

Term 5 Week 2 SPaG Homework

Due: Wednesday 7th May 2025

Synonyms and Antonyms

What Are Synonyms?

Synonyms are words that have the same (or a very similar) meaning to each other. An example of this is the word 'great' and the word 'excellent'. Both of these words share the same meaning.

My best friend is **great** at football.

My best friend is **excellent** at football.

In this sentence, it does not matter which word you choose to use; both words give the sentence the same meaning.

What Are Antonyms?

Antonyms are words which have the opposite meaning to each other. An example of this is the word 'always' and the word 'never'. These words have the opposite meaning.

My best friend **always** scores goals.

My best friend **never** scores goals.

In this sentence, using an antonym gives the sentence the opposite meaning.

- 1 Circle all the **synonyms** for the verb **shout**.

bellow loud mutter annoying
murmur whisper yell call

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- 2 Draw **four** lines to match each word to an **antonym**.

expensive	ancient	difficult	admit
modern	easy	cheap	deny

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- 3 Write **one synonym** for each of the following words.

small → _____

make → _____

unwell → _____

- 4 Write **one antonym** for each of the following words.

dark → _____

before → _____

above → _____

- 5 Circle the **two** words that are **synonyms** in the sentence below.

The lengthy and arduous journey took its toll on the voyagers;
prolonged exposure to the sun caused their skin to blister and swell.

- 6 Circle the **two** words that are **antonyms** in the sentence below.

Initially thought to have been uninhabited for centuries, the forgotten
city was populated with a variety of strange creatures.

- 7 Which verb is a **synonym** of the verb **build**? Tick one.

- ☐ glowering
- ☐ construct
- ☐ towering
- ☐ disassemble

- 8 Rewrite the following sentence, changing **one** word to give the sentence the **opposite** meaning. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The children noisily boarded the coach.
