

## MASTERING ENGLISH VOCABULARY USING ROOT WORDS: PART 5.

### NOV/NEO -

The root word neo/ nov is related to new.

The following are the words which are based on root words neo/nov.

1. **NOVICE** (noun) - a person who is new to and inexperienced in a job or situation, beginner, inexpert.
2. **NOVEL** (adj.) - new and original; not like anything seen before, a novel idea, a novel approach.
3. **NOVELTY** (noun) - newness, unique; the novelty of a new job.
4. **NEOPHYTE** (noun) – a person who is new to a subject or activity; newcomer. E.g. he's a neophyte at chess.
5. **NEONATAL** (adj.) - related to newly born babies.
6. **INNOVATION** (noun) - to make / create something new (idea, product).
7. **RENOVATION** (noun) - also called remodelling, to give new look to something (building, house etc.).
8. **NOVITIATE** (noun) - training period, apprenticeship

### SYNONYMS & ANTONYMS

#### NOVICE (noun)

**SYNONYMS** - immature, amateur (not professional), tyro (beginner), inexpert, rookie (a new recruit), neophyte, crude, ingenuous (innocent), unskillful, credulous, bovine (cow-like), incompetent, naïve, maladroit, apprentice, greenhorn (green refers to inexperienced), a dabbler, proselyte (a new convert to some religion or religious sect, or to some particular opinion).

**ANTONYMS** - expert, adept, deft, ept, acumen, adroit, proficient, dexterous (skilful), savant (a learned person), ingenious, prolific e.g. a prolific writer, veteran (a person who has a long experience in a particular field e.g., Dilip Kumar is a veteran actor), versatile (able to adapt to many different activities).