

# TEACHING VOCABULARY

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## Definition of terms

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**Synonym:** a word or expression that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another in the same language.

**Antonym:** a word that means the opposite of another word.

**Collocation:** the action of the words to be used regularly together in a language. That's to say, how words can be used together.

e.g. *perform* collocates with **operation**

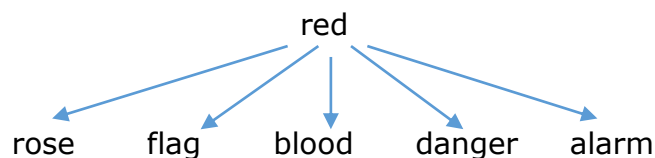
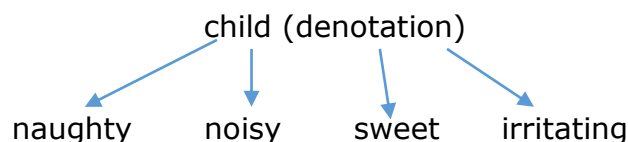
*have* collocates with *discussion, exam, shower, rest*, etc.

*do* collocates with *a lot of damage, one's duty, wrong*, etc.

*make* collocates with *trouble, a lot of noise, an excuse*, etc.

**Connotation:** the additional meanings that a word or phrase has beyond its central meaning

e.g.



**Denotation:** dictionary meaning of a word; central or core meaning

Homophone: words which sound alike but are written differently and often have different meanings.

e.g. nit – knit    night – knight    right – write

**Homograph:** words which are written in the same way but which are pronounced differently and have different meanings.

e.g.	<u><b>verb</b></u>	<u><b>noun</b></u>
	record	record
	present	present
	conduct	conduct

**Homonym:** words which are written in the same way and sound alike but which have different meanings.

e.g. **bear**    1) animal                      2) to endure