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Add Interest With Synonyms

Synonyms are two words that mean the same or nearly the same as each other. You can use synonyms for over-used or "tired" words in your writing to add interest to what you are saying.

Read the paragraph below. The numbered words in bold print are over-used words. Think of a synonym you could use to replace each tired word to add interest. Write the word on the corresponding numbered line. The first one has been done for you.

Jennifer and Laritza had a **nice**[1] day at school. In the morning, they listened as their teacher read a **nice**[2] story. The work was **hard**[3] during math because they had just started learning a new skill. The teacher was **happy**[4] with their progress. It was a **nice**[5] day, so they were able to play soccer outside for P.E. The class was **happy**[6] when the teacher said they would have a party that afternoon. Jennifer was excited about the party, but Laritza did not want to go to the party. She was **tired**[7] because she did not sleep well the night before. She stayed in at recess and made a **pretty**[8] sign while the other children played outside. She used **big**[9] letters to write the word "celebrate." She even drew butterflies with **small**[10] dots on their wings. Jennifer came back a few minutes later to help her. Together, they colored the pictures and letters that Laritza had drawn. When the other students came back in after recess, they all agreed it was a **nice**[11] sign. The teacher put it up on the board in the front of the room. Then she passed out some **good**[12] cookies. She told them they were celebrating because they did a **good**[13] job on their recent test. She was **happy**[14] they did well.

1. **pleasant**	8. _____
2. _____	9. _____
3. _____	10. _____
4. _____	11. _____
5. _____	12. _____
6. _____	13. _____
7. _____	14. _____

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