

How to Use This Book . . .

The activities in this book provide an excellent source of cross-curricular practice for elementary students. The pages can be used as drill reinforcement or as independent instructional material and are designed to help motivate students to learn through a variety of exercises. The activities in this book are grouped by skill; these skills may overlap more than one grade level and should be used in ways that best meet each student's needs. The reproducibles are created so that a student can work with a minimum of supervision in a classroom or at home. Answer keys have been provided in the back of the book.



EXTRA! EXTRA! When you see this symbol, be sure to check out the "extra" extension activity provided.

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Same—Synonyms

Many words in English have the same meaning or almost the same meaning. These words with similar meanings are called **synonyms**. In each box below, underline the words that are synonyms.

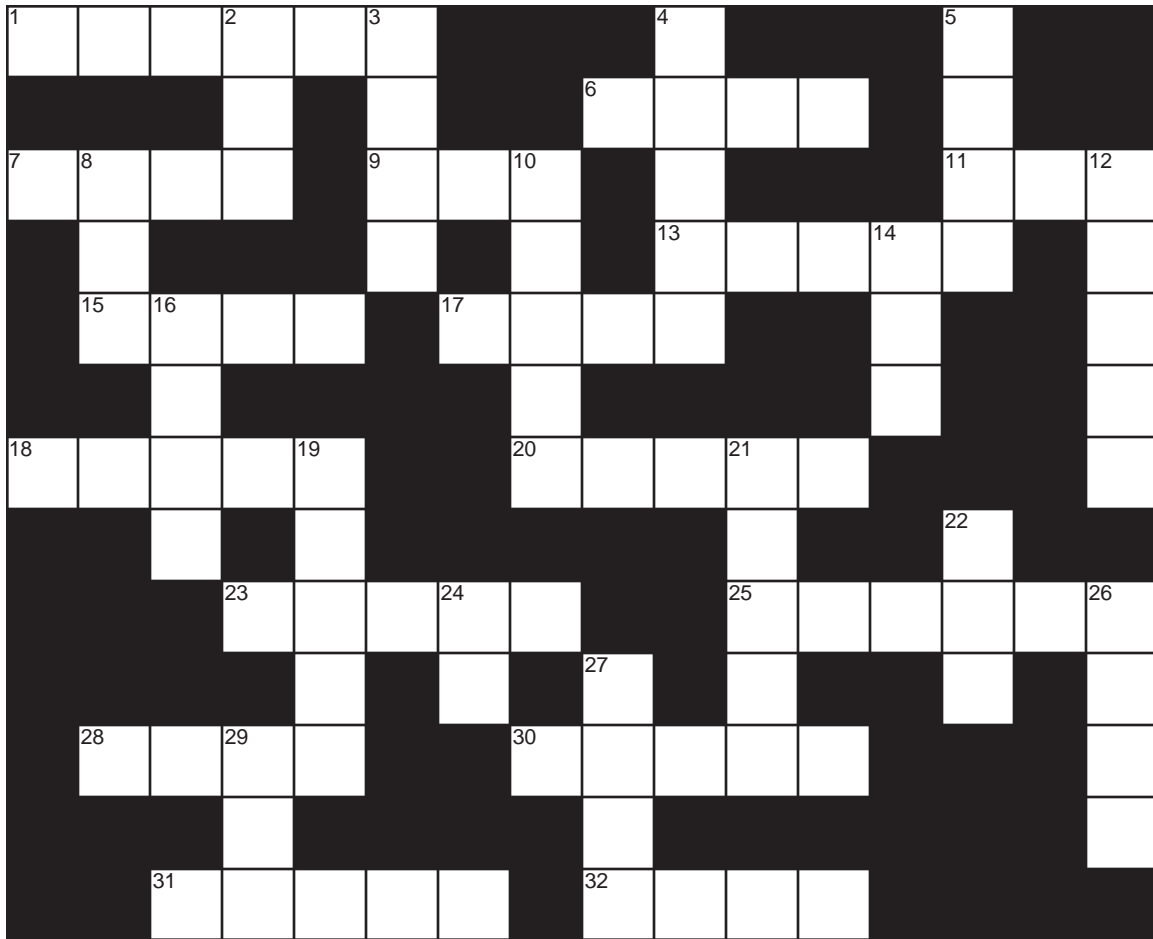
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weak strong powerful	loud quiet silent	happy sad joyful	huge big small
young youthful old	slow rapid quick	odd unusual same	protect defend attack
crawl run dash	giggle cry laugh	under below high	cheerful happy sorrowful
early tardy late	wet dry rainy	false real true	stone rock rubber



Pick a paragraph from one of your favorite books. Write down ten words from the paragraph. Next, think of two synonyms for each word and write them down. Use a thesaurus if you need help.

Opposites—Antonyms

Words that are opposite in meaning are called **antonyms**. To solve this puzzle, write antonyms for words listed below.



ACROSS

- 1. enemy
- 6. difficult
- 7. soft
- 9. lose
- 11. stand
- 13. dwarf
- 15. unfinished
- 17. low
- 18. here
- 20. old
- 23. back
- 25. sky
- 28. beautiful
- 30. clean
- 31. asleep
- 32. bad

DOWN

- 2. beginning
- 3. up
- 4. cry
- 5. first
- 8. subtract
- 10. quiet
- 12. thin
- 14. old
- 16. close
- 19. late
- 21. day
- 22. in
- 24. yes
- 26. shiny
- 27. queen
- 29. high

Multiple Meanings

EXAMPLE: test: A.) exam B.) to try out

B The drivers test their cars before the race.

A The students were taking a math test.

Read each group of sentences below. Then write the capital letter of the correct meaning before each sentence.

1. **point: A. sharp end B. main idea**

_____ Bill stuck his finger on the point of the knife.

_____ The teacher asked the students the point of the story.

2. **pipe: A. tube through which gas or liquid flows B. a tube with small bowl for tobacco**

_____ Old King Cole called for his pipe and fiddlers.

_____ There is a large pipe under the kitchen stove.

3. **rest: A. sleep B. what is left**

_____ Every child needs eight hours of rest each day.

_____ The hungry boy ate the rest of the apple pie.

4. **seal: A. a furry sea animal B. to close or fasten**

_____ The seal at the zoo was bouncing a ball with his nose.

_____ Did you seal the envelope before you mailed it?

5. **grade: A. a level in school B. a mark to show how well one has done**

_____ The teacher put a grade on the science papers.

_____ Jim is in the fourth grade at Blow School.



There are many homographs in the English language like the ones above. Think of a homograph that has three different definitions. Write a sentence for each definition.

Nouns Name

The lists below contain words that are names of persons, places, and things. Write each word in the correct column. On the extra lines, write more nouns that you know, but that are **not** in this list.

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|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|---------|
| hotel | elephant | teacher | fireman | library |
| egg | minute | student | store | girl |
| garden | bedroom | zoo | milk | pilot |
| grandfather | bell | policeman | doctor | school |
| horse | box | lady | nurse | home |
| aunt | farm | mouth | basket | gym |
| train | lion | supper | ship | village |
| jelly | friend | river | tulip | station |
| turtle | brother | steam | uncle | lamp |

PERSONS

PLACES

THINGS