12.9 Word Families Synonyms and Antonyms: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

The Robotics Club Final

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Every Tuesday after school, Ben stayed behind for robotics club. He felt hopeful that his team's robot would finally work, because they had practised for weeks. Mrs Adeyemi, the club leader, was famously patient; she never grew furious, even when a robot toppled over during testing. Today was the regional final, and the hall was crowded with pupils from other schools. Ben's robot, nicknamed Rusty, looked ancient compared to the sleek machines around it, but it had never let the team down. His friend Priya was cautious about the wobbly wheels, so she checked every bolt carefully before the contest began. When the whistle blew, Rusty trundled forward and lifted the small crate with surprising strength. The crowd was astonished, and even the judges looked delighted. Ben's rival, a boy named Connor, had built a robot that looked brilliant but broke down after ten seconds; he seemed miserable as he carried it off the stage. Priya gave Ben a generous, warm smile and said the team's careful preparation had paid off. By the end of the afternoon, Rusty had won first prize, and the exhausted but cheerful team carried their trophy home.

1 Tick the word that belongs to the same word family as the word given in each part (it shares the same root and a related meaning).

(a) hope **(1)**

- ☐ A) hopeful
- ☐ B) hopping
- ☐ C) happen

(b) care **(1)**

- ☐ A) carpet
- ☐ B) careless
- ☐ C) carrot

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(c) act **(1)**

- ☐ A) actor
- ☐ B) tractor
- ☐ C) attic

(d) kind **(1)**

- ☐ A) kindle
- ☐ B) kingdom
- ☐ C) kindness

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2 Each group of words below contains three words from the same word family and one word that only looks similar but belongs to a different family. Circle the odd one out in each group.

(a) helpful helper helicopter unhelpful **(1)**

(b) careful careless carer carpet **(1)**

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3 Tick the synonym (the word that means nearly the same) for the word given in each part.

(a) astonished **(1)**

- [ ] A) amazed
- [ ] B) bored
- [ ] C) sleepy

(b) ancient **(1)**

- [ ] A) modern
- [ ] B) old
- [ ] C) tiny

(c) furious **(1)**

- [ ] A) calm
- [ ] B) confused
- [ ] C) enraged

(d) generous **(1)**

- [ ] A) selfish
- [ ] B) giving
- [ ] C) careful

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4 Tick the antonym (the word that means the opposite) for the word given in each part.

(a) miserable **(1)**

- [ ] A) cheerful
- [ ] B) sad
- [ ] C) tired

(b) cautious **(1)**

- [ ] A) careful
- [ ] B) reckless
- [ ] C) calm

(c) ancient **(1)**

- [ ] A) old
- [ ] B) modern
- [ ] C) huge

(d) generous **(1)**

- [ ] A) selfish
- [ ] B) kind
- [ ] C) giving

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (hopeful) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) hopeful**

(b) B ticked (careless) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) careless**

(c) A ticked (actor) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) actor**

(d) C ticked (kindness) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **C) kindness**

Question 2

(a) circles helicopter cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **helicopter**

(b) circles carpet cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **carpet**

Question 3

(a) A ticked (amazed) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) amazed**

(b) B ticked (old) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) old**

(c) C ticked (enraged) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **C) enraged**

(d) B ticked (giving) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **B) giving**

Question 4

(a) A ticked (cheerful) cao **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) cheerful**

(b) B ticked (reckless) cao **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) reckless**

(c) B ticked (modern) cao **B1**

(c) Answer: **B) modern**

(d) A ticked (selfish) cao **B1**

(d) Answer: **A) selfish**

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