



Say It Again!

Often we get into the habit of using the same words over and over again. Synonyms are words that have similar meanings. Increase your vocabulary by deciphering the following references to well-known fairy tales and nursery rhymes. If you are not sure what some of the words mean, look them up in the dictionary or thesaurus to help you solve the rhyme. The first one has been done for you.

1. Unique Individual Mortally Injured in Fall

Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall

2. Serious Overcrowding Discovered in Unique Dwelling
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3. Remote Country Home Vandalized by Blonde
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4. Friendless Waif Adopted by Group of Miners
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5. Musical Feline, Amused Canine Witness Lunar Leap
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6. Couple Suffering Dietary Allergies Reach Agreement
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7. Elderly Housewife and Canine Pet Face Starvation
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8. Lovely Somnambulist Wakened by Royal Caress
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9. Rural Homemaker Terrorized by Sightless Rodents
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10. Shepherdess Proves Derelict in Her Duty
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In the following sentences, change each of the bold words to a new word that means the same thing or is its synonym.

11. Once **upon** a time, there were three bears. _____

12. They are trying to **locate** her mother. _____

13. He is a **vivacious** man who enjoys life. _____

14. The con artist was trying to **swindle** him. _____

15. They took a very **prudent** approach to the job. _____

Answer Key

Page 5 Getting to the Root

A.

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|-----------|----------|
| 1. law | 5. build |
| 2. polite | 6. power |
| 3. teach | 7. dream |
| 4. calm | 8. skate |

C.

- commotion—disturbance, turmoil
- mission—to send on assignment
- emotional—affected or stirred by emotion
- expose—to lay open
- commission—empower, authorize
- exposition—display

Page 6 Before and After

A. Answers will vary.

B. Answers will vary slightly.

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. kindly | 6. thoughtless |
| 2. bucketful | 7. breezy |
| 3. agreeable | 8. quietly |
| 4. careless | 9. permanently |
| 5. mountainous | 10. thoughtful |

Page 7 Twenty Questions

Suggested Answers

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|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. dirt | 11. connected |
| 2. automobile | 12. planned |
| 3. common center | 13. variety |
| 4. enclosure | 14. concealed information |
| 5. analogous | 15. associated |
| 6. found | 16. leaders |
| 7. artificial | 17. hallways |
| 8. Greek | 18. solely |
| 9. distinguished | 19. location |
| 10. completed | 20. federal |

The Pentagon

Page 8 Antonyms

Across

- common
- talkative
- flexible
- send

Down

- opaque
- stabilize
- tragic
- brief
- stingy

Page 9 Say it Again!

- Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears
- Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
- Hey Diddle Diddle, the Cat and the Fiddle
- Jack Sprat Could Eat No Fat
- Old Mother Hubbard
- Sleeping Beauty
- Three Blind Mice
- Little Bo Peep
- upon—on
- locate—find
- vivacious—lively
- swindle—deceive
- prudent—careful

Answers 11–15 may vary.

Page 10 Happenin' Homophones

First paragraph

- | | |
|-------------|---------------|
| inn-in | witch-which |
| too-to | wood-would |
| knew-new | affect-effect |
| four-for | half-have |
| band-banned | buy-by |
| bee-be | by-buy |

Second paragraph

- too—to
two—to
inn—in

Third paragraph

- their—they're
bee—be
find—fined

Page 11 Double Duty

Answers will vary.

Look for the correct usage of each word.

Page 12 Contraction Control

Answers will vary.

Dear Mom,

I'm writing to let you know that we miss you very much. We hope you are having a great time on your trip. Things haven't been the greatest around home. We have forgotten to set our alarm twice this week! Don't plan on finding the laundry done when you get home. We can't find the laundry detergent. Dad said that I shouldn't go to the gym with my friends, so that I can baby sit Sally when she gets out of school. Isn't that a bummer? Aren't you glad that you aren't here? How's Aunt Jen? She's one of my favorites, you know. I'm hoping that you are having fun without us. We've been realizing how much you do around here. We'll be there to pick you up at the airport on Saturday.

Love,

Your daughter

Page 13 What's in a Name?

- E, J, B, C, H, I, D, G, F, A
- Answers will vary.

Page 14 Cut to the Chase

A.

- ad
- burger
- sub
- fridge
- tux
- photo
- fan
- specs
- gym
- taxi, cab

B.

- memorandum
- graduate
- champion
- bicycle
- veterinarian
- trigonometry
- percolate, perquisite
- automobile
- mathematics
- convict

C. and D. Answers will vary.

Page 15 Compound Words

Answers may vary.

Page 16 Write On!

Answers may vary.

Page 17 Spelling Scavenger Hunt

- throwing of a person or thing out the window
- di-fal'-kāt
- Latin
- par-a-lan-guage
- (a) to have existence
(b) to have or acquire necessities of life
(c) to hold true
- noun

- eremitic, aeromedical eremitism
- 1748
- adjective
- summit

Page 18 Connotation and Denotation

A.

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. positive, negative | 4. negative, positive |
| 2. positive, negative | 5. positive, negative |
| 3. negative, positive | 6. positive, negative |

B. Answers will vary.

Page 19 It's All in the Spelling

A.

- seal
- dessert
- reed
- dinner
- chosen
- tease
- louse
- meat

B.

- dive
- cage
- next
- rent
- hut
- cave
- cove
- rate

Page 20 Plural Words

A.

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|--------------|---------------|
| 1. vetoes | 10. bunches |
| 2. histories | 11. teeth |
| 3. addresses | 12. lives |
| 4. churches | 13. messes |
| 5. mice | 14. companies |
| 6. potatoes | 15. inches |
| 7. leaves | 16. coaches |
| 8. deer | 17. beliefs |
| 9. worries | 18. thieves |

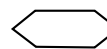
Page 22 Puzzling Vocabulary

Answers will vary.

Page 23 Geometrically Speaking



- angle—two lines joined together by a point



- hexagon—polygon with six sides



- rectangular prism—solid rectangular polygon



- perpendicular lines—two intersecting lines form right angle



- quadrilateral—polygon with four sides



- rhombus—parallelogram with equal sides



- parallelogram—two pairs of parallel sides



- obtuse triangle—triangle with one obtuse angle



- trapezoid—quadrilateral with one pair of parallel sides