

# Synonyms and Antonyms

## Objective

Students will increase vocabulary by identifying synonyms and antonyms.

## Materials

Synonyms and Antonyms handout

## Overview

Explicitly model and provide multiple opportunities for practice with corrective feedback.

## Activity

1. Review the definitions and examples on the handout.
2. Explain the directions on the handout and model an example.
3. Have students complete the handout. Provide support as necessary.

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## Definitions

- **Synonym:** A word that has the same or similar meaning as another word (happy: cheerful, joyful, merry, untroubled)
- **Antonym:** A word that means the opposite of another word (happy: mad, sad, troubled, upset)

## Directions

Fill in the synonyms and antonyms for each word by using the words from word bank.

## Word Bank

kind  
mean

slow  
warm

frosty  
small

weak  
quick

powerful  
large

| Synonym | Word   | Antonym |
|---------|--------|---------|
|         | fast   |         |
|         | nice   |         |
|         | strong |         |
|         | big    |         |
|         | cold   |         |