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Synonyms

Words similar in meaning

abandon	leave	enormous	gigantic
abode	dwelling	extended	enlarged
abundant	plentiful	exterior	outside
accused	blamed	fall	drop
acute	sharp	famous	noted / eminent
adhere	stick	fatigue	weariness
affectionate	loving	feeble	weak
aid	help	gap	hole
ally	friend	glance	look
amazement	wonder	gravely	sternly
ancient	old	greeted	saluted
assemble	gather	grobe	feel
astonish	surprise	gruff	harsh
asunder	apart	halt	stop
blank	empty	heroic	brave
bright	shining	hoax	trick
broad	wide	imitate	copy
caution	care	insolent	rude
circular	round	intention	purpose
coarse	rough	interior	inside
commence	begin	join	unite
comprehend	understand	lament	grieve
conceal	hide	lean	thin
constable	policeman	lofty	high
conversation	talk	loyal	true
courage	bravery	mad	insane
cunning	sly	malady	disease
curb	control	margin	edge
custom	habit	mariner	sailor
deceive	cheat	marsh	swamp
difficult	hard	maximum	most
disaster	calamity	meagre	scanty
dusk	twilight	minimum	least
elude	escape	moan	groan
emperor	king	modern	new
enemy	foe	moisture	dampness

mute	dumb	robust	strong
myth	fable	scene	sight
nimble	agile	shrine	tomb
noisy	rowdy	sleek	smooth
odour	smell	slender	slim
omen	sign	small	little
option	choice	squirming	wriggling
peculiar	strange	steed	horse
persuade	coax	stern	strict
plume	feather	stubborn	obstinate
powerful	strong	sturdy	strong
profit	gain	surrender	yield
prohibit	forbid	suspended	hung
prompt	quick	terror	fear
protect	guard	tested	tried
puny	weak	thrust	pushed
purchase	buy	tranquil	peaceful
quaint	odd	transparent	clear
quantity	amount	unite	join
queer	peculiar	vacant	empty
raiment	clothes	valour	bravery
ramble	roam	vanquish	defeat
rank	position	wealth	riches
rapid	quick	wicked	sinful
regret	sorrow	withdraw	retire
remedy	cure	wrath	anger
residence	dwelling	wretched	miserable
reveal	show	yearly	annually
roam	wander		

Exercises on Synonyms



1. Give words similar in meaning to the following:

comprehend, empty, sufficient, vicinity, attempted, enemies, risky, purchase, perceive, modern.

Exercises on Synonyms continued



2. In the spaces provided write words similar in meaning:

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|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|
| a) bright | _____ | f) peculiar | _____ |
| b) convenient | _____ | g) lofty | _____ |
| c) disappear | _____ | h) unite | _____ |
| d) hoax | _____ | i) margin | _____ |
| e) valour | _____ | j) wrath | _____ |

3. Place the words in their proper positions in the sentence:

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|---------------------|--|
| (handsome – pretty) | The _____ girl admired the _____ prince. |
| (proud – vain) | The _____ king laughed at the _____ little girl. |
| (fat – stout) | A _____ woman should not eat _____ meat. |
| (feeble – weak) | _____ tea will not refresh the _____ old lady. |
| (hot – sultry) | On a _____ day don't drink _____ liquids. |
| (old – antique) | The _____ man was fond of _____ furniture. |
| (loving – tender) | Her _____ hands had prepared a _____ chicken. |
| (sad – dull) | The day was _____ and we felt quite _____. |

4. Give short sentences, one for each word, showing the correct use of the following:

learn, teach; invent, discover; possible, probable; accept, except.

5. Use similar words in place of the words underlined:

- The bucket dropped into the well.
- “Don't conceal your real feelings.”
- I was astonished to find the house vacant.
- He alters his plans annually.

Homonyms and Homophones

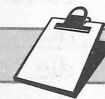
A **Homonym** is a word having the same sound, and perhaps the same spelling, as another, but with a different meaning. Where the spelling of the words is different the words may also be known as **Homophones** (sounding the same). The following homonyms are all of the homophone variety.

air	heir	flour	flower
aisle	isle, I'll	foul	fowl
allowed	aloud	gait	gate
ate	eight	gamble	gambol
bail	bale	gilt	guilt
ball	bawl	grate	great
bare	bear	groan	grown
beach	beech	hail	hale
bell	belle	hair	hare
blew	blue	hear	here
boar	bore	heard	herd
board	bored	higher	hire
bough	bow	him	hymn
boy	buoy	hoard	horde
buy	by, bye	hole	whole
ceiling	sealing	holy	wholly
cellar	seller	hour	our
cereal	serial	key	quay
cheap	cheep	knew	new
check	cheque	knight	night
coarse	course	knot	not
core	corps	knows	nose
council	counsel	leak	leek
crews	cruise	lightening	lightning
currant	current	loan	lone
dear	deer	loot	lute
die	dye	made	maid
draft	draught	mail	male
ewe	you, yew	main	mane
faint	feint	mare	mayor
fair	fare	meat	meet
feat	feet	medal	meddle
flew	flue		

Homonyms and Homophones

missed	mist	scene	seen
muscle	mussel	scent	sent, cent
oar	ore	sea	see
pail	pale	seam	seem
pain	pane	sew	so, sow
pair	pare, pear	sight	site
pause	paws	soar	sore
peace	piece	sole	soul
peal	peel	son	sun
peer	pier	stair	stare
place	plaign	stake	steak
plain	plane	stationary	stationery
plum	plumb	steal	steel
pores	pours	stile	style
practice	practise	tail	tale
praise	prays, preys	tears	tiers
principal	principle	their	there
profit	prophet	threw	through
rains	reigns, reins	throne	thrown
raise	rays, raze	tide	tied
read	reed	time	thyme
real	reel	to	too, two
right, rite	wright, write	told	tolled
ring	wring	vain	vane, vein
road	rode, rowed	vale	veil
root	route	waist	waste
rose	rows	wait	weight
rye	wry	weak	week
sail	sale	wood	would

Exercises on Homonyms and Homophones



1. Make short sentences, one for each word, showing the correct use of the following:

bear, bare, flower, flour, too, two, ate, eight, write, right.

Exercises on Homonyms and Homophones continued 

2. Cross out the wrong words:

She bought some (steak, stake).

The bicycle was for (sail, sale).

We must (hire, higher) a car.

The (hole, whole) army marched into the town.

The boy broke a (pane, pain) of glass.

We walked to the golf (coarse, course).

(Their, There) books are on the desks.

The girl had to (wait, weight) till four o'clock.

The wounded soldier uttered a loud (grown, groan).

The joiner (bored, board) a small (whole, hole) in the (wood, would).

3. Give sentences, one for each word, showing clearly the meaning of each of the following words:

pause, paws, steal, steel, heard, herd, reign, rain, their, there.

4. Insert the words in their proper places:

(allowed - aloud) It is not _____ to speak _____ in class.

(maid - made) The _____ admitted that she had _____ a mistake.

(piece - peace) He will give no _____ until he receives a _____ of cake.

(scent - sent) "Did you get the _____ I _____ you?"

(stair - stare) I saw him _____ at the man on the _____.

(waist - waste) "_____ not, want not," said the woman with the thin _____.

5. Medal, horde, gambol, guilt, prophet, gamble, meddle, profit, gilt, hoard.

From the above list insert the correct words in the following sentences:

A _____ of coins was found under the floor.

The business man made a large _____ on the deal.

He was told not to _____ with the toys.

I saw the lambs _____ in the field.

His name was printed in large _____ letters.