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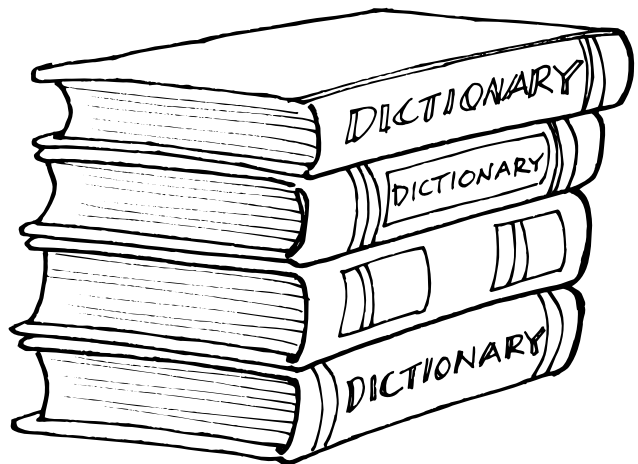
The *Power Practice* series™ contains dozens of ready-to-use activity pages to provide students with skill practice. Use the fun activities to supplement and enhance what you are already teaching in your classroom. Give an activity page to students as independent class work, or send the pages home as homework to reinforce skills taught in class. An answer key is provided at the back of the book for quick reference.

The creative activity pages in *Vocabulary in Context • 5-8* introduces more than 1,200 vocabulary words. These activities are ideal way for helping prepare students for standardized tests and for increasing their vocabulary. Encourage students to use a dictionary as they complete the activities.

The book is divided into seven main sections:

- **Synonyms, Antonyms, and Homophones**
matching activities and using words in context
- **Parts of Speech**
classifying words and matching nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs to their definitions
- **What Would You Do with . . .?**
choosing the best answer for twelve vocabulary words per page
- **Context Clues**
selecting the best definition for an underlined word used in a short phrase
- **Curriculum Vocabulary**
matching and classifying vocabulary correlated to science, social studies, and math
- **Prefix Puzzlers**
matching vocabulary words beginning with prefixes such as *dis-*, *ex-*, *inter-*, *mis-*, *pre-*, *sub-*, and *un-* to definitions
- **Just for Fun**
identifying words correlated to food, sports, phobias, occupations, and more

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



Synonym Sleuth

MATCHING SYNONYMS

Synonyms are words that have similar meanings, such as *leave* and *depart*. Match the word in Column A with its synonym in Column B by writing the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Column A

- 1 _____ sudden
- 2 _____ danger
- 3 _____ harsh
- 4 _____ nimble
- 5 _____ peaceful
- 6 _____ odd
- 7 _____ fierce
- 8 _____ disclose
- 9 _____ tease
- 10 _____ alone
- 11 _____ copy
- 12 _____ mild
- 13 _____ petty
- 14 _____ enemy
- 15 _____ limp



Column B

- A. trivial
- B. taunt
- C. slack
- D. divulge
- E. tranquil
- F. peril
- G. spry
- H. meek
- I. ferocious
- J. solitary
- K. imitate
- L. severe
- M. abrupt
- N. rival
- O. peculiar

Synonym Safari

MATCHING SYNONYMS

Synonyms are words that have similar meanings, such as *begin* and *start*. Go on a safari and match the word in Column A with its synonym in Column B by writing the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

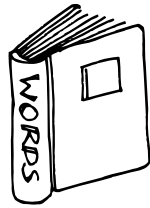
Column A

- 1 _____ sparkle
- 2 _____ stay
- 3 _____ ugly
- 4 _____ shake
- 5 _____ weak
- 6 _____ cautious
- 7 _____ healthful
- 8 _____ shrivel
- 9 _____ fake
- 10 _____ plead
- 11 _____ enthusiasm
- 12 _____ ruin
- 13 _____ signal
- 14 _____ extinguish
- 15 _____ clever



Column B

- A. wholesome
- B. zeal
- C. beckon
- D. wither
- E. bane
- F. glisten
- G. wary
- H. quench
- I. bogus
- J. witty
- K. linger
- L. implore
- M. hideous
- N. wan
- O. quiver



Synonyms Only

IDENTIFYING SYNONYMS

Find and underline the word that is *not* a synonym for the boldfaced word. Use a dictionary if you need help. On a separate sheet of paper, use each of the twelve underlined words in a sentence to show you understand its meaning.

