

# 5-A-Day



**45 five minute  
tasks to boost  
your brain!**

Write down *at least 3 connotations of...*



5  
minutes

Rain

**Connotation** – an idea or feeling associated with (connected to) a word.

**Example:**

**Connotations of *blood*** – vampire, family, violence

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# Black Cat

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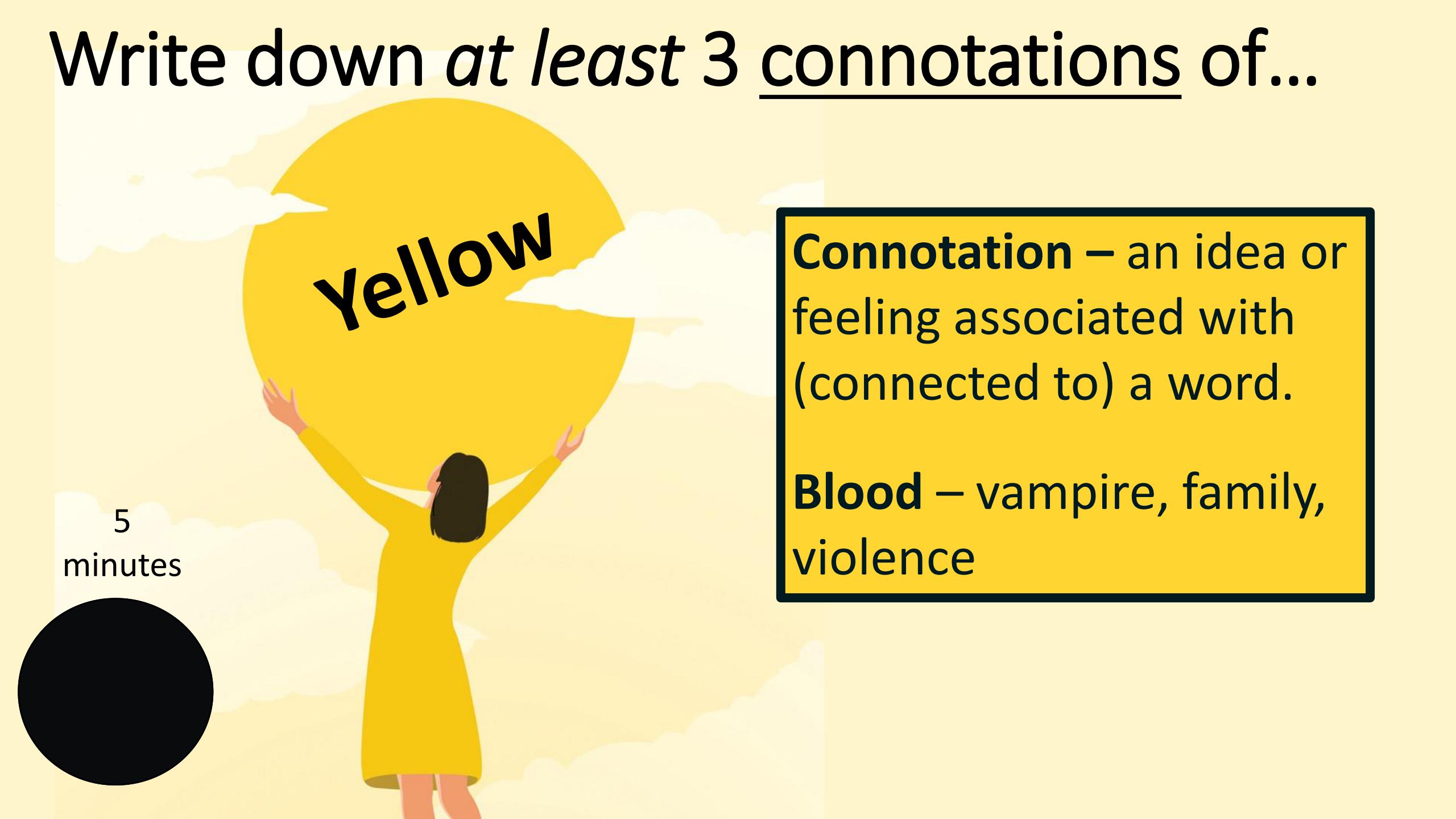


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Yellow

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Come up with  
one **simile**  
**AND** one  
**metaphor** to  
describe the  
weather  
today.

**Metaphor:** A metaphor is a lie. It compares two things by saying something **is** something it **is not**.

**Simile:** Simile = similar. It compares two things by using the word like or as.



# SIMILE OR METAPHOR?



1. The autumn leaves made the tree look like it was on fire.
2. The moon was a smiling face, looking down at me.
3. My phone is dead.
4. The pigeons in town are as big as loaves of bread.
5. The necklace didn't cost much, but to her it was as if it was made of emeralds and diamonds.
6. The clouds are soft, white candyfloss in the sky.

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Write at least **4 sentences** describing somewhere else you would like to be right now.

Try to use at least one metaphor or simile in your description.

### Example - The Bookshop

The sound of the pages turning around me is like the fluttering of birds' wings. I hear steam escaping from the milk heater and catch the tempting smell of fresh coffee. The brightly coloured spines of the books are party invitations, asking me to step into an unknown place and meet new characters. I sink into the soft, tartan armchair, feeling its soft fabric around me. I open my book to page one...



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# Technique Spotting

**Can you pick out:**

- **Two impressive words?**
- **A simile?**

In a fog, Jem and I watched our father take the gun and walk out into the middle of the street. **He walked quickly, but I thought he moved like an underwater swimmer; time had slowed to a nauseating crawl.** When Atticus raised his glasses Calpurnia murmured, “Sweet Jesus help him,” and put her hands to her cheeks.

*In this extract, set in America during the 1930s, a rabid dog has been reported roaming the streets of a small town. Rabies is a terrible disease which can kill animals and humans. Atticus is the best shot in the town, so will attempt to shoot the dog for public safety.*

# Don't ignore apostrophes...



**Use an apostrophe when letters are missing.**

An apostrophe shows that you have put two words together and some letters are now missing.

