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CLASS: PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUBJECT: ENGLISH STUDIES

TOPIC: SYNONYMS



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Synonyms

Learning Objectives. To generate synonyms for high frequency words.

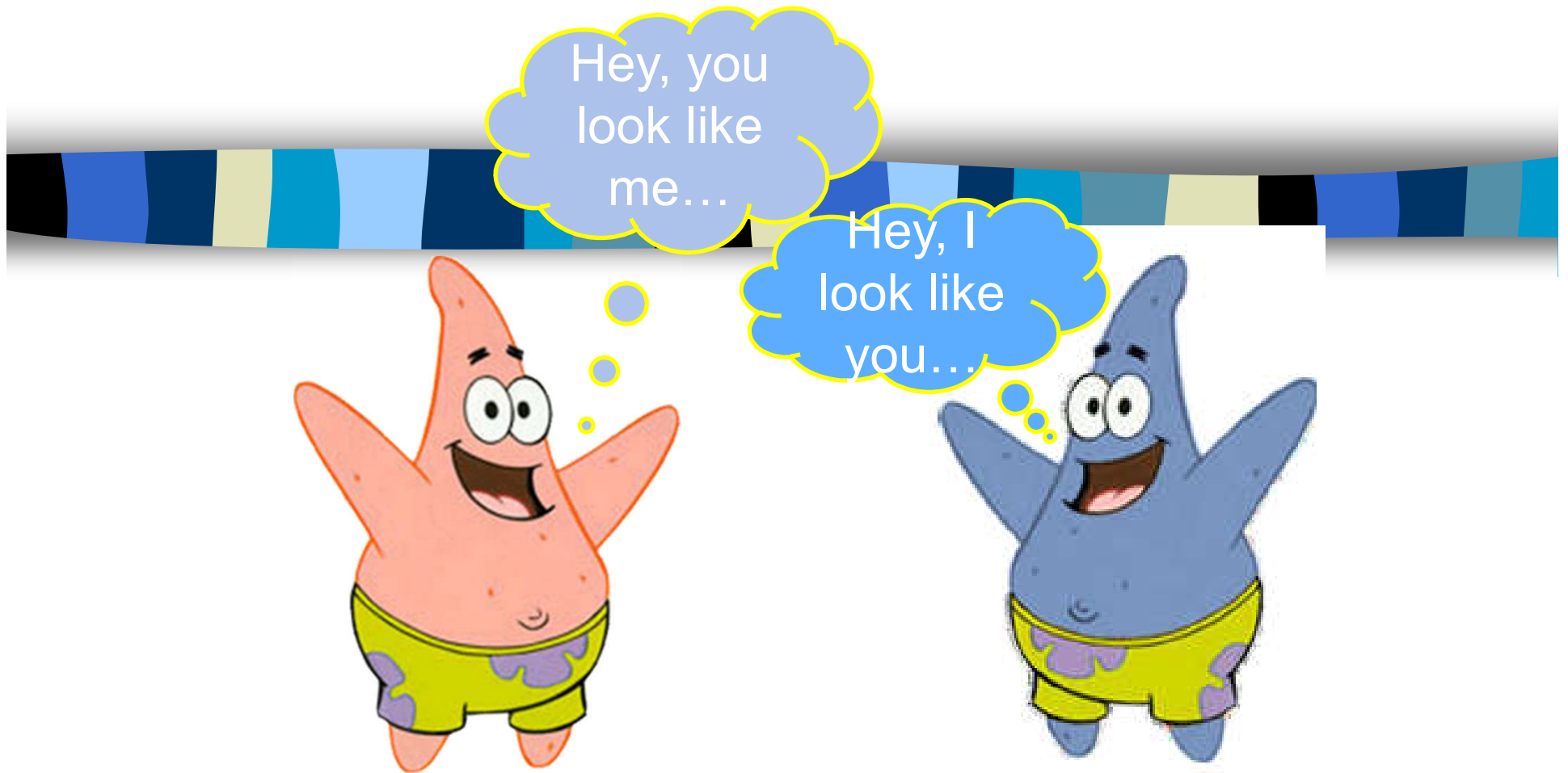
Ooh
look... a
synonym



- Understand the term synonym
- Match up synonyms
- Suggest synonyms for common words.

Synonyms

Words that mean exactly the same or nearly the same as another word in the same language.





What is a synonym?

- A synonym is a word that has a **similar** meaning to another.

Example.

good

fine

okay

Similar means almost the same but with a small difference.

Can you describe the difference between the words?



Can you match up the synonym pairs?

huge

hot

wet

sick

soggy

big

ill

warm



Can you match up the synonym pairs?

