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Write the letter of the synonym next to appropriate word.

- | | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. _____ tall | a. polite |
| 2. _____ children | b. little |
| 3. _____ money | c. quick |
| 4. _____ scream | d. big |
| 5. _____ small | e. glad |
| 6. _____ fast | f. kids |
| 7. _____ pretty | g. beautiful |
| 8. _____ nice | h. dollars |
| 9. _____ good | i. yell |
| 10. _____ happy | j. excellent |

Pick 3 pairs of the synonyms from those above and draw a picture for each.

1a.

1b.

2b.

2b.

3a.

3b.

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For each problem, circle the synonyms.

1. wealth	love	sadness	green	riches
2. big	zero	nothing	small	money
3. tree	little	soft	hard	tender
4. thief	hate	robber	fire	key
5. easy	simple	hard	great	help
6. night	morning	daybreak	scare	sunset
7. smell	dislike	hate	little	wish
8. water	learn	youth	careful	childhood
9. music	flowers	happy	melody	yell
10. sun	teach	push	instruct	clean
11. power	sweet	catch	force	stop
12. playful	hope	family	favorite	faith

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Write the matching synonym from the word box on the blank next to the word.

end touch push watch help go careful
bright tired sweet space jump prize party

1. sugary

2. sleepy

3. hop

4. gap

5. award

6. assist

7. shove

8. dazzling

9. leave

10. look

11. celebration

12. feel

13. finish

14. gentle

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Write a sentence similar to those listed by using the words in the word box.

wait	order	shiny	sad	crowded
magic	house	money	stink	sweet

1. They needed cash to pay for their groceries.

2. We had to stay in our class until it was over.

3. The glossy decorations looked pretty on the tree.

4. The smell of the garbage was horrible.

5. It was a gloomy day.

6. We had to classify the shapes in math today.

7. The school bus is always packed.

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Write a sentence using the pairs of synonyms given.

Example: (many, several)

There were many people invited so we needed several chairs.

1. (right, correct)

2. (crisp, crunchy)

3. (wash, bathe)

4. (success, victory)

5. (brave, bold)

6. (wonder, amazement)

7. (close, shut)

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Write a synonym for each of the listed words.

1. scared _____
2. harmony _____
3. victory _____
4. greatness _____
5. fondness _____
6. leisure _____
7. talent _____
8. delicious _____
9. angry _____
10. quick _____
11. starving _____
12. eager _____
13. tidy _____
14. entire _____
15. clever _____
16. athletic _____
17. woozy _____
18. uneven _____

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Circle the synonyms in each sentence.

1. As we walked to school, the cool wind blew in our and us very chilly.
2. The popular kids in school are very well liked by many.
3. Several people were playing a soccer game on a distant field that was difficult to see because it was too far away.
4. In history class, we learn that the Civil War was prior to World War II and World War II was before the Korean War.
5. Two boys in the class started to fight, and they will get suspended for having a brawl.
6. She was chatting with her girlfriend in the back of the class and received detention for talking.
7. They had the perfect idea for a class project, and it was ideal for the science fair too.
8. Her friend who was her constant companion helped her with her homework.
9. Some kids in our class are older but not mature enough to watch their younger brothers and sisters.
10. The school bus is a very safe motor vehicle.

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Write “Yes” on the line if the two words are synonyms. If they are not synonyms, write a “No” on the line and write a synonym for the first word.

1. lose – misplace _____
2. crash – collide _____
3. short – tall _____
4. sour – sweet _____
5. sea – ocean _____
6. cry – laugh _____
7. meal – food _____
8. fruit – produce _____
9. few – many _____
10. sharp – dull _____
11. land – ground _____
12. gift – present _____
13. return – leave _____
14. similar – different _____
15. sport – game _____
16. take – give _____
17. property – belongings _____
18. try – quit _____

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For each problem, circle the synonym for the word on the left.

1. wonder	a. question c. happy	b. like d. scared
2. sight	a. cry b. view	b. short d. sharp
3. cheer	a. cook c. lose	b. sport d. applaud
4. cook	a. laugh c. sour	b. bake d. crash
5. problem	a. crisis c. fight	b. correct d. relax
6. command	a. escape c. game	b. control d. complete
7. hit	a. pay c. fast	b. angry d. bang
8. return	a. present c. revisit	b. attempt d. belong
9. evening	a. daybreak c. afternoon	b. sunset d. ocean

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Circle eight words from the paragraph and write a synonym for each.

