

## KS2 English Quiz - Improving Vocabulary 02 (Questions)

This KS2 English quiz further tests your vocabulary skills. One of the best ways of improving your vocabulary is to learn a new word every day. Write the word down, find out what it means and practise using it in a sentence. Try it out on friends and family to see if they know what it means!

Improving your vocabulary means you will have a wider choice of words to choose from. When you use a less common word in speech, take note of the reactions of others to see if they understand what you have said. If they seem unsure, you can always explain the meaning of your new word.

Here's another chance to practise developing your vocabulary by taking this enjoyable picture quiz.

1. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.

There was a *big* crowd at the stadium.



- a reasonable
- an immense
- an okay
- a tolerable

2. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.

Before the thunderstorm, the birds *stopped making noise*.



- hushed.
- sounded quiet.
- shrieked.
- whispered.

3. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.

We all agreed it had been a *bad* day.



- an atrocious
- a dreadful
- an unsatisfactory
- Any of the above

4. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.

My Grandad builds *really good* bonfires.



- tolerable
- splendid
- satisfactory
- acceptable

5. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.  
I've been waiting *for a long time* to borrow that book.



- for a little while
- calmly
- endlessly
- patiently

6. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.  
She wore a *pretty* dress at the party.



- an ugly
- an attractive
- a fashionable
- a sparkly

7. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.  
No one expected Kieran to be such a *slow* runner.



- plodding
- pacy
- rapid
- clumsy

8. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in italics.  
The fruit salad was *really nice*.



- edible.
- harmless.
- delectable.
- nutritious.

9. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in *italics*.

My best friend is *kind*.



- nice.
- bossy.
- busy.
- considerate.

10. Without changing the meaning of the sentence, select the best choice to replace the word or words in *italics*.

Cress seeds are some of the smallest I have ever seen. In fact, they are *tiny*.



- little.
- minuscule.
- small.
- ordinary.

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'Bad' is used too often. There are so many more interesting and specific words which could replace 'bad'. Try collecting alternatives to this rather boring word.

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I've been waiting endlessly to borrow that book. It might just be possible that this could be an exaggeration!

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She wore an attractive dress to the party - depending on their personal opinion, others could describe the dress as 'beautiful', 'gorgeous', 'nice', 'lovely' or 'delightful'.

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My best friend is considerate. My best friend could also be 'sympathetic', 'generous', 'thoughtful', or 'compassionate'.

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