



## Antonyms and synonyms

An **antonym** has the opposite meaning to a given word.

Word	Antonym
thin	thick
open	closed
light	heavy/dark
lose	find
forget	remember
harsh	gentle
harmful	harmless
something	nothing
arrival	departure
buy	sell
true	false
full	empty
guilty	innocent
pretty	ugly
backwards	forwards

A **synonym** has the same or similar meaning to a given word.

Word	Synonyms
big	large, bulky, burly, capacious, colossal, enormous, extensive, fat, gigantic, heavyweight, hefty, huge, humongous, immense, jumbo, mammoth, massive, roomy, sizable, spacious, tremendous, vast
small	little, diminutive, limited, meager, microscopic, mini, miniature, minuscule, minute, petite, pint-sized, puny, runty, short, slight, stunted, teeny, trivial, undersized

### Using a thesaurus

The following thesaurus websites have useful information about antonyms and synonyms.

<http://thesaurus.com>

<http://freethesaurus.net/>

[http://education.yahoo.com/reference/thesaurus/entry\\_index](http://education.yahoo.com/reference/thesaurus/entry_index)



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