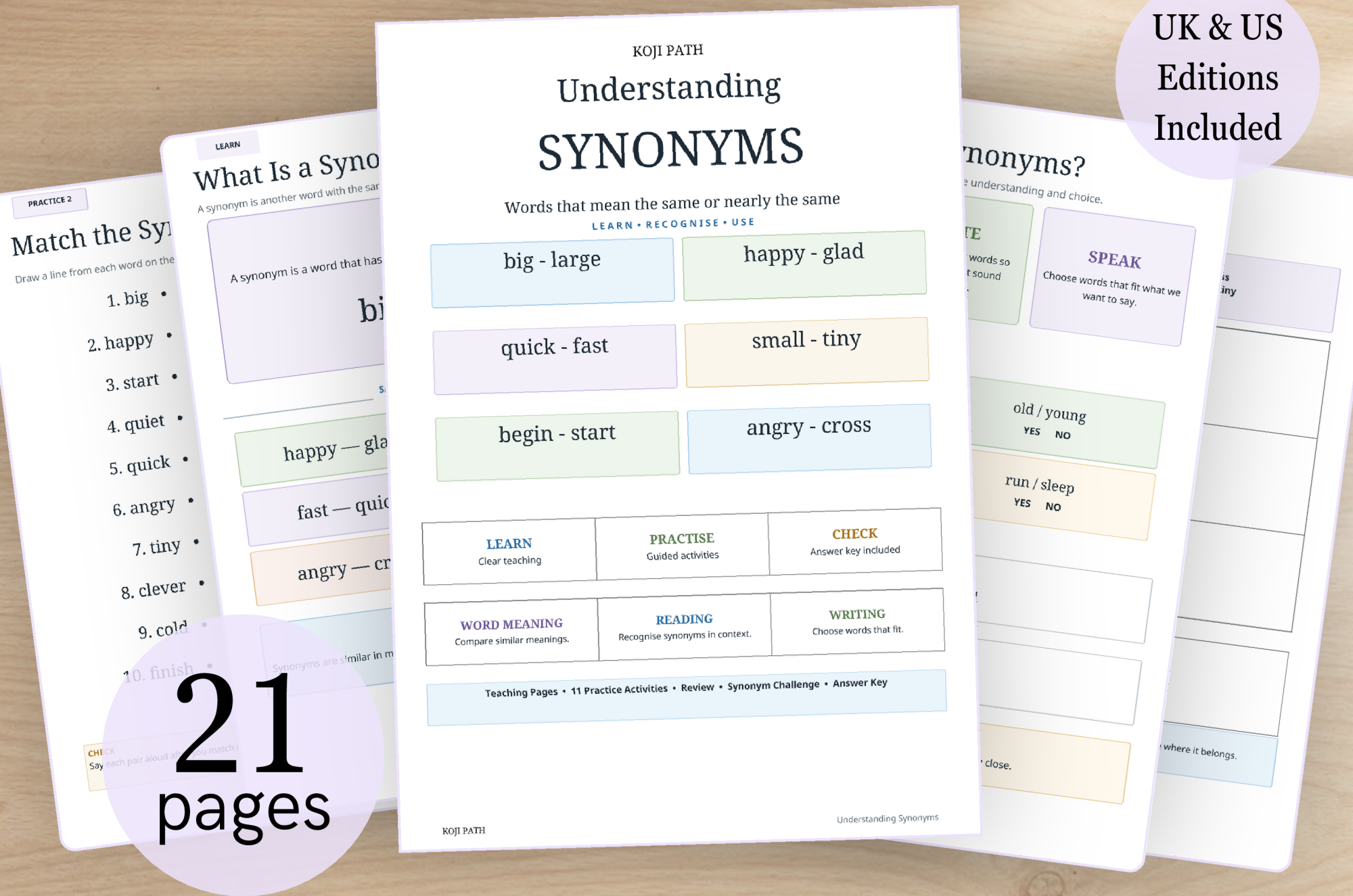


Understanding Synonyms

Teaching Pages, Practice Activities & Answer Keys

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A step-by-step vocabulary resource

What's Included

Preview all pages included in this resource

- Teaching Pages
- 11 Practice Activities
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- Synonym Challenge
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LEARN

What Is a Synonym?

A synonym is another word with the same or nearly the same meaning.

