



Uncommon Common

The Most Common Verbs Replaced

Small Move to Better Your Writing

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Accept

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Acquiesce:** To accept something reluctantly but without protest.
 - *Example:* The board finally **acquiesced** to the employees' demands for better hours.
- **Embrace:** To accept a belief or change willingly and enthusiastically.
 - *Example:* Leaders must **embrace** new technology to stay competitive.
- **Acknowledge:** To accept the truth or existence of something.
 - *Example:* He finally **acknowledged** that his initial plan was flawed.
- **Accede:** To agree to a demand or request.
 - *Example:* The authorities refused to **accede** to the protesters' ultimatum.
- **Ratify:** To sign or give formal consent to a treaty or agreement.
 - *Example:* The parliament is expected to **ratify** the new trade deal next week.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Take something on board:** To fully accept and consider a new idea.
 - *Example:* I hope the management **takes our feedback on board** before making the final decision.
- **Face the music:** To accept the unpleasant consequences of one's actions.

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- *Example:* After missing the deadline, he had to **face the music** and explain it to the boss.
- **Go along with:** To agree to or accept a suggestion.
 - *Example:* I'll **go along with** your plan this time, but we need better results.
- **Swallow the pill:** To accept an unpleasant but necessary situation.
 - *Example:* Losing the contract was a **bitter pill to swallow**, but we moved on.
- **Give the green light:** To give formal permission or acceptance to proceed.
 - *Example:* The director **gave the green light** to start the new project.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Agree to:** To accept a plan or suggestion.
 - *Example:* Both parties finally **agreed to** the terms of the contract.
- **Bow to:** To accept something under pressure.
 - *Example:* The company had to **bow to** public pressure and lower its prices.
- **Fall in with:** To accept or agree with someone's ideas.
 - *Example:* He eventually **fell in with** our way of thinking.
- **Take up:** To accept an offer or invitation.
 - *Example:* I'd like to **take you up** on your offer of a free consultation.
- **Yield to:** To give in and accept a demand.
 - *Example:* The government will not **yield to** the demands of the strikers.

Appear

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Emerge:** To move out of something and become visible.
 - *Example:* New evidence began to **emerge** during the second week of the trial.
- **Materialize:** To appear suddenly or unexpectedly.
 - *Example:* A waiter suddenly **materialized** at my elbow to take my order.
- **Manifest:** To show or display a quality or feeling.
 - *Example:* His anxiety began to **manifest** as a nervous cough.
- **Surface:** To become apparent or known after being hidden.
 - *Example:* Rumors of a merger have started to **surface** in the media.
- **Transpire:** To be revealed or to become known.
 - *Example:* It later **transpired** that the meeting had been canceled hours earlier.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Pop up:** To appear or occur suddenly.
 - *Example:* New coffee shops are **popping up** all over the city.
- **Come to light:** To be revealed or appear after being a secret.
 - *Example:* New details about the scandal have recently **come to light**.
- **Show one's face:** To appear in a place where people expect you.

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- *Example:* He was too embarrassed to **show his face** after the argument.
- **Burst onto the scene:** To appear suddenly and become very successful.
 - *Example:* The young singer **burst onto the scene** with a chart-topping hit.
- **Rear its ugly head:** To appear (usually something unpleasant).
 - *Example:* Inflation is starting to **rear its ugly head** again.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Turn up:** To arrive or appear, often unexpectedly.
 - *Example:* Don't worry, I'm sure your keys will **turn up** eventually.
- **Show up:** To arrive for an appointment or gathering.
 - *Example:* Only half of the invited guests **showed up** for the seminar.
- **Crop up:** To appear unexpectedly (used for problems or issues).
 - *Example:* Some urgent business has **cropped up**, so I can't attend the meeting.
- **Come out:** To become visible (like the sun) or be published.
 - *Example:* The sun finally **came out** after a week of heavy rain.
- **Roll in:** To arrive in large numbers or appear casually.
 - *Example:* The job applications are starting to **roll in**.

Become

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Evolve:** To develop gradually into something more complex.
 - *Example:* The small startup has **evolved** into a global corporation.
- **Metamorphose:** To change completely in form or nature.
 - *Example:* The caterpillar will eventually **metamorphose** into a butterfly.
- **Transform:** To make a thorough or dramatic change in form.
 - *Example:* The new coat of paint will **transform** the entire room.
- **Turn:** To change into a different state (often used for age or color).
 - *Example:* The leaves usually **turn** brown in late October.
- **Render:** To cause someone or something to be in a certain state.
 - *Example:* The heavy rain **rendered** the roads impassable.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Turn into:** To change and become something else.
 - *Example:* The argument quickly **turned into** a physical fight.
- **Blossom into:** To develop into something beautiful or successful.
 - *Example:* Their friendship slowly **blossomed into** a deep romance.

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- **Come into being:** To start to exist or become a reality.
 - *Example:* This law **came into being** to protect consumer rights.
- **Shape up:** To develop in a positive way.
 - *Example:* The new project is starting to **shape up** quite nicely.
- **Grow into:** To gradually become a certain type of person.
 - *Example:* She has **grown into** a very confident public speaker.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Turn out:** To result in being a certain way.
 - *Example:* The cake **turned out** to be much better than I expected.
- **End up:** To eventually become or reach a state.
 - *Example:* If you don't study, you'll **end up** failing the exam.
- **Pass for:** To be accepted as or appear to be something.
 - *Example:* With that accent, he could easily **pass for** a native speaker.
- **Change into:** To become something different.
 - *Example:* The quiet village has **changed into** a busy tourist hub.
- **Make into:** To transform one thing into another.
 - *Example:* They are going to **make** the old factory **into** luxury apartments.

Bring

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Convey:** To transport or carry to a place.
 - *Example:* Pipes **convey** water from the reservoir to the city.
- **Fetch:** To go for and then bring back someone or something.
 - *Example:* Could you please **fetch** me my glasses from the study?
- **Produce:** To bring something out from a hidden place.
 - *Example:* He reached into his pocket and **produced** a gold ring.
- **Escort:** To bring someone somewhere as a guide or protector.
 - *Example:* Security will **escort** you to the VIP lounge.
- **Deliver:** To bring and hand over a letter or goods.
 - *Example:* The courier will **deliver** the package by noon.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Bring to the table:** To provide something useful to a group or deal.
 - *Example:* He **brings years of experience to the table** for our team.

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- **Bring to light:** To reveal something that was hidden.
 - *Example:* The investigation **brought to light** several cases of fraud.
- **Bring home the bacon:** To earn money to support a family.
 - *Example:* Both parents work hard to **bring home the bacon**.
- **Bring to a head:** To cause a situation to reach a point where action is needed.
 - *Example:* The latest crisis has **brought matters to a head**.
- **Bring down the house:** To give a performance that receives huge applause.
 - *Example:* Her emotional speech really **brought down the house**.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Bring about:** To cause something to happen.
 - *Example:* The new law will **bring about** significant social changes.
- **Bring along:** To take someone or something with you.
 - *Example:* Feel free to **bring along** a friend to the party.
- **Bring back:** To cause something to return or be remembered.
 - *Example:* This song always **brings back** happy memories.
- **Bring up:** To mention a topic in conversation.
 - *Example:* Please don't **bring up** the subject of money tonight.
- **Bring in:** To involve someone or introduce a new rule/law.
 - *Example:* We need to **bring in** an expert to fix this technical issue.

