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ONE WORD SUBSTITUTION

One word substitution is the use of one word in place of a wordy phrase in order to make the sentence structure clearer. The meaning, with the replacement of the phrase remains identical while the sentence becomes shorter.

Categories of One word Substitution

- Generic Terms
- Government/Systems
- Venue/Spots
- Group/Collection
- People/Person
- Murder/Death
- Profession/Research
- Sound

One Word Substitution for Generic Terms

An act of abdicating or renouncing the throne	Abdication
An annual calendar containing important dates and statistical information such as astronomical data and tide tables	Almanac
A cold-blooded vertebrate animal that is born in water and breathes with gills	Amphibian
A story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one	Allegory
A statement or proposition on which an abstractly defined structure is based	Axiom
A nation or person engaged in war or conflict, as recognized by international law	Belligerent
An examination of tissue removed from a living body to discover the presence, cause, or extent of a disease	Biopsy
The action or offence of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk	Blasphemy

The arrangement of events or dates in the order of their occurrence	Chronology
A vigorous campaign for political, social, or religious change	Crusade
Lasting for a very short time	Ephemeral
Spoken or done without preparation	Extempore
Release someone from a duty or obligation	Exonerate
Fond of company	Gregarious
Making marks that cannot be removed	Indelible
Incapable of making mistakes or being wrong	Infallible
Certain to happen	Inevitable
A sentimental longing or wistful affection for a period in the past	Nostalgia
A solution or remedy for all difficulties or diseases	Panacea
A doctrine which identifies God with the universe	Pantheism
Excessively concerned with minor details or rules	Pedantic
The practice of taking someone else's work or ideas and passing them off as one's own	Plagiarism
Safe to drink	Potable
The emblems or insignia of royalty	Regalia
Violation or misuse of what is regarded as sacred	Sacrilege
A position requiring little or no work but giving the holder status or financial benefit	Sinecure
A thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event	Souvenir

An imaginary ideal society free of poverty and suffering	Utopia
Denoting a sin that is not regarded as depriving the soul of divine grace	Venial
In exactly the same words as were used originally	Verbatim

One Word Substitution for Government/Systems

A state of disorder due to absence or non-recognition of authority or other controlling systems	Anarchy
A form of government in which power is held by the nobility	Aristocracy
A system of government by one person with absolute power	Autocracy
A self-governing country or region	Autonomy
A system of government in which most of the important decisions are taken by state officials rather than by elected representatives	Bureaucracy
A system of government by the whole population or all the eligible members of a state, typically through elected representatives	Democracy
A state, society, or group governed by old people	Gerontocracy
A state or country run by the worst, least qualified, or most unscrupulous citizens	Kakistocracy
Government by new or inexperienced hands	Neocracy
Government by the populace	Ochlocracy
A small group of people having control of a country or organization	Oligarchy
Government by the wealthy	Plutocracy
Government not connected with religious or spiritual matters	Secular

A form of government with a monarch at the head	Monarchy
A political system based on government of men by God	Thearchy

One Word Substitution for Venue OR Spot

A collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people	Archives
A large cage, building, or enclosure for keeping birds in	Aviary
A building where animals are butchered	Abattoir
A place where bees are kept; a collection of beehives	Apiary
A building containing tanks of live fish of different species	Aquarium
A place or scene of activity, debate, or conflict	Arena
A collection of weapons and military equipment	Arsenal
An institution for the care of people who are mentally ill	Asylum
A hole or tunnel dug by a small animal, especially a rabbit, as a dwelling	Burrow
A collection of items of the same type stored in a hidden or inaccessible place	Cache
A public room or building where gambling games are played	Casino
A large burial ground, especially one not in a churchyard	Cemetery
A room in a public building where outdoor clothes or luggage may be left	Cloakroom
A place where a dead person's body is cremated	Crematorium
a Christian community of nuns living together under monastic vows	Convent

Nursery where babies and young children are cared for during the working day	Creche
A stoppered glass container into which wine or spirit is decanted	Decanter
A large bedroom for a number of people in a school or institution	Dormitory
The nest of a squirrel, typically in the form of a mass of twigs in a tree	Drey
A room or building equipped for gymnastics, games, and other physical exercise	Gymnasium
A storehouse for threshed grain	Granary
A large building with an extensive floor area, typically for housing aircraft.	Hangar
A box or cage, typically with a wire mesh front, for keeping rabbits or other small domesticated animals	Hutch
A place in a large institution for the care of those who are ill	Infirmary
A small shelter for a dog	Kennel
A place where wild animal live	Lair
A place where coins, medals, or tokens are made	Mint
A collection of wild animals kept in captivity for exhibition	Menagerie
A building or buildings occupied by a community of monks living under religious vows	Monastery
A place where bodies are kept for identification	Morgue
A piece of enclosed land planted with fruit trees	Orchard
A large natural or artificial lake used as a source of water supply	Reservoir
A small kitchen or room at the back of a house used for washing dishes and another dirty household work	Scullery

