More Action Words

Word Meanings

Synonyms

Write each vocabulary word next to its synonyms below.

1. lift, raise, pull up
2. dive, leap, pounce
3. hit, stroke
4. drive out, throw out
5. break, smash, burst
6. seize, grasp, grab
7. blend, mix, squeeze
8. dangle, hang, wilt
9. form, shape, build
10. stuff, jam, pack

Complete each sentence below with the correct vocabulary word. You will need to add -ed to the end of each word.

11. The farm workers ____________ the heavy bales of hay into the hayloft.
12. The cat sat perfectly still. Suddenly she ____________ forward.
13. The glass fell and ____________ into hundreds of pieces.
14. Everything was dry. The bean plants ____________ and hung limply.
Students need to learn rich action words to fully describe the world around them. In this lesson students learn new verbs.

**Show What You Know** Copy page A30 in this *Teacher’s Edition*, cut it in half, and have students complete the top portion. Review answers in class.

### Synonyms

**OBJECTIVE** Students identify synonyms of vocabulary words.

### Teach

**Introduce the Vocabulary List**
Ask volunteers to read the words and definitions. Then have students add the words to their Word Banks.

**Explain** Tell students that when they think carefully about the meanings of synonyms, they will discover that each word’s meaning is just a little bit different.

**Write** Write the following words on the board: run, jog, trot, gallop, scamper, race, hurry, speed. Point out to students that the words are all synonyms. Ask volunteers to describe the speed and action of each running word and discuss the slight differences among the words. Allow students to use a dictionary if necessary.

### Practice

**Assign** Have students complete page 138 to practice identifying synonyms of the vocabulary words.

### Journal Starter

Have students write an escape story. Tell them to use as many of the vocabulary words as possible.

### Wordsmith of the Week

Reward students who correctly identify synonyms of the vocabulary words in the speech of others during the week.