

Grade 4 Vocabulary Boosters with Max and Pip

Learning objective: To improve vocabulary range by identifying synonyms, antonyms, and precise word choices suitable for Grade 4 writing.

Read the front of each card to identify the vocabulary challenge. Flip the card mentally (or check the answer provided) to see if you have chosen a strong, ambitious alternative or the correct definition to help improve your creative writing.

What is a synonym?

A word that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as another word (e.g., 'huge' and 'enormous').

What is an antonym?

A word that has the opposite meaning to another word (e.g., 'bright' and 'dull').

Provide a more ambitious synonym for the word 'said'.

Examples include: whispered, shouted, bellowed, muttered, declared, or remarked.

Max the monkey wants to replace 'good' in his sentence. Give two more precise adjectives.

Excellent, brilliant, superb, satisfactory, or magnificent.

Pip the caterpillar is describing a fast runner. What is an adverb that could modify 'ran'?

Quickly, rapidly, swiftly, or fleetly.

What does the word 'ambitious' mean in the context of vocabulary?

Using more sophisticated or advanced words to make your writing more interesting to the reader.

Find an antonym for the word 'ancient'.

Modern, new, recent, or contemporary.

Define the word 'precise'.

Clearly expressed or exact; using the perfect word for the specific situation.

Change 'The weather was bad' into a more descriptive sentence using a powerful adjective.

The weather was stormy / miserable / treacherous / gloomy.

What is a suffix?

A letter or group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning (e.g., -ful, -less, -ly).

Give a synonym for 'happy'.

Joyful, cheerful, ecstatic, jubilant, or content.

Why do we use a thesaurus?

To find synonyms for words and help us improve our vocabulary range in our writing.