

Year 6 Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Warm-Up PowerPoint

Synonyms and Antonyms Warm-Up



What Are Synonyms and Antonyms?

Can you write definitions for 'synonym' and 'antonym'?

synonym

(A synonym is a word that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as another word.)

antonym

(An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning to another word.)



Synonyms and Antonyms

Sort these words into the correct place in the table below. They are all either a synonym or an antonym for the word **wonderful**.

Synonyms of wonderful	Antonyms of wonderful
amazing	awful
incredible	dreadful
fantastic	nasty
unbelievable	horrendous
astonishing	appalling

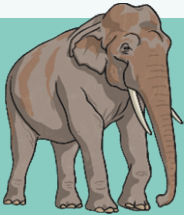
amazing awful dreadful nasty horrendous
appalling incredible fantastic unbelievable astonishing



Synonyms

Synonyms can be used to improve descriptions.

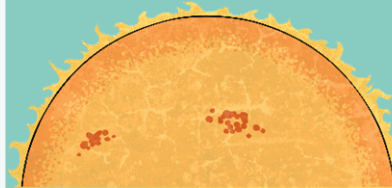
Replace the words that have been used to describe these pictures with an interesting synonym:



Elephant
(big)



Mouse
(small)



Sunny day
(hot)



Snowy day
(cold)



Child smiling
(happy)



Lady crying
(sad)

Can you use each of your words in an active sentence about each picture?

Antonyms

Antonyms can be used to improve descriptions.

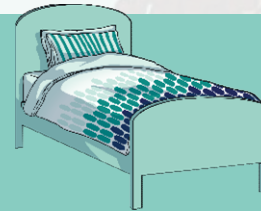
Replace the words that have been used to describe these pictures with an interesting antonym:



Child working
(easy)



Playing recorder
(difficult)



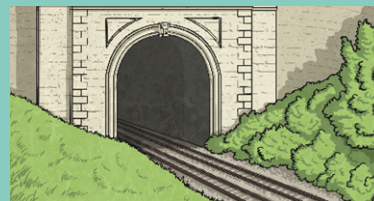
Bed
(soft)



Chair
(hard)



Light
(dark)



Tunnel
(bright)

Can you use each of your words in a passive sentence about each picture?

Synonym Spotter

A magnifying glass with a wooden handle and a silver rim is positioned in the upper right corner. In the background, there is a faint illustration of a person with curly hair, wearing a light blue shirt, sitting and reading a book.

Read this short story and try and spot any words that are synonyms of each other:

The **large** town of Twinkldom holds a **secret**. Every year, at the **spectacular** Christmas carol service, a **mystery** person donates the **best** mince pies ever tasted.

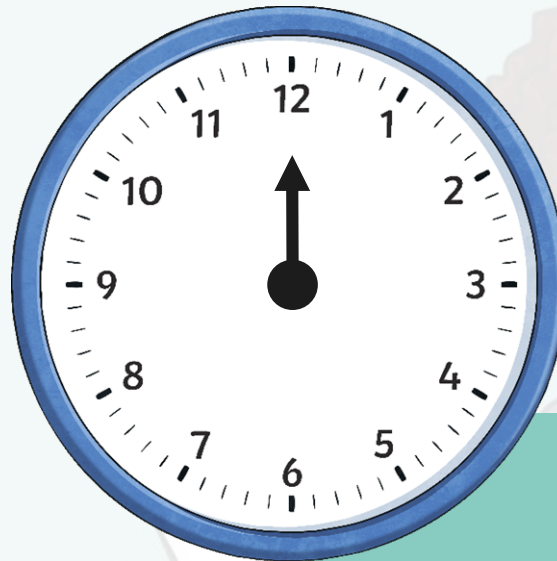
The choir wear **eye-catching** outfits and sing tunelessly, while the audience watch and **appreciate** the show.

When the show ends, everyone joins together in the **vast** town hall where they **enjoy** the **perfect** mince pies.

They all speculate as to who the **amazing**, **unknown** baker might be, but nobody knows for sure.

Synonyms

How many synonyms for the word **nice** can you think of in one minute?



