

Basic Word Relationship

Category	Definition	Examples
Synonym	Words that are the same or nearly the same in meaning	fight , quarrel, argument, beef, feud, brawl, fray
Antonym	Words that are opposite or nearly opposite in meaning	hot/cold; night/day; warm/chilly
Acronym	Abbreviations using the first letters of the words	WHL: Western Hockey League
Homonym	Words that have the same spelling and pronunciation but different meanings	left – direction / to leave
Homophone	Words with the same pronunciation but different spelling and meaning	night, knight
Homograph	Words with the same spelling but different meanings and sometimes different pronunciation	tear – in my eye / in my shirt
Connotation	An emotional or imaginative meaning of a word	The old sandwich was disgusting to look at
Alliteration	Repeating the beginning sounds of a word	lucky little loons
Simile	Comparing two things using the words <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	hot like a fire
Metaphor	Comparing words or ideas in a figurative way without using <i>like</i> or <i>as</i>	The cookie was a rock
Hyperbole	An exaggerated statement	They ate a ton of pizza
Personification	Giving human characteristics to nonhuman things.	The trees are dancing
Idiom	A saying that does not mean the same as the individual words	It's raining cats and dogs



Complex Word Relationship

Category	Definition	Examples
Slang	Informal word added to our language	wassup, Chopper, that's lit
Oxymoron	Using words together that have opposite or very different meanings	grab some plastic silverware
Onomatopoeia	A word that imitates a noise or an action	buzz, achoo, bubble
Pun	A joke based on different possible meanings of a word	I don't know any egg yolks that are funny
Spoonerism	A comical phrase resulting from switching of initial consonants	pass the gilk and a mlass
Palindrome	Words or phrases that read the same backward as forward	racecar, mom, pop
Portmanteau	A word formed by blending two other words	brunch: breakfast/lunch
Collective Noun	Word used to define a group	lucky little loons
Anagram	Words made by rearranging the letters of another word	stop is an anagram of pots
Riddle	A question that takes clever or unexpected thinking to answer	Q: What gets wet as it dries? A: A towel