**Fill in the blanks:**

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**Do not = don't**

**We are = we're**

**It is = 1.\_\_\_\_\_**

**2.\_\_\_\_\_ = can't**

**You have = 3.\_\_\_\_\_**

**4.\_\_\_\_\_ = I have**

**When is = 5.\_\_\_\_\_**

**We will = 6.\_\_\_\_\_**

# Don't ignore apostrophes...



**Use an apostrophe to show ownership. Apostrophes show that something belongs to someone.**

If the word is singular (just one) the apostrophe goes before the s.

If the word is plural (more than one) the apostrophe goes after the s.

**Add the missing apostrophe in the correct place in these examples:**

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**Example: Tom's house**

**Example: The football fans' scarves**

1. Julias voice

2. The five puppies bed

3. My aunts pen

4. This weeks headlines

5. Three suspects fingerprints

6. The pilots reaction time

Write down *at least 3 synonyms for...*



# Angry

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Walk

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# Scary

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**pal** or **grin** and **smile**

# Don't say went say...

Replace 'went' with a better verb:

1. The old man **went** down the road.
2. The soldiers **went** up the hill.
3. The baby **went** towards her mum.
4. The frog **went** into the pond.

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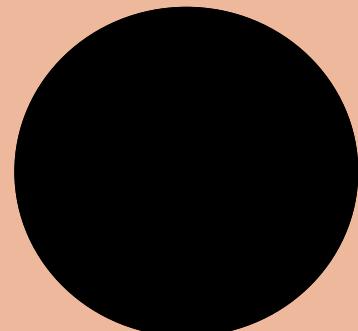


# Don't say said say...

Replace 'said' with a better verb:

1. "Get out of my way," **said** the big boy.
2. "What shall we play today?" I **said**.
3. "Let's get some ice cream from the freezer," **said** my sister.
4. "I wish it wasn't raining again," I **said**.

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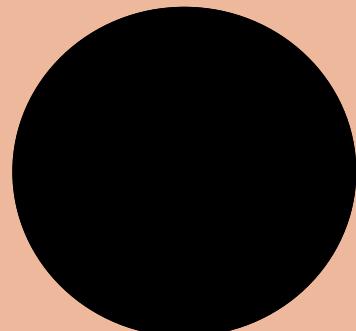
# Write at least 4 sentences...

Describe your morning so far today.

**The catch!**

You can not use the words **went** or **said**.

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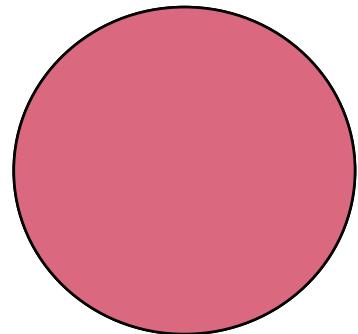


# Something is **wrong** with these sentences...

**Copy the sentences out, fixing any mistakes:**



1. I kicked the football over their.
2. I'm invited two a BBQ at Stacey's house.
3. I dont like going to concerts with you: you cant sing.

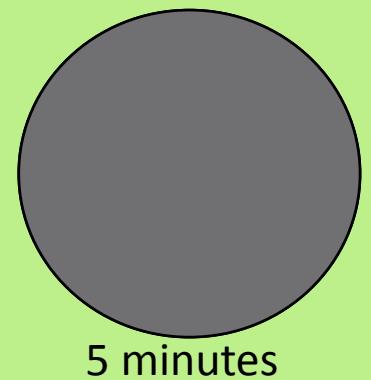


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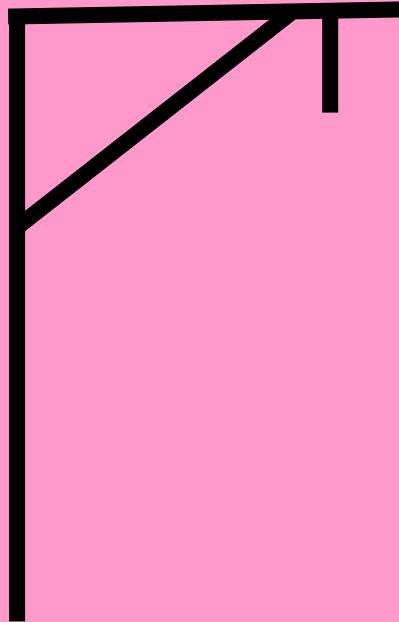
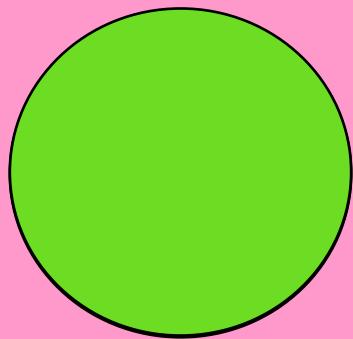


# Description

- Describe **this picture** as if you are describing it to somebody who can not see.
- Pay special attention to describing the **colours** in the picture.



# Synonym Hangman

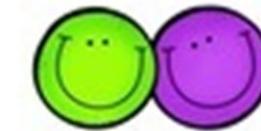


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## SYNONYMS

Synonyms are two words that mean the same.

