

Synonyms

Synonyms are different words that have the *same meaning* or a *similar meaning*. You can improve your vocabulary by learning synonyms.

Example: The buck ran quickly. ———> The buck ran fast.

1. Underline the two synonyms in each pair of sentences. The first one has been done for you.
 - a) The building is big. The building is huge.
 - b) That child is sad. That child is unhappy.
 - c) The shiny coins are mine. The bright coins are mine.
 - d) The river flows calmly across fields. The river flows peacefully across fields.
 - e) I am happy to see you. I am glad to see you.
 - f) They sat in a circle around the small fire. They sat in a circle around the tiny fire.



2. Choose a synonym from the margin for each word listed below.
 - a) big: _____
 - b) unhappy: _____
 - c) small: _____
 - d) glad: _____
 - e) peaceful: _____
 - f) cold: _____
3. In the table below, draw a line from each sentence in the left column to the sentence it matches in the right column.

That is the right answer.	It is wet outside.
It is rainy outside.	That is the incorrect answer.
The girl is smart.	That is the correct answer.
The girl is angry.	The girl is cross.
That is the wrong answer.	The girl is clever.

Antonyms

An **antonym** is a word that has the **opposite meaning** of another word.

Example: The meal was hot. The pudding was cold.

We form some antonyms by adding a prefix before a word.

Example: Mrs Davids was kind. Miss Zondi was unkind.

1. Underline the two antonyms in each pair of sentences.
 - a) My father drives a fast car. My grandfather drives a slow car.
 - b) My old shoes hurt my feet. My mother bought me new shoes.
 - c) It is light during the day. It is dark at night.
 - d) My room is tidy. My brother's room is untidy.
 - e) I must start my project. She must finish her work.
 - f) The tap water is pure. The river water is impure.

2. Write one antonym from the margin for each word listed below.

- | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| a) big: _____ | b) unhappy: _____ |
| c) tiny: _____ | d) glad: _____ |
| e) noisy: _____ | f) sick: _____ |



3. Circle the two antonyms on each line.

- a) sad good glad
- b) pure impure proper
- c) good bad ugly
- d) quickly calmly slowly
- e) false true perfect
- f) thin tall thick

