

## KS3 English Quiz - Synonyms 01 (Questions)

This quiz is all about synonyms which are words with similar meanings. Try not to muddle synonyms with antonyms, which are words with opposite meanings!

Your English teachers have probably encouraged you to use more synonyms in order to avoid being repetitive in your writing. This is, of course, a fantastic idea! You should, however, be judicious in your choices of synonym. For example, you might want to replace the word "non-stop" with "interminable". The words are synonyms and using either word would make sense in most cases. But it's also important to consider register. If you are addressing small children, for instance, "non-stop" would make sense and "interminable" would not. "Non-stop" might also be the better choice if you were speaking casually or writing informally, and also if you were trying to have an immediate impact, for example in a poster or leaflet. "Fight these non-stop changes to our A&E department!" is more compelling than "Fight these interminable changes to our A&E department!" So remember to bear context in mind when replacing words with their similes.

Have a go at our first English synonym quiz to get you familiar with similar vocabulary choices.

1. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Tiny**

- Big
- Huge
- Large
- Minute

2. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Eager**

- Calm
- Controlled
- Keen
- Reticent

3. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Detach**

- Attach
- Join
- Separate
- Unite

4. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Sow**

- Gather in
- Harvest
- Reap
- Scatter seed

5. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Build**

- Construct
- Demolish
- Destroy
- Knock down

6. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Calm**

- Disturbed
- Peaceful
- Rough
- Stormy

7. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Difficult**

- Easy
- Facile
- Helpful
- Not easy

8. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Stop**

- Go
- Halt
- Move
- Travel

9. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Hurry**

- Cease
- Pause
- Rush
- Stop

10. What does "synonymous" mean?

- Having a different meaning
- Having a similar meaning
- Having an opposite meaning
- Having another meaning

## KS3 English Quiz - Synonyms 01 (Answers)

1. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Tiny**

- Big
- Huge
- Large
- Minute

"Minute" means "very small", making it a synonym of "tiny"

2. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Eager**

- Calm
- Controlled
- Keen
- Reticent

"Reticent" means "quiet" or "reserved", making it an antonym of "eager"

3. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Detach**

- Attach
- Join
- Separate
- Unite

"Detach" and "attach" are opposites, or antonyms

4. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Sow**

- Gather in
- Harvest
- Reap
- Scatter seed

"Sow" is a verb meaning "scatter", but its homonym "sow" is a noun meaning a "mother pig"

5. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Build**

- Construct
- Demolish
- Destroy
- Knock down

Don't use the same word repeatedly in your writing; instead use synonyms for variety

6. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Calm**

- Disturbed
- Peaceful
- Rough
- Stormy

"Calm" and "rough" are antonyms: they have opposite meanings

7. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Difficult**

- Easy
- Facile
- Helpful
- Not easy

"Facile" means "easy", so is the opposite of "difficult"

8. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Stop**

- Go
- Halt
- Move
- Travel

How many synonyms for "go" can you list?

9. Find the synonym of the following word.

**Hurry**

- Cease
- Pause
- Rush
- Stop

Try to use synonyms and antonyms in your writing

10. What does "synonymous" mean?

- Having a different meaning
- Having a similar meaning
- Having an opposite meaning
- Having another meaning

Synonyms are words with similar meanings