

Homework/Extension

Step 3: Synonyms and Antonyms

National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G6.1) [How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms \[for example, big, large, little\]](#)

English Year 6: Terminology for pupils:

(6G6.1) [synonym](#)

(6G6.1) [antonym](#)

Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Sort words based on whether they are synonyms or antonyms of a given word. Includes Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Expected Sort words based on whether they are synonyms or antonyms of a given word. Includes Year 5 and 6 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Sort words based on whether they are synonyms or antonyms of a given word. Add another example of their own. Includes unfamiliar and challenging words.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Varied Fluency)

Developing Identify the synonym and antonym of a given word. Includes Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Expected Identify the synonym and antonym of a given word. Includes Year 5 and 6 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Identify the synonym and antonym of a given word. Includes unfamiliar and challenging words.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Application and Reasoning)

Developing Change the meaning of a sentence by including antonyms and synonyms of the same word. Includes Year 3 and 4 statutory spellings.

Expected Change the meaning of a sentence by including antonyms and synonyms of the same word. Includes Year 5 and 6 statutory spellings.

Greater Depth Change the meaning of a sentence by including antonyms and synonyms of the same word. Includes unfamiliar and challenging words.

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Synonyms and Antonyms

1. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table, based on whether they are a synonym or an antonym of the word busy.

Synonym	Antonym

hectic

lazy

active

quiet

slow

on the go



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2. For each word, label the synonym (s) and antonym (a).

A. increase

mend

alter

grow

decrease

B. build

tall

destroy

small

make

C. early

day

late

prompt

night



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3. Write a sentence that includes a synonym of the word caught.

Rewrite the sentence and change its meaning by including an antonym of caught.



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Synonyms and Antonyms

4. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table, based on whether they are a synonym or an antonym of the word frequent.

Synonym	Antonym

many

few

rare

often

scarce

common

regular

occasional



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5. For each word, label the synonym (s) and antonym (a).

A. achieve

occupy

fail

succeed

vacate

B. amateur

loser

expert

winner

novice

C. curious

hectic

indifferent

interested

casual



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6. Write a sentence that includes a synonym of the word hindrance.

Rewrite the sentence and change its meaning by including an antonym of hindrance.



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Synonyms and Antonyms

7. Sort the words below into the correct place on the table, based on whether they are a synonym or an antonym of the word abominable. Add a synonym and antonym of your own.

Synonym	Antonym

obnoxious agreeable
splendid detestable
worthy repugnant
loathsome venerable



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8. For each word, label the synonym (s) and antonym (a).

A. prosperous

keen affluent uncaring destitute

B. apprehensive

assured humid agitated arid

C. devotion

tranquil loathing disconcerted affection



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9. Write a sentence that includes a synonym of the word tentative.

Rewrite the sentence and change its meaning by including an antonym of tentative.



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Synonyms and Antonyms

Developing

1. **Synonym = hectic, active and on the go**

Antonym = lazy, quiet and slow

2. **A. grow (s), decrease (a)**

B. make (s), destroy (a)

C. prompt (s), late (a)

3. **Various answers, for example:**

The police captured the jewel thief whilst he was attempting to break into a shop.

The police released the jewel thief due to lack of evidence.

Expected

4. **Synonym = many, often, common and regular**

Antonym = few, rare, scarce and occasional

5. **A. succeed (s), fail (a)**

B. novice (s), expert (a)

C. interested (s), indifferent (a)

6. **Various answers, for example:**

My young sister was proving to be a huge obstacle as I tried desperately to tidy my room before mum got home.

My young sister was proving to be of great assistance, as my room would be neat and tidy by the time mum got home.

Greater Depth

7. **Synonym = obnoxious, detestable, repugnant and loathsome**

plus various answers, for example: hateful, odious, despicable etc

Antonym = agreeable, splendid, worthy and venerable

plus various answers, for example: commendable, honourable, good etc

8. **A. affluent (s), destitute (a)**

B. agitated (s), assured (a)

C. affection (s), loathing (a)

9. **Various answers, for example:**

Harvey breathed deeply before taking a few cautious steps into the seemingly unoccupied room.

Harvey held his head up high before taking several confident steps into the seemingly unoccupied room.