

SYNONYMS

A synonym is a word or phrase that is exactly or nearly the same as another word in same language. Words are typically synonymous in one particular sense and not another way. Synonyms can be any part of speech.

Below are the examples listed out for Synonyms and how they can be used?

- He **studied** law at Oxford
- He **read** law at Oxford

(In this context, the verbs study and read are synonyms)

- She is **a real Picasso**
- She is **a great artist**

(In this context, the phrases are synonyms)

Context to be considered during synonyms

- He was **studying** in the kitchen
- He was **reading** in the kitchen

(In this context, the meanings of *to study* and *to read* are not close enough to be synonyms.)

- This is an **excellent** cheese.
- This is a **strong** cheese.

(In this context, *excellent* and *strong* are not synonyms.)

Synonyms can be any part of Speech

1. Adjectives

- The reason is **unimportant**.
- The reason is **irrelevant**.

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2. Adverbs

- He eats fast.
- He eats quickly.

3. Conjunctions

- I should tell her as she is my sister.
- I should tell her because she is my sister.

(Note: These are known as subordinating conjunctions.)

4. Interjections

- Yes, Captain.
- Aye, Captain.

5. Nouns

- Shall I take the dogs?
- Shall I take the mutts?

6. Prepositions

- Upon arrival, take a ticket.
- On arrival, take a ticket.

7. Pronouns

- I'll show you my yacht. She is a beauty.
- I'll show you my yacht. It is a beauty.

8. Verbs

- I need to contemplate the consequences.
- I need to consider the consequences.

Thus, we advise candidates to go through the basic concepts of synonyms and do well in all competitive exams.

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