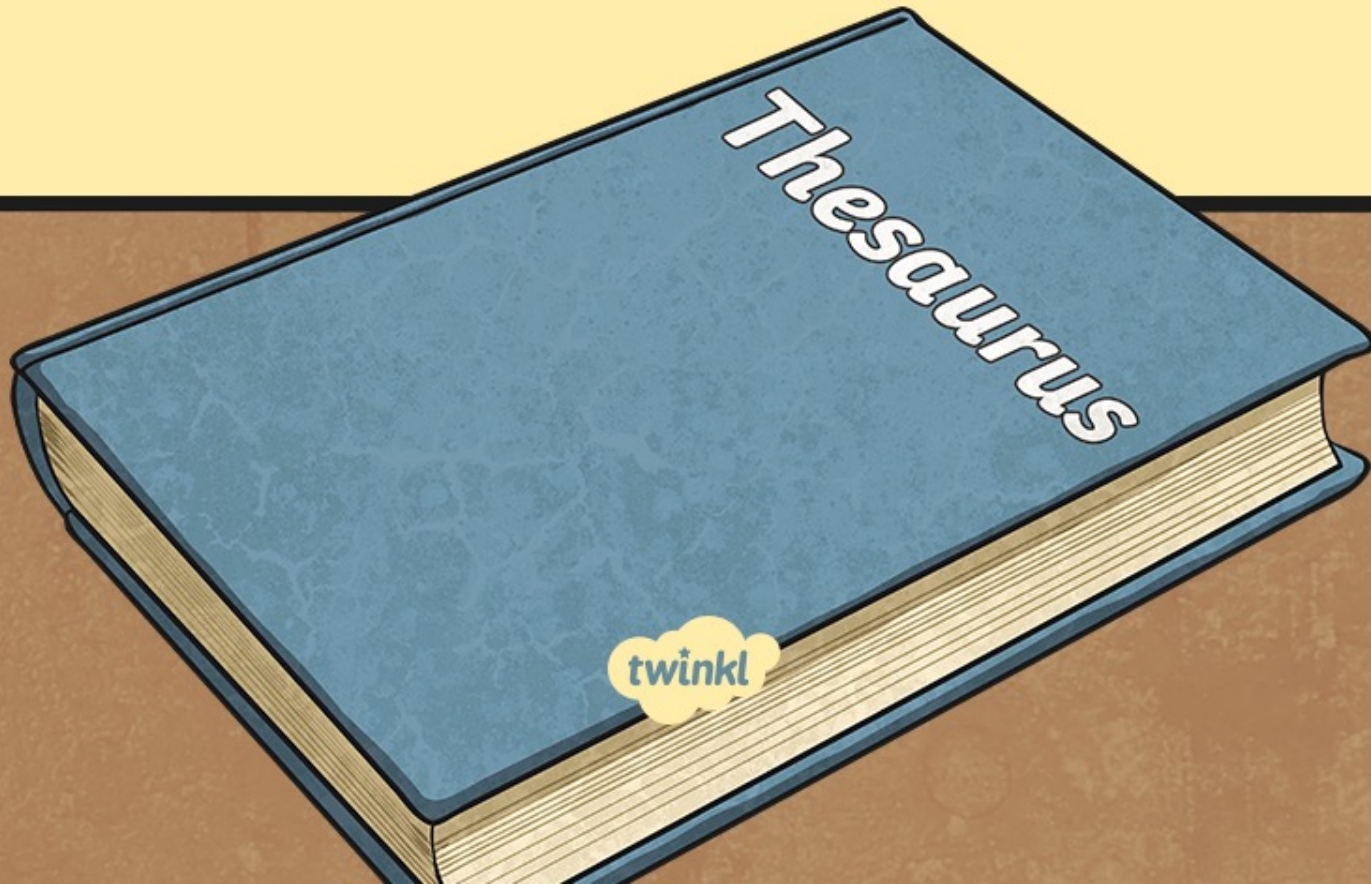
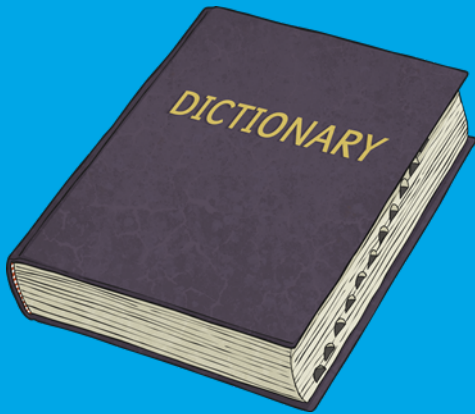


Thesaurus Skills



Quick Comparison

What is a **dictionary**?



What is a **thesaurus**?



What is the difference between them?