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Buy

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Purchase:** (Formal) To acquire something by paying for it.
 - *Example:* You can **purchase** tickets online or at the counter.
- **Procure:** To obtain something, especially with effort or care.
 - *Example:* It was difficult to **procure** the rare ingredients for the dish.
- **Acquire:** To buy or obtain an asset or object.
 - *Example:* The company aims to **acquire** its smaller competitors.
- **Invest in:** To buy something because you think it will be useful.
 - *Example:* It's time to **invest in** a high-quality laptop for your work.
- **Secure:** To succeed in getting something that is hard to get.
 - *Example:* We managed to **secure** front-row seats for the concert.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Pick up:** To buy something, often cheaply or casually.
 - *Example:* I **picked up** some great bargains at the local market.

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- **Snap up:** To buy something quickly because it is a bargain.
 - *Example:* All the sale items were **snapped up** within minutes.
- **Splash out:** To spend a lot of money on a luxury.
 - *Example:* They decided to **splash out** on a five-star hotel for their anniversary.
- **Fork out:** To pay for something, usually unwillingly.
 - *Example:* I had to **fork out** \$200 to get my car repaired.
- **Shop around:** To compare prices before buying.
 - *Example:* You should **shop around** before you buy a new insurance policy.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Buy into:** To believe in an idea or join a business.
 - *Example:* I don't really **buy into** the latest diet trends.
- **Buy up:** To buy all of something that is available.
 - *Example:* Real estate investors are **buying up** old properties in this area.
- **Pay for:** To give money in exchange for something.
 - *Example:* How much did you **pay for** those designer shoes?
 - **Go for:** To choose or buy a specific option.
 - *Example:* I think I'll **go for** the blue shirt instead of the white one.
- **Order in:** To buy food and have it delivered.
 - *Example:* We were too tired to cook, so we decided to **order in** some pizza.

Consider

Section 1: Better Synonyms

- **Contemplate:** To look thoughtfully for a long time at something.
 - *Example:* She sat by the window, **contemplating** her future.
- **Evaluate:** To judge the value or quality of something.
 - *Example:* We need to **evaluate** the risks before making a final decision.
- **Ponder:** To think about something carefully, especially for a long time.
 - *Example:* The philosopher spent years **pondering** the meaning of life.
- **Analyze:** To examine something in detail to explain it.
 - *Example:* Experts are trying to **analyze** the cause of the market crash.
- **Deem:** (Formal) To regard or consider in a specified way.
 - *Example:* The film was **deemed** unsuitable for young children.

Section 2: Better Idioms

- **Bear in mind:** To remember and consider a piece of information.
 - *Example:* Please **bear in mind** that the office will be closed on Friday.
- **Sleep on it:** To delay a decision until the next day to think about it.

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- *Example:* Don't give me an answer now; **sleep on it** and tell me tomorrow.
- **Look into:** To investigate or consider a possibility.
 - *Example:* The manager promised to **look into** the possibility of a pay rise.
- **Take into account:** To consider specific facts when making a decision.
 - *Example:* You must **take into account** his lack of experience.
- **Toy with the idea:** To consider something casually but not seriously.
 - *Example:* We are **toying with the idea** of moving to the countryside.

Section 3: Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Think over:** To consider something carefully before deciding.
 - *Example:* I'll **think over** your proposal and get back to you soon.
- **Mull over:** To spend time thinking about a decision.
 - *Example:* He needs some time to **mull over** the job offer.
- **Reflect on:** To think deeply about past events or ideas.
 - *Example:* On her birthday, she always **reflects on** the past year.
- **Chew over:** To discuss or think about something at length.
 - *Example:* The committee will **chew over** the new budget plan tomorrow.
- **Look at:** To consider or examine a subject.
 - *Example:* We are **looking at** several different ways to reduce costs.

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Better Synonyms

1. **Perceive:** She could perceive a slight change in the temperature.
2. **Sense:** I sense that something is bothering you today.
3. **Experience:** Many people experience anxiety before a public speech.
4. **Detect:** The sensors can detect even the smallest vibrations.
5. **Identify with:** He can easily identify with the struggles of his students.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Get a vibe:** I'm getting a strange vibe from this new office.
2. **Sense it in one's bones:** I know it's going to rain; I can sense it in my bones.
3. **Be in touch with:** A good teacher is always in touch with their students' needs.
4. **Read the room:** You need to read the room before making a joke.
5. **Have a gut feeling:** I have a gut feeling that this plan will work.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Feel for:** I really feel for the people who lost their homes.
2. **Pick up on:** Teachers usually pick up on a student's lack of confidence.
3. **Sense out:** They tried to sense out the atmosphere before entering.
4. **Go through:** She is going through a very difficult emotional phase.
5. **Check in with:** Take a moment to check in with your emotions.



Better Synonyms

1. **Discover:** Scientists are working to discover a cure for the disease.
2. **Locate:** We were unable to locate the missing documents.
3. **Encounter:** You might encounter some difficulties during the trial.
4. **Identify:** The witness was able to identify the suspect.
5. **Unearth:** Researchers unearthed new evidence regarding the case.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Lay one's hands on:** I finally laid my hands on that rare book.
2. **Track down:** It took me weeks to track down his contact details.
3. **Run across:** I ran across an old friend at the market yesterday.
4. **Stumble upon:** We stumbled upon a cozy little cafe in the alley.
5. **Dig up:** The journalist managed to dig up some old secrets.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Come across:** I came across these old photos in the attic.
2. **Turn up:** Don't worry, your keys will turn up eventually.
3. **Track down:** The police are trying to track down the witness.
4. **Find out:** I need to find out what time the flight leaves.
5. **Root out:** The manager is trying to root out the cause of the error.

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GET

Better Synonyms

1. **Acquire:** The company plans to acquire new technology this year.
2. **Obtain:** You must obtain a permit before starting the construction.
3. **Retrieve:** I need to retrieve my bags from the luggage claim.
4. **Procure:** It is difficult to procure fresh organic vegetables here.
5. **Secure:** He managed to secure a high-paying job in the city.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Get hold of:** Can you get hold of a copy of the report?
2. **Lay hold of:** The toddler tried to lay hold of the shiny toy.
3. **Pick up:** I'll pick up some milk on my way home.
4. **Come by:** How did you come by such a beautiful antique?
5. **Score:** He managed to score two tickets to the final match.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Get back:** I need to get my umbrella back from him.
2. **Pick up:** I need to pick up my laundry this afternoon.
3. **Come across:** I hope to come across some good deals at the sale.
4. **Get through:** She finally got through the difficult exam.
5. **Catch on:** It took me a while to catch on to the new system.

