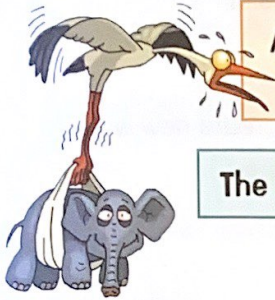


Synonyms and Antonyms

Synonyms and antonyms are completely different things — make sure you don't mix them up.

Synonyms Mean the Same Thing



A synonym is a word that has the same or a very similar meaning to another word.

The baby elephant is very heavy.

hefty

weighty

These synonyms could replace the word 'heavy' and the sentence would have the same meaning.

EXAMPLE: Tick one word which is a synonym of 'colossal'.

tiny ☐ enormous ☒ amazing ☐ imaginary ☐

'Enormous' means the same as 'colossal'.



Antonyms are Opposites

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.



The car stopped suddenly.

slowly

gradually

gently

These antonyms have the opposite meaning to suddenly.

EXAMPLE: Underline the two words that are antonyms of each other.

The problem is I'm a very clumsy person. You need to be graceful to be a waiter, which is why I'm bad at it.

'Clumsy' and 'graceful' are opposites.

"I know what synonyms and antonyms are and can come up with my own."



Synonyms

G

Grammar

P

Punctuation

S

Challenge 1

GS

1

Circle the word that means the same or has a similar meaning to the word at the beginning of the line.

- a) affectionate unfriendly difficult caring unkind
- b) big heavy light huge round
- c) leave lead gather depart forget
- d) walk talk potter stroll run
- e) nice horrible chatty agreeable unpleasant

Marks...

Challenge 2

G

1

Underline the synonym that fits the sentence best.

- a) As he ran, the man **looked/gazed/spied** an opening in the fence that he could escape through.
- b) She hurried home as it was late and the **dusk/sunset/evening** was drawing in.
- c) Mr Smith was told to **check/control/impede** his habit of biting his fingernails.
- d) The cheeky kittens got up to all sorts of **mischief/harm/roguery** when they were left at home by their owners.
- e) Children of all ages are usually **content/glad/delighted** to be given a treat for good behaviour!



Mark

Synonyms

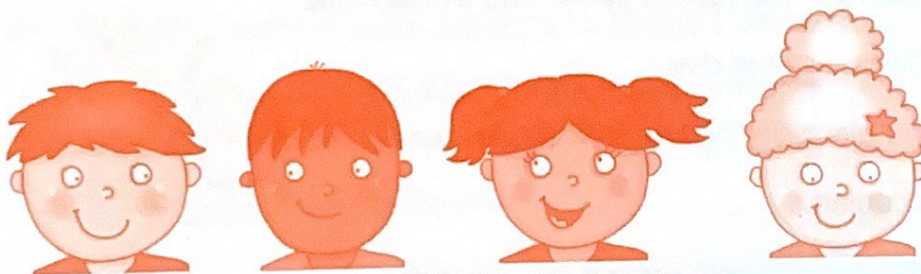
Challenge 3

- 1 Replace the words underlined in these sentences with a synonym from the box below. Write the correct synonym so that the sentences make sense.

usually great glanced distinguished declared

- a) "Children," said the teacher, "today we are going to behave perfectly." _____
- b) The children looked at each other. _____
- c) One child said, "But Miss, we are normally good." The teacher smiled and let them into a secret. _____
- d) Today the school was having a special visitor and the best class would meet her. _____
- e) The children made a big effort to behave and eventually met the visitor! _____

5 marks



Marks..... /5

total marks /15

How am I doing?



Antonyms

G Grammar

P Punctuation

S Spelling

Challenge 1

- S 1** Choose words from the box that are opposite in meaning to the ones listed.

expensive

decline

multiply

exit

worse

Word

Antonym

a) accept

b) better

c) cheap

d) divide

e) entrance



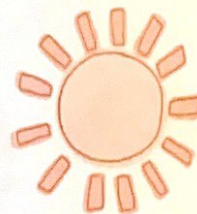
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Challenge 2

- S 1** Read the sentences and write the antonyms of the words underlined in the spaces at the end of each line.

a) It was a sunny day. _____

b) The place on the bus for buggies was

occupied. _____c) "We are at war!" replied the General. _____d) The hall was empty; they had thought that no-one would come to the concert. _____e) The friends sat down to talk things through. _____

Mar

Antonyms

Challenge 3

1 Place the antonyms in their correct places in the sentences.

- a) (big, little) The _____ girl was unable to reach the _____ pot on the shelf.
- b) (cold, hot) When it is _____ you should drink _____ drinks.
- c) (antique, young) He liked _____ shops even though he was _____ and poor.
- d) (filthy, shipshape) Ben's house was _____ when he moved into it but he soon had it _____ and tidy.



8 marks

2 Complete the sentence with a word that is an antonym of the one underlined.

- a) When you take a test make sure you read the question carefully before you select your _____.
- b) Cinderella wore a beautiful dress to the ball, unlike the _____ dresses her stepsisters wore.
- c) "Did you _____ to go to the library or did you forget again?" asked her father.
- d) _____ people are liked but rude people are avoided.
- e) Her dad drove an expensive car but she only could afford a _____ one.

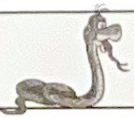
5 marks

Marks..... /13

total marks /23

How am I doing?





Synonyms

Warm Up

A synonym is a word that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as another word.

- 1) Tick the words that are synonyms of 'complain'.

support

☐

praise

☐

protest

☐

moan

☐

encourage

☐

grumble

☐

Now you've warmed up, have a go at some more practice questions about synonyms.

- 2) Join each word on the left to its synonym on the right.

pretend

rude

impolite

change

alter

fake

mend

repair



2 marks

- 3) Circle the **two** words in each sentence that are synonyms of each other.

I don't like these sour oranges — their juice is too sharp.

It was a difficult challenge — everyone had found it tough.

2 marks

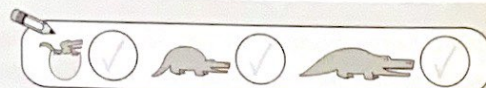
- 4) Write a suitable synonym for each word in bold.

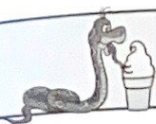
Nerissa reacted **furiously** to the news.

The cat **strolled** across the garden.

2 marks

Grammagators think synonyms are great, fantastic, superb and wonderful. What do you think of them?





Antonyms

Warm Up

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.

- 1) Circle the words that are antonyms of 'narrow'.

wide

broad

small

tight

cramped

thick



It's time for some more practice with antonyms. Give these questions a go.

- 2) Tick the pairs of words which are antonyms.

close / nearby

☐

timid / afraid

☐

entertaining / boring

☐

stained / clean

☐

lazy / energetic

☐

empty / vacant

☐

2 marks

- 3) Complete each sentence with an antonym of the underlined word.

Kayode's marbles are colourful, but mine are

My neighbour likes to frown, but I prefer to

Fredrik wants to sell his hotel and we would like to it.

2 marks

- 4) Write an antonym of the word below on the line next to it.
Then use the antonym you have written in a sentence.

excellent



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2 marks

True Grammagators can track down any antonym.
Can you? Tick a box to show how well you did.

