

# Using a Thesaurus

## Challenge 1

1 Circle the odd word out in each list.

- a) alien      foreigner      outlander      local
- b) thin      fat      slender      skinny
- c) big      massive      minuscule      massive

3 marks

Marks..... /3

## Challenge 2

1 Look at the words below. For each word, only one of the words in the list which follows it has a similar meaning. Underline the one which has the closest meaning.

- a) delinquent – criminal / actor / policeman / sailor
- b) delicacy – coarseness / roughness / fragility / strength
- c) delightful – boring / horrible / enchanting / dry
- d) delirious – crazed / shy / welcome / random
- e) dejected – happy / ecstatic / sad / enthused

5 marks

2 Write down a synonym and an antonym for each of these words.

- a) small      \_\_\_\_\_
- b) difficult      \_\_\_\_\_
- c) soak      \_\_\_\_\_

6 marks

Marks..... /11

## Using a Thesaurus

## Challenge 3

- 1 Use a thesaurus to improve the vocabulary in the passage, by replacing all the underlined words. (The meanings do not have to be exact, if you want to change the tone of the piece.)



One fine day, Robbie decided to go for a long walk in the Scottish Highlands. Although the weather was good, there was a small chance of rain later in the day. The big mountains were on each side of him as he walked quickly into the countryside. He could smell the pretty heather and enjoyed looking at the good views in front of him. The sun shone brightly above him and only a few dark clouds waited in the sky. That didn't last too long, however. A strong wind started to grow and big clouds built up. A few minutes later a lot of rain started to fall down.



15 marks

Marks..... /15

Total marks ..... /29

How am I doing?

