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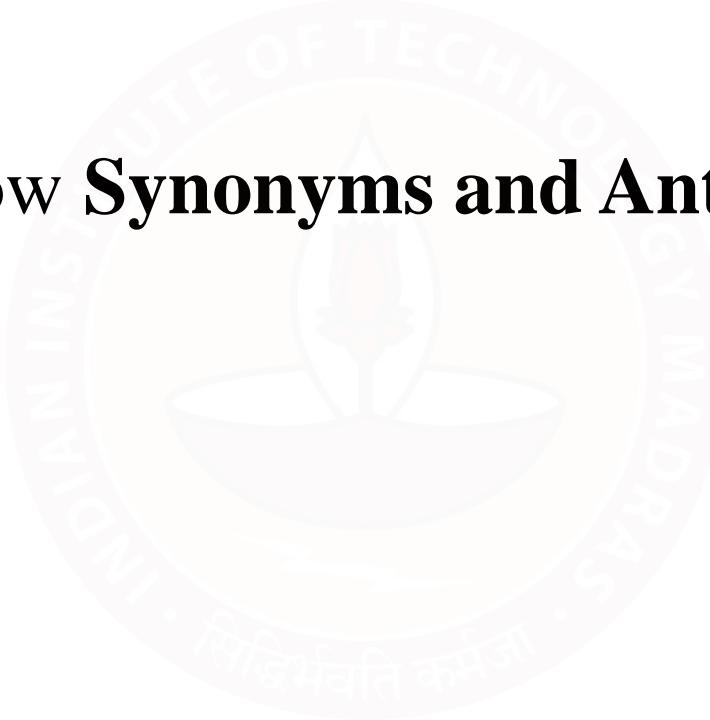
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WHAT IS GOOD VOCABULARY

- PART 2

We know **Synonyms and Antonyms.**



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1. Find synonyms and antonyms for the following words.

- a. Come b. Go c. Merchant d. Big e. Quick

Check your answers with a thesaurus or a dictionary

ANSWERS

Come	Go	Merchant	Big	Quick
Arrive	Depart	Businessman	Enormous	Express
Join	Exit	Dealer	Gigantic	Fast
Reach	Leave	Salesman	Huge	Immediate
Report	March	Trader	Large	

- Words are related by form.
- Words that sound alike but mean different things are called **homophones**.

Right~Write

For example:

Beat (Verb)	Beat (Noun)
to assault;	domain, rhythm on a percussion instrument.

Count (Verb)	Count (Noun)
enumerate;	a kind of landlord with a certain position.

Deal (Verb)	Deal (Noun)
to do business with;	a purchase.

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2. Find at least 10 words that have similar pronunciations but different meanings.

ANSWERS

Board (N): a group of managers;	Board (V): to climb
Express (V): to speak or write;	Express (adj): fast
Interest (N): a charge on capital loan;	Interest (V): attract
Light (N): opposite of dark;	Light (Adj): opposite of heavy
Miss (N): a prefix before an unmarried woman's name;	Miss (V): to be late for something and thus not get it, such as a missed call, to miss a train
Part (N): an organ;	Part (V): to leave

Party (N) : a group, b generally of like-minded politicians;	Party (N/V) : celebrations
Press (N) : an outfit for printing a journal, for instance;	Press (V) : to apply force
Right (Adj) : correct; Right (Adj) : opposite of left;	Right (N) : opposite of duty
Rest (N) : all that remains in a group;	Rest (V) : to be in a state of no motion;
Try (N) : to make an effort;	Try (V) : to test
Vest (N) : an under-garment;	Vest (V) : give, as in vested power, interest

For every word it is fixed which words it can follow, and which other words it can be followed by. This relationship among words is called **Collocation**.

Electric

light, guitar, line

Electrical

engineer, energy

Cold

day, sweat, wave,
shoulder, drink

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3. The adjectives given below usually occur only with some nouns. Fill in the blanks with appropriate nouns.

Adjectives	Nouns
hard, soft	cover, boiled, core, soap, sell, shoe, spoken tissue, target, pedal, top, toy, copy, surface, work, drink, back, ball, core, court, disk, labour, line, luck, work

Hard	
Soft	

In this manner, you can create tables with a few verbs and nouns.

ANSWERS

Adjectives	Nouns
hard, soft	cover, boiled, core, soap, sell, shoe, spoken tissue, target, pedal, top, toy, copy, surface, work, drink, back, ball, core, court, disk, labour, line, luck, work
hard	back, ball, copy, core, court, cover, disk, labour, line, luck, surface, top, work
soft	ball, boiled, copy, core, cover, drink, pedal, sell, shoe, soap, spoken, target, tissue, top, toy

Thank you!