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Using Multiple-Choice Tests**

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## Introduction

**2500 Words** is the printed version of English Daily 626 deliberately compiled for candidates intending to prepare for TOEFL, IELTS, SAT, and GRE tests. As the name of the book implies, **2500 Words** contains around 2500 words commonly used in the proficiency tests. The test items are used here with little modification to adjust to proficiency test requirements in Iran. However, the list is not exhaustive and endeavors are made to conglomerate a corpus of words frequently used in advanced resources.

A distinctive feature of the book which makes it really unique is the verity that the book is genuinely learner-friendly. The subtitle of the book is *Teach Yourself Advanced Vocabulary*. The book is designed to be used as a self-study textbook. I said the book is unique! That's truly right. Let's examine one of the test items in the book (1365):

1365. The strike **paralyzed** transactions for as long as it lasted.
- a. galvanized
  - b. animated
  - c. crippled
  - d. pepped up

Now, don't you think so? As you noticed, in the options, three items are synonymous to some extent (a, b, and d) and c is the synonym to the target word! So, trying each test item teaches learners about 5 words: three synonyms and two antonyms. The purpose in designing the items was *not testing* learners' knowledge; in fact, it was intended to help learners *learn* new lexical items in multiple choice tests. It appears learning-centeredness of the book is an asset to learners get mastery over exuberant lexical items.

At the end of the book, you can find the selected words listed alphabetically. For each entry, a synonym is introduced accompanied with its meaning in Persian to facilitate making sense out of the word with as little reference to a dictionary as possible. In addition, you would find the Answer Key to check your answers in case of necessity.

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The distinctive features of the book are:

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- ▶ a self-study learner friendly book
- ▶ learning 5 words using each test item
- ▶ each test item usually containing 3 synonyms and 2 antonyms
- ▶ repetition of many words throughout the units to consolidate learning

## Unit One

### A

### Test Yourself

1. It never pays off to **abrogate** the defense treaty.  
(A) establish (B) uphold  
(C) annul (D) bolster
2. Beware of the **abrupt** turn in the road ahead.  
(A) laggard (B) easy  
(C) sudden (D) leisurely
3. The doctor advised the patient to **abstain from** smoking.  
(A) do without (B) be absorbed in  
(C) go with (D) admit of
4. No one could solve such an **abstruse** problem.  
(A) complex (B) abstemious  
(C) lucid (D) absurd
5. Defeated, the ex-champion fell into the **abyss** of despair.  
(A) firmament (B) gulf  
(C) ecstasy (D) paradise
6. To **accelerate** growth, they work harder than ever.  
(A) speed up (B) retard  
(C) accede (D) hamper
7. Without an **accomplice** the burglar could not have broken into the house.  
(A) foe (B) confederate  
(C) servant (D) trivia

- 2** 8. The gentleman was **accosted** by a beggar who demanded money.  
(A) greeted (B) overlooked  
(C) shunned (D) outraged
- 5** 9. The manager has reached the **acme** of his career.  
(A) ebb (B) apex ; peak  
(C) base (D) downfall
- 0** 10. All the members **acquiesced in** his resignation.  
(A) assented to (B) disagreed with  
(C) balked at (D) dissented from
- 0** 11. Are we living in an **acquisitive** society?  
(A) charitable (B) self-denying  
(C) greedy ; covetous (D) developed
- 0** 12. The tonic had an **acrid** aftertaste.  
(A) palatable (B) delicious  
(C) savory (D) bitter
13. The dispute was renewed with increasing **acrimony**.  
(A) civility (B) bitterness  
(C) urbanity (D) curiosity
- W** 14. The merchant is noted for his business **acumen**.  
(A) keenness (B) honesty  
(C) stupidity (D) obtusity
- O** 15. A bad tooth may cause **acute** pain.  
(A) blunt (B) sharp  
(C) dull (D) obtuse
- R** 16. According to an old **adage** on Wall Street, the stock market can deal with good news and bad, but it cannot tackle uncertainty.  
(A) saying ; proverb (B) time  
(C) novice (D) neophyte
- D** 17. The stoic was **adamant** to temptations.  
(A) unyielding (B) pliable  
(C) bending (D) vulnerable
- S** 18. The boy is **addicted to** stealing.  
(A) given up (B) weaned from  
(C) detached from (D) adapted to
19. The reporter is **adept** in news writing.  
(A) poor (B) skilled  
(C) maladroit (D) numb



