

Answer Key - Grunt Work

Synonyms

Ex. 1 Find synonyms for the given words. Match the words from column A with column B.

Column A

1. **h)** to confirm
2. **g)** notorious (*grunter*)
3. **b)** to distract
4. **j)** to insist
5. **f)** to muffle
6. **i)** to prohibit (*somebody from doing something*)
7. **a)** to revoke (*membership*)
8. **d)** a persistent offender
9. **e)** to serve a purpose / function
10. **c)** to boost (*performance*)

Column B

- a) to annul, to invalidate
- b) to break concentration of
- c) to improve, to enhance
- d) a stubborn perpetrator
- e) be useful, come in handy
- f) to mute
- g) habitual
- h) to state as true, to validate
- i) to forbid (*somebody to do something*)
- j) to assert, to maintain

notorious = to have a bad reputation

a persistent offender = uporczywy sprawca wykroczenia

a perpetrator = sprawca

Ex. 2 Fill in the gaps using words from Ex. 1 from column A. Change their form if necessary.

1. Hey, I'm trying to work here. Could you please stop **distracting** me all the time?
2. He is a **notorious** drunk. I've never seen him sober.
3. She **insisted** that she's not the one who ate the whole cake.
4. The promotion of our city **boosted** tourism in this region last year.
5. His words were **muffled**, but she could understand most of it.
6. Do you **confirm** that you were involved in a conspiracy to destroy the government?
7. Are you going to **prohibit** me from entering this club?
8. I can guarantee that **persistent offenders** will be punished.
9. Your constant complaining doesn't **serve a purpose**. It's useless and what is more, it lowers team's morale.
10. One of the main contractor backed out from the deal, so the offer is going to be **revoked**.

Prepositions

Ex. 3 Fill in the gaps with appropriate prepositions.

1. She was accused **OF** distracting players with the loud cries.
2. Everybody needs a person who they can rely **ON**.
3. The gripe **AMONG** students is that they have got too many exams in this term.
4. The mirror has been attached **TO** the wall.
5. Their generosity enabled us **TO** buy the house.
6. **DURING** my workout I don't have to grunt. It's pointless for me.
7. Doing some extreme sports can lead **TO** popped blood vessels.
8. I don't want to be involved **IN/WITH** this project.
9. I really wish to smack him **WITH** a sweaty towel when he's messing with me at the gym.
10. I can't stand his behaviour, **IN** other words, I hate it.
11. According **TO** this newspaper, the school principal was fired.
12. Each **OF** the players was awarded prizes.

Additional words and phrases:

- (irritated) gym-goer
- to settle the debate
- pure and simple
- pro = professional
- an opponent = a rival
- to pose a question = to ask a question
- prior (evidence) = previous
- a weapon of mass distraction
- a conscious choice = a deliberate choice
- martial arts – for example, judo, karate
- to conclude = to deduce (*wywnioskować*)
- exert (their maximum effort) = to do their best (*wysilać się maksymalnie, dołożyć wszelkich starań*)
- to take heed = to pay attention to, be careful, to listen carefully (*uważnie słuchać, być ostrożnym*)
- to precede = to be earlier than (*poprzedzać*)
- to stifle (their inner Sharapova) = to stop, to prevent, to suppress
- to probe (the distraction issue) = to investigate
- to emit (loud cries) = to utter
- a cue = a signal

Translation

Ex. 4 Translate into English.

1. Czy interesujesz się sztukami walki takimi jak judo lub karate? – *Are you interested in martial arts such as judo or karate?*
2. Rozpraszał mnie hałas. – *I was distracted by the noise.*
3. Nie ufaj Robertowi. On jest notorycznym kłamcą. – *Don't trust Robert. He's a notorious / habitual liar.*
4. Dyrektor szkoły zabronił/zakazał uczniom ściągania na sprawdzianach. – *A head teacher / headmaster prohibited students from cheating in the tests / forbade students to cheat in the tests.*
5. Jack został oskarżony o kradzież. – *Jack was accused of stealing. / Jack was charged with stealing.*
6. Czy mogę zadać pytanie? – *Can I ask / pose a question?*
7. Nasza firma zamierza zwiększyć produktywność. – *Our company is going to boost productivity.*
8. Oni zamierzają cofnąć / unieważnić moje członkostwo. – *They are going to revoke my membership.*
9. Jego zachowanie nie służy żadnemu celowi / jest bezużyteczne / nieprzydatne. – *His behaviour doesn't serve a purpose/function.*
10. Mogę polegać na moich rodzicach. – *I can rely on / depend on my parents.*
11. Innymi słowy, mogę im ufać. – *In other words, I can trust them.*
12. Wzrost ciśnienia krwi może być niebezpieczny. – *The rise in blood pressure can be dangerous.*
13. Mój szef pozwolił mi / umożliwił mi wyjazd za granicę. – *My boss enabled me to go abroad.*
14. Muszę potwierdzić datę spotkania. – *I must confirm the date of the meeting.*
15. Studiowanie w Polsce to mój świadomy wybór. – *Studying in Poland is my conscious choice / deliberate choice.*