

# Make a Taniwha Thesaurus!

The best writers use a thesaurus! It sounds like a dinosaur, right? – but it's not! It's a book of synonyms (words that have similar meanings.) Use it in the Rewrite! section below, and for your taniwha stories. They'll be much more exciting!

Make your thesaurus by yourself, in a group, or as a class. Use a new sheet of paper to list as many synonyms as you can think of for each of the words below. Staple the sheets together to make a book. You can use the Taniwha Bookmark from Make It! to mark your place.

**bad** e.g. disastrous, rotten, dire

**big** e.g. colossal, **HUMUNGOUS**, gargantuan

**to eat (ate)** e.g. gobbled, **CRUNCHED**, devoured

**loud** e.g. **THUNDEROUS**, ear-splitting, shrill

**mean** e.g. fierce, brutal, **BLOOD-THIRSTY**

**to move (moved)** e.g. twisted, thrashed, wiggled

**nice** e.g. magnificent, sensational, super-duper

**to say (said)** e.g. **ROARED**, whispered, protested

**scary** e.g. **TERRIFYING**, alarming, hair-raising

**to walk (walked)** e.g. lumbered, **STRIPPED**, lurched