



Grade: 4th

Subject: Language Arts

Expectation(s): Can use context, word origins, synonyms and antonyms to determine meanings of words and phrases

Materials needed: Attached worksheet, dictionary

Teaching and learning tips/strategies:

- Have your student use a dictionary to help complete this worksheet.
- Another way to practice antonyms with your student is to have them rewrite a story or fairy tale they're familiar with using synonyms for as many words as they can (e.g. the big, bad wolf can become the miniature, angelic wolf). Read their version out loud to see how they've changed the story.
- Don't forget to praise your student's efforts!

Antonyms

Antonyms are pairs of words with **opposite meanings**. For example, “up” and “down” are antonyms. The word “good” is the opposite of “bad”, so “good” and “bad” are antonyms.

Choose the antonym of the underlined word in each sentence. All of the choices might make sense in the sentence, but only one of them is the antonym.

1. We are certain that Andy is a dishonest salesman.

- a. great
- b. successful
- c. honest
- d. good

2. Maurice, please remember to open the door when you leave.

- a. lock
- b. close
- c. unlock
- d. push

3. Janine always pays attention when others are speaking.

- a. often
- b. seldom
- c. usually
- d. never

4. I made a great suggestion, but the teacher accepted it and told me to come up with a better idea.

- a. liked
- b. hated
- c. reviewed
- d. rejected

5. Rosemary remembered to call her mother after school.

- a. forgot
- b. wanted
- c. decided
- d. declined

6. It's important that we make a thoughtless decision!

- a. thought
- b. thoughtful
- c. quick
- d. foolish

7. Ryan loves to sing and he has a very weak voice.

- a. soft
- b. low
- c. sweet
- d. strong