

QUICK-SPELL™

Thesaurus



able cold frosty race
action curve al rapid
anticipate d al rush
beautiful healthy scene
bend icy skill
blaze d jump speed
blow edge leap swift
breezy eni lift temperate
brilliant e motion thrill
brisk mountain triumph
bump extrem nerve vacation
chilly fast perform vast
climate fit physical wind
clothes freezing quick zoom

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

QUICK-SPELL™ Thesaurus is a book of common writing words and their synonyms. It is a useful writing tool. Go to the **QUICK-SPELL Thesaurus** when you want to replace a word with a different word or a word with a more precise meaning. When you avoid using the same words over and over, you improve your writing.

QUICK-SPELL Thesaurus contains over 1,200 entries. Each entry word is printed in bold type. All entry words are listed alphabetically. Beside each entry word is the part of speech. The part of speech tells whether the word is being used as a noun (*n*), verb (*v*), adjective (*adj*), adverb (*adv*), conjunction (*conj*), or preposition (*prep*). Synonyms for the entry word are given next. The synonyms, listed in alphabetical order, have an identical or a very similar meaning to the entry word. Last, the entry includes a sentence that uses the entry word in context. This sentence makes clear the meaning intended for the entry word and the synonyms listed. Here is an example of a **QUICK-SPELL Thesaurus** entry with all its parts:

hurt (*v*) ache, burn, pain, smart, sting

Does it hurt where you cut your finger?

The simple design of the **QUICK-SPELL Thesaurus** makes it easy to use. You can quickly search for synonyms that will make your stories, letters, and reports more lively and precise.

a

abandon (v) desert, forsake, leave

The sailors will abandon the sinking ship in a lifeboat.

able (adj) capable, competent, qualified, skilled

The pilot was able to land the plane safely.

about (adv) approximately, nearly, roughly

About 40,000 fans filled the football stadium.

absent (adj) away, gone, missing, omitted

Many students were absent from school because they had the flu.

absurd (adj) crazy, foolish, ridiculous, silly, wacky

Whoever had the absurd idea to ride over Niagara Falls in a barrel?

accept (v) admit, receive, welcome

Many restaurants accept credit cards to pay for meals.

accomplishment (n) achievement, attainment, effort, feat

Winning an Olympic gold medal is quite an accomplishment.

account (n) chronicle, narrative, report, story, tale

Grandpa's account of working in the circus was really funny.

accurate (adj) correct, exact, precise, right, true

Make sure your measurements are accurate before you cut the wood.

ache (v) hurt, suffer, throb

The secretary's fingers ache from typing all day.

acknowledge (v) admit, allow, concede, grant

I acknowledge that I make mistakes once in a while.

acquire (v) gain, get, obtain, win

The book collector will acquire enough rare books to fill three shelves.

act (v) do, perform, portray, represent

Will everyone in the class act in the school play?

action (n) accomplishment, act, deed, endeavor, feat

The firefighters' quick action put out the house fire.

active (adj) energetic, lively, spirited

Our puppy is active all day long.

administration (n) command, government, management, organization

Many people are responsible for the administration of the federal government.

admire (v) esteem, honor, regard, respect, revere

I admire athletes who are really good at their sports.

admit (v) accept, receive, welcome

The usher will admit us to the theater after we show her our tickets.

adventure (n) enterprise, exploit, feat, venture

Lewis and Clark had a great adventure exploring the West in the early 1800s.

advertise (v) promote, publicize, push

The food company will advertise a new cereal on television and in magazines.

advise (v) counsel, recommend, suggest

Hotels advise their guests to lock valuable items in a safe.

a ask

ask (v) examine, inquire, interrogate, question, quiz

Stop at the gas station and ask for directions.

asleep (adj) dozing, sleeping, slumbering, snoozing

Were you still asleep in bed when the alarm went off?

assembly (n) crowd, gathering, group, mob, throng

The assembly in the town hall listened to the mayor's speech.

