Synonyms

A synonym is a word which means the same as, or almost the same as, another word. Using synonyms allows you to express your ideas with accuracy and avoid repetition. You will find synonyms in a thesaurus and sometimes dictionaries, such as the Oxford Student’s Dictionary.

GETTING STARTED

Match up the eighteen pairs of synonyms. One pair has already been found for you.

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<th>mad</th>
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<td>stench</td>
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<td>crowded</td>
<td>flavour</td>
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1. __________ dwindle 7. __________ __________ 13. __________ __________
2. __________ __________ 8. __________ __________ 14. __________ __________
3. __________ __________ 9. __________ __________ 15. __________ __________
4. __________ __________ 10. __________ __________ 16. __________ __________
5. __________ __________ 11. __________ __________ 17. __________ __________
6. __________ __________ 12. __________ __________ 18. __________ __________

MOVING ON

Break the code to find three synonyms for these words. Write one more for each.

ozitv
orggov
vcqvmhrev
zdufo
slmvhg
urmv
ovzev
wivzwuco
wvkzig
erigflh
grmb
wrmnfrev
hzkgzoormt
drgswizd
How many did you get right?

10 = NOVICE 20 = EXPERT 30 = MAESTRO

You can use your Oxford Student’s Dictionary for these activities.