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Search Help

To search for a word in the thesaurus, tap on your app's search icon (typically a **magnifying glass**), then type in a word. The most relevant results will be found in the [Search Index](#), an alphabetical list of hyperlinks to all main entry words in the thesaurus. It is placed at the start of the ebook so the search will find relevant results here first; later search results may be less useful, as they typically include every occurrence of the word in the ebook.

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Guide to Entries

Alternatives (synonyms) are separated by commas, with the key synonym for each sense given in bold, preceded by an equals sign:

alternative NOUN = **substitute**, choice, other

Opposites (antonyms) are provided at the end of the lists of synonyms, and are preceded by the word 'opposite' in small capital letters:

anarchy NOUN = **lawlessness** ... ■ OPPOSITE: order

Phrases involving a main entry word are introduced by a circular bullet:

apply ...

● **apply yourself**

Usage and regional labels give information about the country, region, or particular context a word or sense is associated with. These are shown in italics, within round brackets:

drink ... hooch *or* hootch (*informal, chiefly U.S. & Canad.*)

Usage notes give information about how the word is used. These appear underneath the entry in a box with a grey background:

beside ...

USAGE People occasionally confuse *beside* and *besides* ...

Related words appear at the end of entries, and are preceded by the words 'related word' in small capital letters:

air ... ■ RELATED WORD: *adjective* aerial

Word list panels provide a brief encyclopaedic list of words associated with a particular subject:

Shades of blue

aquamarine
azure
Cambridge blue
cerulean
cobalt blue
Copenhagen blue

Cross references to word list panels appear at related entries, introduced by 'see' in italics:

colour ...

- *see* **Shades from black to white, Shades of blue, ...**

Abbreviations

<i>Austral</i>	Australia/Australian
<i>Brit</i>	British
<i>Canad</i>	Canada/Canadian
<i>N</i>	North
<i>NZ</i>	New Zealand
®	trademark
<i>S</i>	South
<i>Scot</i>	Scottish
<i>US</i>	United States

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