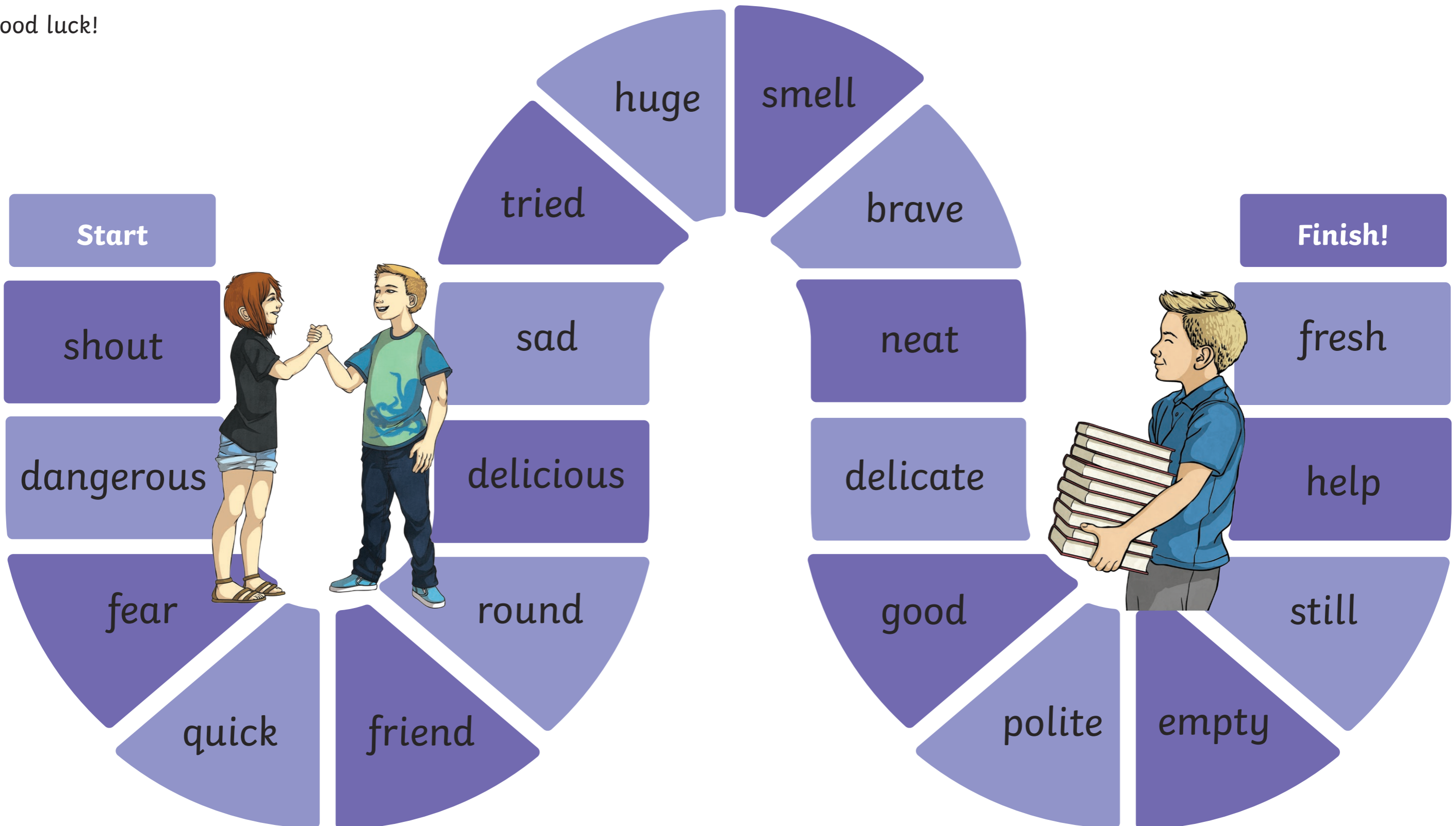


Synonyms Game 1

Instructions:

Use counters and a dice to play this fun synonyms game. Each player rolls the dice and moves their counter along the board. Each time a player lands on a word, they must give a synonym for that word. For example, if you land on 'tiny', then a synonym could be 'small', 'mini', 'minute', etc.

