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# Synonym Sort-Out

Read the 20 pairs of words shown here and try to identify those that are synonyms—words that have the same or nearly the same meanings. Circle the number in front of each correct pair. Use a dictionary if necessary.

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| 1. complexity - intricacy | 11. elapse - go             |
| 2. august - unknown       | 12. terrain - topography    |
| 3. tyranny - democracy    | 13. emaciated - portly      |
| 4. originate - begin      | 14. disparaging - extolling |
| 5. militant - aggressive  | 15. fortitude - cowardice   |
| 6. nimble - sluggish      | 16. irksome - vexatious     |
| 7. pacific - peaceable    | 17. ostracize - banish      |
| 8. tyro - professional    | 18. tedious - absorbing     |
| 9. leniency - tolerance   | 19. nuptial - wedding       |
| 10. insipid - emphatic    | 20. relevant - extrinsic    |

You will know if you have correctly reached the END of this assignment if you have circled ten numbers, and if the first letters of those ten answers spell a synonym for the noun END. Write it here:

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