

## Synonyms

**Synonyms** are different words that mean the same thing or that have a similar meaning. If you use different synonyms for a word you can make your writing more interesting.

**Examples:** The children were lucky. The children were fortunate.

Riaad ran to the finish line. Riaad sprinted to the finish line.

1. Underline the two synonyms in each of the sentences below.

- The table is broad. The table is wide.
- The children cry. The children sob.
- The pie is tasty. The pie is delicious.
- The mother rubbed her baby softly. The mother rubbed her baby gently.
- Her room is messy. Her room is untidy.
- The stadium was full. The stadium was packed.



2. Find and list two synonyms from the words in the margin for each word listed below.

- run \_\_\_\_\_
- sob \_\_\_\_\_
- tender \_\_\_\_\_
- clever \_\_\_\_\_
- slim \_\_\_\_\_

3. In the table below, draw a line from each sentence in the column on the left to the sentence it matches in the column on the right.

a) My dog is loyal to me.	That family is rich.
b) That question is hard.	The icy wind blew hard.
c) The cold wind blew hard.	That question is difficult.
d) That family is wealthy.	She felt an acute pain.
e) She felt a sharp pain.	My dog is faithful to me.

# Antonyms

**Antonyms** are words that have the opposite meaning to other words.

**Examples:** The sand was hot. The sea was cold.

The cat was black. The dog was white.

We form some antonyms by adding a **prefix** before a word. The prefixes *un-*, *dis-* and *im-* all mean “not”.

**Examples:** The boy was unhappy.

The prefix *un-* is added to the word *happy* to make an antonym.

It was impossible to lift the bookcase.

The prefix *im-* is added to the word *possible* to make an antonym.

The student was disorganised.

The prefix *dis-* is added to the word *organised* to make an antonym.

1. Circle the two antonyms on each line.

- |             |          |          |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| a) loyal    | faithful | disloyal |
| b) healthy  | pure     | impure   |
| c) right    | perfect  | wrong    |
| d) huge     | wide     | narrow   |
| e) untrue   | true     | honest   |
| f) straight | sharp    | blunt    |
| g) unkind   | nice     | kind     |
| h) like     | enjoy    | dislike  |

2. Find and list two antonyms from the words in the margin for each word listed below.

- |            |       |       |
|------------|-------|-------|
| a) healthy | _____ | _____ |
| b) quiet   | _____ | _____ |
| c) true    | _____ | _____ |
| d) narrow  | _____ | _____ |
| e) bright  | _____ | _____ |

wide  
dull  
loud  
unhealthy  
false  
dark  
sick  
broad  
noisy  
untrue