A close-fitting cover for the blade of a knife or sword	Sheath
A room or building for sick children in a boarding school	Sanatorium
A place where animal hides are tanned	Tannery
A large, tall cupboard in which clothes may be hung or stored	Wardrobe

One Word Substitution for Group/Collection

A group of guns or missile launchers operated together at one place	Battery
A large bundle bound for storage or transport	Bale
A large gathering of people of a particular type	Bevy
An arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present	Bouquet
A family of young animals	Brood
A group of things that have been hidden in a secret place	Cache
A group of people, typically with vehicles or animals travelling together	Caravan
A closed political meeting	Caucus
An exclusive circle of people with a common purpose	Clique
A group of followers hired to applaud at a performance	Claque
A series of stars	Constellation
A funeral procession	Cortege
A group of worshippers	Congregation
A herd or flock of animals being driven in a body	Drove

A small fleet of ships or boats	Flotilla
A small growth of trees without underbrush	Grove
A community of people smaller than a village	Hamlet
A group of cattle or sheep or other domestic mammals	Herd
A large group of people	Horde
A temporary police force	Posse
A large number of fish swimming together	Shoal
A strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid	Torrent

One Word Substitution List for Person or People

One who is not sure about God's existence	Agnostic
A person who deliberately sets fire to a building	Arsonist
One who does a thing for pleasure and not as a profession	Amateur
One who can use either hand with ease	Ambidextrous
One who makes an official examination of accounts	Auditor
A person who believes in or tries to bring about a state of lawlessness	Anarchist
A person who has changed his faith	Apostate
One who does not believe in the existence of God	Atheist
A person appointed by two parties to solve a dispute	Arbitrator
One who leads an austere life	Ascetic

One who does a thing for pleasure and not as a profession	Amateur
One who can either hand with ease	Ambidextrous
An unconventional style of living	Bohemian
One who is bad in spellings	Cacographer
One who feeds on human flesh	Cannibal
A person who is blindly devoted to an idea/ A person displaying aggressive or exaggerated patriotism	Chauvinist
A critical judge of any art and craft	Connoisseur
Persons living at the same time	Contemporaries
One who is recovering health after illness	Convalescent
A girl/woman who flirts with man	Coquette
A person who regards the whole world as his country	Cosmopolitan
One who is a centre of attraction	Cynosure
One who sneers at the beliefs of others	Cynic
A leader or orator who espoused the cause of the common people	Demagogue
A person having a sophisticated charm	Debonair
A leader who sways his followers by his oratory	Demagogue
A dabbler (not serious) in art, science and literature	Dilettante
One who is for pleasure of eating and drinking	Epicure
One who often talks of his achievements	Egotist
Someone who leaves one country to settle in another	Emigrant

A man who is womanish in his habits	Effeminate
One hard to please (very selective in his habits)	Fastidious
One who runs away from justice	Fugitive
One who is filled with excessive enthusiasm in religious matters	Fanatic
One who believes in fate	Fatalist
A lover of good food	Gourmand
Conferred as an honour	Honorary
A person who acts against religion	Heretic
A person of intellectual or erudite tastes	Highbrow
A patient with imaginary symptoms and ailments	Hypochondriac
A person who is controlled by wife	Henpeck
One who shows sustained enthusiastic action with unflagging vitality	Indefatigable
Someone who attacks cherished ideas or traditional institutions	Iconoclast
One who does not express himself freely	Introvert
Who behaves without moral principles	Immoral
A person who is incapable of being tampered with	Impregnable
One who is unable to pay his debts	Insolvent
A person who is mentally ill	Lunatic
A person who dislikes humankind and avoids human society	Misanthrope
A person who primarily concerned with making money at the expense of ethics	Mercenary

Someone in love with himself	Narcissist
One who collect coins as hobby	Numismatist
A person who likes or admires women	Philogynist
A lover of mankind	Philanthropist
A person who speaks more than one language	Polyglot
One who lives in solitude	Recluse
Someone who walks in sleep	Somnambulist
A person who is indifferent to the pains and pleasures of life	Stoic
A scolding nagging bad-tempered woman	Termagant
A person who shows a great or excessive fondness for one's wife	Uxorious
One who possesses outstanding technical ability in a particular art or field	Virtuoso

