



Polly's pointers:

A **synonym** is a word that means nearly the **same** as another word. Example: parrot—macaw

Write a synonym for each adjective in the crossword puzzle.  
Choose synonyms from the Word Bank.

WORD BANK

BROAD	CLEVER	FAMOUS	FAST
HOMELY	HUGE	LOVELY	NICE
NOISY	OLD	PESKY	POLITE
SHY	SILENT	SIMPLE	SNUG
STIFF	STRANGE	THIN	TINY

ACROSS

1. unusual
4. skinny
6. troublesome
10. beautiful
11. pleasant
12. rigid
15. smart
16. loud
17. quick
18. cozy

**STRANGE** (Across 1)

**THIN** (Down 12)

**TINY** (Across 10)

**FAST** (Across 15)

**SHY** (Down 17)

DOWN

2. small
3. reserved
5. enormous
6. courteous
7. ugly
8. ancient
9. easy
12. still
13. well-known
14. wide



Write two sentences using two adjectives from the ACROSS list.  
Then write two more sentences using two adjectives from the DOWN list.



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An **antonym** is a word that means nearly the **opposite** of another word. Examples: up—down, in—out.

Alex and Alice are twins, but they are very different. Alex wrote the following paragraph. Alice went to the same carnival, but she had the opposite impressions and experiences there. Replace each adjective in parentheses with an antonym. Rewrite the paragraph from Alice's point of view.

The (past) \_\_\_\_\_ school carnival was (boring) \_\_\_\_\_. It was held in the (old) \_\_\_\_\_ school gymnasium. Booths lined the (north) \_\_\_\_\_ wall. The (last) \_\_\_\_\_ game I played was the dart game. I won a (big) \_\_\_\_\_ toy monkey. Then I saw a (weak) \_\_\_\_\_ man try to lift a 500-pound weight. It wasn't (easy) \_\_\_\_\_ for him to do. I took (a few) \_\_\_\_\_ turns at Ring Toss. I won an (ugly) \_\_\_\_\_, (black) \_\_\_\_\_ bear. In the (late) \_\_\_\_\_ afternoon, I decided to buy some (cold) \_\_\_\_\_ popcorn. It had a (terrible) \_\_\_\_\_ taste. I am (sad) \_\_\_\_\_ that I went to the school carnival.



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**Homonyms** are words that **sound alike**, but they are spelled differently and they have different meanings.

Circle the correct word in each parentheses.

Alex asked, "Alice, have you (seen, scene) my (knew, new) (bare, bear) that I (won, one) at the carnival?"

"(Know, No) I haven't," answered Alice. "Did you ask Mom if she (knows, nose) where it is? Could it (be, bee) behind the (blue, blew) (pale, pail) in your closet?"

"I'll look (there, they're)," replied Alex, opening the closet door. "I (sea, see) a (pair, pear) of sneakers, a (read, red) sweater, and the pajamas (Aunt, Ant) Betty gave me. There are (two, too) many things in (hear, here)! (I'll, Aisle) have to clean out the closet."

An (our, hour) later, Alex was finished. "(Your, You're) closet looks (grate, great)!" said Alice. "I'm sorry you didn't find your (bare, bear), but you did find your closet floor!"

# Same—Synonyms

Many words in English have the same meaning or almost the same meaning. These words with similar meanings are called **synonyms**. In each box below, underline the words that are synonyms.

