


1.9 Synonyms

Another way to enhance your writing is to incorporate synonyms. Using synonyms correctly will transform your writing from boring to exciting, and will help you avoid repeating the same words.

 A synonym is a word that means exactly or nearly the same as another word.

Examples of synonyms for big are:

huge, gigantic, large, tremendous, and enormous

Examples of synonyms for happy are:


excited, joyful, content, delighted and glad

Take a look at the following sentences.

Her hair and clothing were wet because she got caught in the rain without an umbrella.

Her hair was soaked and her clothing were drenched because she got caught in a downpour without an umbrella.

Identify which sentence created the clearest image. Explain why.

 When editing your work, think about improving your word choice by using synonyms. A great way to find synonyms is by using a thesaurus.