


# 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**.

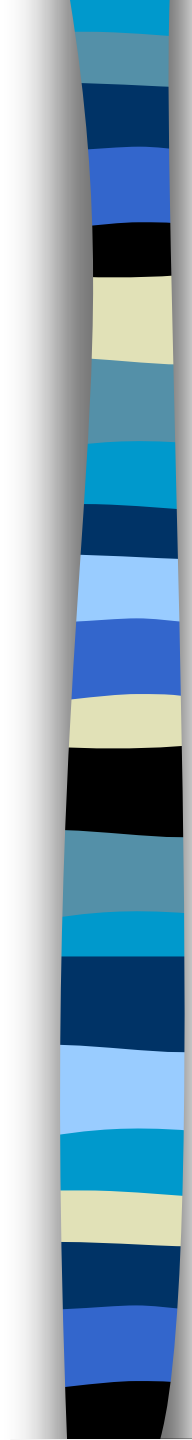
# Improve the text with synonyms.

■ It was a  day.

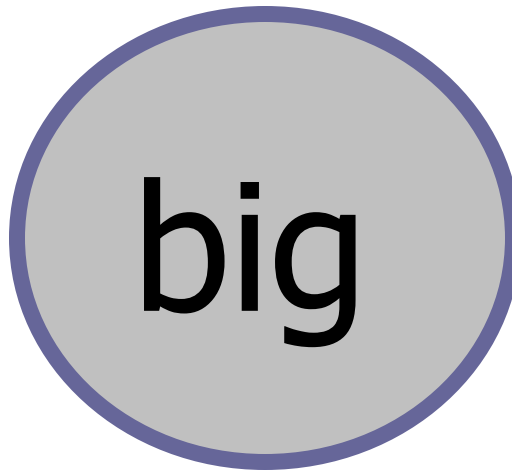
■ Tom  the road.

■ 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