One day I went for a walk down the street. I was hungry so I stopped at a food stand and got a soda and a pretzel with mustard. While I was eating and walking, I noticed some woods in the distance. When I got to the woods, I decided to enter the forest. I was a little frightened at first, but then I saw some squirrels and wild flowers. I kept walking and looking around and I felt adventurous and happy to be there. I saw some terrific birds, rabbits, deer, and many different kinds of plants that I had never seen before.

It suddenly occurred to me that if I walked any further I might get lost or, worse yet, see a bear. So I decided to turn around and walk back home, but right in front of me was the thing I feared – a bear! All I could think of to do was to run, and that is what I did. I ran all the way home as fast as my legs could carry me. As soon as I got home, I decided not to ever go in those woods again.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

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Write the letter of the antonym next to the appropriate word.

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. _____ happy | a. bury |
| 2. _____ smooth | b. cry |
| 3. _____ hate | c. different |
| 4. _____ win | d. tall |
| 5. _____ nothing | e. take |
| 6. _____ easy | f. land |
| 7. _____ laugh | g. lose |
| 8. _____ sour | h. hard |
| 9. _____ same | i. loud |
| 10. _____ ocean | j. sad |
| 11. _____ short | k. love |
| 12. _____ unearth | l. pull |
| 13. _____ give | m. everything |
| 14. _____ quiet | n. sweet |
| 15. _____ push | o. rough |

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Draw a picture of the antonym of the given word.

hot

awake

clean

day

thick

top

Name _____

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Draw a picture of the antonym of the given word.

strong

straight

empty

healthy

pretty

big

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For each problem, circle the pairs of antonyms.

1. friend	teacher	enemy	mother	student
2. best	far	near	move	many
3. year	past	month	class	future
4. success	bumpy	still	careful	move
5. good	little	sick	doctor	bad
6. lazy	walk	run	eat	hungry
7. start	stop	close	ugly	never
8. always	complete	clever	few	many
9. grammar	light	eager	dark	juicy
10. country	flag	peace	war	park
11. best	tasty	worst	spicy	smooth
12. sport	first	game	soccer	last
13. morning	early	late	sleep	tired
14. neat	pretty	tide	messy	clothes
15. paper	food	new	ugly	old
16. money	cash	angry	rich	poor
17. plane	fast	quiet	slow	walk
18. comfortable	fruit	apples	painful	delicious

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On the blank, write the matching antonym from the word box.

lose	stay	boring	remember	out
wrong	famous	hinder	create	sell

1. exciting _____

2. help _____

3. correct _____

4. forget _____

5. leave _____

6. unknown _____

7. buy _____

8. destroy _____

9. in _____

10. find _____

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Write an antonym for each word.

1. sharp _____

2. up _____

3. melt _____

4. add _____

5. high _____

6. all _____

7. catch _____

8. front _____

9. always _____

10. wet _____

11. best _____

12. tight _____

13. before _____

14. kind _____

15. lead _____

16. fix _____

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Write a sentence with the opposite meaning by using a word in the word box.

wild	reckless	deep	plain	frown
bright	together	strange	learn	depart

Example. The plane will arrive on time.

The plane will depart on time.

1. The animals at the zoo are tame.

2. They need to swim at the shallow end of the pool.

3. She had a big smile when she received her birthday present.

4. They were being safe by wearing their helmets while riding their bikes.

5. The colors used to paint the room were drab.

6. All the girls wore fancy costumes for their recital.

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Write “Yes” on the line if the words are antonyms. If they are not antonyms, write “No” and write an antonym for the first word.

1. problem – solution _____
2. ahead – leading _____
3. negative – wrong _____
4. together – separate _____
5. clear – shiny _____
6. quick – super _____
7. answer – question _____
8. lazy – slow _____
9. real – important _____
10. bright – sunny _____
11. careful – reckless _____
12. less – little _____
13. strange – thief _____
14. sit – watch _____
15. outdoor – snowing _____
16. best – worst _____
17. intelligent – neat _____
18. brave – cowardly _____

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For each problem, circle the antonym for the word on the left.

