

Formative work on Synonyms

Synonyms

a synonym is a word that means the same or almost the same thing as another word.

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Meanings:

If you veto something, you say no to it. Variable means "changeable." A receptacle is a container. If you quiver, you shake. A blunder is a mistake. When you are careless, you are rash. A novice is a beginner. Outstanding means "important in some way." Generally means "usually." When something is hazardous, it is dangerous.

A. Read the vocabulary word. Find and circle, or click if online, three other words that mean almost the same thing.

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1	quiver	tremble	stop	shake	shiver
2	hazardous	hazelnut	harmful	risky	dangerous
3	novice	newcomer	expert	beginner	learner
4	blunder	error	mistake	noisy	misjudgment
5	generally	commonly	usually	mostly	generous
6	outstanding	notable	important	remarkable	outside
7	rash	careful	foolhardy	reckless	careless
8	veto	prohibit	permit	forbid	ban

B. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

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1. The audience clapped loudly for the _____ performance.
2. The child's lips began to _____ when he was scolded.
3. Paul realized he had made a big _____, and he apologized.
4. There's a _____ for mail in the lobby.
5. Think carefully about your actions, and don't make _____ decisions.
6. Sarah fell a lot because she was a _____ at snowboarding.

7. Mom & dad will probably _____ the idea of sleeping outside tonight.
8. That loose wire is _____ and should be fixed.
9. The Goldensmiths _____ do their errands on Saturday morning.
10. At this time of year, the temperature is _____ .

C. Read each question. Choose, or click if online, the best answer.

1. Which one is a novice? pro old-timer rookie
2. Which one is hazardous? poison portrait porridge
3. What makes you quiver? food fear fun
4. Which one is a receptacle? rug rag bag

7 Ways to Improve Your Vocabulary

1. Develop a reading habit. Vocabulary building is easiest when you encounter words in context. ...
2. Use the dictionary and thesaurus. ... [<https://www.thefreedictionary.com/>]
3. Play word games. ...
4. Use flashcards. ...
5. Subscribe to "word of the day" feeds. ...
6. Use mnemonics. ...
7. Practise using new words in conversation.

