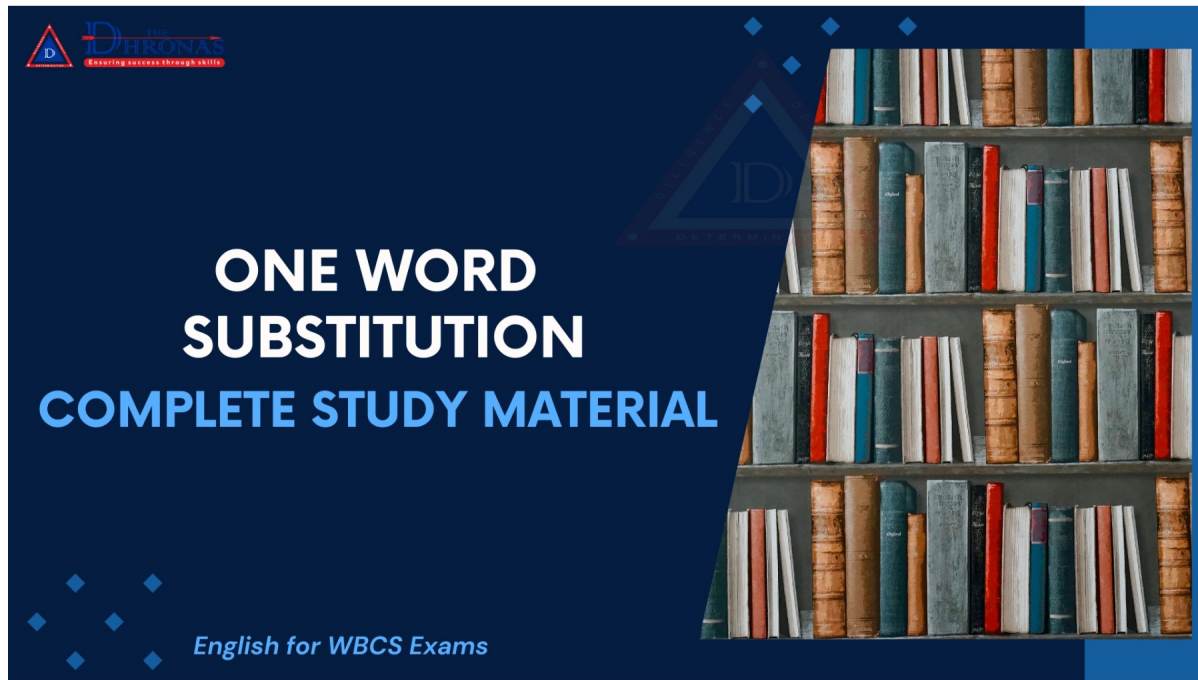




In the world of competitive examinations, such as the prestigious West Bengal Civil Services (WBCS) Exams, every aspect of language comprehension and vocabulary matters. One Word Substitution is a hidden gem in this realm, a topic often overlooked but carrying immense weightage in the question papers. Understanding this topic is not merely about expanding your vocabulary; it's about sharpening your ability to express complex ideas concisely, which is a vital skill for success in the WBCS exams.

In this blog, we will delve deep into the world of One Word Substitution, breaking down complex expressions into single, powerful words. With real-life examples and meticulously crafted practice questions, you'll not only grasp the concept but also hone your skills in applying it efficiently. The inclusion of detailed solutions for each practice question ensures that you don't just know the answer but understand the reasoning behind it. Our goal is to empower you with the knowledge and proficiency required not only to clear the WBCS exams but to excel in them. So, let's embark on this journey together, unlocking the potential of One Word Substitution for your academic and professional growth.



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What is One Word Substitution?

This type of question asks you to replace a given phrase or sentence by one word. This word describes the entire phrase or sentence.

For example – She talks very less and mostly keeps to herself.



This sentence can be rewritten as – ‘She is an introvert’. ‘Introvert’ means a shy person; one who talks less, etc.

