

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Synonyms

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G6.1) [How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms \[for example, big, large, little\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (6G6.1) [synonym](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Using vocabulary from the Y3/4 Spelling List within simple and compound sentences.

Expected Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Using vocabulary from the Y5/6 Spelling List within compound and complex, multi-clause sentences.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Using vocabulary from the Y5/6 Spelling List and a wider range of challenging vocabulary within complex, multi-clause sentences. A dictionary may be necessary to help with unfamiliar vocabulary.

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Synonyms

1a. Tick the word below which has the same meaning as 'strange'.

bright

bizarre



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Synonyms

1b. Tick the word below which has the same meaning as 'noticed'.

saw

nearby



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2a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Millie arrived at the cinema entrance and Abi appeared shortly after.



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2b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Bob was quiet because Mrs. Spinks could hear everything in the silent library.



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3a. Sort the words below into two groups based on their shared meanings.

remember

answer

comment

appear

emerge

realise



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3b. Sort the words below into two groups based on their shared meanings.

position

convinced

certain

guide

lead

place



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4a. Write two more words which are synonyms of the word below.

build



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4b. Write two more words which are synonyms of the word below.

important



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Synonyms

5a. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'average'.

own

ordinary

regular



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Synonyms

5b. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'interfere'.

meddle

insult

intrude



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6a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

I suggested a visit to the museum, even though Chris proposed a different plan.



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6b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

The disastrous event had a tragic outcome for the residents of Harrogate, despite the emergency plans put in place.



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7a. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

hindrance

chief

leader

connected

attached

obstacle



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7b. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

harass

antique

recommend

bully

suggest

ancient



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8a. Write three more words which are synonyms of the word below.

surprising



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8b. Write three more words which are synonyms of the word below.

excellent



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Synonyms

9a. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'profession'.

career

occupation

challenge

vocation



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Synonyms

9b. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'squalid'.

sordid

qualified

beneficial

ramshackle



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10a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Edgar was causing his usual morning disruption, bringing further disarray to the lives of the residents on Clover street, who were already exhausted by his tomfoolery.



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10b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

His movements were deliberate whilst he advanced towards his prey, making calculated attempts to intimidate the small, brown field mouse with his razor-sharp talons and piercing beak.



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11a. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

annihilate

decode

decipher

destroy

eradicate

adamant

determined

obliterate



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11b. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

menacing

bargain

proficient

barter

skilled

threatening

aggressive

competent



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12a. Write four more words which are synonyms of the word below.

frequently



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12b. Write four more words which are synonyms of the word below.

liberate



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Varied Fluency Synonyms

Developing

- 1a. **bizarre**
- 2a. **'arrived' and 'appeared'**
- 3a. **'remember' and 'realise'; 'appear' and 'emerge'; 'answer' and 'comment'**
- 4a. **Various answers, for example: 'make', 'create', 'construct'**

Expected

- 5a. **'ordinary' and 'regular'**
- 6a. **'suggested' and 'proposed'**
- 7a. **'hindrance' and 'obstacle'; 'attached' and 'connected'; 'leader' and 'chief'**
- 8a. **Various answers, for example: 'shocking', 'stunning', 'astonishing'**

Greater Depth

- 9a. **'career', 'occupation' and 'vocation'**
- 10a. **'disruption' and 'disarray'**
- 11a. **'annihilate', 'destroy', 'eradicate' and 'obliterate'; 'decode' and 'decipher'; 'determined' and 'adamant'**
- 12a. **Various answers, for example: 'regularly', 'often', 'usually', 'normally'**

Varied Fluency Synonyms

Developing

- 1b. **saw**
- 2b. **'quiet' and 'silent'**
- 3b. **'position' and 'place'; 'guide' and 'lead'; 'certain' and 'convinced'**
- 4b. **Various answers, for example: 'main', 'essential', 'significant'**

Expected

- 5b. **'meddle' and 'intrude'**
- 6b. **'disastrous' and 'tragic'**
- 7b. **'harass' and 'bully'; 'ancient' and 'antique'; 'recommend' and 'suggest'**
- 8b. **Various answers, for example: 'wonderful', 'marvellous', 'superb'**

Greater Depth

- 9b. **'sordid' and 'ramshackle'**
- 10b. **'deliberate' and 'calculated'**
- 11b. **'menacing', 'threatening' and 'aggressive'; 'proficient', 'skilled' and 'competent'; 'bargain' and 'barter'**
- 12b. **Various answers, for example: 'free', 'emancipate', 'rescue', 'release'**