

Odd Word Out

For each set, pick the one word or phrase that doesn't belong and explain why. The word or phrase may be the 'odd word out' because it doesn't mean the same thing as the others, because it doesn't share the same root or prefix as the others, because it's not the same part of speech as the others, or because it's not a cognate. Target words are in bold.

1.

facilitate

make easier

attempt

help

2.

inscribe

prescribe

description

scrap

3.

beneficial

helpful

good

funny

4.

inevitable

dramatic

certain

unavoidable

5.

sad

different

distinct

unique

6.

international

calm

world-wide

global

7.

adapt

inevitable

distinct

global

8.

get together

interact

spend time with

hide

9.

encourage

change

adapt

get used to

10.

skilled

competent

silly

capable

11.

money

finance

strength

economy

12.

prescribe

require

insist

refuse

13.

honest

sincere

intelligent

helpful

14.

immature

unimportant

disorganized

unicorn

15.

distant

dictionary

dictator

predict