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GIVE

Better Synonyms

1. **Provide:** The school will provide all the necessary books.
2. **Donate:** Many celebrities donate money to local charities.
3. **Grant:** The committee decided to grant him a scholarship.
4. **Contribute:** Every member should contribute ideas to the project.
5. **Bestow:** The queen will bestow a title upon the hero.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Lend a hand:** Could you lend a hand with these heavy boxes?
2. **Hand over:** You must hand over the keys before leaving.
3. **Pass on:** Please pass on this message to your brother.
4. **Fork over:** He had to fork over a lot of money for the repairs.
5. **Shell out:** I had to shell out a fortune for this new laptop.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Hand out:** The teacher will hand out the exam papers now.
2. **Give away:** She decided to give away her old clothes.
3. **Dish out:** He loves to dish out advice to everyone.
4. **Pass out:** The volunteers passed out flyers to the crowd.
5. **Give up:** Never give up on your dreams.

GO

Better Synonyms

1. **Proceed:** Please proceed to the next gate for boarding.
2. **Depart:** The train is scheduled to depart at 10 PM.
3. **Venture:** They decided to venture into the deep forest.
4. **Advance:** The army began to advance toward the border.
5. **Traverse:** It took them three days to traverse the desert.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Make a move:** It's getting late; we should make a move.
2. **Hit the road:** Let's hit the road before the traffic gets heavy.
3. **Get going:** We need to get going if we want to arrive on time.
4. **Take off:** The business is finally starting to take off.
5. **Set out:** They set out on their journey early in the morning.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Go on:** Please go on with your story; it's interesting.
2. **Move along:** The officer told the crowd to move along.
3. **Set off:** We set off for the airport at dawn.
4. **Pass by:** I saw him as I was passing by the library.
5. **Carry on:** You should carry on with your studies despite the hurdles.

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HELP

Better Synonyms

1. **Assist:** I would be happy to assist you with your research.
2. **Facilitate:** The new software will facilitate smoother communication.
3. **Support:** Her family always supports her career choices.
4. **Aid:** International agencies are sending food to aid the victims.
5. **Collaborate:** We should collaborate on this marketing campaign.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Give a leg up:** This internship will give you a leg up in your career.
2. **Pitch in:** If everyone pitches in, we can finish the cleaning quickly.
3. **Do someone a favor:** Could you do me a favor and mail this letter?
4. **Go the extra mile:** She always goes the extra mile to help her students.
5. **Back someone up:** I will back you up during the meeting.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Help out:** My neighbor helped me out when my car broke down.
2. **Stand by:** True friends always stand by you in tough times.
3. **Check on:** I'll stop by to check on you later this evening.
4. **Wait on:** The staff is here to wait on your every need.
5. **Look after:** Could you look after my cat while I'm away?

INCLUDE

Better Synonyms

1. **Incorporate:** We should incorporate more visuals in the presentation.
2. **Comprise:** The team is comprised of experts from various fields.
3. **Encompass:** The course will encompass all aspects of phonetics.
4. **Involve:** The project will involve a lot of traveling.
5. **Contain:** This bottle contains a liter of water.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Count in:** If you are going to the cinema, count me in!
2. **Bring into the fold:** We need to bring new members into the fold.
3. **Part and parcel:** Hard work is part and parcel of success.
4. **Add to the mix:** Let's add some humor to the mix to keep it engaging.
5. **Cover the ground:** The lecture really covered a lot of ground today.

Synonymous Group Verbs

1. **Build in:** We need to build in some extra time for questions.
2. **Add on:** You can add on extra features for a small fee.
3. **Take in:** The tour takes in all the major landmarks of the city.
4. **Fit in:** I'll try to fit you in for an appointment tomorrow.
5. **Mix in:** You should mix in some personal stories with your speech.

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Join

Better Synonyms

- **Enlist:** To enroll in the armed forces or a cause.
 - *Example:* Many young people decide to **enlist** in the military to serve their country.
- **Affiliate:** To officially attach or connect to an organization.
 - *Example:* Our school plans to **affiliate** with a prestigious international university.
- **Converge:** To come together from different directions so as eventually to meet.
 - *Example:* Fans from all over the city began to **converge** on the stadium for the final match.
- **Amalgamate:** To combine or unite to form one organization or structure.
 - *Example:* The two tech giants decided to **amalgamate** to dominate the global market.
- **Consolidate:** To combine a number of things into a single more effective or coherent whole.
 - *Example:* We need to **consolidate** our resources to ensure the project's success.

Better Idioms

- **Hop on board:** To join a project, group, or idea.
 - *Example:* We are looking for more investors to **hop on board** with our new startup.
- **Throw in one's lot with:** To decide to share the fate of a person or group.

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- *Example:* He decided to **throw in his lot with** the rebels, believing in their cause.
- **Jump on the bandwagon:** To join others in doing something that is becoming fashionable or popular.
 - *Example:* Many brands started **jumping on the bandwagon** of eco-friendly packaging.
- **Join forces:** To work together to achieve a common goal.
 - *Example:* The two charities **joined forces** to provide aid to the flood victims.
- **Line up with:** To align oneself with a particular group or opinion.
 - *Example:* Her political views usually **line up with** the progressive party.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Sign up:** To commit oneself to a period of employment or education.
 - *Example:* You should **sign up** for the advanced phonetics course if you want to improve your accent.
- **Tag along:** To accompany someone, especially without invitation.
 - *Example:* My little brother always wants to **tag along** when I go out with friends.
- **Link up:** To connect or combine with someone or something.
 - *Example:* The two spacecraft will **link up** in orbit tomorrow morning.
- **Team up:** To come together as a team to achieve a common goal.
 - *Example:* I suggest you **team up** with Sarah for the group presentation.
- **Fall in with:** To become involved with a group of people (often used for bad influences).
 - *Example:* He **fell in with** a bad crowd during his college years.

Keep

Better Synonyms

- **Retain:** To continue to have something; keep possession of.
 - *Example:* It is important to **retain** a positive attitude even during difficult times.
- **Preserve:** To maintain something in its original or existing state.
 - *Example:* We must work hard to **preserve** our cultural heritage for future generations.
- **Sustain:** To strengthen or support physically or mentally.
 - *Example:* Oxygen is necessary to **sustain** life on Earth.
- **Conserve:** To protect something from harm or destruction.
 - *Example:* We need to **conserve** energy by turning off lights when not in use.
- **Maintain:** To cause or enable a condition or state of affairs to continue.
 - *Example:* You should **maintain** a high standard of cleanliness in the classroom.
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Better Idioms

- **Hold the fort:** To take responsibility for a situation while others are away.
 - *Example:* While the manager is on leave, Sarah will **hold the fort**.
- **Keep at bay:** To prevent someone or something from approaching or having an effect.
 - *Example:* Eating healthy food helps **keep** diseases **at bay**.

