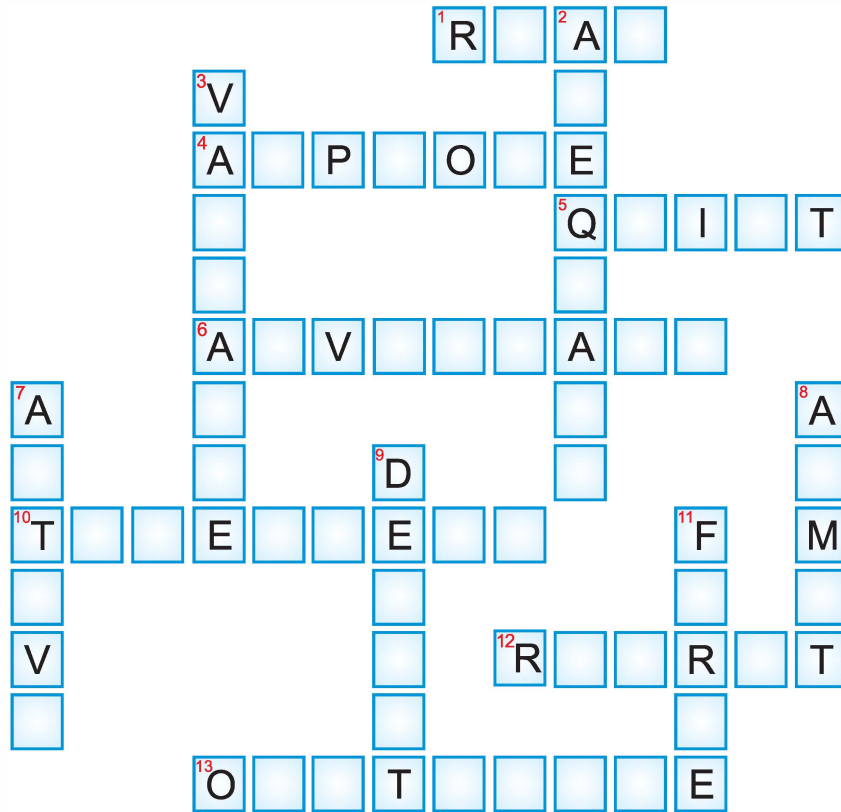


Chapter 25. Synonyms and Antonyms

Exercise 1. Three words in each group have almost the same meaning. But the fourth one is different. Cross the word that **does not belong to the group**. Look up a dictionary if you are not sure of the meaning of any word:

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|--------------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| 1. despise, | scold, | scorn, | disdain |
| 2. pain, | distress, | worry, | anxiety |
| 3. decrease, | destroy, | reduce, | diminish |
| 4. joy, | pleasure, | contentment, | delight |
| 5. fury, | anger, | bitterness | wrath |
| 6. famous, | renowned, | notorious, | eminent |
| 7. lenient, | polite, | courteous, | amiable |
| 8. request, | plead, | apologise, | implore |
| 9. gloomy, | annoyed, | sorrowful, | sad |

Exercise 2. Solve this crossword puzzle by filling in the synonyms of the given words:



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- 1. wander
- 4. consent
- 5. silent
- 6. benefit
- 10. fatigue
- 12. repent
- 13. stubborn

- 2. sufficient
- 3. precious
- 7. lively
- 8. confess
- 9. nice
- 11. compel

Exercise 3. A. The prefix **dis** is also used to make **antonyms**. In the following groups of words, tick (✓) the ones in which **dis** has been used as a prefix:

discuss disgust distance discipline discontinue
dismiss disgrace disappear discontent disadvantage

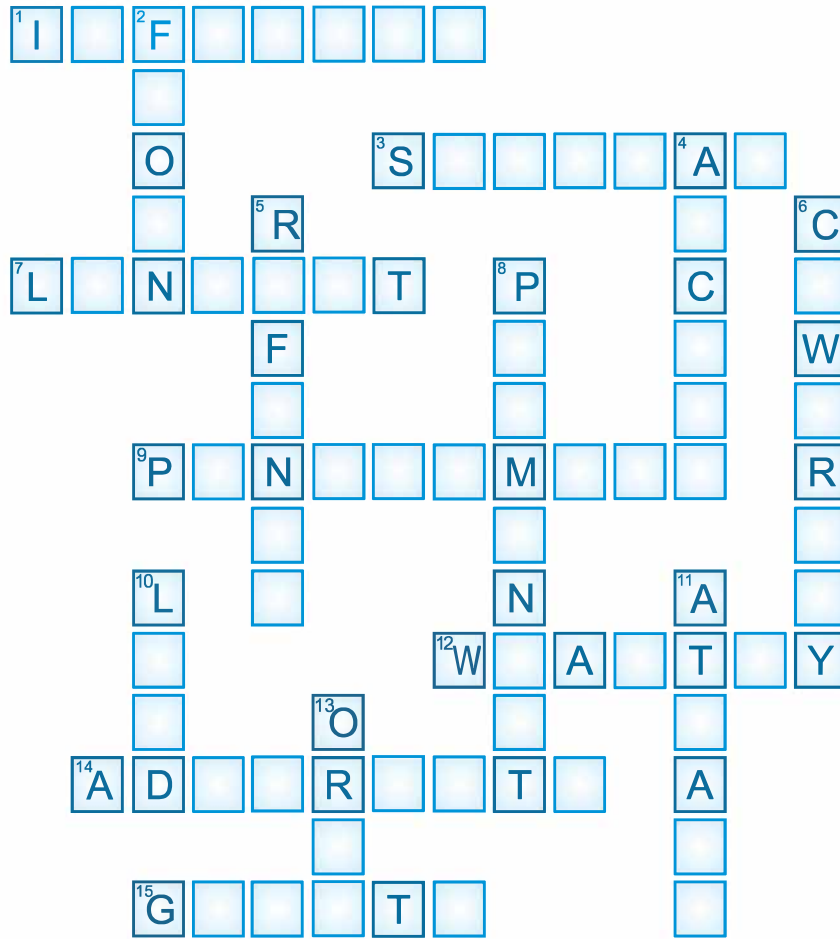
B. The prefix **mis** when used with certain words gives the idea of **bad/badly** or **wrong/wrongly**. For example,

- misbehave = to behave badly
- misdeed = bad deed

Tick (✓) the words in which **mis** has been used in this sense.

misery mislead misfit mischief miscalculate
missing missile misguide mistreat misunderstand

Exercise 4. Solve this crossword puzzle by filling in the antonyms of the given words.



Across 

Down 

- 1. superior
- 3. ordinary
- 7. strict
- 9. reward
- 12. poor
- 14. prosperity
- 15. innocent

- 2. smile
- 4. reject
- 5. coarse
- 6. bold
- 8. temporary
- 10. borrow
- 11. defend