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# WORDS, WORDS, WORDS

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# Proofreader's Marks

MARK (In margin)	EXPLANATION	EXAMPLE (In text)
	Begin new paragraph.	story.  Once in a while
	Boldface.	<u>what</u> you want to write
	Close up.	may  be one or two lines
	Delete and close up.	story  may be one you've
	Italics.	the word <u>hilarious</u> would work
	Keep as originally written.	You <del>may</del> need to put it aside
	No new paragraph.	at the end. A good way to find the
	Put in a colon.	the following  pens, papers,
	Put in a comma.	If not  look for another word.
	Put in a hyphen.	to re  examine the spelling
	Put in a period.	once  Now you are ready to
	Put in a question mark.	Is it what you wanted to say  ?
	Put in a semicolon.	this way  however, it may not
	Put in a space.	sometimes you  will want to
	Put in an exclamation mark.	Just say it  !
	Put in or insert a word or words.	There's no  way to write it.
	Put in parentheses.	a word  or a number in the
	Put in quotation marks.	Then she said,  Help!
	Run in with previous line.	You may want to read it aloud to see if it
	Spell it out.	there could be  40 or more
	Take out or delete.	see  if it rhymes with the
	Transpose or change places.	The  people didn't want to
	Use a capital letter.	The capital of  ohio is on the
	Use a lower-case letter.	A word or  two may need to be

# Preface



*What are some words that mean the same as nice?*

*Is it's or its the right word to use in your sentence?*

*What words rhyme with the word moon?*

*Words, Words, Words* provides the answers to these questions and hundreds more that beginning writers ask as they work to put their ideas on paper.

*Words, Words, Words* provides a single source where beginning writers can quickly and easily find thousands of words that have been carefully selected and organized in the section “Words, Words, Words.” Here, beginning writers have at their fingertips comprehensive lists of synonyms and antonyms, metaphors and similes, homophones and homographs, compound words and contractions, fun words, and more than two-hundred families of rhyming words.

In addition to a glossary and index, *Words, Words, Words* includes proofreader’s marks, library classifications, and specialized indexes that help beginning writers find particular synonyms and rhyming-word families.

Whether writing for school assignments or for pleasure, beginning writers will find *Words, Words, Words* an invaluable resource to assist them in becoming the best wordsmiths they can be.

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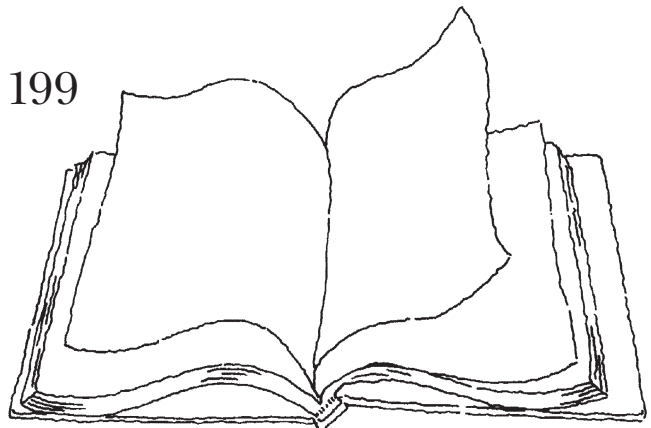
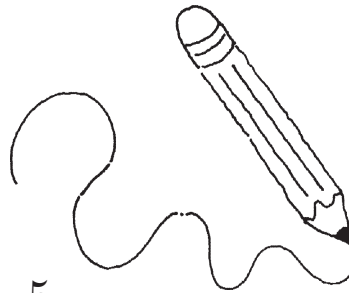
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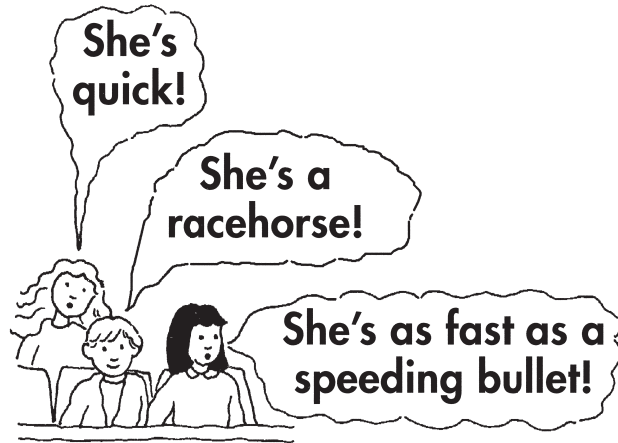
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# Words, Words, Words



# Another Way to Say It



(Synonyms, Metaphors, Similes)

Three children describe a runner—but they all use different words! And here are more words that might be used to describe the runner:



She's speedy!

She's like Jackie Joyner-Kersey!

