

Parent Guide to the Standards

# **Understanding Word Relationships**

### Today's Standard

5.L.5c - Use the relationship between particular words (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, homographs) to better understand each of the words.

#### Real-World Applications for this Standard

Using context clues to determine the meaning of new words.; Identifying synonyms and antonyms in reading passages.; Exploring homographs and their different meanings in sentences.; Creating word maps to visualize relationships between words.; Playing vocabulary games that involve matching synonyms and antonyms.

## Today I Learned

Today, we learned about understanding word relationships, like synonyms, antonyms, and homographs. This helps us know what words mean and how to use them.

### Common Stumbling Blocks

Sometimes, kids think that synonyms always mean the same thing, but they can have different meanings in different sentences. Also, kids might mix up homographs and homophones. Homographs are words that look the same but mean different things. Homophones sound the same but are spelled differently.

#### Quiz Me

- What is a synonym?
- Can you give an example of an antonym?
- What is a homograph?
- What does 'context clues' mean?
- Why is it important to know word relationships?

## Help Me

Understanding word relationships helps us know what words mean and how to use them in sentences. For example, knowing that 'happy' and 'joyful' are synonyms helps us use them correctly. This makes reading and writing easier and more fun!