

Synonyms – Sparky synonyms

Synonyms are words that mean the same or similar. For example, synonyms of the word **big** include *gigantuous, great, huge* and *squackling*. You can look up the word **big** in the *Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary* for some more synonyms.

Synonyms can tell you more about how something happened. For example, *stumbled* and *hobbled* are words that mean *walked* but they also tell you *how* the person walked.

1. Complete the table below by organizing all the words below that mean 'eat' in the right columns.

devour, chomp, slurp, munch, gulp, guzzle, nibble, taste, pick at, crunch, gnash, gorge, peck, gobble, wolf down, snap

quickly	noisily	in small amounts

2. Complete the table below by organizing all the words below that mean 'say' in the right columns.

babble, cry, growl, boom, scream, shriek, yell, mumble, gasp, bellow, roar, snarl, bark, squeal, whisper, croak

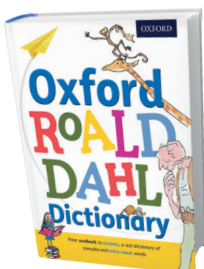
loudly	angrily	quietly	in surprise

3. Change the bold word in these sentences to make the meaning clear.

a) Noisily, the titchy girl **ate** an enormous ice-cream.

b) "Go away!" **said** the terrifying giant, angrily.

c) Cautiously, the little boy **walked** across the road.



Use the Sparky Synonyms in the *Oxford Roald Dahl Dictionary* to help you find interesting words.

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