

# Identifying a Synonym



An informative PowerPoint about synonyms.

# Grouping Words

Words can be grouped into families of related words. These are words that have a similar form, meaning or spelling.



Have these words been grouped by form, meaning or spelling?

# Synonyms

A synonym is a specific type of related word.

A synonym is a word that has exactly or nearly the same meaning as another word in the same language.



Here are some synonyms of 'shout',  
can you think of any more?

# Finding Synonyms

If you want to find the synonyms of a word you can look in a thesaurus.

A thesaurus is a type of book that lists words in groups of synonyms.

Do you know where the thesauruses are kept in your school?  
Why don't you try looking up some synonyms in one?



**Tip:** in Microsoft office programs like PowerPoint and Word, you can right-click on a word to find its synonyms.

# Thinking of Synonyms

Choose one of these words and try listing as many synonyms for it as you can.

big

hot

nice

Next time you are writing and you want to use an adjective like 'nice', why don't you try to use one of its synonyms to make your language more interesting and varied?

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