Question - Select the word which means the same as the group of words given - ‘One who can use either hand with ease’

1. Bilateral
2. **Ambidextrous**
3. Amphibious
4. Polyglot

Answer:

- ‘Bilateral’ means having or relating to two sides.
- ‘Amphibious’ means suited for both land and water
- ‘Polyglot’ means one who knows or speaks many languages
- ‘Ambidextrous’ means one who can use right and left hands with ease.

How to answer One Word Substitution questions in exam?

The best way to deal with such questions is through root words. It is easy to make out the meaning if you know the meaning of the root word.

For example – The root word ‘pseudo’ means ‘not genuine or sham’.

Let us look at some examples –

- i. Pseudonym – pseudo + nym = fake/fictitious + name = a fictitious name
- ii. Pseudoscience – Beliefs mistakenly regarded as based on scientific evidence
- iii. Pseudointellectual – A person who is pretentiously intelligent or thought to be intelligent

Let us take another root word – ‘Mono’ which means ‘one/ single’

- i. Monopoly – When one single party/group exercises excessive possession of control of trade
- ii. Monogamy – Practice of marrying one person at a time
- iii. Monotheism – The belief that there is one God

Let us now practice some questions and apply the learning to answer the questions given below.



One Word Substitution Practice Questions

Direction (1 to 30) : Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Q:1 Incapable of paying debts

1. Insolvent
2. Obsolete
3. Corrupt
4. Extravagant

Q:2 One who loves his country

1. Conspirator
2. Traitor
3. Collaborator
4. Patriot

Q:3 Not likely to be true or to happen.

1. Incredible
2. Insatiable
3. Improbable
4. Impossible

Q:4 The action of looking forward into the future

1. Retrospection
2. Prospecion
3. Introspection
4. Circumspection

Q:5 A small growth of trees without underbrush

1. Orchard





2.Plantation

3.Grove

4.Botany

Q:6 One who loves men

1.Hemophile

2.Xenophile

3.Androphile

4.Paedophile

Q:7 A place or scene of activity, debate, or conflict

1.Apiary

2.Arena

3.Archive

4.Aviary

Q:8 A name framed after father's name

1.Patriarch

2.Pseudonym

3.Patronymic

4.Namesake

Q:9 Something valuable that has belonged to the same family for many years.

1.Copyright

2.Inheritance

3.Heirloom

4.Heritage

Q:10 One who's interested only in making money.

1.Mercenary



2. Veteran

3. Samaritan

4. Collaborator

Q:11 Not pleasant to taste

1. Edible

2. Unpalatable

3. Inedible

4. Succulent

Q:12 Not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally

1. Inconceivable

2. Illegible

3. Inexplicable

4. Incomprehensible

Q:13 Person who gives written testimony for use in the law court.

1. Impudent

2. Deponent

3. Defender

4. Apostal

Q:14 Fear of Chinese people and things.

1. Sinophobia

2. Stasiphobia

3. Syphilophobia

4. Pyrophobia

Q:15 Inordinate attachment of foreign things.

1. Uranomania





2. Verbomania

3. Zoomania

4. Xenomania

Q:16 Killing or killer of a prophet.

1. Verbicide

2. Vermicide

3. Vaticide

4. Vespacide

Q:17 A person who is kind to the blind.

1. Tuophile

2. Typhophile

3. Tobaccophile

4. Theophile

Q:18 The killing of men or of husbands.

1. Viricide

2. Virucide

3. Vulpicide

4. Weedicide

Q:19 Substance that kills ants

1. Felicide

2. Floricide

3. Foeticide

4. Formicide

Q:20 A person who loves to work

1. Cinephile





2. Cynophile

3. Bibliophile

4. Ergophile

Q:21 The practice of marrying one person at a time

1. Monogamy

2. Monotony

3. Polygamy

4. Bigamy

Q:22 A child who has lost both of his parents is called

1. A prodigy

2. A vagrant

3. A street child

4. An orphan

Q:23 One who makes an official examination of accounts

1. Controller

2. Supervisor

3. Auditor

4. Officer

Q:24 One who feeds on human flesh

1. Cannibal

2. Omnivorous

3. Vegan

4. Carnivorous

Q:25 A life history written by somebody else

1. Autobiography





2. Museology

3. Biography

4. Bibliography

Q:26 A person who thinks he/she is the best

1. Eccentric

2. Egoist

3. Selfish

4. Garrulous

Q:27 One who is present everywhere

1. Omnipotent

2. Omniscient

3. Omnipresent

4. Omnivorous

Q:28 Someone who leaves one's country to settle in another country.

