



Synonyms Study Sheet

Read Selectividad-Level Texts Actively

- Use **past exam texts**, news articles, or B2-C1 level reading materials.
- Highlight **repeated ideas expressed in different words**.
- Keep a notebook where you write:
 - **Original word**
 - **Synonym found in the text**
 - A **sentence** using it

Create a Synonym Bank by Topic

- **Organise** vocabulary by common Selectividad topics (e.g. Environment, Education, Technology, Social Media).
- For each topic:
 1. **Choose** 10–15 high-frequency words.
 2. **Write** 2–3 **synonyms** for each.
 3. **Include** example sentences.

Example:

“**Problem**” → issue, concern, challenge

“**Increase**” → rise, grow, boost

*The environmental **problems** facing the world have indeed **increased** in both severity and scope. These **issues** include climate change, pollution, deforestation, and biodiversity loss, all of which are interconnected and require urgent, collective action.*



Practice Rephrasing Sentences

This mirrors the **rephrasing exercise** in the exam:

- Take a sentence and rewrite it using at least **one synonym**.
- Focus on **preserving the meaning** and maintaining correct grammar.

Example:

Original: The company saw a big increase in sales.

***Rephrased:** The company experienced a significant boost in sales.*



Use Flashcards or Quizlet

- Create **digital flashcards** (or paper ones) with:

- A **base word** on one side
- 2–3 **synonyms + example sentence** on the other
- **Shuffle and quiz yourself** regularly.



Play Word Substitution Games

- Try **rewriting** a short paragraph from a news article, replacing **everyday vocabulary** with more advanced synonyms.
- Then compare the tone and clarity.



Do "Choose the Best Synonym" Quizzes in this Booklet Several Times



Use New Synonyms in Your Writing

In your essay practice:

- **Make a list** of “basic words to avoid” (e.g. good, bad, thing, problem).
- **Replace** them with synonyms that are **precise and academic**.



Pro tip: Reuse synonyms from past readings and texts you’ve studied.

✓ Review and Self-Correct

After writing an essay or doing a vocabulary exercise:

- Highlight basic or repeated words.
- Replace them with better synonyms.

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