

# Closest Meaning

For closest meaning questions, you will be asked to use your language knowledge skills to find a word that has the closest meaning to the word they've given you. These are synonym words.

You need to pick a word from a list of options that has the same meaning as the word on the left. The correct answer will always be the same word type as the word on the left.

## Happy Owls Trick

A little trick is to create a sentence with the word on the left and replace it with the words on the right and see if makes sense in the same way.

For the question below, despise is being compared to the words in pink. We have to choose which word has the closest meaning. The first step is to analyse the meanings of each of the words, which we have done for you.

<b>despise</b>	<b>love</b>	<b>hate</b>	<b>never</b>	<b>strong</b>
↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
<b>To strongly dislike something.</b>	<b>To like something very much.</b>	<b>To strongly dislike something.</b>	<b>Not at any time or occasion.</b>	<b>Powerful/ skilled or good at something.</b>

As you can see, hate has the same meaning as despise in this instance. Let's double check that it has got the closest meaning by putting 'despise' in a sentence and then replacing it with 'hate':

**I despise camping.**

**I hate camping.**