

Teacher notes

Year 5 Vocabulary: Mountain Journey

To select appropriate vocabulary when writing – using synonyms and antonyms

In this lesson, pupils will investigate synonyms and antonyms to help improve their vocabulary choices when writing.

This pack includes:

- Teacher slides
- Pupil worksheets
- Photo to inspire writing for Writer's Craft activity

Revisit

Using the teacher slides, investigate what a synonym is.

Look at **Slides 2** and **3** – what is a synonym?

Teach

Show **slide 4** – which words are synonyms of eat or ate? (Answers on **slide 5**) Do they know any other synonyms for eat or ate? (eg: ingest, tuck in, devour, graze).

Look at the sentence on **slide 6**: Jake ate an energy bar on his journey to the mountain summit. Give pupils the opportunity to change the word ate in the sentence and discuss with a partner how this has changed the sentence.

Using **slides 7** and **8**, discuss how using different synonyms for ate changes the meaning of the sentence.

Look at other suggestions from the children.

Apply

Activity	Teaching points	Notes
1) Finding synonyms (slide 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How many synonyms can you find for each word? ➤ Encourage the pupils to use a thesaurus to add words once they have found some examples for each word. 	
2) Replacing words with synonyms (slide 9)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pupils have a range of sentences with a word written in bold. ➤ Can they find a synonym for the word to change the meaning of the sentence slightly? 	
3) Matching synonyms and antonyms (slide 10)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Matching activity linking the synonyms on the sheet. ➤ Antonyms are also introduced here. 	
4) Writer's Craft (slide 11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Investigate synonyms and antonyms for how people eg: run. ➤ Pupils write a short description of a group of children walking through a hilly landscape (see image on PowerPoint). ➤ Use synonyms and antonyms of run to show how the children are moving differently. 	
Further tasks...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Synonyms for said Make a class collection of words from pupils' independent reading to display in the classroom. ➤ Antonyms for said Investigate further what these are (words with opposite meanings), create a class list of synonyms and antonyms for display. 	