

Synonyms, Antonyms and Shades — Cheat Sheet

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1. Synonym = similar; antonym = opposite; shade = strength.
2. Prefixes build antonyms: un-, in-, dis-, im-.
3. Rank shades: annoyed < angry < furious < livid.
4. Beware association traps (cold ≠ winter) and judgement words (brave vs reckless).

Example: closest to fearless → brave (not reckless — different judgement).