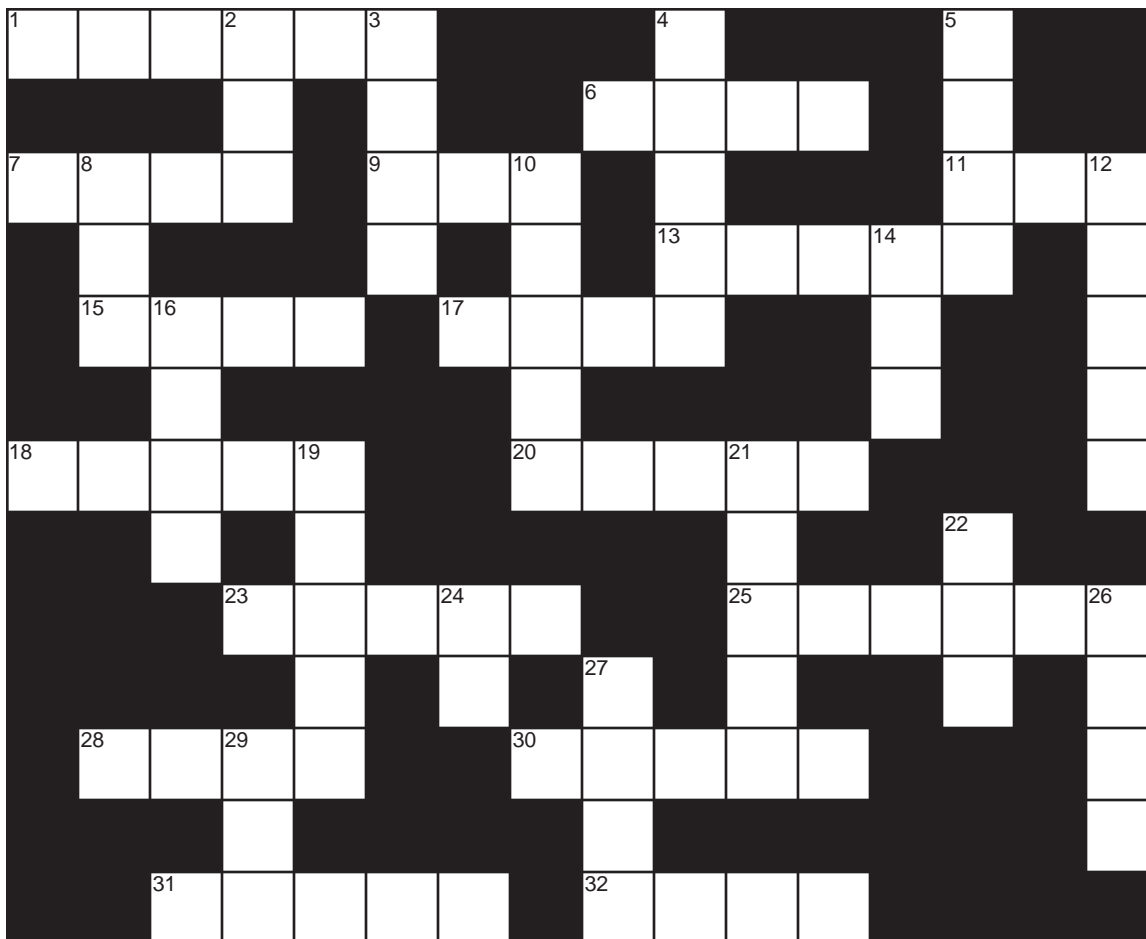
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weak strong powerful	loud quiet silent	happy sad joyful	huge big small
young youthful old	slow rapid quick	odd unusual same	protect defend attack
crawl run dash	giggle cry laugh	under below high	cheerful happy sorrowful
early tardy late	wet dry rainy	false real true	stone rock rubber



Pick a paragraph from one of your favorite books. Write down ten words from the paragraph. Next, think of two synonyms for each word and write them down. Use a thesaurus if you need help.

# Opposites—Antonyms

Words that are opposite in meaning are called **antonyms**. To solve this puzzle, write antonyms for words listed below.



## ACROSS

- 1. enemy
- 6. difficult
- 7. soft
- 9. lose
- 11. stand
- 13. dwarf
- 15. unfinished
- 17. low
- 18. here
- 20. old
- 23. back
- 25. sky
- 28. beautiful
- 30. clean
- 31. asleep
- 32. bad

## DOWN

- 2. beginning
- 3. up
- 4. cry
- 5. first
- 8. subtract
- 10. quiet
- 12. thin
- 14. old
- 16. close
- 19. late
- 21. day
- 22. in
- 24. yes
- 26. shiny
- 27. queen
- 29. high