

INTRODUCTION

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Comprehensive knowledge of vocabulary is a vital part of the 11 plus examinations as it has become progressively more important for all forms of the 11 plus exams.

Our 11 plus vocabulary book series is designed to provide bite-sized activities for learning new words, antonyms, synonyms, compound words, idioms, homophones and homonyms that may appear in the 11 plus tests.

Apart from gradually and steadily building vocabulary knowledge, it is equally important to know how to spell any new word or term. The 11+ Vocabulary Book Series has specific exercises that allow the child to practice their spelling skills.

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ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Ensure that you read the instructions carefully.
- ✓ Try to answer every question.
- ✓ Ask an adult to mark your activities.
- ✓ If you get any questions wrong, have another go at them before you look at the answers.



Activity 1: Antonyms & Spellings



Antonym: A word that has the opposite meaning of another word.
For example, full and empty.

Complete the **antonyms** of the words given in bold.

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| 1. bl _ _ d | 1. separate |
| 2. _ v _ _ | 2. good |
| 3. ha _ _ _ | 3. clumsy |
| 4. ce _ s _ | 4. begin |
| 5. re _ u _ a _ | 5. atypical |
| 6. c _ _ | 6. laugh |
| 7. lux _ _ _ ous | 7. meagre |
| 8. _ b _ n _ on | 8. continue |

For each question below a number of similar words appear, but only one is spelt correctly. Circle the word that is spelt correctly.

1. A. liaese B. liaize C. liais D. liaise
2. A. sciance B. sceince C. science D. syanse
3. A. concede B. conceid C. conncede D. koncede
4. A. embarrasment B. embarrasment C. embarrasmant D.embarrassment
5. A. parmanent B. pirmanent C. permanent D. permanente
6. A. absance B. absense C. absence D. absanse
7. A. generallyye B. generaly C. generally D. generalle
8. A. ascend B. ascennd C. asend D. acend

Activity 5: Homonyms & Synonyms



Homonyms are words that have the same spelling and usually sound alike, but have different meanings.

For example, Bright - intelligent / Bright - filled with light.

Find a **homonym** from the word bank for the clues listed below and write it in the space provided.

- _____ Mail delivery. A pole placed in the ground.
- _____ A semi-liquid mixture of several ingredients, as, flour, eggs, milk, etc.
To hit hard.
- _____ To carry or transport over a river or other narrow water, in a boat. A vessel in which passengers and goods are transported over narrow waters.
- _____ To start and run with high speed. A short arrow or missile.
- _____ To behave or conduct, as in morals. To perform on the stage.
- _____ A purple colour. An aromatic plant.
- _____ An alloy of copper and tin. A yellowish or reddish brown colour.
- _____ To display. To direct.

A. bronze	B. batter	C. lavender	D. ferry
E. dart	F. show	G. post	H. act

Complete the **synonyms** of the words given in bold.

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|----------------|------------------------|
| 1. n _ _ | 1. recent |
| 2. dis _ _ _ t | 2. far |
| 3. gulli _ _ e | 3. naive |
| 4. ch _ _ tic | 4. disorganized |
| 5. st _ _ e | 5. pebble |
| 6. a _ _ e | 6. competent |
| 7. legi _ _ e | 7. readable |
| 8. rej _ _ _ e | 8. celebrate |

Activity 25: Synonyms & Prefixes



Synonym: A word having the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

For example, happy and cheerful.

Find a **synonym** from the word bank for each word listed below and write it in the space provided.

- _____ comprehend
- _____ sample
- _____ appalling
- _____ disease
- _____ loyal
- _____ bargain
- _____ imitate
- _____ influential

A. copy	B. powerful	C. illness	D. faithful
E. negotiate	F. atrocious	G. understand	H. specimen

Draw a line from the **prefixes** in the first column to a word in the second column to make a new word.

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| 1. un | • entity |
| 2. mis | • loyal |
| 3. de | • lead |
| 4. re | • write |
| 5. dis | • helpful |
| 6. non | • tangle |
| 7. un | • flated |