



Words that are similar

CAPS: Grade 6, Term 3

Language Structures & Conventions

Vocabulary in context:

Synonyms (words that are similar in meaning, e.g. soft/gentle).

Note

Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have a similar meaning to another word.

E.g. **huge, enormous, gigantic** and **large** can all be synonyms for the word **big**.

TIP: A thesaurus can be used to help provide synonyms for a word.

Activity 1

- Complete the table below. Look at the words in Column A and write three synonyms for each one in Column B. The first one has been done for you.

COLUMN A: WORD	COLUMN B: SYNONYMS
big	large, huge, enormous
nice	
happy	
kind	
ugly	
sad	



Activity 2

The extract below is from “A boring story”. Can you think of better synonyms for the underlined words to make it exciting? Rewrite the story in the space below.

There once lived a big, bad giant who had small eyes and lots of big teeth. One day, a happy squirrel went for a walk in the dark woods. Suddenly, the squirrel bumped into the giant. He was scared! The little squirrel started to run, looking for a place to hide. He climbed up an old tree and lay silently still. Just then, the giant said “I’m going to eat you!”.

TIP: Use a dictionary to help you find synonyms. Underline the synonyms in colour.

Teacher Tip

Display boring writing on the board. Ask learners to suggest better synonyms for words such as big, nice, said. Rewrite the paragraph to show the difference and discuss.

