

Reference Materials

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Thesaurus

A **thesaurus** is a reference book. A thesaurus provides synonyms for a given word. Some thesauruses also provide antonyms (opposites) for a word. A thesaurus is great for expanding one's vocabulary and for finding alternatives to overused words.

Example: Bill likes to drink *cold* water.

Bill likes to drink *icy* water.

PRACTICE

Write three synonyms for each word. (*Hint: If you need help, use a thesaurus.*)

Example: old: vintage, antique, heirloom

1. scratched: _____, _____, _____
2. old: _____, _____, _____
3. cuddly: _____, _____, _____
4. shining: _____, _____, _____
5. delicate: _____, _____, _____

Rewrite each sentence replacing the underlined word with a synonym from above.

1. The old dresser belongs to my great, great-grandparents.

2. The scratched record made a horrible sound on the record player.

3. The cuddly teddy bear belongs to the baby.

4. In Hollywood, everyone thinks he or she is a shining star.

5. The delivery person brought a delicate package.

WRITE ON!

On a separate sheet of paper, write a sentence. Rewrite the sentence two more times replacing the commonly used words with synonyms. Compare the three sentences. Which one is the most interesting to read?