Quick Comparison

A **dictionary** is a book which lists words and tells you what they mean.



A **thesaurus** is a book which lists words and gives alternative words which mean the same thing.



If you want to know what a word means, you would check a dictionary.

If you want to find a synonym for a word you already know the meaning of, you would check a thesaurus.

Alphabetical Order

Just like a dictionary, a thesaurus is in **alphabetical order**. This makes it easy to find the word you already know.

How long will it take you to find these words in your thesaurus?

sad

lonely

excited



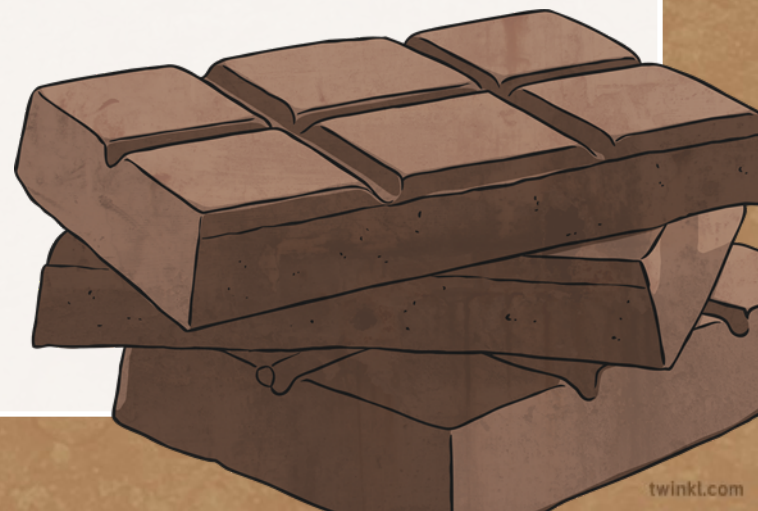
Using a Thesaurus

When using a thesaurus, you should only use words you **understand the meaning of** and which **fit the sentence** they will be used in.

For example, a heart is 'a hollow muscular organ that pumps blood'. However...

I love chocolate cake with my whole **hollow muscular organ**.

...would not be a good sentence. Just because two words or phrases may mean the same, they may not always be the correct choice for your writing.



Finding a Synonym

Use your thesaurus to find a synonym for the adjective:

pretty

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How many different synonyms did you find? You could have had:

good-looking

fetching

delightful

beautiful

ravishing

Finding a Synonym

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In the sentences below, the word 'pretty' hasn't changed but its use has.

It was a **pretty** unfortunate event that resulted in his injury.

That car must have cost a **pretty** penny.

I'm going to go and **pretty** myself up.

Would it still be appropriate to use these new synonyms?

Appropriate Synonyms

You must always make sure that the word you have chosen fits appropriately within the sentence you are using it in.

On each of the following slides, a sentence will be given with one word in **bold**. Four synonyms for that word will be given from the thesaurus.

Decide as a class which word would be best to use. There may be more than one good answer.



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The audience were full of **life**.

existence

creation

animation

being



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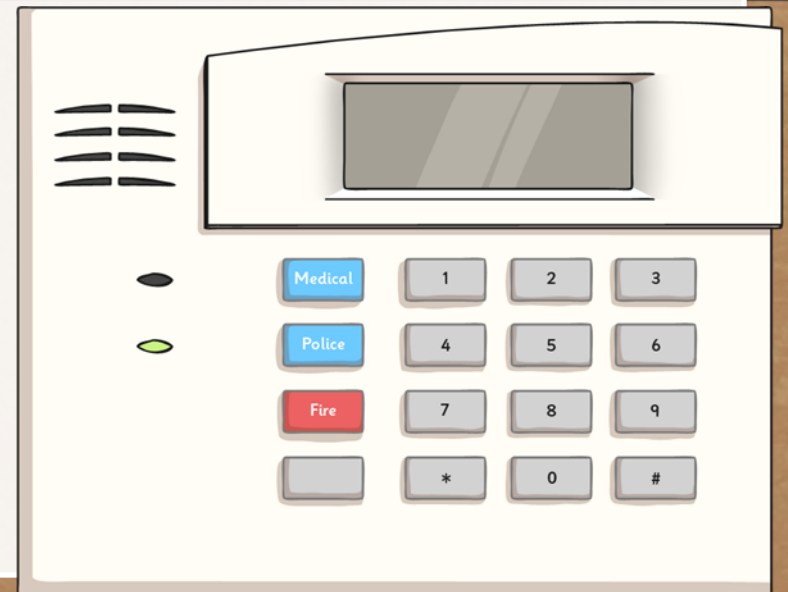
The intruder alarm caused everyone to be **alert**.

