

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 1: Synonyms

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G6.1) [How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms \[for example, big, large, little\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (6G6.1) [synonym](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Order two synonyms from weakest to strongest and explain the order chosen. Using vocabulary from Y3/4 Spelling Lists within simple and compound sentences.

**Expected** Order three synonyms from weakest to strongest and explain the order chosen. Using vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists within compound and complex, multi-clause sentences.

**Greater Depth** Order four synonyms from weakest to strongest and explain the order chosen. Using vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists as well as a wider range of more challenging vocabulary within complex, multi-clause sentences. A dictionary may be necessary to help with unfamiliar vocabulary.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Fill in the gap in a sentence with a synonym of a given word. Using vocabulary from Y3/4 Spelling Lists within simple and compound sentences.

**Expected** Fill in the gap in a sentence with a synonym of a given word. Using vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists within compound and complex, multi-clause sentences.

**Greater Depth** Fill in the gap in a sentence with a synonym of a given word. Using vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists as well as a wider range of more challenging vocabulary within complex, multi-clause sentences. A dictionary may be necessary to help with unfamiliar vocabulary.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain if a synonym makes sense in a particular context. Using vocabulary from Y3/4 Spelling Lists within simple and compound sentences.

**Expected** Explain if a synonym makes sense in a particular context. Using vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists within compound and complex, multi-clause sentences.

**Greater Depth** Explain if a synonym makes sense in a particular context. vocabulary from Y5/6 Spelling Lists as well as a wider range of more challenging vocabulary within complex, multi-clause sentences. A dictionary may be necessary to help with unfamiliar vocabulary.

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## Synonyms

1a. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

sigh

groan



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## Synonyms

1b. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

courageous

daring



R

2a. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'caught'.

The hero \_\_\_\_\_ the villain  
after a long and tiring pursuit.



A

2b. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'blue'.

The bright \_\_\_\_\_ ocean  
stretched as far as the horizon.



A

3a. Find the synonym of 'walk' in the sentence below.

I wander quickly straight to  
school.

Does it make sense for that synonym to  
be used?  
Explain your answer.



R

3b. Find the synonym of 'said' in the sentence below.

"Is it raining out there?"  
answered Ralph quietly.

Does it make sense for that synonym to  
be used?  
Explain your answer.



R

## Synonyms

4a. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

tasty

delicious

enjoyable



R

## Synonyms

4b. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

lovely

adorable

cute



R

5a. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'companion'.

It was a shock when I realised that Ty had become my closest \_\_\_\_\_ on the trip.



A

5b. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'variety'.

When I arrived in the lunch hall, there was a huge \_\_\_\_\_ of food on offer.



A

6a. Find the synonym of 'thorough' in the sentence below.

There was an in-depth investigation when the sports equipment went missing.

Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?  
Explain your answer.



R

6b. Find the synonym of 'take' in the sentence below.

Steve allowed me to steal some of his sweets because I was feeling slightly peckish.

Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?  
Explain your answer.



R

## Synonyms

7a. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

restricted

claustrophobic

cramped

enclosed



R

## Synonyms

7b. Put these synonyms in order from weakest to strongest. Explain your choice.

copious

ample

abundant

sufficient



R

8a. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'tyrant'.

In her supporters' eyes, she is a decisive leader, but her opponents regard her as a modern \_\_\_\_\_.



A

8b. Fill in the gap in the sentence below with a synonym of 'guaranteed'.

She \_\_\_\_\_ that the warnings will be acknowledged, so that the planet is not subjected to long-term damage.



A

9a. Find the synonym of 'entered' in the sentence below.

Renee infiltrated the office building every morning at 8.55am, greeting the security guard warmly.

Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?  
Explain your answer.



R

9b. Find the synonym of 'took' in the sentence below.

William confiscated the tablets with a mouthful of water after every meal, as his doctor had suggested.

Does it make sense for that synonym to be used?  
Explain your answer.



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### Developing

- 1a. From weakest to strongest: 'sigh', 'groan' because the words mean 'sound to convey sadness'; 'sound to convey despair'.
- 2a. Various answers, for example: captured, seized, arrested.
- 3a. No, it does not make sense for the word 'wander' to be used, as it implies a leisurely pace. In the given sentence, it does not make sense alongside the words 'quickly, straight to school'.

### Expected

- 4a. From weakest to strongest: 'enjoyable', 'tasty', 'delicious', because the words mean 'bringing delight', 'having a pleasant flavour' and 'having a highly pleasant taste' respectively.
- 5a. Various answers, for example: friend, ally, comrade
- 6a. Yes, it does make sense for the word 'in-depth' to be used. Both 'in-depth' and 'thorough' are synonyms.

### Greater Depth

- 7a. Various answers, accept any order where the reasoning is clear and evident.
- 8a. Various answers, for example: dictator, oppressor, authoritarian
- 9a. No, it does not make sense for the word 'infiltrated' to be used, as it implies an element of secrecy or gradual sneaking. In the given sentence, it does not make sense alongside the final clause 'greeting the security guard warmly'.

## Application and Reasoning Synonyms

### Developing

- 1b. From weakest to strongest: 'daring', 'courageous' because the words mean 'being adventurous'; 'not deterred by danger or pain'.
- 2b. Various answers, for example: azure, sapphire, turquoise.
- 3b. No, it does not make sense for the word 'answered' to be used. In the given sentence, Ralph is asking a question, not answering one.

### Expected

- 4b. From weakest to strongest: 'cute', 'lovely', 'adorable', because the words mean 'pretty', 'very beautiful' and 'captivating' respectively.
- 5b. Various answers, for example: range, mixture, variation
- 6b. No, it does not make sense for the word 'steal' to be used. 'Steal' is a synonym for 'take' when 'take' is used to mean 'thieve'. In the given sentence, Steve allows the person to take his sweets.

### Greater Depth

- 7b. Various answers, accept any order where the reasoning is clear and evident.
- 8b. Various answers, for example: promised, pledged, vowed
- 9b. No, it does not make sense for the word 'confiscated' to be used. 'Confiscated' is a synonym for the word 'took' when 'took' is used to mean 'stole' or 'removed'. In the given sentence, 'took' is used to mean 'consumed'.