1 **Objective**: to identify synonyms or phrases that are commonly used, to replace one in the question, so that the new question has the same meaning as the original question.

2. This block includes around 2200 questions based on 3 articles. The questions are separated into 3 Excel files that are based on the articles. Each Excel includes A to G columns.  
  
2 **Column A** is a question based on the content of a paragraph, which was extracted from the article (Please check the ‘***reference’*** folder to find the article). **Note that, you should read each paragraph from the article to retrieve the correct context.** Please ignore the questions under each paragraph.  
  
3. **Column B** is a word/phrase in the question to be replaced, and **column C** are suggested synonyms. **Column D** is for you to select the right synonyms, separated with comma.   
  
For example:   
  
A question: What are some examples of undesirable end results of a project?  
B word/phrase to be replaced: end  
C synonyms: final, finishing, complete  
D selected synonyms: final   
  
4. New synonyms can be suggested if they are not in the list, in **column E**, the corresponding word/phrase to be replaced in **column F** (empty means it is the same as column B)   
  
For example:  
  
A question: What are some examples of undesirable end results of a project ?  
B word/phrase to be replaced: end  
C synonyms: final, finishing, complete  
D selected synonyms: final   
E suggested synonyms: outcomes  
F word/phrase to be replaced: end results  
  
5. Synonyms need to be in **the right form and tense** so that it can be directly used to replace the word/phrase in the sentence   
  
A question: In a computational problem, what can be described as a string over an alphabet?   
B word/phrase to be replaced: described   
C synonyms: describe, delineate, draw, line, trace  
D selected synonyms:   
E suggested synonyms: noted <- be careful to maintain the right tense  
F word/phrase to be replaced: <- empty means the same as B, of course you can also write the "described" here again   
  
6. Use commonly used synonyms. Normal people shall have no difficulty to see the two questions are the same. Do not suggest very rarely used word/phrases.   
  
7. The submission will be evaluated by random sample of 10%-15% of synonym. If more than 90% of synonyms are correct, the submission will be accepted.