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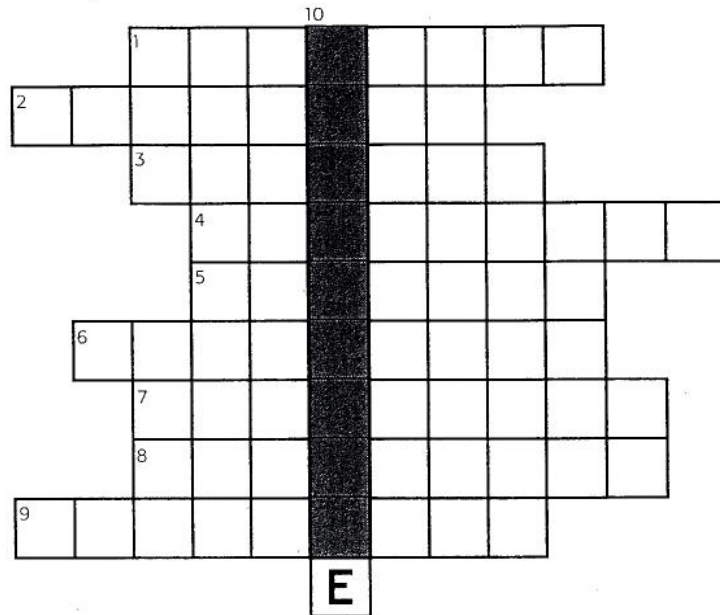
Compound words and contractions

More Practice

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| 1. proofread | 6. someone | 11. blue-eyed | 16. doesn't |
| 2. fireproof | 7. anytime | 12. one-half | 17. it's |
| 3. timetable | 8. meanwhile | 13. ninety-four | 18. there's |
| 4. lifetime | 9. everywhere | 14. self-addressed | 19. here's |
| 5. nighttime | 10. whenever | 15. great-aunt | 20. would've |

A. Write the spelling word that matches each clue and fits in the boxes.

- as long as someone lives
- at whatever time
- not just anyone
- non-flammable
- at any moment
- at the same time
- after sunset
- bus or train schedule
- look for writing errors
- What other spelling word do you see in the shaded boxes?



B. On your own paper, write a sentence using each set of spelling words. You may use the words in any order.

- there's, timetable, ninety-four
- would've, lifetime, great-aunt
- it's, whenever, self-addressed
- doesn't, everywhere, blue-eyed
- here's, proofread, one-half

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Teaching

proof + read = proofread	blue + eyed = blue-eyed
fire + proof = fireproof	one + half = one-half
time + table = timetable	ninety + four = ninety-four
life + time = lifetime	self + addressed = self-addressed
night + time = nighttime	great + aunt = great-aunt
some + one = someone	does + not = doesn't
any + time = anytime	it + is = it's
mean + while = meanwhile	there + is = there's
every + where = everywhere	here + is = here's
when + ever = whenever	would + have = would've

Lesson Generalization: When two words are connected without a change in spelling to either word, the result is called a **compound word**. A **contraction** is formed when two words are connected and an apostrophe replaces one or more omitted letters. Hyphenated words are two words joined by a hyphen.

A. What words from the list were made by forming a contraction? A compound word? A hyphen? Write the words in the correct rows below.

1. **contractions:** _____

2. **compound words:** _____

3. **hyphenated words:** _____

B. On a separate sheet of paper write each word from the list as two separate words. Then trade papers with a partner and correctly write the words as compound words, contractions, or hyphenated words.

Synonyms



B. Synonyms in Action

mature—full-grown, ripe, responsible, developed, payable

sink—submerge, slump, worsen

thin—slender, watered-down, skimpy, flimsy

Replace each use of *mature*, *sink*, and *thin* with the synonym that best fits the sentence. Use context clues to help you. You may also use a thesaurus or dictionary if needed.

1. In just a few weeks, the fruit on the tree will be **mature** and ready to pick. _____
2. The bad news made me **sink** in my chair. _____
3. Giraffes have long, **thin** legs, but they are strong animals. _____
4. The savings bond I bought at the bank will be **mature** in five years. _____
5. Hitting an iceberg caused the ship to **sink**. _____
6. The paint we are using for our house is rather **thin**; some of the old color may show through it. _____
7. Taking a CPR class made Mike feel very **mature** because he would be able to take care of others. _____
8. You will do anything to **sink** his chances of winning, won't you? _____
9. Brad's shirt was made of **thin** material that didn't keep out the rain. _____
10. Lion cubs are small, but a **mature** lion can weigh up to 500 pounds. _____

C. Vocabulary Challenge

Circle the synonym that best completes each sentence. Use a dictionary or thesaurus if needed.

1. My mother was so furious that she (glared, glanced, gazed) at me for a minute before she started speaking.
2. This is a(n) (complicated, fancy, imaginative) problem; it will take time to figure out.
3. We have a (few, rare, sporadic) details to work out before we end the meeting.
4. The (stench, stink, smell) of the flowers was lovely.
5. (Chat, Speak, Whisper) the secret in my ear—I don't want anyone else to hear it.



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Synonyms

Words that are similar in meaning are called **synonyms**. These words have the same or almost the same dictionary definition, or **denotation**. However, they have different **connotations**, or ideas and feelings associated with them.

Toni **strolled** to the store to get decorations for the party.

Toni **dashed** to the store to get decorations for the party.

Both of the above sentences tell you that Toni went to the store. However, in the first sentence, she is taking her time; in the second sentence, she is in a rush!

Using a thesaurus (a reference book that lists synonyms) can help you choose the word that best expresses what you want to say.

A. Identifying Synonyms

Choose the synonym for each bold-faced word. Use a thesaurus if necessary.

1. "I am **baffled** by this mystery," said the detective.
unfinished/confused/thoughtful
2. Javier is a talented proofreader; his **accuracy** is amazing.
preciseness/confusion/activity
3. Getting an "A" on the test made me **jubilant**.
surprised/disbelieving/overjoyed
4. Louisa hoped that bell-bottom jeans were just a **fad** that would soon be over.
trend/clothing/requirement
5. My little sister can **mimic** the weird noises our cat makes—she sounds just like Snowball.
predict/mine/imitate
6. Dan was **visibly** embarrassed by our teacher's praise. He turned bright red!
clearly/slightly/never
7. The weather is **wretched** today. Can't you hear the rain pounding on the roof?
changeable/horrible/surprising
8. My **willful** brother always does the opposite of what he is told.
wild/older/stubborn
9. We plan to **expand** the club from 15 members to 30.
enlarge/cancel/exit
10. The good news left me filled with **glee**.
shock/sadness/joy