Good luck!

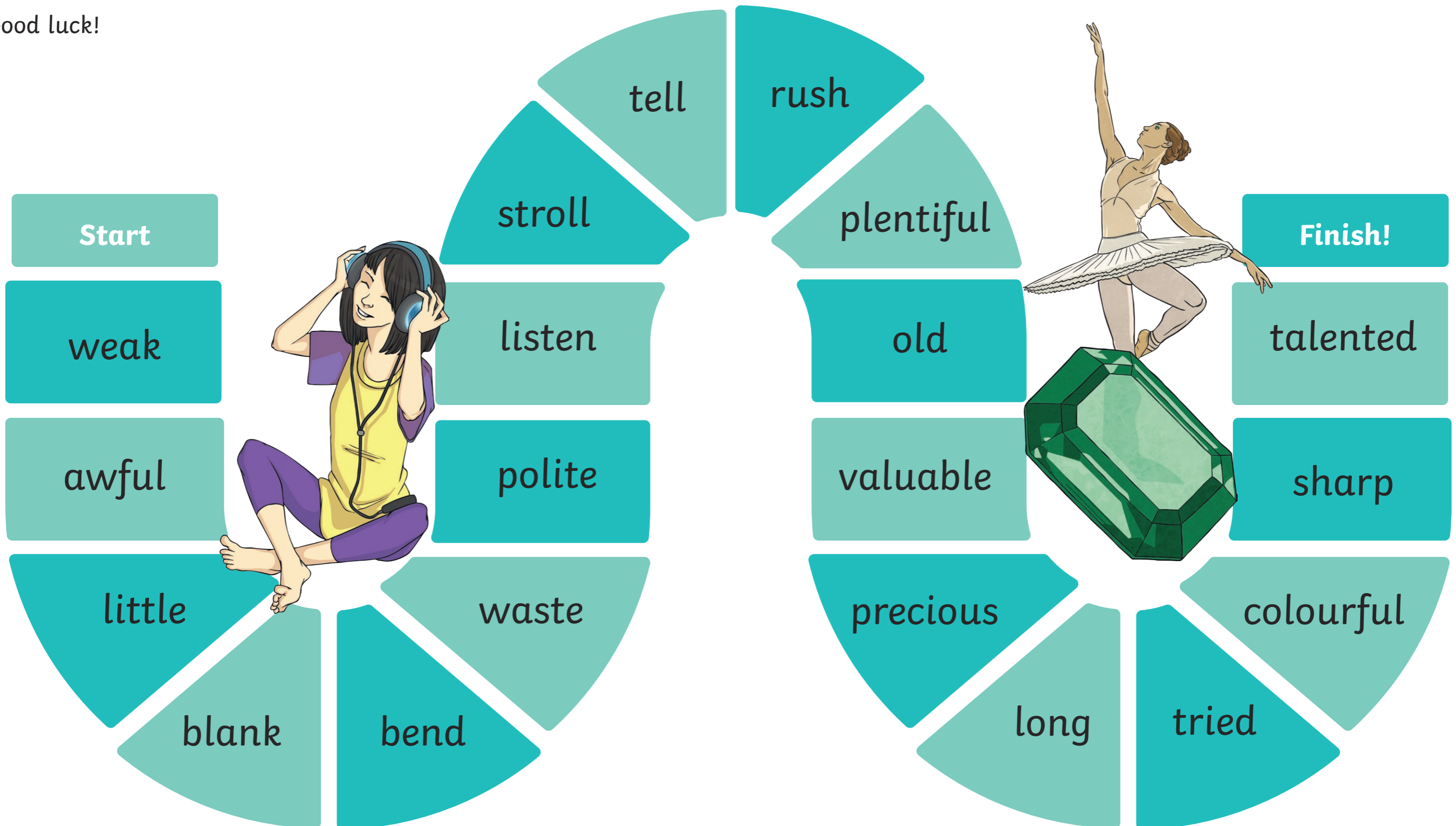


Synonyms Game 2

Instructions:

Use counters and a dice to play this fun synonyms game. Each player rolls the dice and moves their counter along the board. Each time a player lands on a word, they must give a synonym for that word. For example, if you land on 'big', then a synonym could be 'massive', 'large', 'gigantic', etc.

