

# Synonyms

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Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meaning. One way to improve your writing is by replacing common words with more descriptive synonyms.

**Directions:** In the following sentences, replace the underlined word with a more descriptive synonym from the word bank. Write the new word above the underlined word.

populate	reside	nourish/refresh
catastrophe	depart	incur/omit
appreciation	vacate	definite

1. Without hesitation, the firefighters headed straight to the site of the disaster.
2. Just as we entered Arizona, a huge rain cloud could be seen forming on the horizon.
3. Even though the surfer was a beginner, she still sported a wide grin.
4. It was late and we both knew that I should go and never come back.
5. After running the 10K race, our bodies desperately needed food.
6. The patients all got together to show the doctor their thanks.
7. I had always wanted to live in a tropical climate.
8. The people of our fair state work hard and enjoy the beautiful scenery.
9. The china cabinet was full of expensive and available items.