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Image: shapecharge/E+/Getty Images Did you know that there are more than 171,000 words currently used in the English language? Crazy to think about, right? You see words all around you whether you're reading a book, passing a billboard, opening a magazine, or deep into an article online. There are just so many words that each person has in their vocabulary, and then there are all the thousands of words that you don't know or have yet to stumble on upon. If 171,000 words don't phase you, then you definitely need to take this quiz to so we can challenge you! In this quiz, you'll be tasked with replacing a word with the synonym that best fits the sentence. Can you think of a synonym for the word assertive? What about the word frugal or disdain? Or how about the word fickle? Looking at them right now you might be thinking "Oh sure, that's so easy," but it's a whole different ball game when it also has to make sense in the sentence. This quiz will challenge your word knowledge. 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Now, once you got over your initial disappointment that the thesaurus isn't a cool new dinosaur, you thought it was pretty nifty, dandy and super to have all the synonyms (and antonyms) you could ever need collected in one book! And today, because the Internet is so awesome, you can even pull up an online thesaurus with a few keystrokes, making it even easier to find the perfect word for every occasion.Your teacher probably drilled it into your head that not all synonyms mean exactly the same thing. They're not interchangeable, in other words. You might describe a ballerina as delicate and graceful — perfectly acceptable descriptions. But if you used the synonyms frail, fragile or flimsy, you could wind up the unlucky recipient of a swift kick from a pointe shoe!So if you have a surfeit, a glut, a deluge or a plethora of synonyms in your arsenal of words, you will no doubt ace this quiz and be able to brag to all your chums, buddies, cronies and comrades! How much do you know about dinosaurs? What is an octane rating? And how do you use a proper noun? Lucky for you, HowStuffWorks Play is here to help. Our award-winning website offers reliable, easy-to-understand explanations about how the world works. From fun quizzes that bring joy to your day, to compelling photography and fascinating lists, HowStuffWorks Play offers something for everyone. Sometimes we explain how stuff works, other times, we ask you, but we're always exploring in the name of fun! Because learning is fun, so stick with us! Image: shutterstock You've got to know the difference between a synonym and an antonym to ace this quiz!Seriously, get these confused, and you'll be in a world of trouble on this quiz. A synonym is a word that has the same meaning as another word — such as "common" and "ordinary" — and antonyms are words that are words that have opposite meanings — such as "hot" and "cold."Synonyms are synonymous and in a state of synonymy. A synonym for the word "synonym" is "equivalent." A metonym is also a synonym because it is used in the place of a word — like the word "smoke" may take the place of "cigarette." Confused? Don't be. We'll walk you through it.Pure linguists may argue that there is no such thing as an actual synonym as no word can have the exact same meaning as another word - there are slight variations that account for usage, history, and origin. But for the purposes of this quiz, and to make our high school English teachers happy, we're going to play by the rules and assume that many words are alike enough for us to refer to them as synonyms.If we haven't completely gotten you turned around, get ready to play with words! 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This video was recorded at APhA's Annual Meeting and Exposition in March 2015. Billion Photos/ShutterstockThe thesaurus is a very handy tool: If you're puzzling over a word that conveys your exact meaning, or trying really hard to avoid using a commonplace word, the thesaurus gives you an instant list of options. But, while many of the words in the thesaurus can be plausibly subbed in for one another, oftentimes they don't have the exact same thing. Here are some familiar pairs of words you might think have the same meaning, but don't quite. Plus, find out the synonyms (and antonyms) people look up the most. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comHere's an example of two words that overlap in certain ways but aren't synonyms at all: Both "stalwart" and "stubborn" describe a state of being unmovable. Whereas "stalwart" has a positive connotation (someone who is stalwart is steady and reliable), "stubborn" connotes a negative judgment (being stubborn implies some level of ignorance along with the steadiness). Following these grammar rules will make you sound instantly smarter. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comSome people say "obtuse" when they mean "abstruse," and this is unfortunate because "obtuse" is an insult: it means dim-witted. By contrast, "abstruse" refers to something that is difficult to understand in general. To put it another way, just because you have trouble understanding an abstruse concept doesn't mean you're obtuse. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWhile these two cover some of the same ground (both are adverbs describing actions that are harmful), "discriminatory" describes an action that is harmful because it unfairly draws a distinction between different categories of people or things (such as age, race, religion, or gender). "Prejudicial" generally describes an action that is harmful. Be on the lookout for these pairs of words that even good spellers mix up. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comOne who is infertile (having difficulty conceiving a child) might or might not be sterile (incapable of conceiving a child). One who is sterile will always be infertile, however. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comThe "oid" in "factoid" can make the word "factoid" appear to mean a small fact, such as a bit of trivia. However, the suffix, "oid," means something that resembles something else. In other words, factoids merely resemble facts. They aren't facts, at all. In fact, factoids are false facts. Here are some more surprising words that don't mean what you think they do. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comThe problem with the word "deceptively" is that it's a bit deceptive, so to speak. In other words, it could mean one thing, as well as that thing's exact opposite. So while you may be using it correctly, technically, your audience may not understand what you actually mean. Still with us? For example, if you describe a house as "deceptively small," you may mean that it's quite the opposite of small even though it might appear small. But the person you're talking to may believe that you're saying the house is smaller than it appears. Check out these funny examples of how not to use a thesaurus. