

Thesaurus Power Worksheet

A *thesaurus* is a reference book that contains lists of synonyms and antonyms.

road (n): an open way for people or vehicles upon which to travel. *This road leads straight into downtown.*

SYNONYMS:

alley: a narrow road behind or between buildings. *This back door leads to a dark alley.*

boulevard: a wide, main road, often lined with trees or separated with a grassy median strip. *The boulevard is decorated for the Fourth of July parade.*

highway: a main road between cities. *Take this highway five miles south, and you will end up in Charleston.*

street: a local road in a village or town, usually lined with sidewalks and houses. *Police headquarters is on the same street as the fire station.*

trail: a narrow dirt or gravel trail through woods or unsettled regions. *Pioneer families took this trail west to the prairie lands.*

turnpike: a public highway in which a toll is paid by travelers. *The next exit off the turnpike is twenty-four miles away.*

ANTONYMS: blockade, cul-de-sac, dead end, detour.

Exercise A

Use the thesaurus entry above to answer the following questions.

1. What is the entry word above?

2. What part of speech is the entry and its synonyms?

3. Write the sample sentence for the entry word.

4. List all the synonyms.

5. List two more synonyms for this entry.

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Exercise B

Complete each sentence with a different synonym for *road*. Write the sentence.

1. This _____ through the woods is too muddy to hike.
2. We stored a trash dumpster in the back _____.
3. The speed limit on one _____ is 70 miles per hour.
4. Memorial _____ was decorated with flags on every pole.
5. A new side _____ opened for two-way traffic.

Exercise C

Find the word *teach* in a thesaurus. Replace the word *teach* in the sentences below with a different synonym. Write each new sentence.

1. I can teach your dog to sit and stay.

2. My dad might teach soccer this fall.

3. College students have volunteered to help teach youngsters on the weekends.

4. Teach how this machine works.

5. A nurse can teach the class in first aid and CPR.
