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Synonyms
and
Antonyms

Synonyms

Look at the following meanings of the given words:

bad - horrible, awful, terrible

good - fine, great, excellent

cold - chilly, freezing, frosty

They refer to the same thing or they mean the same thing.

These meanings are **synonyms** of the given words.

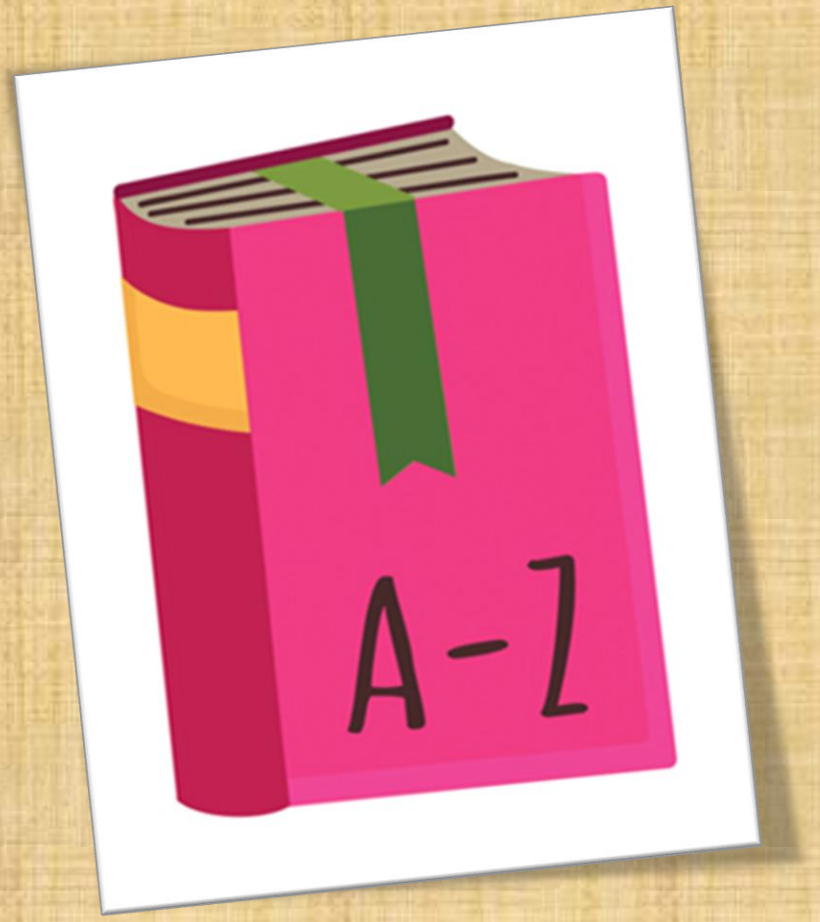
Synonyms are words or phrases that mean exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in a given language.



More on Synonyms

Here are some more synonyms. Find out more meanings for some of them. You can find synonyms in a thesaurus. A *thesaurus* is like a dictionary which gives you all the alternate words.

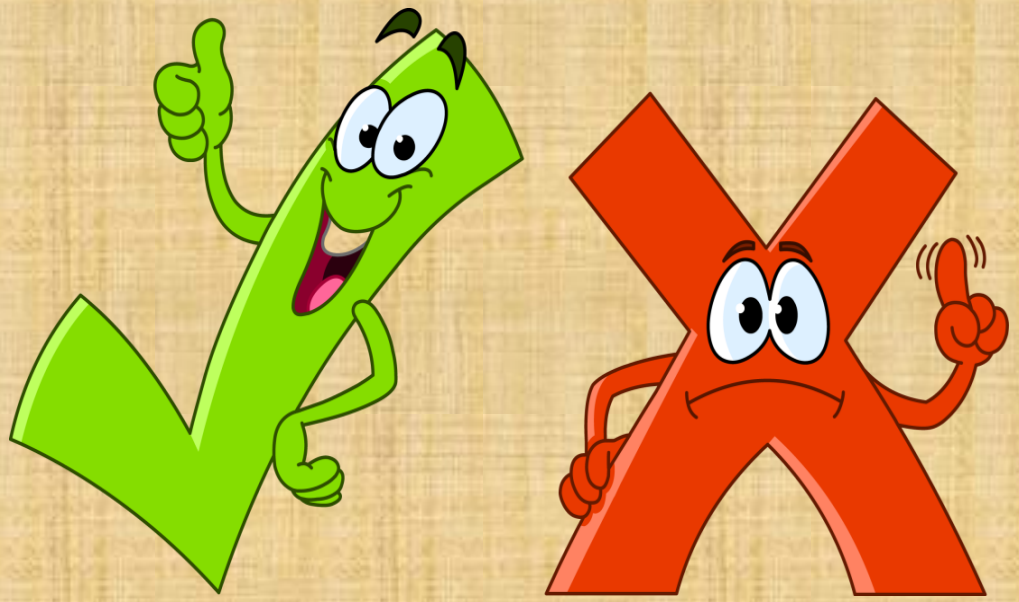
1. **easy** - simple, effortless, straightforward
2. **hard** - challenging, difficult, tough
3. **big** - huge, large, giant
4. **small** - little, tiny
5. **hard** - difficult
6. **frightening** - scary
7. **angry** - annoyed, furious



Antonyms

Antonym refers to the opposite of a given word or phrase. In Class 1 or Class 2, you must have learnt about opposite words. Antonyms is another name for opposite words.

1. **hot : cold**
2. **right : wrong**
3. **angry : calm**
4. **discover : conceal**
5. **rude : polite**



More on Antonyms

Here some more words with their antonyms.

selfish: selfless

light: heavy

kind: unkind

proud: humble

lazy: active

hot : cold

brave: coward

wide: narrow



open: shut

sharp: blunt

deep: shallow

harsh: sweet

benefit: drawback

wise: silly, stupid

tall: short

low: high

Let's Learn

Tick the correct box for each pair. Synonyms or Antonyms?

	Synonym	Antonym
1. huge and small	___	___
2. quick and speedy	___	___
3. slow and fast	___	___
4. build and demolish	___	___
5. damp and wet	___	___
6. cry and laugh	___	___
7. sick and ill	___	___
8. right and wrong	___	___



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Write the synonym and the antonym for the following words.

	Synonym	Antonym
1. difficult	_____	_____
2. poor	_____	_____
3. coward	_____	_____
4. sleepy	_____	_____
5. tasty	_____	_____
6. pull	_____	_____
7. high	_____	_____
8. horrible	_____	_____
9. end	_____	_____

