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Thesaurus

A **thesaurus** includes entry words with synonyms (words with the same or similar meanings) and antonyms (words with opposite meanings). Most word processing programs have a thesaurus to help you choose just the right word.

Directions Use the thesaurus entry to answer the questions.

| | Entry Word | Definition | | | | | |
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| | <p>Quiet means making little or no noise. <i>Children are quiet at the library.</i></p> <p>Silent means not talking or making no sound. <i>The room became silent when the principal entered.</i></p> <p>Still means not moving. <i>The crowd was still as the last shot of the game was made.</i></p> <p>ANTONYM: loud</p> | | <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px;">Look up:</td> <td style="background-color: #333; color: white; padding: 5px;">Synonyms:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Quiet</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">silent still</td> </tr> </table> | Look up: | Synonyms: | Quiet | silent still |
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| Synonyms → | | | | | | | |
| Antonym → | | | | | | | |

1. What is the entry word for this thesaurus?

quiet

2. Which synonym of *quiet* best completes this sentence?

Peter stood very _____ as the angry dog approached.

still

3. Which word could you use to replace the underlined phrase in this sentence?

The children on the playground were not quiet.

loud

4. How could you use a thesaurus to find more antonyms for *quiet*?

Possible response: Look up *loud* in the thesaurus and find some synonyms.

5. What is one way that you could use a thesaurus for schoolwork?

Possible response: I could use a thesaurus to help find interesting words for writing assignments.



Home Activity Your child answered questions about a thesaurus entry. Read a book or story with your child. Select appropriate words for him or her to look up in a thesaurus to find synonyms and antonyms.