

# CHRYSANTHEMUM

Synonyms

Synonyms are words that mean the same or almost the same as each other.

Read the following sentences.

Rewrite each sentence using a synonym for the underlined word.

Choose your synonym from the box.

totally  
sagged

jealous  
whole

picked  
bit

hardly  
horrible

funny  
skinny

1. She thought it was absolutely dreadful.

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2. That's exactly half as many letters as there are in the entire alphabet.

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3. "And envious and begrudging and discontented and jaundiced," said her father.

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4. Chrysanthemum felt a trifle better after her favourite dessert.

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5. Victoria picked her and plucked the leaves and petals one by one until there was nothing left but a scrawny stem.

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6. It scarcely fits on your name tag.

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7. Chrysanthemum wilted.

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8. "What's so humourous?" asked Mrs. Twinkle.

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Personal Reflections

- Victoria informed Mrs. Chud that Chrysanthemum's name had 13 letters. Chrysanthemum wishes she could change her name. If you were Mrs. Chud, how would you have made Chrysanthemum feel better?

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- Look in a book of flowers. List 10 names of flowers you feel would be good as people's names. Put a star beside the name if you know someone with that name.

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_



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Comparisons

Illustrate Chrysanthemum's favourites.  
Illustrate your favourites.

Chrysanthemum's Favourite Dinner

My Favourite Dinner

Chrysanthemum's Favourite Dessert

My Favourite Dessert

Chrysanthemum's Favourite Game

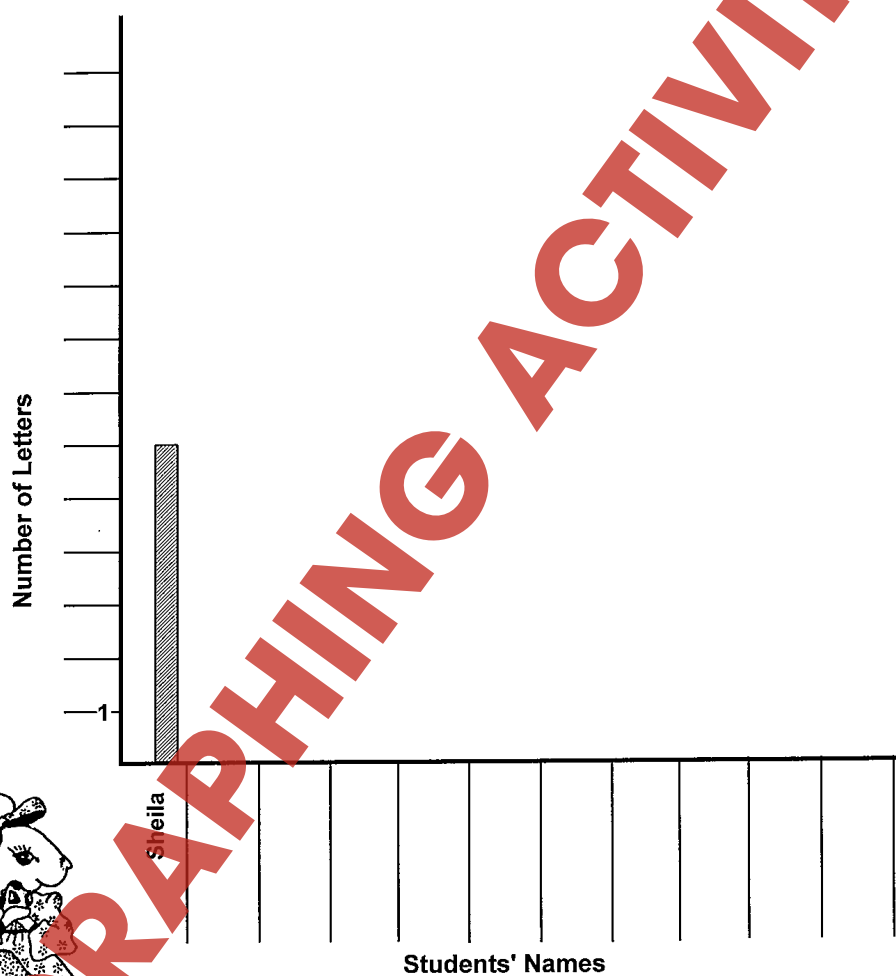
My Favourite Game



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Mathematics/Graphing

Choose 10 students' names in your class.  
Make a graph to show the total number of letters in their first names.  
(for example, Sheila=6; Zachary=7).



