

Thesaurus boxes: expand your vocabulary

'Other Ways of Saying' or Thesaurus boxes in the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary* are designed to help you expand your vocabulary quickly and easily. They focus on frequently used words, such as *talk*, and explain how and when to use alternative words, such as *speak, say, chat* or *natter*.

A. Read the 'Other Ways of Saying' or Thesaurus box for *angry* and then unscramble the letters to reveal six other words for *angry*.

- scors
- vidli
- atrie
- osfuiur
- eydonna
- trridieta

Now write your own example sentence for each of those words.

OTHER WAYS OF SAYING *angry*

If someone is angry about something that has happened, you can say that they are **annoyed** or **irritated**: *He was a bit annoyed with her for being late.* • *I was irritated that he didn't thank me.*

If someone is extremely angry, you can use adjectives such as **furious**, **irate**, or **livid**: *My boss was furious with me.* • *Hundreds of irate passengers have complained to the airline about its poor service.*

If you are angry with a child, you might describe yourself as **cross**: *I'm cross with you for not telling me where you were going.*

The expression **up in arms** is sometimes used when people are angry about something they think is unfair: *Local people are up in arms over plans to close the local swimming pool.*

If someone suddenly becomes very angry, you can use the informal expressions **go crazy/mad**: *Dad went crazy/mad when he found out we'd broken the window.*

B. Use the 'Other Ways of Saying' or Thesaurus boxes in the *Cambridge Learner's Dictionary* to choose the most suitable word from the box to fill each gap in the sentences below. The word in brackets at the end of each sentence will direct you to the relevant entry in the dictionary.

harmful	poky	right	gutted	upset
select	polish off	confidant	glitch	occupation

- Josephine was so unhappy at work that she relied on her _____ Sarah, who she could talk to comfortably about how she was feeling. (**friend**)
- When I applied for a visa, I had to fill in my name, address, age and _____. (**job**)
- The theatre is just about ready for the opening night of the play. We've only had one technical _____ with the lighting. (**problem**)
- I had a look at lots of flats to rent, but didn't like them as they were terribly small and _____. (**small**)
- Do you think that Mickey is the _____ person to be our rugby team coach? (**suitable**)
- The children became very attached to our friend's dog, Cora, and were _____ when the friend came to collect her after their holiday. (**unhappy**)
- Are you still hungry? Can you _____ these last few roast potatoes? (**finish**)
- Thierry was absolutely _____ he didn't get the producer's job at the film company. (**disappointed**)
- All _____ chemicals are kept locked up in a cupboard in the laboratory. (**dangerous**)
- We need to think carefully and _____ four able and confident pupils to go on the mountain-climbing course. (**choose**)

