



# Thesaurus Power

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

Thesaurus? Is that some kind of extinct reptile?



**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 nicer 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 \_\_\_\_\_

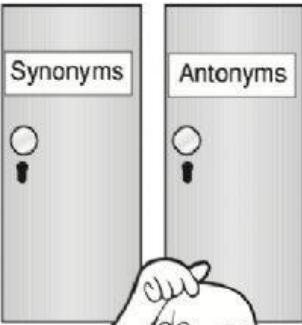
H \_\_\_\_\_

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.



1. S 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

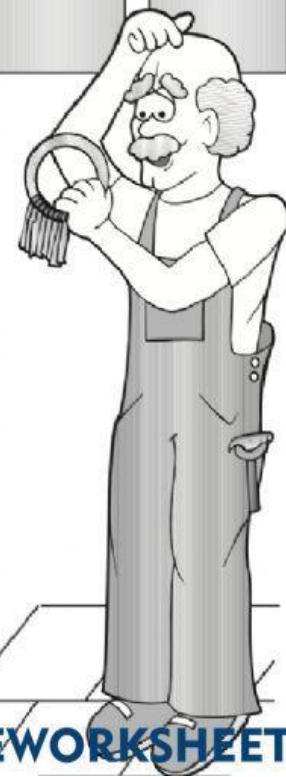
16. \_\_\_ smell odor

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		

