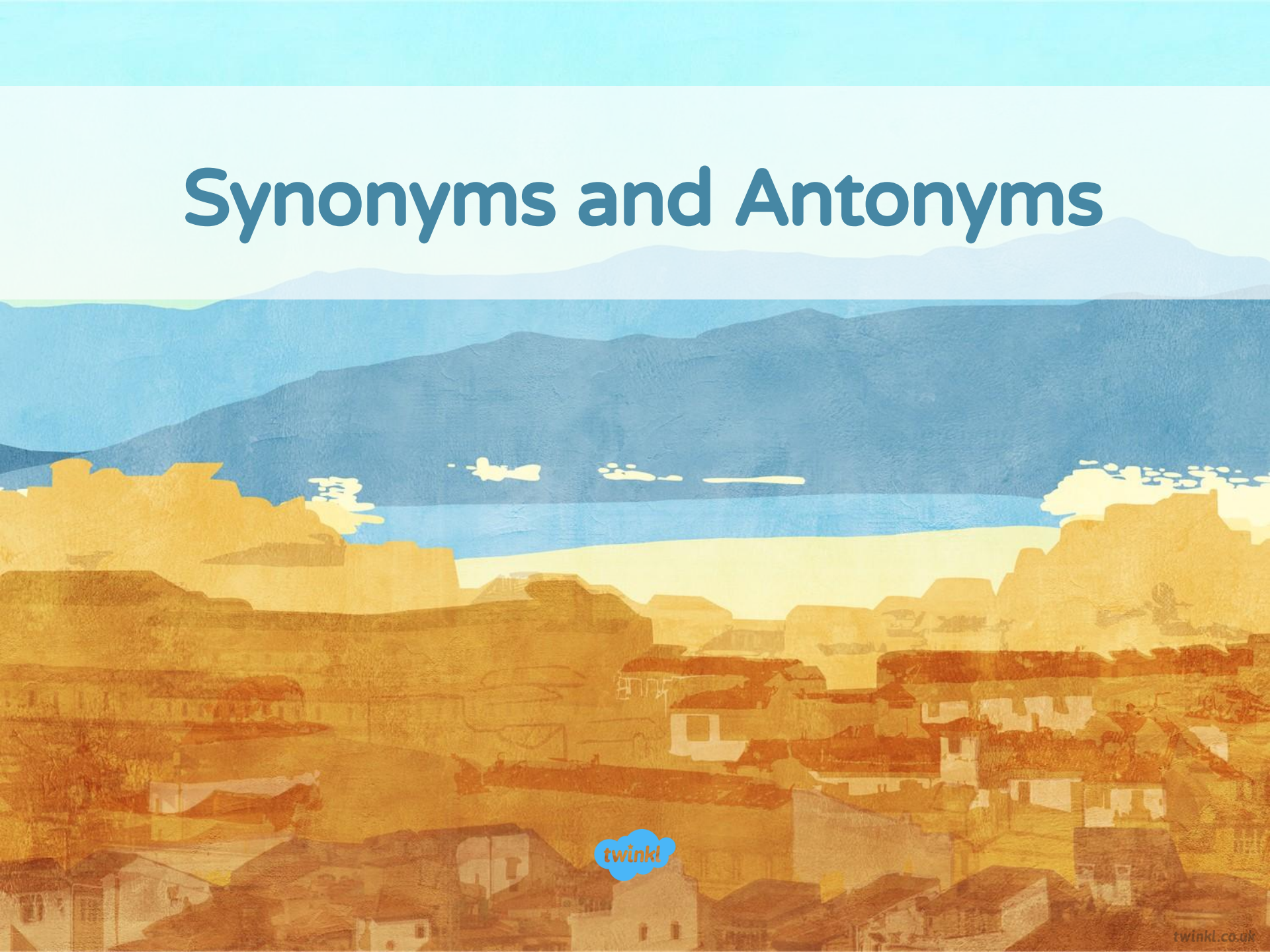




Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

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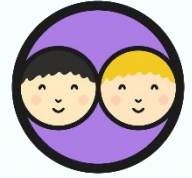
- I can identify synonyms and antonyms for a range of words and use these in my own writing.

Success Criteria

- I can identify and suggest synonyms for given words.
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- I can improve my writing using synonyms.

Introductory Activity

Sorting Words



Words can be sorted into groups depending on how they are related.

Words can be related by form, meaning or spelling.



Sorting Words




Look at the words on your Word Sorting Activity Sheet.

Cut out the words and then sort them into groups of words that you think are related. Be ready to explain why you have grouped them like this!

Word Sorting

Cut out the word cards and sort them into groups. There are no precise rules. Just sort the cards as you see best. Be ready to explain your ideas to the rest of the class.

| | | | | |
|-----------|----------|-----------|---------|--|
| gleaming | safe | forlorn | serious | lad |
| argue | funny | end | stroll | shiny |
| finish | thrilled | walk | dispute | risky |
| hazardous | girl | agree | boy | happy |
| sprint | dull | hilarious | begin |  |

gleaming

end

dispute

agree

Sorting Words

Did you manage to work out that your words are related by **meaning**?

