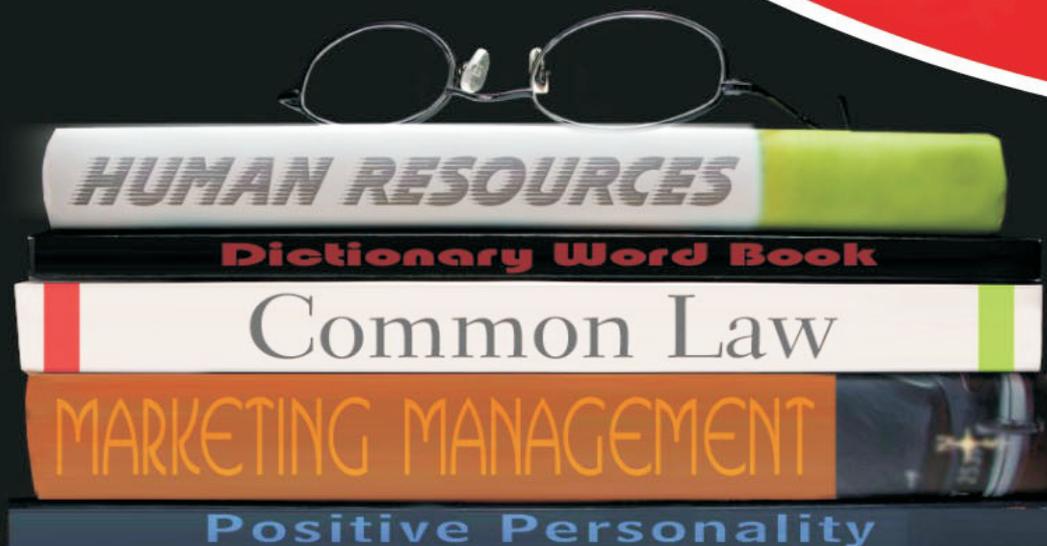


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*In loving memory  
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## Preface

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It's embarrassing when you pause in the midst of writing and speaking, since you can't think of the right word. The idea is clear in your mind and the word with the exact shade of meaning is right on the tip of your tongue, but it stays there when you use a poor substitute and turn to the pages of dictionary (for a right word). It happens so, because you can't afford to overlook the power of words to make your communication effective as the word power is the world power. Hence, the management of language needs a rich vocabulary and the profound source of words is Synonyms and Antonyms.

This book is specially designed to meet the requirements of students and also those who want to speak and write more effective and accurate English. Three distinct and unique features of the book are—

- \* A wide choice of 'similar' and 'opposite' words (*i.e.*, Synonyms and Antonyms) of the selected words is given with different parts of speech, *i.e.*, **noun, verb, adj.** and **adv.**
- \* The meaning of the individual headword is also given in one or more definitions.
- \* It contains thirty practical exercises covering 300 questions, followed by the answer sheet.

Thus, I am confident that the book if gone through earnestly will enrich your English Vocabulary and solve your problems with speed and accuracy.

I am indebted to the publishers and authors of various books, especially the Collins Comprehensive and Concise Dictionary, Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, Cambridge International Dictionary of English and A Treasury of Synonyms and Antonyms, which have been consulted to make the present book an authentic record of information. Also, I am grateful to Mr. Visheshwar Dayal Agarwal for his valuable suggestions.

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## ( A )

**1. ACTION (N.) :**

*Syn* : **action** (*the process of doing something or being active; activity, force or energy; a man of action*); performance, perpetration, exercise, movement, operation, evolution, work, employment, labour, exertion, execution, conduct; deed, transaction, job, doings, dealings.

(V.) **do**, perform, execute, achieve, transact, enact, carry on, work, employ oneself, ply one's task, act, operate, take action, take steps, take in hand, act upon.

(Adj.) **in action**, acting, on duty, at work, operative.

*Ant* : (N.) **Inaction** (*lack of action; idleness, inertia*); passiveness, watchful waiting, noninterference, neglect; inactivity, rest, loafing, unemployment, sinecure.

(V.) **be inactive**, abstain from doing, do nothing, hold, spare, let pass, relax, desist, pause, wait, undo, do away with, take down.

(Adj.) **passive**; unoccupied, unemployed.

**2. ACTIVITY (N.) :**

*Syn* : **Activity** (*lively action or movement; any specific action*); animation, life, vivacity, spirit, dash, energy, snap.

**smartness**, nimbleness, agility; quickness, alacrity, promptitude; expedition, haste; punctuality.

**eagerness**, zeal, ardour, enthusiasm, earnestness, intentness, vigour.

**industry**, assiduity, laboriousness, diligence, perseverance.

**man of action**, busy bee, new broom; devotee, enthusiast, fanatic, zealot, hustler, live wire.

(V.) **be active**, stir, bestir oneself; go ahead, push forward, make progress, toil, moil, drudge, persevere, hustle, keep moving, seize the opportunity, lose no time, dash off, make haste.

(Adj.) **active**, brisk, lively, animated, vivacious, alive, spirited, nimble, agile, light-footed.

