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WORD STUDY ➤ **SYNONYMS AND ANTONYMS**

A **synonym** is a word that means exactly or nearly the same as another word. For example, the words *close* and *near* both mean “at or within a short distance.”

An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite of another word. For example, the word *far*, meaning “distant,” is the opposite of *close* or *near*.

A. DIRECTIONS: In each of the following items, think about the meaning of the italicized word. Then, circle or highlight the synonym of that word below. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. I love carrots, especially when they are at the *top* of their freshness.

- a) peak b) end c) lead

2. Yanni has the *best* handwriting.

- a) largest b) first c) clearest

3. Zina always tries to be *calm* when she sees a spider.

- a) wishy-washy b) still c) drained

4. Mrs. Olsen always *ambles* when she gets to the hill.

- a) overcomes b) walks c) slouches

B. DIRECTIONS: For each item, write an antonym of the italicized word from Part A and then use it in a sentence. Use a dictionary to help you.

1. **top** Antonym: _____

2. **best** Antonym: _____

3. **calm** Antonym: _____

4. **ambles** Antonym: _____

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A. DIRECTIONS: Select the correct antonym of the italicized word or words to complete each sentence. Use a dictionary if necessary.

1. Their dog always found a new garden to *destroy*. (create/ruin)
2. Crystal was *foolish* to tease the cat; she got scratched. (wise/silly)
3. Barry *reaped* many rewards from volunteering. (lost/received)
4. My cousin *abstained from* contact sports. (disapproved of/participated in)

B. DIRECTIONS: For each item, write a synonym of the italicized word from Part A and then use it in a sentence. Use a dictionary to help you.

1. **destroy** Synonym: _____

2. **foolish** Synonym: _____

3. **reaped** Synonym: _____

4. **abstained (from)** Synonym: _____

C. DIRECTIONS: Using a dictionary, provide a synonym and antonym for the following words.

1. **wary** Synonym: _____ Antonym: _____
2. **self-sufficient** Synonym: _____ Antonym: _____
3. **succeed** Synonym: _____ Antonym: _____
4. **humble** Synonym: _____ Antonym: _____
5. **remain** Synonym: _____ Antonym: _____