

# Vocabulary

Grade 2 Domain 4: The War of 1812



# Synonyms and Antonyms

# Introduction: Synonyms and Antonyms



A **synonym** is a word that means the same thing as another word. An **antonym** is a word that means the opposite.

**Shades of meaning** is when words have similar meanings but do not mean exactly the same thing.

Let's look at these words from our domain on the War of 1812:

**vulnerable**

**delicate**

They have similar meanings, but they do not mean exactly the same thing.

**Vulnerable** means exposed to danger or harm.

**Delicate** means easily broken or damaged.

Let's read this sentence from the domain:

The soldiers described the crystal glasses,  
shimmering silverware, and \_\_\_\_\_ china.

Which word BEST finishes this sentence?

**delicate**

**vulnerable**

The soldiers described the crystal glasses, shimmering silverware, and **delicate** china.



Let's Try It Together!



Look at these words from our domain:

**abandoned**

**retreated**

They have similar meanings, but they do not mean exactly the same thing.

**Abandoned** means left alone or left behind.

**Retreated** means moved backward to avoid danger.

Read this sentence from the domain:

In the end, the United States \_\_\_\_\_ the Embargo Act.

Turn to a partner and whisper which word is best to finish this sentence.

Raise one finger if you think **abandoned** is the best word to finish this sentence.

Raise five fingers if you think **retreated** is the best word to finish this sentence.

In the end, the United States **abandoned** the  
Embargo Act.

Now you try one with a partner. Look at these words from the domain:

**quench**

**inspire**

**Quench** means to put something out, or to lessen or reduce it.

**Inspire** means to cause someone to do or think something.



Now, read this sentence from the domain:

The rain and the wind helped to \_\_\_\_ the flames.

Raise one finger if you think **quench** is the best word to finish this sentence.

Raise five fingers if you think **inspire** is the best word to finish this sentence.

Did you remember the steps?

1. Determine the meaning of each word.

**quench**

**inspire**

2. Decide which word BEST finishes the sentence. (Hint: Try both words in the sentence to see which fits best.)

3. Choose the BEST word to finish the sentence.

**quench**

Now Try One by Yourself!



Which word best finishes the sentence?

The Americans felt \_\_\_ when the British burned  
Washington, DC.

**dejected**

**jubilant**

**Dejected** means very sad.

**Jubilant** means very happy.

Write the word **dejected** if you think that word best finishes the sentence.

Write the word **jubilant** if you think that word best finishes the sentence.



# Answer



dejected