keen

agile

observant

aware

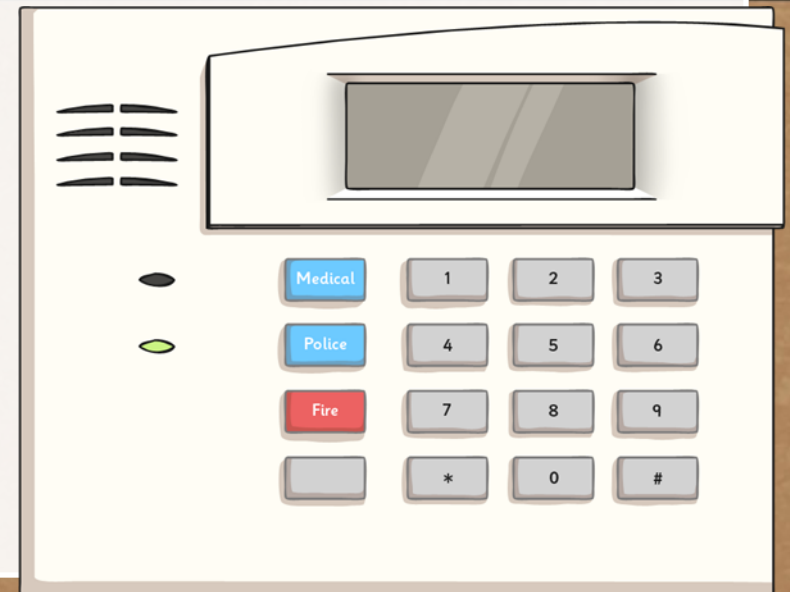


Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The intruder alarm caused everyone to be **alert**.

aware



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The **strong** odour caused everyone to gag.

pungent

muscular

rugged

powerful



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The **strong** odour caused everyone to gag.

pungent



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

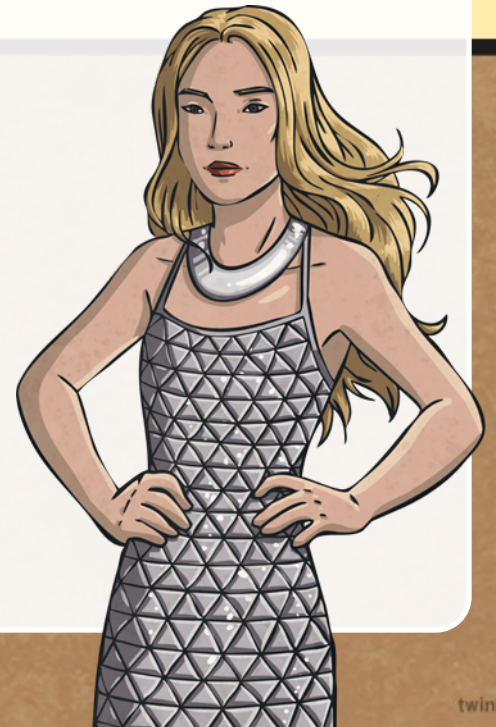
We were surprised by the model's **tasteless** outfit.

inelegant

flavourless

watery

inappropriate

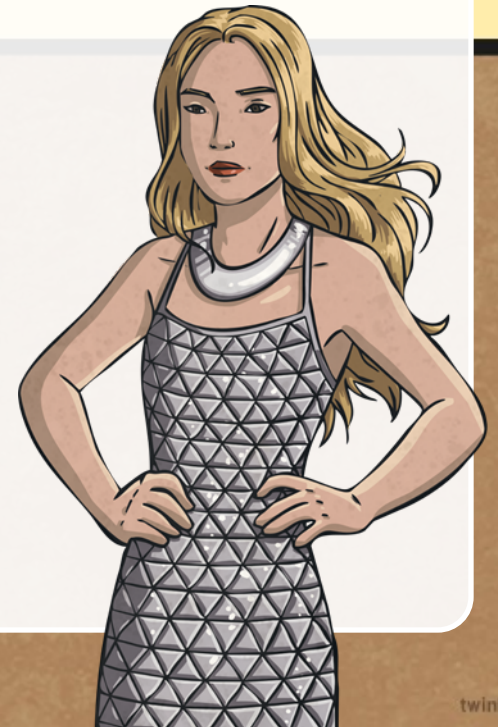


Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

We were surprised by the model's **tasteless** outfit.

inappropriate



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The athlete's muscles were very **tense**.

rigid

tight



Now It's Your Turn

On each of the following slides, a sentence will be given with one word in **bold**.

Use your thesaurus to find an appropriate synonym for that word. Remember to check that it makes sense in the context of the sentence.

How many different answers will you come up with?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

My judgement was **clouded** at the time.

Which synonym did you choose?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

The **bitter** lemon made me pull a face.

Which synonym did you choose?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

I heard a really **juicy** piece of news.

Which synonym did you choose?