20. The brothers built on **adjacent** lots.  
(A) distant (B) remote  
(C) neighboring (D) permanent
21. They voted to **adjourn** the meeting.  
(A) further (B) advance  
(C) expedite (D) postpone
22. John **admonished** his brother against being late.  
(A) tolerated (B) commended  
(C) warned (D) approved
23. We all **adore** Charlie Brown.  
(A) execrate (B) loathe  
(C) abominate (D) love
24. Robin Hood was said to wear a hat **adorned** with feathers.  
(A) embellished (B) disfigured  
(C) spoiled (D) maladjusted
25. The workman is **adroit** in handling machinery.  
(A) green (B) dexterous ; skilled  
(C) awkward (D) clumsy
26. The politician enjoys public **adulation**.  
(A) flattery (B) abuse  
(C) denunciation (D) reverence
27. The **advent** of spring makes the birds hilarious.  
(A) detriment (B) arrival  
(C) benediction (D) joviality
28. A courageous man smiles in the face of **adversity**.  
(A) misfortune ; distress (B) felicity  
(C) affluence (D) feat
29. Some parents **advocate** keeping the children at school as long as possible.  
(A) disfavor (B) dissent  
(C) recommend (D) advert
30. An **affable** countenance is pleasing to everybody.  
(A) avaricious (B) surly  
(C) taciturn (D) amiable
31. The gambler was **afflicted** with debts.  
(A) consoled (B) agonized  
(C) buoyed (D) solaced

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- 2** 32. America is an **affluent** nation.  
(A) abject (B) impoverished  
(C) acquisitive (D) wealthy
- 5** 33. The boy **affronted** the teacher by making a face at her.  
(A) impressed (B) offended  
(C) delighted (D) gladdened
- 0** 34. All he desired was to **aggrandize** his estate.  
(A) expand (B) diminish  
(C) dwindle (D) swindle
- 0** 35. Grief **aggravated** her illness.  
(A) appeased (B) tranquilized  
(C) extenuated (D) intensified
- 0** 36. The ill-intentioned **aggregation** was dispersed by the police.  
(A) gathering (B) disintegration  
(C) solo (D) constituent
37. The new teacher stood **aghast** at the students' lack of discipline.  
(A) acceptant (B) tolerant  
(C) lenient (D) horrified
- W** 38. One needs an **agile** mind to solve the puzzles.  
(A) lively (B) sluggish  
(C) lethargic (D) inert
- O** 39. The mind of man is **agitated** by various emotions.  
(A) lulled (B) quieted  
(C) soothed (D) provoked
- R** 40. Will Durant is an **agnostic**.  
(A) deist  
(B) pagan  
(C) ascetic  
(D) one who believes that nothing is known about the existence of God
- D** 41. The patient is in **agony**.  
(A) suffering (B) repose  
(C) rest (D) peace
- S** 42. Sometimes **agrarian** disputes are hard to settle.  
(A) industrial (B) political  
(C) of land (D) academic
43. It's simply a minor **ailment**.  
(A) mistake (B) blunder  
(C) question (D) disease



44. Pity is often **akin to** love.  
(A) related to (B) different from  
(C) alien to (D) foreign to
45. The retarded child moved with **alacrity**.  
(A) quickness (B) slowness  
(C) hesitation (D) dilatoriness
46. The dog is always **alert**.  
(A) listless (B) lively  
(C) languid (D) indolent
47. The troops **aligned**.  
(A) attacked (B) retreated  
(C) triumphed (D) lined up
48. Her fears were **allayed** by her mother's consolation.  
(A) aggravated (B) worsened  
(C) mitigated (D) aroused
49. To become a citizen, you must swear **allegiance** to the United States  
(A) disaffection (B) treason  
(C) loyalty (D) infidelity
50. Heat often **alleviates** pain.  
(A) intensifies (B) augments  
(C) cures (D) mitigates
51. Brass is an **alloy** of copper and zinc.  
(A) fission (B) fuss  
(C) separation (D) mixture
52. Rewards **allure** men to confront danger.  
(A) elude (B) attract  
(C) allude (D) estrange
53. We heard some remarks in **allusion** to his misconduct.  
(A) slight mention (B) illusion  
(C) praise (D) ailment
54. The plane is flying at a great **altitude**.  
(A) speed (B) alacrity  
(C) stability (D) height
55. To give away alms is an **altruistic** deed.  
(A) selfish (B) egoistic  
(C) niggardly (D) charitable

