

## 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

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| 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      |

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| 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   |

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| 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

|                                                                                                                                     |              |
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| 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      |

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| 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

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| 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     |

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| 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  |

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| 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

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| 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         |

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| 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

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| 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      |

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| 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       |



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| 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     |

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| 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

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| 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   |

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| 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

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| 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         |

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| 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

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| 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       |

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| 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**