One Word Substitution for Death/Murder

A solemn procession, especially for a funeral	Cortege
A poem of serious reflection, typically a lament for the dead	Elegy
A phrase or form of words written in memory of a person who has died	Epitaph
Killing of one's son or daughter	Filicide
Destruction or abortion of a fetus	Foeticide
Killing of one's brother or sister	Fratricide
Killing of a large group of people	Genocide

Killing of one person by another	Homicide
Killing of infants	Infanticide
Burial of a corpse in a grave or tomb	Interment
Killing of one's mother	Matricide
A room or building in which dead bodies are kept	Mortuary
A news article that reports the recent death of a person	Obituary
Killing of a parent or other near relative	Parricide
Killing of one's father	Patricide
An examination of a dead body to determine the cause of death	Postmortem
Action of killing a king	Regicide
Killing of one's sister	Sororicide
Act of intentionally causing one's own death	Suicide
Killing of one's wife	Uxoricide

List of One Word Substitutes for Profession/Research

The medieval forerunner of chemistry	Alchemy
A person who presents a radio/television programme	Anchor
One who studies the evolution of mankind	Anthropologist
A person who is trained to travel in a spacecraft	Astronaut
The scientific study of the physiology, structure, genetics, ecology, distribution, classification, and economic importance of plants	Botany

A person who draws or produces maps	Cartographer
A person who writes beautiful writing	Calligrapher
A person who composes the sequence of steps and moves for a performance of dance	Choreographer
A person employed to drive a private or hired car	Chauffeur
A person who introduces the performers or contestants in a variety show	Compere
A keeper or custodian of a museum or other collection	Curator
The branch of biology concerned with cyclical physiological phenomena	Chronobiology
A secret or disguised way of writing	Cypher
The study of statistics	Demography
The use of the fingers and hands to communicate and convey ideas	Dactylology
A person who sells and arranges cut flowers	Florist
A line of descent traced continuously from an ancestor	Genealogy
The therapeutic use of sunlight	Heliotherapy
The art or practice of garden cultivation and management	Horticulture
One who supervises in the examination hall	Invigilator
The theory or philosophy of law	Jurisprudence
A person who compiles dictionaries	Lexicographer
The scientific study of the structure and diseases of teeth	Odontology
One who presents a radio programme	Radio Jockey
The art of effective or persuasive speaking or writing	Rhetoric

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The branch of science concerned with the origin, structure, and composition of rocks	Petrology
One who study the elections and trends in voting	Psephologist
An artist who makes sculptures.	Sculptor
The scientific study of the behaviour, structure, physiology, classification, and distribution of animals	Zoology

One Word Substitution for Sound

The branch of physics concerned with the properties of sound	Acoustics
The sound of Alligators	Bellow
The sound of Deers	Bell
The sound of Crows	Caw
The sound of Geese	Cackle
The sound of Hens	Cluck
The sound of Dolphins	Click
The sound of Frogs	Croak
The sound of Crickets	Creak
The sound of Monkeys	Gibber
The sound of Camels	Grunt
The sound of Owls	Hoot
The sound of Penguins	Honk
The sound of Cattle	Moo

The sound of Horses	Neigh
The sound of Nightingales	Pipe
The sound of Ducks	Quack
The sound of Parrots	Screech
The sound of Rats	Squeak
The sound of Birds	Twitter
The sound of Elephants	Trumpet
The sound of Mosquitoes	Whine

Directions – In questions given below, out of the four options, pick the one which can be substituted for the given words/ sentence.

1. The Government wing responsible for making Rules:

1. Judiciary
2. Executive
3. Court
4. Legislature

Answer: 4

2. Life history of a person written by that person:

1. Autobiography
2. Topography
3. Flexography
4. Biography

Answer: 1

3. One who does not take any alcoholic drink:

1. Saint
2. Teetotaler
3. Foretaller
4. Vegetarian

Answer: 2

4. A speech delivered without any previous preparation:

1. Elocution
2. Dialogue
3. Extempore
4. Dialect

Answer: 3

5. A disease which attacks many people in a particular area in one time:

1. Epidemic
2. Pandemic
3. Sardonic
4. Academic

Answer: 1

6. The sound of Monkeys:

1. Corrigendum
2. Deism
3. Decorum
4. Gibber

Answer: 4

7. Persons living at the same time:

1. Contemporaries
2. Convalescent

3. Coquette
4. Cosmopolitan

Answer: 1

8. A person who deliberately sets fire to a building:

1. Amateur
2. Ambidextrous
3. Arsonist
4. Auditor

Answer: 3

9. One who is bad in spellings:

1. Cacographer
2. Cannibal
3. Chauvinist
4. Connoisseur

Answer: 1

10. A community of people smaller than a village:

1. Augment
2. Hamlet
3. Plundering
4. Fortune

Answer: 2



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