1. Tourist

2. Emigrant

3. Foreigner

4. Explorer

Q:29 A poem that expresses lament for the dead

1. Lyric

2. Ode

3. Elegy

4. Sonnet

Q:30 A place where fights take place

1. Arsenal





- 2. Arena
- 3. Asylum
- 4. Aquarium

I hope your experience of solving the above questions was good. If you were able to solve the questions easily, very well done. If you couldn't answer some of the questions, then don't worry. We have provided the solutions to each of the questions below. Go through the solutions and increase your word pool.

Solutions of One Word Substitution Practice Questions

- Q:1 (1) **Insolvent**: not having enough money to pay what you owe.
- Q:2 (4) **Patriot**: a person who loves his or her country and is ready to boldly support and defend it.
- Q:3 (3) **Improbable**: not likely to be true or to happen.
- Q:4 (2) **Prospection**: the action of looking forward into the future; foresight.
- Q:5 (3) **Grove**: A small growth of trees without underbrush.
- Q:6 (3) **Androphile**: one who loves men.
- Q:7 (2) **Arena**: a place or scene of activity, debate, or conflict.
- Q:8 (3) **Patronymic**: a name framed after father's name.
- Q:9 (3) **Heirloom**: something valuable that has belonged to the same family for many years.
- Q:10 (1) **Mercenary**: a person interested only in making money.
- Q:11 (2) **Unpalatable**: not pleasant to taste.
- Q:12 (1) **Inconceivable**: not capable of being imagined or grasped mentally.
- Q:13 (2) **Deponent**: (of a verb, especially in Latin or Greek) passive or middle in form but active in meaning.
- Q:14 (1) **Sinophobia**: A consistent hostility toward people of Chinese origin or toward Chinese culture, people, history, or government.
- Q:15 (4) **Xenomania**: A strong preference for foreign customs, manners, or institutions.
- Q:16 (3) **Vaticide**: The murder of a prophet.
- Q:17 (2) **Typhlophile**: a person who devotes himself to helping the blind.



Q:18 (1) Viricide: The act of killing one's husband.

Q:19 (4) Formicide: a substance used for destroying ants.

Q:20 (4) Ergophile: a person who loves to work.

Q:21 (1) Monogamy: the fact or custom of being married to only one person at a particular time.

Q:22 (4) An orphan: A child who has lost both of his parents is called an orphan.

Q:23 (3) Auditor: a person whose job is to examine a company's financial records.

Q:24 (1) Cannibal: a person who eats other people.

Q:25 (3) Biography: the story of a person's life written by somebody else.

Q:26 (2) Egoist: a self-centered or selfish person (opposed to altruist).

Q:27 (3) Omnipresent: present everywhere at the same time.

Q:28 (2) Emigrant: a person who has gone to live in another country.

Q:29 (3) Elegy: a poem or song that expresses sadness, especially for somebody who has died.

Q:30 (2) Arena: an area with seats around it where public entertainments (sporting events, concerts, etc.) are held.

To sum up, understanding One Word Substitution is a critical step in preparing for the WBCS exams. It's not just about words; it's about concise expression, a skill that can set you apart. This blog aimed to be your guiding light, offering explanations, examples, and practice questions with solutions to boost your learning.

We value your thoughts and experiences. Was this blog helpful for your WBCS exam preparations? Please share your feedback, ideas, or your practice question scores in the comment section below. And remember, **The Dhronas** is committed to providing you with more informative content and complete study guides for various reasoning topics, all tailored for WBCS exams. Stay tuned for more valuable resources on your path to success!