



# Choosing Effective Vocabulary



1. Read the following sentences. Can you complete them using a different synonym to the one given in brackets?

a) Farron was very (nosy) \_\_\_\_\_; she had a good rummage in the box of stationery supplies when the teacher wasn't looking.

b) Tinkerbell felt very (awkward) \_\_\_\_\_ when Peter Pan told Wendy she couldn't fly without using pixie dust.

c) Tony visited the cinema (often) \_\_\_\_\_ as he really enjoyed seeing the newly released films.

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Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.

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## 1. Suggestions for Synonyms:

- a) nosy - **curious, inquisitive, interested**
- b) often - **frequently, regularly, repeatedly**
- c) uncomfortable – **uneasy, awkward, unbearable**



## 2. Suggestions for Antonyms:

- a) sufficient – **insufficient, inadequate, deficient**
- b) successful – **unsuccessful, defeated, failed**
- c) familiar – **unfamiliar, different, unknown**