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- **Hang on to:** To keep something that is useful or that you like.
 - *Example:* You should **hang on to** that old camera; it might be worth a lot one day.
- **Keep a lid on:** To keep something under control or secret.
 - *Example:* The government tried to **keep a lid on** the news until the elections were over.
- **Stay the course:** To continue doing something despite difficulties.
 - *Example:* Despite the market crash, the investor decided to **stay the course**.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Keep up:** To move or progress at the same rate as someone or something else.
 - *Example:* It's hard to **keep up** with the latest trends in technology.
- **Hold on to:** To keep something rather than losing it or giving it to someone else.
 - *Example:* **Hold on to** your ticket, as you'll need it to exit the station.
- **Stick with:** To continue doing something or using something.
 - *Example:* If you **stick with** your exercise routine, you will see results soon.
- **Keep on:** To continue doing something.
 - *Example:* He **kept on** talking even though no one was listening.
- **Lay by:** To put something aside for future use.
 - *Example:* Every month, she **lays by** a portion of her salary for emergencies.

Know

Better Synonyms

- **Comprehend:** To grasp mentally; understand.
 - *Example:* He found it difficult to **comprehend** the complexity of the physics theory.
- **Perceive:** To become aware or conscious of something.
 - *Example:* I could **perceive** a slight change in his tone of voice.
- **Recognize:** To identify someone or something from having encountered them before.
 - *Example:* I didn't **recognize** him at first because of his new haircut.
- **Apprehend:** To understand or perceive the gear or meaning of something.
 - *Example:* It took a while for the students to **apprehend** the new grammar rule.
- **Discern:** To distinguish someone or something with difficulty by sight or other senses.
 - *Example:* In the darkness, it was hard to **discern** the shape of the building.

Better Idioms

- **Know the ropes:** To be fully acquainted with the procedures of a particular task.
 - *Example:* Since he has worked here for ten years, he really **knows the ropes**.
- **Have a handle on:** To have a clear understanding of something.

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- *Example:* I think I finally **have a handle on** how this software works.
- **Be in the loop:** To be part of a group that is kept informed about something.
 - *Example:* Please keep me **in the loop** regarding the project updates.
- **Know something inside out:** To know something very thoroughly.
 - *Example:* She has studied the book so much that she **knows it inside out**.
- **Get the hang of:** To learn how to do or use something properly.
 - *Example:* Once you **get the hang of** driving, it becomes second nature.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Find out:** To discover information.
 - *Example:* I need to **find out** what time the train leaves.
- **Figure out:** To understand or solve something.
 - *Example:* We need to **figure out** a way to increase our social media reach.
- **Suss out:** To realize the truth about something or someone.
 - *Example:* It didn't take long for her to **suss out** his real intentions.
- **Cotton on:** To begin to understand something.
 - *Example:* Suddenly, I **cottoned on** to the fact that they were joking.
- **Wise up:** To become aware of the truth of a situation.
 - *Example:* You need to **wise up** and realize that he is just using you.

Learn

Better Synonyms

- **Acquire:** To buy or obtain an asset or object (or a skill).
 - *Example:* It takes years to **acquire** a high level of fluency in a foreign language.
- **Master:** To acquire complete knowledge or skill in a subject.
 - *Example:* He managed to **master** the art of public speaking within a year.
- **Absorb:** To take in and understand fully (information/ideas).
 - *Example:* Children **absorb** new languages much faster than adults.
- **Grasp:** To understand something, especially something difficult.
 - *Example:* She was quick to **grasp** the basic principles of the new software.
- **Ascertain:** To find something out for certain; make sure of.
 - *Example:* We need to **ascertain** the facts before making a decision.

Better Idioms

- **Get the knack of:** To learn a special skill or manner of doing something.
 - *Example:* It's hard at first, but you'll eventually **get the knack of** it.
- **Learn by heart:** To memorize something perfectly.
 - *Example:* In school, we had to **learn** the entire poem **by heart**.
- **Pick up the pieces:** To learn from a failure and start over.

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- *Example:* After the business failed, he had to **pick up the pieces** and start a new venture.
- **Read up on:** To learn about something by reading a lot about it.
 - *Example:* I need to **read up on** the history of Bangladesh before my trip.
- **A steep learning curve:** To learn something that is very difficult and takes a lot of effort.
 - *Example:* There is **a steep learning curve** for anyone starting a career in coding.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Pick up:** To learn something without formal lessons.
 - *Example:* She **picked up** some Spanish while traveling through South America.
- **Brush up on:** To improve your knowledge of something you used to know.
 - *Example:* I need to **brush up on** my grammar before the exam.
- **Read into:** To find a hidden meaning in something.
 - *Example:* You shouldn't **read** too much **into** his silence; he's just tired.
- **Saturate in:** To involve oneself deeply in a subject.
 - *Example:* To learn a language, you should **saturate** yourself **in** its culture.
- **Dig into:** To start to study or investigate something thoroughly.
 - *Example:* I'm going to **dig into** these research papers this weekend.

Leave

Better Synonyms

- **Depart:** To leave, typically in order to start a journey.
 - *Example:* The flight is scheduled to **depart** at 10:00 PM.
- **Abandon:** To cease to support or look after; desert.
 - *Example:* The captain was the last person to **abandon** the sinking ship.
- **Vacate:** To leave a place that one previously occupied.
 - *Example:* Please **vacate** the room by noon for the next guests.
- **Relinquish:** To voluntarily cease to keep or claim; give up.
 - *Example:* He was forced to **relinquish** his position due to health issues.
- **Withdraw:** To remove or take away something from a particular place or situation.
 - *Example:* The troops were ordered to **withdraw** from the border.

Better Idioms

- **Hit the road:** To depart or set out on a journey.
 - *Example:* It's getting late, so we should **hit the road** now.
- **Take a hike:** To leave (often used as a rude way to tell someone to go away).
 - *Example:* If you're just going to complain, you can **take a hike!**
- **Walk away from:** To leave a situation or relationship.
 - *Example:* Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to **walk away from** a toxic job.

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- **Make a break for it:** To suddenly run away to escape.
 - *Example:* As soon as the guard turned around, the prisoner **made a break for it**.
- **Part ways:** To go in different directions or end a relationship.
 - *Example:* After ten years of partnership, the two companies decided to **part ways**.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Set off:** To begin a journey.
 - *Example:* We **set off** early in the morning to avoid the traffic.
- **Check out:** To leave a hotel after paying the bill.
 - *Example:* We have to **check out** of the hotel before 11:00 AM.
- **Pull out:** To withdraw from an undertaking or commitment.
 - *Example:* The investors decided to **pull out** of the deal at the last minute.
- **Be off:** To leave or go away.
 - *Example:* I'm **off** to the market; do you need anything?
- **Clear out:** To leave a place quickly.
 - *Example:* The police ordered everyone to **clear out** of the building immediately.

