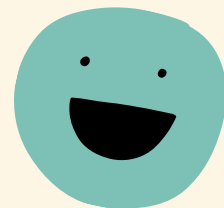


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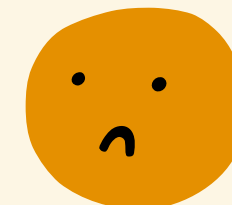
joyful



happy



Angry



upset

Finding the Right Word for How You Are Feeling

Lesson Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will be able to identify synonyms, recognizing the subtle differences in meaning and intensity, and understand how words can convey a range of emotions from mild to extreme.



Students will identify and use synonyms for the word "happy" to express different levels of happiness. They will also explore synonyms for other emotions and analyze the subtle differences in their meanings.

What are Synonyms?

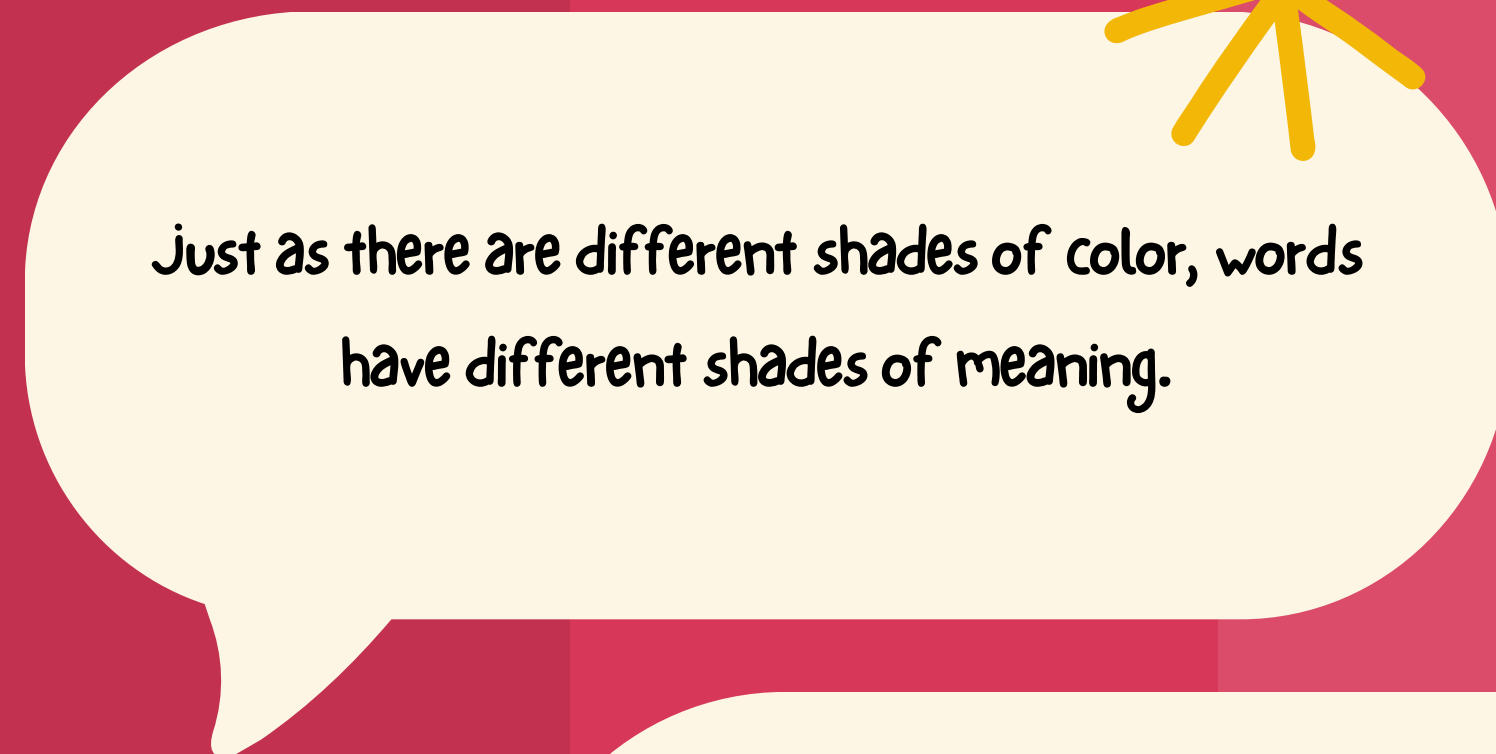
Synonyms are words that have similar meanings. You can use them instead of each other in many cases to express the same idea, which can make your writing more exciting.





Choosing the Right Words

Picking the right synonym is important because it can change how clear and strong your message is. Using the correct words helps make sure people understand what you mean and that your message connects with them.



What Are "Shades of Meaning"?

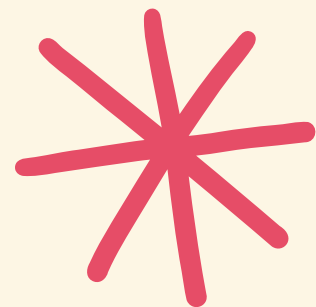
Words that mean something similar are called synonyms. But synonyms are rarely exactly the same. They live on a spectrum — like colors of a rainbow!

Low intensity → → → High intensity

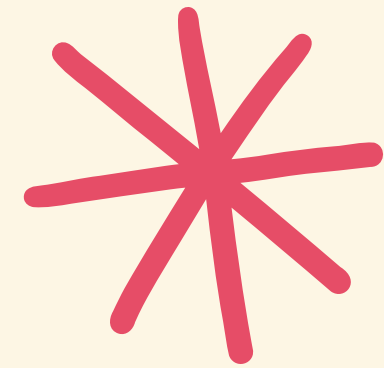
Instead of always saying "happy", you can choose just the right word to show how you feel.



