

Synonyms I

Description Children locate words that mean the same or about the same as words read by the teacher.

- You Need**
- ▶ Synonyms I Word Cards sheet
 - ▶ Synonyms I Assessment–Class Record form

Why Use It These quick oral assessments will help you know whether students understand the concept of synonyms in their listening and speaking vocabularies.

- How to Use It**
- ▶ Administer this assessment orally, either individually or with the whole class.
 - ▶ Say the word pairs one after the other while you hold up the cards. If working with one child, ask her to clap when the two words mean the same or about the same. If working with the whole group, ask children to raise their hands when the two words mean the same or about the same.
 - ▶ As an alternative, have children match pairs of synonym word cards.
 - ▶ Enter the results on the Class Record.

- What to Notice**
- ▶ Number of word pairs a child can identify correctly
 - ▶ A child's understanding of the concept of synonym
 - ▶ The specific synonyms a child knows