

Lesson 23 **Synonyms**

B. Synonyms in Action

mature—full-grown, ripe, responsible, developed, payable

sink—submerge, slump, worsen

thin—slender, watered-down, skimpy, flimsy

Replace each use of *mature*, *sink*, and *thin* with the synonym that best fits the sentence. Use context clues to help you. You may also use a thesaurus or dictionary if needed.

- In just a few weeks, the fruit on the tree will be **mature** and ready to pick. _____
- The bad news made me **sink** in my chair. _____
- Giraffes have long, **thin** legs, but they are strong animals. _____
- The savings bond I bought at the bank will be **mature** in five years. _____
- Hitting an iceberg caused the ship to **sink**. _____
- The paint we are using for our house is rather **thin**; some of the old color may show through it. _____
- Taking a CPR class made Mike feel very **mature** because he would be able to take care of others. _____
- You will do anything to **sink** his chances of winning, won't you? _____
- Brad's shirt was made of **thin** material that didn't keep out the rain. _____
- Lion cubs are small, but a **mature** lion can weigh up to 500 pounds. _____

C. Vocabulary Challenge

Circle the synonym that best completes each sentence. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

- My mother was so furious that she (glared, glanced, gazed) at me for a minute before she started speaking.
- This is a(n) (complicated, fancy, imaginative) problem; it will take time to figure out.
- We have a (few, rare, sporadic) details to work out before we end the meeting.
- The (stench, stink, smell) of the flowers was lovely.
- (Chat, Speak, Whisper) the secret in my ear—I don't want anyone else to hear it.