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Marina keeps her thoughts inside, but Rio **communicates** well.

Hint: Look for words that show contrast, such as *but* and *although*.

synonym – use of a word or phrase with a *similar* meaning



Use the kind of context clue listed to write 1–2 sentences hinting at the meaning of the word. You may change word tenses or forms as needed.

Definition

1. **oriole** – small songbird with bright feathers

2. **immortal** – not able to die; living forever

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Example

3. **absorbent** – able to take in and hold something, especially water

4. **enormous** – very large

Antonym

5. **fierce** – mean; violent and intense



7. **inquire** – to ask

8. **terrify** – to greatly scare

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We could really use something absorbent, like a sponge or towel

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The bushes are starting to grow too big, so we'll need to prune them soon.
