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## 11+ Verbal Practice Paper: Closest in Meaning: Test 2

Words that have similar meanings are called **synonyms**, for example big and large or small and tiny.

In the questions below, find **two** words that are closest in meaning. However, be careful, for not all words that are close in meaning are the closest in meaning. Think about the following three words: short, small and tiny. Which two are the closest in meaning? Small and tiny are closer in meaning than small and short or short and tiny. Short means small but only in terms of length or height.

1. Circle the pair of words which are closest in meaning.

a.

mean, scary

horrible, repulsive

repugnant, repulsive

scary, repulsive



b.

round, curved

oval, cuboid

circular, oval

circular, round



c.

mature, shabby

archaic, old

shabby, old

archaic, ancient

d.

listen, hear

refuse, hear

ignore, remain

remain, listen



e.

happy, elated

light, sparkling

elated, ecstatic

sparkling, elated



f.

scalding, boiling

hot, sweating

scalding, perspiring

perspiring, sweating



\*\*END OF TEST\*\*

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| <b>a</b> | repugnant, repulsive | <b>d</b> | listen, hear         |
| <b>b</b> | circular, round      | <b>e</b> | elated, ecstatic     |
| <b>c</b> | archaic, ancient     | <b>f</b> | perspiring, sweating |