1 **pardon**
forgive
excuse
acquit
burden

2 **camouflage**
reveal
mask
cloak
disguise

3 **vulgar**
obscene
refined
gross
crude

4 **grasp**
clutch
hold
release
grip

5 **diminish**
dwindle
reduce
increase
lessen

6 **promote**
advance
detain
further
forward

7 **capable**
skilled
adopt
adept
proficient

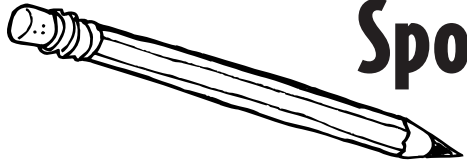
8 **tension**
pressure
strain
purpose
stress

9 **anxious**
obnoxious
worried
concerned
afraid

10 **brink**
edge
rim
brawn
brim

11 **voyage**
journey
excursion
trip
baggage

12 **majestic**
handy
magnificent
grand
imposing



Spot the Imposter

IDENTIFYING SYNONYMS

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- | | |
|--|---|
| <p>1 liable
untrustworthy
responsible
answerable
accountable</p> | <p>7 monotonous
dreary
humdrum
challenging
dull</p> |
| <p>2 modify
alter
change
vary
mislead</p> | <p>8 eccentric
odd
electric
peculiar
strange</p> |
| <p>3 criticize
blame
condemn
bestow
denounce</p> | <p>9 serene
tranquil
calm
lively
peaceful</p> |
| <p>4 diverse
different
various
divergent
similar</p> | <p>10 dismay
display
fright
alarm
dread</p> |
| <p>5 pester
fester
tease
annoy
harass</p> | <p>11 obstruct
bar
block
hinder
construct</p> |
| <p>6 humid
wet
dry
moist
damp</p> | <p>12 meager
skimpy
spare
plentiful
scant</p> |

Antonym Antics

MATCHING ANTONYMS

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings, such as *petite* and *gigantic*. Match the word in Column A with its antonym in Column B by writing the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Column A

- 1 _____ advance
- 2 _____ mellow
- 3 _____ exact
- 4 _____ resist
- 5 _____ bold
- 6 _____ lazy
- 7 _____ friend
- 8 _____ minimum
- 9 _____ sturdy
- 10 _____ cheerful
- 11 _____ guilty
- 12 _____ simple
- 13 _____ defeat
- 14 _____ permanent
- 15 _____ firm



Column B

- A. maximum
- B. comply
- C. retreat
- D. flimsy
- E. somber
- F. belligerent
- G. ambitious
- H. timid
- I. complex
- J. foe
- K. temporary
- L. victory
- M. vague
- N. innocent
- O. fragile

