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It has always been a bone of contention to agree on what 'exact word' is to be used in a certain context whether in Translation, in writing natural and correct English, or even in expressing one's thoughts accurately, and hence a bad need has emerged to screen out and zoom in on the nuances of meanings and associated subtleties. Below is a breakdown of one basic word along with its cross- varietal synonyms, along with its antonyms.

ABASE

Synonyms:

bring low, depress, dishonor, lower, cast down, discredit, humble, reduce, debase, disgrace, humiliate, sink, degrade.

Illustrative Explanatory Examples:

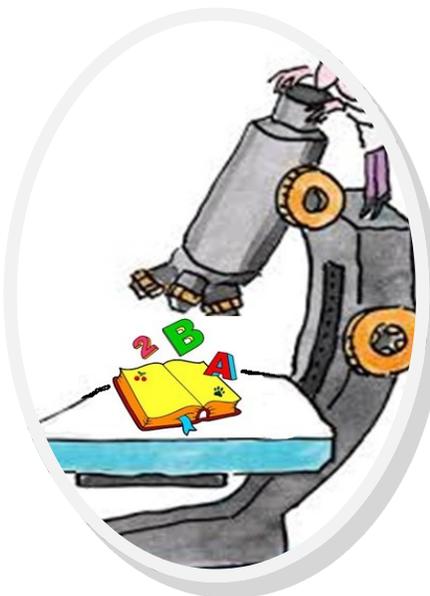
Abase refers only to outward conditions. "Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high." Ezek. xxi, 26.

Debase applies to quality or character. The coinage is debased by excess of alloy, the man by vice. Humble in present use refers chiefly to feeling of heart; humiliate to outward conditions; even when one is said to humble himself, he

either has or affects to have humility of heart. To disgrace may be to bring or inflict odium upon others, but the word is chiefly and increasingly applied to such moral odium as one by his own acts brings upon himself; the noun disgrace retains more of the passive sense than the verb; he disgraced himself by his conduct; he brought disgrace upon his family. To dishonor a person is to deprive him of honor that should or might

be given. To discredit one is to injure his reputation, as for veracity or solvency. A sense of unworthiness humbles; a shameful insult humiliates; imprisonment for crime disgraces. Degrade may refer to either station or character. An officer is degraded by being reduced to the ranks, disgraced by cowardice; vile practises degrade; drunkenness is a degrading vice.

Misfortune or injustice may abase the good; nothing but their own ill-doing can debase or disgrace them.



Antonyms:

advance, elevate, honor, raise, aggrandize, exalt, promote, uplift, dignify