

L.O. To be able to experiment with synonyms and antonyms.

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Once you've got that fantastically original and enjoyable story beautifully plotted, grab a thesaurus and add a dash of wordy wonder.

Party time!

Turn the volume up and put your class's favourite songs on shuffle. Why do the lyrics work? Would they still work if you changed the words? Each pupil takes their own story and tries to re-write it as a song. Are there any funny turned phrases they could steal back for their story?

What's the word?

Escape the thesaurus with a vocab duel. Set your class into pairs. Throw a word down every 60 seconds - each person in the pair takes it in turns to think of a synonym. Change things up by getting the class to think of antonyms. You could even get the winners of each pair to play each other.

Rap battles

Split your class into two teams or small groups. Each group gives themselves a rap-star name. On the spot of the clock, GO! Each group takes it in turns to describe a fairy tale in rap...

Footy fabulous

Sport's greatest commentators make brilliant sporting moments legendary. Clear the desks from the centre of your classroom to create a running strip. 5 pupils race to complete 5 lines of the poem - meanwhile, volunteers take it in turn to make up commentary on the race.

There once was a lady named Snow White who ate an apple that just wasn't right and when she woke she took a night to find her white shining light.

The crowd are on the pitch... They think it's all over... IT IS NOT! We'll have scoring in that goal he England in the 1966 world cup final

PLAYING WITH LANGUAGE WORKSHEET

Here are some more antonyms, challenge somebody in your class to take on a vocabulary duel with you!

Hot
Scorching
Blistering
Balmy
Muggy
Roasting
Stifling

Cold
Freezing
Frosty
Polar
Chilly
Harsh
Bleak

Big / Little
Old / Young
Dark / Light
Happy / Sad
Cowardly / Courageous

Child A

Child B

Player 1 Player 2 Player 1 Player 2

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What Are Synonyms and Antonyms?

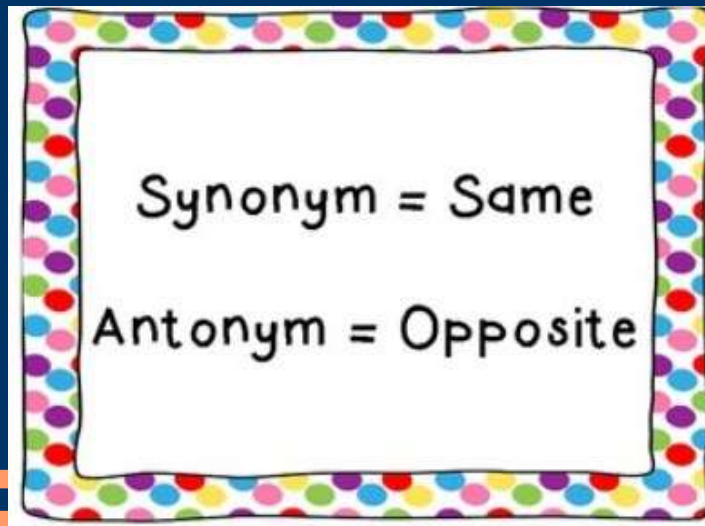
Can you write definitions for 'synonym' and 'antonym'?

synonym

(A synonym is a word that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as another word.)

antonym

(An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning to another word.)



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Synonyms and Antonyms

Sort these words into the correct place in the table below. They are all either a synonym or an antonym for the word **wonderful**.

Synonyms of wonderful	Antonyms of wonderful

amazing

awful

dreadful

nasty

horrendous

appalling

incredible

fantastic

unbelievable

astonishing



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Synonyms

Synonyms can be used to improve descriptions.

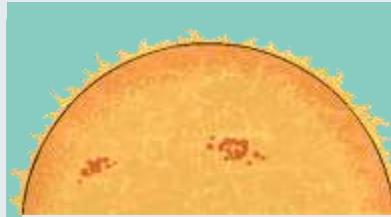
Replace the words that have been used to describe these pictures with an interesting synonym:



Elephant
(big)



Mouse
(small)



Sunny day
(hot)



Snowy day
(cold)



Child smiling
(happy)



Lady crying
(sad)

Can you use each of your words in an interesting sentence about each picture?

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Antonyms

Antonyms can be used to improve descriptions.

