Choosing the right word: Challenge 2

Spotting synonyms

A thesaurus is a book of words. It puts words together that have a similar meaning. These words are called **synonyms**. A thesaurus helps you find synonyms so that you can choose the very best word for your writing.

1. Draw a line matching the pairs of synonyms. The first one has been done for you. Look up the words in stars in your *Oxford First Thesaurus* to check if you are right.

2. **a)** In each of the chains below, all the words are synonyms except one. Colour in the link that has the odd one out.

   - say  speak  talk  small
   - walk  stride  short  march
   - sad  tiny  glum  upset

2. **b)** The words you have coloured in are all synonyms of one word. Can you complete the sentence below with that word?

   I spy a l______ mouse.