Synonyms and Antonyms (challenging) Worksheet 1:

Exercise 1: Direct Matching

Part A: Synonym Matching Match the word in Column A with its best synonym in Column B. There is one extra word in Column B.

Column A	Column B
1. commence	**a.** baffled
2. perplexed	**b**. monotonous
3. sufficient	**c**. crucial
4. tedious	**d**. begin
5. vital	**e.** adequate
	f. complicated

1._____2. _____3. _____4. _____5. _____

Part B: Antonym Matching Match the word in Column A with its best antonym in Column B. There is one extra word in Column B.

Column A	Column B
1. assemble	**a**. plentiful
2. bravery	**b**. compulsory
3. scarce	**c**. disperse
4. voluntary	**d**. contract
5. expand	**e**. cowardice
	f. strengthen

1._____2.._____3._____4.._____5.._____

Exercise 2: Sentence Completion

Complete the sentences by choosing the best word (A, B, C, or D) to replace the **bold** word or phrase, keeping the meaning of the sentence as similar or opposite as indicated.

1. The initial plans for the project had to be **altered** significantly due to budget constraints. (Choose a SYNONYM)
   A. maintained B. modified C. abandoned D. confirmed
2. His explanation for being late was so **absurd** that nobody believed him. (SYNONYM)
   A. sensible B. convincing C. ridiculous D. plausible
3. The new regulations **prohibit** smoking in all public parks. (SYNONYM)
   A. allow B. encourage C. forbid D. promote

4. She didn't want to **reveal** her sources to the journalist. (ANTONYM)
   A. disclose B. conceal C. declare D. confess
5. This is just a **temporary** measure; we'll need a more permanent solution soon. (ANTONYM)
   A. lasting B. fleeting C. interim D. short-term

Exercise 3: Odd One Out

In each group of four words, three are synonyms, and one does not fit. Identify the odd one out.

1. A. comprehend B. grasp C. understand D. confuse
2. A. fragile B. robust C. delicate D. brittle
3. A. generous B. stingy C. charitable D. liberal
4. A. gather B. accumulate C. scatter D. collect
5. A. acknowledge B. deny C. admit D. concede

Exercise 4 Topic: Is Social Media Making Us Less Social?

Instructions: Read the passage below carefully.

1. Find three pairs of words in the passage that are synonyms. Write down both words for each pair.
2. Find three pairs of words in the passage that are antonyms. Write down both words for each pair.

Social media's effect on how social we are is often discussed. These platforms try to connect us with people all over the world, and this has brought a significant change to how we interact daily. Many users see clear benefits in how easily they can keep up with friends and share their news.

However, some people worry that these online tools might actually isolate them from those nearby, leading to fewer face-to-face meetings. Are lots of online chats truly substantial for strong friendships? These are real concerns and point to some drawbacks, especially with the increase in the amount of time many of us spend looking at screens.

While the potential for these platforms to be used in good ways is certainly there, a decrease in real social skills is also a distinct possibility if we are not careful with how much we use them. It's imperative, therefore, for users to be mindful. Ensuring that technology supports, rather than replaces, genuine human interaction is surely essential for our overall well-being.

1. Synonyms: Identify three pairs of words from the passage that are synonyms.

- Pair 1: _____ / _____
- Pair 2: _____ / _____
- Pair 3: _____ / _____

2. Antonyms: Identify three pairs of words from the passage that are antonyms.

- Pair 1: _____ / _____
- Pair 2: _____ / _____
- Pair 3: _____ / _____

Synonyms and Antonyms Worksheet 1:

Exercise 1: Direct Matching (Synonyms and Antonyms)
Part A: Synonym Matching

1. **commence** – d. begin
2. **perplexed** – a. baffled
3. **sufficient** – e. adequate
4. **tedious** – b. monotonous
5. **vital** – c. crucial *(Extra word in Column B was f. complicated)*

Part B: Antonym Matching

1. **assemble** – c. disperse
2. **bravery** – e. cowardice
3. **scarce** – a. plentiful
4. **voluntary** – b. compulsory
5. **expand** – d. contract *(Extra word in Column B was f. strengthen)*

Exercise 2: Sentence Completion

1. The initial plans for the project had to be **altered** significantly due to budget constraints. (Choose a SYNONYM) **B. modified**
2. His explanation for being late was so **absurd** that nobody believed him. (Choose a SYNONYM) **C. ridiculous**
3. The new regulations **prohibit** smoking in all public parks. (Choose a SYNONYM) **C. forbid**
4. She was reluctant to **reveal** her sources to the journalist. (Choose an ANTONYM) **B. conceal**
5. This is just a **temporary** measure; we'll need a more permanent solution soon. (Choose an ANTONYM) **A. lasting**

Exercise 3: Odd One Out

1. A. comprehend, B. grasp, C. understand, **D. confuse** *(Confuse is the odd one out; the others are synonyms for understand.)*
2. A. fragile, **B. robust**, C. delicate, D. brittle *(Robust is the odd one out; the others are synonyms for fragile or easily broken.)*
3. A. generous, **B. stingy**, C. charitable, D. liberal *(Stingy is the odd one out; the others are synonyms for generous.)*
4. A. gather, B. accumulate, **C. scatter**, D. collect *(Scatter is the odd one out; the others are synonyms for gather.)*
5. A. acknowledge, **B. deny**, C. admit, D. concede *(Deny is the odd one out; the others are synonyms for acknowledge or admit.)*

Exercise 4: Identifying Synonyms and Antonyms within a Passage
Topic: Is Social Media Making Us Less Social?
1. Synonyms from the passage:

- ★ Pair 1: **significant** / **substantial**
- ★ Pair 2: **potential** / **possibility**
- ★ Pair 3: **imperative** / **essential**

2. Antonyms from the passage:

- ★ Pair 1: **connect** / **isolate**
- ★ Pair 2: **benefits** / **drawbacks**
- ★ Pair 3: **increase** / **decrease**