

Interactive Synonym Lapbook

Lesson Objectives

The student will:

- Learn about synonyms
- Create a visual lapbook that identifies several synonyms to use in place of common and overused words.

Directions:

1. Start with a discussion on overused words in writing. If your student needs examples, supply words like, 'good,' or 'bad.' Help them come up with other words that they may frequently use, but are weak.
2. Introduce the idea of using synonyms for weak words as a way to improve writing by asking what other words they could use in a sample sentence like, 'I enjoyed the apple cobbler; it was very good.'
3. Tell your student that you are going to create a lapbook especially for synonyms that he can refer back to during his writing time.

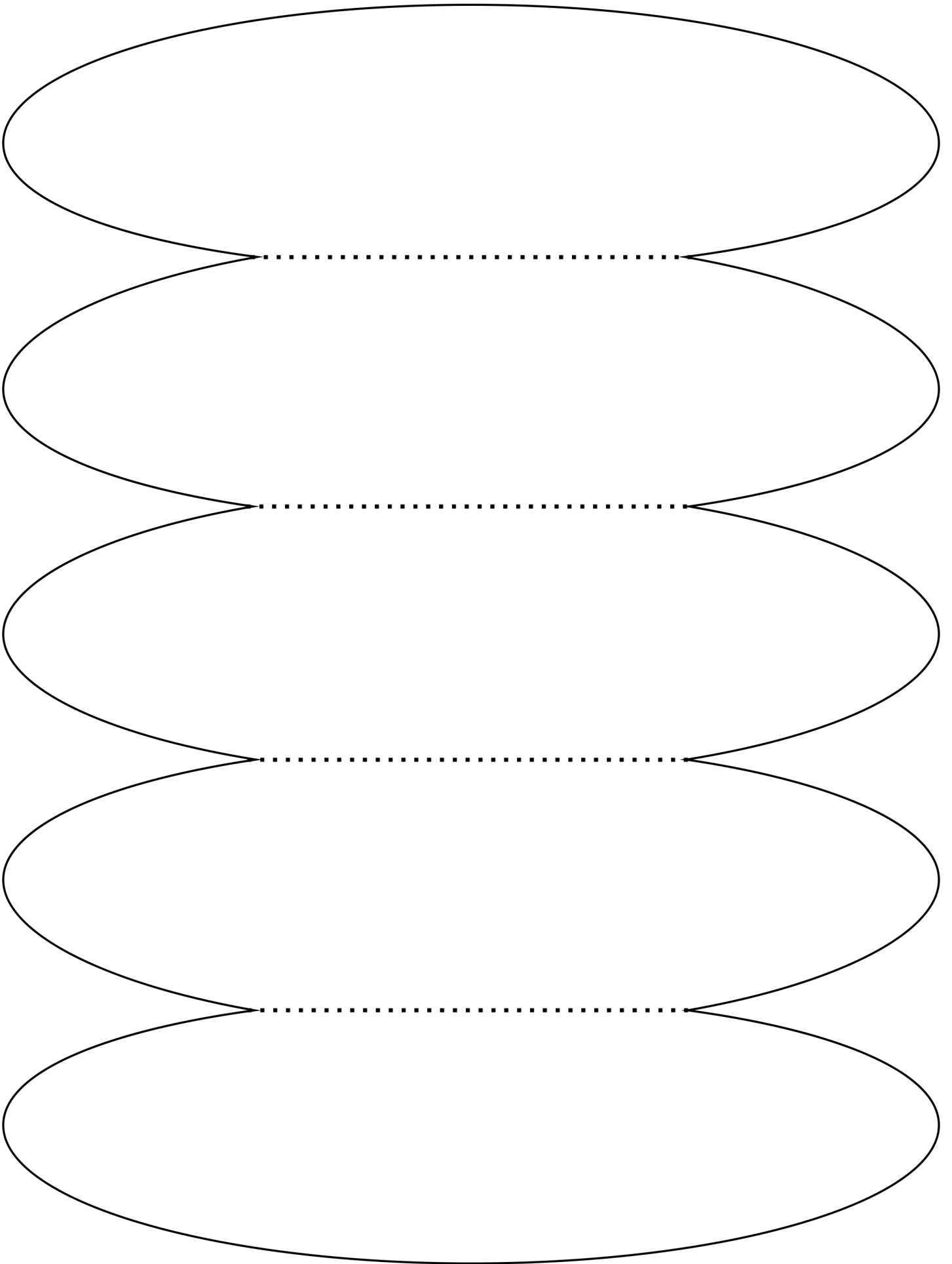
To create the lapbook:

