

# 35 Synonyms

A **synonym** is a word which means the same as, or almost the same as, another word. Using synonyms allows you to express your ideas with accuracy and avoid repetition. You will find synonyms in a thesaurus and sometimes dictionaries, such as the Oxford Student's Dictionary.

**incorrect** *adjective* not correct, wrong.  
**SYNONYMS:** wrong, inaccurate, mistaken, erroneous. **incorrectly** *adverb* **incorrectness** *noun*



## GETTING STARTED

Match up the eighteen pairs of synonyms. One pair has already been found for you.

decline	rich	taste	mad	stink	fit
list	tall	stench	fear	wealthy	crazy
sad	dwindle	crowded	flavour	narrow	dread
hate	wide	love	broad	packed	feeble
murder	adore	miserable	doubtful	kill	slender
lofty	dubious	healthy	frail	detest	inventory

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| 1. <u>decline</u> <u>dwindle</u> | 7. _____  | 13. _____ |
| 2. _____                         | 8. _____  | 14. _____ |
| 3. _____                         | 9. _____  | 15. _____ |
| 4. _____                         | 10. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 5. _____                         | 11. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 6. _____                         | 12. _____ | 18. _____ |



## MOVING ON

Break the code to find three synonyms for these words. Write one more for each.

ozitv	zdufo	ovzev	wvkzig	hfyhgzmgrzo
orggov	slmvhg	wivzwufo	erigflfh	grmb
vcgvmhrev	urmv	drgswizd	zkkzoomt	wrrnrmfgrev

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N	M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A

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|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. bad   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. good  | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. big   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. small | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 5. go    | _____ | _____ | _____ |

How many did you get right?

10 = NOVICE

20 = EXPERT

30 = MAESTRO