Replace the words that have been used to describe these pictures with an interesting antonym:



Child working
(easy)



Playing recorder
(difficult)



Bed
(soft)



Chair
(hard)



Light
(dark)



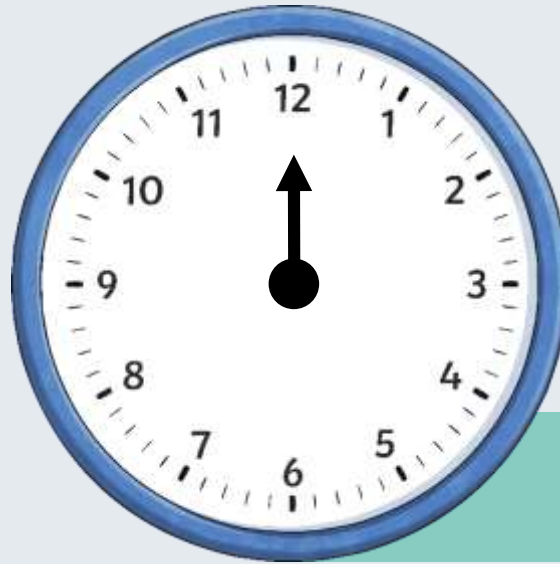
Tunnel
(bright)

Can you use each of your words in a interesting sentence about each picture?

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Synonyms

How many synonyms for the word **nice** can you think of in one minute?

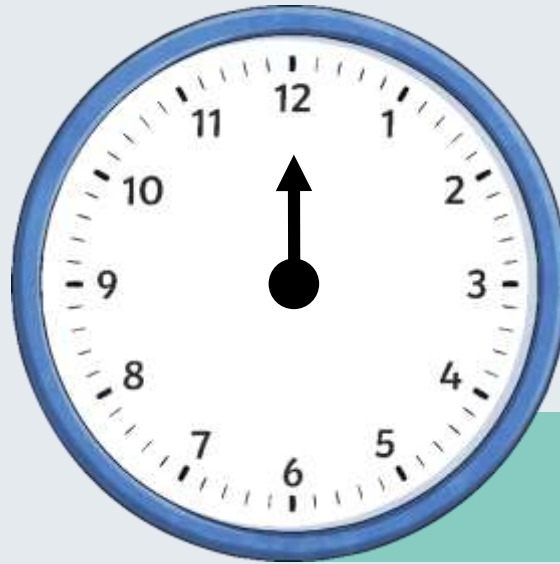


Start!

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Synonyms

Did you get any of these?



Start!

likeable

kindly

compassionate

amiable

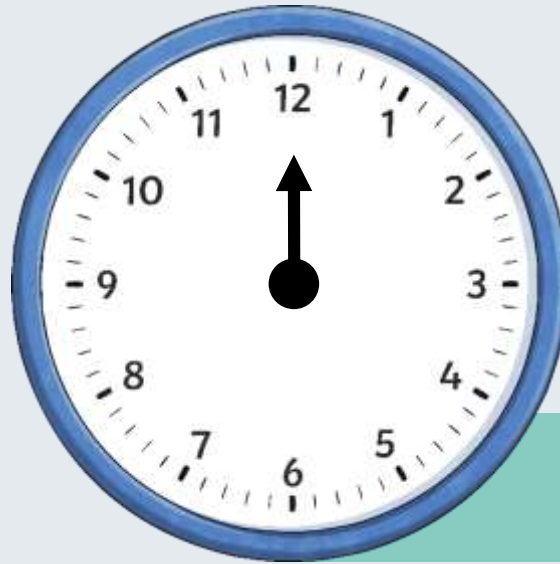
pleasant

genial

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Antonyms

How many antonyms for the word **happy** can you think of in one minute?

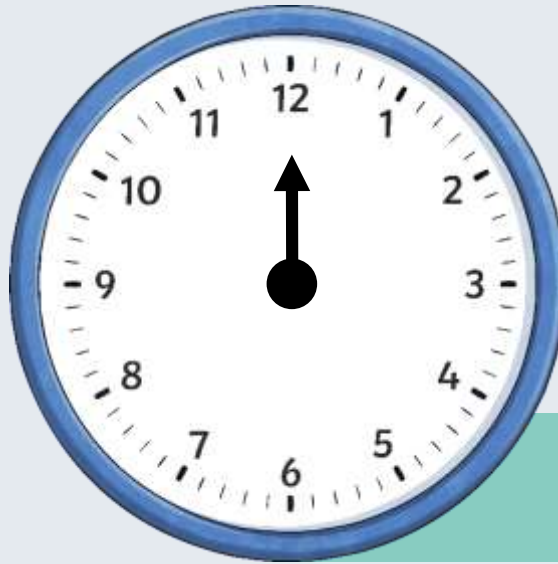


Start!

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Antonyms

Did you get any of these?



