

Level Up Your Lexicon: The Art of Vocabulary

Don't just say it, paint it with words! Join Pip the bookworm and elevate your writing from ordinary to extraordinary.

- A synonym is a word that shares a similar meaning to another, such as 'glistening' instead of 'shiny'. Why does selecting a specific synonym help the reader visualise a scene more clearly?
- Antonyms are opposites, like 'fragile' and 'resilient'. How can using strong antonyms help a writer create a more dramatic contrast in their story?
- Tier 2 words are high-frequency words that appear across many subjects, such as 'analyse', 'fortunate', or 'distinguish'. Why are these words more powerful than simple, everyday language?
- Etymology is the study of where words come from. How might knowing the roots of a word help you deduce the meaning of an unfamiliar term?
- Precision is the goal of a master writer. Explain why saying a character 'marched' is more effective than simply saying they 'walked' quickly.

Did you know? Did you know that the English language has one of the largest vocabularies in the world? Because English has borrowed words from over 350 different languages throughout history, we have an incredible variety of ways to describe the exact same thing. Choosing the perfect word is like finding the missing piece of a puzzle!

Key vocabulary: Synonym · Antonym · Tier 2 Vocabulary · Precision · Adverbial · Nuance · Connotation · Etymology