

Correcting Synonyms

These pairs of words don't make true synonyms because they are different parts of speech. Use the word pairs to make two pairs of true synonyms.

1. raise lifting

raise _____

lifting _____

2. wisely intelligent

wisely _____

intelligent _____

3. yell shouting

yell _____

shouting _____

4. cleanliness neat

cleanliness _____

neat _____

5. relaxing rest

relaxing _____

rest _____

6. happily glad

happily _____

glad _____

7. stylish trend

stylish _____

trend _____

8. mysterious puzzle

mysterious _____

puzzle _____

9. gaze staring

gaze _____

staring _____

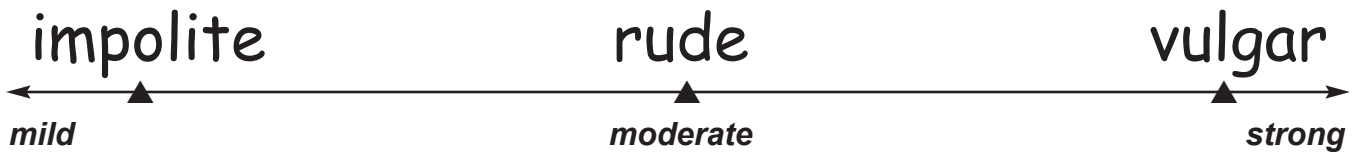
10. save rescuing

save _____

rescuing _____

Synonym Intensity

Sometimes there are many words in a group of synonyms. These words mean something similar, but they may also mean different strength or intensity. For example, **impolite** and **vulgar** are both synonyms for **rude**, but **vulgar** is more intense than **impolite**.



The words in the box below are all synonyms. List each word in the appropriate column to show whether the word suggests a mild, a moderate or a strong intensity.

agitated	angry	annoyed	disturbed	enraged	upset
furious	irate	irritated	bothered	troubled	mad

mild

moderate

strong

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____
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_____	_____	_____

Choosing the Best Synonyms

Choose the synonym that best completes each sentence. Write your answers in the blanks.

1. I can't _____ my dog a new trick.
educate instruct teach
2. Don't _____ your food.
ruin destroy waste
3. Why do you always crack _____?
gags wisecracks jokes
4. Baby spiders don't _____ me at all.
threaten intimidate scare
5. You should be the _____ of our team.
commander leader
6. _____, I saw him dart around the corner.
Quickly Suddenly Abruptly
7. The librarian says my book is _____.
overdue tardy late
8. I need to _____ my hands before dinner.
bathe wash scrub
9. Drive _____ so that I can read the street signs.
leisurely slowly
10. Take the burgers off the grill when they are _____.
completed done
11. Would you please _____ this bag for me?
clutch carry transport
12. Tyler didn't take the _____ to leave us alone.
hint suggestion



Writing Synonyms

Think of a synonym for each underlined word. Write it in the blank.

1. Not now, I'm in a rush! _____
2. Wear a jacket because it's cold outside. _____
3. I'm so glad that I went to the party. _____
4. The movie was really funny. _____
5. What Jason did made me angry. _____
6. I was just kidding. _____
7. Keep working until your homework is done. _____
8. I forgot my coat! _____
9. My cat is really smart. _____
10. It's critical that we do this right. _____
11. I will absolutely come to your party. _____
12. Last night I studied for the math quiz. _____
13. We have plenty of chairs for everyone. _____
14. Please permit me to explain, Mr. Snodgrass. _____