

# SYNONYMS

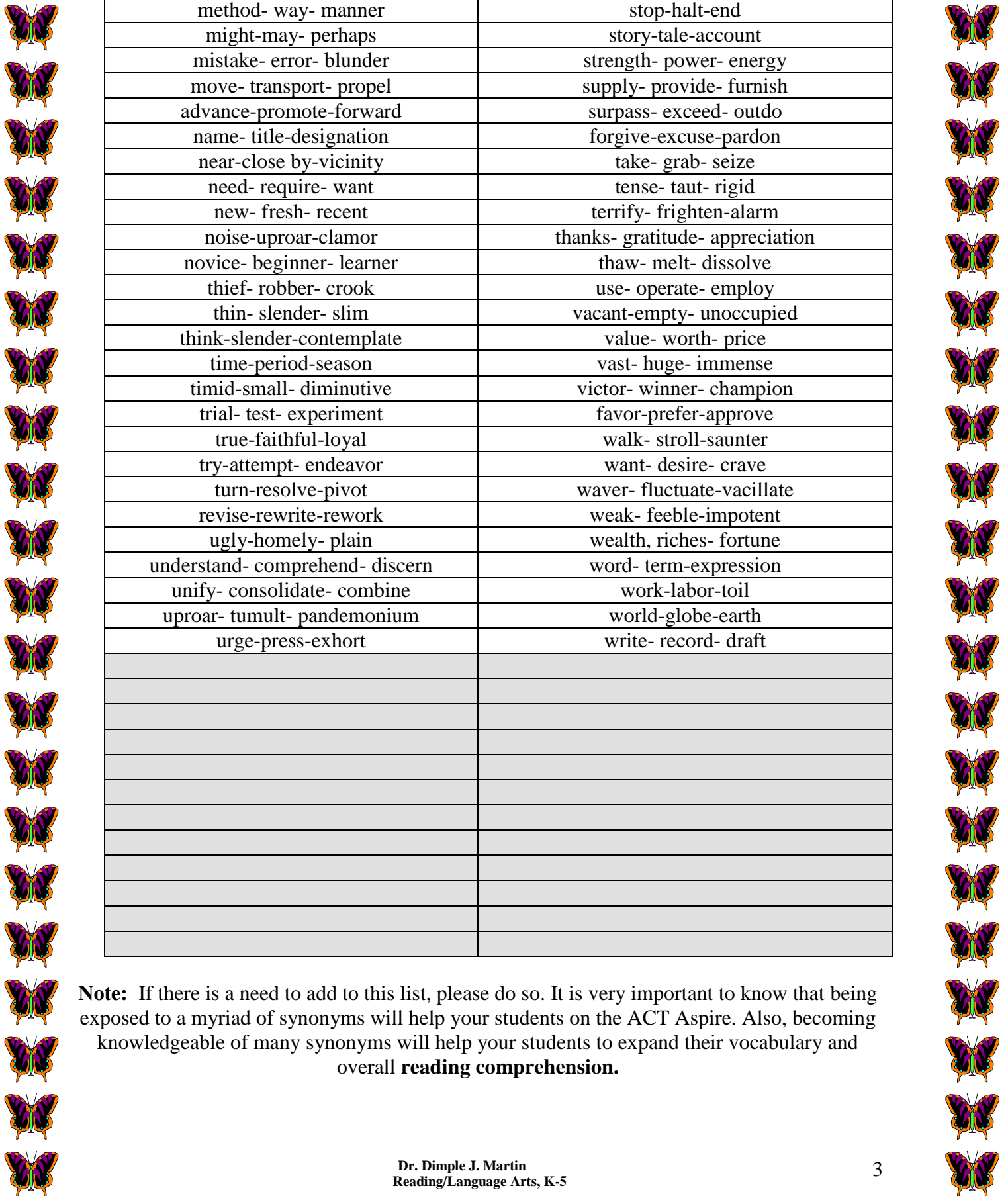
Synonyms are words that have similar meanings. Dictionaries often use synonyms in their definitions. There are whole books of synonyms and special reference works, such as the thesaurus, that have clusters of words or phrases, all with similar meanings. These are particularly useful in finding just the right word when writing.


