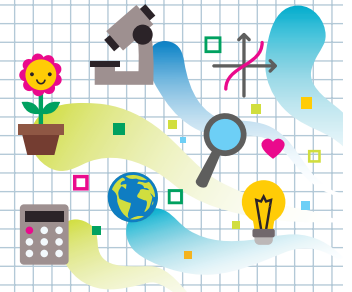




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Synonym Search

Instructions for Set-Up



Supplies

- Dark-colored marker
- 2 labels (or masking tape or paper to use for labels)
- 2 large, clear containers with lids
- “Guide for Families” handout
- Clear plastic standup display (optional)
- Dry erase crayons
- Cleaning cloth
- 1 “Grades K–2: Finding Synonyms” worksheet
- 1 “Grades 3–5: Finding Synonyms” worksheet
- 2 clear plastic sleeves (optional)
- 1 “Grades K–2: Synonym Words” handout
- 1 “Grades 3–5: Synonym Words” handout
- Scissors
- Variety of objects to fill containers such as noodles, paper clips, sand or pieces of foam
- Display table

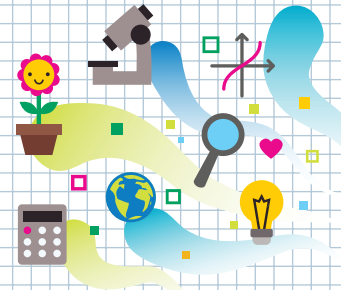
Activity Preparation

- ▶ Purchase or locate items on supply list.
- ▶ With the dark-colored marker and the labels, paper or masking tape, label one container “Grades K–2: Synonym Words.” Label the other container “Grades 3–5: Synonym Words.”
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Guide for Families” handout. Laminate or place in a clear plastic standup display to allow participants to see it more readily.
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Grades K–2: Finding Synonyms” worksheet. Laminate or place in a clear plastic sleeve.
- ▶ Print one copy of the “Grades 3–5: Finding Synonyms” worksheet. Laminate or place in a clear plastic sleeve.
- ▶ Print a copy of the “Grades K–2: Synonym Words” handout. Cut words apart and laminate. Place words in clear container labeled “Grades K–2: Synonym Words” with a variety of objects to hide the synonym words.
- ▶ Print a copy of the “Grades 3–5: Synonym Words” handout. Cut words apart and laminate. Place words in clear container labeled “Grades 3–5: Synonym Words” with a variety of objects to hide the synonym words.
- ▶ Set up the display table and arrange needed supplies.





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Synonym Search Guide for Families

Learning Objectives

What you need to know:

A **synonym** is a word or phrase that means exactly or nearly the same as another word or phrase in the same language. For example, “shut” is a synonym (or means the same as) “close.”

What you will do and learn:

This activity will help you develop an understanding of the term “synonym.” In this activity, you will play a game in which you search for a word and connect it to the word that means the same or nearly the same (its synonym).

Instructions

1. Pick a container of synonyms in the appropriate grade level.
2. Search for a word by moving and shaking the container. Please do not open the container and remove the word.
3. Think about what the word’s synonym would be. See if you can find that word’s synonym on the “Finding Synonyms” worksheet that corresponds with the appropriate grade level.
4. Write your word from the container next to its matching synonym.
5. When you have completed the activity, use the cleaning cloth to erase the “Finding Synonyms” worksheet.

Synonym Search

Grades K-2: Finding Synonyms Worksheet

| Synonym | Words from the container |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| end | |
| ask | |
| late | |
| difficult | |
| idea | |
| happy | |
| big | |
| scared | |
| tiny | |
| wonderful | |

Synonym Search

Grades K-2: Synonym Words Handout

finish

question

tardy

hard

thought

glad

huge

frightened

teeny

fabulous

Synonym Search

Grades 3-5: Finding Synonyms Worksheet

| Synonym | Words from the container |
|----------------|---------------------------------|
| begin | |
| choose | |
| jump | |
| neat | |
| looked | |
| replied | |
| looked | |
| sniff | |
| clever | |
| garbage | |

Synonym Search

Grades 3-5: Synonym Words Handout

start

select

leap

tidy

noticed

said

observed

smell

smart

trash