How many different
ways can you think
of to say that you
are happy?



Synonyms for Happy



overjoyed

thrilled

delighted

content

pleased

satisfied

**Let's take a
close look at a few different
ways to express your happiness**



Overjoyed



"Overjoyed" is one of the strongest synonyms for happy.

It explains a feeling of being so joyful that it almost feels too much. This feeling is saved for the most important and happiest moments.

Can you think of a time that you were overjoyed?



thrilled



“Thrilled” means feeling very excited or really happy all of a sudden. It’s a word we use for big moments that make your heart beat faster.

This meaning implies a sense of adventure or an important personal accomplishment.

What is an experience that would make you feel thrilled?



Delighted



“Delighted” often follows a pleasant surprise or a particularly enjoyable event.

This word suggests a "spark" of joy that is stronger than just being pleased.

What is something that you would be delighted about?



Content



Contentment is when you feel happy and satisfied with what you have. It's a peaceful feeling because you're comfortable with your situation and don't want more.

This word highlights not having any worries and feeling calm inside.

What makes you feel content and relaxed?



Pleased



Feeling "pleased" means being happy and proud because you did something well. It's more exciting than just being okay with something, but it's still a calm feeling.

This meaning often involves feeling good about how someone else acts or when something turns out well.

Can you share an experience that left you feeling pleased?



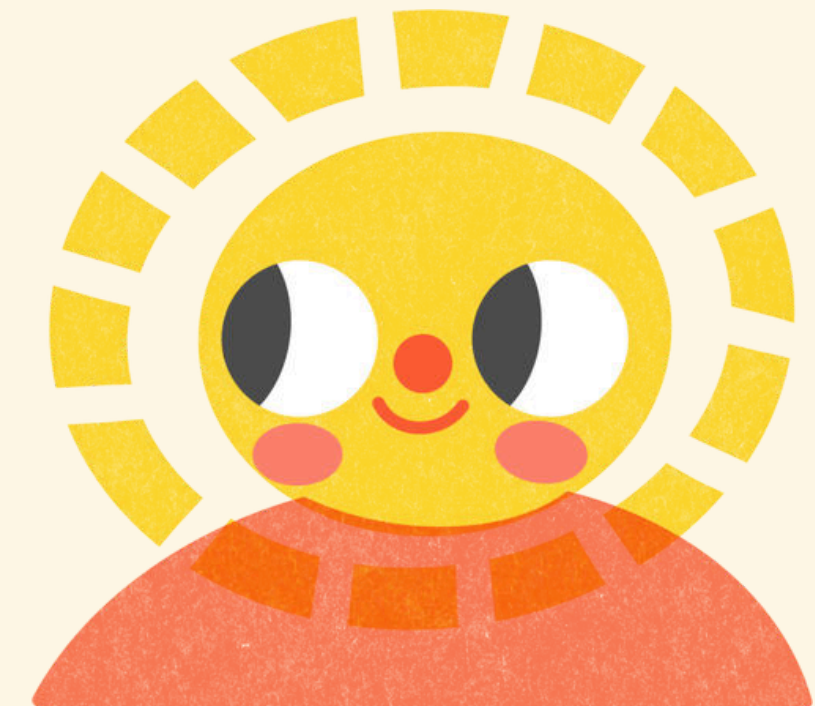
Satisfied



The word “satisfied” means feeling happy because your needs have been met or something has been done well. Like when you finish a task or get what you wanted.

This suggests a feeling of having enough, instead of a sudden burst of happiness.

What makes you feel truly satisfied with your schoolwork?





Shades of Meaning: Anger



Drag each word to its correct spot from lowest to highest intensity.

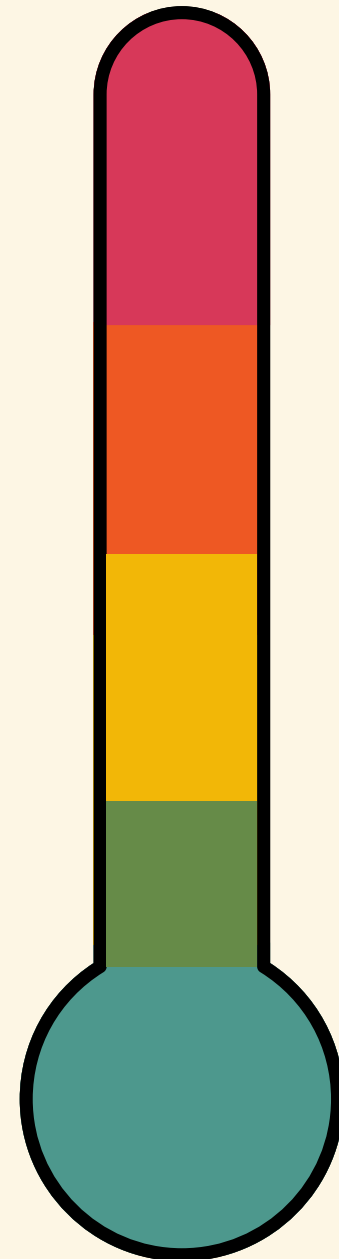
livid

frustrated

annoyed

angry

furious



Anger can build gradually or burst out suddenly. Choosing the right synonym lets us know whether a character is slightly annoyed or completely out of control.

How many different
ways can you think
of to say that you
are sad?



Synonyms for Sad

Please complete the table with word meanings and sentence examples for these synonyms for “sad.”

synonym for sad	word meaning	sentence example
unhappy	Add Your Text Here	Add Your Text Here
disappointed	Add Your Text Here	Add Your Text Here
miserable	Add Your Text Here	Add Your Text Here
heartbroken	Add Your Text Here	Add Your Text Here