

Varied Fluency

Step 1: Synonyms

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G6.1) [How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms \[for example, big, large, little\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (6G6.1) [synonym](#)

Differentiation:

Developing Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Questions contain simple vocabulary.

Expected Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Questions contain more complex vocabulary.

Greater Depth Questions to support recognising and using synonyms. Questions contain challenging vocabulary.

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Varied Fluency – Synonyms

1a. Tick the word below which has the same meaning as 'large'.

bright	
enormous	



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1b. Tick the word below which has the same meaning as 'amazing'.

awesome	
nearby	



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2a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Millie thought she was clever, but she had never met anyone as intelligent as Abi.



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2b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

He was staying quiet because Mrs. Spinks could hear everything in the silent library.



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3a. Sort the words below into two groups based on their shared meanings.

run sprint
leap jump



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3b. Sort the words below into two groups based on their shared meanings.

loud gift
present noisy



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4a. Write two more words which are synonyms of the word below.

said



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4b. Write two more words which are synonyms of the word below.

small



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Varied Fluency – Synonyms

5a. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'droopy'.

limp	
slender	
wilting	



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5b. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'mocked'.

drenched	
insulted	
scorned	



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6a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

It was hard to be civil with Chris, because he was rude even if you were polite.



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6b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

The cart shuddered and quaked as it sped towards the collapsing bridge.



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7a. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

elegant swift

leader rapid

chief graceful



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7b. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

woodland test

forest recommend

exam suggest



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8a. Write three more words which are synonyms of the word below.

surprising



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8b. Write three more words which are synonyms of the word below.

crept



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Varied Fluency – Synonyms

9a. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'chastised'.

berated	
rebuked	
interrogated	
justified	



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9b. Tick the words below which have the same meaning as 'squalid'.

sordid	
qualified	
beneficial	
ramshackle	



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10a. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Edgar was the local eccentric, labelled by his neighbours as a nonconformist who disrupted their ordered lives.



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10b. Circle two words which have the same meaning in the sentence below.

Our greatest advantage is that they see us as inconsequential, and therefore a negligible threat to their dominance.



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11a. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

annihilate decode
 decipher
 unscramble destroy
 obliterate
 elongate



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11b. Sort the words below into three groups based on their shared meanings.

 apathetic
 repugnant proficient
 competent indifferent
 objectionable qualified
 capable



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12a. Write four more words which are synonyms of the word below.

consequence



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12b. Write four more words which are synonyms of the word below.

liberate



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Varied Fluency – Synonyms

Developing

- 1a. enormous
- 1b. awesome
- 2a. 'clever' and 'intelligent'
- 2b. 'quiet' and 'silent'
- 3a. 'run' and 'sprint'; 'leap' and 'jump'
- 3b. 'loud' and 'noisy'; 'gift' and 'present'
- 4a. Various answers, for example: 'stated', 'asked', 'declared'
- 4b. Various answers, for example: 'little', 'tiny', 'minute'

Expected

- 5a. 'limp' and 'wilting'
- 5b. 'insulted' and 'scorned'
- 6a. 'civil' and 'polite'
- 6b. 'shuddered' and 'quaked'
- 7a. 'elegant' and 'graceful'; 'swift' and 'rapid'; 'leader' and 'chief'
- 7b. 'woodland' and 'forest'; 'test' and 'exam'; 'recommend' and 'suggest'
- 8a. Various answers, for example: 'shocking', 'stunning', 'astonishing'
- 8b. Various answers, for example: 'sneaked', 'slunk', 'tiptoed'

Greater Depth

- 9a. 'berated' and 'rebuked'
- 9b. 'sordid' and 'ramshackle'
- 10a. 'eccentric' and 'nonconformist'
- 10b. 'inconsequential' and 'negligible'
- 11a. 'annihilate', 'destroy', 'eradicate' and 'obliterate'; 'decode', 'decipher' and 'unscramble'; 'elongate'
- 11b. 'repugnant' and 'objectionable'; 'apathetic' and 'indifferent'; 'proficient', 'competent', 'qualified' and 'capable'
- 12a. Various answers, for example: 'repercussion', 'result', 'aftereffect'
- 12b. Various answers, for example: 'free', 'emancipate', 'rescue'