friend → pal

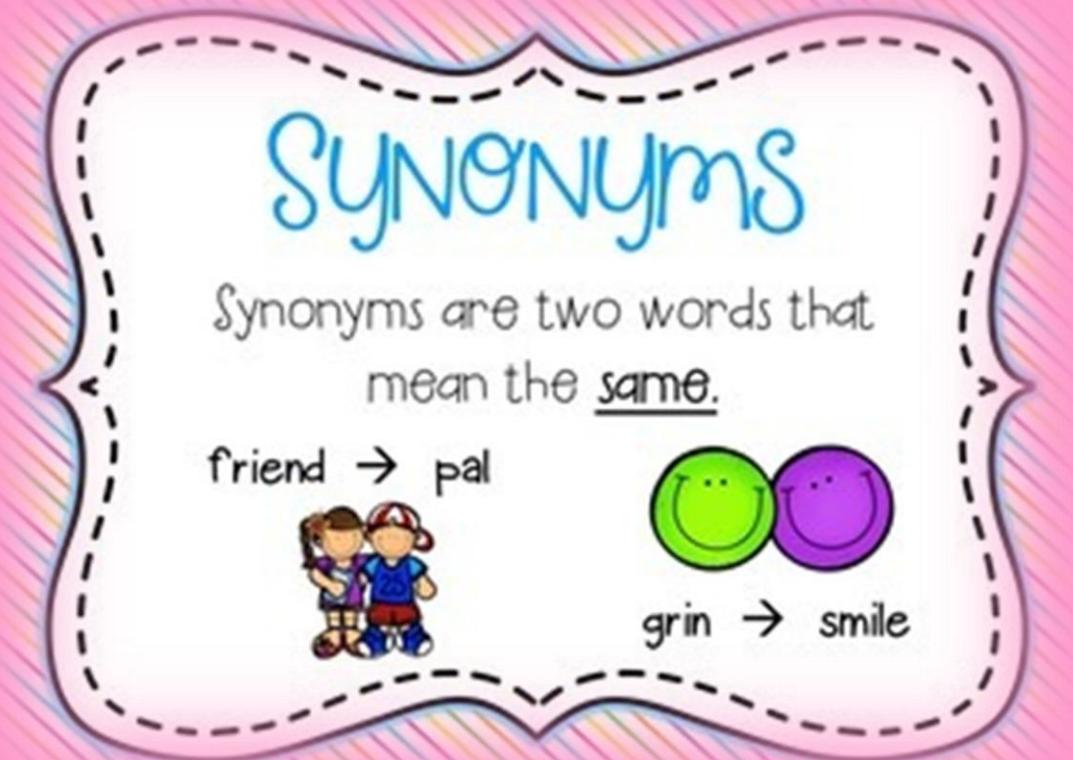
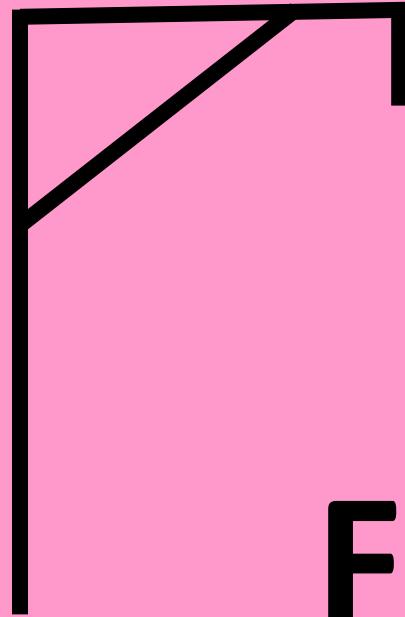


grin → smile

Synonym for fiercely – 11 letters

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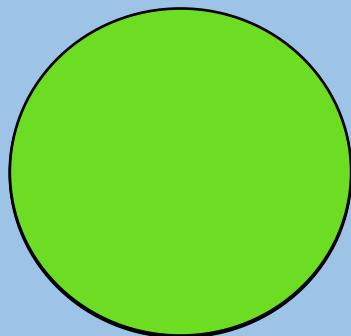
# Synonym Hangman – Answer



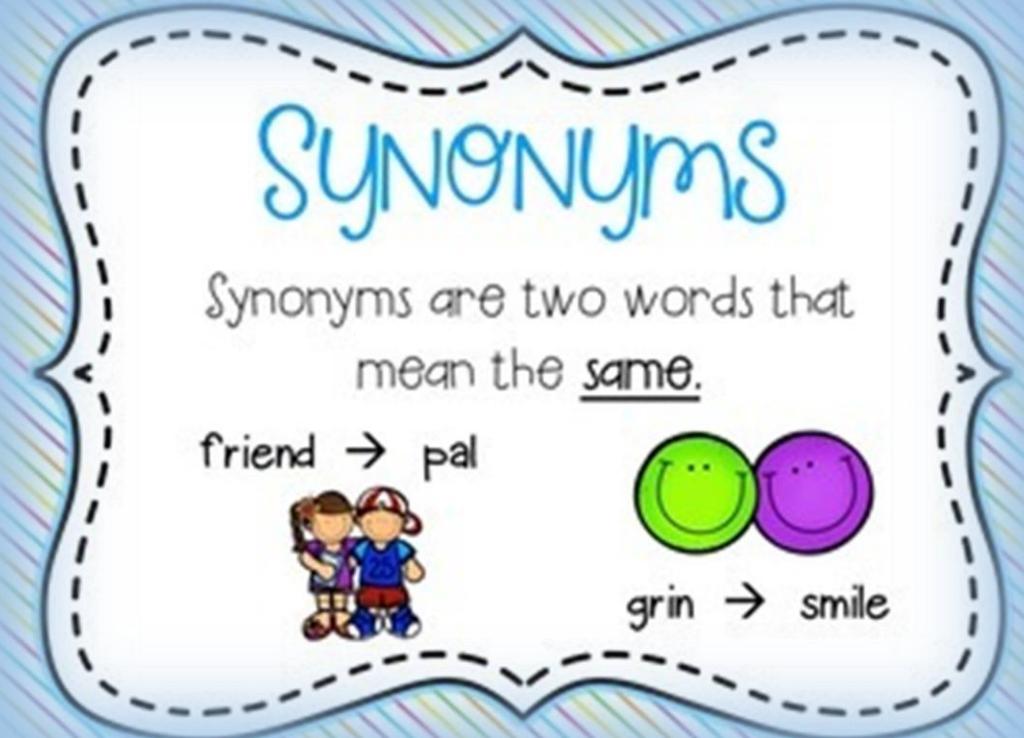
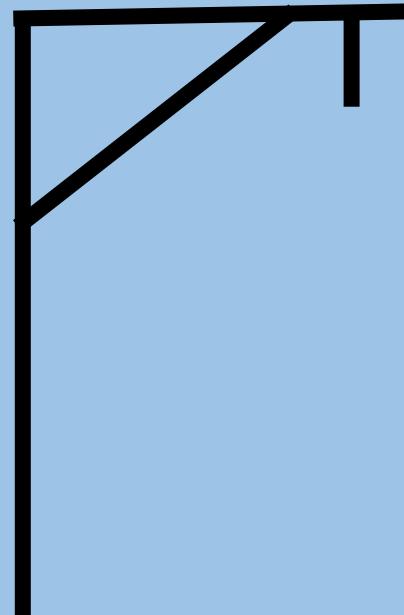
# Ferociously

