Synonyms Series

English words have many connotations and shades of meaning. Read each set of synonyms below. Do the words mean exactly the same thing? Use a dictionary to look up each word, and then explain the difference between them.

rich    well-to-do

optimistic    starry-eyed

pacify    placate

valid    legitimate

depressed    melancholy

bossy    tyrannical

hypocritical    duplicitous

anemic    fragile