



## Dear Parents,

In this task, you can help your child develop vocabulary and spelling skills. It is an activity that explores *synonyms* and *antonyms*.

- Synonyms are words with similar meanings.
- Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

Help your child recall that antonyms can occur with—

- a prefix meaning *not/opposite of*, such as *un*, *non*, *in*, *im*, *il*, *dis*, *ir* (*used/unused*).
- words contracted with *not* (*does/doesn't*).
- base words with opposite meanings (*big/little*).

Ask your child to read the directions and explain to you what is expected. Then guide your child through the activity, taking time to discuss the meanings of words unfamiliar to your child.

**Circle the three synonyms in each row. Then write an antonym for the fourth word.**

1. afraid	sadness	fearful	scared	_____
2. correct	accurate	right	accept	_____
3. simple	write	scribble	copy	_____
4. income	salary	bought	wage	_____
5. stale	wishes	wanting	hopeful	_____
6. single	solitary	solo	different	_____
7. start	commence	stay	debut	_____
8. last	final	concluding	least	_____
9. strange	alien	strong	unfamiliar	_____
10. wring	wrong	squeeze	twist	_____
11. gentle	general	tender	soft	_____
12. quit	discontinue	retire	quiet	_____
13. nothing	void	north	zero	_____
14. frequently	formerly	previously	before	_____
15. alive	almost	approximately	about	_____
16. laughter	grin	chuckle	daughter	_____
17. healing	healthy	recovering	recuperating	_____
18. repaired	prepared	restored	renewed	_____
19. forgive	pardon	forget	vindicate	_____
20. necessary	especially	particularly	chiefly	_____