3.4 Closest in Meaning: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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In each question a word is given in capital letters, followed by five words labelled A) to E). Decide which one of the five words is closest in meaning to the word in capital letters and write down that letter. Only one answer is correct in each question. Some of the wrong answers may look similar in meaning to the given word, so read every option carefully before you decide. Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. Choose the word closest in meaning to SMALL. A) large B) tiny C) tall D) heavy E) wide **Answer: B.** 'Tiny' means very small in size, so it is closest in meaning to 'small'. 'Large' is the opposite. 'Tall', 'heavy' and 'wide' each describe a different single dimension or property, not overall size, so none of them means the same as 'small'.

1 Choose the word closest in meaning to CHORTLE.

- ☐ A) see
- ☐ B) cease
- ☐ C) allow
- ☐ D) giggle
- ☐ E) chase

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2 Choose the word closest in meaning to IMPORTANT.

- ☐ A) low
- ☐ B) immense
- ☐ C) disloyal
- ☐ D) pure
- ☐ E) essential

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3 Choose the word closest in meaning to GLITTER.

- ☐ A) strew
- ☐ B) export
- ☐ C) glow
- ☐ D) let
- ☐ E) pester

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4 Choose the word closest in meaning to FRUGAL.

- ☐ A) wasteful
- ☐ B) economical
- ☐ C) generous
- ☐ D) poor
- ☐ E) careful

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5 Choose the word closest in meaning to AVENUE.

- ☐ A) jewel
- ☐ B) road
- ☐ C) friend
- ☐ D) present
- ☐ E) fury

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6 Choose the word closest in meaning to DEAFENING.

- ☐ A) uneasy
- ☐ B) brave
- ☐ C) booming
- ☐ D) deep
- ☐ E) clean

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7 Choose the word closest in meaning to RUBBISH.

- ☐ A) waste
- ☐ B) noise
- ☐ C) bother
- ☐ D) success
- ☐ E) temper

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8 Choose the word closest in meaning to BONY.

- ☐ A) booming
- ☐ B) appetising
- ☐ C) impossible
- ☐ D) impatient
- ☐ E) lean

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9 Choose the word closest in meaning to ANNOY.

- ☐ A) battle
- ☐ B) locate
- ☐ C) break
- ☐ D) irritate
- ☐ E) retain

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10 Choose the word closest in meaning to THRILLING.

- ☐ A) challenging
- ☐ B) definite
- ☐ C) fearless
- ☐ D) sugary
- ☐ E) exhilarating

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11 Choose the word closest in meaning to FULL.

- ☐ A) stuffed
- ☐ B) bare
- ☐ C) intelligent
- ☐ D) funny
- ☐ E) hollow

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12 Choose the word closest in meaning to TOUR.

- ☐ A) silence
- ☐ B) mistake
- ☐ C) house
- ☐ D) trip
- ☐ E) top

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13 Choose the word closest in meaning to MELANCHOLY.

- ☐ A) joyful
- ☐ B) angry
- ☐ C) sorrowful
- ☐ D) nervous
- ☐ E) calm

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14 Choose the word closest in meaning to WATCHFUL.

- ☐ A) truthful
- ☐ B) small
- ☐ C) cautious
- ☐ D) neat
- ☐ E) important

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15 Choose the word closest in meaning to SWIFT.

- ☐ A) rapid
- ☐ B) affluent
- ☐ C) chubby
- ☐ D) sweet
- ☐ E) typical

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16 Choose the word closest in meaning to IMMACULATE.

- ☐ A) wealthy
- ☐ B) pure
- ☐ C) difficult
- ☐ D) bony
- ☐ E) private

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17 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPARKLE.

- ☐ A) transport
- ☐ B) reject
- ☐ C) cut
- ☐ D) glow
- ☐ E) split

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18 Choose the word closest in meaning to BRISK.

- ☐ A) brave
- ☐ B) furious
- ☐ C) rapid
- ☐ D) dirty
- ☐ E) merciless

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19 Choose the word closest in meaning to RESIDENCE.