Good luck!



Synonyms Card Sorting Game

Option A

Give each table a full set of cards and ask them to sort the cards according to groups of words that are synonyms. Set B contains extra words that are more challenging, these can be added to Set A for higher ability children.

Option B

Give each child in the class a word card. They need to walk around the room and get into groups by finding children with words that are synonyms of their word. Give higher ability children cards from set B.

stink

reek

scent

odour

whiff

small

little

tiny

petite

microscopic

shiny

glossy

glittering

sparkling

glistening

sad

unhappy

depressed

miserable

tearful

happy

glad

cheerful

jolly

joyful

big

huge

massive

large

enormous

burnished

glimmering

lustrous

dejected

minute

trifling

modest

wee

diminutive

minuscule

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elated

vast

gargantuan

immense

contented

ecstatic

jubilant

merry

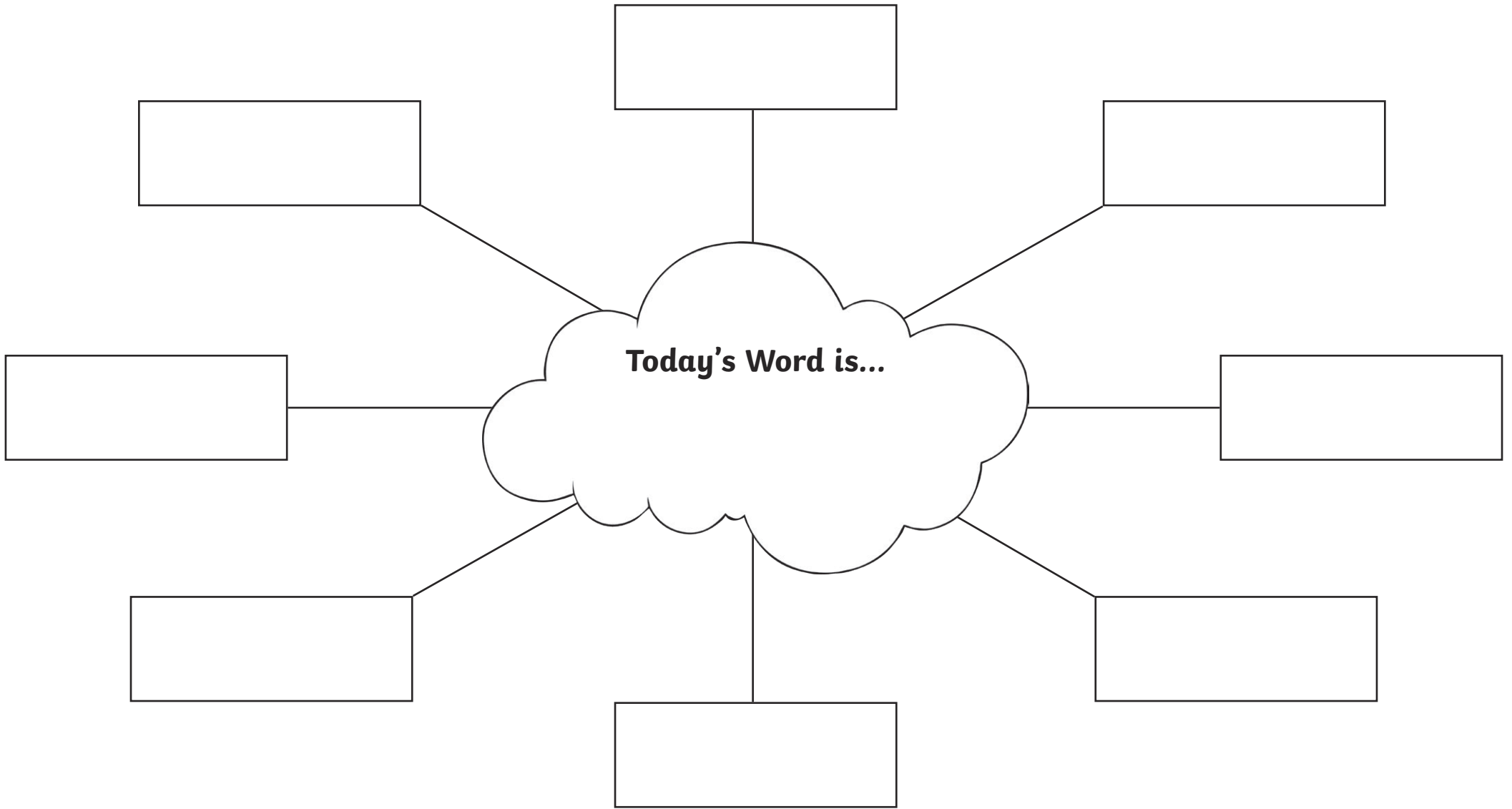
gloomy

desolate

delighted

pleased

Thesaurus Challenge



Thesaurus Skills



Choose three words from your book and write them down below. Using a thesaurus, find synonyms and antonyms of the words and write them in the correct column.



1)		2)		3)	
synonyms	antonyms	synonyms	antonyms	synonyms	antonyms
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Thesaurus Skills

Use your thesaurus to find four synonyms for each of these words.

clever		funny	
old		difficult	

Now, use your thesaurus to find a synonym for the bold words in these sentences. Rewrite the sentences containing your new synonyms below.

1. The chocolate bar was **tasty**.

2. I went to an **amazing** carnival last weekend.

Thesaurus Skills

Use your thesaurus to find appropriate synonyms for the words in bold. Rewrite the sentences containing your chosen synonym below.

1. The chocolate bar was **tasty**.

2. I went to an **amazing** carnival last weekend.

3. The appearance of the tropical fish was **striking**.

4. The **smell** from the bakery made my mouth water.

5. The atmosphere in the meeting was very **tense**.

Now, use your thesaurus to find **two** new synonyms for this sentence, making sure that you keep the sentence's intended meaning.

1. The **bitter** sherbet made me **grimace**.

Thesaurus Skills

Use your thesaurus to find appropriate synonyms for the words in bold. Rewrite the sentences containing your chosen synonyms below.