1. together	a. positive c. problem	b. separate d. several
2. horizontal	a. complete c. vertical	b. real d. outdoor
3. strange	a. familiar c. negative	b. afraid d. excited
4. total	a. skill c. excellent	b. success d. partial
5. bright	a. fake c. sunny	b. dim d. clever
6. relax	a. hungry c. tense	b. dizzy d. smooth
7. avoid	a. wonder c. peace	b. force d. confront
8. punishment	a. fear b. escape	b. reward d. power
9. unique	a. unoriginal c. melody	b. serious d. correct

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Write the antonym for each underlined word in the sentence.

1. Eric wrote false for every question on the test. _____

2. Laura always disobeyed her mother. _____

3. Kevin was very careless with his toys. _____

4. Kelly was acting childish in school. _____

5. Joseph's room was filthy. _____

6. Sarah bought some very expensive shoes. _____

7. Paul just began his chores. _____

8. Mackenzie ate a piece of the cake. _____

9. Steve was wise beyond his years. _____

10. Lisa was very polite to the sales women. _____

11. John thought the vase was worthless. _____

12. Mary had a lot of answers. _____

13. Mike was dishonest to his teacher. _____

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Write “Synonym” or “Antonym” to indicate whether the words are synonyms or antonyms.

1. moment – instant _____

2. heavy – light _____

3. expand – contract _____

4. join – connect _____

5. show – display _____

6. trust – doubt _____

7. grown-up – immature _____

8. annoy – bother _____

9. frozen – thawed _____

10. vision – dream _____

11. desire – wish _____

12. boast – brag _____

13. easy – simple _____

14. attend – concentrate _____

15. error – mistake _____

16. lead – follow _____

17. choice – preference _____

18. border – edge _____

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Write the synonym and antonym for each word in the word box.

agitated	transparent	disagree	plump
mend	cloudy	peaceful	slender
drop	abandon	break	rescue
consent	climb	increase	lessen

	<u>Synonym</u>	<u>Antonym</u>
1. calm	_____	_____
2. rise	_____	_____
3. skinny	_____	_____
4. agree	_____	_____
5. clear	_____	_____
6. repair	_____	_____
7. decrease	_____	_____
8. save	_____	_____

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Write a synonym and antonym for the following words.

	<u>Synonym</u>	<u>Antonym</u>
1. courageous	_____	_____
2. copy	_____	_____
3. funny	_____	_____
4. homely	_____	_____
5. rise	_____	_____
6. evil	_____	_____
7. tiny	_____	_____
8. unite	_____	_____
9. playful	_____	_____
10. work	_____	_____
11. capture	_____	_____
12. center	_____	_____
13. sorrowful	_____	_____
14. devious	_____	_____
15. filthy	_____	_____

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Circle the antonyms or synonyms in each sentence.

1. The job of stuffing envelopes is a very tedious task.
2. Twins share many similarities, but there are always some differences between them.
3. He cut his finger while he carved the turkey.
4. She wore casual attire to the party when it was supposed to be a formal affair.
5. If that boy is so innocent, why does he look so guilty?
6. I desire to go to the beach and wish to swim in the ocean.
7. I only heard part of the message from my mother, but I need to hear the whole message.
8. The snow is thawing and the ice is melting on this unusual warm winter day.
9. Her mother allowed her to go on the trip and let her ride the bus with her friends.
10. After having concealed the painting for a long time, it was finally exhibited.
11. After cleaning his dirty room for two hours, it was finally spotless.
12. That antique was valuable to him, but it was priceless to his mother.

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Read the paragraph and write 6 pairs of antonyms and synonyms on the lines given.

Larry and Phillip went to collect some items in the woods for their science project. Their plan was to go for one hour and get as much as they could. As they began, their scheme was working because they were gathering many items including moss, wild flowers, tree bark, ferns, and grass. They had an enormous pile of stuff, and it was beginning to be too much to carry. Because they had such a collection, they had to slow their pace of collecting items. Their pile was getting huge so they had a fight over what items to keep. In their dispute, Larry thought they should keep the wild flowers but Phillip did not. They finally agreed about what to keep and finished their searching.

As they went to go home, they noticed the rocks that they used to guide them into the forest were gone. They had nothing to lead them back; they were lost. Larry was very afraid, but Phillip was determined and discovered their way back home.