Gather your supplies:

- Two file folders
- Card stock, scrapbooking paper or other special paper
- Gel pens, markers or colored pencils
- Glitter glue or other embellishments (optional)

Directions:

1. Print out the lapbook pieces on stiff paper. Cardstock works best.
2. To assemble the lapbook, open up both file folders and glue one half of each folder together so that you have a tri-fold.
3. Cut out the pieces on the solid line.
4. Fold on the dotted lines to make an accordion. (Tip: Do not glue until you are finished writing!)
5. For the word printed on the front, write a synonym in each square that you've created with the fold. It's best if you can pull a word out of the student's writing; however, there are word suggestions in the appendix.
6. Once you have several accordions done, place them on your lapbook to make sure that they fit. Then use a glue stick to glue down the back.
7. Encourage your student to come up with their own synonyms. However, if they need guidance, you can print out the word suggestions.



Word Suggestions

Answer - reply, respond, retort, acknowledge

Ask - question, inquire of, demand, request, expect, inquire, interrogate, examine, quiz

Bad - evil, wicked, corrupt, sinful, rotten, spoiled, tainted, harmful, unfavorable, defective, inferior, imperfect, substandard, faulty, improper, inappropriate, unsuitable, disagreeable, unpleasant, cross, nasty, unfriendly, horrible, outrageous, infamous, wrong, sinister, putrid, snide, deplorable, dismal, gross, heinous, obnoxious, detestable, despicable, contemptible, foul, rank, ghastly, execrable

Beautiful - pretty, lovely, handsome, attractive, gorgeous, dazzling, splendid, magnificent, fair, ravishing, graceful, elegant, fine, exquisite, pleasing, shapely, delicate, stunning, glorious, heavenly, radiant, glowing, blooming, sparkling

Big - enormous, huge, immense, gigantic, vast, colossal, large, sizable, grand, great, tall, substantial, mammoth, astronomical, ample, broad, spacious, stout, tremendous, mountainous

Come - approach, advance, near, arrive, reach

Cry - shout, yell, scream, roar, bellow, weep, wail, sob, bawl

Do - execute, enact, carry out, finish, conclude, accomplish, achieve, attain

Explain - elaborate, clarify, define, interpret, justify, account for

Fast - quick, rapid, speedy, fleet, hasty, snappy, swiftly, rapidly, quickly, lickety-split

Fat - stout, fleshy, beefy, paunchy, plump, full, rotund, tubby, pudgy, chubby, chunky, burly, bulky

Funny - humorous, amusing, comic, comical, laughable, silly

Get - acquire, obtain, secure, procure, gain, fetch, find, score, accumulate, win, earn, catch, bag, derive, collect, gather, glean, pick up, accept, come by, regain, salvage

Go - recede, depart, fade, disappear, move, travel, proceed

Good - excellent, fine, superior, wonderful, marvelous, qualified, suited, suitable, apt, proper, capable, generous, kindly, friendly, gracious, pleasant, agreeable, pleasurable, satisfactory, well-behaved, obedient, honorable, reliable, trustworthy, safe, advantageous, helpful, valid,

genuine, ample, beneficial, splendid, great, noble, worthy, first-rate, top-notch, grand, superb, respectable

Great - noteworthy, worthy, distinguished, remarkable, grand, considerable, powerful, much, mighty

Gross - improper, rude, indecent, crude, vulgar, outrageous, extreme, grievous, shameful, obscene

Happy - pleased, contented, satisfied, delighted, elated, joyful, cheerful, ecstatic, jubilant, tickled, gratified, glad, blissful, overjoyed

