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Introduction

THESAURUS REX is an electronic thesaurus for QuarkXPress version 3.0 and above. The thesaurus is based on the Word Finder[®] thesaurus developed by Microlytics and comes with 220,000 synonyms.

THESAURUS REX is an XTension that provides an easy interface between QuarkXPress and the electronic thesaurus. With THESAURUS REX you can find the right word for your thought without taking your hands off the keyboard or your eyes off the screen. Just place the cursor anywhere in the word you want to look up and open the thesaurus by selecting the proper menu item. A window with a list of synonyms will appear. With the mouse, select the word you want. By selecting the replace button, the new word instantly replaces the old word in the document. Of course, you can choose to leave the original word in your document, allowing you to use THESAURUS REX for a quick check of spelling and meaning.

Are you interested in language exploration? Here's how. You can use THESAURUS REX to look up synonyms for any word that is displayed in the synonym window. By repeatedly using the Look Up button, you can explore the richness of the English language right at your keyboard.

THESAURUS REX adds variety and spice to your writing, while at the same time increasing your productivity and enjoyment.

Minimum System Requirements

THESAURUS REX is designed to work on any Macintosh that is capable of running QuarkXPress 3.0.

THESAURUS REX is not copy protected and is fully compatible with floppy, RAM, or hard disks.

This manual assumes that you are familiar with standard Macintosh procedures such as basic use of the mouse, dragging, clicking, double-clicking, pulling down menus, copying files, and copying disks. If any of these procedures are new to you, please refer to your Macintosh user's manual.

Installing THESAURUS REX

The THESAURUS REX disk that you have purchased contains two files:

US Thesaurus The file of synonyms.

THESAURUS REX The thesaurus XTension.

To install THESAURUS REX, drag these two files into the same folder that contains the QuarkXPress application. After this has been done, place the original THESAURUS REX disk in a safe place.

Synonyms

Definition one of two or more words in the same language which have the same or very nearly the same meaning.

However, it can be claimed that there is no such thing as a true synonym in the English lan-

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guage. No two words mean exactly the same thing. Words have their own nuance and tone, even when expressing the same concept. Additionally, many words have more than one meaning, so one may be far more appropriate than another, depending on the particular document and context in which the word appears.

Clear, for example, can mean everything from bare to definite and understood, to sunny, to translucent. And that's before one considers its use as a verb, where it empties, exonerates, clarifies, surmounts, and repays. Thus, the creation of a thesaurus tends to be much more of an art than a science.

So, when you need to be as precise as can be, a click of the mouse will get you quick, close alternatives; and if you are searching for a creative idea, the words presented on the screen can also help launch you into a new perspective.

When the thesaurus synonyms were selected, the editors tried to keep in mind the breadth of purpose it will be called on to provide. They try to offer as many of the meanings a word might convey while staying contemporary. There is no need to be burdened with archaic meanings of times gone by. The Oxford English Dictionary better serves that historical purpose. However, every attempt was made to cover as much of the variety and nuance of the language as possible to give you maximum power of expression. If a word is commonly used in the vocabulary of today's business person, it is probably included in the thesaurus.

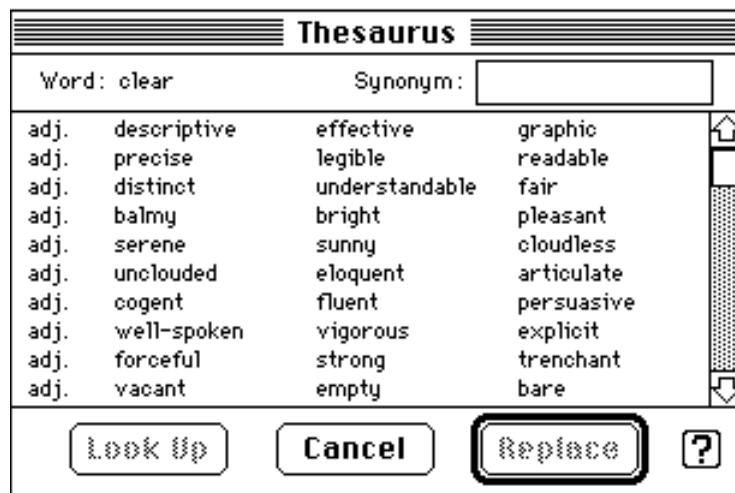
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Using THESAURUS REX

Open a document with QuarkXPress. Select the word you wish to find synonyms for. Do this by double-clicking the word, dragging across it or by simply placing the cursor anywhere in the word. Then from the Utilities menu select the Thesaurus item. The Thesaurus can also be activated by using Command-Option-T.