In the end, Larry and Phillip got an A+ on their science project, which was well worth their adventure.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

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Match the word with its correct antonym or synonym.

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. _____ speak | a. boast |
| 2. _____ want | b. possibility |
| 3. _____ chance | c. view |
| 4. _____ expand | d. shrink |
| 5. _____ celebrate | e. toss |
| 6. _____ grown-up | f. disapprove |
| 7. _____ see | g. discuss |
| 8. _____ seem | h. differ |
| 9. _____ accident | i. talk |
| 10. _____ damp | j. appear |
| 11. _____ agree | k. crave |
| 12. _____ throw | l. rejoice |
| 13. _____ spread | m. childish |
| 14. _____ admire | n. mistake |
| 15. _____ brag | o. moist |
| 16. _____ debate | p. contract |

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Write a synonym and antonym for each word.

1. purchase

3. absent

5. constant

7. advance

9. illegal

10. exit

12. destroy

15. hazard

2. above

4. accept

6. achieve

8. exactly

10. decline

11. ashamed

13. clutter

14. discard

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Write the letter of the antonym or synonym next to the appropriate word.

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. _____ cooperate | a. meet |
| 2. _____ forgive | b. perfect |
| 3. _____ forbid | c. backward |
| 4. _____ encounter | d. help |
| 5. _____ etiquette | e. whole |
| 6. _____ flawless | f. blame |
| 7. _____ float | g. frugal |
| 8. _____ estimate | h. guess |
| 9. _____ favorite | i. manners |
| 10. _____ forward | j. allow |
| 11. _____ restriction | k. sink |
| 12. _____ fraction | l. grow |
| 13. _____ thrifty | m. play |
| 14. _____ flourish | n. preferred |
| 15. _____ frolic | o. freedom |

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For each word on the left, put an “A” on the line over the antonym and an “S” on the line over the synonym.

1. genuine	_____ real	_____ imitation
2. ghastly	_____ pleasant	_____ terrible
3. determined	_____ docile	_____ headstrong
4. hospitable	_____ unfriendly	_____ kind
5. discipline	_____ order	_____ chaos
6. exaggerate	_____ overstate	_____ understate
7. advance	_____ improve	_____ worsen
8. belligerent	_____ peaceful	_____ violent

Write 2 pairs of synonyms that are different from those listed above.

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Write pairs of antonyms and synonyms by using the words in the word box.

delicate	upset	example	habitat	imposter
hesitate	fragile	inhale	delay	unaware
surroundings	major	disturb	sadden	ignorant
minor	depress	instance	exhale	phony

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

7. _____

8. _____

9. _____

10. _____

Answers

Page 1

1. d
2. f
3. h
4. i
5. b
6. c
7. g
8. a
9. j
10. e

Page 2

1. wealth riches
2. zero nothing
3. soft tender
4. thief robber
5. easy simple
6. morning daybreak
7. dislike hate
8. youth childhood
9. music melody
10. teach instruct
11. power force
12. hope faith

Page 3

1. sweet
2. tired
3. jump
4. space
5. prize
6. help
7. push
8. bright
9. go
10. watch
11. party
12. touch
13. end
14. careful

Page 4

Any grammatically correct sentence using the words below.

1. money
2. wait
3. shiny
4. stink
5. sad
6. order
7. crowded

Page 5

There can be several possible sentences.

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Suggested answers are provided, but other answers are possible.

1. afraid
2. peace
3. success
4. excellence
5. love
6. relaxation
7. skill
8. tasty
9. mad
10. fast
11. hungry
12. excited
13. neat
14. total
15. smart
16. agile
17. dizzy
18. bumpy

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1. cool, chilly
2. popular, well liked
3. distant, far
4. prior, before
5. fight, brawl
6. chatting, talking
7. perfect, ideal
8. friend, companion
9. older, mature
10. bus, vehicle

Page 8

1. yes
2. yes
3. no, small
4. no, bitter
5. yes
6. no, sob
7. yes
8. yes
9. no, little
10. no, pointed
11. yes
12. yes
13. no, revisit
14. no, same
15. yes
16. no, get
17. yes
18. no, attempt

