

Grade 7 English Worksheet

Assessment Task: Using a Thesaurus and finding words

Using a thesaurus

1. A thesaurus contains words with similar meanings to the word you are looking up.
Entries are arranged alphabetically.
It gives you a number of synonyms and helps you by growing your vocabulary.
2. Use the thesaurus to find adjectives to describe yourself.
3. Work in groups of two or four.
4. All group members must use their names as an acronym with at least two adjectives per letter.

Example: **K** – (kind) considerate, thoughtful

I – (intelligent) bright, wise

M – (motivated) enthusiastic, positive

Write the initial word in brackets and list two synonyms from the thesaurus next to it.

Learners who have long names may use abbreviated names to save time.

5. Present your work on an A3 poster. Plan your poster before you begin.
6. Refer to the assessment criteria to edit your work.

Assessment criteria for poster
1. Name is bold and clearly visible.
2. Adjectives relate to name. (correct context)
3. Good layout. Includes all group member names.
4. Creative design.
5. Size of lettering appropriate. (large enough to be viewed from a distance)

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Suggested Solutions

Refer to the rubric in the Appendix of Assessment Tools.

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Group work assessment	Terrific	OK
1. Our group interaction was ...		
2. We managed using a thesaurus.		
3. We listened to each other.		
4. We offered our own points of view.		
5. Our time management was ...		
6. Our poster is ...		
7. Next time we will		

- Integrate this activity with Technology – Planning the process.
- Explain to learners how some words have a different meaning within a different context, e.g. leaves (He leaves to go to town. / The leaves are falling from the trees.)
- Teacher moves around to ensure good manners and correct language structure are used.
- Teacher will have to set time limits for completion of poster.