

**A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word. Read the story and match the adjectives written in bold with their synonyms below.**

On Friday morning, I woke up feeling **cheerful** and full of energy. I was really looking forward to the weekend as I was going to a party and knew that Alice, the **pretty** girl from my English class, was going to be there. After a **huge** breakfast of bacon, eggs, toast, and an **entire** box of cereal, I got ready to leave the house. As I live **close** to my school, and it was a nice **warm** day, I decided to walk. Ten minutes later I arrived. The school was very **noisy** that day with young students running around the corridors as I walked towards my classroom.

When I entered the class, the only person there was Ann, a nice girl who was very hardworking and **smart**. "Morning Joe," she said. "Are you ready for the test?" "What test?" I asked. I couldn't remember hearing about a test and was **afraid** I was losing my memory. "The geometry test. Mrs Grim told us about it last week. Don't worry though, her tests are never too **difficult**."

I suddenly felt a bit **sick**. Although I found basic math quite **simple**, geometry was a different story. I knew that if I didn't do well, my parents wouldn't let me go to the party, and I would spend Saturday night feeling **lonely** and **upset**. "Don't look so worried Joe," she said. "It's just a test. You'll do fine." Soon Mrs Grim arrived, placing a pile of papers on her **neat** desk. I looked at my classmates who had by now arrived, and wished I felt as **relaxed** as they did.

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| 1. ....<br>easy  | 5. ....<br>whole    | 9. ....<br>hot         | 13. ....<br>near |
| 2. ....<br>sad   | 6. ....<br>clever   | 10. ....<br>alone      | 14. ....<br>hard |
| 3. ....<br>happy | 7. ....<br>scared   | 11. ....<br>attractive | 15. ....<br>tidy |
| 4. ....<br>loud  | 8. ....<br>enormous | 12. ....<br>calm       | 16. ....<br>ill  |

**B. Read the rest of the story. When you find a synonym for each adjective below, write it above the adjective.**

An hour later, the bell rang and the teacher collected our papers. We then went to the cafeteria to have lunch. Although Mum had made me a delicious cheese sandwich, I was too concerned about my test results to eat very much, which was quite rare for me as I normally have a good appetite. I was even too nervous to play football, so when my friends asked me to join their game, I told them I was exhausted after the test, as I didn't want to sound rude.

Soon the bell rang, and I returned to class, expecting to be given a paper with a big 'F' on it. Instead, Mrs Grim handed me a paper with a huge 'A' below my name. "Surely this is wrong," I said. "No, it isn't," she said. "Well done Joe." I had never felt so fortunate. The party was just a day away, and I was going to be there.

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| 1. ....<br>impolite | 2. ....<br>unusual   | 3. ....<br>tasty | 4. ....<br>tired   |
| 5. ....<br>under    | 6. ....<br>incorrect | 7. ....<br>lucky | 8. ....<br>worried |



**C. Replace the adjective in bold in each sentence with its synonym. Can you do it without looking at the first page?**

1. It is **unusual** to see pigs in the city. ....
2. Jose was feeling **happy** because he'd heard some good news. ....
3. She's a very **clever** girl, just like her brother. ....
4. It is very **impolite** to ask a person how much money they earn. ....
5. My flat is **under** Jan's. Hers is on the fifth floor, mine is on the fourth. ....
6. I didn't do well in the test. Most of my answers were **incorrect**. ....
7. I feel very **lucky** to have such great friends. ....
8. After staying awake all night, I was **tired**. ....
9. I was **worried** about my grandmother who was very sick in hospital. ....
10. Kim was very **sad** because her pet fish had died. ....
11. I chose this apartment because the subway station is quite **close**. ....
12. Doing your own taxes is **difficult**, so it's better to get some help. ....

**D. Complete the sentences with the adjectives from the story or their synonyms.**

1. I am ..... of snakes. If I see one, I scream.
2. It's nice and ..... outside. You don't need a jacket.
3. This town is so ..... It's a photographer's dream.
4. I didn't go to school because I was feeling very .....
5. It's a great restaurant. The food is ..... and it's not too expensive.
6. I've never seen a spider that size before. It was .....!
7. Please don't be so .....! The baby is sleeping.
8. She is a very organised person and her room is always .....
9. Learning to ride a bicycle is ..... Anyone can do it.
10. Nico is always very ..... He never seems to get stressed.
11. I can't believe he ate the ..... cake! He didn't leave any for the rest of us.
12. I didn't know anybody when I first moved to Rome, so I felt very .....

