

Year 6 Grammar Revision

Synonyms & Antonyms



Synonyms: The Rules

A synonym is a word that has the same (or nearly the same) meaning as another word in the same language.

Can you think of some synonyms for 'fantastic'?

amazing

incredible

unbelievable

fabulous

wonderful

astonishing

astounding



Synonyms: The Rules

Choosing effective synonyms can make your writing more precise and interesting. Even synonyms have shades of meaning- you need to pick the most appropriate synonym to fit the meaning of your sentence.

Look at these synonyms of 'happy'- which one fits best in these sentences?

pleased

overjoyed

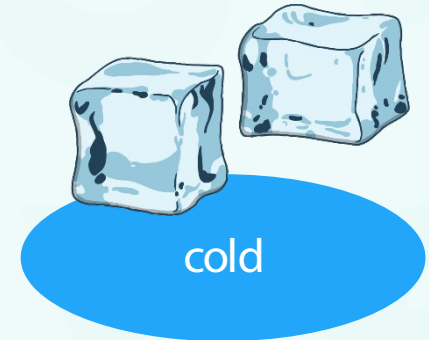
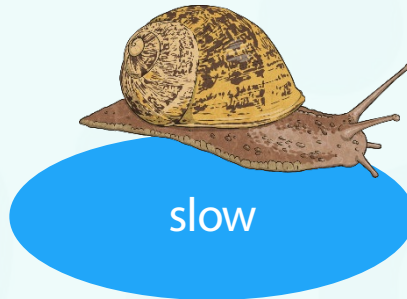
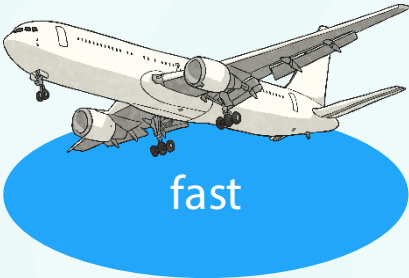
delighted



1. Zoe was _____ that she got full marks in her test.
2. Dennis was _____ that his team had made it to the final.
3. With shaky hands, the _____ lady held her jackpot-winning lottery ticket up in the air.

Antonyms: The Rules

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



Synonyms and Antonyms: The Tricky Bits

The trickiest part of synonyms and antonyms is probably remembering which is which! See if these rhymes help...

Synonyms almost the same,
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Come, let's play a matching game.
Sing two words that mean the same.

When I'm happy, I am glad.
When I'm naughty, I am bad.
If it's large, it's also big.
A hog is also called a pig.
See me hurry, See me rush.
To be quiet means to hush.
If I want, I also wish.
A plastic bowl is still a dish.

Antonyms are opposites.
Left, right
In, out

Antonyms are opposites.
Fast, slow,
Whisper, shout

Young, old
Hot, cold
Yes, no
Stop, go!

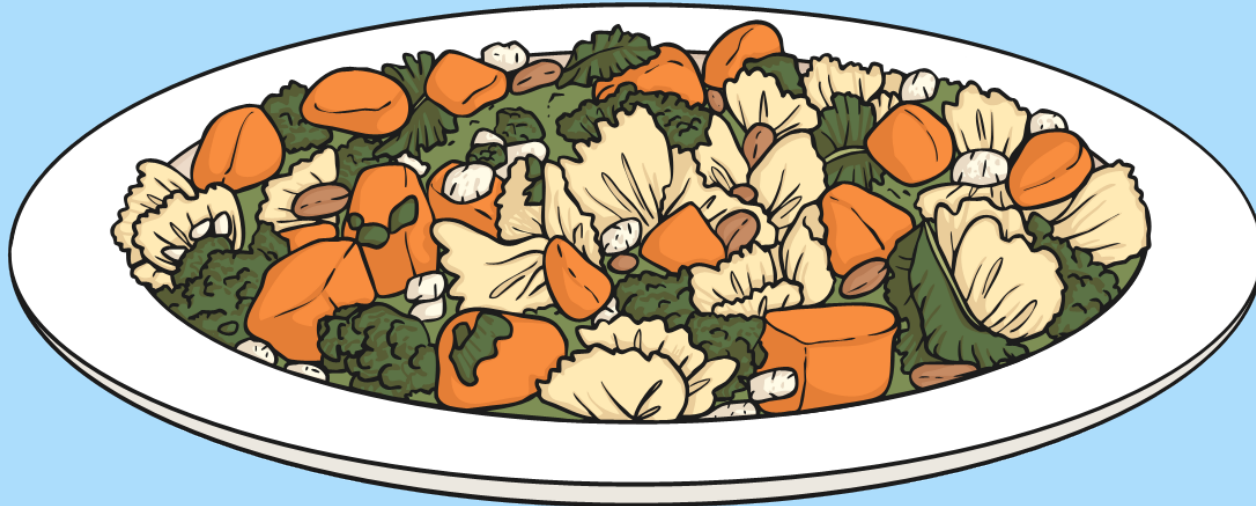
(To the tune of Hush Little Baby)