Synonym for fiercely

# Synonym Hangman



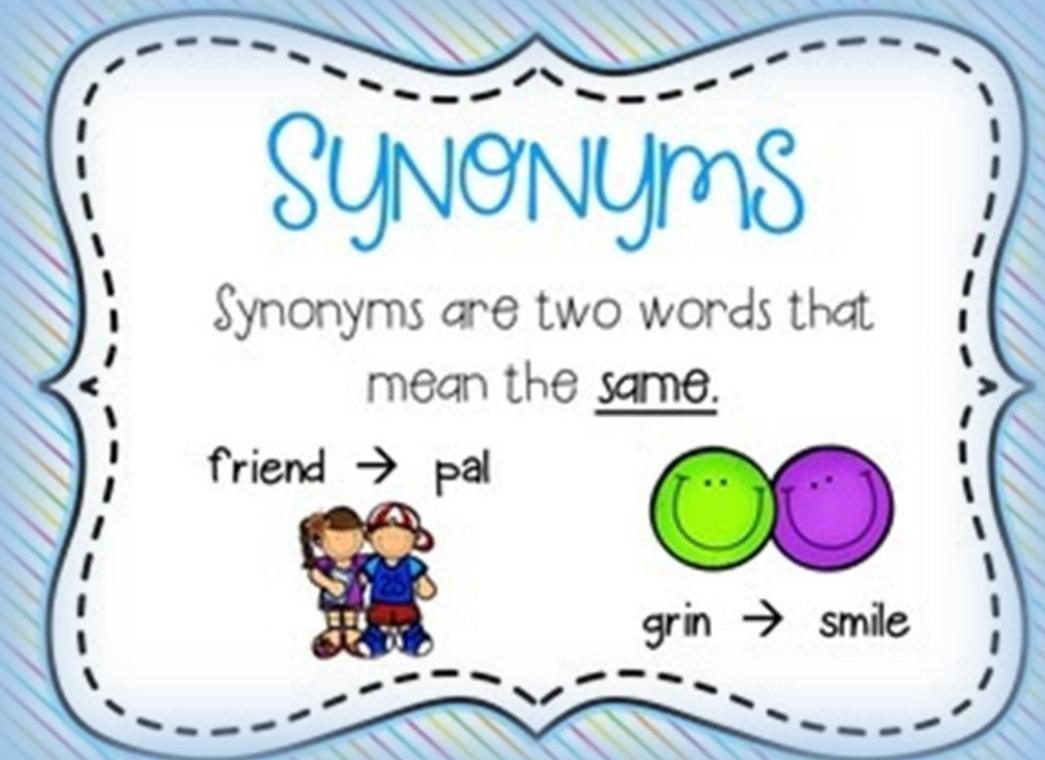
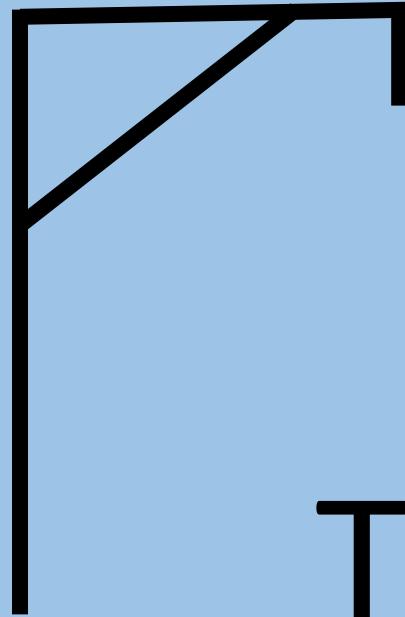
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Synonym for dangerous – 11 letters

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# Synonym Hangman – Answer



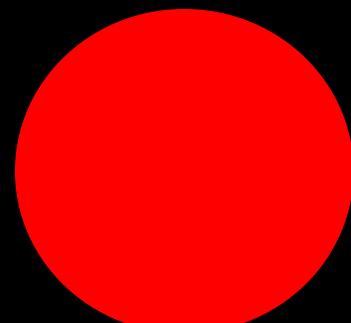
# Treacherous

Synonym for dangerous

Describe taking a drink of Pepsi or Fanta (or any fizzy drink) in 3-4 sentences.

You should use:

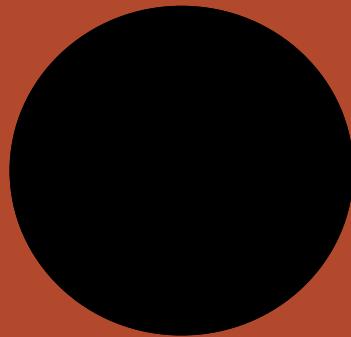
- Impressive word choice
- Description of the five senses
- Metaphors or similes
- Interesting punctuation and sentence structure



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Describe  
this image  
using **only**  
the 5  
senses.



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# Rank these words from 1-6 in order of severity