A **synonym** is a word that has the same (or nearly the same) meaning as another word in the same language.

sad

unhappy



An **antonym** is a word which has the opposite meaning of another word.

happy

sad

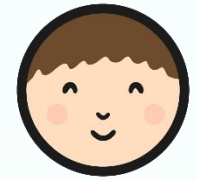


A thesaurus is a type of book that lists words in groups of synonyms. Thesauruses will often provide some examples of antonyms.



Independent Focused Activity

Effective Vocabulary



Knowing some synonyms and antonyms for words can really help you to select the most effective vocabulary for your writing.

If you can distinguish between the subtle differences in words it will help you to be more precise with what you want to say.

| Choosing Effect | Choosing | Choosing Effective Vocabulary |
|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Can you find 2 more synonyms for the following? Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.</p> <p>a) nosy _____</p> <p>b) often _____</p> <p>c) uncomfortable _____</p> <p>2. Now think of an antonym for the underlined word. Write your own opposite version of the sentence.</p> <p>a) There are sufficient numbers of glue sticks. _____</p> <p>b) The trip to the zoo was successful; nobody _____</p> <p>c) The computer system was familiar to Phil. _____</p> | <p>1. Read the following sentences. Can you find 2 more synonyms for the underlined words? Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.</p> <p>a) Faron was very nosy; _____ of stationery supplies when I _____</p> <p>b) Timberbell felt very awkward couldn't fly without using pop _____</p> <p>c) Tony visited the cinema (left) newly released films. _____</p> <p>2. Now think of an antonym for the underlined word. Write your own opposite version of the sentence.</p> <p>a) There are sufficient numbers _____</p> <p>b) The trip to the zoo was successful _____</p> <p>c) The computer system was familiar _____</p> | <p>1. Can you find 2 more synonyms for the following words? Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.</p> <p>a) nosy _____</p> <p>b) often _____</p> <p>c) uncomfortable _____</p> <p>2. Now find 2 more antonyms for the following words. Use one of your synonyms to write a sentence.</p> <p>a) sufficient _____</p> <p>b) successful _____</p> <p>c) familiar _____</p> |

Complete the Choosing Effective Vocabulary Activity Sheet.

Can you select the most appropriate synonyms and antonyms for the sentences?

Review Activity

Challenge Game



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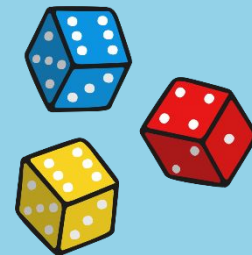
happy

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Play the Synonym and Antonym Challenge Game in your groups.

When you have finished choose some of the words from the cards and use them to write your own sentences.



Consolidation Activity

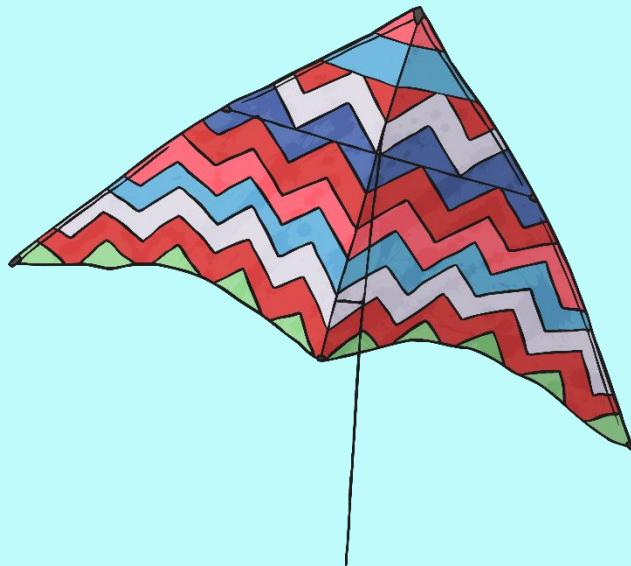
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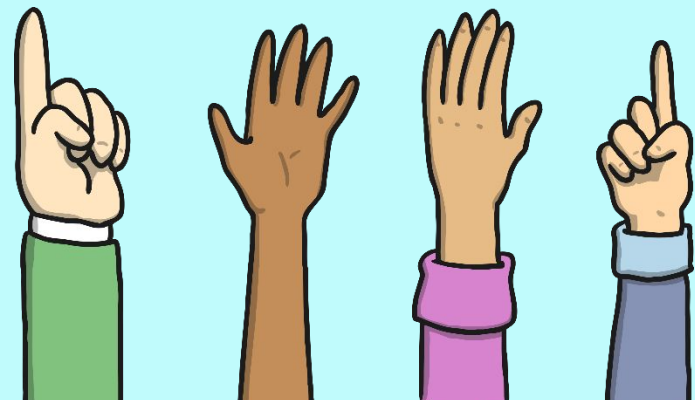
Choosing effective synonyms can make your writing more precise and interesting.

Can you replace the underlined words in these sentences with more effective synonyms?

Flying a kite is a really good hobby.



'Good' is very vague. Can you choose a synonym that describes why flying a kite is a good hobby?



