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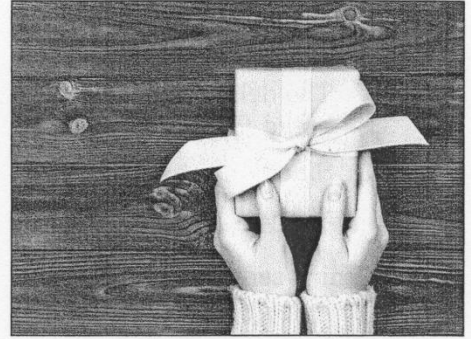
Synonyms

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Synonyms are words that mean the same thing or nearly the same thing. For example, *car* and *automobile* are synonyms. They name the same kind of vehicle.

Examples I **put** the present on the table.

I **placed** the present on the table.
(The words *put* and *placed* are synonyms.)



Some synonyms have similar but not exactly the same meanings.

Examples I **knew** the squirrels had been stealing food from the bird feeders.

I **suspected** the squirrels had been stealing food from the bird feeders.
(The words *knew* and *suspected* have similar meanings but are not exactly the same. Someone who *knew* something felt sure of it. Someone who *suspected* something thought it might be true. Choosing the one word over the other can change the meaning of a sentence.)



Test Example

1. Read the sentence.

I aided the effort in every way I could.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the underlined word?

- A. asked
- B. stopped
- C. hovered
- D. helped

D. *Aided* and *helped* are synonyms because they name the same action.

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Practice

1 Read the sentence.

It was getting dark, so we hurried down the path.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the underlined word?

- A. rushed
- B. walked
- C. chopped
- D. invented

2 Read the sentence.

Mom was excited when she heard about my new job.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the underlined word?

- A. upset
- B. thrilled
- C. supported
- D. befriended

3 Read the sentence.

The dog shook with fear and hid in the closet during the thunderstorm.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the underlined words?

- A. wobbled
- B. shivered
- C. trembled
- D. vibrated

4 Read the sentence.

It was brave of you to start your own business.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the underlined word?

- A. vivid
- B. improper
- C. delightful
- D. courageous

5 Read the sentence.

Tell that funny joke again!

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the underlined word?

- A. fair
- B. bossy
- C. humorous
- D. hilarious

6 Read the sentence.

I like reading books about smart people in history.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the underlined word?

- A. rich
- B. intelligent
- C. brilliant
- D. considerate

7 Read the sentence.

They are building a big store on that corner.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the underlined word?

- A. friendly
- B. cheerful
- C. gigantic
- D. large

8 Read the sentence.

The weather is supposed to be cold.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the underlined word?

- A. chilly
- B. freezing
- C. rainy
- D. warm

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- 1 Read the sentence.
My brother and I are planning an exciting trip for next summer.
Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *trip*?
- A. fall
 - B. rest
 - C. fight
 - D. journey

- 2 Read the sentence.
Please remember that the trash is collected on Friday mornings before 10 a.m.
Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *trash*?
- A. property
 - B. food
 - C. garbage
 - D. box

- 3 Read the sentence.
His son's graduation from college filled Arlo with happiness.
Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *happiness*?
- A. calm
 - B. joy
 - C. hope
 - D. rest

- 4 Read the sentence.
Elisa gathered all the screws from the drawer and brought them to the worktable.
Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *gathered*?
- A. lost
 - B. collected
 - C. held
 - D. liked

- 5 Read the sentence.
When Jamil retired, we all contributed a few dollars to buy him a group present.
Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *present*?
- A. gift
 - B. here
 - C. pass
 - D. card

- 6 Read the sentence.
In order to work most effectively, Sheena needs to be in a quiet space.
Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *quiet*?
- A. structured
 - B. soft
 - C. strange
 - D. silent

- 7 Read the sentence.
My dog is always scared during thunderstorms.
Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *scared*?
- A. tired
 - B. foolish
 - C. terrified
 - D. grateful

- 8 Read the sentence.
There is a small blue circle on the back of my work badge to indicate that I work on the third floor.
Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *small*?
- A. tiny
 - B. shrill
 - C. sad
 - D. loud

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Read the sentence.

It is important to wear protective gloves in the lab to protect your hands from the hot chemical mixtures.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *hot*?

- A. smelly
- B. scorching
- C. bright
- D. heavy

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Read the sentence.

Ricardo designed the new flooring material to be not only attractive but also as strong as possible.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *strong*?

- A. even
- B. shiny
- C. patient
- D. unbreakable

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Read the sentence.

Bettina is known around the office for always being helpful and doing good work.

Which word has a similar, yet stronger meaning to the word *good*?

- A. soft
- B. brave
- C. excellent
- D. fair

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Read the sentence.

Malik's shift at the factory begins at 6:00 a.m.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *begins*?

- A. starts
- B. leaves
- C. ends
- D. jumps

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Read the sentence.

My job as a nurse often requires that I work overnight shifts.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *job*?

- A. knowledge
- B. career
- C. story
- D. container

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Read the sentence.

The store policy allows each employee to take a break every three hours.

Which word means the same or almost the same as the word *allows*?

- A. pays
- B. hires
- C. chooses
- D. permits

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Read the sentence.

The large machines made loud noises that echoed through the building.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *large*?

- A. enormous
- B. shaky
- C. wonderful
- D. new

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Read the sentence.

Jenna was pleased to find out that she had been named employee of the month.

Which word has a stronger, yet similar meaning to the word *pleased*?

- A. careful
- B. surprised
- C. thrilled
- D. upset

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1. A. *Hurried* and *rushed* name similar, quick movements.
2. B. *Excited* and *thrilled* are synonyms that name similar feelings.
3. C. *Trembled* means the same as *shook with fear*.
4. D. *Brave* and *courageous* are synonyms that name the same quality.
5. D. A hilarious joke is very funny.
6. C. A brilliant person is very smart.
7. C. Something that is gigantic is very big.
8. B. Freezing weather is very cold weather.

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1. D. *Trip* and *journey* are synonyms that name the same kind of traveling event.
2. C. *Trash* and *garbage* are synonyms for waste.
3. B. *Happiness* and *joy* are synonyms that describe a similar feeling.
4. B. *Gathered* and *collected* are synonyms that describe the action of finding items and putting them all together.
5. A. *Present* and *gift* are synonyms that name something you give to someone.
6. D. *Silent* means so quiet that there is no noise at all.
7. C. Feeling terrified is feeling very scared.
8. A. Something tiny is very small.
9. B. When something is described as scorching, it is very, very hot.
10. D. Something unbreakable is extremely strong.
11. C. Someone or something described as excellent is very good.
12. A. *Begins* and *starts* are synonyms.
13. B. *Job* and *career* are synonyms that name someone's occupation.
14. D. *Allows* and *permits* are synonyms for the same action.
15. A. Something enormous is very large.
16. C. Feeling thrilled means feeling very, very pleased.