

Synonyms and Antonyms



What are synonyms and antonyms?



Do you know the difference between a synonym and an antonym?

Synonyms are words with the same or similar meanings.

These pairs of words are synonyms:

nice pleasant

shy bashful

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

These pairs of words tall short are antonyms:

happy sad

Using synonyms and antonyms in your writing can help to make it more interesting and varied.



Matching synonyms





Match up each word on the top row with its synonym on the bottom row.

























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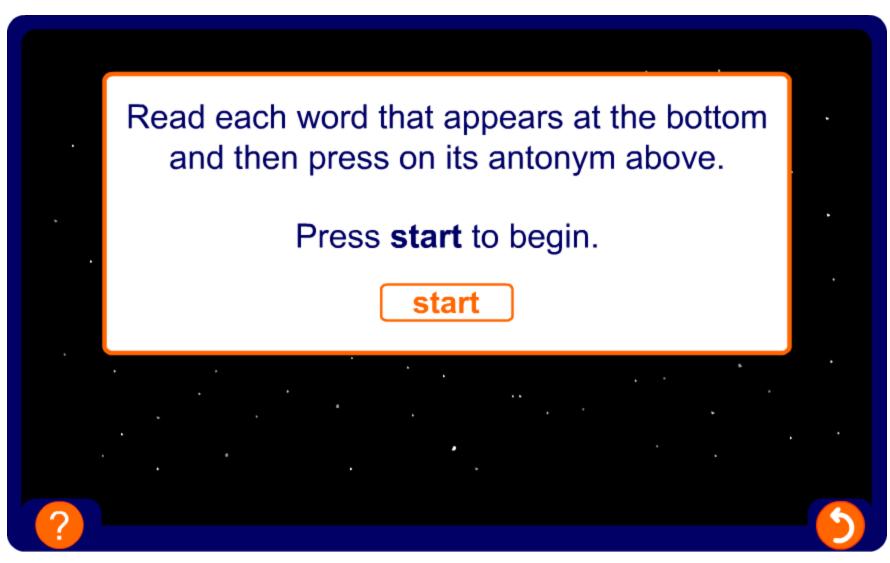




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Antonyms









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Synonyms and antonyms of words



Match each word on the left with its synonym and antonym. The word classes are given to help you.

generous (adjective)

weary

fragrant

tired (adjective)

charitable

frown

smelly (adjective)

grin

quickly

love (verb)

stinky

stingy

smile (verb)

leisurely

energetic

slowly (adverb)

adore

detest

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Finding synonyms and antonyms



Use a **thesaurus** to find as many synonyms and antonyms as you can for the following words. Look at the word classes given to help you.

lazy (adj.)

brave (adj.)

wise (adj.)

capable (adj.)

nasty (adj.)

eat (v.)

success (n.)

decide (v.)

huge (adj.)





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