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Introduction

Each book in the *Power Practice*[™] series contains dozens of ready-to-use activity pages to provide students with skill practice. The fun activities can be used to supplement and enhance what you are already teaching in your classroom. Give an activity page to students as independent class work, or send the pages home as homework to reinforce skills taught in class. An answer key is included at the end of each book to provide verification of student responses.

The practical and creative activities in the reading skills books provide the perfect practice with over 20 reading skills. Each book is divided into sections covering these various skills.

Reading Skills 7–8 provides activities that will directly assist students in practicing and reinforcing skills such as

- prefixes, suffixes, and root words
- analogies
- figurative language
- context clues
- point of view
- using reference materials
- cause and effect
- story elements
- main idea and details

The final four sections of the book give students practice with reading narrative texts, expository texts, consumer reading materials, and content area materials. The questions in these sections are designed to cover the various skills students practiced throughout the book. These applications give them a chance to apply the skills and provide a means for assessing their progress.

Use these ready-to-go activities to “recharge” skill review and give students the power to succeed!

Naming Pairs

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

A **synonym** is a word that means the same or about the same as another word.

Examples: peaceful/calm clear/transparent

An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word.

Examples: arrive/depart friendly/hostile

Circle **synonyms** or **antonyms** to identify each pair of words.

- | | | | |
|----|---------------------|----------|----------|
| 1 | sweet/sour | synonyms | antonyms |
| 2 | frigid/scalding | synonyms | antonyms |
| 3 | optimistic/hopeful | synonyms | antonyms |
| 4 | plentiful/barren | synonyms | antonyms |
| 5 | hectic/frantic | synonyms | antonyms |
| 6 | bright/dull | synonyms | antonyms |
| 7 | ancient/aged | synonyms | antonyms |
| 8 | ally/enemy | synonyms | antonyms |
| 9 | meticulous/careless | synonyms | antonyms |
| 10 | numerous/many | synonyms | antonyms |
| 11 | chuckle/giggle | synonyms | antonyms |
| 12 | strange/unusual | synonyms | antonyms |

Write a sentence that includes a pair of words from above.

Word Match

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

shut	damp	disrespectful	hinder
open	assist	timid	dry
soothe	flunk	bold	destroy
pass	provoke	polite	sufficient
deficient	keep	freeze	scald

Use the words in the word box to complete the chart.

	Synonyms	Antonyms
1 moist		
2 adequate		
3 fail		
4 rude		
5 shy		
6 burn		
7 help		
8 aggravate		
9 preserve		
10 close		

Story Time Synonyms

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

Read each story or nursery rhyme title in Column A. Read each description in Column B. Write the letter of the description that matches each title. Look for synonym clues.

Column A

- 1 _____ *London Bridge Is Falling Down*
- 2 _____ *Little Red Riding Hood*
- 3 _____ *Row, Row, Row Your Boat*
- 4 _____ *Mary Had a Little Lamb*
- 5 _____ *It's Raining, It's Pouring*
- 6 _____ *Little Red Hen*
- 7 _____ *Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater*
- 8 _____ *Rain, Rain, Go Away*
- 9 _____ *The Ugly Duckling*
- 10 _____ *Jack and the Beanstalk*
- 11 _____ *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*
- 12 _____ *Jack Be Nimble, Jack Be Quick*
- 13 _____ *Old MacDonald Had a Farm*
- 14 _____ *The Itsy Bitsy Spider*
- 15 Use synonyms to write a description that fits the title.

Column B

- a. The girl with the crimson cloak
- b. A gourd-devouring boy
- c. An unattractive bird
- d. Teeny, tiny arachnid
- e. Small, sparkling celestial body
- f. A limber boy with great speed
- g. A female chicken who is small and scarlet
- h. A boy and his legume stem
- i. A shower, a downpour
- j. The destruction of a connecting link in England
- k. A girl and her young sheep
- l. An elderly man and his plantation
- m. Drizzle, sprinkle, please leave
- n. Paddle that vessel

The Brave Little Tailor _____

Interesting Words

SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS

Write two synonyms and two antonyms for each word. Be creative with your choices.

Synonyms

Antonyms

1 _____

difficult

3 _____

2 _____

4 _____

5 _____

cold

7 _____

6 _____

8 _____

9 _____

scared

11 _____

10 _____

12 _____

13 _____

dark

15 _____

14 _____

16 _____

17 _____

heavy

19 _____

18 _____

20 _____

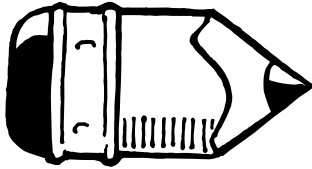
21 _____

joyful

23 _____

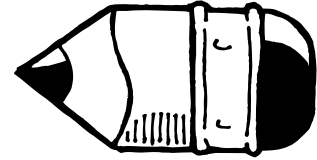
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Prefix Skills

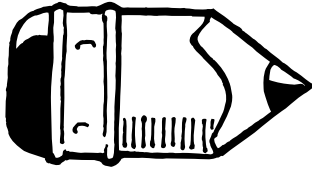
PREFIXES, SUFFIXES, AND ROOT WORDS



Prefix	Meaning
mono-	one
poly-	many
un-	not
re-	again
inter-	between
sub-	under
ex-	out
pre-	before
post-	after
mis-	wrongly, badly

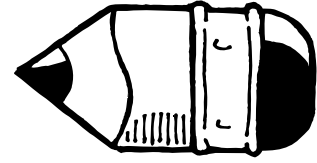
Use the information in the chart to help you determine the meaning of each word. Write the letter of the definition that matches each word.

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 _____ uncertain | a. to remove or take out |
| 2 _____ monorail | b. to understand wrongly |
| 3 _____ postoperative | c. to make a decision before |
| 4 _____ extract | d. a many-sided figure |
| 5 _____ subway | e. to create again |
| 6 _____ reinvent | f. not sure |
| 7 _____ polygon | g. between nations |
| 8 _____ international | h. done after surgery |
| 9 _____ prejudge | i. a train that travels underground |
| 10 _____ misinterpret | j. a single rail serving as a track |



Suffix Skills

PREFIXES, SUFFIXES, AND ROOT WORDS



Suffix	Meaning
-ful	full of
-ment	action, result
-able, -ible	able, capable of
-less	lacking, without
-ian	one skilled in
-ness	quality, state, or condition of
-ist	one who works at or practices
-er, -or	person, doer
-ly	like
-ward	direction

Use the information in the chart to help you determine the meaning of each word. Write the letter of the definition that matches each word.

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 _____ backward | a. innocent; without fault |
| 2 _____ chemist | b. goods that are sent |
| 3 _____ sorrowful | c. like royalty |
| 4 _____ affordable | d. state of being somber |
| 5 _____ politician | e. person who grows things |
| 6 _____ kingly | f. one who works with chemicals |
| 7 _____ blameless | g. moving in reverse direction |
| 8 _____ shipment | h. full of sadness |
| 9 _____ gardener | i. able to be bought |
| 10 _____ seriousness | j. one skilled in government |