



# Dictionary and Thesaurus Skills

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: Grade 4

## Part A: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Words like "warm," "hot," and "scorching" show different \_\_\_\_\_ of meaning for temperature.
2. A thesaurus groups synonyms so that the mildest word comes first and the \_\_\_\_\_ word comes last.
3. Replacing "good" with "excellent" makes your writing more \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. A thesaurus labels each entry with its part of \_\_\_\_\_ so you choose the right form.
5. The word "ate" can be replaced with "devoured" to show someone ate very \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Cross-references in a thesaurus point you to \_\_\_\_\_ entries for more word choices.
7. Choosing "whispered" instead of "said" tells the reader the speaker was being \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. Writers avoid repeating the same word by finding \_\_\_\_\_ in a thesaurus.
9. A formal essay needs formal synonyms, while a friendly letter can use \_\_\_\_\_ ones.

## Part B: Matching

Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each overused word to a stronger synonym.

Sad	→ _____	Terrified
Funny	→ _____	Heartbroken
Scared	→ _____	Stunning
Pretty	→ _____	Hilarious

**Part A: Fill in the Blank**

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Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. Words like "warm," "hot," and "scorching" show different shades of meaning for temperature.
2. A thesaurus groups synonyms so that the mildest word comes first and the strongest word comes last.
3. Replacing "good" with "excellent" makes your writing more precise .
4. A thesaurus labels each entry with its part of speech so you choose the right form.
5. The word "ate" can be replaced with "devoured" to show someone ate very quickly .
6. Cross-references in a thesaurus point you to related entries for more word choices.
7. Choosing "whispered" instead of "said" tells the reader the speaker was being quiet .
8. Writers avoid repeating the same word by finding synonyms in a thesaurus.
9. A formal essay needs formal synonyms, while a friendly letter can use informal ones.

**Part B: Matching**

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Match each item on the left to the correct answer on the right.

1. Match each overused word to a stronger synonym.

Sad	→ <u>Heartbroken</u>	Terrified
Funny	→ <u>Hilarious</u>	Heartbroken
Scared	→ <u>Terrified</u>	Stunning
Pretty	→ <u>Stunning</u>	Hilarious