

Year 6 Vocabulary Challenge: Mastering Synonyms and Antonyms

Learning objective: To improve vocabulary by identifying synonyms and antonyms, and understanding how to refine word choices for better descriptive writing.

Read each flashcard carefully. Try to think of the answer before checking the back. Use these terms to improve your creative writing tasks this term!

Synonym

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

Antonym

A word that means the opposite of another word (e.g., 'hot' and 'cold').

What is a more precise synonym for the word 'said' when writing a story?

Examples include: whispered, shouted, mumbled, declared, or remarked.

Formal language

Language used in official or serious situations, avoiding slang and contractions.

Informal language

Language used in everyday conversation with friends and family, often including slang and contractions.

Ambiguous

When a word or sentence has more than one possible meaning, making it unclear.

Prefix

A group of letters added to the beginning of a word to change its meaning (e.g., 'un-' in 'unhappy').

Suffix

A group of letters added to the end of a word to change its meaning or grammatical function (e.g., '-ness' in 'kindness').

Cohesion

The use of words or phrases to connect ideas within a paragraph or text so it flows logically.

Provide an antonym for the word 'generous'.

Stingy, selfish, or miserly.

What is the root word of 'disappointing'?

Point.

Give a formal synonym for 'get' in the context of receiving an item.

Obtain, acquire, or receive.