Start!

melancholy

sad

forlorn

gloomy

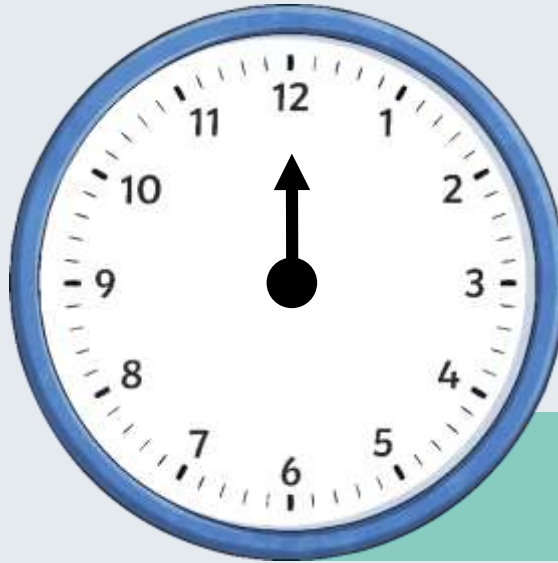
mournful

sorrowful

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Synonyms

How many synonyms for the word **angry** can you think of in one minute?

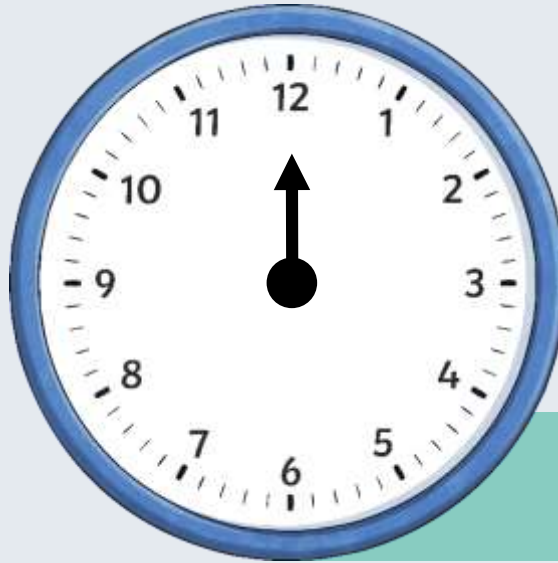


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Synonyms

Did you get any of these?



Start!

furious

cross

irate

indignant

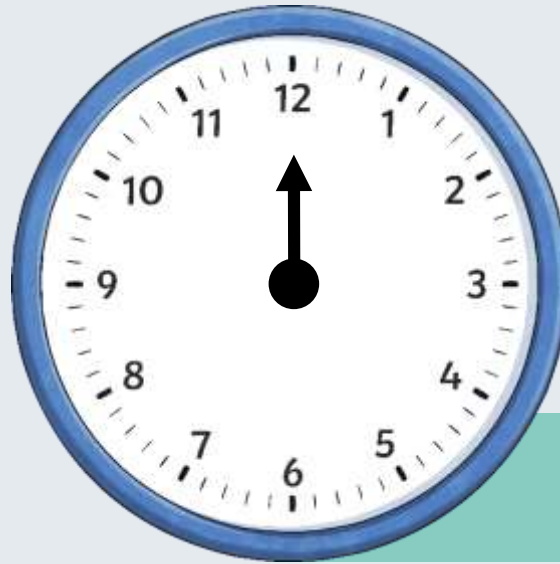
irritated

vexed

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Antonyms

How many antonyms for the word **quiet** can you think of in one minute?

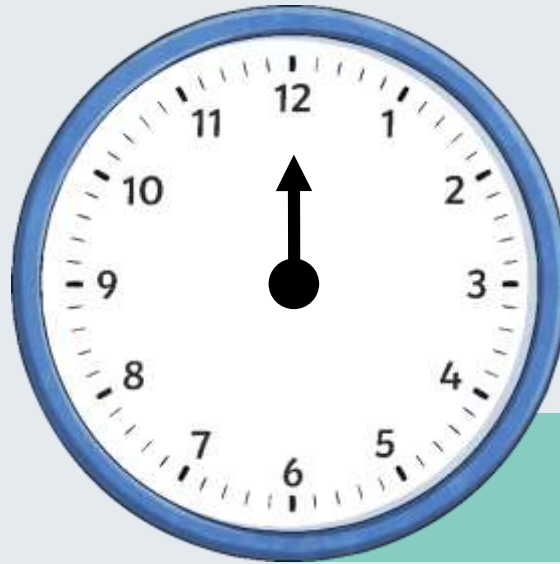


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Antonyms

Did you get any of these?



Start!

loud

deafening

piercing

ear-splitting

thunderous

raucous

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Quick Quiz

Join the words to a synonym:

unusual

beautiful

friendly

grumpy

excited

amiable

irritable

exquisite

exuberant

peculiar



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To do:

Complete the three tasks all to do with synonyms and antonyms.

Task 1 has three levels of challenge. Please choose the level you feel is appropriate for you.

Task 1- Choosing effective vocabulary.

Task 2 – Synonyms (Fill in the blanks)

Task 3 – Synonyms (Various challenges)