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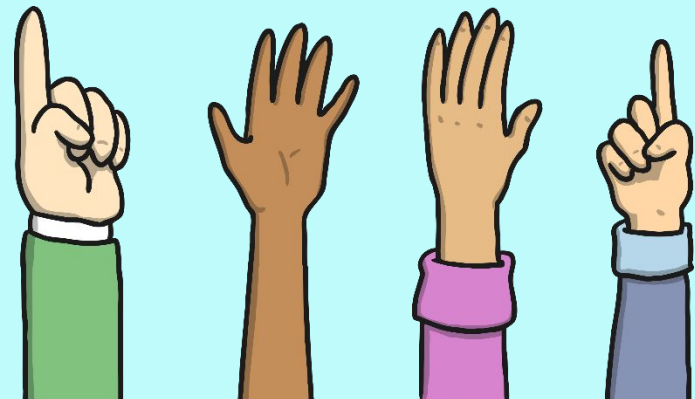
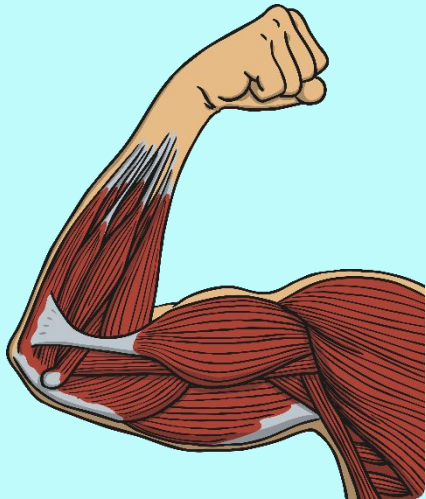


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Seb tore his muscle during sports day.

In this context 'muscle' is not very precise. Can you replace it with the name of a muscle?



Powerful Synonyms



Play the Choosing Synonyms Game to practise choosing appropriate synonyms.

★ Choosing Synonyms Game

I can improve my writing using synonyms.

Take turns to roll two dice. The number on the first die selects the word and the number from the second selects the scenario.

Write a sentence using a synonym for the word based on the scenario. Who can write the best sentence? Read out your sentences and agree which is the most powerful or effective?

| Use a synonym for . . . | Scenario . . . |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. poor | 1. Two witches hunched over a cauldron. |
| 2. cold | 2. A bonfire party. |
| 3. naughty | 3. Buying a cake. |
| 4. soft | 4. A lost key. |
| 5. calm | 5. Playing a computer game. |
| 6. bother | 6. Riding a rollercoaster. |

Challenge: Now re-write each of your sentences using an antonym for the synonym you chose.

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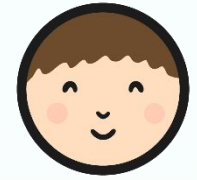
Choose a synonym for the word from column 1 and an antonym for the word from column 2. Use your synonym and antonym to write a creative sentence or two. Who can write the best sentences? Read them out and agree which is the most powerful or effective?

| Use a synonym for . . . | Use an antonym for . . . |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. poor | 1. bent |
| 2. cold | 2. plain |
| 3. naughty | 3. scary |
| 4. soft | 4. clever |
| 5. calm | 5. noisy |
| 6. bother | 6. young |

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Assessment

Synonyms and Antonyms



Complete the Mini Test and Application Activity to show you can identify and suggest appropriate synonyms and antonyms to use in your writing.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Synonyms and Antonyms Mini Test

1. Suggest a **synonym** for the underlined words.

a) Jess couldn't wait to get her new bike from the shop. _____

b) The radio programme was due to begin at 8pm. _____

c) I felt very snug relaxing on the sofa. _____

d) Jeremy could not find his thesaurus. _____

2. Suggest an **antonym** for the underlined words.

a) The teacher really enjoyed meeting his new class. _____

b) The scouts were being a nuisance. _____

c) It is a privilege being asked to lead the meeting. _____

d) The bus leaves in five minutes. _____

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Synonyms and Antonyms Mini Test

3. Complete the table.

| Word | Synonym | Antonym |
|-------------|---------|---------|
| marvellous | | |
| achieve | | |
| harass | | |
| exaggerate | | |
| disasterous | | |

END OF TEST

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Application Activity

1. Read the text and replace the underlined words with suitable synonyms or antonyms.

"Excuse me waiter but this soup is excellent!" _____ Harvey snorted. The waiter re-arranged his face into a smile and turned to regard the delightful _____ Harvey who was smirking cockily _____ at his friends.

"I can assure you, young man, that the soup is quite stale," _____ he said calmly.

"Perhaps," Harvey grinned _____ "But it still tastes divine!" _____ With a smile _____ the waiter scooped up the bowl of soup and placed it on his silver tray.

"I shall replace it at once," _____ he said through clenched teeth. When he had gone Harvey leant back in his chair feeling smug _____

"Told you I'd get another bowl," he laughed _____ "This is possibly the worst _____ soup I've ever tasted."

Harvey's friends shifted around happily _____ in their seats feeling very embarrassed _____ about Harvey's behaviour.

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