

Name _____

Word Swap Wonders Answer Key

(Answers may vary. Accept any reasonable synonym with the same meaning and grade-appropriate clarity.)

1. slow: gradual, unhurried
2. happy: glad, joyful
3. old: ancient, aged
4. quick: fast, speedy
5. small: tiny, little
6. good: pleasant, yummy, tasty
7. smart: clever, bright
8. strong: sturdy, tough
9. soft: gentle, quiet
10. funny: amusing, silly

Teacher's Guide

- Review with students what a **synonym** is and why writers use them to add clarity and variety to sentences.
- Encourage students to reread each sentence after replacing the word to be sure their synonym still makes sense in the context.
- For differentiation, provide a mini word bank for students who need support, and allow advanced students to generate two synonyms per sentence.
- Have students share their synonyms in pairs and explain why they chose each one, building vocabulary reasoning.
- As an extension, invite students to rewrite one full sentence using the synonym and adding one additional descriptive detail for richer writing.