Start!

likeable

kindly

compassionate

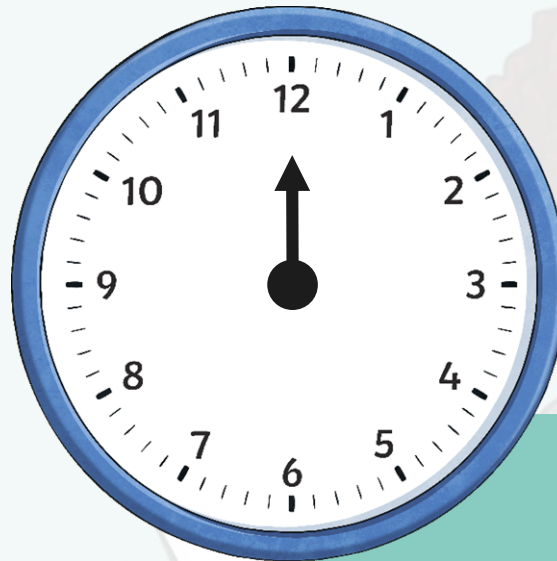
amiable

pleasant

genial

Antonyms

How many antonyms for the word **happy** can you think of in one minute?



Start!

melancholy

sad

forlorn

gloomy

mournful

sorrowful

Super Synonym Sentences

Can you write interesting descriptions of these photos by using more powerful synonyms for the words given?



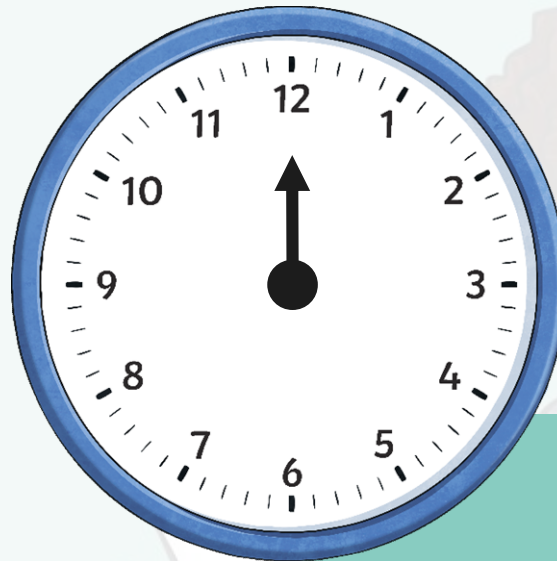
cold



hot

Synonyms

How many synonyms for the word **angry** can you think of in one minute?



Start!

furious

cross

irate

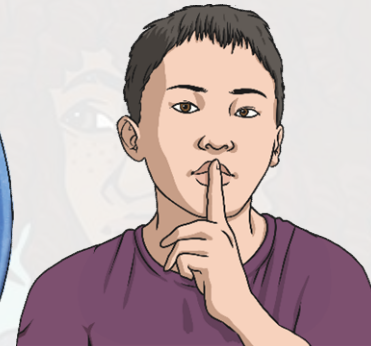
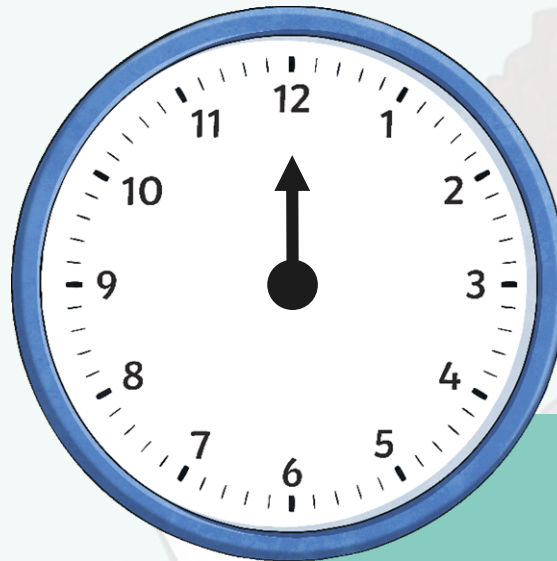
indignant

irritated

vexed

Antonyms

How many antonyms for the word **quiet** can you think of in one minute?



Start!

loud

deafening

piercing

ear-splitting

thunderous

raucous

Quick Quiz 1

Choose an appropriate synonym to complete these sentences:

The meal we had at the restaurant was **horrible**.

