

Activity #1:
Synonym and Antonym List

Vocabulary Collectors

You should know these two fancy words already, right?

synonym (*noun*) — a word or phrase that means nearly the exact same thing as another word or phrase.

antonym (*noun*) — a word or phrase that nearly or exactly means the opposite as another word or phrase.

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When you choose the synonym/antonym activity, I expect to see brain work!

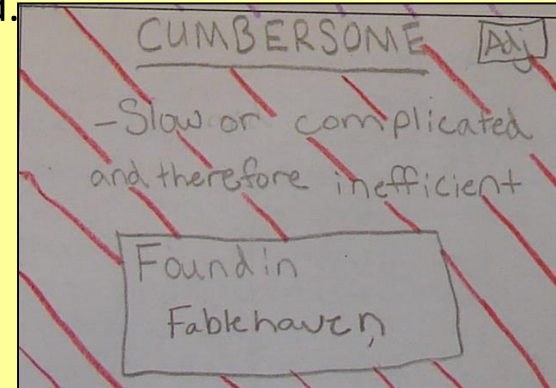
synonym (noun) — a word or phrase that means nearly the exact same thing as another **word** or **phrase**.

Please note it reads *word* or *phrase*. What does that mean? How big can a phrase be?

A phrase should be two or three words that work together, and.

...you won't often find phrases in the thesaurus.

So, let's say you find a word like my student did with *cumbersome*. Would *chugging along* be a synonymous or antonymous phrase for this word? Discuss!



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Learn this as the lesson with this example:

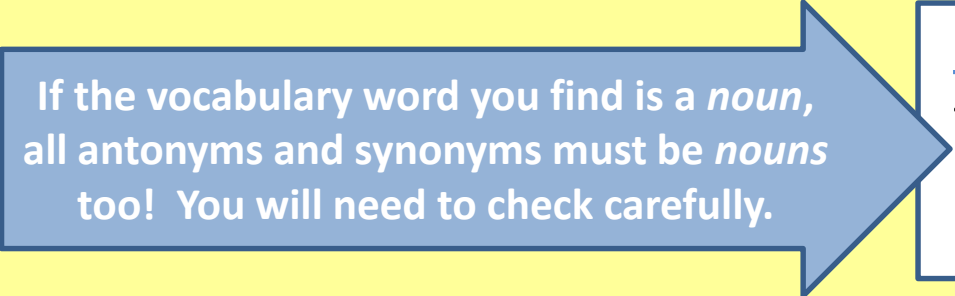
Don't become too dependent on the thesaurus!

I expect to see *both* words and phrases in your **antonym** and **synonym** list, and most thesauruses only have words. Phrases must come from your brain. THINK! THINK! THINK! Prove you understand the word by creating phrases!

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Let's talk about learning your parts of speech now...



If the vocabulary word you find is a *noun*, all antonyms and synonyms must be *nouns* too! You will need to check carefully.

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A final rule for collecting antonyms & synonyms:

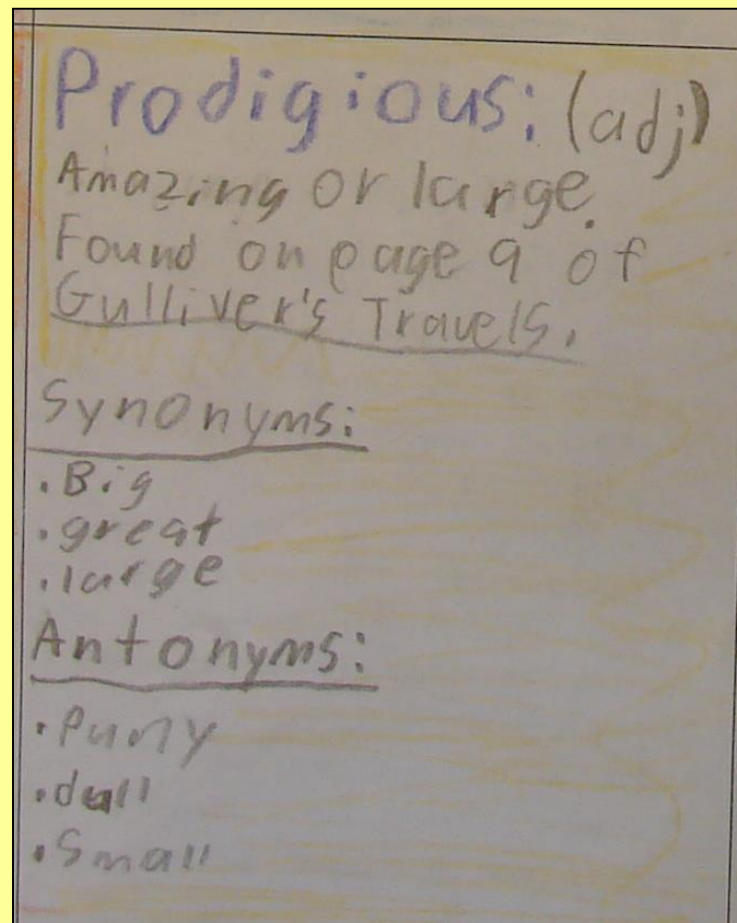
1¢ words	5¢ words	10¢ words	25¢ words	50¢ words
the a/an was and we I in of or you	big nice fun funny horse sad eat build win kitten	terrible pleasurable experienced distasteful harmony beautiful miracle flashy convince expensive	condescend perilous ensconce omnivore cynicism subjugate cacophony pivotal droll garish	quadrupole advection katabatic legerdemain bursary pusillanimous lutraphobia progeria isotropic roorback

Do you remember the difference between the following words when we categorize them this way? Remember, you're supposed to be collecting 25-cent words from your readings. I expect all antonyms and synonyms you collect to be 10-cent or 25-cent words!

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10¢ words	25¢ words
terrible	condescend
pleasurable	perilous
experienced	ensconce
distasteful	omnivore
harmony	cynicism
beautiful	subjugate
miracle	cacophony
flashy	pivotal
convince	droll
expensive	garish



How did Mark do then? Which words (if any) need to be pushed up to the next level? What might you substitute in place of any 5-cent words Mark has included here? Give Mark good advice.

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WITH HASTE, EFFICIENCY, OR INTENT	
Synonym	Antonym
Hastily	Lazily
Briskly	Sluggishly
Fleetly	Slowly
Nimble	

How did Joseph do? Which words (if any) need to be pushed up to the next level? Does Joseph have more 10-cent or 25-cent synonyms and antonyms in his synonym/antonym list?

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Synonym/Antonym List Success Criteria:

- ☐ all of my synonyms and antonyms are spelled correctly
- ☐ the antonyms and synonyms are all the same part of speech
- ☐ the antonyms and synonyms are all 10- or 25-cent words
- ☐ an interesting visual is included to complement the words' meaning

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Antonyms and Synonyms Vocabulary Rubric:

4 points	3 points	2 points	1 point
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Check out the following student samples.
Decide if they should earn a 3 or a 4:

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