Look Up Labels:

Sometimes you will see a label, such as **formal** or **informal**, before a **synonym** or group of **synonyms** in the *Oxford Primary Thesaurus*:

chilly adjective

1. *It's a chilly evening, so wrap up well.*
   - cold, cool, frosty, icy, crisp, fresh, raw, wintry

   **(informal)** nippy

The label tells you that the synonym **nippy** is an **informal** word, and that you should only use it in **informal** writing. Other labels tell you that a word was used in the past, or that it is an **American** or **Scottish** word.

1. Can you find the **informal synonym** in each of these lists? Underline the word that you think is **informal**, then look up the words in brackets in the *Oxford Primary Thesaurus* to see if you were right.

   **Example:** (sleepy) drowsy, dopey, tired, weary, lethargic

   a) (clothes) get-up, garb, garments, dress, attire
   b) (smell) perfume, aroma, stench, pong, odour
   c) (bravery) guts, gallantry, courage, valour, daring
   d) (funny) humorous, hysterical, comical, witty, amusing
   e) (frightening) chilling, eerie, spooky, nightmarish, fearsome
   f) (throw) sling, toss, pitch, cast, chuck

2. Look up the words in bold in the *Oxford Primary Thesaurus* to help you.

   Can you find:

   a) a **formal** word which means asleep?
   b) a word which was used in the past to mean hit?
   c) an **American** word which means a motor car?
   d) a **Scottish** word which means a lake?