

Synonyms

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Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meaning. One way to improve your writing is by replacing common words with more descriptive synonyms.

Directions: In the following sentences replace the underlined word with a more descriptive synonym from the word bank. Write the new word above the underlined word.

populace	reside	nourishment
catastrophe	depart	immense
appreciation	novice	delicate

1. Without hesitation, the firefighters headed straight to the site of the disaster.
2. Just as we entered Arizona a huge rain cloud could be seen forming on the horizon.
3. Even though the surfer was a beginner, she still sported a wide grin.
4. It was late and we both knew that I should go and never come back.
5. After running the 10K race, our bodies desperately needed food.
6. The patients all got together to show the doctor their thanks.
7. I had always wanted to live in a tropical climate.
8. The people of our fair state work hard and enjoy the beautiful scenery.
9. The china cabinet was full of expensive and breakable items.