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6 MINUTE ENGLISH

Vocabulary

Synonyms



Words that have the same or similar meanings.

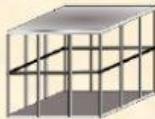
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BEFORE YOU LISTEN

Make sure you know these words.

Match the word and the definition to the correct image. Do you know how to say them in Spanish?



thesaurus

vet

furry

TV advert

glove

cage

stroke

- 1 a person whose work is the medical treatment of animals
- 2 a box-like enclosure with bars to keep animals
- 3 a paid announcement on TV
- 4 caress or pass your hand lightly over something or someone
- 5 a dictionary listing synonyms and antonyms
- 6 covering for the hand
- 7 made of or covered with fur (soft hairy coat of a mammal)

WHILE YOU LISTEN

1.- Now listen to Finn and Catherine, you will hear synonyms for **expensive**, **strange** and **funny**. Drag the words under the correct heading. Then pay attention to the definitions and join them with arrows to the correct words.

EXPENSIVE

STRANGE

FUNNY

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| 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| odd | hilarious | dear | comical | bizarre | pricey | priceless | weird |

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| 1. costing a lot of money, a less modern word than 'pricey' | odd |
| 2. unusual | hilarious |
| 3. very unusual | dear |
| 4. costing a lot of money, a more informal word than 'expensive' | bizarre |
| 5. funny in a silly way | pricey |
| 6. strange and difficult to explain | priceless |
| 7. very funny, it makes you LOL (laugh out loud) | weird |
| 8. extremely funny | comical |

INTERMEDIATE

2.- Rob and Mike are discussing a TV advert.

What kind of pet do Mike's kids have?

What is strange about it?

3.- Can you remember 2 more synonyms for *funny*?

TIP

Can you put the words in the right order to complete 2 tips to learn vocabulary?

1.

2.

Use a thesaurus,
which is a dictionary of synonyms,
the right word for each situation.
to help you choose

Look for example sentences with each word
and make your English more interesting.
to help you find new words

QUIZ

Which is the odd one out?

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|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1.- a) expensive | b) dear | c) cheap |
| 2.- a) bizarre | b) hilarious | c) weird |
| 3.- a) humorous | b) hilarious | c) expression |