

MEANING OF SYNONYMS IN ENGLISH

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ABSTRACT

This article is about synonyms and their meaning, occurrence and origin. Synonyms are very important, especially when using words interchangeably in a language can help improve the level of sentences. Synonyms can be helpful in expanding vocabulary and adding nuance to communication.

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INTRODUCTION

Synonyms are two or more words of the same meaning, belonging to the same part of speech, possessing one or more identical meaning, interchangeable at least in some contexts without any considerable alteration in denotational meaning, but differing in morphemic composition, phonemic shape, shades of meaning, connotation, affective value, style, emotional coloring and valence peculiar to one of the elements in a synonymic group”.¹

A synonym is a word or phrase that has the same or similar meaning as another word. In English, synonyms are used to provide variety in language and to avoid repetition. They allow speakers and writers to express themselves in different ways while conveying the same idea.

FINDINGS

In the vast realm of the English language, words hold immense power. They allow us to express our thoughts, emotions, and ideas. However, what if we could add more color and depth to our language by using different words that convey the same meaning? This is where synonyms come into play. Synonyms, often referred to as "word twins," are words or phrases that share similar or identical meanings. Let's delve deeper into the meaning and significance of synonyms in English.

The Power of Expression

Synonyms provide us with a diverse range of options to express ourselves effectively. They allow us to avoid repetitive language and add variety to our speech and writing. By using synonyms, we can paint vivid pictures, evoke emotions, and captivate our audience with a rich tapestry of words.

¹ И. В. Арнольд. *Лексикология современного английского языка*. М., Высшая школа, 1986.

Expanding Vocabulary

One of the key benefits of synonyms is their ability to expand our vocabulary. As we explore different synonyms for a particular word, we uncover new shades of meaning and nuances. This not only enhances our understanding of the language but also equips us with a broader range of words to choose from, making our communication more precise and sophisticated.

Nuance and Context

Synonyms play a crucial role in conveying subtle differences in meaning based on context. While two words may share a similar core meaning, their connotations and associations can differ. For instance, "tiny" and "minuscule" both refer to something small, but "minuscule" carries a stronger sense of extreme smallness. Nowadays the definition of the term „synonyms” seems to be one of the most complicated problems of lexicology and stylistics as in spite of the multitude of term’s definitions there is no universally accepted one. Traditionally synonyms are defined as words different in sound form, but identical or similar in meaning. However, this definition has been severely criticized on many points, not representing the subject of our article.² William Dean Howells argues that literature and art/ namely, language art/ should be „the expression of life ... not to be judged by any other test than their fidelity to it”³

CONCLUSION

Synonyms are an essential aspect of the English language, offering a wealth of opportunities for expression and communication. They empower us to choose the most fitting words, expand our vocabulary, and convey subtle nuances in meaning. Whether in everyday conversations, writing, or language learning, synonyms enhance our ability to connect, engage, and express ourselves with precision and flair. So, let's embrace the power of synonyms and unlock the full potential of our language.

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