Stroll and Walk, Babble and Talk

More about Synonyms

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One book is never enough to explore the wide range of synonyms! The crazy and zany cats deliver loads of additional examples to illustrate the power of synonyms to make writing superb or terrific.

Brian P. Cleary’s playful, rollicking verse and Brian Gable’s comical cats or felines turn traditional grammar lessons on end. Each pair or group of synonyms is printed in color for easy and simple identification. Read this book aloud and share the delight of the sense—and nonsense—of words.
Stroll and Walk, Babble and Talk
For Mike and Sue Cleary—my first teachers

—B.P.C.

**Synonym:**
A word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word
Whether you're moseying, strolling, or walking,
babbling,
chattering,
mumbling, or talking,
Synonyms help us select the right word, as in *sly* or *clever*.
strange or absurd.
**Synonyms** let us be *Very Specific*
and say what we mean, like superb or terrific.
Your options for words will quadruple—plus half—
When you start to use all the words that mean laugh.
Try **giggle**

and **snicker**
and chuckle and chortle—

you get to choose what works best!
You might prefer crack up.
and (just as a backup)

you may think that cackle has zest.
Each synonym has quite a similar meaning, like *washing* and *scouring*.
scrubbing and cleaning
Synonyms sometimes will tell us degree.
Pick Warm, hot, or steaming when you describe tea.
They give us alternatives, substitutes, choices.
and help give our stories more interesting voices!
Exit and leave, lie and deceive, funny and somewhat amusing.
Easy and simple,

a blemish or pimple—

just make up your mind and start choosing!
Fast and quick, ill and sick, a greenback, a buck, or a dollar.
Synonyms give you selection and choice.

They make you sound just like a scholar.
So pick among difficult, hard, or demanding.

It needn’t be frightening or scary.
Synonyms can help you to get or procure a mighty big vocabulary.
Now go make your writing compelling, exciting, so thrilling, you might brag or boast.
One day, you’ll fill bleachers, when speaking to teachers—
So, what is a synonym? Do you know?
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