

How to use this book

This *Workbook* helps you to check what you already know, practise what you've learned and challenge yourself to fly higher!

You can work through all of the activities in order or you can dip in and out to brush up your skills or explore in more depth. Use the progress chart opposite to record which skills you've checked and practised. Aim higher by having a go at the questions in the *Skills Test Papers*.

You can check the answers at the back of the book.

What you should be able to do after you complete the skills check and practice questions. You can tick off each one as you can do it.

The title of the topic.

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What words mean: synonyms

CAN YOU?

● Know that words can have similar meanings, but they are not the same.

● Understand the precise meaning of a sentence.

Remember – **synonyms** have similar meanings but they do not mean exactly the same thing.

SKILLS CHECK

Some words or phrases have similar meanings. We call these words **synonyms**.

These words all have a similar meaning to the adjective *clean*. They are all synonyms.

clean: dirt-free, spotless, washed, white.

We can use them to describe a dress. Each word gives you a slightly different picture of a dress.

A *dirt-free* dress.
A *spotless* dress.
A *washed* dress.
A *white* dress.

These words all have a similar meaning to the verb *clean*. They are all synonyms.

clean: wash, scrub, mop, rinse, wipe.

Read these different sentences.

The children *clean* the floor.
The children *wash* the floor.
The children *scrub* the floor.
The children *mop* the floor.
The children *rinse* the floor.
The children *wipe* the floor.

I think scrubbing is really hard work. You must bend down and use your muscles when you scrub.

1. How does your image of what the children are doing change with each word?
2. Which word do you think sounds hardest?

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WHAT WORDS MEAN: SYNONYMS

PRACTICE

1. These words have a similar meaning to (are synonyms of) **run**.

jog dash race plod trot sprint pelt

- a. Circle the word that you think sounds fastest.
- b. Underline the word that you think sounds slowest.
- c. Write the words below from fastest to slowest.

fastest

slowest

2. a. Read the paragraph. Underline any words that mean **cold**. Circle any words that mean **hot**.

The boiling, hot sun beat down on the ship's deck. Inside the boat it was steamy and muggy. Not one small cool breeze or fresh breath of wind lifted the damp heat. Only the parrot seemed happy in this heatwave, but then it could fly up into the cooler air. Sitting in the sizzling heat, I dreamed of an icy, chilled sparkling can of pop!

- b. Write the words you've found in a line from hottest to coldest.

hottest

coldest



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Sticky notes provide tips and reminders.

Complete the practice questions to check your understanding. The questions become more difficult as you go down the page.

Background information on the topic to help you answer the questions.