

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, prefix, or suffix as the others, or because it's not the same part of speech as the others. Target words are in **bold**.

1.

demoralized

depressed

careful

hopeless

2.

uniform

formal

information

before

3.

conventional

new

traditional

usual

4.

implement

carry out

put into action

do over

5.

act the same

contradict

conform

go along with others

6.

idea

reward

encouragement

incentive

7.

prosperity

compensation

conventional

conformity

8.

do well

prosper

succeed

retain

9.

routine

first step

initiative

something new

10.

decide

encounter

meet

come across

11.

money

reaction

payment

compensation

12.

persistence

continuing to work

not giving up

relaxing

13.

rapture

rupture

corrupt

interruption