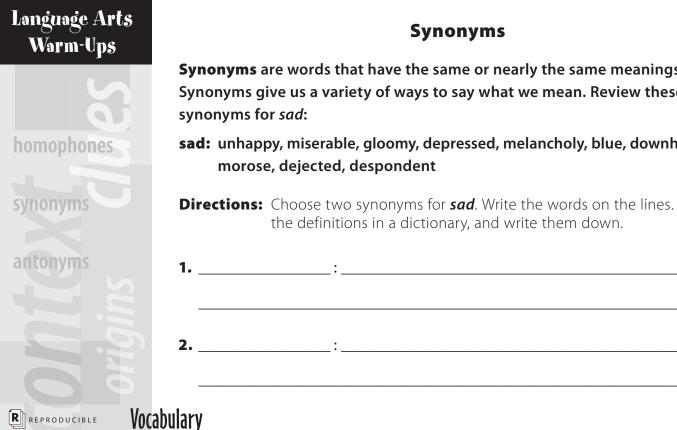
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Homophones

Homophones are words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings. Review the definitions of this set of homophones: altar: (noun) a ceremonial table alter: (verb) to change

Directions: Complete the paragraph below with the correct homophones.

It was my mother's job to prepare the ______ in church. She placed two candles and a book on the ______. Another church member said, "I have to ask you to ______ that arrangement. We need to place this vase on the ______ as well." My mother did ______ the set up, and it looked great!



Synonyms

Synonyms are words that have the same or nearly the same meanings. Synonyms give us a variety of ways to say what we mean. Review these synonyms for sad:

sad: unhappy, miserable, gloomy, depressed, melancholy, blue, downhearted, morose, dejected, despondent

Directions: Choose two synonyms for **sad**. Write the words on the lines. Look up the definitions in a dictionary, and write them down.

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Suffixes

A **suffix** is a part of a word that comes after the root, at the end of the word. Suffixes have meanings that can add information to the root, change the meaning of the word, or change the word's part of speech. The **suffix** –*ize* means "to cause" or "to become." Review the definitions of these words:

antagonize: to cause a person to become angryauthorize: to give power topopularize: to cause to become popular

Directions: Write a sentence using one of the words above.



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Context Clues

Sometimes the meaning of an unknown word will be restated in a sentence or in the following sentence. Phrases like in other words or that is will be used to give the definition. The definition might also follow the word, set off by commas. **Directions:** Use context clues to determine the meanings of the bold words in the following passages.

- 1. Before our band performs, we always have a **rehearsal**. That is, we go over all the songs and dances. Meaning:
- 2. The man claiming to be the inventor was an **impostor**. In other words, he was not the actual man who made the machine. Meaning:
- 3. Few visitors to the Grand Canyon can **conceal**, or hide, their amazement at the scenery. Meaning:

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