

## SYNONYMS: I. KEY EXPERIENCE

### Materials:

- Objects as follows: dog, rabbit, woman, man, child
- Blank labels
- Black pen
- Title label:     Synonymym (Greek) means ‘more of the name’ written in red  
                          Synonym Key Experience written in red

### Presentation:

1. Gather a group of children around a table or rug.
2. Say, “We have been working with antonyms or opposites. Today we are going to do an activity with some new words.”
3. Place the dog on the table or rug and invite the children to think of a word that names this object. Children respond.
4. Write a child’s response on a blank label and place the label below the dog.
5. Ask the children, “Can you think of another word that names this object?”  
Children respond.
6. Write other responses on blank labels and place these labels below the dog.
7. When children have given all their responses, write other synonyms on labels to increase their vocabulary. Place these labels below the object.
8. Place the rabbit on the table or rug to the right of the dog and repeat steps 4 -7.

9. Place the woman on the table or rug to the right of the rabbit and repeat steps 4 -7.
10. Place the man on the table or rug to the right of the woman and repeat steps 4 - 7.
11. Place the child on the table or rug to the right of the man and repeat steps 4 - 7.
12. Tell the children that now, instead of placing another object on the table or rug, you are going to think of a word in your head but that you will give them a clue to help them guess the word.
13. Say, "I spy a word that starts with 't'." (Starting with hands as far apart as possible, bring them together until your forefingers are a centimeter apart. Exaggerate.) Children respond.
14. Write the children's response, 'tiny', on a blank label to be placed to the right of the child label. Repeat 4 - 7.
15. Say, "When there is more than one word to name an object or idea, we call these words synonyms."
16. Say, "Synonym comes from the Greek word 'synonymym' which means 'more of the name.' It means two or more words with the same meaning."
17. Place the etymology sentence label above the presentation; then place the title label, 'Synonym Key Experience', at the top.
18. Gather the labels. Shuffle them.
19. Say, "Remember when we played categories and put objects together that were alike?"
20. Gather the labels and the objects.

21. Invite the children to classify the labels of the synonyms under the appropriate objects.
22. The children record this presentation in their notebooks.

Synonym Key Experience

Synonymym (Greek) means 'more of the name'.

dog	rabbit	woman	man	child	little
mutt	hare	lady	gentleman	kid	tiny
pooch	bunny	female	male	youngster	small
canine	cottontail	gal	guy	juvenile	minute

**Direct Aim:**

1. To understand synonyms.

**Age:**

6 - 9 years

**Note: The Key Experience is repeated each year.**

**Children enjoy matching synonym labels according to the feminine/masculine categorization as illustrated above with man and woman.**

**This Key Experience could extend into the following matching activity.**

## SYNONYMS: II. LOGICAL AGREEMENT

### Materials:

- Twelve synonym labels
- Twelve matching synonym labels
- Title label: 'Synonym'
- Children's notebooks and pencils

### Presentation:

1. Gather a group of children around a table or rug.
2. Say, "We have learned about synonyms. Synonyms are words that mean the same or nearly the same."
3. Place the synonym title label on the table or rug, facing the children.
4. Distribute one set of synonym labels.
5. Invite the children, one at a time, to read their labels and to place them under the title label.
6. Distribute the second set of matching synonym labels.
7. Invite each child to read each of the previously placed labels with his or her synonym label until a word is found that means the same. Direct the child to place his or her label to the right of its synonym.
8. Continue as above until all of the second set of labels have been placed to the right of the first set.
9. The children record this presentation in their notebooks.

SYNONYMS

glad	happy
ill	sick
foolish	silly
night	evening
exchange	trade
grief	sorrow
glorious	splendid
country	nation
keep	retain
shove	push
pursue	chase
bump	collide

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**Note:** This presentation could be presented a second time, mixing the labels, so the children have to sort all the labels into pairs before they may use this material, H1 - H10, independently.

**Material:**

**H1: Synonyms**

glad happy	ill sick	foolish silly	night evening
exchange trade	grief sorrow	glorious splendid	country nation
keep retain	shove push	pursue chase	bump collide

**H2: Synonyms**

gift present	great grand	polite courteous	late tardy
idea thought	right correct	pants trousers	parcel package
near close	engine motor	guest visitor	lad boy

**H3: Synonyms**

announce declare	foe enemy	motive reason	hate abhor
annually yearly	palatable tasty	soak drench	sleep slumber
tremble shake	journey trip	tease pester	lass girl

**H4: Synonyms**

fashion style	calm peaceful	innocent guiltless	rich wealthy
writer author	moment instant	plant sow	afraid frightened
teach instruct	absurd foolish	hard difficult	seem appear

**H5: Synonyms**

hurt injure	rot decay	canine dog	rabbit bunny
find locate	possess own	beautiful attractive	cost expense
weary tired	funny humorous	easy facile	prison jail

**H6: Synonyms**

boast brag	bucket pail	betray deceive	tranquil calm
autumn fall	black ebony	leave depart	dish plate
complete finish	world universe	below beneath	bloom blossom

**H7: Synonyms**

freedom liberty	raise lift	help assist	contrast compare
bright radiant	border margin	inquire ask	respond reply
halt stop	proud haughty	annul cancel	please gratify

**H8: Synonyms**

practice drill	piece portion	prize award	arrogant proud
harmony peace	toil work	naked nude	inform notify
complain gripe	brood mope	sufficient enough	attack assault