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It is a Greek and Latin **prefix** meaning "together" or "at the same time".

So **in sync** (short for *in synchronization*) means "together in time".

And a **synonym** (|sinenim|) is a word that can be considered with another word since it has the same meaning.

'syntax

The Latin root *tax* means **to arrange**.

The way in which words are put together to form phrases, clauses, or sentences.

The president's critics complain about his odd and confusing syntax when he speaks in public.

- When we describe what the critics say and attack about the target man, we can use the verb phrase **complain about**.

Syntax is basically about what word comes before and after another word, in other words, it's part of **the larger subject of** grammar.

Syntax is often an issue in poetry, and it's usually discussed in connection with **diction**(|dikshion|) — that is, *the poet's choice of words*.

- Syntax: the arrangement of words
- Diction: the choice of words

So, for example, your English professor might point out the *syntactic* difference between "Whose woods these are I think I know" and "I think I know whose woods these are";

whereas if the discussion was about *diction* instead, the question might be about the choice of "woods" rather than "land", or "think" rather than "bet".

Synthesize

To make something by combining different things.

From all the proposal in front of us, we were asked to synthesize a plan to get the support of the whole group.

- All the -- the whole

Synthesize is a **very common** word in chemistry, since chemists are **constantly** *synthesizing* new compounds--that is, *synthetic compounds*--including drugs and industrial chemicals.

- **Very common word:** it is used very often.
- **Constantly:** every day or it is a daily routine.
- **Synthetic compounds:** including drugs and industrial chemicals.