

STEGOTHESAURUS

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Synonyms!

Stegothesauros is part dinosaur, part thesaurus. A **thesaurus** is a book that lists words and their synonyms. A **synonym** is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

Synonyms are useful because:

A synonym can be used to avoid repeating the same word.

We ran to the oasis.
As we ~~ran~~ **raced**
toward the shrubs,
our mouths watered.

A synonym can show that something is more or less extreme than the other word.

After lunch, we
~~waded in the cold~~
freezing pond.

A synonym can be more specific than the other word.

My brothers and I
~~walked~~ **trudged**
through the desert.

A synonym can be used to create a rhythm or rhyme.

We slept beneath the
starry ~~sky~~ **dome.**
Beside my brothers,
I am home.

Try using these spectacular, splendid, and sublime synonyms in your writing!

VERBS

eat
gobble, nibble, taste

jump
dive, hop, leap

like
admire, adore, relish

run
dash, jog, race

speak
declare, mutter, whisper

walk
stride, strut, trudge

NOUNS

friend
chum, comrade, pal

home
apartment, cabin, hut

story
saga, tale, yarn

street
lane, road, way

ADJECTIVES

big
colossal, gargantuan, vast

happy
cheerful, jubilant, pleased

hungry
famished, ravenous, voracious

mean
callous, vicious, vile

nice
friendly, kind, pleasant

sad
bitter, heartbroken, melancholy

small
miniscule, minute, tiny

sweet
saccharine, sugary, toothsome

ADVERBS

angrily
crossly, furiously, sharply

politely
cordially, graciously, tactfully

quickly
hastily, hurriedly, swiftly

slowly
gradually, leisurely, sluggishly

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