

Vocabulary

Grade 1 Domain 1: Fables and Stories



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 they do not mean exactly the same thing.

Let's look at these words from our domain on fables and stories:

greedy

jealous

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

Greedy means wanting to have more than you need or deserve.

Jealous means wanting what another person has.

Let's read this sentence from the domain:

As the farmer grew rich, he also grew _____.

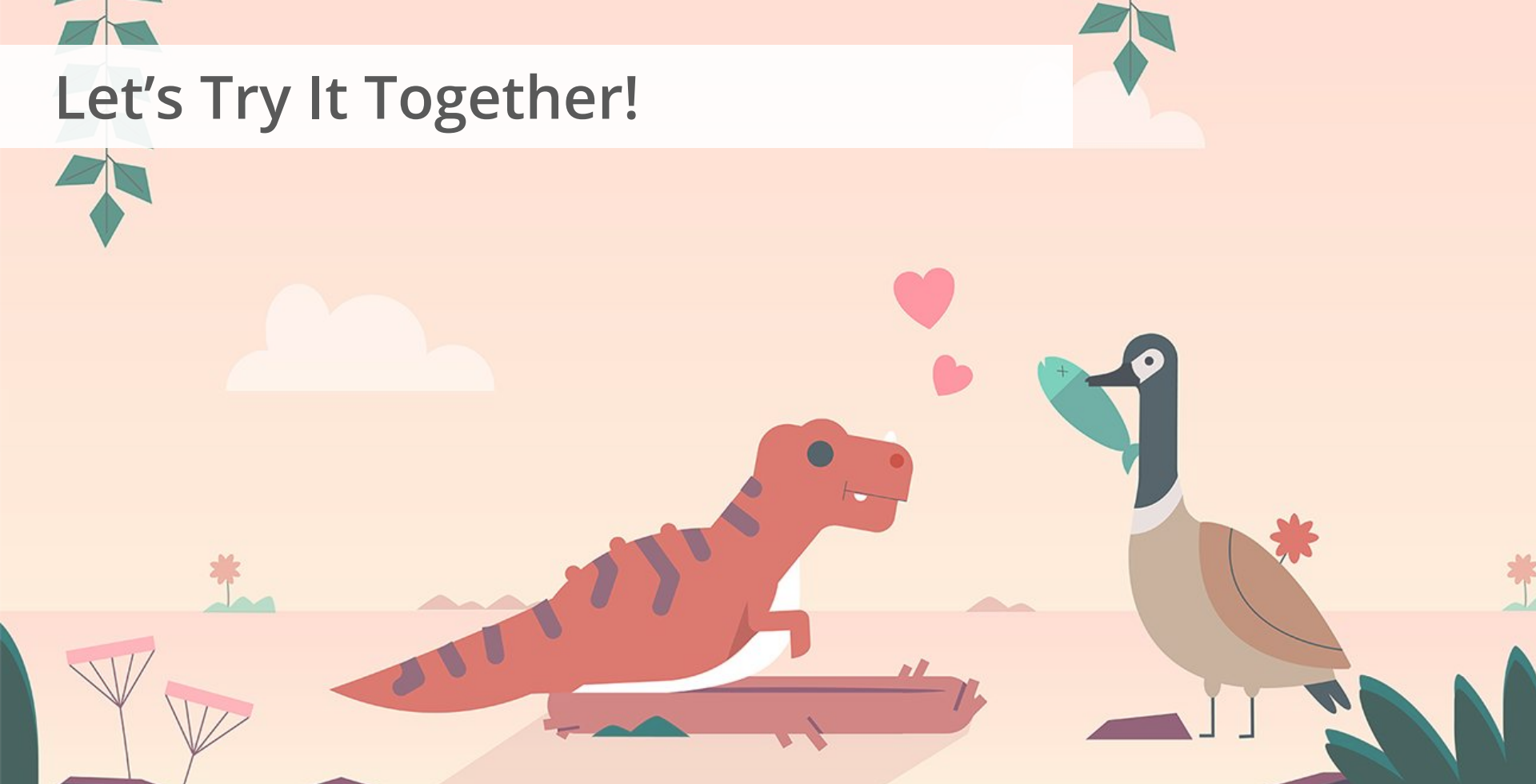
Which word BEST finishes this sentence?

greedy

jealous

As the farmer grew rich, he also grew **greedy**.

Let's Try It Together!



Look at these words from our domain on fables and stories:

stunned

startled

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

Stunned means shocked.

Startled means surprised.

Read this excerpt from the domain:

Take the goat into the house? The rabbi's advice sounded like a crazy idea.

The man was _____.

Turn to a partner and whisper which word you think is best to finish this sentence. (**startled** or **stunned**)

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

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

Take the goat into the house? The rabbi's advice sounded like a crazy idea.

The man was **stunned**.

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

approached

prowled

Approached means got closer to.

Prowled means walked or moved around quietly.

Now, read this sentence from the domain:

As Anansi _____ the watering hole, a large snake
rose up.

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

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

Did you remember the steps?

1. Determine the meaning of each word.

approached

Prowled

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.

approached

Now Try One by Yourself!



Which word best finishes the sentence?

Medio Pollito came to the _____ fire that some campers left burning in the woods.

abandoned

tended

Abandoned means left behind.

Tended means watched over or took care of.

Are these words synonyms or antonyms?

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

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

Answer



antonyms
abandoned