



## Writing Tip

Using synonyms is a good way to add interest to what you write.

## Extra

A *thesaurus* is a book filled with synonyms. Look at one in your library or at home. Ask an adult to show you the best way to use it.

## Pre-Activity



The water sparkled and the sky glowed as the small boats sailed into the little harbor at sunset.

Can you find two pairs of words that mean about the same in the sentence above? Try to think of a third synonym for each.

## Activity

**A.** Match each word with a synonym.

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| 1. big   | a. silent  |
| 2. thin  | b. large   |
| 3. old   | c. noisy   |
| 4. quiet | d. chilly  |
| 5. loud  | e. slender |
| 6. cold  | f. ancient |

**B.** Circle the word that means the same as the underlined word.

- Every day, the mailman comes exactly at noon.  
late    precisely    early
- For dinner, Brian often eats two bean burritos.  
consumes    pinches    heats
- It was the bank's error, not Susie's.  
estimate    candy    mistake

## Post-Activity

Work with a partner. Each should list at least five words to describe a sunset. Then compare lists. Do your lists include synonyms?

## Pre-Activity

She went up the stairs after I came down.  
Which two words have opposite meanings? Think  
of five other pairs of opposites.

## Activity

**A.** Match each picture with the word.

1. leaves



2. enters



3. overflowing



4. empty



5. midnight



6. noon



**B.** Complete using the words from above.

Mr. Yuctan always dreams around \_\_\_\_\_.

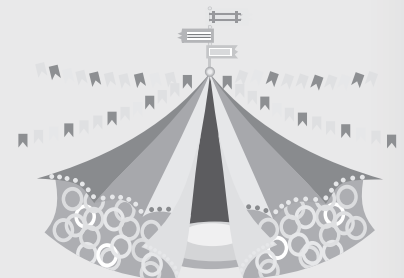
He \_\_\_\_\_ his office with a smile. At  
\_\_\_\_\_ he daydreams while he eats lunch.

Later, when Mr. Yuctan \_\_\_\_\_ work,  
he puts on a smile and a red nose. His head is  
\_\_\_\_\_ with funny ideas. Then he walks  
into an \_\_\_\_\_ tent, waiting for the  
audience so he can begin his clown act.



## Grammar Connection

*Antonyms* are  
words with opposite  
meanings.





## Pre-Activity

Imagine that someone asked you how to get from where you are sitting right now to the lunchroom. What directions would you tell them? Do you know about directions on a map? Which way is north? Which is the opposite of north?

## Activity

**A.** Complete each sentence with a “direction” word from the word bank.

left	right	above	below
south	north	east	west

1. Florida is \_\_\_\_\_ New York.
2. California is to the \_\_\_\_\_ of Texas.
3. You must travel \_\_\_\_\_ to get from Florida to New York.
4. California is in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**B.** Use each of the leftover words from Activity A’s word bank in a sentence.

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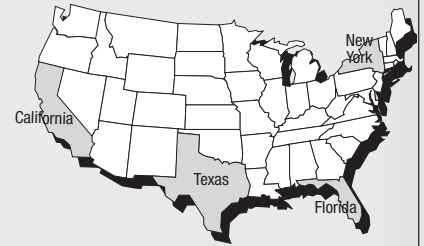
## Post-Activity

Play a direction game with some friends. Take turns calling out commands about where to move. For example, “Move two steps to the right.” Yell the directions quickly, so that everyone has to think fast. If someone follows directions incorrectly, he or she is “out.”



## Grammar Connection

*Antonyms* are words that mean the opposite. Nearly every word that tells direction has an antonym.



## Extra

Ask a family member to make a list of ten direction words. See if you can think of an antonym and a synonym for each of the words.