

## STUDENT HANDOUT: SYNONYMS

A **synonym** is a word that has a similar or the same meaning to another word. It is used to replace an existing word which you do not want to repeat.

For example: He **said** 'get the table ready', then he <said> **stated**, "it is soup for tea".

**Dictionaries** are used to find meanings and to check spellings of words.

We use a **thesaurus** to help identify synonyms. Using a thesaurus can help develop our vocabulary and make writing more interesting.

You can right click on a word in Microsoft Word to find its synonym.

Match the words with its synonym:

nice	look	small	sad	bad
mock	think	said	happy	asked
excited	big	kind	sing	brave
pleased	short	forgive	good	silent

Delightful	peer	miniscule	disconsolate	abysmal
Ridicule	ponder	utter	euphoric	questioned
Ecstatic	huge	considerate	chant	courageous
elated	diminutive	exonerate	worthy	peaceful



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