

SYNONYMS 2



Most words have many synonyms (words with similar meanings).

Directions: Read each group of words. Circle the one word that is NOT a synonym. Then think of another synonym and add it to the group. Write your synonym on the blank line. Use a dictionary as needed. The first one is done for you.

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| <p>1. love <u>disdain</u>
 fondness affection

 <i>devotion</i></p> | <p>8. amend revise
 withdraw modify
 _____</p> |
| <p>2. vehicle dory
 vessel skiff
 _____</p> | <p>9. alien foreign
 exotic capable
 _____</p> |
| <p>3. scheme plan
 plot dinner
 _____</p> | <p>10. chasm chaos
 confusion tumult
 _____</p> |
| <p>4. blunder error
 essay goof
 _____</p> | <p>11. blunt candid
 wild frank
 _____</p> |
| <p>5. complex complicated
 intricate wide
 _____</p> | <p>12. sole solitary
 sincere alone
 _____</p> |
| <p>6. costly bizarre
 unique unusual
 _____</p> | <p>13. vex vend
 annoy pester
 _____</p> |
| <p>7. hint clue
 suggestion solution
 _____</p> | <p>14. barter trade
 swap display
 _____</p> |

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SYNONYMS 3

Good writers use synonyms to avoid repeating words.

Directions: Improve the writing below by eliminating the repeated words. Replace the **boldface** word with a synonym from the box. Write the new word on the line.

favorite	wacky	spin
celebrities	crazes	films
audiences	stylish	

- The 1950s was a decade of **fads**. Most fads of the fifties were crazy and fun.

- Frontiersman Davy Crockett became a **popular** hero. Coonskin caps were a popular style with kids around the country.

- Young people liked to twirl plastic tubes called hula hoops around their waists. They held contests to see who could **twirl** a hoop the longest.

- Another popular fad was 3D **movies**. At these movies, people wore special glasses that made images look three dimensional.

- Television was new, and **viewers** loved the TV characters. Viewers laughed at the freckle-faced puppet Howdy Doody and his horn-honking pal, Clarabelle the Clown.

- Zany** comedians had their own TV shows. Lucille Ball, the zany star of *I Love Lucy*, became one of the favorite performers of all time.

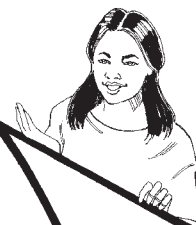
- Fashionable** girls wore pleated skirts and bobby socks. Fashionable boys wore blue jeans and varsity letter sweaters.

- Rock and roll stars like Bill Haley and Buddy Holly rose to the top. The biggest of the **stars** was Elvis Presley, known as the "King of Rock and Roll."

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SYNONYMS 4



In many cases, more than one word will do the job. You get to choose the best one! That's how synonyms work.

Directions: Read each synonym pair. Then choose the word you like best and use it in an original sentence.

1. animal / beast



2. yell / screech

3. evening / twilight

4. tight / taut

5. exciting / exhilarating

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ANTONYMS 1

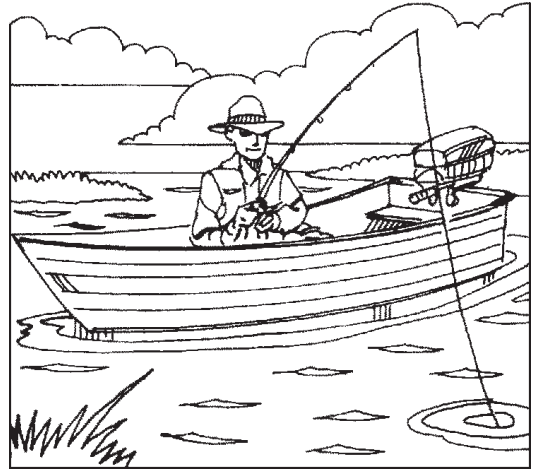
Words with opposite meanings are *antonyms*. The words *huge* and *tiny* are examples of antonyms.

A. Directions: Review some vocabulary words from earlier sheets as you work with antonyms. In each group, draw lines to match the words on the right with their antonyms on the left.

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| 1. conceited | a. sensible |
| 2. transparent | b. humble |
| 3. opponent | c. facilitate |
| 4. zany | d. opaque |
| 5. frustrate | e. comrade |

B. Directions: Complete each sentence with an antonym of the word in parentheses. Use a dictionary if you need help with word meanings.

- The sea is usually very (placid) _____ during the winter months.
- (Numerous) _____ fishing boats go out during December and January.
- Arnie Bergstrum is a fisherman who (detests) _____ his work.
- Early most (evenings) _____ Arnie steers his boat into the harbor.
- He (departs) _____ at sunset, usually with a boatload of fresh fish.



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