

Thesaurus Skills

Finding a Synonym



In order to find a more interesting alternative word, find the basic word you want the synonym for in the thesaurus (remember it is in alphabetical order!).

e.g. **big**

Once found, you will see a list of ambitious vocabulary that has a similar meaning to your basic word:

big

Choose from the many synonyms listed.

Synonyms of 'big' in english (adjective):

1. 'a big garden' 'big buildings'

large, sizeable, of considerable size, substantial, considerable, great, huge, immense, enormous, extensive, colossal, massive, mammoth, vast, prodigious, tremendous, gigantic, giant, monumental, mighty, stupendous, gargantuan, elephantine, titanic, epic, mountainous, megalithic, monstrous, towering, tall, high, lofty

outsize, oversized, overgrown, cumbersome, unwieldy;

inordinate, unlimited, goodly;

capacious, voluminous, commodious, spacious, good-size(d), fair-size(d);

king-size(d), man-size, family-size(d), economy-size(d)

informal: jumbo, whopping, whopping great, thumping, thumping great, bumper, mega, humongous, monster, astronomical, cosmic, almighty, dirty great, socking great, tidy

Sentences:

The tent he had pitched was very **sizeable**.

The pyramid he saw was **colossal**!

Paul had got himself into a **huge** mess.

Example Sentences:

tells us how to use the synonyms in the sentence.

Make sure that the synonym fits the context you want to use it in.

