



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.

bellowed

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
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A _____

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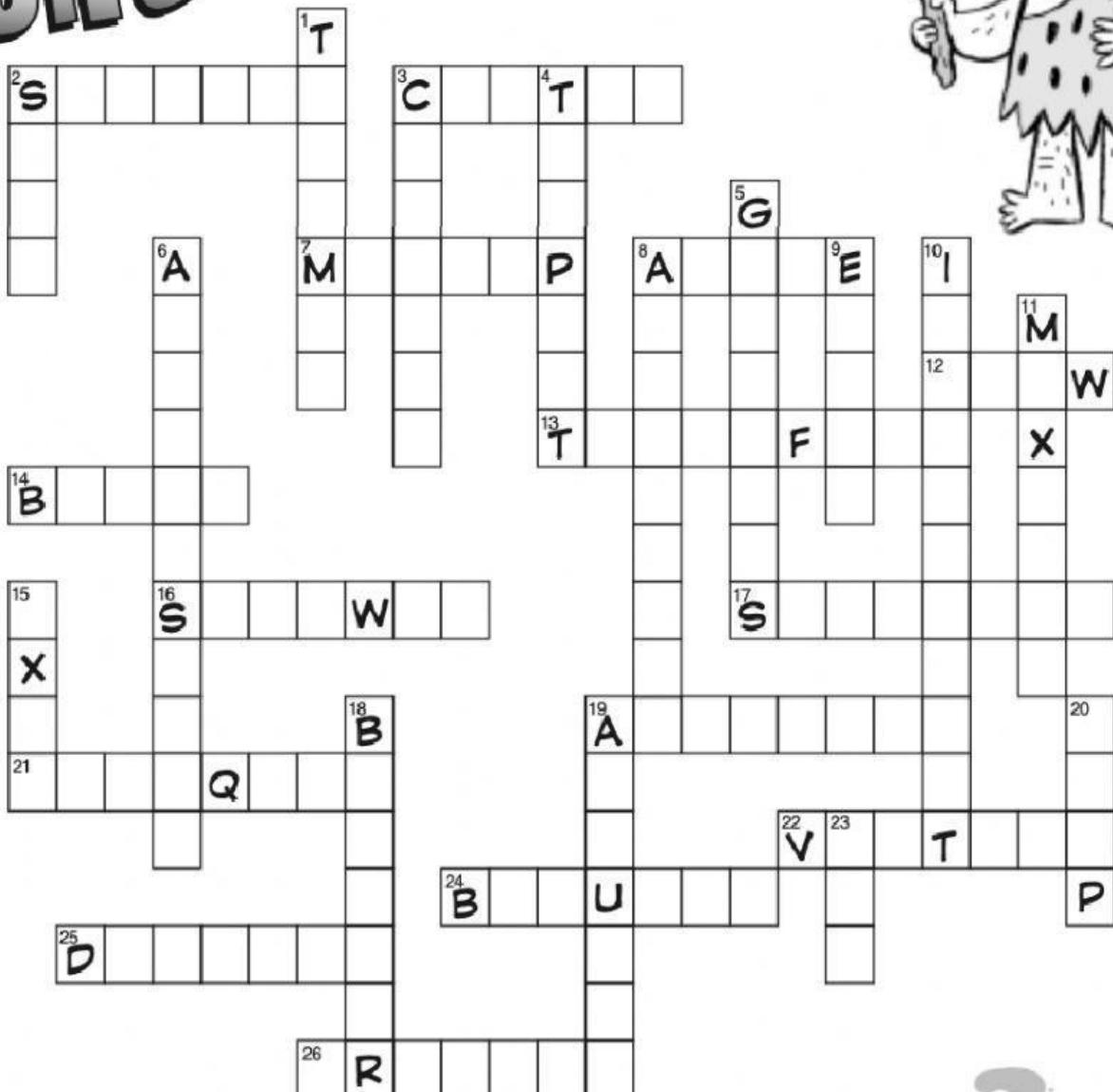
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Thesaurus Hunt

Use a thesaurus to find a synonym for each clue below.



Across

- 2. Run
- 3. Grab
- 7. Accident
- 8. Love
- 12. Melt
- 13. So
- 14. Jump
- 16. Skinny
- 17. Roomy
- 19. Cute
- 21. Calm
- 22. Food
- 24. Deceive
- 25. Dedicated
- 26. Shake

Down

- 1. Win
- 2. Fly
- 3. Eat
- 4. Storm
- 5. Beautiful
- 6. Amazing
- 8. Then
- 9. Delight (in)
- 10. Smart
- 11. Most
- 15. Leave
- 18. Mistake
- 19. Get
- 20. Swallow
- 23. Annoy

So, when does the fun start?