1. My eyes started to **smart** from the smoke.

2. She had to **crane** her neck to see the screen.

3. The crumbling **bark** almost peeled from the tree.

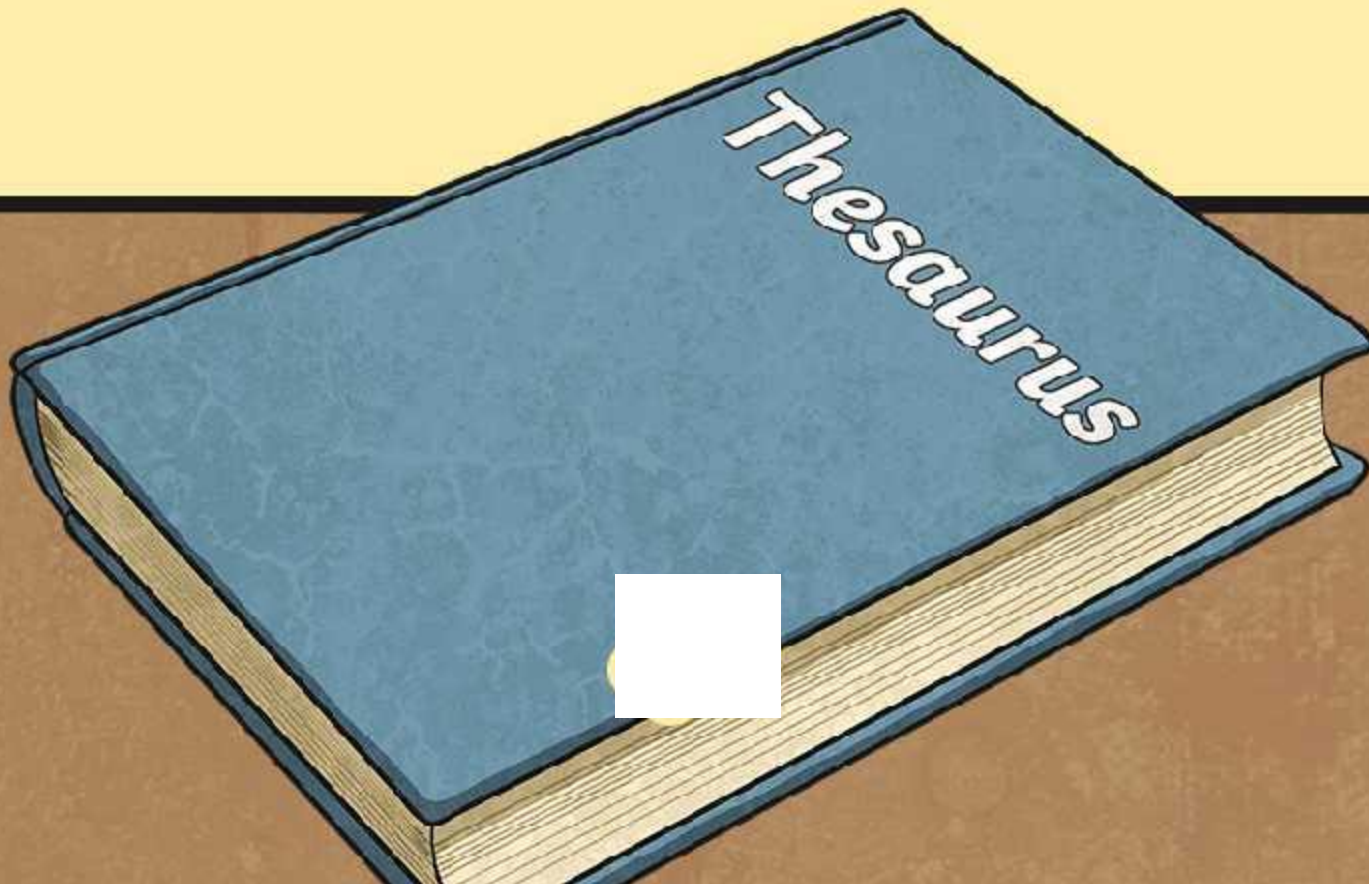
4. In the bad weather, a wrong decision would be **costly**.

5. "That's too **weak!**" said Mum about her cup of tea.

Now, use your thesaurus to find two new synonyms for any words in this sentence. Make sure that you keep the sentence's intended meaning.

1. Blaring horns raged as numerous vehicles sat in a jam.

Thesaurus Skills



Quick Comparison

What is a **dictionary**?



What is a **thesaurus**?



What is the difference between them?



Quick Comparison

A **dictionary** is a book which lists words and tells you what they mean.



