

## 100 English Synonyms To Expand Your Vocabulary

A synonym is a word with the same or a similar meaning as another word.

For example, the words **big** and **large** are synonyms.

**Buy** and **purchase** are also synonyms – although we tend to use “buy” in a more informal context, and “purchase” in a more formal context. Keep in mind that some synonyms in the list below might not be “perfect” synonyms – there may be slight differences in meaning and connotation. For example, the words **smart** and **wise**. Both of them mean “intelligent,” but the word **wise** also implies that the person has additional good judgement and deep perception about life.

Synonyms are often used in different collocations, too. For example, we can describe either a person or an idea as **brilliant**, but only a person can be **astute**.

**Powerful**, **potent**, and **firm** are synonyms for **strong**. A person with a strong voice can have a **powerful** voice, but not a **potent** voice. A strong alcoholic drink can be **potent**, but not **firm**.

If you’re not sure how to use the synonyms below – or if you want to see example sentences – check [this dictionary](#) and [this sample sentence search!](#)

### SYNONYMS FOR SMART

- bright
- sharp
- brilliant
- astute
- wise

### SYNONYMS FOR STUPID

- dumb
- idiotic
- dimwitted
- slow
- dense

### **SYNONYMS FOR ESSENTIAL**

- crucial
- critical
- vital
- integral
- indispensable

### **SYNONYMS FOR IRRELEVANT**

- inconsequential
- useless
- meaningless
- trivial
- insignificant

### **SYNONYMS FOR EXCELLENT**

- magnificent
- phenomenal
- top-notch
- world-class
- outstanding

### **SYNONYMS FOR ACCEPTABLE**

- fitting
- suitable
- satisfactory
- adequate
- appropriate

### **SYNONYMS FOR AWFUL**

- horrible
- abominable
- repulsive
- despicable
- atrocious

### **SYNONYMS FOR INTERESTING**

- captivating
- enchanting
- fascinating
- enthralling
- intriguing

### **SYNONYMS FOR BORING**

- dull
- tiresome
- mundane
- humdrum
- monotonous

### **SYNONYMS FOR UNCERTAIN**

- doubtful
- questionable
- dubious
- far-fetched
- unproven

### **SYNONYMS FOR NEW**

- modern
- contemporary
- up-to-date
- novel
- fresh

### **SYNONYMS FOR OLD**

- outdated
- antiquated
- obsolete
- archaic
- old-fashioned

### **SYNONYMS FOR EASY**

- simple
- child's play
- straightforward
- effortless
- uncomplicated

### **SYNONYMS FOR DIFFICULT**

- challenging
- daunting
- taxing
- tough
- tricky

### **SYNONYMS FOR STRONG**

- powerful
- intense
- firm
- solid
- potent

### **SYNONYMS FOR WEAK**

- frail
- feeble
- shaky
- flimsy
- fragile

### **SYNONYMS FOR HUGE**

- colossal
- gigantic
- astronomical
- immense
- gargantuan

### **SYNONYMS FOR TINY**

- minuscule
- itsy-bitsy
- microscopic
- dinky
- minute

### **SYNONYMS FOR MANY**

- copious
- abundant
- numerous
- ample
- bountiful

### **SYNONYMS FOR BIT**

- smidgen
- dash
- iota
- pinch
- shred

### **SYNONYMS FOR EXCESS**

- glut
- plethora
- wealth
- surplus
- overabundance