*Rude*

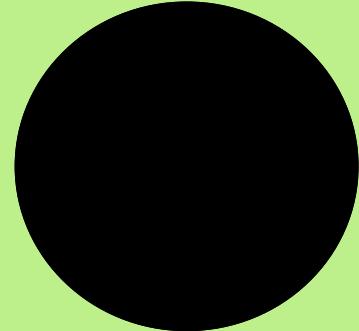
*Obnoxious*

*Ill-mannered*

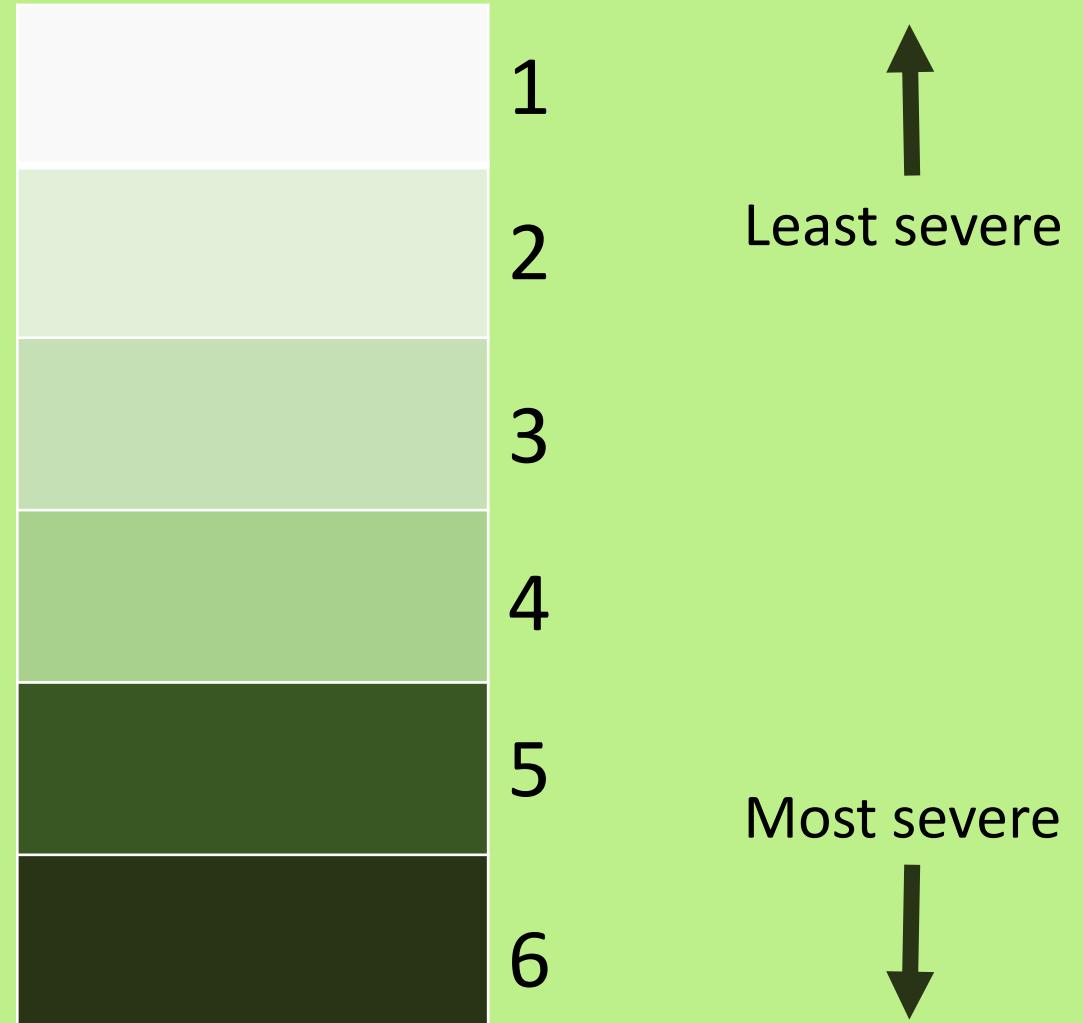
*Impolite*

*Insolent*

*Churlish*

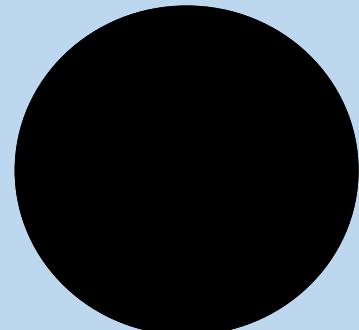
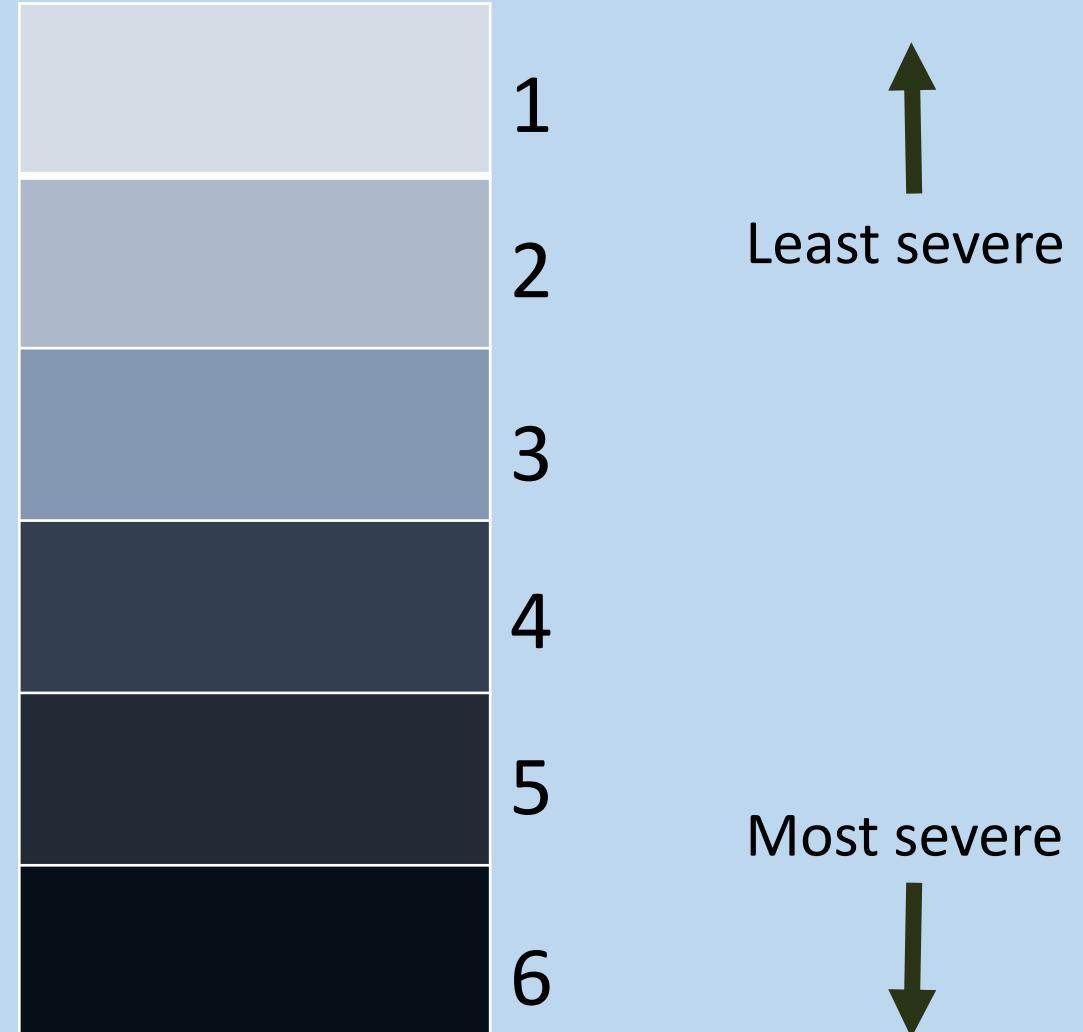


