

# Mourning Dove Vocabulary...Synonyms

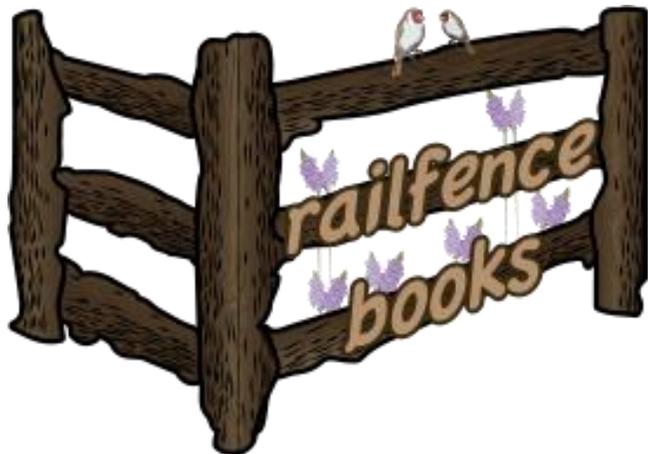
## Definition:

A **synonym** is a word that has almost the same meaning as another word. It's more exciting to read a story that has many synonyms rather than reading the same words over and over. Often when an author uses synonyms, it can help the reader to have a clearer picture of the story.

## Let's go:

Circle the synonym that best fits the underlined word in the following sentences.

1. "As Billy moped down the short gravel driveway..." (bumpy, stony) page 2
2. "They were also delighted when Billy was born."  
(overjoyed, annoyed) page 9
3. "Billy stuffed his report card into his backpack." (placed, crammed ) page 15
4. "...he muttered." (mumbled, managed ) page 18
5. "The dust would rise slowly and fall again." (lift, move) page 27
6. "Kenny frequently stepped..." (never, often) page 32
7. "He chuckled again and..." (snorted, laughed) page 35
8. "Billy's mind was swirling." (spinning, sluggish) page 42
9. "...looking satisfied with his suggestion." ( apprehensive, content) page 55
10. "The rain beat hard on the metal barn roof." (punched, pounded) page 57
11. "The rain beat hard on the metal barn roof." (floor, covering) page 57
12. "The gentle breeze swept through the kitchen." (dance, wind) page 65



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## **Bonus:**

Write your own sentence below. Underline a word, and put your best synonym in brackets at the end of the sentence.

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