



Thesaurus Power

Thesaurus? Is that some kind of extinct reptile?



A **thesaurus** is a book of synonyms and antonyms. Synonyms are words that mean the same thing. Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

Synonym sample: *colossal, massive, huge*

Antonym sample: *hot and cold*

A **thesaurus** can help make your writing more interesting, attention-grabbing, and powerful. With a thesaurus you can take an ordinary word and **PRESTO! CHANGE-O!** make it more exciting.

Take this simple sentence: Guido ran down the street after his dog.

Open a thesaurus and the sentence can change to:

- Guido **darted** down the street after his dog.
- Guido **dashed** down the street after his dog.
- Guido **zoomed** down the street after his dog.



Replace the underlined word with a powerful, attention-grabbing word from the thesaurus. Make sure the word fits the sentence.

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Example: "Let's go!" ~~shouted~~ Coach Beefy.

- 1 It is a nice day.
- 2 We had a delicious meal.
- 3 That is a big building.
- 4 Mrs. Jovial is always so happy.
- 5 The stage lights are bright.
- 6 Bozo was angry when he fell in the mud.
- 7 Eating breakfast makes me feel strong.
- 8 Wow, that was a nice try!
- 9 What is your plan, Secret Agent Map?
- 10 Professor Obtuse is very smart.



Ha! Ha! FUNNY Word Search

Find six synonyms for the word **funny** and list them below.

L	X	L	J	V	M	L	S	W
K	G	H	G	R	A	S	U	A
L	F	C	N	C	L	U	O	C
L	T	F	I	Y	K	O	I	K
N	C	M	S	D	V	R	R	Y
Q	O	R	U	K	M	O	A	K
C	T	Z	M	Q	M	M	L	L
Q	R	P	A	V	K	U	I	D
Z	A	N	Y	R	Z	H	H	R

A _____

C _____

H _____

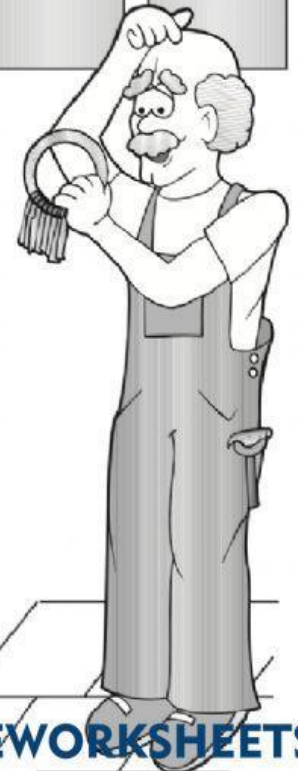
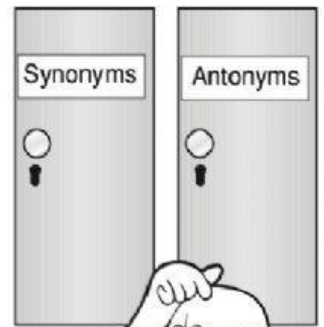
H _____

W _____

Z _____

Locked Out!

George the Janitor doesn't know which keys fit each door. Help him by reading each word pair. If the words are antonyms, write "A" in the blank. Write "S" if the words are synonyms. The first one has been done for you.



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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. <u>S</u> wealth
fortune | 2. ___ cease
begin | 3. ___ take
grab | 4. ___ pointed
sharp |
| 5. ___ moist
dry | 6. ___ attempt
try | 7. ___ leave
depart | 8. ___ spend
save |
| 9. ___ raise
increase | 10. ___ dangerous
safe | 11. ___ vanish
appear | 12. ___ genuine
fake |
| 13. ___ disappear
fade | 14. ___ require
need | 15. ___ accept
refuse | 16. ___ smell
odor |
| 17. ___ unique
common | 18. ___ depart
arrive | 19. ___ delete
omit | 20. ___ thaw
freeze |

Mountain Mishap

For each word in the chart, write a synonym and an antonym from the word bank.
Cross out each word you use. Not all words will be used.

	Synonym	Antonym
1. neat		
2. clear		
3. absent		
4. simple		
5. maximum		
6. build		
7. expand		
8. healthy		
9. freedom		
10. polite		
11. sour		
12. alive		
13. careful		
14. dusk		
15. rich		

