

# synonym

A *term* that is an acceptable way to express the meaning of a [SNOMED CT concept](#) in a particular [language](#).

## Notes

1. *Synonyms* are represented as [SNOMED CT descriptions](#) with the *typeId* value 900000000000013009 |[Synonym](#)| .
2. *Synonyms* allow representations of the various ways a [concept](#) may be described.
3. *Synonyms* (unlike [fully specified names](#)) are not necessarily unique because the same *term* can be used to describe more than one [concept](#) .
4. The [preferred term](#) is the [synonym](#) marked as preferred for use in the [Language Reference Set](#) for a given [language](#) or [dialect](#) .