

Use Synonyms to Improve Sentences

A synonym is a word that means the same thing (or a very similar thing) to another word. For example, synonyms for the word 'happy' could include 'glad', 'joyous' and 'ecstatic'. We use synonyms so that we don't keep repeating the same words over and over again and to make our writing more specific and more interesting to read.

Task:

1. Read Chapter 9 (p130 of the PDF, starts '*With a self-assurance that she didn't have before...*') for the next part of the story.
2. Work through the **Green** Magicians sheet (p132) in your book. It is important that you make sure that the synonym you choose to replace the word in the question is as close in meaning as possible and still makes sense in the context of the sentence. You can't just use any of them!
3. Mark your work using the answers on p149 (under the heading 'Chapter 9') of the Y5 SPaG PDF file.
4. If you would like an extension challenge, make synonym lists for 4 commonly over-used adjectives of your choice (e.g. happy, sad, nice...). You could use a thesaurus to help you.