

**Synonyms are words with the same or similar meaning:**

- Words such as happy, cheerful and merry.
- Words such as sad, miserable and heartbroken.

**Antonyms are words with opposite meanings:**

- Words such as angry and peaceful.
- Words such as funny and serious.

You can use a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms for words.

### Activity One

**For each word you will need to find five synonyms and five antonyms.  
Remember that you can use a thesaurus.**

**Sensible**

**Beautiful**

**Love**

**Horrible**

**Scary**

**Big**

**Dark**

**Poor**

**Good**

**Cold**

**Careful**

### **Activity Two**

**For each word you will need to find five synonyms and five antonyms.  
Remember that you can use a thesaurus.**

**Clean**

**Hate**

**Excited**

**Blue**

**Sad**

In your book rewrite the passage below, replacing the underlined words with synonyms.

The Little Hangletons all agreed that the old house was "creepy." Half a century ago, something strange and horrible had happened there, something that the older inhabitants of the village still liked to discuss when topics for gossip were scarce. The story had been picked over so many times, and had been embroidered in so many places, that nobody was quite sure what the truth was anymore. Every version of the tale, however, started in the same place: Fifty years before, at daybreak on a fine summer's morning, when the Riddle House had still been well kept and impressive, a maid had entered the drawing room to find all three Riddles dead.

### Activity Three

In your book rewrite the passage below, replacing the underlined words with synonyms.

The hottest day of the summer so far was drawing to a close and a drowsy silence lay over the large, square houses of Privet Drive. Cars that were usually gleaming stood dusty in their drives and lawns that were once emerald green lay parched and yellowing - for the use of hosepipes had been banned due to drought. Deprived of their usual car-washing and lawn-mowing pursuits, the inhabitants of Privet Drive had retreated into the shade of their cool houses, windows thrown wide in the hope of tempting in a non-existent breeze. The only person left outdoors was a teenage boy who was lying flat on his back in a flowerbed outside number four.

Rewrite the passage below in your book, identifying words you can change for synonyms and changing these. Remember to make sure sentences still make sense.

He was a skinny, black-haired, bespectacled boy who had the pinched, slightly unhealthy look of someone who has grown a lot in a short space of time. His jeans were torn and dirty, his T-shirt baggy and faded, and the soles of his trainers were peeling away from the uppers. Harry Potter's appearance did not endear him to the neighbours, who were the sort of people who thought scruffiness ought to be punishable by law, but as he had hidden himself behind a large hydrangea bush this evening he was quite invisible to passers-by. In fact, the only way he would be spotted was if his Uncle Vernon or Aunt Petunia stuck their heads out of the living-room window and looked straight down into the flowerbed below.