

## Overview Synonyms and Antonyms

### Directions and Sample Answers for Activity Pages

<b>Day 1</b>	See "Provide a Real-World Example" below.
<b>Day 2</b>	Read aloud the title and directions. Help students read the sentences. Remind them that synonyms are words that have the same or almost the same meaning. Guide them to find a synonym for each underlined word and write it on the line.
<b>Day 3</b>	Read aloud the title and directions. Remind students that antonyms are words with opposite meanings. Guide them to find the word that completes each sentence.
<b>Day 4</b>	Read aloud the title and directions. Divide the class into pairs. Guide pairs to choose a game board. Remind them that when marking <b>X</b> or <b>O</b> they also write a synonym or antonym. Have pairs share their synonyms and antonyms with the rest of the class after they play.
<b>Day 5</b>	Read the directions aloud. Allow time for students to complete the task. Afterward, meet individually with students to discuss their results. Use their responses to plan further instruction and review.

### Provide a Real-World Example

- ◆ Stand in front of the class and rub your stomach. **Say:** *I am starving!* Write **starving** on chart paper. Ask students what words mean the same as **starving**. Write students' responses on the chart paper under the heading "Synonyms." **Say:** *Words with the same or almost the same meaning are called synonyms. Some synonyms for **starving** include **hungry** and **famished**. Write **hungry** and **famished** on the chart paper.*
- ◆ Now **say:** *When you do feel hungry, I encourage you to eat healthy food. I discourage you from eating junk food.* Write **encourage** and **discourage** on the chart paper under the heading "Antonyms." Invite students to suggest what these words mean. Then **say:** ***Encourage** means "to support someone to do something," and **discourage** means "to try to convince or persuade someone not to do something." The prefix **dis-** means "not" and is a clue that **discourage** is the opposite of **encourage**. Words that have opposite meanings, such as **encourage** and **discourage**, are called antonyms.*
- ◆ Hand out the Day 1 activity page. Read aloud the title and directions. Then read the first word pair. **Say:** ***Agree** means to have the same opinion or feel the same way as someone else. When I disagree with someone, it means I do not have the same opinion or feel the same way. These words are opposites, or antonyms. Check antonym.* Read aloud the second word pair. **Say:** *Generous people give their time and/or money to help others. So, generous and giving must mean the same thing. Check synonym.*

