


Synonyms

L.O. To generate synonyms for high frequency words.

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- Understand the term synonym
 - Match up synonyms
 - Suggest synonyms for common words.



What is a synonym?

- A synonym is a word that has a **similar** meaning to another.

Example.

good

fine

okay

Similar means almost the same but with a small difference.

Can you describe the difference between the words?



Can you match up the synonym pairs?

huge

soggy

hot

big

wet

ill

sick

warm



How can we use synonyms?

- Synonyms can be used instead of **common** words (high frequency words.)
- Common words lack power in our writing. They can make our writing **boring**.
- By choosing more **unusual** words a text can become **interesting**.

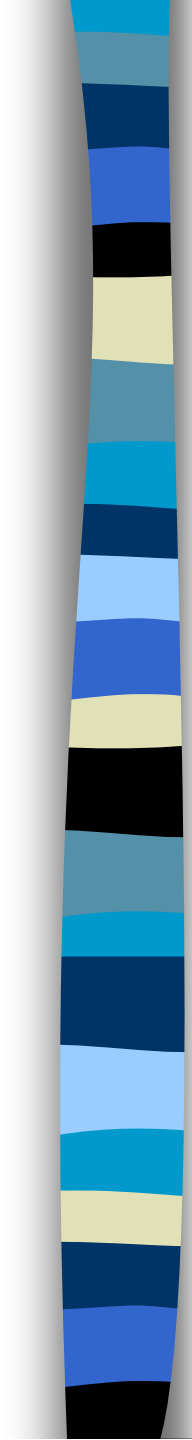
Improve the text with synonyms.

■ It was a day.

■ Tom the road.

■ The was





Take time to consider more than one synonym. They have different shades of meaning, different effects.

big

How many synonyms for big can you think of?

Can you order the synonyms from the biggest to smallest?

Using a thesaurus

- A thesaurus is a book which lists words alphabetically in a similar way to a dictionary.
- Beside each word entry is a list of synonyms.





aback

aback adverb taken aback SEE surprised.

abandon verb 1 *to abandon ship.* desert, evacuate, forsake, leave, quit, withdraw from.

2. *to abandon a plan* cancel, (*slang*) chuck in, discard, discontinue.

3. *to abandon a friend* drop, jilt, strand, was your hands of.



Plenary. Use the synonyms for bad to complete this passage.

Late one night I heard a **bad** noise - what could it be? Was is some **bad** creature doing a **bad** deed? As I went to investigate I could smell something **bad**, and I wondered what **bad** thing could have happened.

All the **bad** things I could think of filled my mind, and as a I crept round the corner I saw a **bad** sight...

It was a _____ !

dreadful

horrible

terrible

awful

evil

gruesome

nasty

vile

hideous