able-capable-competent	danger-peril-hazard
abrupt- sudden- hasty	decrease-lessen-diminish
achieve- accomplish- attain	defect-flaw-blemish
add-total-sum up	delay-postpone-procrastinate
after-following-subsequent	different-varied- diverse
aim-purpose-goal	disaster- calamity- catastrophe
all-every-entire	divide- separate- split
allow-permit- grant	during-while-at the same
anger- rage- fury	dwell- live- reside
answer-response-reply	expected-anticipated-suppose
arrive-reach-get to	eat-consume-devour
ask-question-interrogate	effort-exertion-endeavor
astonish-surprise-amaze	end-finish-complete
dull-boring-drab	energy-power-strength
back-rear-behind	enough-adequate-sufficient
bear-endure-tolerate	error-mistake-fallacy
before-prior to-in front of	explain-expound-elucidate
begin-start-initiate	agreement-pact-treaty
below-under-beneath	faith- trust- reliance
birth-origin-genesis	fat- plump- stout
border- edge- margin	fetch-bring-retrieve
bother-annoy-pester	find-locate-discover
boy-lad-youth	fix-repair-mend
brave-courageous-daring	flat-level- flush
bulge-swell- protrude	food- nourishment-sustenance
busy-occupied-engaged	form-shape-make up
rough-harsh-coarse	fragile- delicate- breakable
call-shout-yell	freedom-independence-liberty
calm-composed-serene	frequent-often- many times
car-auto-vehicle	suggest-advise-recommend
carry- tote- lug	gay-lively-vivacious
careful-cautious-prudent	gift- present-donation
change-vary-alter	give- grant- hand over
charm-fascinate-entice	glum-morose-sullen
cheat-deceive- swindle	go-leave-depart
children-youngsters-tots	grateful-appreciative-thankful
city- borough- town	great- grand-large



close-shut-seal	grow- mature-develop
consent- agree- acquiesce	clothing-garment-dress
continue- persevere- persist	happy- glad- joyous
country- nation- state	hard- difficult- troublesome
cure- heal- restore	hate-detest-despise
have- own- possess	occur-happen-take place
heal-mend-cure	often-frequently-repeatedly
have-own-possess	occur-happen-take place
heal- mend- cure	often- frequently- repeatedly
help-aid-assist	old-aged-ancient
hide- conceal- secrete	omit-delete-remove
high –tall-lofty	one-single- unit
hold-grasp-clutch	open-unlock-unseal
hurry- rush-accelerate	ornament-decoration-adornment
notice-observe-detect	outlive-survive-outlast
idea- thought-concept	quarrel-argue-fight
ill-sick- indisposed	page- sheet- leaf
income- revenue, earnings	pain- ache- hurt
injure-wound- hurt	pair-couple- duo
hesitate-halt-falter	pardon- forgive-excuse
job- work- occupation	part- portion- piece
junk- rubbish- waste	peak-summit-top
just- fair- right	people- public- populace
diluted-watery-weaken	play- frolic- romp
keep-hold- retain	praise-acclaim- applaud
key-answer-solution	primary- chief- principal
kind-considerate-helpful	prohibit- forbid -restrict
kill- slaughter- murder	put- place- locate
large- big- enormous	raid- attack- invade
last- endure- persist	reckless- careless- rash
late- tardy- delayed	remote- distant- secluded
learn- acquire- understand	renew-restore- revive
leave- depart- go away	respect- honor- revive
like- enjoy- be fond of	revise- alter- correct
listen- hear- attend	right- correct- proper
little- small- petite	adore-love-like
long- lengthy- drawn out	say- state- remark
look-glance- see	seem- appear- look
airy-ventilate-wind	sell- vend- market
mad-crazy- insane	shame- humiliation- mortification
make- build- construct	show – demonstrate- display
many- multitudinous- numerous	sorry-regretful- penitent
marvelous- wonderful- extraordinary	speed- hast- hurry
mean-stand for-denote	start- begin- commence
mend- repair- restore	still-unmoving- silent



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 **Note:** If there is a need to add to this list, please do so. It is very important to know that being exposed to a myriad of synonyms will help your students on the ACT Aspire. Also, becoming knowledgeable of many synonyms will help your students to expand their vocabulary and overall **reading comprehension**. 