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comLike "deceptively," the word "belies" causes confusion because it has two meanings that mean the opposite of one another. According to the dictionary, "belie" is a verb that means disguise or gives a false impression. For example, you may be using a smile to belie your lying eyes while some people use "belie" to mean "betray" as in "your eyes belie the malice beneath your smile." This latter use is so common, so it's difficult to know what someone means when they write or say "belies" instead of "disguises" or "betrays." When it comes to real synonyms, find out how words get added to the thesaurus. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comThese two share some overlap, but they aren't the same and can't necessarily be used interchangeably. Your religion refers to your system of belief or worship in a higher power of some kind (usually a God or gods). Your ethnicity refers to your culturally defined identity. Here are some more "trendy" words you hear a lot but might not know the exact meaning of. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comThe words "bisexual" and "pansexual" both refer to a fluidity in one's sexual preferences. But "bisexual" is defined as being attracted to both men and to women. The word, therefore, presumes that there are only two genders. The definition of "pansexual" is being attracted to both men and women, as well as people who identify as no gender or some other gender. Gender identity has led to many of these grammar rules that changed in the last decade. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWhen you tell someone you think they're unique, you're telling them they are one of a kind—and you can tell because of the "uni" at the beginning, which is Latin for "one of a kind." Technically speaking, every person on earth is unique. If what you're actually trying to say is that this person is important to you—or unusual or fascinating—go with the word "special." Brush up on some of these synonyms that will make you a better writer. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comIf you wish to cause something to happen, you can compel it, which means using force or pressure. Or you can be more gentle about it, using influence, prompting, or even provocation. In other words, these words overlap, but they don't really mean the same thing, and you wouldn't want to compel something, when causing it would be adequate. Psst…you're probably mispronouncing these 21 common words without even knowing it. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comIn the U.K., people who get fired from their jobs will often be told that they've been made redundant. If you think this word means "repetitive," then you'll understandably be scratching your head. The real meaning of "redundant" is "superfluous" or "unnecessary." Makes sense now? If further enlightenment would not be redundant for you, check out these examples of phrases we say all the time that actually contain redundancies. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comHere are two different personality characteristics that are often confused but definitely do not mean the same thing. Someone who is shy experiences discomfort when meeting new people, but someone who is introverted recharges their personal energy through individual pursuits such as reading or thinking. Fascinatingly, these 20 words are actually their own antonyms. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWhen people say "it's all well and good," their words are not actually redundant. That's because "well" and "good" cover different ground. "Well" describes actions; "good" describes things. So you can sing well, but it's even better if the song is good. Fun fact: These funny words will help you improve your vocabulary. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWe will clear up this confusion once and for all, and hopefully, you shall pay heed:The word "shall" implies something that must be done. In other words, think of shall and compel in the same way.The word "will" is often used to imply what must be done, it is more correctly used to refer to a prediction of what is going to happen at a future point. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comSurely you had this lecture in elementary school when you asked your teacher, "Can I go to the bathroom?" She likely responded that with, "Yes, you can. Now ask, 'May I go?" Use the word "can" to refer to what is possible and the word "may" to indicate what is permissible. Here are some grammar rules we think may go virtually extinct in the next decade. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWhen something is obsolete, it's out-of-date or out of use; if it's obsolescent, it's in the process of becoming out-of-date or out of use. So what is obsolescent today may well be obsolete tomorrow. Hopefully, these obsolescent words will never become obsolete. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comIn the U.S. justice system, everyone is innocent until proven guilty. But, in the courtroom, just because someone is not proven guilty doesn't necessarily mean he or she is "innocent." Being "acquitted" means that one has not been proven guilty in a court of law. Being "innocent" means being "blameless." It is entirely possible to be blameworthy even if one is acquitted. Find out some confusing words that mean the opposite of what you think. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comJust because you're guilty of wrongdoing does not mean that you'll be convicted in a court of law, and one who is convicted may or may not be guilty. In fact, one who has been convicted may continue to proclaim his or her innocence. The word "convicted" refers simply to what a court of law has ruled with regard to one's wrongdoing. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comWhen you do something bad, should you feel guilt? Or should you feel shame? According to this study of psychological terms that people often get wrong, shame is a global negative evaluation of the self in the wake of a behavior," whereas "guilt is a specific negative evaluation of the behavior, itself." (As in, "I did a bad thing.") Therefore, as Pepperdine University Professor Steven Sultanoff, PhD puts it, with shame, you think, "I did something bad, which makes me a bad person," but with guilt, you think, "I did something bad, but I'm still a good person." Find out the common grammar "rules" that you can safely ignore without feeling guilty. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.com"Amicable" refers to a friendliness or goodwill between people or groups. "Amiable" refers to one person's friendly disposition. A group might have an amicable meeting, because the people there are amiable. Nicole Fornabaio /Rd.comBoth of these words involve a prediction of future events. However, expecting something to happen is not the same as anticipating it will happen. When we expect something, it reflects our state of mind. When we anticipate something, we are already preparing for what we expect will happen. Next, improve your linguistic smarts with this list of familiar homophones that people constantly mix up. Originally Published: January 10, 2020Lauren Cahn for Reader's Digest

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