

Synonyms

Part A

A synonym is a word or phrase which means the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

In the left-hand column, there are some words from 'The Story of Osiris'. Can you find a word in the right-hand column which has the same or nearly the same meaning as this word? Match them up by drawing a line (or write the two matching words down together if you are working from the screen).

A dictionary or thesaurus (a book or online version) may be helpful for this task. One pair has been matched up for you.

merely	flourished
treasured	disgusting
prospered	quickly
devious	begrudged
resented	cherished
vile	measurements
envious	quietened
dimensions	jealous
soothed	only
hastily	deceitful

Choose three words from the right-hand column and write a sentence for each word you have chosen, showing that you understand the meaning of the word.

E.g. **measurements**

Seth took the **measurements** of Osiris's body so that he could order a chest to fit him.

Part B

A synonym is a word or phrase which means the same or nearly the same as another word or phrase.

Below are sentences taken from Chapter 1 of 'The Story of Osiris'. Can you replace the highlighted words/phrases with suitable synonyms? A dictionary or thesaurus (a book or online version) may be helpful for this task. Sometimes you may need to use a phrase to replace a word or vice versa.

recognised**traits****good**

E.g. Ra **saw** in Osiris all the **qualities** needed for a **fine** ruler.

1. His **jealousy** of Osiris **drove** him to set his mind to planning his brother's downfall.
2. The **devious** Seth came up with a most **vile** scheme to **dispose of** Osiris.
3. One night, when Osiris was **sleeping** soundly, the **single-minded** Seth crept into his room.
4. At one point, Osiris even **stirred**, opened his eyes and **looked** at Seth, but his **guileful** brother merely put a **reassuring** hand on this shoulder and soothed Osiris back to sleep.
5. "Who would be able to resist a **chest** of such beauty and **opulence**?" Seth **sneered** to himself.

Challenge 

Can you make changes to the blurb, changing some of the words to suitable synonyms?

When the jealous and devious Seth plots to seize power from his dutiful brother, Pharaoh Osiris, events take a shocking turn that will change Egypt forever.

Will Seth succeed in taking control of Egypt and will the determined Queen Isis be able to rescue her beloved husband, Osiris?