

Glossary of Terms Often Used in Test Items

Term	Definition
Abolish	To do away with, to eliminate
Absolute value	The distance from zero, disregarding + or - sign
Abundant	Plentiful, numerous
Account for	Explain, justify
Acquire	Get, obtain, gain
Acrid	A sharp taste or smell
Adjacent	Near or next to
Aggravate	Irritate, make worse
Alter	Change, modify
Amenable	Changeable, yielding, pliant
Amplify	Enlarge, make bigger
Apparent	Visible, evident
Arrest	To stop, check or hold
Attenuate	To weaken or reduce in force or amount
Attributable to	Result from, be caused by
Bear	To support, hold up, endure, show or exhibit some feature
Causative agent	Cause
Cessation	Discontinue, end
Cloying	A too sweet smell or taste
Coalesce	To grow together, combine as one thing
Comprise	To include or contain
Concomitant	To accompany or occur at the same time, along with
Concurrent	Same as concomitant, but associated with time
Confer	To give
Conjointly	Jointly, together
Consensus	General agreement on something
Conservative	Cautious or moderate
Conserve	To keep from loss or decay, to preserve
Considerable	Large or great as in size or distance
Constituent	Component, part of(a larger entity)
Constitute	To compose or form, to create
Contiguous	To be close but not touching
Convergent	Coming together, merging
Debilitate	To make weaker or more feeble
Decrement	Reduction or decrease
Deduce	To arrive at a conclusion, to infer
Deflect	To bend or turn aside
Deleterious	Hurtful, harmful
Delineate	Trace the outline, portray in words, describe
Demise	Death
Derive from	Originate from, flow from, stem from
Despite	In spite of, even though
Dessicate	Dry thoroughly
Destined	Fated or predetermined course of events
Determined	Caused, shaped, led to
Deterrent	To prevent or stop a process
Devoid of	Without, untouched by
Diminish	To lessen or reduce in size or amount
Dire	Terrible, disastrous
Discern	To recognize, to see, to distinguish
Disseminate	To spread widely or scatter
Divergent	Moving in separate or opposite direction
Efficacious	Helpful, effective, desirable
Elaborate (v)	To add detail or more information
Elicit	To draw out, to evoke
Emanate	To emit, flow out from a source

Emergent	Arising from, emerging
Encase	To enclose all around
Enhance	To magnify or enlarge
Ensue	To be caused by, to follow as a consequence of
Envelope	To enclose all around
Equivalent	Equal in value
Eventual	Ultimate, at some future time
Eventuate	To result in, bring to pass
Evince	To show or make evident
Exclusively	Only, sole
Exhibit	To display, make visible
Exigency	Urgent, emergency, pressing
Explicit	Clearly exposed or expressed, evident
Extant	Existing
Facilitate	To aid, assist, make easier
Feasible	Suitable, possible
Finite	Limited, measurable
Fundamental	An essential part or basis
Impede	To obstruct, to hinder or block
Implication	Effect, consequence
Indices	Alphabetical lists, signs or symptoms
Indigenous	Native to or innate (in-born)
Indistinguishable	Impossible to tell apart, imperceptible
Induce	To cause or bring about
Inert	Nonreactive, motionless
Inevitable	Certain, necessary
Initiate	To begin or set in motion
Insidious	To progress to a bad outcome or bad effects
Intact	Whole, uninjured
Invalid	Untrue, void
Invariable	Constant, unchanging
Involution	Something which is rolled into itself, degenerated (as in old age)
Lag	To lose speed or intensity
Manifest	To be evident, clear, to display
Marked	Noticeable, clearly observable
May	Possibly, a theoretical possibility
Mimic	To imitate or copy
Modest	Moderate, not showy
Musk	A strong, animal-like odor
Musty	Having a damp, moldy smell as a basement or cave
Necessarily	Must, inevitably, unavoidably
Negligible	Slight, minor
Nidus	A nest or breeding areas, as for germs
Novel (adj)	New, different
Noxious	Harmful, unhealthy, such as a noxious odor
Obliterate	To completely destroy, to erase all trace
Omnipresent	Present everywhere, ubiquitous
Owing to	Because of, due to
Pallid	Pale, wan, weak
Profuse	Abundant, large amount
Potent	Powerful, influential
Potential	Possible, ability or capability
Potentiate (v)	To intensify or make more powerful
Precede	To go before
Precocious	Early, premature in development
Predilection	Tendency, inclination, preference
Predispose	Bias, preference, make vulnerable
Predominant	Primary, prominent
Presumably	Taken for granted, assumed to be
Principle	Chief, primary, basic
Proceed	To go forward, continue, progress
Profound	Thorough, deep, pervasive

Proliferate	Multiply, spread, grow rapidly
Prolong	To lengthen or extend (in time)
Prominent	Standing out, easily seen
Prone	Lie in the horizontal position, a natural tendency
Propel	To drive or push forward
Protract	To lengthen or extend in time
Pulsatile	Throbbing, beating
Quiescent	Inactive, still
Readily	Easily, quickly
Recurrent	Repeating, happening again
Relative to	In relationship or comparison to something
Reciprocal	Mutual; complementary in mathematics
Replenish	To re-supply or refill
Reside	To stay, to remain
Retard	To delay, impede, slow down
Sham	Fraud, imitation in order to deceive
Simultaneous	At the same time, concurrent
Sole	Only, single, exclusive
Spared	Left intact, saved
Strenuous	Vigorous, energy-requiring
Subsequent	Later, following after in time
Supervening	To occur additionally or in between (in time)
Surround	To enclose on all sides
Synergistic	Working together to produce an added effect
Taper (v)	To become smaller or thinner at one end
Tentative	Experimental, hesitant, not definite or certain
Transient	Not lasting, temporary
Translucent	Allowing light to pass through, but image is blurred
Transparent	Allowing light to pass through with no blurring or distortion of image
Transpose	Cause to switch places, order, or sequence
Typify	Symbolize, exemplify
Ubiquitous	Present everywhere
Ultimately	Finally, in the end
Uniform	Identical in appearance, without variation in size, even
Unique	Only, single instance, sole
Untoward	Unfortunate, bad, unfavorable
Verify	To test for truth or accuracy
Viscous	Sticky, thick, glue-like
Vulnerable	Prone to, susceptible, at risk for