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# Unit 2

## Synonyms

Synonyms are words which have the same or nearly the same meanings. Learning synonyms will help you expand your vocabulary.

### Examples

Susie was **sad** when her cat died.

Susie was **heartbroken** when her cat died.

The words 'sad' and 'heartbroken' are synonyms.

### Here is a list of synonyms:

- generous** – benevolent, charitable, magnanimous
- explain** – clarify, define, elucidate
- visible** – noticeable, obvious, evident
- issue** – concern, problem, controversy
- trouble** – commotion, disorder, predicament
- imagine** – fantasize, visualize, fabricate
- listless** – lethargic, lifeless, sluggish
- malicious** – spiteful, venomous, vicious

As no two words have the exact same meaning, you should take note how each synonym differs in meaning from the others and select the most appropriate one to suit the context of the sentence.

### Example

Here are three synonyms: false, counterfeit, fictitious

It was a **false** rumour that the principal was going to retire.

The traveller was arrested for carrying **counterfeit** cigarettes.

She used **fictitious** names in her book about survivors of the tsunami.

Word	Meaning
false	not true
counterfeit	made in imitation so as to trick people into believing they are getting the genuine product e.g. counterfeit branded goods
fictitious	not real

# Unit 3

# Antonyms

An antonym is a word that has an almost opposite meaning to that of another word.

## Examples

Obesity is a **major** health problem in many parts of the world.

The victim of the accident suffered only **minor** injuries.

## Here is a list of antonyms:

outgoing – reserved

create – destroy

negligible – significant

permanent – temporary

superior – inferior

extravagant – miserly

aggravate – ameliorate

bliss – woe

A word with several different meanings often has a matching antonym that suits each sense of the word.

## Example

### Sense 1

Clara is usually a **confident** girl, but she seemed quite **timid** among the crowd of distinguished visitors at the award ceremony today.

### Sense 2

While Tom is a **confident** speaker, Lionel appears **incapable** of managing a simple sentence in Mandarin.

### Sense 3

The organisers are **confident** of a strong turnout for the marathon, but they are quite **unsure** that the weather will be fine.

Here are the 3 different meanings of confident:

Sense 1	self-assured
Sense 2	capable
Sense 3	certain, sure

## 4

For each sentence, there is a scrambled word that is opposite in meaning to the word in bold. Reorder each scrambled word and write your answer in the space provided.

### Example

Each of the crash victims received a **huge** compensation for the injuries they suffered.

ratlpy: paltry

- We were put off by the building's dull **exterior**.  
rtonieir : \_\_\_\_\_
- The confidence trickster told Mrs Lee an **incredible** story of how her cousins lost all their possessions in a fire.  
laielevbbe: \_\_\_\_\_
- We were **anxious** to get in touch with our close friend in Tokyo, after news about the earthquake broke.  
almc: \_\_\_\_\_
- He was put under investigation and found to be an illegal **immigrant**.  
nltinaoa: \_\_\_\_\_
- In her haste, she **overlooked** the glaring errors in her term paper.  
cdnitoe: \_\_\_\_\_
- The old woman is full of **energy** despite her years.  
etrahygl: \_\_\_\_\_
- The committee **rejected** the proposal without even a debate.  
orpedvpa: \_\_\_\_\_
- The manager was unable to find a suitable person from among the pool of **mediocre** applicants for the job.  
xnpoctieela: \_\_\_\_\_
- For Justin, running a sandwich stall proved to be more **lucrative** than working in an office.  
euirptofbnla: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1

Match each root word with its correct meaning. Write the letter of your answer in the spaces given on the left.

_____	1. aud (audible, audiotape, auditorium)	a. wheel, circular
_____	2. nov (novel, renovate, innovation)	b. move
_____	3. mater (maternal, maternity, matriarchy)	c. water
_____	4. pend (pendulum, pendant, suspend)	d. small, less
_____	5. capit (capital, decapitate, captain)	e. number
_____	6. junc (junction, juncture, conjunction)	f. hang
_____	7. hydr (dehydrate, hydrant, hydrogen)	g. head
_____	8. migr (migratory, migrant, emigrate)	h. conquer
_____	9. min (minute, diminish, minimum)	i. hear
_____	10. numer (numerous, numeral, enumerate)	j. mother
_____	11. cycl (bicycle, cyclone, cyclical)	k. new
_____	12. vict (victor, victim, conviction)	l. join

## 1

Find the odd word out, circle it and then write the name of the category to which the rest of the words belong. As you may notice from the suffixes, the words depict occupations, objects and places.

1. composer, violinist, hairdresser, conductor, drummer, cellist  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
2. septuagenarian, centenarian, quadragenarian, veterinarian, octogenarian  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
3. tourist, kidnapper, robber, arsonist, poacher, drug dealer  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
4. photographer, copy editor, columnist, archaeologist, reporter, graphic artist  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
5. perfumery, tobacconist, winery, stationer, haberdashery, saddlery  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
6. chancellor, lecturer, professor, tutor, researcher, curator  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
7. dentist, dermatologist, psychiatrist, neurologist, comedian, orthopaedist  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_
8. blender, chopper, mixer, freezer, juicer, grinder  
Category: \_\_\_\_\_