

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.

castigate

scold

punish

borrow

2.

solution

resolve

dissolve

salute

3.

intervene

come between

avoid

get in the middle

4.

legislate

challenge

control through laws

pass a law

5.

ask

receive

obtain

get

6.

same treatment

fair

distant

equity

7.

obtain

intervene

equity

castigate

8.

make up

constitute

be a part of

get used to

9.

noisy

afraid

intimidated

frightened

10.

solve

resolve

find and answer

get in trouble

11.

annoy

communicate

bother

torment

12.

terminate

end

promote

stop

13.

baker

actor

list

flutist

14.

maintain

contents

retainer

tan