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(A) alight (B) gallop  
(C) joy (D) saunter
- 5** 57. The government is trying to **ameliorate** workers' condition.  
(A) impair (B) improve  
(C) mar (D) deteriorate
- 0** 58. The **amenity** of his manners is irresistible.  
(A) hostility (B) agreeableness  
(C) antagonism (D) amigo
- 0** 59. The meeting ended on an **amiable** note.  
(A) surly (B) crabbed  
(C) impetuous (D) agreeable
- 0** 60. The negotiators joined in **amicable** discussion.  
(A) bellicose (B) belligerent  
(C) pugnacious (D) friendly
61. There is **amity** between the two nations.  
(A) good-will (B) animosity  
(C) strife (D) contention
- W** 62. It is controversial whether **amnesty** should be granted to those criminals.  
(A) penalty (B) punishment  
(C) reward (D) pardon
- O** 63. You have **ample** time to do your job.  
(A) meager (B) sufficient  
(C) sparse (D) scant
- O** 64. The **amplitude** of the parking lot in front of the supermarket is amazing.  
(A) straitness (B) size  
(C) compression (D) narrowness
- R** 65. Born centuries too late, the scholar was **anachronism** in modern urban society.  
(A) misdated person (B) fop  
(C) snob (D) chic
- D** 66. It is risky to argue by **analogy**.  
(A) similarity (B) dissimilarity  
(C) distinction (D) disparity
- S** 67. Complete **anarchy** followed the breakdown of communications.  
(A) order (B) felicity  
(C) stability (D) chaos

68. Most children enjoy listening to **anecdotes** of great men's childhood.  
(A) catastrophes (B) disasters  
(C) tales (D) accidents
69. To administer **anesthetic** requires utmost caution.  
(A) anodyne (B) penicillin  
(C) addiction (D) animation
70. The patient's whole frame quivered with **anguish**.  
(A) pain (B) pleasure  
(C) ecstasy (D) elation
71. The soul **animates** body.  
(A) curbs (B) curtails  
(C) thwarts (D) enlivens
72. Little **animosity** exists between classes in our society.  
(A) friendship (B) amity  
(C) goodwill (D) enmity
73. Matter cannot be **annihilated**.  
(A) renewed (B) invigorated  
(C) destroyed (D) fortified
74. The contract was **annulled**.  
(A) renewed (B) announced  
(C) annunciated (D) abrogated
75. Time is an **anodyne** of grief.  
(A) soothing agent (B) irritant  
(C) stimulant (D) energizer
76. Scientists often make **anomalous** findings.  
(A) logic (B) abnormal  
(C) customary (D) natural
77. Writing an **anonymous** letters is an irresponsible deed.  
(A) identified (B) unnamed  
(C) anointed (D) black-mailing
78. The two royal families are **antagonistic**.  
(A) hostile (B) friendly  
(C) amiable (D) auspicious
79. An **anthology** of sacred music was recently published.  
(A) prose (B) essay  
(C) dissertation (D) collection

