of something
7. \_\_\_\_\_ : careful with resources, e.g. money, food and using only as much is needed
8. \_\_\_\_\_ : done quickly without much thought
9. \_\_\_\_\_ : something that stimulates a process or activity to develop more quickly
10. \_\_\_\_\_ : in a calm and relaxed way
11. \_\_\_\_\_ : careful, in a way that suggest good manners
12. \_\_\_\_\_ : to run with quick short steps
13. \_\_\_\_\_ : clear; transparent
14. \_\_\_\_\_ : to take a long time to go somewhere or do something
15. \_\_\_\_\_ : to keep chewing something until us gradually disappears
16. \_\_\_\_\_ : the feeling of having lost all hope
17. \_\_\_\_\_ : to make an area of land very dry
18. \_\_\_\_\_ : the force of energy with which something moves