A **thesaurus** is a book which lists words and gives alternative words which mean the same thing.



If you want to know what a word means, you would check a dictionary.

If you want to find a synonym for a word you already know the meaning of, you would check a thesaurus.

Alphabetical Order

Just like a dictionary, a thesaurus is in **alphabetical order**. This makes it easy to find the word you already know.

How long will it take you to find these words in your thesaurus?

sad

lonely

excited



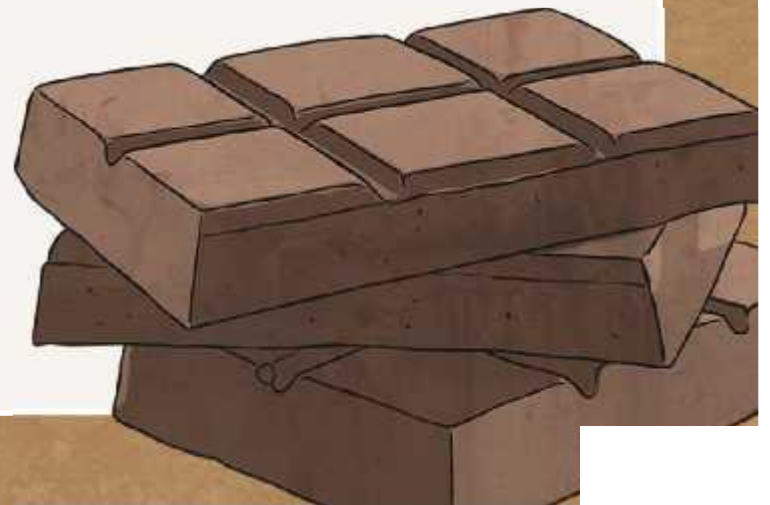
Using a Thesaurus

When using a thesaurus, you should only use words you **understand the meaning of** and which **fit the sentence** they will be used in.

For example, a heart is 'a hollow muscular organ that pumps blood'. However...

I love chocolate cake with my whole **hollow muscular organ**.

...would not be a good sentence. Just because two words or phrases may mean the same, they may not always be the correct choice for your writing.



Finding a Synonym

Use your thesaurus to find a synonym for the adjective:

pretty

How many different synonyms did you find? You could have had:

good-looking

fetching

delightful

beautiful

ravishing

Finding a Synonym

good-looking

fetching

delightful

beautiful

ravishing

In the sentences below, the word 'pretty' hasn't changed but its use has.

It was a **pretty** unfortunate event that resulted in his injury.

That car must have cost a **pretty** penny.

I'm going to go and **pretty** myself up.

Would it still be appropriate to use these new synonyms?

Appropriate Synonyms

You must always make sure that the word you have chosen fits appropriately within the sentence you are using it in.

On each of the following slides, a sentence will be given with one word in **bold**. Four synonyms for that word will be given from the thesaurus.

Decide as a class which word would be best to use. There may be more than one good answer.



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The audience were full of **life**.

existence

creation

animation

being



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

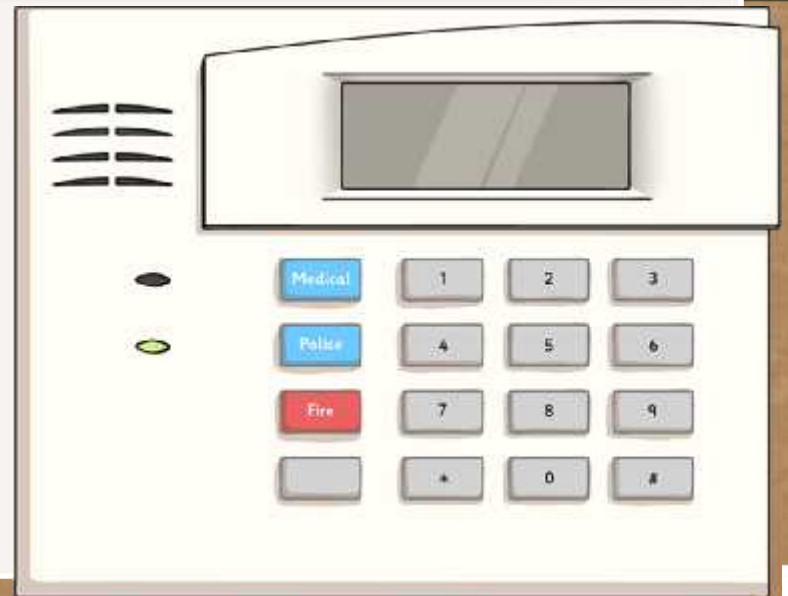
The intruder alarm caused everyone to be **alert**.

keen

agile

observant

aware



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The **strong** odour caused everyone to gag.

pungent

muscular

rugged

powerful



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

We were surprised by the model's **tasteless** outfit.

inelegant

flavourless

watery

inappropriate



Appropriate Synonyms

Which synonym is appropriate for this sentence?

The athlete's muscles were very **tense**.

nervous

tight

rigid

apprehensive



Now It's Your Turn

On each of the following slides, a sentence will be given with one word in **bold**.

Use your thesaurus to find an appropriate synonym for that word. Remember to check that it makes sense in the context of the sentence.

How many different answers will your class come up with?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

My judgement was **clouded** at the time.

Which synonym did you choose?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

The **bitter** lemon made me pull a face.

Which synonym did you choose?



Use Your Thesaurus

Find an appropriate synonym for the bold word in this sentence:

I heard a really **juicy** piece of news.

Which synonym did you choose?



