

Please find synonyms to the following words:

concepts: ideas \_\_\_\_\_

educational opportunities: learning possibilities \_\_\_\_\_

mental ability: a thinking skill \_\_\_\_\_

leadership competencies: organisational abilities \_\_\_\_\_

household affair: a family matter \_\_\_\_\_

teaching material: educational objects \_\_\_\_\_

unconventional way of learning: unusual education \_\_\_\_\_

a schedule: a timetable \_\_\_\_\_

### concept

noun [C]

a principle or idea:

*The very concept **of** free speech is unknown to them.*

*It is very difficult to define the concept **of** beauty.*

*I failed to grasp the film's central concept.*

*Kleenbrite is a whole **new** concept **in** toothpaste!*

### **education** [Show phonetics](#)

noun [S or U]

the process of teaching or learning in a school or college, or the knowledge that you get from this:

*As a child he **received** most of his education at home.*

*It's a country which places great importance on education.*

*She lectures in education (= the study of education) at the teacher training college.*

*It's important for children to get a good education.*

### **opportunity** [Show phonetics](#)

noun

**1** [C or U] an occasion or situation which makes it possible to do something that you want to do or have to do, or the possibility of doing something:

*Everyone will **have** an opportunity to comment.*

*I was never given the opportunity **of going** to college.*

[+ to infinitive] *The exhibition is a **unique** opportunity **to** see her later*

work.

An ankle injury meant she **missed** the opportunity **to** run in the qualifying heat.

**FORMAL** Please contact us **at the earliest** opportunity (= as soon as possible).

He goes fishing **at every** opportunity (= as often as possible).

I used to enjoy going to the theatre, but I don't get much opportunity now.

He had a **golden** (= an extremely good) opportunity to score in the first half but squandered it.

**2 [C]** the chance to get a job:

employment/job opportunities

opportunities for **young** graduates

There are far more opportunities now **for** school leavers than there were fifty years ago.

**mental** [Show phonetics](#)

adjective

**1** [before noun] relating to the mind, or involving the process of thinking:

His physical and mental **health** had got worse.

Many people suffer from some form of mental **illness** during their lives.

She had a mental **picture** (= a picture in her mind) of how the house would look when they finished decorating it.

**ability** (POWER)

noun [C or U]

the physical or mental power or skill needed to do something:

There's no doubting her ability.

[+ to infinitive] She **had the ability to** explain things clearly and concisely.

She's a woman of considerable abilities.

I have children in my class of very **mixed** abilities (= different levels of skill or intelligence).

a mixed ability class

**leadership** [Show phonetics](#)

noun [U]

**1** the set of characteristics that make a good leader:

What the company lacks is leadership.

He lacks leadership qualities/skills.

**2** the position or fact of being the leader:

The group flourished **under** her firm leadership.

R&M gained **market** leadership (= sold more goods than other companies) by selling products that were of superior quality.

**3 the leadership** the person or people in charge of an organization:

There is growing discontent with the leadership.

The election for the leadership **of** the council will take place on Tuesday.

## competence [Show phonetics](#)

noun [U] (ALSO **competency**)

the ability to do something well:

*Her competence as a teacher is unquestionable.*

*He reached a reasonable level of competence **in** his English.*

## household

group noun [C]

a group of people, often a family, who live together:

*By the 1960s, most households had a TV.*

*household chores*

*household expenses*

## affair (MATTER) [Show phonetics](#)

noun [C]

**1** a situation or subject that is being dealt with or considered; a matter:

*She organizes her **financial** affairs very efficiently.*

*He's always **meddling in** (= trying to influence) other people's affairs.*

*What I do in my spare time is my affair (= only involves me).*

**2** a matter or situation which causes strong public feeling, usually of moral disapproval:

*The arms-dealing affair has severely damaged the reputation of the government.*

*The President's **handling** of the affair has been criticised.*

## resource [Show phonetics](#)

noun [C usually plural]

**1** a useful or valuable possession or quality of a country, organization or person:

*The country's greatest resource is the dedication of its workers.*

*Britain's mineral resources include oil, coal and gas deposits.*

**2** FORMAL FOR [resourcefulness](#)

## material (PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE) [Show phonetics](#)

noun [C]

a physical substance which things can be made from:

*building materials, such as stone*

*Crude oil is used as the **raw** (= basic) material for making plastics.*

## material [Show phonetics](#)

adjective

relating to physical objects or money rather than emotions or the spiritual world:

*the material world*

*Material wealth never interested her.*

## unconventional [Show phonetics](#)

adjective

different from what is usual or from the way most people do things:  
*an unconventional childhood/lifestyle/marriage*

**schedule** [Show phonetics](#)

noun [C]

**1** a list of planned activities or things to be done showing the times or dates when they are intended to happen or be done:

*a production schedule*

*a hectic/tight (= very busy) schedule*

*Everything went **according to** schedule (= as planned).*

**2** US (UK **timetable**) a list of the times when events are planned to happen, especially the times when buses, trains and planes leave and arrive