Synonyms

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Synonyms are words that mean the **same or nearly the same**: big = large = huge. Using synonyms makes writing more interesting.

Try it: swap the word in the sentence. If the meaning stays the same, you found a synonym.

1. Find the synonym

Circle the synonym of each word.



1. **quick** (a) fast (b) slow (c) late
2. **angry** (a) calm (b) furious (c) sleepy
3. **tiny** (a) huge (b) tall (c) little
4. **shout** (a) yell (b) whisper (c) listen
5. **begin** (a) finish (b) start (c) stop
6. **glad** (a) sad (b) happy (c) mad
7. **look** (a) stare (b) close (c) hide
8. **gift** (a) box (b) present (c) card

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2. Use a stronger word

Circle a synonym for the word in brackets that makes each sentence more exciting.

1. The dinosaur was (big). It was _____! — enormous | small | kind
2. I was (scared) during the storm. I was _____. — bored | terrified | sleepy
3. The cake tasted (good). It was _____. — delicious | awful | plain
4. The puppy (ran) across the yard. It _____. — sat | dashed | slept

Answer Key

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1. Find the synonym

1. quick	(a) **fast**	(b) slow	(c) late
2. angry	(a) calm	(b) **furious**	(c) sleepy
3. tiny	(a) huge	(b) tall	(c) **little**
4. shout	(a) **yell**	(b) whisper	(c) listen
5. begin	(a) finish	(b) **start**	(c) stop
6. glad	(a) sad	(b) **happy**	(c) mad
7. look	(a) **stare**	(b) close	(c) hide
8. gift	(a) box	(b) **present**	(c) card

2. Use a stronger word

1	The dinosaur was (big). It was **enormous**!	**enormous**	small	kind
2	I was (scared) during the storm. I was **terrified**.	bored	**terrified**	sleepy
3	The cake tasted (good). It was **delicious**.	**delicious**	awful	plain
4	The puppy (ran) across the yard. It **dashed**.	sat	**dashed**	slept