

IELTS Most Helpful Synonyms

Adjective Synonyms

Big	Large
Little	Small
Fast	Quick
Smart	Clever
Broad	Wide
Skinny	Slim
Dangerous	Risky
Hard	Difficult
Usual	Normal
Fat	Obese

Example:

Question or Answer Option	Reading Passage or Listening Audio
----the hiking trail is dangerous and hard for beginners	----the hiking trail is risky and can be difficult for people who have never hiked before.

Noun Synonyms

Student	Pupil
Problem	Issue
Area	Region
Business	Company
Exam	Test
Place	Location
Equity	Fairness
Trouble	Danger
Car	Vehicle
Reason	Cause

Verb Synonyms

Have	Own
Make	Build
know	Understand
Want	Desire
Find	Locate
Ask	Enquire
Feel	Experience
Buy	Purchase
Begin	Start
Give	Provide

Phrasal Verb-Verb Synonyms

Ask out	Invite
Check in	Register
Fall apart	Break
Take off	Leave
Get up	Stand
Give in	Surrender
Go over	Review
Try out	Test
Work out	Calculate
Run away	Escape

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Adverb Synonyms

Sometimes	Occasionally
Actually	Really
Almost	Nearly
Probably	Most Likely
Especially	Mainly
Normally	Usually
Constantly	Always
Immediately	Instantly
Rarely	Seldom
Quickly	Speedily

Phrase Synonyms Example

---watch out for---	---- be cautious of---
---not sure of ---	----don't know---
---make up your mind---	----decide----
---keep in mind----	---remember---
---once in a while---	---sometimes----
--- take it easy---	---relax----
----come across---	---find---
----get into an accident---	---crash---
---keep an eye on----	----watch---
----take care of----	----look after---
---take a shot at---	---try/attempt----

Phrase Synonyms Example

Question or Answer Options	Reading Passage or Listening Audio
Visitors need to watch out for lions.	Tourists need to be cautious of the lions.
Most young people are not sure of what they want to do when they're older.	Teenagers mostly don't know what careers they want when they grow up.
You need to make up your mind prior to your test.	It's best if you decide what to do before your test.

Antonym

Main Word	Opposite Meaning	Synonym
sad	happy	Unhappy
wrong	accurate	Inaccurate
cheap	expensive	inexpensive
deny	approve	Disapprove
oppose	agree	Disagree
deter	encourage	discourage

Same word but changes the word form

Noun	Verb	Adjective	Adverb
success	succeed	successful	Successfully
protection	protect	protective	-
comfort	comfort	comfortable	comfortably

Same word but changes the word form Example

Question or Answer Options	Reading Passage or Listening Audio
Sally was successful in her second Olympic games when she won gold .	Sally's second Olympic games were a success and she took home first place .

Matching Question

Correct answer option:

People **should have** equal opportunities.

Text

The same possibilities **should be open to** everyone.

Question:

Why do drug researchers find insects interesting?

Correct answer option:

Because of the **range of substances** insects have developed to **protect themselves**.

Passage:

---which has led to the evolution of a **wide variety of very effective compounds** for their own **defence and offense**.

True /False/Not Given Question:

One study looked at by DeVillers **had expected to show** that **ingesting plastic caused salmon** harm.

Text:

Surprisingly, DeVillers said, only one well-designed research project **failed to find the effect it was looking for**, an investigation of **salmon that incidentally consumed microscopic bits of plastic**. The plastic indeed would move from the salmon's stomachs to their bloodstreams, researchers revealed, and remained there for weeks; there was no noticeable effect.