

Name _____

Similar Words Match Answer Key

big → large

quick → fast

mad → angry

start → begin

child → kid

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:**
 - Builds understanding of **synonyms**, helping students learn that some words have similar meanings.
 - Strengthens vocabulary flexibility and supports comprehension when reading new texts.
- **Before the activity:**
 - Review the word **synonym** and give a simple definition: words that mean almost the same thing.
 - Read each word aloud and invite students to act out or explain one if they know it.
- **During the activity (differentiation and support):**
 - Provide picture cues or gestures for tricky words like **quick** and **begin**.
 - Reduce the number of options for students who need extra support.
- **Engagement tips:**
 - Let students act out a pair: run in place for **quick**, pretend to start a race for **begin**.
 - Allow partners to explain their matches using a sentence frame: "Both words mean almost the same thing."