Amir was **happy** that he passed his piano exam.

We played a **boring** game of chess yesterday.

The view was **fantastic** when we visited the London Eye.



incredible

breath-taking

Quick Quiz 2

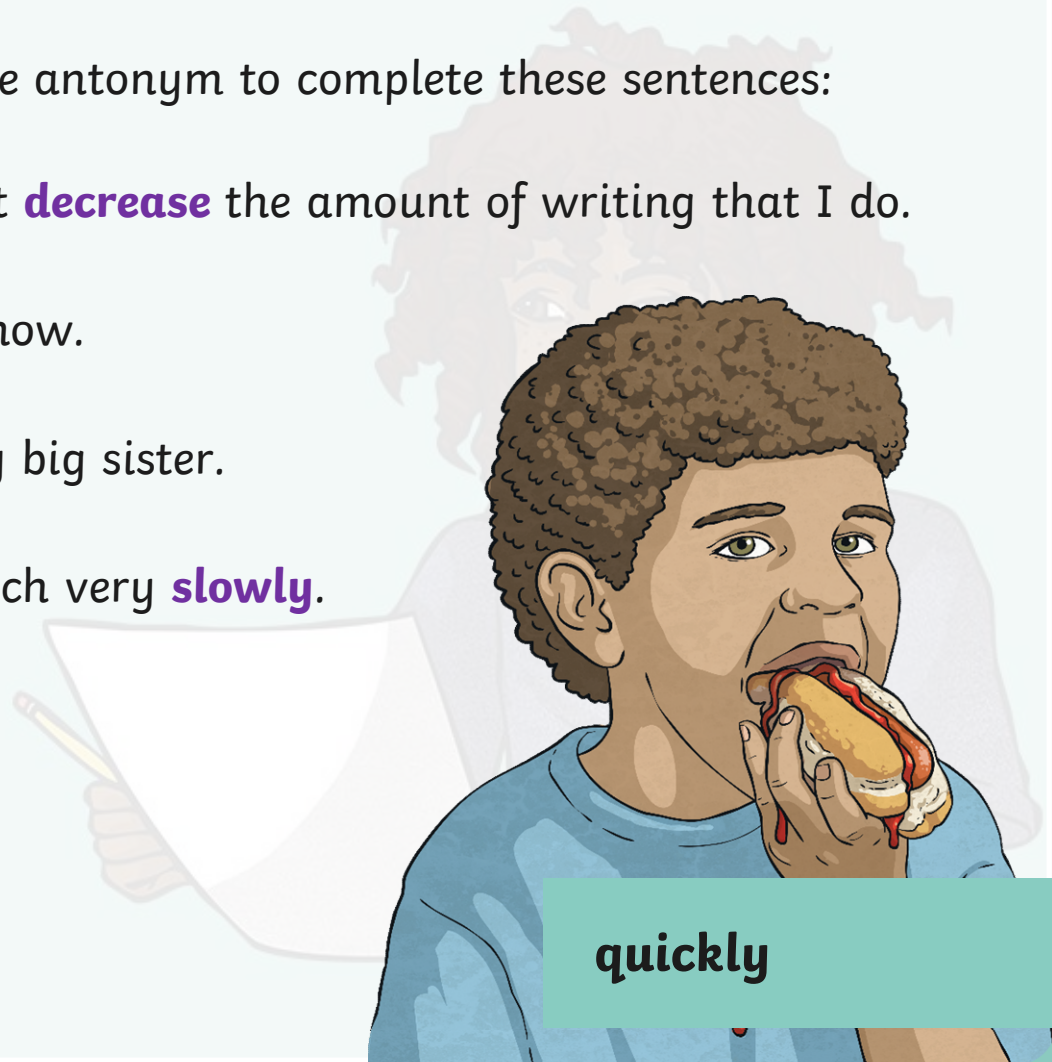
Choose an appropriate antonym to complete these sentences:

My teacher says that I must **decrease** the amount of writing that I do.

We were very **late** for the show.

I always go to bed **after** my big sister.

William always eats his lunch very **slowly**.



quickly

Quick Quiz 3

Join the words to a synonym:

