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Synonyms are words that have almost the same meaning. You can use synonyms to vary your writing, avoid repetition, or make your use of language more precise.

Synonyms for *make*: create, invent, construct, cause

Synonyms for *laugh*: giggle, guffaw, chortle, chuckle

Synonyms for *hard*: difficult, tough, impossible, dangerous

Synonyms for *small*: tiny, miniscule, minute, miniature

A thesaurus is a reference book that lists synonyms.

Cross out each underlined word and replace it with a synonym.

1. Mackenzie had always wanted to make something to save people time in the kitchen.
2. He tried to figure out what was the toughest task for a cook.
3. His father said that one recipe called for small slivers of garlic.
4. "I can never get them small enough," he laughed.
5. "Maybe I should make a garlic dicer," Mackenzie said.

Write a sentence for each of these synonyms.

6. (sad) _____

7. (depressed) _____

8. (somber) _____

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There are usually slight differences in meaning among synonyms. Think about the meaning you want as you choose just the right word.

As the audience quieted, she began to **speak**.

Samantha **lectured** on the importance of libraries.

Speak and *lecture* are synonyms, but each word means something slightly different.

Write synonyms for the underlined words in the paragraph. Cross out the underlined word or words and write the synonym above it. Use a thesaurus if necessary.

After the audience members found their seats, Cassie moved to the podium. She had never talked in front of a large audience before, and this audience was very large. Cassie talked about her experiences working in a reading clinic. She said that helping other people was something that made her feel good. She worked very hard to learn what would be helpful in teaching younger readers. One girl, Katrinka, was getting better in her decoding skills. Another child, Emeka, was showing more belief in himself as he read aloud for others. Volunteering made a big difference in Cassie's life, and she wanted to tell other people her age so they would be encouraged to try to make a difference, too.

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Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

Antonyms for *mumble*: shout, yell, enunciate, speak clearly

Antonyms for *cry*: laugh, smile, chuckle, beam

Antonyms for *sweet*: mean, nasty, tart, sour

Antonyms for *happy*: morose, sad, miserable, depressed

Write an antonym for the word in parentheses to complete each sentence.

- Mateo's sixth-grade graduation was a very (sad) _____ occasion for Mateo and his family.
- Mateo's whole family was there, (excluding) _____ his grandparents.
- Mateo's turn came to give his speech, and he made sure to (mumble) _____.
- Mateo's grandmother was so moved by his speech she began to (laugh) _____.
- Everyone clapped (quietly) _____ when Mateo finished his speech.
- Mateo's parents were very (ashamed) _____ of their son.

Write a sentence for each antonym about movies or TV shows you've watched recently.

- (funny) _____

- (worst) _____

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Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings. You can use antonyms to compare and contrast things.

The town's library is **old**, but the middle school building is **new**.

The library looks **traditional**, but the middle school building looks **modern**.

Write antonyms for each clue to complete the crossword puzzle.