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Look

Better Synonyms

- **Gaze:** To look steadily and intently, especially in admiration or surprise.
 - *Example:* We sat on the beach and **gazed** at the beautiful sunset.
- **Inspect:** To look at something closely, typically to assess its condition.
 - *Example:* The officer will **inspect** your documents before you enter.
- **Observe:** To notice or perceive and register as being significant.
 - *Example:* Scientists **observe** the behavior of animals in their natural habitat.
- **Scan:** To look at all parts of something carefully in order to detect some feature.
 - *Example:* He **scanned** the crowd, looking for a familiar face.
- **Glance:** To take a brief or hurried look.
 - *Example:* She **glanced** at her watch and realized she was late.

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- **Keep an eye on:** To watch someone or something carefully.
 - *Example:* Can you **keep an eye on** my bag while I go to the restroom?
- **Feast one's eyes on:** To gaze at something with great pleasure.
 - *Example:* Just **feast your eyes on** this delicious chocolate cake!

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- **Have a look-see:** To take a quick look or investigation.
 - *Example:* Let's go to the new park and **have a look-see**.
- **Cast an eye over:** To examine or look at something quickly.
 - *Example:* Could you **cast an eye over** my report before I submit it?
- **Take a gander:** To take a look at something.
 - *Example:* **Take a gander** at that beautiful classic car over there!

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Look into:** To investigate or research something.
 - *Example:* The police are **looking into** the cause of the accident.
 - **Look for:** To search for something or someone.
 - *Example:* I am **looking for** my keys; have you seen them?
 - **Look after:** To take care of someone or something.
 - *Example:* My sister will **look after** my baby while I am at work.
 - **Look up to:** To admire or respect someone.
 - *Example:* Many young students **look up to** their teachers as role models.
 - **Look over:** To examine or check something.
 - *Example:* Please **look over** the contract carefully before signing it.
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Make

Better Synonyms

- **Construct:** To build or erect something (typically a large structure).
 - *Example:* They plan to **construct** a new bridge over the river.
- **Fabricate:** To invent or concoct (something), typically with deceitful intent (or to manufacture).
 - *Example:* He tried to **fabricate** an excuse for being late to the meeting.
- **Generate:** To cause something to arise or come about.
 - *Example:* The new policy is expected to **generate** more jobs for the youth.
- **Produce:** To create or form something as part of a physical or mental process.
 - *Example:* This factory can **produce** over a thousand cars a month.
- **Formulate:** To create or prepare something methodically.
 - *Example:* The committee will **formulate** a new strategy for the next year.

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Better Idioms

- **Make a move:** To take action in order to achieve something.
 - *Example:* If you want the promotion, you need to **make a move** now.
- **Make waves:** To cause trouble or controversy.

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- *Example:* He's a quiet employee who doesn't like to **make waves** at work.
- **Make a killing:** To have a great financial success.
 - *Example:* They **made a killing** by investing in the stock market early.
- **Make ends meet:** To earn enough money to live on.
 - *Example:* With the rising cost of living, it's hard for many to **make ends meet**.
- **Make a point of:** To do something deliberately and with purpose.
 - *Example:* She **makes a point of** thanking everyone for their hard work.

Better Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Make up:** To invent a story or excuse.
 - *Example:* He **made up** a funny story to entertain the children.
- **Make out:** To manage to see, hear, or understand something with difficulty.
 - *Example:* I couldn't **make out** what he was saying because of the loud music.
- **Make for:** To move toward a place.
 - *Example:* As soon as it started raining, they **made for** the nearest shelter.
- **Make over:** To transform or renovate something.
 - *Example:* They decided to **make over** their old kitchen into a modern one.
- **Make off with:** To steal something and hurry away with it.
 - *Example:* The thief **made off with** all the jewelry in the house.

Make

Better Synonyms

- **Fabricate:** They plan to **fabricate** a new engine prototype by next month.
- **Generate:** The new marketing campaign helped **generate** significant interest in the course.
- **Construct:** Engineers are working to **construct** a more resilient bridge.
- **Formulate:** You need to **formulate** a clear strategy before launching the app.
- **Compose:** It took him hours to **compose** a formal response to the board.

Better Idioms

- **Bring into being:** The architect helped **bring into being** a vision that seemed impossible.
- **Cook up:** Don't try to **cook up** an excuse for being late to the meeting.
- **Knock together:** I can **knock together** a quick draft of the post for you tonight.
- **Coin a phrase:** He managed to **coin a phrase** that became a viral hashtag.
- **Build from scratch:** She decided to **build** her business **from scratch** without any loans.

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Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Make up:** She had to **make up** a story to explain her absence.
 - **Put together:** We need to **put together** a professional portfolio for the client.
 - **Draw up:** The lawyer will **draw up** the contract by tomorrow afternoon.
 - **Set up:** They are going to **set up** a new workstation in the office.
 - **Whip up:** I can **whip up** a quick lesson plan if we are short on time.
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Move

Better Synonyms

- **Relocate:** The company decided to **relocate** its headquarters to Dhaka.
- **Maneuver:** It was difficult to **maneuver** the car through the narrow street.
- **Traverse:** The explorers had to **traverse** a dangerous mountain range.
- **Propel:** The new engine was designed to **propel** the boat at high speeds.

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- **Shift:** We need to **shift** our focus toward digital marketing this year.

Better Idioms

- **Make a move:** It is time for the company to **make a move** into the international market.
- **Get a move on:** We need to **get a move on** if we want to catch the train.
- **Set in motion:** The manager's decision **set in motion** a series of unexpected events.
- **Budge an inch:** Despite the evidence, he refused to **budge an inch** on his opinion.
- **Step on it:** We're going to be late, so you'd better **step on it!**

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Move on:** After the project failed, they decided to **move on** to something better.
- **Back away:** The cat began to **back away** when it saw the large dog.
- **Pull out:** The troops were ordered to **pull out** of the region immediately.
- **Set off:** They **set off** on their journey across the country at dawn.
- **Carry away:** Don't get **carried away** with the details; focus on the main idea.

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Open

Better Synonyms

- **Unveil:** The tech giant will **unveil** its latest smartphone this Friday.
- **Inaugurate:** The mayor is set to **inaugurate** the new community center.
- **Disclose:** The company refused to **disclose** its financial records.
- **Unlock:** This new key will **unlock** the potential of our software.
- **Expose:** The investigation helped **expose** the corruption within the system.

Better Idioms

- **Break the seal:** Once you **break the seal** on the package, you cannot return it.
- **Pave the way:** This discovery will **pave the way** for future medical breakthroughs.
- **Throw wide the doors:** The university decided to **throw wide the doors** to international students.
- **Lay bare:** The report helped **lay bare** the truth about the environmental crisis.
- **Open the floodgates:** Lowering the prices will **open the floodgates** for new customers.