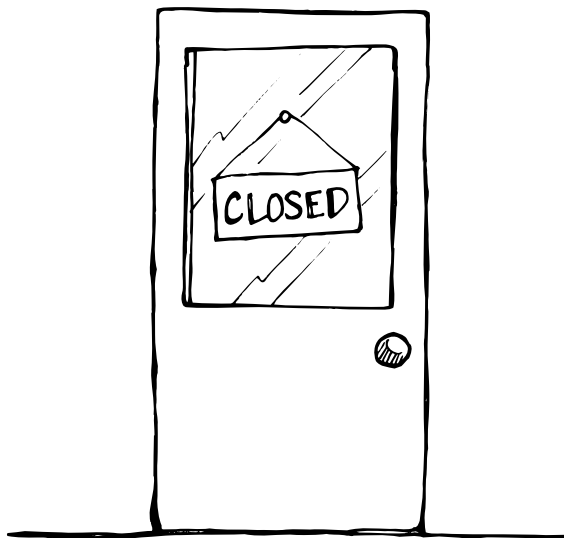
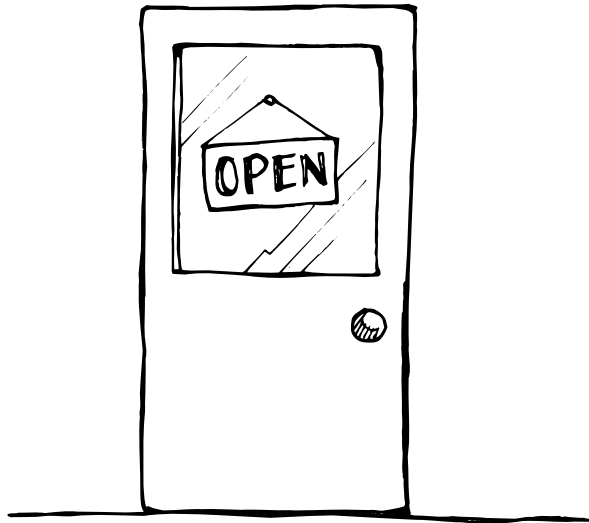
Antonyms Ahoy

MATCHING ANTONYMS

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings, such as *simple* and *complex*. Match the word in Column A with its antonym in Column B by writing the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Column A

- 1 _____ increase
- 2 _____ accept
- 3 _____ ignorant
- 4 _____ superior
- 5 _____ appear
- 6 _____ harmful
- 7 _____ include
- 8 _____ original
- 9 _____ rigid
- 10 _____ tiny
- 11 _____ plentiful
- 12 _____ natural
- 13 _____ meager
- 14 _____ jovial
- 15 _____ conclude



Column B

- A. omit
- B. commence
- C. ample
- D. scarce
- E. melancholy
- F. spurn
- G. lithe
- H. trite
- I. colossal
- J. vanish
- K. synthetic
- L. cognizant
- M. abate
- N. inferior
- O. beneficial

Opposites Attract

MATCHING ANTONYMS IN CONTEXT

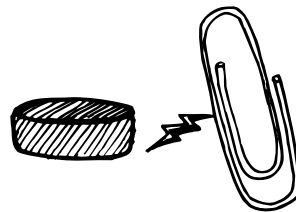
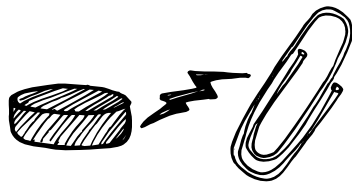
Notice how the underlined word has been used in each phrase. Find an antonym in Column B for the underlined word in Column A. Write the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Column A

- 1 _____ a polite child
- 2 _____ a late arrival
- 3 _____ tiny creature
- 4 _____ to allow dogs in the park
- 5 _____ vegetables you love
- 6 _____ three wild animals
- 7 _____ always there
- 8 _____ accept the offer
- 9 _____ pleasant odor
- 10 _____ an unexpected victory
- 11 _____ a complete set of baseball cards
- 12 _____ distracted student

Column B

- A. offensive
- B. seldom
- C. detest
- D. engrossed
- E. enormous
- F. defeat
- G. rude
- H. partial
- I. refuse
- J. tame
- K. departure
- L. forbid



Match an Antonym

MATCHING ANTONYMS IN CONTEXT

Notice how the underlined word has been used in each phrase. Find an antonym in Column B for the underlined word in Column A. Write the letter on the line. Use a dictionary if you need help.

Column A

- 1 _____ clumsy dancers
- 2 _____ a mild winter
- 3 _____ a clear stream
- 4 _____ detained the prisoner
- 5 _____ lower the flag
- 6 _____ useful birthday gift
- 7 _____ receive a signal
- 8 _____ a slow train
- 9 _____ loose guitar strings
- 10 _____ attracts insects
- 11 _____ a thorough examination
- 12 _____ avoids problems

Column B

- A. freed
- B. speedy
- C. impractical
- D. repels
- E. graceful
- F. confronts
- G. hoist
- H. superficial
- I. fierce
- J. transmit
- K. taut
- L. murky

