

Different meanings, different synonyms

Super Challenge 2

1. If a word has more than one meaning, each meaning has its own set of synonyms, e.g. there are different words for different meanings of **sharp**.

Tick the best alternative from the four words listed. Then see if you can think of a word that means the opposite of this meaning of **sharp**.

a) She felt a **sharp** pain in her arm.

pointed, clear, piercing, harsh

opposite

b) There could be a **sharp** drop in prices.

spiky, pungent, keen, sudden

opposite

c) He had a quick wit and a **sharp** mind.

perceptive, biting, crisp, piquant

opposite

2. See if you can get from the first word to the last word by playing **synonym tag**. This is how it works:

Synonym tag

- Look up the first word in the *Oxford School Thesaurus* and in the space next to it, write one of the synonyms listed in the entry.
- Next, look this word up and, find one of its synonyms for the next space.
- If the chain is right, you should end up with the target word.
e.g. to get from **AMUSING** to **INQUISITIVE**, the chain looks like this:

AMUSING

FUNNY

CURIOUS

INQUISITIVE

WELL-DRESSED

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SHINING

FLIMSY

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DIZZY