

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Big? Can I identify and use  
synonyms?

**What is a synonym?**

An synonym is a different word with the same meaning.

For example a synonym for merry could be joyful. An synonym for small could be miniscule.

Can you come up with at least 1  
synonym for the following vocabulary?

Large

Tall

Funny

Horrrifying

Can you come up with at least 1 synonym for the following vocabulary?

Large - massive, humungous, gargantuan, huge

Tall - big, great, lanky, towering

Funny - hilarious, amusing, entertaining, silly

Horrifying - pleasant, calm, comfort, delight

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Various answers, for example:

pester

torment

hound

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**'aged' could refer to any age of person or object, such as saying,  
"You have aged another year."**

**'elderly' refers to a very old person.**

**'ancient' refers to a really old person or object which could be  
thousands of years old.**

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The sculpture had melted, its face left twisted and **gnarled**.

Various answers, for example: 'grotesque', 'unsightly', 'gnarled' etc.

## Reasoning 2

**Find the synonym of 'hit' in the sentence below.  
Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?**

**The ball tapped onto Micah's head  
and sent him flying down the hill.**

**Explain your answer.**

## Reasoning 2

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Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?

The ball **tapped** onto Micah's head  
and sent him flying down the hill.

Explain your answer.

**No, it does not make sense for 'tapped' to be used. It is too weak a synonym to pair with the final clause 'and sent him flying down the hill'.**

## Activity

Today you are going to be solving fluency and reasoning problems linked with synonyms. You can find the fluency and reasoning questions and the answers on the blog.

You will also a document titled 'Fluency and reasoning support sheet'. This gives you definitions for some of the tricky words you will come across in today's activity.

You can use this support sheet to help you to answer today's questions.