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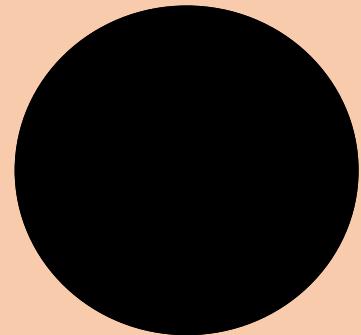
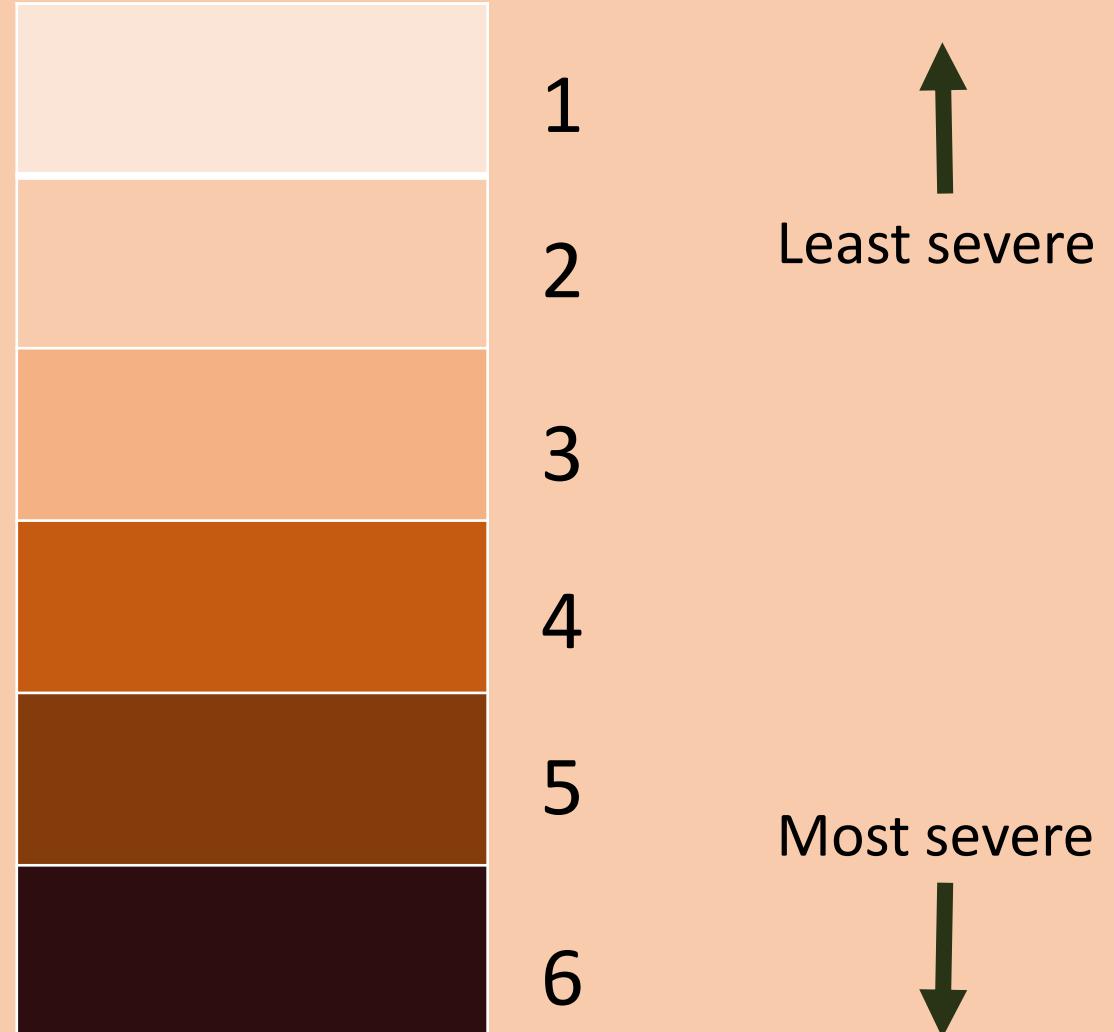
*Baffled*  
*Stunned*  
*Shocked*  
*Aghast*  
*Astounded*  
*Astonished*



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# Rank these words from 1-6 in order of strength

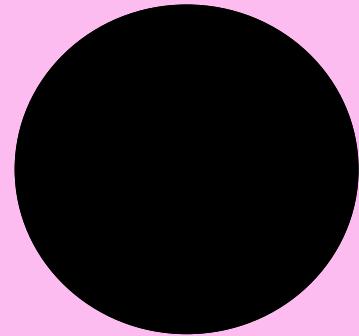
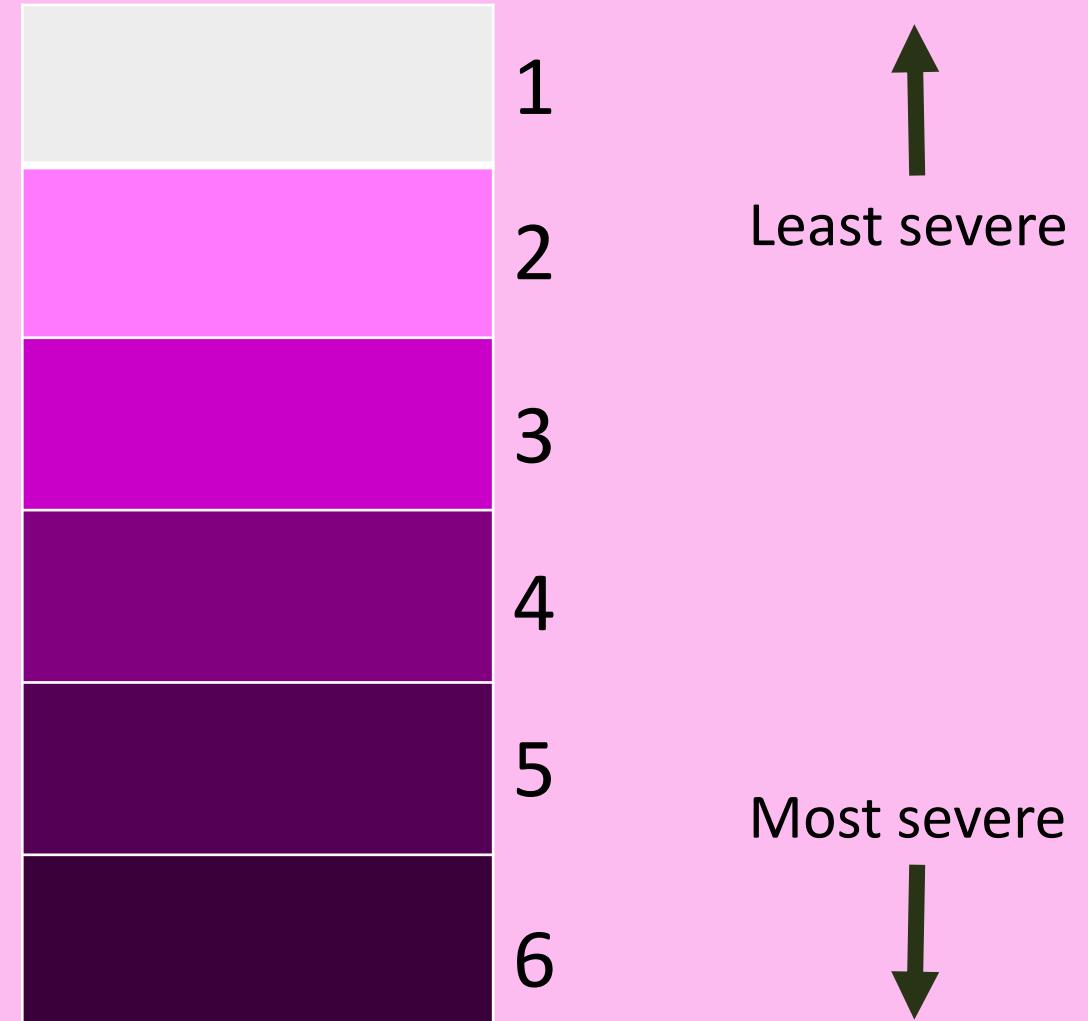
*Pleased*  
*Contented*  
*Satisfied*  
*Happy*  
*Jovial*  
*Ecstatic*



