

KS1 English Quiz - Synonyms 2 (Questions)

This quiz takes a look at similar words and enhances KS1 children's understanding of synonyms. This quiz should be carried out with the help of a dictionary, as it will introduce them to a variety of new vocabulary. Similar words, or synonyms, are an important part of literacy and English, as they can really improve a child's writing and speech.

Sally has written some sentences but she has made a mistake. She thought she was writing these sentences for university students. Please help her change the complicated word to a similar, simpler word. You might need a dictionary!

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- brave
- sad

3. 'The concert will commence at 8 o'clock.' Which word can we use instead of 'commence'?



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- happy

4. 'He manufactured lego.' Which word can we use instead of 'manufactured'?



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- bought
- sold

5. 'The wool is very coarse.' Which word can we use instead of 'coarse'?



- pretty
- soft
- rough
- comfortable

6. 'He is a wealthy man.' Which word can we use instead of 'wealthy'?



- stop
- horrible
- happy
- rich

7. 'Please purchase a new car.' Which word can we use instead of 'purchase'?



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- hide
- clean
- buy

8. 'Please move in a circular motion.' Which word can we use instead of 'circular'?



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- square
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We could say he is brave, courageous, fearless, gallant, heroic and valiant. All these words mean the same thing.

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Commence and begin mean the same thing as the word start. The world's largest arena is called the Philippine Arena.

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If we were replacing 'manufactures' then it would be 'makes', however, we are using the past tense and so it's 'made'.

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The fleece from sheep is shaved and used to make wool; we have been using their wool since the Stone Age.

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The word wealthy means rich, they both mean he has lots of money.

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The Bugatti Veyron is the fastest car in the world but it's also one of the most expensive cars around.

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The word 'circular' comes from the word 'circle'.

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Another ship or liner that was in great peril was the Titanic, which sank in 1912.

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We say someone has gone crazy if we mean they are doing something unusual. When we say this, we don't actually think they are crazy or insane - this is called a manner of speech, we are saying it to make a point but we don't mean it literally.