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A good way to add more words to your reading and writing vocabulary is by working with **synonyms** and **antonyms**.

### Synonyms

A **synonym** is a word that means the same or almost the same thing as another word.

**Example:**

The word **hot** is on the labels of some sauces. The word **spicy** is also on the labels of some sauces. The two words have the same meaning. Sometimes when you describe something that is **spicy**, you call it **hot**. Sometimes when you eat something **hot**, you say that it is very **spicy**. **Hot** and **spicy** are **synonyms**.

Often times, words can have more than one meaning. For example, we have just learned that **hot** can mean spicy, but **hot** can also refer to temperature. You can describe the temperature outside as **hot** or you can say it is **warm**. **Hot** and **warm** are **synonyms** because they mean nearly the same thing.
Circle the *synonym* for each word. The first one is done for you.

1. gas a. water b. fuel c. food
2. earth a. water b. sky c. world
3. field a. land b. water c. house
4. across a. above b. over c. under
5. smile a. frown b. kiss c. grin

Now, write a synonym for each underlined word. The first one is done for you.

6. Miami is a large city in Florida.
   **Synonym:** town

7. My father's house is near the Genesee River.
   **Synonym:**

8. Paula has a young puppy to show her brother.
   **Synonym:**

9. The small table by the window is for writing letters.
   **Synonym:**

10. I slept for an hour.
    **Synonym:**
Antonyms

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.

Example:

*Laugh* is the opposite of *cry*

*Below* is the opposite of *above*

Circle the antonym for each word.

11. pretty a. ugly b. smart c. funny
12. dead a. gone b. sad c. alive
13. honest a. fair b. dishonest c. mad
14. less a. equal b. smaller c. more
15. many a. few b. a lot c. more

Write an antonym for the underlined word in each sentence.

16. A **weak** wind blew the oak tree over last night.
   **Antonym:**

17. Small children like to **work** near the fields when their parents pick crops.
   **Antonym:**

18. Roberto looked **serious** in the photo.
   **Antonym:**

19. The steep **valleys** made the walk very hard to complete.
   **Antonym:**

20. My soccer team **lost** the game yesterday.
   **Antonym:**
Homonyms

Homonyms are words that sound the same and are sometimes spelled the same, but have different meanings.

Example:

sale: the selling of goods at a reduced price
sail: to move along or travel over water in a boat

These two words sound the same, are spelled differently, and have different meanings.

rose: a type of flower
rose: the past tense of “rise”

These two words sound the same, are spelled the same, and have different meanings.

Some commonly misused homonyms are:

**to, too, two:**
I went to the store.
I want to go, too.
Two people went to the store.

**there, their, they’re:**
There were many books at the library.
They left their books at home.
They’re going to the movies.

**weather, whether:**
It is nice weather today.
I need to decide whether or not I need a coat.

**your, you’re:**
This is your pencil.
You’re very handsome.
It is important to use the correct word in a sentence so that what you are writing makes sense to others. Take a look at the two sentences below:

She took her son to the candy **aisle**.
She took her son to the candy **isle**.

Which underlined word is correct? Isle or aisle? Well, let's explore the meaning of each word.

An **aisle** is a walkway between seats in a theater, shelves in a store, etc. So, a candy **aisle** is a walkway between shelves of candy at a store. The reader should picture something like the graphic below when reading about a candy aisle.

An **isle** is another word for a small island. So, a candy **isle** would be a small island filled with candy, which doesn't make much sense. The reader might picture something silly, like the graphic below.
Write a sentence for each homonym. Here is an example:

**rains**

Heavy rains caused flooding.

**reigns**

The king reigns over the land.

**reins**

Grab the reins on the horse.

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21. __________________________________________

22. __________________________________________
23. meet

24. meat

25. pear

26. pair
Circle the word that best completes each sentence. The first one is done for you.

27. He **(nose / knows)** the answer.

28. A penny is worth one **(scent / sent / cent)**.

29. Please **(pour / pore / poor)** me a glass of milk.

30. Tonight you will **(read / reed)** chapter three.

31. The **(baled / bald / bawled)** man always wears a hat.

32. I have a runny **(nose / knows)** today.

33. I **(new / knew)** the correct answer.

34. I can feel cold **(heir / air)** blowing through the window.

35. The rope was in a tight **(knot / not)**.

36. We will **(by / bye / buy)** you some ice cream.

37. The little boy **(baled / bald / bawled)** after he fell down.

38. The morning **(due / dew / do)** sparkled as the sun rose.

39. **(There / Their / They’re)** car is blue.

40. My **(eye / I)** is feeling better.

41. He is the **(air / heir)** to the throne.

42. There are **(to / too / two)** many people here.

43. My rent is **(due / dew / do)** tomorrow.

44. **(Your / You’re)** sister is tall.
Write a sentence using each homonym. You may use a dictionary to check the meaning of each word if needed.

45. flower: ________________________________
    flour: ________________________________

46. made: ________________________________
    maid: ________________________________

47. threw: ________________________________
    through: ________________________________

48. here: ________________________________
    hear: ________________________________

49. sale: ________________________________
    sail: ________________________________

50. hare: ________________________________
    hair: ________________________________
Briefly describe more than one meaning of each word below. The first one is done for you.

51. bank:  __________________________________________________________
     The piece of land by the edge of a river or other body of water.
     ____________________________________________________________
     A place where money is held.

52. bark: __________________________________________________________

53. bat: __________________________________________________________

54. fan: __________________________________________________________

55. fine: __________________________________________________________

Write a sentence using each homonym below.

56. pupil: __________________________________________________________

57. row: __________________________________________________________

58. seal: __________________________________________________________

59. well: __________________________________________________________

End of Lesson 5