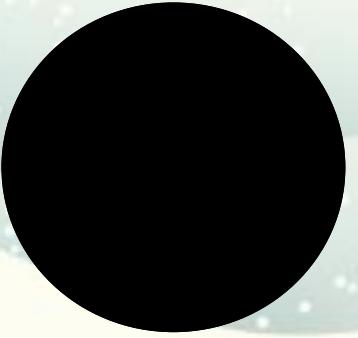
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# Rank these words from 1-6 in order of severity

*Bellowed*  
*Thundered*  
*Barked*  
*Said*  
*Shouted*  
*Yelled*



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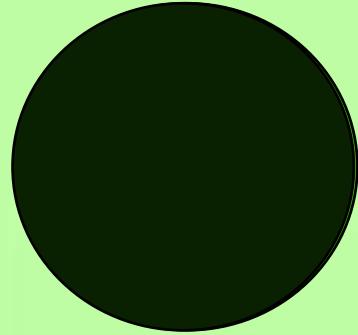


What does the colour white usually symbolise?

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Symbolism – Using an image or object to represent an idea.

For example:  
Black often symbolises death or grief.



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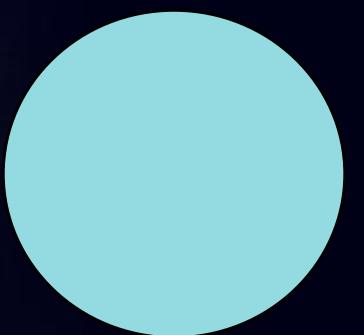
# What do snakes usually symbolise?

Symbolism – Using an image or object to represent an idea.

For example:  
Black often **symbolises** death or grief.

A close-up photograph of a cat's face, focusing on its intense blue eyes. The cat has dark, dense fur. The background is blurred, making the eyes stand out. The lighting highlights the texture of the fur and the depth of the eyes.

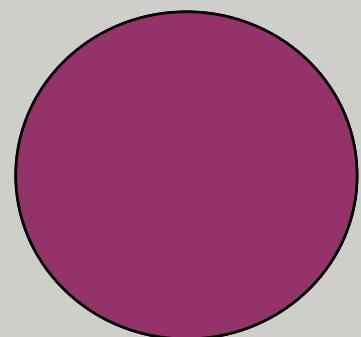
*Describe  
this image  
using a  
**verb** as  
your **FIRST**  
word.*



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*Describe  
this picture  
without  
using the  
verb *laugh*.*



5 minutes



## VOCABULARY CHALLENGE

5 minutes

## BANNED WORDS

**BRIGHT  
BUSY  
FUN  
HAPPY**

Write down as many words as possible to describe the given picture in 5 minutes!

Banned words can't be used.

## VOCABULARY CHALLENGE



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Banned Words

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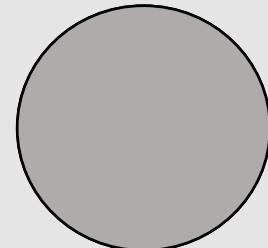
EXCITING

Write down as many words as possible to describe the given picture in 5 minutes!

Banned words can't be used.

## Match the tone to the statement:

1. Although not many schools are using laptop computers in schools at the moment, I'm confident that in the future, as the costs go down, we will find that every student has access to one.
2. The movie was amazing! I was laughing so hard I cried!
3. My lunch has leaked... That's just what I need, great! Terrific!



**Tones**  
Sarcastic, Hopeful,  
Enthusiastic,

5 minutes

**Tone** – In writing, tone is the attitude of the writer. You can tell what a writer's attitude is from the words and punctuation they choose to use.

**Example** - 'You are cordially invited to attend Sunday lunch' has a **formal tone**.

“It’s not what you said.  
It’s how you said it.”