Beautiful

Affluent

Happy

Essential

Important

Joyful

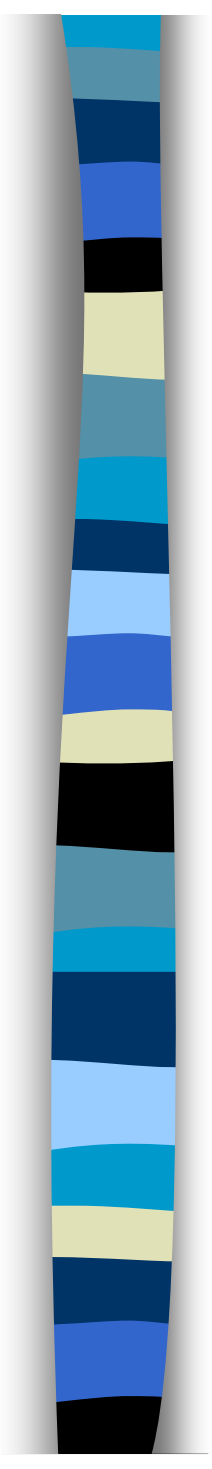
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Stunning

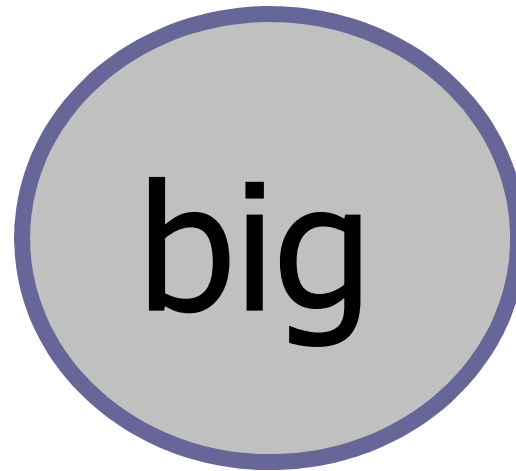


How can we use synonyms?

- Synonyms can be used instead of **common** words (high frequency words.)
- Common words lack power in our writing. They can make our writing **boring**.
- By choosing more **unusual** words a text can become **interesting**.



Take time to consider more than one synonym. They have different shades of meaning, different effects.



How many synonyms for big can you think of with your R.P.?

Can you order the synonyms from the biggest to smallest?

- 
- Gigantic
 - Bighearted
 - Capacious
 - Commodious
 - Large
 - Sizeable
 - Huge
 - Hefty
 - Enormous
- etc.



Excellent

Superb

Outstanding

Magnificent

Exceptional

Admirable

Worthy

Wonderful

Perfect

- Eminent
- Splendid
- Fine
- Supreme
- First-rate
- Marvellous
- Ace
- Terrefic



Using a thesaurus

- A thesaurus is a book which lists words alphabetically in a similar way to a dictionary.
- Beside each word entry is a list of synonyms.





aback

aback adverb taken aback SEE surprised.

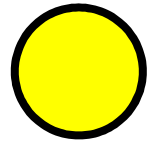
abandon verb 1 *to abandon ship*. desert, evacuate, forsake, leave, quit, withdraw from.

2. *to abandon a plan* cancel, (*slang*) chuck in, discard, discontinue.

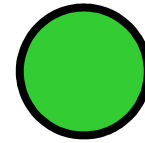
3. *to abandon a friend* drop, jilt, strand, was your hands of.



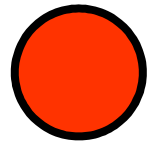
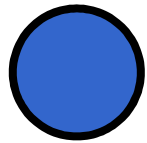
Tasks



Synonym matching cards.



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Thesaurus investigation

Doctor

Physician

Surgeon

Medic

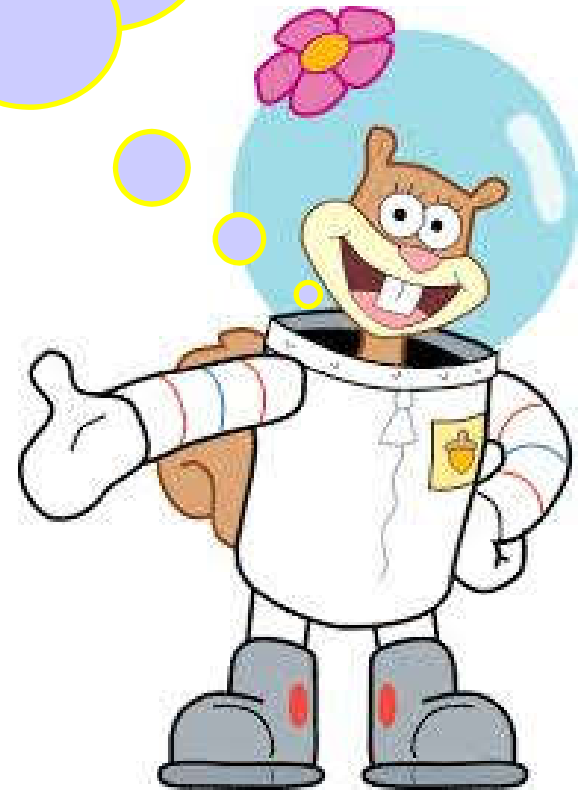
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Fill in the
gaps with
correct
synonyms



Police

Bobby

Detective

Cop

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Some of
these should
not be used
in formal
situations...





Plenary. Use the synonyms for bad to complete this passage.

Late one night I heard a **bad** noise - what could it be? Was is some **bad** creature doing a **bad** deed? As I went to investigate I could smell something **bad**, and I wondered what **bad** thing could have happened.

All the **bad** things I could think of filled my mind, and as a I crept round the corner I saw a **bad** sight...

It was a _____ !

dreadful

horrible

terrible

awful

evil

gruesome

nasty

vile

hideous