

I can identify and use alternative words.

Some words mean **the same** or have a **very similar meaning** to another word.

So if we have a word for something why do we need another word for the same thing?

There are several reasons. Sometimes we need to repeat what we've said and we don't want to keep using the same word. In order to make our language more interesting we should try to vary the words we use.

Use a thesaurus to find alternatives for the underlined words in the sentences.

Dragons

- 1 Dragons are among the world's most popular mythical creatures.
- 2 They have a long and interesting history.
- 3 No one is quite sure when stories of dragons first appeared.
- 4 But in all stories from the Greeks to the early Christians they were described as huge, flying serpents.
- 5 In some cultures they were useful and protective, but by medieval times they were nearly always described as harmful and dangerous.
- 6 When people in the past unearthed large bones, they mistook what we now know to be dinosaur bones for the bones of dragons.
- 7 Most people can imagine a dragon clearly in their heads.
- 8 They are very popular in books and films from "How to Train Your Dragon" through to "The Hobbit".
- 9 They typically protect hoards of treasure such as mountains of gold.
- 10 They nearly all breathe fire and can fly into the sky with gigantic wings.