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Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Open up:** The therapist encouraged him to **open up** about his feelings.
 - **Rip open:** He couldn't wait and had to **rip open** the birthday present.
 - **Set forth:** The document **sets forth** the rules for the competition.
 - **Spread out:** We should **spread out** the map on the table to see the route.
 - **Break into:** The firemen had to **break into** the building to save the residents.
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Pay

Better Synonyms

- **Remunerate:** The firm will **remunerate** you for your travel expenses.
- **Compensate:** They offered to **compensate** the victims for their losses.
- **Disburse:** The bank will **disburse** the loan amount in three installments.
- **Settle:** I need to **settle** my outstanding debt before applying for a new card.
- **Render:** The customer had to **render** payment immediately upon delivery.

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Better Idioms

- **Foot the bill:** My boss offered to **foot the bill** for the team dinner.
- **Pay through the nose:** We had to **pay through the nose** for those last-minute tickets.
- **Cough up:** The company finally had to **cough up** the money they owed.
- **Square up:** Let's **square up** our accounts before the end of the trip.
- **Shell out:** I had to **shell out** a lot of money for car repairs this month.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Pay back:** I promise to **pay you back** as soon as I get my salary.
- **Pay off:** All the hard work finally started to **pay off** when the sales increased.
- **Lay out:** She had to **lay out** a fortune for her new designer dress.
- **Hand over:** The thief was forced to **hand over** the stolen jewelry.
- **Put down:** We had to **put down** a deposit to secure the apartment.

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Play

Better Synonyms

- **Participate:** Students are encouraged to **participate** in extracurricular activities.
- **Execute:** The team managed to **execute** the play perfectly during the game.
- **Engage:** Children should **engage** in creative play to develop their minds.
- **Perform:** The band is scheduled to **perform** at the festival tonight.
- **Manipulate:** The actor knew how to **manipulate** his voice for different roles.

Better Idioms

- **Play your cards right:** If you **play your cards right**, you might get a promotion.
- **Level the playing field:** The new law is designed to **level the playing field** for small businesses.
- **Play for keeps:** In this industry, you have to **play for keeps** to survive.
- **Play it by ear:** We don't have a fixed plan, so we'll just **play it by ear**.
- **Play second fiddle:** He was tired of having to **play second fiddle** to his younger brother.

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Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Play around:** Stop **playing around** and focus on your homework.
 - **Play along:** Even though she disagreed, she decided to **play along** for a while.
 - **Play back:** Can you **play back** the recording so I can hear what was said?
 - **Play out:** We need to see how the situation will **play out** before we react.
 - **Play up:** The media tends to **play up** the negative aspects of the story.
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Put

Better Synonyms

- **Position:** You should **position** the camera at eye level for the video.
- **Deposit:** Please **deposit** your luggage in the storage room.
- **Situate:** The developers decided to **situate** the new park near the river.
- **Install:** We need to **install** a new security system in the office.
- **Insert:** You must **insert** the coin into the slot to start the machine.

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Better Idioms

- **Lay it on the line:** I'm going to **lay it on the line**; your performance must improve.
- **Put your foot down:** You need to **put your foot down** and set some boundaries.
- **Stay put:** The doctor told him to **stay put** until the results came back.
- **Put a damper on:** The rain really **put a damper on** our picnic plans.
- **Put someone in their place:** Her sharp reply really **put him in his place**.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Put off:** Never **put off** until tomorrow what you can do today.
- **Put up with:** I don't know how she can **put up with** his constant complaining.
- **Put across:** He is very good at **putting across** complex ideas simply.
- **Put out:** The firefighters worked hard to **put out** the forest fire.
- **Put forward:** She **put forward** a very interesting proposal at the meeting.

Say

Better Synonyms

- **Articulate:** She can **articulate** her thoughts very clearly in English.
- **Assert:** You must **assert** your rights if you feel you are being treated unfairly.
- **Convey:** It is hard to **convey** the beauty of the scenery in words.
- **Enunciate:** Please **enunciate** each syllable so the students can follow.
- **Proclaim:** The government is expected to **proclaim** a new public holiday.

Better Idioms

- **Have your say:** Every member of the team should **have their say** in the meeting.
- **Go without saying:** It **goes without saying** that safety is our top priority.
- **Speak your mind:** Don't be afraid to **speak your mind** even if others disagree.
- **Give someone a piece of your mind:** I'm going to **give him a piece of my mind** about his rudeness.
- **Word of mouth:** Most of our new students come to us through **word of mouth**.

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Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

- **Speak up:** Could you please **speak up**? We can't hear you at the back.
 - **Point out:** I would like to **point out** a few errors in the report.
 - **Blurt out:** He was so nervous that he **blurted out** the secret by accident.
 - **Spell out:** Let me **spell out** exactly what I expect from this project.
 - **Talk over:** We should **talk over** the details before signing the contract.
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See

Better Synonyms

1. **Observe:** "The scientist spent hours **observing** the behavioral patterns of the primates."
2. **Perceive:** "It was difficult to **perceive** any difference between the two colors in the dim light."
3. **Witness:** "Few people were there to **witness** the historic moment when the treaty was signed."
4. **Discern:** "We could just **discern** the silhouette of a ship on the horizon."
5. **Behold:** "The tourists stood in awe to **behold** the majestic beauty of the Himalayan peaks."

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Synonymous Idioms

1. **Catch a glimpse of:** "I managed to **catch a glimpse of** the celebrity as she entered the hotel."
2. **Lay eyes on:** "From the moment he **laid eyes on** the vintage car, he knew he had to buy it."
3. **Keep an eye out:** "While driving through the forest, **keep an eye out** for deer crossing the road."
4. **Get a load of:** "Wait until you **get a load of** the new office—it's absolutely massive!"
5. **Clap eyes on:** "I haven't **clapped eyes on** him since we graduated ten years ago."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Look at:** "Please **look at** the chart on page five for more details."
2. **Check out:** "You should **check out** that new art gallery downtown."
3. **Peer at:** "She had to **peer at** the small print through her magnifying glass."
4. **Gaze upon:** "They sat on the balcony to **gaze upon** the sunset."
5. **Scan through:** "I'll **scan through** the newspaper to find the sports section."

Stand

Better Synonyms

1. **Endure**: "The marathon runner had to **endure** extreme heat to finish the race."
2. **Tolerate**: "The school has a strict policy and will not **tolerate** any form of bullying."
3. **Withstand**: "These structures are designed to **withstand** powerful earthquakes."
4. **Maintain**: "He struggled to **maintain** his upright position on the slippery ice."
5. **Erect**: "The workers began to **erect** the scaffolding for the new building."

