What Is a Synonym?

A **synonym** is a word that means about the **same as** another word. For example, a synonym for **happy** is **glad**.



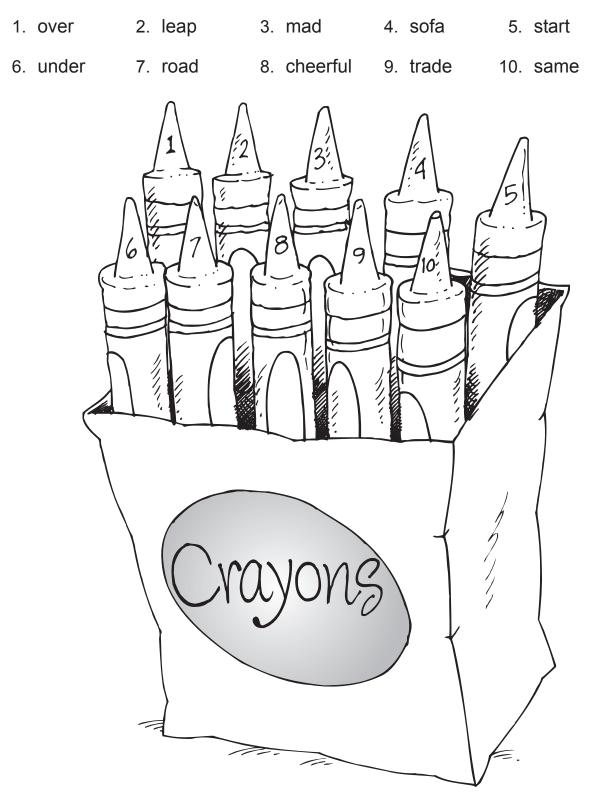


Draw a line to match each word below the \checkmark to its synonym below the \square .



Naming Synonyms (1)

Color a crayon each time you tell a synonym for a word.



Spotlight on Vocabulary Synonyms, Level 1

Finding True Synonyms ①

Sometimes you can use more than one word to say the same thing as another word. For example, **clean** and **not messy** mean the same thing. But a true synonym can only be one word. **Not messy** is two words, so it is not a synonym. True synonyms for **clean** are **neat** and **tidy**.

Underline each true synonym for the first word in each row. There are two synonyms for each word.

1.	near	close	not far	by
2.	shy	not sure	timid	bashful
3.	tough	difficult	hard	not easy
4.	rapid	full of speed	quick	fast
5.	nice	not mean	polite	friendly
6.	afraid	scared	full of fear	frightened
7.	hurry	move quickly	dash	rush
8.	alike	identical	about the same	similar

Synonym Tic-Tac-Toe ①

Play this tic-tac-toe game with a partner. To earn your square, name a synonym for the word in that square. Then use your synonym in a good sentence. For example, if the word is **hope**, you could choose one of the synonyms below.

expect wish dream

The first player to earn three squares in a row (horizontal, vertical or diagonal) wins the game.

big	like	see
quick	odd	small
neat	make	hard