DEFINITION

A synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

big — large

SAME IDEA, DIFFERENT WORDS

happy — glad	small — tiny
fast — quick	begin — start
angry — cross	quiet — silent

REMEMBER

Synonyms are similar in meaning, but they are not always interchangeable in every sentence.

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PRACTICE 8

Sort the Synonyms

Write each word under the word with a similar meaning.

WORD BANK
huge • calm • glad • rapid • little • cross
quick • cheerful • large • mad • silent • tiny

HAPPY	FAST
SMALL	QUIET
BIG	ANGRY

USE ONE PAIR
Choose one synonym pair from above and use both words in two sentences.

TIP
Each group has two words from the bank. Read every word before you decide where it belongs.

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PRACTICE 9

Improve the Paragraph

Replace the words below with synonyms from the word bank.

WORD BANK
quick • calm • large • tiny • glad

READ
Sam was happy to visit the big park. He saw a small bird beside a big tree. The bird was fast, but the park was quiet. Sam was happy to watch it.

REWRITE WITH SYNONYMS

Replace happy:

Replace big:

Replace small:

Replace fast:

Replace quiet:

REWRITE THE PARAGRAPH

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PRACTICE 10

Rewrite with a Synonym

Replace the bold word with a synonym that fits. Write the new sentence.

- The large dog ran across the field.
- The child felt glad.
- We will start the game now.
- The room was silent.
- The answer was correct.
- The girl was clever.

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PRACTICE 11

Write Your Own Synonyms

Write one synonym for each word. More than one answer may be possible.

1. big	2. happy
3. fast	4. small
5. angry	6. quiet
7. smart	8. cold
9. finish	10. shout

CHALLENGE
Choose two synonym pairs above. Write a sentence for each pair on the back of this page or in a notebook.

CHECK
If you are unsure, say the original word and your synonym in the same sentence. Does the meaning stay close?

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Why Do We Use Synonyms?



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Synonyms help us read, write and speak with more understanding and choice.

READ
Understand different words in books and instructions.

WRITE
Choose different words so writing does not sound repetitive.

SPEAK
Choose words that fit what we want to say.

TRY IT

Are the words synonyms? Circle YES or NO.

cold / chilly YES NO	old / young YES NO
little / small YES NO	run / sleep YES NO

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

1. The water felt cold. noisy chilly tall

2. We will begin the lesson. sleep finish start

REMEMBER

A good synonym keeps the meaning of the sentence the same or very close.

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Synonyms Are Similar – Not Exact



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Synonyms Are Similar - Not Exact

The best synonym depends on the sentence.

SAME MAIN IDEA

Synonyms can share a meaning without being perfect copies of one another. Some words sound more natural in certain sentences.

COMPARE THE SENTENCES

The rabbit is fast.
The rabbit is quick.
Both make sense.

Please begin your work.
Please start your work.
Both make sense.

The room was quiet.
The room was silent.
The second sentence suggests even less sound.

CHOOSE THE WORD THAT FITS BEST

1. The baby was asleep, so the room was very quiet.
quick silent large

2. It is time to begin the game.
shout tiny start

REMEMBER

A synonym should fit the meaning of the sentence, not just look similar in a word list.

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Clear teaching pages introduce the concept before independent practice.

Practise & Apply

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Synonym Review

Match the words on the left to its synonym on the right.

Word	Synonym
hot / cold	smart / clever
finish / end	angry / cross
difficult	tiny
large	quick
	silent

PRACTICE 3

Choose a Synonym

Use each word from the word bank once. Write the synonym in each box.

WORD BANK

cross • large • tiny • start • glad • quick

1. The rabbit is small.
2. The boy felt happy.
3. The car was fast.
4. We will begin now.
5. The box is big.
6. The girl was angry.

CHECK YOUR CHOICE
Read the sentence again with your synonym. Does it still make sense?

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REWRITE WITH SYNONYMS

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Replace small:
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Replace quiet:

REWRITE THE PARAGRAPH

Match the Synonyms

Match the word on the left to its synonym on the right.

big	A. begin
happy	B. large
fast	C. silent
quiet	D. chilly
start	E. cross
end	F. glad
smart	G. end
angry	H. fast
clever	I. smart
small	J. small

Recognise • Match • Choose • Sort