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- 2** 80. All the children were amused by the clown's **antics**.  
(A) songs (B) laughters  
(C) pranks (D) griefs
- 5** 81. Milk can serve as an **antidote** for some poisons.  
(A) anthem (B) remedy  
(C) anthropology (D) antecedent
- 0** 82. Some people have a strong **antipathy** to modern art.  
(A) affection (B) predilection  
(C) aversion (D) preference
- 0** 83. These **antiquated** notions should be erased.  
(A) radical (B) premature  
(C) old-fashioned (D) modernistic
- 0** 84. Don't be **apathetic** toward people's suffering.  
(A) alert (B) insensible  
(C) vigilant (D) receptive
85. The manager has reached his **apex** of career.  
(A) ebb (B) acme  
(C) bottom (D) downfall
- W** 86. "The style is the man himself" is an **aphorism** not always true.  
(A) sarcasm (B) warning  
(C) maxim (D) zenith
- O** 87. An expert in one field will often show an **appalling** ignorance in other fields.  
(A) fondling (B) glorifying  
(C) culminating (D) shocking
- R** 88. That publication was said to be a Communist espionage **apparatus**.  
(A) tool (B) aperture  
(C) antithesis (D) apothecary
- R** 89. When spring comes, gay **apparels** are every seen.  
(A) birds (B) animals  
(C) leaves (D) clothes
- D** 90. **Appeasement** often brings blackmail.  
(A) exasperation (B) conciliation  
(C) aggravation (D) vexation
- S** 91. King Alexander was given the **appellation** "the Great".  
(A) praise (B) stigma  
(C) name (D) loyalty

92. Forestry **appertains** to geography, to botany, and to agriculture.  
(A) yields (B) belongs  
(C) appoints (D) succumbs
93. A personnel manager should be able to **appraise** ability and character.  
(A) denounce (B) estimate  
(C) deny (D) degrade
94. The mother had the strongest **apprehension** about her son's health.  
(A) omen (B) fear  
(C) apprentice (D) confidence
95. You should **apprise** the office of your temporary leave.  
(A) appraise (B) inform  
(C) request (D) cherish
96. The parents ought to know how to express their **approbation** of their children's progress.  
(A) censure (B) commendation  
(C) irritation (D) reprehension
97. It is **apt** to be cool late in the evening.  
(A) likely (B) inept  
(C) indisposed (D) disinclined
98. Here in Iran we use our **arable** land intensively  
(A) barren (B) sterile  
(C) bleak (D) bleak
99. You had better correct your **arbitrary** attitude.  
(A) legitimate (B) despotic  
(C) circumspect (D) judicious
100. The scholar uses a lot of **archaic** words.  
(A) antiquated (B) novel  
(C) fashionable (D) academic
101. He found many an interesting fact in the family **archives**.  
(A) films (B) anecdotes  
(C) documents (D) tales
102. It is hard for the students from Iran to stand the **arctic** weather.  
(A) cold (B) hot  
(C) torrid (D) sultry
103. Young as the boy is, Arshia has an **ardent** longing for knowledge  
(A) apathetic (B) eager  
(C) impartial (D) nonchalant

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- 2** 104. Mining is an **arduous** job all over the world.  
(A) difficult (B) easy  
(C) light (D) lucrative
- 5** 105. The executive gave a very **arid** speech at the opening meeting.  
(A) drab (B) appealing  
(C) vivid (D) stimulating
- 0** 106. Many people enjoy the **aroma** of coffee.  
(A) bitterness (B) acidity  
(C) acrimony (D) acrimony
- 0** 107. The troops were formed in battle **array**.  
(A) order (B) commotion  
(C) commotion (D) commotion
- 0** 108. The salesgirl is **arrogant** toward customers.  
(A) supercilious (B) humble  
(C) courteous (D) charitable
109. There is a naval **arsenal** in the neighborhood.  
(A) base (B) foundation  
(C) battlefield (D) armory
- W** 110. A main road is sometimes called an **artery** of traffic.  
(A) way (B) arson  
(C) artifice (D) artifact
- O** 111. The actress received an **avalanche** of letters.  
(A) a few (B) a great many  
(C) not too many (D) several
- R** 112. His **avaricious** disposition led him to downfall.  
(A) proud (B) slothful  
(C) greedy (D) gluttonous
- R** 113. The child has a strong **aversion** to hard work.  
(A) liking (B) predilection  
(C) propensity (D) antipathy
- D** 114. Young people tend to be **avid** of new experiences.  
(A) averse to (B) desirous of  
(C) indisposed to (D) indifferent to
- S** 115. The merchant said that he could **avouch** for quality.  
(A) renounce (B) denounce  
(C) guarantee (D) impugn



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