



A dog howled, ~~braeking~~ the
stillness. Someone was behind me...

breaking (with arrow pointing to the crossed-out word)
comma (with arrow pointing to the comma after 'howled')

ellipsis (with arrow pointing to the ellipsis at the end of the sentence)
period (with arrow pointing to the period at the end of the sentence)

Synonyms and Antonyms



What are synonyms and antonyms?

Do you know the difference between a **synonym** and an **antonym**?

Synonyms are words with the same or similar meanings.

These pairs of words are synonyms:

nice → **pleasant**

shy → **bashful**

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

These pairs of words are antonyms:

tall → **short**

happy → **sad**



Using synonyms and antonyms in your writing can help to make it more interesting and varied.

Matching synonyms



Match up each word on the top row with its synonym on the bottom row.

					
					

show all

solve



Read each word that appears at the bottom
and then press on its antonym above.

Press **start** to begin.

start



Synonyms and antonyms of words

Match each word on the left with its synonym and antonym. The word classes are given to help you.

generous (adjective)

weary

fragrant

tired (adjective)

charitable

frown

smelly (adjective)

grin

quickly

love (verb)

stinky

stingy

smile (verb)

leisurely

energetic

slowly (adverb)

adore

detest



solve



Finding synonyms and antonyms



Use a **thesaurus** to find as many synonyms and antonyms as you can for the following words. Look at the word classes given to help you.

lazy (adj.)

brave (adj.)

wise (adj.)

capable (adj.)

nasty (adj.)

eat (v.)

success (n.)

decide (v.)

huge (adj.)

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