- ☐ A) home
- ☐ B) nuisance
- ☐ C) track
- ☐ D) sorrow
- ☐ E) hill

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20 Choose the word closest in meaning to CARING.

- ☐ A) cold
- ☐ B) kind
- ☐ C) strict
- ☐ D) unpleasant
- ☐ E) booming

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21 Choose the word closest in meaning to ORDINARY.

- ☐ A) grateful
- ☐ B) unusual
- ☐ C) peculiar
- ☐ D) sugary
- ☐ E) typical

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22 Choose the word closest in meaning to AUDACIOUS.

- ☐ A) timid
- ☐ B) cautious
- ☐ C) rude
- ☐ D) daring
- ☐ E) confident

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23 Choose the word closest in meaning to CHILLY.

- ☐ A) cautious
- ☐ B) chubby
- ☐ C) frosty
- ☐ D) safe
- ☐ E) deep

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24 Choose the word closest in meaning to LAZY.

- ☐ A) busy
- ☐ B) occupied
- ☐ C) sluggish
- ☐ D) sheer
- ☐ E) large

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25 Choose the word closest in meaning to POOR.

- ☐ A) wealthy
- ☐ B) public
- ☐ C) affluent
- ☐ D) impoverished
- ☐ E) possible

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26 Choose the word closest in meaning to SAVE.

- ☐ A) bound
- ☐ B) terrify
- ☐ C) amuse
- ☐ D) curve
- ☐ E) store

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27 Choose the word closest in meaning to WASTE.

- ☐ A) garbage
- ☐ B) house
- ☐ C) future
- ☐ D) dread
- ☐ E) war

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28 Choose the word closest in meaning to IMPOVERISHED.

- ☐ A) deafening
- ☐ B) impossible
- ☐ C) needy
- ☐ D) patient
- ☐ E) timid

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29 Choose the word closest in meaning to AWARD.

- [ ] A) road
- [ ] B) hazard
- [ ] C) gift
- [ ] D) trophy
- [ ] E) track

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30 Choose the word closest in meaning to APPALLING.

- [ ] A) obvious
- [ ] B) skinny
- [ ] C) syrupy
- [ ] D) caring
- [ ] E) awful

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31 Choose the word closest in meaning to METICULOUS.

- [ ] A) careless
- [ ] B) quick
- [ ] C) messy
- [ ] D) confident
- [ ] E) precise

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32 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPEAK.

- [ ] A) sell
- [ ] B) taunt
- [ ] C) agree
- [ ] D) split
- [ ] E) talk

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33 Choose the word closest in meaning to SPREAD.

- [ ] A) grab
- [ ] B) scatter
- [ ] C) hold
- [ ] D) spin
- [ ] E) hurl

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34 Choose the word closest in meaning to EXCITING.

- ☐ A) starving
- ☐ B) slender
- ☐ C) exhilarating
- ☐ D) scared
- ☐ E) crucial

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35 Choose the word closest in meaning to GARBAGE.

- ☐ A) voyage
- ☐ B) friend
- ☐ C) present
- ☐ D) rubbish
- ☐ E) thief

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36 Choose the word closest in meaning to STROLL.

- ☐ A) walk
- ☐ B) strew
- ☐ C) twist
- ☐ D) fling
- ☐ E) collect

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37 Choose the word closest in meaning to SURE.

- ☐ A) wild
- ☐ B) dim
- ☐ C) certain
- ☐ D) sheer
- ☐ E) superb

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38 Choose the word closest in meaning to ATTRACTIVE.

- ☐ A) pretty
- ☐ B) artificial
- ☐ C) ordinary
- ☐ D) positive
- ☐ E) savage

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39 Choose the word closest in meaning to GLEAMING.

