



Find the Right Words with TheSauruses



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Activity

Let's sharpen your thesaurus skills! Tell whether each pair of words are synonyms or antonyms.

1. cold, freezing _____
2. top, bottom _____
3. sink, float _____
4. windy, calm _____
5. ill, sick _____
6. friend, enemy _____
7. speedy, fast _____

Write one complete sentence that uses two antonyms. Write another complete sentence that uses two synonyms. For both sentences, choose words that are different from ones listed above.

(Answers: 1. synonyms, 2. antonyms, 3. antonyms, 4. antonyms, 5. synonyms, 6. antonyms, 7. synonyms)



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BIG

1. Use a ruler to draw a line down the center of a page in your notebook. You should now have two long boxes.
2. Write "Synonyms for Big" at the top of the box on the left.
3. Write "Antonyms for Big" at the top of the box on the right.

Look up the word "big." What does the thesaurus say? Does it tell you to "see" another word? If so, what did you find when you looked up that other word? Maybe it didn't tell you to "see" another word. Try looking up one of the synonyms or antonyms for "big." What new words did you discover? Enter those words in the boxes you made in your notebook.



humongous



capacious



commodious

Activity

Let's play a game of song synonyms using the nursery rhyme "Jack and Jill."

1. Write the words on the right on a page in your notebook. Put each word on a separate line, top to bottom.
2. Look up "hill" in an online thesaurus. Next to "hill" on your list, write a synonym you find.
3. Do the same for each word on the list. When you complete the list, put the synonyms into the spots where the original words were.
4. Then sing the song with the synonyms. It probably won't rhyme anymore. But you'll have lots of fun and learn a few new words, too!

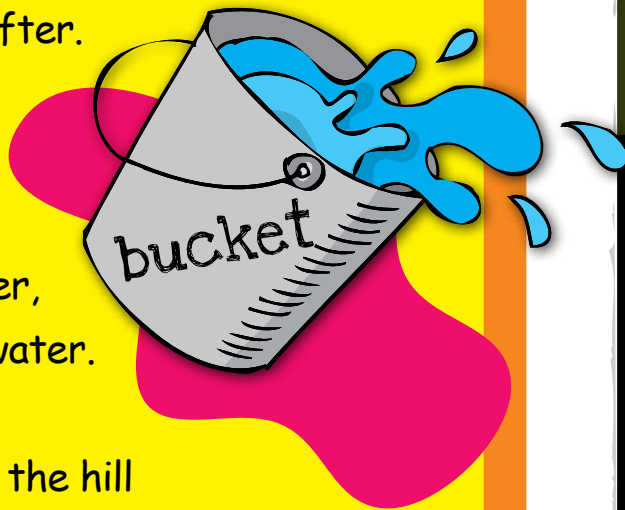
hill
fetch
pail
fell
broke
tumble
said

Here's *Jack and Jill*, just in case you forgot it:

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water.
Jack fell down and broke his crown,
And Jill came tumbling after.

Then up got Jack
And said to Jill,
As in his arms he took her,
Let's fetch that pail of water.

So Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch the pail of water,
And took it home to Mother dear,
Who thanked her son and daughter.



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