Hate - despise, loathe, detest, abhor, disfavor, dislike, disapprove, abominate

Have - hold, possess, own, contain, occupy, absorb, fill, enjoy

Important - necessary, vital, critical, indispensable, valuable, essential, significant, primary, principal, considerable, famous, distinguished, notable, well-known

Interesting - fascinating, engaging, sharp, keen, bright, intelligent, animated, spirited, attractive, inviting, intriguing, challenging, inspiring, involving, moving, exciting, entertaining, lively, racy, spicy, engrossing, absorbing, consuming, gripping, arresting, enthralling, spellbinding, curious, captivating, enchanting, bewitching, appealing

Little - tiny, small, shrimp, runt, miniature, puny, dinky, cramped, limited, itchy-bitsy, microscopic, slight, petite, minute

Look - gaze, see, glance, watch, survey, study, seek, search for, peek, peep, glimpse, stare, contemplate, examine, gape, ogle, scrutinize, inspect, leer, behold, observe, view, witness, perceive, spy, sight, discover, notice, recognize, peer, eye, gawk, explore

Love - like, admire, esteem, fancy, care for, cherish, adore, treasure, worship, appreciate, savor

Make - create, invent, form, construct, design, fabricate, manufacture, produce, build, develop, do, effect, execute, compose, perform, accomplish, earn, gain, obtain, acquire, get

Move - plod, go, creep, crawl, inch, poke, drag, toddle, shuffle, trot, dawdle, walk, traipse, mosey, jog, trudge, slump, lumber, trail, lag, run, sprint, trip, bound, hotfoot, high-tail, streak, stride, tear, breeze, whisk, rush, dash, dart, bolt, fling, scamper, scurry, skedaddle, scoot, scuttle, scramble, race, chase, hurry, hump, gallop, accelerate, stir, budge, travel, wander, roam, journey, trek, ride, spin, slip, glide, slide, slither, coast, flow, sail, saunter, hobble, amble, stagger, paddle, slouch, prance, straggle, meander, waddle, wobble, pace, swagger, promenade, lunge

New - fresh, unique, original, unusual, novel, modern, current, recent

Old - feeble, frail, ancient, weak, aged, used, worn, dilapidated, ragged, faded, broken-down, former, old-fashioned, mature, primitive, traditional, archaic, conventional, customary, stale, musty, obsolete, extinct

Plan - plot, scheme, design, draw, map, diagram, procedure, arrangement, intention, device, method, way, blueprint

Popular - well-liked, approved, accepted, favorite, celebrated, common, current

Put - place, set, attach, establish, assign, keep, save, set aside, effect, achieve, do, build

Run - race, speed, hurry, hasten, sprint, dash, rush, escape, elope, flee

Say/Tell - inform, notify, advise, relate, recount, narrate, explain, reveal, disclose, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, enlighten, instruct, insist, teach, train, direct, issue, remark, converse, speak, affirm, suppose, utter, negate, express, voice, pronounce, deliver, convey, impart, assert, state, allege, mutter, mumble, whisper, sigh, exclaim, yell, sing, yelp, snarl, hiss, grunt, snort, roar, bellow, thunder, boom, scream, shriek, screech, squawk, whine, stammer, stutter, lisp, drawl, jabber, protest, announce, swear, vow, content, assure, deny, dispute

Slow - unhurried, gradual, leisurely, late, behind, tedious, slack

Stop - cease, halt, stay, pause, discontinue, conclude, end, finish, quit

Story - tale, myth, legend, fable, yarn, account, narrative, chronicle, epic, sage, record, memoir

Strange - odd, peculiar, unusual, unfamiliar, uncommon, weird, curious, unique, exclusive, irregular

Tell - disclose, reveal, show, expose, uncover, relate, narrate, inform, advise, explain, divulge, declare, command, order, bid, recount, repeat

Ugly - hideous, frightful, frightening, shocking, horrible, unpleasant, monstrous, terrifying, gross, grisly, ghastly, horrid, unsightly, plain, repulsive, gruesome

Use - employ, utilize, exhaust, spend, expend, consume

