

# synonyms

**Synonyms** are words that have a meaning similar to another word. For example, **miserable**, **upset** and **unhappy** are synonyms of **sad**.

Using different synonyms rather than repeating the same word over and over again makes your writing more interesting. For example, see how using synonyms for **nice** makes the following passage more lively:

Last summer, we had a ~~nice~~ *wonderful* holiday in a ~~nice~~ *beautiful* resort. We stayed in a ~~nice~~ *charming* hotel which had a ~~nice~~ *spectacular* view of the sea. We had ~~nice~~ *gorgeous* weather and met a ~~nice~~ *friendly* family, who took us to a ~~nice~~ *fantastic* funfair with ~~nice~~ *thrilling* rides.

*Here are some synonyms for common words:*

<b>afraid</b>	frightened, scared, terrified
<b>angry</b>	annoyed, furious, raging
<b>bad</b>	<i>a bad person:</i> evil, naughty, wicked <i>bad food:</i> mouldy, rotten, sour <i>a bad experience:</i> awful, dreadful, unpleasant
<b>big</b>	enormous, huge, large
<b>good</b>	<i>a good person:</i> honest, kind, thoughtful <i>a good event:</i> enjoyable, exciting, excellent <i>good at something:</i> capable, skilful, talented
<b>happy</b>	cheerful, delighted, glad
<b>little</b>	short, small, tiny
<b>nice</b>	<i>a nice experience:</i> delightful, enjoyable, lovely <i>a nice place:</i> beautiful, charming, spectacular <i>a nice person:</i> friendly, pleasant, warm <i>nice weather:</i> fine, sunny, warm
<b>answer</b>	agree, respond, reply
<b>ask</b>	beg, inquire, plead
<b>say</b>	claim, exclaim, remark
<b>tell</b>	announce, explain, inform

Use a **thesaurus**, which is a reference book full of synonyms, to find different words for something. Try out different ones in a sentence and see which one sounds the best.