**quick**, prompt, ready, alert, smart, fast.

**enterprising**, eager, ardent, zealous, resolute.

**industrious**, assiduous, diligent, intent, persevering, unwearied, sleepless; busy, occupied; hard at work, hard-working, plodding, business like; bustling, restless, fussy, fidgety; on the alert.

*Ant* : (N.) **Inactivity** (*the state of being inactive; idleness*); inaction, inertness, lull, quiescence.

**idleness**, remissness, indolence, dawdling, relaxation, **languor**, dullness, sluggishness, procrastination, torpor, drowsiness, heaviness, lethargy.

(V.) **be inactive**, do nothing; dawdle, lag, hang back, lounge, loaf, loiter, sleep at one's post; take it easy.

**sleep**, slumber, be asleep, oversleep; drowse, nap, relax.

(Adj.) **inactive**, motionless, unoccupied, unemployed; indolent, lazy, slothful, idle, remiss, inert, torpid, sluggish, listless; dilatory, laggard, slow.

**sleeping**, asleep, sleepy, drowsy, lethargic.

(Adv.) With half-shut eyes.

**3. ACQUISITION (N.)** (means or the act of acquiring or gaining possession) :

*Syn* : **Acquisition**, procurement, purchase, inheritance, gift.

**recovery**, redemption, salvage.

**gain**, money-making

**profit**, earnings, income, remuneration, winnings, perquisite.

(V.) **acquire**, get, gain, win, earn, obtain, procure, gather, collect, make money, raise funds; recover, get back, redeem, profit, turn to profit, reap the fruits of, gain and advantage.

(Adj.) **profitable**, productive, advantageous, gainful, remunerative, paying, lucrative.

*Ant* : (N.) **Loss**, forfeiture, deprivation, damage, squandering, waste.

(V.) **lose**, incur a loss, miss, mislay, be deprived of, forfeit; squander, lavish, waste.

(Adj.) bereft, deprived of, shorn of, out of pocket, lost.

**4. ACQUITTAL (N.) :**

*Syn* : **Acquittal** (*release from a charge of crime*); exculpation, acquittance, clearance, exoneration, discharge, release, absolution, reprieve, pardon.

**Exemption from punishment** : impunity, immunity.

(V.) **acquit**, exculpate, exonerate, clear; absolve, whitewash, discharge, release, liberate, reprieve, respite, pardon.

(Adj.) **acquitted**, uncondemned, unpunished.

*Ant* : (N.) **condemnation** (*strong disapproval*); conviction, judgment, penalty, sentence.

(V.) **Condemn**, convict, find guilty, damn, doom, sentence.

(Adj.) **condemnatory**, damnatory, condemned.

*Ant* : (N.) **Punishment**, chastisement, correction, castigation; discipline, trial; judgment, penalty, retributive justice.

(V.) **punish**, chastise, chasten, castigate, correct, torture, agonize, banish, exile, deport, expel, rusticate, dismiss, disbar.

(Adj.) **punitive**, penal, punitory, castigatory.

#### 5. ADDITION (N.) :

*Syn* : **Addition** (*the act, or process, or result of adding*); annexation, accession, re-enforcement, increase, affix, tag, postscript, adjunct, supplement; insertion.

(V.) **add**, annex, affix, subjoin, append, attach, insert, re-enforce, strengthen, augment.

(Adj.) **additional**, supplemental, supplementary, extra, further.

*Ant* : (N.) **Deduction** (*the process of subtracting*); subtraction, retrenchment; abstraction, mutilation, curtailment, abbreviation; decrease.

(V.) **deduct**, subtract, retrench; withdraw; take away; detract, reduce, eliminate, diminish, curtail.

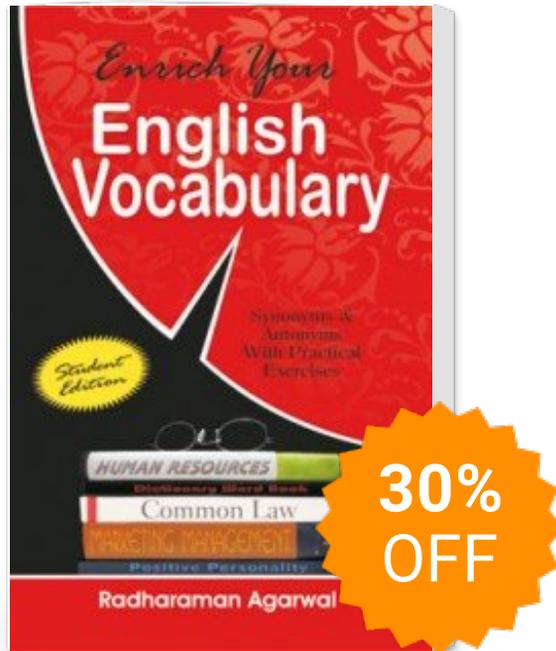
(Adv.) **less**; short of; minus, excepting, with the exception of, save, exclusive of.

#### 6. ADDRESS (N.) :

*Syn* : **Address** (1. *the place at which someone lives.* 2. *a speech or written communication, esp. one of a formal nature*); speech, appeal, invocation, salutation.

(V.) **address**, speak to, accost, appeal to, invoke, salute, call to.

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