An illustration of four students sitting around a table, looking thoughtful. The students are rendered in a light, semi-transparent style. The background is a solid yellow color.

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Can I use synonyms for words?

Synonyms

A synonym is a word similar in meaning to another word. Writers often use a synonym to make a sentence more effective.

For example:

After waiting for the bus for over an hour,
Mandi felt annoyed, frustrated and infuriated!

Why do you think the writer here eventually chose the word infuriated?

How is it different from annoyed or frustrated?



sprint

gallop

bolt

scurry

race

hurtle

Run

charge

rush

scuttle

career

dart

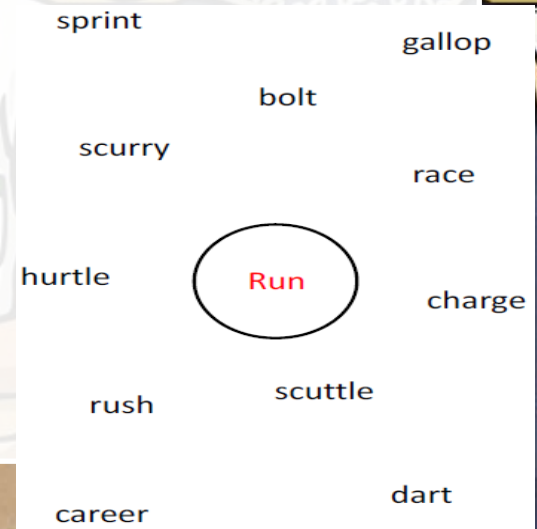


Discuss

All of these words mean a fast paced movement. You would use them for different sentences and examples.

For example, scuttle means the same as run, but you wouldn't say an Olympic athlete 'scuttles'. Do they think any of these words are more advanced than others.

If so which?



Warm up activity

Synonyms List

We are going to practise creating a list of synonyms.
How many synonyms can you jot down for the word **sad**?

Here are some words that could have been used:

unhappy

upset

miserable

depressed

morose

gloomy

heart-broken



Task One - Can you replace the underlined words with a synonym?

Whilst the children were exploring the house, they came upon a room which contained nothing but an old, fancy wardrobe.

When the others left, Lucy decided to open it. Inside, she found rows of soft fur coats hanging side by side. Gently, she brushed them with her fingers before climbing in amongst them. The smell was wonderful! It was very dark inside the wardrobe but Lucy felt curious so she began to creep further in using her hands to guide her.

Before she knew it, branches were brushing her face and she was standing on cold snow!

Extension of Task One

Rewrite the paragraph with your synonyms.