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Comprehension  
Noting Detail

Who Did It?

Fill in the blank with the name of the character who did each action.

mother	Chrysanthemum	Jo	father
Mrs. Chud	Mrs. Twinkle	Rita	Victoria

- One night \_\_\_\_\_ dreamed her name was Jane.
- \_\_\_\_\_ took roll call.
- \_\_\_\_\_ said she would change her name if she had a name like Chrysanthemum.
- \_\_\_\_\_ had a voice like something out of a dream.
- \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen to be the Butterfly Princess.
- \_\_\_\_\_ wanted to be called Marigold.
- Her \_\_\_\_\_ said her name was precious and priceless and fascinating and winsome.
- On the day she was born, her \_\_\_\_\_ said she was perfect.



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Art Expression

"Chrysanthemum loved the way her name looked when it was written with ink on an envelope. She loved the way it looked when it was written with icing on her birthday cake. And she loved the way it looked when she wrote it herself with her fat orange crayon."

Using different media, write "Chrysanthemum" 3 different ways (e.g. glitter and glue, sand, yarn, Cheerios, bingo dabbers...)



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Problem Solving

1. Draw 7 pockets.  
Put 3 items in each pocket.  
Give a number sentence for your picture.

2. Draw 7 pockets.  
Put 2 items in each pocket. If you took out 3 items, how many would you have left?

3. Draw 7 pockets. You have a total of 35 items in your pockets. If each pocket has the same number of items, how many items are in each pocket?

4. Chrysanthemum put 1 item in her first pocket, and then added 1 more to each pocket so the second pocket had 2 items, the third pocket had 3 items, and so on. Follow this pattern to find how many items she has altogether.



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Poetry—Acrostic

An acrostic poem has the first letter of each line form a word which is the subject of the poem. The words on each line describe the subject. These lines may or may not rhyme.

Read the acrostic poem about Kevin Henkes.

He's an author.  
Entertains us with  
Nice mice characters.  
Kevin is his first name.  
Every story is great  
Such fun to read!

Make up an acrostic poem for Chrysanthemum.

C \_\_\_\_\_  
H \_\_\_\_\_  
R \_\_\_\_\_  
Y \_\_\_\_\_  
S \_\_\_\_\_  
A \_\_\_\_\_  
N \_\_\_\_\_  
T \_\_\_\_\_  
H \_\_\_\_\_  
E \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_  
U \_\_\_\_\_  
M \_\_\_\_\_



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Descriptive Writing

"That night Chrysanthemum dreamed that her name was Jane. It was an extremely pleasant dream."

Describe an extremely pleasant dream that you have had.



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Expository Writing

Choose your favourite flower.

Draw a picture of it.

Tell why it is your favourite flower from all the rest.



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Word Study

- Chrysanthemum's father uses four words to describe her name. These describing words are called **adjectives**. Make a list of these words. Beside each **adjective** write something else that could be described by that word.

<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	

- Think up words you could spell using the letters in the name **Chrysanthemum**.  
 Score: 3 letter words – 2 points  
 4-letter words – 3 points  
 5-letters or more – 5 points

3 Letters	4 Letters	5 Letters



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## Answer Sheet

### Synonyms

- hardly
- sagged
- totally horrible
- whole
- jealous
- bit
- picked
- funny

### Word Study

- precious, priceless, fascinating, winsome
- ant, man, the, try, cry, my, crash, cash, anthem, thy, them, hem, cream, than, shame, came
- names could include Rose, Dahlia, Petunia, Lily, Tulip, Violet, Daisy, Marigold, Hyacinth, Zinnia, Iris

### Comparisons

- Dinner: macaroni and cheese with ketchup;  
 Dessert: chocolate cake with buttercream frosting  
 Game: Parcheesi

### Comprehension/Noting Detail:

- Chrysanthemum
- Mrs. Chud
- Victoria
- Mrs. Twinkle
- Rita
- mother
- father
- mother



# ANSWER KEY

