



Synonyms to Avoid Repetition in Writing – Practice Worksheet (B2–C1)

Instructions

Complete the exercises carefully. Focus on **meaning, register, and natural usage**, not just replacing words.

Exercise 1 – Choose the Best Synonym

Choose the most appropriate synonym in each sentence.

1. Education plays a very ___ role in modern society.
 - a) big
 - b) important
 - c) crucial
2. The decision had a ___ effect on the company's future.
 - a) good
 - b) positive
 - c) nice
3. Climate change is a serious ___ that affects every country.
 - a) thing
 - b) problem
 - c) issue
4. The speaker ___ that further research was needed.
 - a) said
 - b) told
 - c) argued
5. This solution is not ___ for long-term use.
 - a) effective
 - b) good
 - c) fine

Exercise 2 – Replace the Repeated Word

Rewrite each sentence by replacing the repeated word with a suitable synonym.

1. This **problem** is serious, and the **problem** affects young people most.
2. The film was **good**, but the ending was not very **good**.
3. Many people **think** that technology makes life easier, but others **think** differently.
4. There is a **big** difference between the two opinions, and this **big** gap causes disagreement.

Exercise 3 – Match the Words

Match each common word with a more advanced synonym.

1. important	a. harmful
2. bad	b. significant
3. say	c. suggest
4. big	d. major
5. think	e. believe

Exercise 4 – Verb Variety

Replace the verb in bold with a more suitable synonym.

1. Experts **say** that the situation will improve.
2. I **think** this approach is more effective.
3. The government **made** a difficult decision.
4. The company **got** better results last year.

Exercise 5 – Choose the Most Natural Sentence

Only **one** sentence in each pair sounds natural and appropriate for B2–C1 writing.

1.

- a) This idea is very important for society.
- b) This idea is highly significant for society.

1.

- a) A lot of people think this is a big problem.
- b) Many people believe this is a major issue.

1.

- a) The results were good and very good for students.
- b) The results were positive and beneficial for students.

Exercise 6 – Avoid Repetition in a Paragraph

Rewrite the paragraph, avoiding repetition where possible.

Many students think that exams are stressful. This stress affects students' performance, and the stress can cause anxiety. Students think that better preparation can reduce this stress.

Exercise 7 – Register Awareness

Choose the best alternative for **formal writing**.

- 1. a lot of →
 - a) loads of
 - b) many
 - c) a great deal of
- 2. get better →
 - a) improve
 - b) feel good
 - c) go up
- 3. bad effects →
 - a) bad things

- b) negative consequences
- c) nasty results

Exercise 8 – Sentence Transformation (Exam Style)

Rewrite the sentence using the word given. Do not change the meaning.

1. This problem is very important.
(**significant**)
2. Many people think this solution will work.
(**believe**)
3. The decision caused bad results.
(**negative**)

Exercise 9 – Controlled Writing

Write **one sentence** for each instruction:

1. A sentence using a synonym for **important**
2. A sentence using a synonym for **say**
3. A sentence suitable for a **B2 essay**
4. A sentence suitable for a **C1 essay**

Answer Key

Exercise 1

1. **c** crucial
2. **b** positive
3. **c** issue
4. **c** argued
5. **a** effective

Exercise 2 (sample answers)

1. This **issue** is serious, and it affects young people most.
2. The film was **enjoyable**, but the ending was **disappointing**.
3. Many people **believe** that technology makes life easier, but others **disagree**.
4. There is a **significant** difference between the two opinions, and this **gap** causes disagreement.

Exercise 3

- 1-b
- 2-a
- 3-c
- 4-d
- 5-e

Exercise 4 (sample answers)

1. Experts **argue / state** that the situation will improve.
2. I **believe / consider** this approach more effective.
3. The government **took / reached** a difficult decision.
4. The company **achieved** better results last year.

Exercise 5

1. **b**
2. **b**

3. **b**

Exercise 6 (sample answer)

Many students believe that exams are stressful. This pressure affects their performance and can lead to anxiety. Better preparation may help reduce these effects.

Exercise 7

1. **c** a great deal of
2. **a** improve
3. **b** negative consequences

Exercise 8 (sample answers)

1. This problem is **highly significant**.
2. Many people **believe** this solution will work.
3. The decision caused **negative results**.