Across

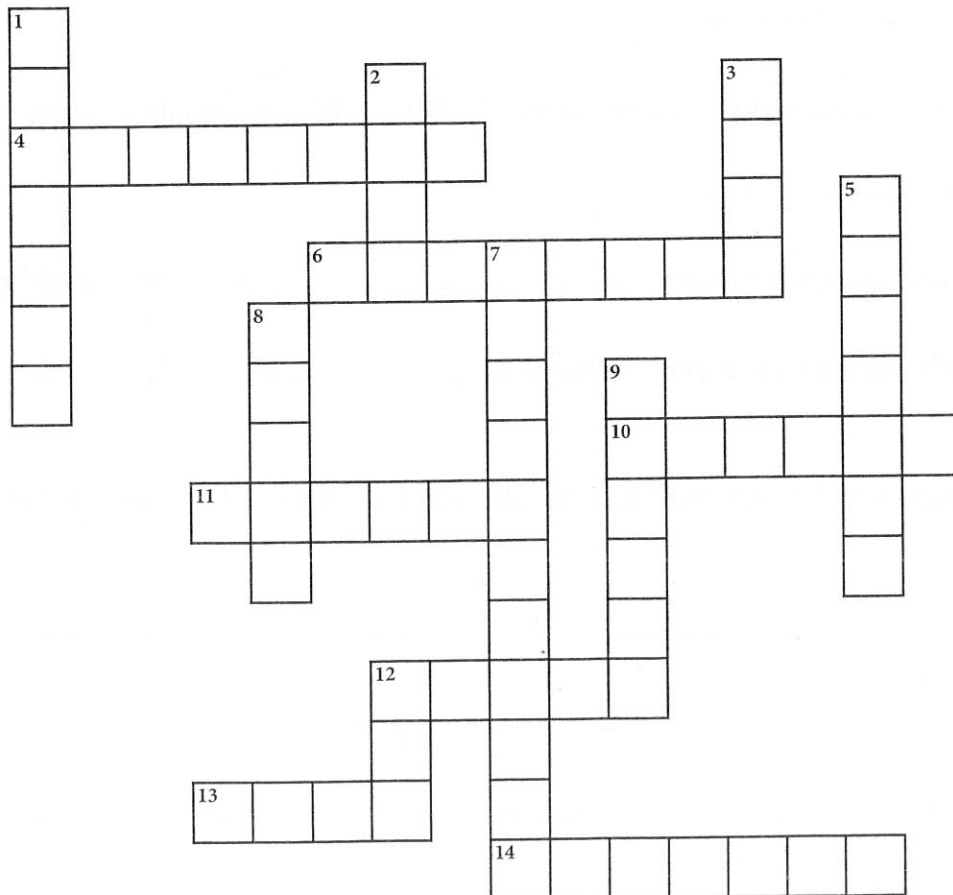
- 4. superior
- 6. awkward
- 10. common
- 11. peculiar
- 12. honor
- 13. command
- 14. create

Down

- 1. public
- 2. excellent
- 3. achieve
- 5. purify
- 7. simple
- 8. forbid
- 9. proud
- 12. bold

word Bank:

- graceful
- shy
- normal
- fail
- destroy
- poor
- unique
- pollute
- allow
- obey
- shame
- humble
- inferior
- private
- Complicated



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Homophones are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings.

The queen sits upon a **throne** made of gold.

The jockey was **thrown** from his horse during the race.

Do you want a **piece** of cake?

Kofi Annan works for **peace** through the United Nations.

Circle the homophone to complete the sentence correctly.

1. Do you know (whether, weather) you can go skiing or not?
2. That shade of green (compliments, complements) your red hair.
3. You must go (threw, through) the tunnel to reach the beach.
4. I need more (lead, led) for my pencil.
5. (Lightening, Lightning) is both beautiful and dangerous.
6. The (principle, principal) reason for the celebration was Lupe's graduation.
7. I must (pedal, peddle) faster if I want to get to school on time!
8. (Witch, Which) route should we take?

Write a sentence for each of these homophones. Make sure you use the correct meaning for the word's spelling in your sentence.

9. (hole) _____

10. (whole) _____

Homophones are words that sound alike but have different spellings and meanings. Homophones are often confused with each other. Make sure your spelling matches the meaning that you intend.

They're is a contraction of *they are*.

Their means "belonging to them."

There indicates a place or position.

They're going to find **their** kneepads over **there**.

Your means "belonging to you."

You're is a contraction of *you are*.

You're going to wear **your** new socks.

Choose the correct homophones to complete the sentences.

Katya and her little brother Rey play soccer for the Tigers. Last year, Rey was too young to play. This year, the coach told him, "_____ old enough to learn the game!" The Tigers are really nice, and _____ looking out for Rey. Katya is _____ captain, since she's the best player.

"This is _____ jersey," she said to Rey, as she handed him a green shirt. "You sit over _____ until the coach tells you what to do," Katya told Rey.

Coach Munras walked over to Rey. "_____ ready to play, right?" she asked Rey.

"You bet, I am!" Rey exclaimed.

"_____ position is keeper," Coach Munras began. "You will keep the other team from scoring. _____ will be plenty of practice for you to get to know _____ position. See the team in the red jerseys? _____ going to kick the balls toward you. Catch, kick, or block the balls as they come toward you. Good luck!"