

Synonyms and antonyms

Level: A1+ / A2 · 25 min

Objective

By the end, you will recognise several common synonym and antonym pairs.

Discover

In Le magasin ferme tôt, what is the opposite of tôt? And what word is close to commencer in La réunion commence?

Understand

Synonyms have similar meaning in a given context: commencer / débiter. Antonyms express opposition: chaud / froid. Two words are not interchangeable in every sentence; context matters.

Examples

- commencer débiter
- rapide vite
- grand petit
- chaud froid
- tôt tard
- entrer sortir

Remember

Synonym = similar meaning in context. Antonym = opposite meaning. Learn pairs with a sentence.

Exercises

1. For "Synonyms and antonyms", sort the items using the lesson rule.
2. "commencer débiter": which category does it belong to?
synonymes • contraires
3. "rapide vite": which category does it belong to?
synonymes • contraires
4. "grand petit": which category does it belong to?
contraires • synonymes
5. "chaud froid": which category does it belong to?
contraires • synonymes
6. "tôt tard": which category does it belong to?
contraires • synonymes
7. Complete correctly: Contraire de chaud : ____
8. Complete correctly: Contraire de tôt : ____
9. Complete correctly: Contraire de entrer : ____
10. Complete correctly: Mot proche de commencer : ____
11. Complete correctly: Contraire de grand : ____
12. Complete correctly: Mot proche de rapidement : ____
13. For "Synonyms and antonyms": match each item to the correct category.
14. Rebuild this "Synonyms and antonyms" sentence in a natural order.
grand / petit /
15. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "chaud ____"
16. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "____ tard"
17. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "____ sortir"

18. Rebuild this "Synonyms and antonyms" sentence in a natural order.

/ débiter / commencer

19. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "rapide ____"

20. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "____ petit"

21. Complete this "Synonyms and antonyms" example: "____ froid"

22. Rebuild this "Synonyms and antonyms" sentence in a natural order.

tôt / tard /

Answer key

1. commencer débiter synonymes; rapide vite synonymes; grand petit contraires; chaud froid contraires; tôt tard contraires

Each item is sorted using the exact criterion introduced in the lesson.

2. synonymes

"commencer débiter" belongs to the category "synonymes".

3. synonymes

"rapide vite" belongs to the category "synonymes".

4. contraires

"grand petit" belongs to the category "contraires".

5. contraires

"chaud froid" belongs to the category "contraires".

6. contraires

"tôt tard" belongs to the category "contraires".

7. froid

The expected form is "froid".

8. tard

The expected form is "tard".

9. sortir

The expected form is "sortir".

10. débiter

The expected form is "débiter".

11. petit

The expected form is "petit".

12. vite

The expected form is "vite".

13. commencer débiter synonymes; rapide vite synonymes; grand petit contraires; chaud froid contraires

The matches use the categories practised in the lesson.

14. grand petit

The rebuilt sentence is: "grand petit".

15. froid

The missing word is "froid". Full sentence: "chaud froid".

16. tôt

The missing word was "tôt". Full sentence: "tôt tard".

17. entrer

The missing word is "entrer". Full sentence: "entrer sortir".

18. commencer débiter

The rebuilt sentence is: "commencer débiter".

19. vite

The missing word is "vite". Full sentence: "rapide vite".

20. grand

The missing word was "grand". Full sentence: "grand petit".

21. chaud

The missing word is "chaud". Full sentence: "chaud froid".

22. tôt tard

The rebuilt sentence is: "tôt tard".