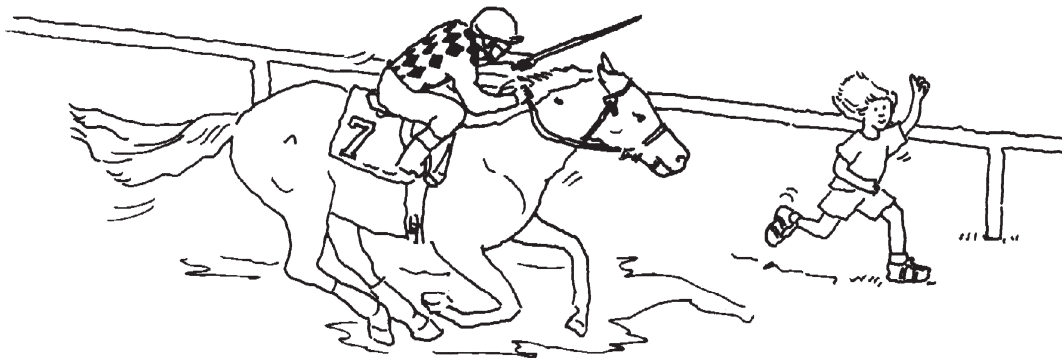
She's a streak of lightning!

Can you think of more ways to describe the runner?

The words quick and speedy are called synonyms. Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same.



The words “a streak of lightning” and “a racehorse” are called metaphors. A metaphor compares one thing to another. The runner’s speed is compared to the speed of a racehorse or a flash of lightning.

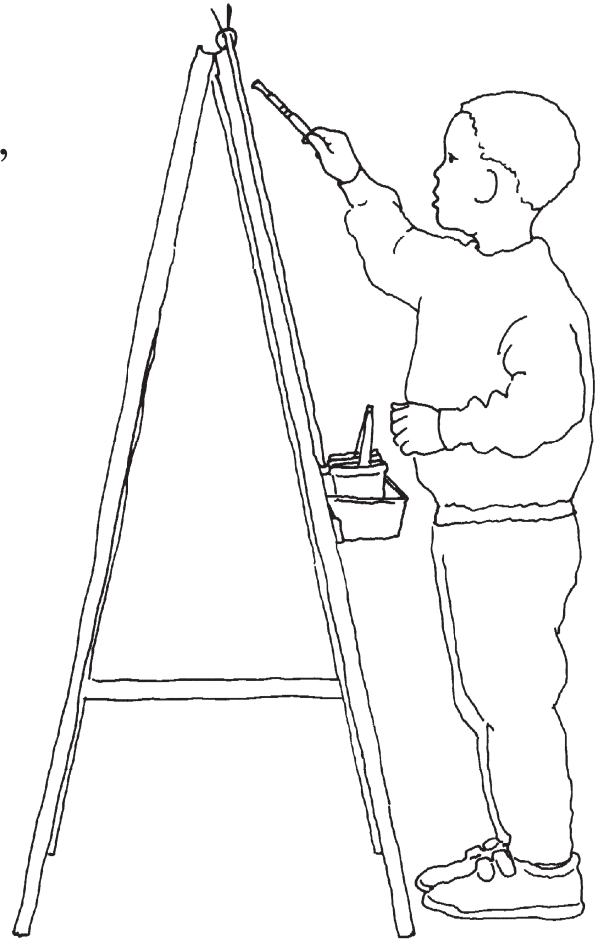


The words “as fast as a speeding bullet” and “like Jackie Joyner-Kersey” are called similes. A simile uses the words like or as to compare one thing to another. The runner’s speed is compared to a bullet’s speed or the speed of champion runner Jackie Joyner-Kersey.

Metaphors and similes are figures of speech or figurative language. As a writer, you want your reader to be able to “picture” what you are saying.

So you may want to use synonyms and figures of speech to help you “paint” your pictures.

A cliché is a figure of speech that is used so often that it is said to be “overworked.” You could use the cliché “runs like a racehorse” to describe the runner. But your language would be more original if you said the runner was “like a champion sprinter” or “as swift as a cheetah.”



You will find many synonyms and figures of speech on the following pages. Basic words are listed alphabetically in dark type. Under each basic word you will find synonyms, metaphors, and similes. You will want to choose the word or words that say exactly what you want to say. You may even want to add some of your own ideas to the lists.



**alike**

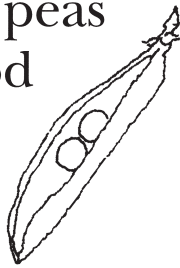
equal

like two peas  
in a pod

same

similar

twin



**almost**

about

around

as good as

close to

for the most  
part

nearly

not quite

**angry**

about to  
explode

as mad as a  
hornet

at your wit's  
end

boiling

burned up

cross

fed up

fit to be tied

flying off the  
handle

furious

losing your  
temper

like a wild  
animal

mad

mad at the  
world

out of control

seeing red

**answer**

explain

reply

respond

solve

tell

**argue**

battle

debate

disagree

lock horns

pick a fight

quarrel

spat



## ashamed

embarrassed  
guilty  
like the  
cat that  
swallowed  
the canary  
red-faced  
sheepish

## ask

beg  
call for  
inquire  
invite  
look for  
plead  
question

request  
summon

## **B**

## bad

awful  
criminal  
crooked  
dishonest  
evil  
harmful  
horrible  
like yesterday's  
garbage

mean  
nasty  
poor  
rotten  
rude  
spoiled  
terrible

## begin

call to order  
cut the ribbon  
dedicate  
dive in  
fire away  
get going  
get the show  
on the road  
kick off  
open  
start  
take off  
take the first  
step

## believe

be convinced  
get it through  
your head  
have faith in  
trust  
value