



I can use synonyms to improve my sentences.

A synonym is a word that means the same thing (or a very similar thing) to another word. We use synonyms so that we don't keep repeating the same words over and over again. It is very useful to know and use a range of synonyms to make our writing more interesting to read.

Replace the word in bold with a synonym from the list that is the closest in meaning to the original. (You will find all these synonyms in the thesaurus, but you will have to make sure it makes sense in the context of the sentence.)

reached

- stretched
- extended
- touched

sticky

- tacky
- tricky
- gluey

self-assurance

- belief
- confidence
- trust

substance

- stuff
- material
- marking

noticing

- regarding
- alter
- change

convert

- reform
- alter
- change

stop

- pause
- thwart
- quit

emerged

- surfaced
- appeared
- excluded

banned

- forbidden
- outlawed
- excluded

charging

- accusing
- attacking
- rushing

- 1 Amber had a **self-assurance** she didn't have before.
- 2 She was able to **convert** her anger into a magic power.
- 3 She **reached** out her hand towards the door.
- 4 Her hand slid through a jelly-like **substance**.
- 5 She squeezed her whole body through the **sticky** jelly.
- 6 She **emerged** on the other side tasting of strawberry.
- 7 She had to make herself invisible in order to **stop** Miss Vile.
- 8 AJ came **charging** round the corner of the corridor.
- 9 He ran past without **noticing** she was there.
- 10 His mother had **banned** him from eating any more sweets.

Use a thesaurus to find synonyms for the words in bold.

- 11 Amber confidently **reversed** the spell.
- 12 AJ thought that the sweets were making him **behave** in a strange way.
- 13 Amber told AJ about Miss Vile's plan to **kidnap** the children.
- 14 AJ said they must hurry for they were about to **serve** lunch.

Extension Using a thesaurus see how many words in the passage you can change whilst keeping the meaning the same.