Odd one out

It is important to be able to express ourselves accurately and clearly. One way of doing this is to look up unfamiliar words in a dictionary. Getting familiar with lots of different words helps you to choose the ones that work best for what you are writing.

GETTING STARTED

Circle the word that doesn’t fit in these sets.

1. happy  ecstatic  merry  dejected
2. crestfallen  elated  desolate  miserable
3. beautiful  hideous  alluring  gorgeous
4. palatable  delectable  delicious  unpalatable
5. hostile  amiable  convivial  friendly
6. marvellous  commendable  terrible  good

7. Join up three synonyms, then link them to their antonym.

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MOVING ON

Look up these words in your dictionary. Circle the odd one out.

1. intractable  lucid  comprehensible  intelligible
2. dogged  adamant  rigid  compliant
3. belligerent  bellicose  conciliating  pugnacious
4. assuage  agitate  succour  placate
5. redoubtable  formidable  seductive  intimidating

How many did you get right?

10 = NOVICE  15 = EXPERT  25 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford English Dictionary for Schools and your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.