

## SOHRAB AND RUSTUM

### A CLOSER LOOK AT WORDS

#### Synonyms: Words that are similar in meaning.

Which four words in the lists below each sentence have a similar meaning to the word that is **highlighted bold** in every sentence?

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- 1 Tasmina **feared** that her husband would want Sohrab to become a soldier one day like him.

a worried    b dreaded    c was scared    d trembled    e was afraid

- 2 Rustum was very **disappointed** to hear the news of his daughter's birth.

a heartbroken    b unhappy    c let down    d saddened    e defeated

- 3 Sohrab spent many months **searching** for Rustum.

a looking    b seeking    c hunting    d inquiring    e inspecting

- 4 When Rustum heard about this **arrogant** young soldier, he agreed to meet Sohrab.

a boastful    b proud    c snobbish    d self-important    e high and mighty

- 5 Sohrab knew that his proud father would not be able to resist such a **challenge**.

a dare    b contest    c invitation    d summons    e test

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- 6 Rustum agreed to meet Sohrab in single **combat**.  
a fight b quarrel c struggle d battle e duel
- 7 The clash of steel rang out as Sohrab **defended** himself.  
a protected b safeguarded c watched over d argued for e guarded
- 8 For a moment Rustum seemed to **falter** and Sohrab feeling anxious for his father, lowered his sword.  
a hesitate b delay c hobble d stumble e pause
- 9 In a flash Rustum **lunged** at him and cut him down with one sweep of his sword.  
a thrust b dived c stabbed d charged e plunged
- 10 Rustum **recognised** the necklace at once and knew Sohrab was telling the truth.  
a realised b identified c understood d knew e remembered
- 11 Rustum returned to his beloved Tasmina and begged for her **forgiveness**.  
a mercy b pardon c compassion d excuse e mercifulness
- 12 For the rest of his life Rustum **mourned** the death of his brave young son.  
a lamented b sighed c sorrowed over d regretted e grieved over