Some words need an 's' added to become plural and some words need an 'es'. Divide your jotter page into two columns:

Add 's'

**versions**

Add 'es'

Change the following singular words into plurals and put them into the right column. The first one is done for you:

<b>version</b>	character	religion	speech	conflict	branch	process
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5 minutes

Look at the following words and their definitions:

**submarine** – a ship designed to travel underwater.

**substitute** - a person or thing acting or serving in place of another, an understudy.

**subordinate** – someone who is lower in rank or position.

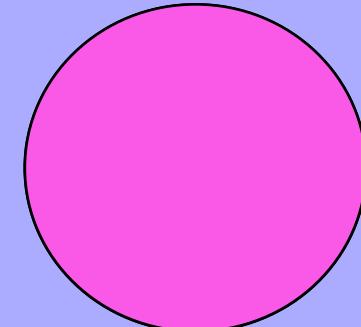
**What do you think the prefix 'sub' stands for?**

**Prefix** - A pair or group of letters added to the front of a base word to change its meaning.

**Example** – **Un**happy

prefix

Base word



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Look at the following words and their definitions:

**bifocals** – glasses that are divided into two lenses.

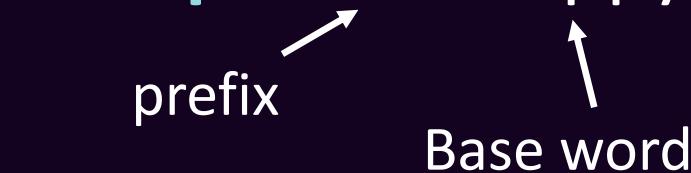
**biannually** – happens twice a year.

**biceps** - the muscle at the front of each arm.

**bicycle** – a vehicle with two wheels moved forward by pedalling .

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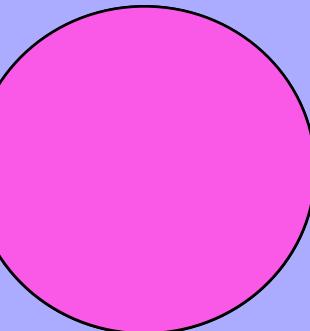
**Example** – **Un**happy



prefix

Base word

What do you think the prefix ‘bi’ stands for?



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Look at the following words and their definitions:

**illegal** – not legal.

**illegal** – doesn't make sense.

**illegal** – cannot be read.

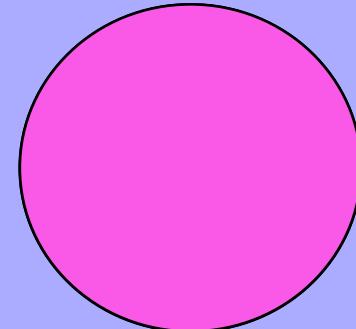
**Prefix** - A pair or group of letters added to the front of a base word to change its meaning.

**Example** **un**happy

prefix

Base word

**What do you think the prefix 'il' stands for?**



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**Circle the prefixes and underline the root words in these longer words.  
The first one is done for you.**

Mislead

Unknown

Illogical

Regular

Distaste

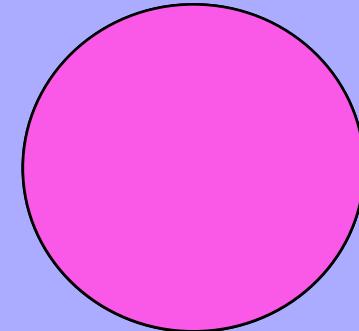
Misspell

**Prefix** - A pair or group of letters added to the front of a base word to change its meaning.

**Example** – **Un**happy

prefix

Base word



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**Circle the prefixes and underline the root words in these longer words.  
The first one is done for you.**

Mislead

Incompetent

Retrace

Foretell

Predate

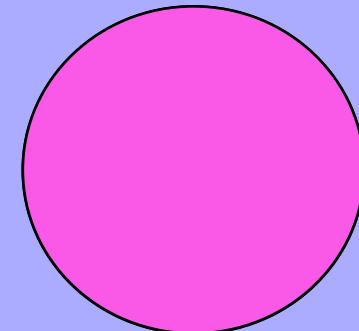
Midway

**Prefix** - A pair or group of letters added to the front of a base word to change its meaning.

**Example** – **Un**happy

prefix

Base word



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**Too** means “too much” or “as well as.”

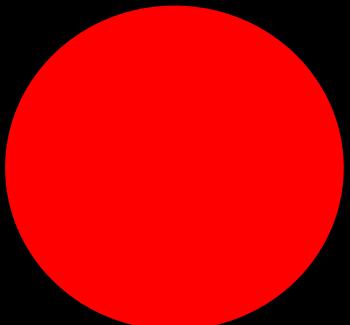
**Example** – I don’t want to go to a concert with you, you sing **too** loudly.

**Two** is the number 2 (more than one and less than three).

**To** is used for everything else! It can mean “toward” and “until.”

**Example** – I am going **to** the fairground this weekend.

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# To, Too or Two?

- This curry is 1. \_\_\_\_ spicy for my delicate taste buds.
- It was raining far 2.\_\_\_\_ heavily for the cricket match.
- There are only 3.\_\_\_\_ days left before the new term begins.
- There are far 4.\_\_\_\_ many people on this train.
- I really need 5.\_\_\_\_ find my watch before I leave the house.
- He thinks the parcel needs to be sent 6.\_\_\_\_ India by tomorrow.
- This is 7.\_\_\_\_ good an opportunity to miss.
- For all these years, I have been trying 8.\_\_\_\_ find the lost city.

**THEIR** is a possessive adjective just like **my, your, his/her/its, our**. It is used before a noun and means that something belongs to 'them'.

- **Their** car is red. My car is blue.

**THERE** is the opposite of 'here'. It means *in that place*, not here.

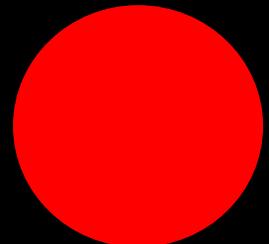
- Where is my pen? It's **there** on the table.
- I'm taking the train to London. I'll call you when I get **there**.

**THEY'RE** = *they are*.

'They' is the subject of a sentence with the verb 'to be'.

- *They're* beautiful = *They are* beautiful.

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# Their, There or They're?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are several different colours available.

Have the children all had 2. \_\_\_\_\_ dinner?  
Is there anything in 3. \_\_\_\_\_ ?

The soldiers are not sure where 4. \_\_\_\_\_ going.

I want to know where 5. \_\_\_\_\_ going to be put.

The two boys who were lost both found 6. \_\_\_\_\_ way home in the end.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ must be millions of stars out there  
8. \_\_\_\_\_ never going to make it back in time.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ books were left in the classroom.

I found the money over 10. \_\_\_\_\_ in the park.



Describe this image  
BUT you cannot put  
a character into it –  
it is NOT a story, it's  
a description.