

# Verbal Reasoning

## Rhyming Synonyms

### What do I do?

Find a word that rhymes with the word in **CAPITAL LETTERS** *and* is a synonym of the missing word in the sentence. The **synonym of the missing word will be your answer** and not the missing word in the sentence.

### Top Tips!

- Be careful of sneaky traps that are there to catch you out:
- The missing word could be listed - don't be fooled - it's the synonym you're after NOT the one that rhymes with the clue word.
- Another word could be listed that is a synonym of the rhyming word but doesn't make sense in the sentence - it's not that one either!

### Example

**SWIM** ← **Clue word** - this rhymes with the missing word in the sentence...

Although he wasn't a keen gardener, Alex decided to TRIM his rose bush.

- a) prune
- b) water
- c) feed
- d) weed
- e) trim

← **Step 2: PRUNE is a synonym of the word TRIM - this is your answer.**

← **Step 1: TRIM rhymes with SWIM... BUT WAIT... that's not your answer!**

⚠️ **WATCH OUT! Water, feed and weed all make sense in the sentence - but they're not a synonym of TRIM. The word TRIM is in there too - sneaky, sneaky!**

The missing word is **TRIM**, which rhymes with the clue word - **SWIM** and is a synonym of the word **PRUNE**. Therefore, the answer is **PRUNE**.

### Questions

#### 1. SPEND

First Lieutenant Williams looked for his \_\_\_\_\_ and marched towards the target.

- a) friend
- b) comrade
- c) rifle
- d) boots
- e) rucksack

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2. **CAST**

Adela glanced at the \_\_\_\_\_ ocean with waves that crashed against steep, jagged rocks.

- a) blue
- b) choppy
- c) tranquil
- d) enormous
- e) rough

3. **SIR**

It was hard being left-handed, the fountain pen left an inky \_\_\_\_\_ on the paper when he wrote.

- a) line
- b) mark
- c) pattern
- d) stain
- e) smudge

4. **RAFFLE**

The many roundabouts and complicated junctions started to \_\_\_\_\_ Jonathan, as he drove through the city centre.

- a) annoy
- b) irritate
- c) perplex
- d) relax
- e) deter

5. **LEARN**

She took the glowing candle, being careful not to \_\_\_\_\_ her long hair.

- a) cut
- b) singe
- c) knot
- d) catch
- e) tangle

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### Answers

1. **SPEND**

First Lieutenant Williams looked for his FRIEND and marched towards the target.

b) comrade

2. **CAST**

Adela glanced at the VAST ocean with waves that crashed against steep, jagged rocks.

d) enormous

3. **SIR**

It was hard being left-handed, the fountain pen left an inky BLUR on the paper when he wrote.

e) smudge

4. **RAFFLE**

The many roundabouts and complicated junctions started to BAFFLE Jonathan, as he drove through the city centre.

c) perplex

5. **LEARN**

She took the glowing candle, being careful not to BURN her long hair.

b) singe