

# Synonyms and Antonyms

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LO: I can identify synonyms and antonyms for a range of words and use these in my own writing.

# Sorting Words

Words can be sorted into groups depending on how they are related.

Words can be related by form, meaning or spelling.



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In pairs, look at the words and then sort them into groups of words that you think are related. Be ready to explain why you have grouped them like this!

gleaming	safe	forlorn	serious	lad
argue	funny	end	stroll	shiny
finish	thrilled	walk	dispute	risky
hazardous	girl	agree	boy	happy
sprint	dull	hilarious	begin	

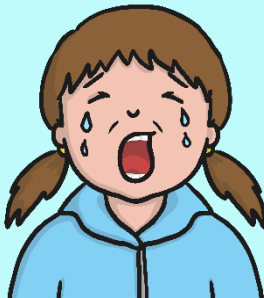
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Did you manage to work out that your words are related by **meaning**?

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

sad

unhappy



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

happy

sad



A thesaurus is a type of book that lists words in groups of synonyms. Thesauruses will often provide some examples of antonyms.



# Effective Vocabulary

Knowing some synonyms and antonyms for words can really help you to select the most effective vocabulary for your writing.

If you can distinguish between the subtle differences in words it will help you to be more precise with what you want to say.

# Can you select the most appropriate synonyms and antonyms for the sentences?

1. Can you find 2 more **synonyms** for the following words?

a) nosy \_\_\_\_\_

b) often \_\_\_\_\_

c) uncomfortable \_\_\_\_\_

Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.

2. Now find 2 more **antonyms** for the following words.

a) sufficient \_\_\_\_\_

b) successful \_\_\_\_\_

c) familiar \_\_\_\_\_

# Quiz Time!

Use your whiteboards to answer these questions. The answers will appear after each question.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaKrwoVcHRQ>

