



## 63 Must-Know Words for the ASVAB & PiCAT Word Knowledge Test

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1. Emphasize most nearly means:  
A. justify  
B. demean  
C. calculate  
D. accentuate

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2. Quarantine most nearly means:  
A. suggest  
B. substitute  
C. possess  
D. isolate

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3. His letter lashed yesterday's editorial.  
A. denied  
B. attacked  
C. examined  
D. questioned

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4. Grand most nearly means:  
A. practical  
B. standard  
C. magnificent  
D. burdensome

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5. Solitary most nearly means:  
A. alone  
B. placid  
C. unloving  
D. uncertain

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6. Defeated most nearly means:  
A. silent



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- B. beaten
  - C. absent
  - D. involved
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7. She prepared the agenda for the meeting.
- A. invitations
  - B. equipment needed
  - C. publicity
  - D. list of things to be done
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8. They harbored abandoned cats.
- A. found
  - B. set free
  - C. drowned
  - D. sheltered
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9. Prosper most nearly means:
- A. thrive
  - B. invent
  - C. search
  - D. accuse
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10. His job was to ERADICATE all pests.
- A. get rid of
  - B. report on
  - C. protect
  - D. collect
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11. His job is to APPRAISE the jewels.
- A. display
  - B. secure
  - C. find buyer for
  - D. judge value of



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12. Stern most nearly means:
- A. strict
  - B. critical
  - C. exaggerated
  - D. unreasonable
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13. Mimic most nearly means:
- A. omit
  - B. imitate
  - C. depict
  - D. comment
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14. They worked together to produce the maximum results.
- A. best informed
  - B. longest running
  - C. brightest colored
  - D. greatest possible
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15. Prestige most nearly means:
- A. status
  - B. assurance
  - C. skepticism
  - D. consideration
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16. Frolic most nearly means:
- A. play
  - B. fidget
  - C. upset
  - D. entertain
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17. Durable most nearly means:
- A. colorful
  - B. flimsy
  - C. modern
  - D. resilient
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18. Defective most nearly means:
- A. faulty
  - B. invisible
  - C. insecure
  - D. offensive
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19. Contradictions most nearly means:
- A. announcements
  - B. oppositions
  - C. details
  - D. praises
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20. This is one of the EXTERNAL signs of a faulty motor.
- A. hidden
  - B. outer
  - C. serious
  - D. minor
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21. Surpass most nearly means:
- A. compete
  - B. exceed
  - C. direct
  - D. finish
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22. We will long remember our PERILOUS journey.
- A. lengthy
  - B. primitive



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- C. chaotic
  - D. hazardous
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23. Complexity most nearly means:

- A. majority
  - B. intricacy
  - C. entirety
  - D. simplicity
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24. Blemish most nearly means:

- A. defect
  - B. blend
  - C. shame
  - D. decoration
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25. Infuriate most nearly means:

- A. warm
  - B. examine
  - C. attack
  - D. enrage
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26. You are invited to my ABODE:

- A. home
  - B. office
  - C. wedding
  - D. graduation
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27. Inept most nearly means:

- A. selfish
- B. silly
- C. bungling
- D. choosy



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28. Oppressive most nearly means:

- A. inaccurate
  - B. tyrannical
  - C. contrary
  - D. painful
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29. Void most nearly means:

- A. uneven
  - B. empty
  - C. irregular
  - D. certain
  - E. firm
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30. Fervently most nearly means:

- A. passionately
  - B. expectantly
  - C. fancifully
  - D. painfully
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31. Nurture most nearly means:

- A. acquire
  - B. neglect
  - C. cultivate
  - D. regulate
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32. Projectile most nearly means

- A. assignment
  - B. machine
  - C. missile
  - D. column
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33. Surplus most nearly means:

- A. advantage
  - B. excess
  - C. summit
  - D. junk
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34. You'll just have to GROPE your way through the darkness.