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Put up with**: "I don't know how you **put up with** all that noise from the construction site."
2. **Bear the brunt of**: "The front line of trees had to **bear the brunt of** the storm's fury."
3. **Hold your ground**: "Despite the criticism, the manager decided to **hold his ground** on the new policy."
4. **Stick to your guns**: "You must **stick to your guns** if you believe your theory is correct."
5. **Rise to the occasion**: "The young lawyer had to **rise to the occasion** when his senior partner fell ill."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)]

1. **Stand up:** "The audience was asked to **stand up** when the judge entered the room."
 2. **Hold up:** "The old bridge has managed to **hold up** despite years of neglect."
 3. **Bear with:** "Please **bear with** me for a moment while I find the relevant file."
 4. **Stick up for:** "You should always **stick up for** your friends when they are being treated unfairly."
 5. **Stand by:** "I will **stand by** my decision regardless of the consequences."
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Take

Better Synonyms

1. **Acquire:** "The company plans to **acquire** several smaller startups this year."
2. **Seize:** "You must **seize** the opportunity to study abroad while you are still young."
3. **Consume:** "Athletes need to **consume** a lot of protein to build muscle."
4. **Confiscate:** "The teacher had to **confiscate** the student's phone during the exam."
5. **Assume:** "The vice president will **assume** the role of leader starting next month."

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Synonymous Idioms

1. **Get hold of:** "It is becoming increasingly difficult to **get hold of** original spare parts."
2. **Help yourself to:** "Please **help yourself to** some snacks in the kitchen."
3. **Lay hands on:** "I've been trying to **lay hands on** that rare book for years."
4. **Take charge of:** "She was asked to **take charge of** the marketing department."
5. **Make off with:** "The thief managed to **make off with** several valuable paintings."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Pick up:** "Can you **pick up** some milk on your way home?"
2. **Take in:** "The dress was too loose, so she had to **take in** the waist."
3. **Carry off:** "He managed to **carry off** the first prize despite the stiff competition."
4. **Get away with:** "The politician thought he could **get away with** the scandal, but he was caught."
5. **Pull in:** "The new movie is expected to **pull in** huge crowds this weekend."

Teach

Better Synonyms

1. **Educate**: "The mission of the school is to **educate** young minds for a better future."
2. **Instruct**: "The manual will **instruct** you on how to assemble the furniture."
3. **Enlighten**: "Could you **enlighten** me on the latest developments in the project?"
4. **Mentor**: "Experienced doctors often **mentor** medical students during their residency."
5. **Instill**: "Parents try to **instill** good values in their children from a young age."

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Show the ropes**: "Since it's your first day, I'll **show you the ropes** and introduce you to the team."
2. **Give a lesson**: "The coach wanted to **give a lesson** in teamwork to the arrogant players."
3. **Hammer it into**: "The teacher had to **hammer the rules into** the students before the field trip."
4. **Open someone's eyes**: "The documentary really **opened my eyes** to the effects of climate change."
5. **Point the way**: "His early research helped **point the way** for future discoveries in the field."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Pass on:** "Grandparents love to **pass on** their wisdom to the younger generation."
 2. **Walk through:** "Let me **walk you through** the software installation process."
 3. **Spell out:** "I had to **spell out** the instructions because they were quite confused."
 4. **Drum into:** "My father tried to **drum into** me the importance of being punctual."
 5. **Train up:** "The company is looking to **train up** new recruits for the technical department."
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Think

Better Synonyms

1. **Contemplate:** "I need some time to **contemplate** your offer before I give an answer."
2. **Ponder:** "She sat by the river to **ponder** the meaning of the cryptic message."
3. **Consider:** "You should **consider** all the risks before investing your money."
4. **Reflect:** "At the end of the year, I like to **reflect** on my personal growth."
5. **Speculate:** "Journalists continue to **speculate** about the cause of the sudden resignation."

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Synonymous Idioms

1. **Rack your brain:** "I've been **racking my brain** all morning, but I still can't remember her name."
2. **Sleep on it:** "Don't decide now; **sleep on it** and let me know tomorrow."
3. **Give it some thought:** "That's an interesting proposal; let me **give it some thought**."
4. **Turn it over in your mind:** "He **turned the problem over in his mind** for hours looking for a solution."
5. **Keep in mind:** "Please **keep in mind** that the deadline is this Friday."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Figure out:** "We need to **figure out** a way to reduce our monthly expenses."
2. **Mull over:** "The board of directors will **mull over** the merger proposal this weekend."
3. **Think through:** "You need to **think through** the consequences before you act."
4. **Work out:** "I'm trying to **work out** the logic behind this complex math problem."
5. **Dream up:** "The marketing team needs to **dream up** a catchy slogan for the new product."

Try

Better Synonyms

1. **Attempt:** "The climber will **attempt** to reach the summit at dawn."
2. **Endeavor:** "We must **endeavor** to provide the best service to our clients."
3. **Strive:** "Our team will **strive** for excellence in every match we play."
4. **Venture:** "Few explorers would **venture** into such a dangerous and unknown territory."
5. **Exert:** "You need to **exert** more effort if you want to pass this difficult exam."

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Give it a shot:** "I've never played golf before, but I'm willing to **give it a shot**."
2. **Go the extra mile:** "The hotel staff always **goes the extra mile** to make guests feel welcome."
3. **Have a go:** "If you think you can fix the computer, go ahead and **have a go**."
4. **Break a sweat:** "He's so talented that he can win the race without even **breaking a sweat**."
5. **Give it your all:** "This is the final round, so you must **give it your all** to win."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Try out:** "I want to **try out** this new recipe I found online."
2. **Go for:** "If you really want that promotion, you should just **go for** it."
3. **Set about:** "We need to **set about** cleaning the house before the guests arrive."
4. **Work at:** "You'll have to **work at** your piano skills if you want to be a professional."
5. **Test out:** "The engineers are going to **test out** the new engine prototype today."

Understand

Better Synonyms

1. **Comprehend:** "The technical jargon was so dense that I could barely **comprehend** the report."
2. **Grasp:** "It took me a while to **grasp** the basic concepts of physics."
3. **Fathom:** "I cannot **fathom** why anyone would want to quit such a perfect job."
4. **Appreciate:** "You must live here for a while to truly **appreciate** the local culture."
5. **Decipher:** "The historian spent years trying to **decipher** the ancient inscriptions."

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Freehand Writing Practice Sheet
Synonymous Idioms

1. **Get the hang of:** "Driving a manual car is tricky at first, but you'll soon **get the hang of** it."
2. **Get the picture:** "You don't need to explain anymore; I **get the picture** now."
3. **See eye to eye:** "My boss and I don't always **see eye to eye** on marketing strategies."
4. **Read between the lines:** "If you **read between the lines**, you'll realize he is actually unhappy."
5. **Make head or tail of:** "The instructions were so poorly written that I couldn't **make head or tail of** them."

Synonymous Phrasal Verbs (Group Verbs)

1. **Take in:** "It was a lot of information to **take in** during a single meeting."
2. **Suss out:** "It didn't take long for her to **suss out** that he was lying."
3. **Cotton on:** "He finally **cottoned on** to the fact that they were throwing him a surprise party."
4. **Get across:** "The teacher used simple examples to **get the message across** to the kids."
5. **Catch on:** "Some students **catch on** quickly, while others need more time to practice."

