

## Words and meanings 2

### What does 'mean' mean and do words mean the same?

- Match the use of a **word** (lexeme) on the left with the description on the right by drawing lines between them.

<u>Suitcases</u> sometimes get lost		Representing a thing in general: the general sense of the word (denotation)
Pass the <u>sugar</u>		
He's a <u>doctor</u>		Representing something actually here and now: the reference
<u>Sugar</u> is bad for you		
Those are my <u>suitcases</u>		Meaning something special to the speaker / hearer, personally or culturally (connotation)
He's a <u>quack</u>		

- Synonyms

A synonym is an item with the same meaning as another. For example:

A **very wet** towel = A **sodden** towel

Here are some more examples. Are they *really* synonyms?

		Synonyms?	
		✓	✗
I <b>bank</b> in London	Is this your <b>bank</b> ?		
Walk <b>by</b> the river	Walk <b>along</b> the river		
The <b>White House</b> approved the bill	The <b>President</b> approved the bill		
She's <b>keen</b> to talk to you	She's <b>eager</b> to talk to you		
The shed is <b>open</b>	The shed is <b>unlocked</b>		
It was a <b>small</b> house in a <b>little</b> village	It was a <b>little</b> house in a <b>small</b> village		
It was a beautiful <b>little</b> house	It was a beautiful <b>small</b> house		
You are a <b>big</b> girl now, don't cry	That's a <b>big</b> television		
<b>Would you open the window?</b>	<b>Open the window</b>		
I went back to my <b>cabin</b>	I went back to my <b>room</b>		
They invited the <b>cream</b> of society	I take <b>cream</b> in my coffee		
Take the <b>lift</b>	Take the <b>elevator</b>		

- Synonyms and grammar

What problems in the classroom do you see here?

Examples	Problem
He hid / concealed it behind the curtain He hid / concealed behind the curtain	
She will likely / probable be late It is likely / probable she will be late	
It ceased / stopped raining It ceased / stopped to rain	
The sick / poorly children The sick / unwell children	