assist (v) aid, back, help, support

Nurses assist doctors during operations.

astonish (v) amaze, astound, awe, dazzle, surprise

As they swing from the trapeze, the circus acrobats astonish the crowd.

attack (v) assault, charge, raid, storm, strike

The soldiers will attack the enemy forces at night.

attempt (v) endeavor, strive, struggle, try, undertake

Watch the clown attempt to juggle three balls.

attend (v) mind, tend, watch

Please attend to the baby while I cook dinner.

attractive (adj) beautiful, gorgeous, handsome, lovely, pretty

A smile can make you look more attractive.

authority (n) command, control, mastery, might, power

Police have the authority to stop traffic if necessary.

bad **b**

automatic (adj) instinctive, involuntary, reflex, spontaneous

Blushing is an automatic response to being embarrassed.

available (adj) accessible, attainable, convenient, obtainable

We parked our car in the only space that was available.

average (adj) common, ordinary, typical, unexceptional, usual

An average winter day is usually cold.

avoid (v) bypass, dodge, duck, elude, evade

Try to avoid driving in rush-hour traffic.

awake (v) arise, awaken, rouse, stir, wake

Do you awake every morning wishing you could sleep some more?

awe (n) admiration, respect, reverence, wonder

The spectators were in awe of the gymnasts' performances.

awful (adj) appalling, dreadful, horrible, shocking, terrible

There were many awful creatures in the horror movie we saw last night.

awkward (adj) bumbling, clumsy, gawky, ungainly, ungraceful

The first time I wore roller blades, I looked very awkward trying to move.

b

babyish (adj) childish, immature, infantile, juvenile

Throwing a temper tantrum is babyish behavior.

bad (adj) evil, sinister, vicious, wicked

The big bad wolf went looking for a pig to eat.

b badge

badge (n) decoration, emblem, insignia, medal, medallion

The boy scout wore a badge on his shoulder.

bait (v) badger, harass, needle, taunt, tease

Do you ever bait your brother to make him mad?

bake (v) broil, cook, roast

Put the bread in the oven to bake.

band (n) crew, gang, group, party, ring

A band of thieves robbed the neighborhood.

bang (n) blast, boom, crack, crash, explosion

The race began with a bang from the starter's pistol.

bar (v) block, hamper, hinder, restrain, stop

Police barriers bar the parade crowd from the street.

bare (adj) exposed, naked, nude, unclad, undressed

When I got out of the bath, my bare skin got cold.

bargain (n) agreement, arrangement, contract, deal, pact

I made a bargain to trade my baseball glove for a soccer ball.

basic (adj) elementary, essential, fundamental, primary

Fruits are one of the basic food groups.

bat (v) hit, rap, strike, swat, whack

Bat the ball against the wall.

bathe (v) douse, immerse, shower, soak, wash

Do you bathe yourself every day?

behavior b

battle (n) clash, combat, conflict, fight, struggle

Many soldiers died fighting in the battle.

beam (v) blaze, glow, illuminate, radiate, shine

The searchlights beam across the dark sky.

bear (v) carry, shoulder, support, sustain, uphold

The building's foundation can bear a fifty-floor skyscraper.

beast (n) brute, fiend, ghoul, monster, savage

Only a terrible beast would harm others.

beat (v) batter, hammer, hit, pelt, pound

The drummers beat their instruments loudly.

beautiful (adj) attractive, gorgeous, handsome, lovely, pretty

What a beautiful baby!

becoming (adj) attractive, flattering, pleasing

The color red is quite becoming on you.

before (adv) already, earlier, formerly, previously, sooner

Had you ever seen a solar eclipse before?

beg (v) appeal, ask, beseech, implore, plead

We always beg the baby-sitter to let us stay up later.

begin (v) commence, initiate, launch, start, undertake

Begin taking the test now.

behavior (n) actions, bearing, conduct, manner, way

Your behavior could use some improvement.