Use

Better Synonyms

1. **Utilize:** We must **utilize** every available resource to finish the project.
2. **Employ:** The company decided to **employ** a new strategy for marketing.
3. **Exploit:** To succeed, you need to **exploit** your natural talents.
4. **Harness:** Scientists are trying to **harness** solar energy more efficiently.
5. **Wield:** A leader must know how to **wield** authority without being a tyrant.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Make use of:** Please **make use of** the library while you are here.
2. **Put to work:** It's time to **put** your skills **to work** on this assignment.
3. **Bring into play:** We need to **bring** our backup plan **into play** immediately.
4. **Tap into:** You should **tap into** your network to find a better job.
5. **Draw on:** She had to **draw on** all her experience to solve the puzzle.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Fall back on:** When the power failed, we had to **fall back on** candles.
2. **Work in:** Try to **work in** a few more examples into your essay.

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3. **Call upon:** I may **call upon** your expertise during the meeting.
 4. **Use up:** Don't **use up** all the ink; I need to print my report.
 5. **Avail of:** You should **avail** yourself **of** this golden opportunity.
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Want

Better Synonyms

1. **Desire:** Many people **desire** fame, but few realize its cost.
2. **Crave:** After a long run, I usually **crave** something cold to drink.
3. **Aspire to:** Young athletes often **aspire to** Olympic greatness.
4. **Yearn for:** The lonely traveler began to **yearn for** the comforts of home.
5. **Fancy:** Do you **fancy** going out for dinner tonight?

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Have a hankering for:** I **have a hankering for** some traditional spicy food.
2. **Set one's heart on:** She has **set her heart on** becoming a pilot.
3. **Be dying for:** I'm **be dying for** a cup of coffee right now.
4. **Itch for:** The restless soldiers were **itching for** some action.
5. **Look forward to:** We **look forward to** hearing your positive response.

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Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Go for:** If you want the promotion, you should really **go for** it.
 2. **Hanker after:** He spent his life **hankering after** wealth he didn't need.
 3. **Long for:** During the winter, we all **long for** the warmth of summer.
 4. **Aim for:** When practicing English, **aim for** accuracy first.
 5. **Ask for:** By being rude to the boss, he is just **asking for** trouble.
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Watch

Better Synonyms

1. **Observe:** The students were asked to **observe** the chemical reaction.
2. **Monitor:** Doctors will **monitor** the patient's heart rate overnight.
3. **Scrutinize:** You should **scrutinize** the contract before signing it.
4. **Spectate:** Thousands gathered to **spectate** the grand parade.
5. **Survey:** From the hilltop, we could **survey** the entire valley.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Keep an eye on:** Could you **keep an eye on** my bag for a moment?
2. **Keep track of:** It's hard to **keep track of** all these new vocabulary words.

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3. **Watch like a hawk:** The supervisor **watches** the new interns **like a hawk**.
4. **Keep a lookout:** **Keep a lookout** for the delivery truck; it should be here soon.
5. **Mind the shop:** I'll be back in an hour; can you **mind the shop**?

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Look out for:** **Look out for** falling rocks while driving through the mountains.
2. **Check out:** You should **check out** that new documentary on YouTube.
3. **Watch over:** The older sister promised to **watch over** her siblings.
4. **Peer at:** He had to **peer at** the small print through a magnifying glass.
5. **Look on:** A small crowd gathered to **look on** as the artist painted.

Win

Better Synonyms

1. **Triumph:** Hard work allowed the team to **triumph** over their rivals.
2. **Prevail:** Despite the challenges, justice will eventually **prevail**.
3. **Conquer:** To reach the summit, you must **conquer** your fear of heights.
4. **Attain:** With discipline, you can **attain** your professional goals.
5. **Secure:** The negotiator managed to **secure** a favorable deal.

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Synonymous Idioms

1. **Carry the day:** Our team's superior strategy helped us **carry the day**.
2. **Come out on top:** After a tough competition, she **came out on top**.
3. **Win hands down:** He was so well-prepared that he **won the debate hands down**.
4. **Take the prize:** Her innovative design is sure to **take the prize**.
5. **Bring home the bacon:** He worked two jobs to **bring home the bacon** for his family.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Win over:** It took time, but his kindness finally **won her over**.
 2. **Carry off:** She managed to **carry off** the first-place trophy.
 3. **Get ahead:** To **get ahead** in this industry, you need to be creative.
 4. **Pull off:** No one thought he could do it, but he managed to **pull off** a victory.
 5. **Walk away with:** The star player **walked away with** three different awards.
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Work

Better Synonyms

1. **Labor:** Farmers **labor** in the fields from dawn until dusk.
2. **Strive:** We must **strive** to improve our communication skills every day.
3. **Endeavor:** The charity will **endeavor** to provide clean water to everyone.
4. **Toil:** They had to **toil** for years to build their family business.
5. **Execute:** The team worked hard to **execute** the plan perfectly.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Keep one's nose to the grindstone:** If you **keep your nose to the grindstone**, you'll finish the book.
2. **Burn the midnight oil:** I had to **burn the midnight oil** to prepare for the lesson.
3. **Pull one's weight:** In a team, everyone needs to **pull their weight**.
4. **Roll up one's sleeves:** It's time to **roll up our sleeves** and get this place cleaned.
5. **Go the extra mile:** She always **goes the extra mile** to help her students.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Carry out:** The soldiers were ordered to **carry out** the mission.
2. **Work out:** I need to **work out** a solution to this math problem.
3. **Plug away:** Even though it was difficult, he kept **plugging away** at his thesis.
4. **Set about:** We should **set about** organizing the files immediately.
5. **Hammer out:** The two countries finally **hammered out** a peace treaty.

Write

Better Synonyms

1. **Compose:** It took the poet weeks to **compose** his masterpiece.
2. **Draft:** Please **draft** a preliminary report for the meeting.
3. **Pen:** He decided to **pen** a letter to his old friend.
4. **Record:** Make sure to **record** the minutes of the discussion.
5. **Inscribe:** The jeweler will **inscribe** your name inside the ring.

Synonymous Idioms

1. **Put pen to paper:** It's time to stop thinking and finally **put pen to paper**.
2. **Drop a line:** Don't forget to **drop me a line** when you reach London.

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3. **Commit to paper:** You should **commit** your ideas **to paper** before you forget them.
4. **Dashing off:** She is **dashing off** a quick note to her mother.
5. **Black and white:** I want the agreement in **black and white** before I pay.

Group Verbs (Phrasal Verbs)

1. **Write down:** Please **write down** your phone number here.
2. **Fill out:** You need to **fill out** this application form to join the course.
3. **Jot down:** I'll **jot down** the address so I don't forget it.
4. **Note down:** **Note down** the key points from the lecture.
5. **Write up:** After the interview, I have to **write up** my notes into an article.

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