Synonyms and Antonyms – Quiz Questions

1. Circle the two words which are synonyms of each other in the following sentences :

Justin did not enjoy his dining experience at the exclusive restaurant.

His main course was disgusting and his dessert was revolting.



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2. Rewrite these sentences replacing the bold words with an antonym:

1) The coach went far too **fast** on the motorway.

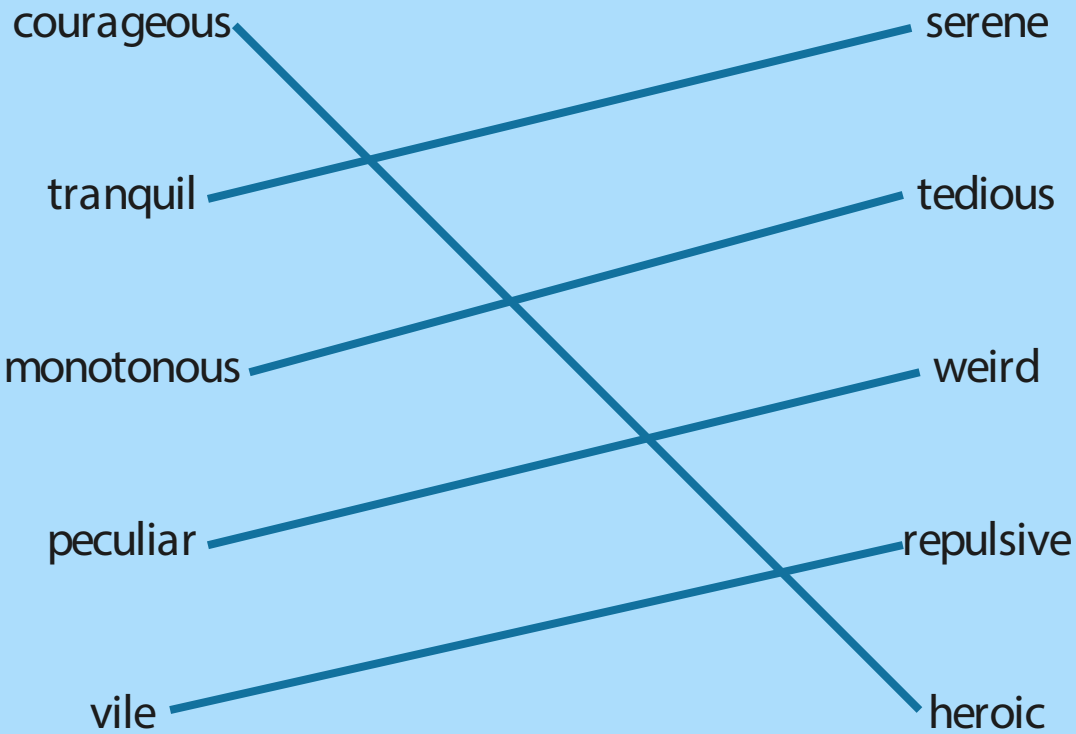
The coach went far too **slow** on the motorway

2) I need to **decrease** the amount of water I drink.

I need to **increase** the amount of water I drink.

Synonyms and Antonyms – Quiz Questions

3. Draw a line to match each word below with a synonym.
One has been done for you.



Are you feeling
confident with
synonyms and
antonyms?

