

Name _____

Word Match Mystery Answer Key

1. S	6. O	11.O
2. O	7. S	12.S
3. S	8. S	13.O
4. O	9. O	14.O
5. S	10.O	15.S

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Reinforces understanding of **word relationships**-specifically distinguishing between **synonyms** (similar meanings) and **antonyms** (opposite meanings).
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger learners, act out word pairs (e.g., "stand up" for *up*, "sit down" for *down*) to make meanings concrete.
 - For advanced learners, include more challenging or abstract pairs (e.g., *generous/selfish*, *ancient/modern*).
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Play "Synonym or Opposite?" aloud-students hold up one hand for *same* and the other for *opposite*.
 - Use the worksheet as a warm-up for creative writing by having students replace words in sentences with their synonyms or opposites.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students create colorful synonym/antonym word webs for one or more pairs.
 - Challenge students to find examples of synonyms and opposites in their reading books and share them during class.