

Listening to Discussions

(For Lexical Expansion – Synonyms)

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Objective : To enable viewers/listeners to focus consciously on expanding vocabulary by employing the strategy of synonyms.

Text : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=chRuTZQdnGw>
How Kunal met RatanTata: The Changing Face of Angel Investor.

Duration : About 50 minutes.

Preparation : Watch/listen to as many discussions as possible concentrating on the linguistic aspect of synonyms.

Procedure : Setting the context and the task:

Ratan Naval Tata (1937 -) is an Indian industrialist, philanthropist, and a former chairman of Tata Sons. He was also chairman of Tata Group, from 1990 to 2012, and again, as interim chairman, from October 2016 through February 2017, and continues to head its charitable trusts. - Wikipedia

Task : Identifying synonyms for the important expressions.

Process : Watch the video and take down the important expressions employed and the ideas as well.

Identify at least three synonyms for the words given below:

legend	celebrity	icon	luminary
generic			
retrospect			
overshadowed			
entrepreneurs			
disruptive			
strategic			
rollercoaster			
calibration			
eclipsed			
opportunistic			

Check their correctness and employ them in appropriate contexts to make it an integral part of your mental lexicon.

Learning outcomes:

1. Learners realize that by adopting the strategy of knowing synonyms they can expand their linguistic competence meaningfully.
2. Learners recognize that they can express themselves interestingly by conveying the same things in multiple ways – often ideas may be repeated but their expressions ought to be different to make them interesting.

Further practice:

One should deliberately attempt to acquire synonyms for important expressions to expand their stock of vocabulary.

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