Page 9

1. a
2. b
3. d
4. b
5. a
6. b
7. d
8. c
9. b

Page 10

There are multiple possibilities; check to ensure the two words are synonyms

Page 11

1. j
2. o
3. k
4. g
5. m
6. h
7. b
8. n
9. c
10. f
11. d
12. a
13. e
14. i
15. l

Page 12

Pictures should represent:

cold
asleep
dirty
night
thin
bottom

Page 13

Pictures should represent:

weak
curvy
full
sick
ugly
small

Page 14

1. friend, enemy
2. far, near
3. past, future
4. still, move
5. good, bad
6. walk, run
7. start, stop
8. few, many
9. light, dark
10. peace, war
11. best, worst
12. first, last
13. early, late
14. neat, messy
15. new, old
16. rich, poor
17. fast, slow
18. comfortable, painful

Page 15

1. boring
2. hinder
3. wrong
4. remember
5. stay
6. famous
7. sell
8. create
9. out
10. lose

Page 16

Suggested answers are provided,
but other answers are possible.

1. dull
2. down
3. freeze
4. subtract
5. low
6. none
7. throw
8. back
9. never
10. dry
11. worst
12. loose
13. after
14. mean
15. follow
16. break

Page 17

Any grammatically correct
sentences with these words:

1. wild
2. deep
3. frown
4. dangerous
5. bright
6. plain

Page 18

Suggested answers are provided,
but other answers are possible.

1. yes
2. no, behind
3. no, positive
4. yes
5. no, cloudy
6. no, slow
7. yes
8. no, energetic
9. no, fake
10. no, dim
11. yes
12. no, more
13. no, familiar
14. no, stand
15. no, indoor
16. yes
17. no, dumb
18. yes

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1. b
2. c
3. a
4. d
5. b
6. c
7. d
8. b
9. a

Page 20

Suggested answers are provided,
but other answers are possible.

1. true
2. obeyed
3. careful
4. mature
5. clean
6. cheap
7. finished
8. entiree
9. dumb
10. rude
11. priceless
12. question
13. honest

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1. synonym
2. antonym
3. antonym
4. synonym
5. synonym
6. antonym
7. antonym
8. synonym
9. antonym
10. synonym
11. synonym
12. synonym
13. synonym
14. synonym
15. synonym
16. antonym
17. synonym
18. synonym

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S	A
1. peaceful	agitated
2. climb	drop
3. slender	plump
4. consent	disagree
5. transparent	cloudy
6. mend	break
7. lessen	increase
8. rescue	abandon

Page 23

Suggested answers are provided,
but other answers are possible.

1. brave, cowardly
2. imitate, original
3. humorous, serious
4. ugly, pretty
5. climb, fall
6. wicked, good
7. little, big
8. join, separate
9. happy, serious
10. job, rest
11. arrest, free
12. middle, border
13. sad, joyful
14. tricky, trustworthy
15. clean, dirty

Page 24

1. job, task
2. similarities, differences
3. cut, carved
4. casual, formal
5. innocent, guilty
6. desire, wish
7. part, whole
8. thawing, melting
9. allow, let
10. concealed, exhibited
11. dirty, spotless
12. valuable, priceless

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Here are some examples:

plan, scheme
began, finished
gathering, collect
fight, dispute
lost, discovered
huge, enormous

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1. i
2. k
3. b
4. p
5. l
6. m
7. c
8. j
9. n
10. o
11. h
12. e
13. d
14. f
15. a
16. g

Page 27

Suggested answers are provided,
but other answers are possible.

1. buy, sell
2. over, below
3. missing, present
4. believe, deny
5. steady, irregular
6. accomplish, fail
7. proceed, retreat
8. precisely, approximately
9. unlawful, legal
10. refuse, accept
11. outlet, enter
12. embarrassed, proud
13. ruin, repair
14. mess, clean
15. danger, safe
16. remove, keep

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1. d
2. f
3. j
4. a
5. i
6. b
7. k
8. h
9. n
10. c
11. o
12. e
13. g
14. l
15. m

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|------|---|
| 1. s | a |
| 2. a | s |
| 3. a | s |
| 4. a | s |
| 5. s | a |
| 6. s | a |
| 7. s | a |
| 8. a | s |

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Answers can be in any order.

1. depress sadden
2. inhale exhale
3. delicate fragile
4. habitat surroundings
5. example instance
6. minor major
7. upset disturb
8. hesitate delay
9. imposter phony
10. unaware ignorant