- ☐ A) tender
- ☐ B) outside
- ☐ C) caring
- ☐ D) untidy
- ☐ E) dazzling

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Question 1

D) giggle - 'giggle' means almost the same as 'chortle' **B1**

Answer: D) giggle

Question 2

E) essential - 'essential' means almost the same as 'important' **B1**

Answer: E) essential

Question 3

C) glow - 'glow' means almost the same as 'glitter' **B1**

Answer: C) glow

Question 4

B) economical - means using money or resources sparingly, the same core meaning as 'frugal'. **B1**

Answer: B) economical

Question 5

B) road - 'road' means almost the same as 'avenue' **B1**

Answer: B) road

Question 6

C) booming - 'booming' means almost the same as 'deafening' **B1**

Answer: C) booming

Question 7

A) waste - 'waste' means almost the same as 'rubbish' **B1**

Answer: A) waste

Question 8

E) lean - 'lean' means almost the same as 'bony' **B1**

Answer: E) lean

Question 9

D) irritate - 'irritate' means almost the same as 'annoy' **B1**

Answer: D) irritate

Question 10

E) exhilarating - 'exhilarating' means almost the same as 'thrilling' **B1**

Answer: E) exhilarating

Question 11

A) stuffed - 'stuffed' means almost the same as 'full' **B1**

Answer: A) stuffed

Question 12

D) trip - 'trip' means almost the same as 'tour' **B1**

Answer: D) trip

Question 13

C) sorrowful - means feeling or showing deep sadness, the same core meaning as 'melancholy'. **B1**

Answer: C) sorrowful

Question 14

C) cautious - 'cautious' means almost the same as 'watchful' **B1**

Answer: C) cautious

Question 15

A) rapid - 'rapid' means almost the same as 'swift' **B1**

Answer: A) rapid

Question 16

B) pure - 'pure' means almost the same as 'immaculate' **B1**

Answer: B) pure

Question 17

D) glow - 'glow' means almost the same as 'sparkle' **B1**

Answer: D) glow

Question 18

C) rapid - 'rapid' means almost the same as 'brisk' **B1**

Answer: C) rapid

Question 19

A) home - 'home' means almost the same as 'residence' **B1**

Answer: A) home

Question 20

B) kind - 'kind' means almost the same as 'caring' **B1**

Answer: B) kind

Question 21

E) typical - 'typical' means almost the same as 'ordinary' **B1**

Answer: E) typical

Question 22

D) daring - means willing to take risks or do bold, shocking things, the same core meaning as 'audacious'. **B1**

Answer: D) daring

Question 23

C) frosty - 'frosty' means almost the same as 'chilly' **B1**

Answer: C) frosty

Question 24

C) sluggish - 'sluggish' means almost the same as 'lazy' **B1**

Answer: C) sluggish

Question 25

D) impoverished - 'impoverished' means almost the same as 'poor' **B1**

Answer: D) impoverished

Question 26

E) store - 'store' means almost the same as 'save' **B1**

Answer: E) store

Question 27

A) garbage - 'garbage' means almost the same as 'waste' **B1**

Answer: A) garbage

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Question 28

C) needy - 'needy' means almost the same as 'impoverished' **B1**

Answer: C) needy

Question 29

D) trophy - 'trophy' means almost the same as 'award' **B1**

Answer: D) trophy

Question 30

E) awful - 'awful' means almost the same as 'appalling' **B1**

Answer: E) awful

Question 31

E) precise - means showing great care and attention to detail, the same core meaning as 'meticulous'. **B1**

Answer: E) precise

Question 32

E) talk - 'talk' means almost the same as 'speak' **B1**

Answer: E) talk

Question 33

B) scatter - 'scatter' means almost the same as 'spread' **B1**

Answer: B) scatter

Question 34

C) exhilarating - 'exhilarating' means almost the same as 'exciting' **B1**

Answer: C) exhilarating

Question 35

D) rubbish - 'rubbish' means almost the same as 'garbage' **B1**

Answer: D) rubbish

Question 36

A) walk - 'walk' means almost the same as 'stroll' **B1**

Answer: A) walk

Question 37

C) certain - 'certain' means almost the same as 'sure' **B1**

Answer: C) certain

Question 38

A) pretty - 'pretty' means almost the same as 'attractive' **B1**

Answer: A) pretty

Question 39

E) dazzling - 'dazzling' means almost the same as 'gleaming' **B1**

Answer: E) dazzling

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