- A. shield
  - B. charge
  - C. hasten
  - D. fumble
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35. Inaugurate most nearly means:

- A. inspire
  - B. induct
  - C. transfer
  - D. reconcile
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36. Adage most nearly means:

- A. receipt
  - B. farewell
  - C. proverb
  - D. sum
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37. Devout most nearly means:

- A. open
  - B. pious
  - C. loose
  - D. wicked
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38. Erratically most nearly means:

- A. irregularly



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- B. outrageously
  - C. frightfully
  - D. incorrectly
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39. Sustain most nearly means:

- A. cease
  - B. continue
  - C. tolerate
  - D. speculate
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40. The cashier NEGATED the charge on the item.

- A. forgot
  - B. nullified
  - C. questioned
  - D. disputed
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41. They CONSOLED each other after the accident.

- A. vindicated
  - B. arraigned
  - C. esteemed
  - D. solaced
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42. Crass most nearly means

- A. brief
  - B. crude
  - C. split
  - D. stubborn
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43. Skepticism most nearly means:

- A. consideration
- B. mannerism





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- C. cynicism
  - D. pliability
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44. Admonition most nearly means:

- A. warning
  - B. approval
  - C. pressure
  - D. recognition
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45. Embody most nearly means:

- A. cloak
  - B. exemplify
  - C. camouflage
  - D. discourage
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46. Peruse most nearly means:

- A. study
  - B. begin
  - C. ferment
  - D. convince
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47. Unpretentious most nearly means:

- A. simple
  - B. forgiving
  - C. complicated
  - D. inappropriate
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48. Decry most nearly means

- A. disparage
  - B. commend
  - C. distribute
  - D. exalt
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49. Cajole most nearly means:
- A. acquire
  - B. harmonize
  - C. wheedle
  - D. discourage
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50. Moratorium most nearly means:
- A. review
  - B. disclosure
  - C. probability
  - D. suspension
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51. Contentious most nearly means
- A. accomplished
  - B. quarrelsome
  - C. greedy
  - D. informal
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52. Most companies have a policy against NEPOTISM.
- A. stealing
  - B. fundraising
  - C. hiring relatives
  - D. dating coworkers
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53. Broach most nearly means:
- A. justify
  - B. forget
  - C. ignore
  - D. mention
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54. Lambaste most nearly means:
- A. honor
  - B. cajole



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- C. initiate
  - D. chastise
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55. Construe most nearly means:

- A. direct
  - B. interpret
  - C. cover up
  - D. educate
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56. Virulent most nearly means:

- A. cowardice
  - B. Noxious
  - C. prognosis
  - D. durable
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57. Ghastly most nearly means:

- A. infuriate
  - B. void
  - C. awful
  - D. defective
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58. Cowardice most nearly means:

- A. admonition
  - B. peruse
  - C. complexity
  - D. fear
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59. Resignation most nearly means:

- A. acceptance
  - B. eradicate
  - C. defeated
  - D. prestige
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60. Cooperate most nearly means:

- A. greatest possible
  - B. judge value of
  - C. hiring relatives
  - D. to work with
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61. Prognosis most nearly means:

- A. fervently
  - B. forecast
  - C. blemish
  - D. devout
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62. Conceit most nearly means:

- A. console
  - B. external
  - C. perilous
  - D. vanity
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63. Condemn most nearly means:

- A. list of things to be done
  - B. to disapprove strongly
  - C. magnificent
  - D. consideration
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## Answer Key

1. D
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. B
7. D
8. D
9. A
10. A
11. D
12. A
13. B
14. D
15. A
16. A
17. D
18. A
19. B
20. B
21. B
22. D
23. B
24. A
25. D
26. A
27. C
28. B
29. B
30. A
31. C
32. C
33. B
34. D
35. B
36. C
37. B
38. A
39. B
40. B
41. D
42. B

43. C
44. A
45. B
46. A
47. A
48. A
49. C
50. D
51. B
52. C
53. D
54. D
55. B
56. B
57. C
58. D
59. A
60. D
61. B
62. D
63. B