

Name _____

Word Relationship Check Answer Key

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| 1. antonym | 6. synonym |
| 2. synonym | 7. synonym |
| 3. antonym | 8. antonym |
| 4. antonym | 9. antonym |
| 5. antonym | 10. unrelated |

(Note: Accept reasonable justifications for number 10 if students argue for weak synonym or antonym connections, but in typical vocabulary instruction these are considered unrelated.)

Teacher's Guide

- **Using this worksheet**
 - Review definitions of **synonym**, **antonym**, and **unrelated** before beginning.
 - Model how to test relationships by placing the words in similar sentences.
 - Encourage students to think about shades of meaning, not just exact matches.
 - Discuss tricky pairs so students understand how word relationships can shift slightly depending on context.
- **Engagement ideas**
 - Turn the activity into a group sort using index cards with word pairs.
 - Create a team competition where students earn points for correctly justifying their answers.
 - Invite students to add three new pairs of their own and challenge classmates to classify them.