

Literacy Moment: Week Beginning 01/05/17

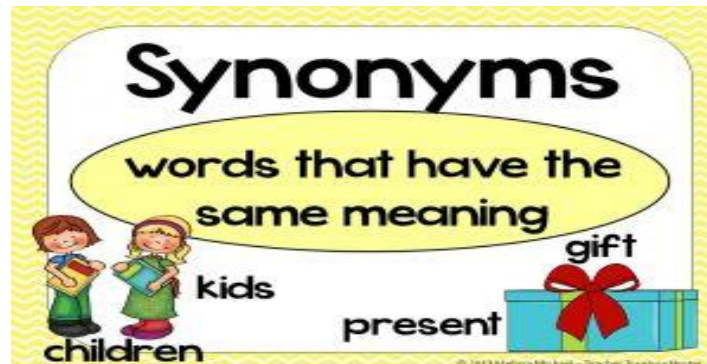


Last week we studied...

Synonyms!

This week's work is **fairly simple**.
Have you ever heard the word 'synonym' before?

Synonyms are words which mean the same but are different!



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Synonyms show a reader that you can add variation to your sentences. It also shows that you consider your language to create the best effects. It's a good way to pick up easy marks.

They are really useful for creative writing. They are also **good language features** to identify when **analysing texts**; for example, why did a writer use that synonym and what effect is created?

It's also a good skill to be able to identify the **opposites** to certain word choices... have you any idea what these may be?

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These are called **antonyms**! They are **very simple**; they are merely opposites of words!

e.g.

Hard – Soft

Beautiful – Ugly

Delicious – Disgusting



Knowing this word is another part of your **technical vocabulary** which examiners love!

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Task (two minutes):

Look at this list of antonyms...did you know all of these words?
Try and remember **three** you're unfamiliar with!

Antonyms

above – below
absent – present
accident – intent
accomplishment – failure
achieve – fail
add – subtract
adjacent – distant
admire – detest
admit – reject
adore – hate
advance – retreat
affirm – deny
afraid – confident
after – before
aid – hinder
alarm – comfort
alert – asleep
alive – dead
allow – forbid
alone – together
amateur – professional
amuse – bore
ancient – modern
annoy – soothe
answer – question
apparent – obscure
argue – agree
arrive – depart
arrogant – humble
ascend – descend
attack – defend
attract – repel
awake – asleep
awkward – graceful

back – front
bad – good
bare – covered
beautiful – ugly
before – after
bent – straight
better – worse
big – little

birth – death
bitter – sweet
black – white
blunt – sharp
body – soul
bold – timid
bottom – top
brave – cowardly
break – repair
brief – long
bright – dull
bring – remove
boy – girl
busy – idle
buy – sell

capture – release
cause – effect
cautious – careless
center – edge
change – remain
cheap – expensive
child – adult
chilly – warm
clean – dirty
close – open
cold – hot
command – obey
complex – simple
compliment – insult
constant – variable
continue – interrupt
cool – warm
copy – original
countrymen – foreigner
crazy – sane
crooked – straight
cruel – kind
cry – laugh
curse – bless

damage – improve
dark – light

dawn – sunset
day – night
deep – shallow
destroy – create
difficult – easy
dim – bright
divide – unite
doubt – trust
drunk – sober
dull – sharp
dumb – smart

earth – sky
east – west
easy – hard
elementary – advanced
end – begin
even – odd
evening – morning
evil – good
exceptional – common
expand – shrink

fail – pass
failure – success
false – true
famous – unknown
fancy – plain
fast – slow
fat – thin
fiction – fact
find – lose
finish – start
firm – flabby
fix – break
follow – lead
forgive – blame
forward – backward
free – restricted
fresh – stale
friend – enemy
funny – sad
full – empty

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Task (five minutes; in pairs):

How many **pairs of words** (i.e. word/antonym) can you come up with?



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Try these advanced antonyms...you may need a dictionary to help you!

Dour—

Ineffable—

Peremptory—

Deleterious—

Finesse—

Conventional—

Succumb—

Obsolete—

Ubiquitous—

Repugnant—

Auspicious—

Vigilant—

Hinder—

Barren—

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How did you do?

Dour—Cheerful

Ineffable—Definable

Peremptory—Laid-back

Deleterious—Helpful

Finesse—Ignorance

Conventional—Unusual

Succumb—Overcome

Obsolete—Contemporary

Ubiquitous—Scarce

Repugnant—Pleasant

Auspicious—Unlucky

Vigilant—Inattentive

Hinder—Advance

Barren—Fertile

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Summary:

You show **skill in language selection** and credit for trying to **affect your reader in certain ways** when you vary your language. It's a really good way to improve your work with minimal effort!

Remember this picture from last week? It hinted at what we were studying **this week!**



Key Words from Today's Session...

Synonym: A word which means the same or similar to another word, but is spelled differently.

Dictionary: A book to find meanings of words.

Thesaurus: A book used to find synonyms.

Antonym: A word which is the opposite of another word.

And don't forget all the other vocabulary you have learned!