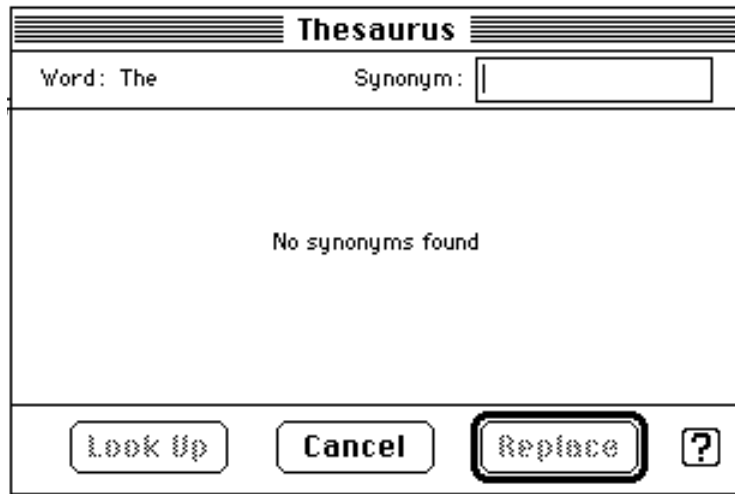


Within seconds, the synonyms for the word you have selected will appear.

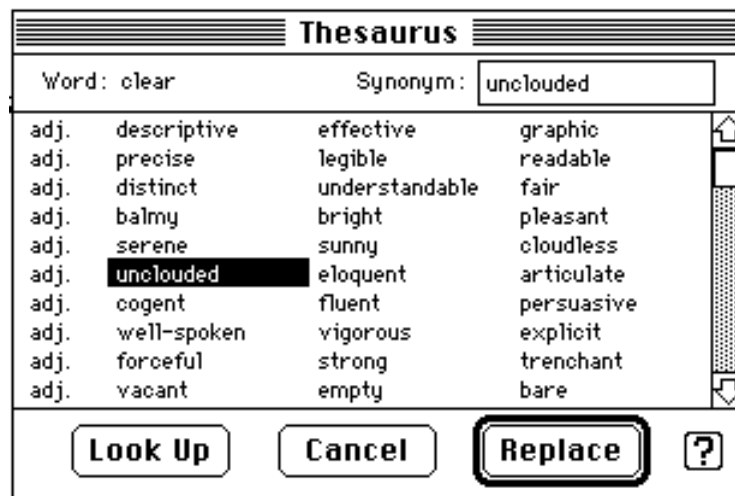


If no synonyms are found, the synonyms dialog will still appear. However, you can still enter in a new word into the synonym box located in the upper right corner and then look up the new word.

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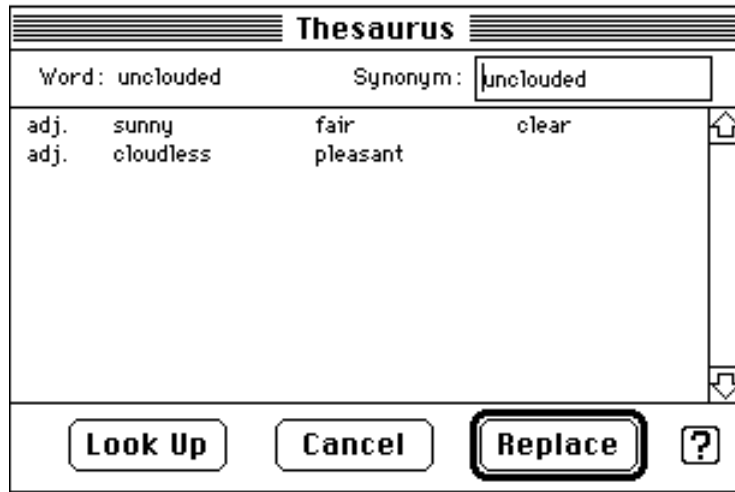
When synonyms have been found, you can choose a word from this list with a single click. The word that you click on will be copied into the synonym box. You can also enter words directly into the synonym box. Whenever the synonym box contains characters, the Replace and Look Up buttons will become active.



Look Up

While THESAURUS REX'S window is open, you can click any word in the list to copy it into the synonym box. You can then look up that word by choosing Look Up.

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Cancel

If you do not find a good replacement word or are just looking for definitions, click the Cancel button when you are done. `THESAURUS reX` closes its window and returns you back to QuarkXPress.

Replace

If you do find a good replacement word, select it with a single click and then click the Replace button at the lower-right corner of the window. `THESAURUS reX` replaces the word in your document with the word that is in the synonym box.

Selecting A Synonym

The synonym that you want can be selected by clicking the mouse on it. If you feel more comfortable not using the mouse, you can move through the synonyms by using the arrow keys plus the option key. Using this method will place the highlighted synonym into the synonym box.

Move one word left	Option-←
Move one word right	Option-→
Move one word up	Option-↑
Move one word down	Option-↓

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Help

By clicking on the question mark that is in the synonyms dialog, you can get on line help. The on line help screen has simple information on how to use the thesaurus.

