

# Synonyms and antonyms

## Remember

Synonyms are words with the same or a similar meaning. Antonyms are words with the opposite meaning. For example: '**generous**' is a synonym of '**kind**' and '**cruel**' is an antonym of '**kind**'.



## Practise

- 1 Draw lines to match the words to their synonyms and antonyms. One has been done for you.

### Synonym

condemn

honest

challenging

hindrance

beginner

### Word

difficult

criticise

amateur

sincere

nuisance

### Antonym

deceitful

professional

compliment

pleasure

straightforward

## Tip

You could check the meaning of the words in a dictionary before matching them to their synonym and antonym.



## Extend

- 2 Complete each sentence using the synonym of the underlined word from the box. Use each word once.

occasionally

perfect

explanation

accomplished

- a. The runner finished the marathon and \_\_\_\_\_ her dream.
- b. We sometimes go to Cornwall and \_\_\_\_\_ eat fish and chips by the sea.
- c. Toby spoke \_\_\_\_\_ Japanese and his writing was flawless.
- d. The first boy gave his account and then the other boy offered his \_\_\_\_\_.