

equal
(adjective)

1. Since each of my hands has five fingers, they have an **equal** number of fingers.
2. I am bigger and taller than my younger sister, so we are not **equal** in size.
3. Two cups and one pint hold **equal** amounts.

independence
(noun)

1. The new nation marked its **independence**, or freedom, with celebrations in every city and town.
2. **Independence** allows a country to make its own laws and not be subject to the laws of another nation.
3. As young children become teenagers, it's natural for them to want more **independence**, or less help from others.

obey
(verb)

1. When people do not **obey** laws, they are punished.
2. It's important to **obey**, or follow, the rules on the playground.
3. The driver did not **obey** the stop sign, so the police officer gave him a ticket.

earn

(verb)

1. When you **earn** money, you work for it.
2. If you want to spend money, you need to **earn** it first.
3. If you study hard and do all your homework, you are likely to **earn** a high grade.

bully

(noun)

1. A **bully** is a person who likes to harm or scare a weaker person.
2. A **bully** bothers others by physically hurting them, hurting them with words, or making them do things they don't want to do.
3. If a **bully** is bothering you, tell an adult.

encourage

(verb)

1. When you **encourage** someone, you inspire that person by sharing your faith in his or her abilities.
2. I **encourage**, or urge, my grandmother to get a dog because a companion is likely to make her happier.
3. You might **encourage** someone with words like, "I have confidence in you" and "You can do it!"

own
(adjective)

1. My aunt makes most of her **own** clothes.
2. Our neighbor has his **own** car, but my parents share their car with each other.
3. I'd like to help you, but I don't even have time to do my **own** work.

allow
(verb)

1. When my parents **allow** me to go to a movie, they give their permission.
2. Lifeguards don't **allow**, or let, people swim during thunderstorms.
3. The club will only **allow** a few new members to join every year.

convince
(verb)

1. If you **convince** someone, you cause him or her to believe in the truth of a situation or to see it from your perspective.
2. You could never **convince** me to eat a snail.
3. I can't **convince**, or persuade, my great-grandmother to learn how to use a computer.

defend

(verb)

1. If you **defend** yourself, you protect yourself from harm, which is quite different from attacking.
2. The settlers fought tirelessly through the night to **defend** their new homes.
3. Even though I don't agree with your opinion, I **defend** your right to express it.

threat

(noun)

1. One meaning of "threat" is a statement of an intent to cause harm, such as a famous politician receiving a death **threat**.
2. Tornadoes pose a high **threat**, or danger, to people who live in certain parts of the world.
3. The **threat** of a storm caused us to cancel our plans for a picnic.

success

(noun)

1. The play was a **success**, or hit, with the audience.
2. Every **success** brought us closer to our goal.
3. If you want to be a **success**, you have to work hard.

equal

the same in number,
amount, or quality
(adjective)

independence

freedom from the control,
influence, support, or
help of others
(noun)

obey

to follow rules or
instructions
(verb)

earn

to receive money in
exchange for work; to
gain as a result of effort
(verb)

bully

a person who harms,
scares, or embarrasses a
person for fun
(noun)

encourage

to urge someone in a
helpful way to do
something
(verb)

own

belonging to a person
(adjective)

allow

to give permission; to let
something happen
(verb)

convince

to talk someone into
doing something; to cause
someone to believe the
truth of something
(verb)

defend

to protect oneself from
harm or attack
(verb)

threat

a danger; a statement of
an intent to cause harm
(noun)

success

someone or something
that achieves a desired
result
(noun)

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An **analogy** shows a relationship between two sets of words. The words in the first pair must have the same relationship as the words in the second pair. To complete an analogy with a missing word, you must first discover the relationship between the completed pair. (Example: *Cat* is to *meow* as *dog* is to *bark*.)

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possibility	leading	leave	difficulty
follow	clarify	ask	flop

INSTRUCTIONS: Determine the relationship between the first pair of words. Then use the words in the word box to complete the second pair of words.

1. **Success** is to *failure* ...as... **hit** is to _____.
2. **Independence** is to *dependence* ...as... **impossibility** is to _____.
3. **Encourage** is to *discourage* ...as... **confuse** is to _____.
4. **Bully** is to *bullying* ...as... **leader** is to _____.
5. **Convince** is to *persuade* ...as... **inquire** is to _____.
6. **Defend** is to *attack* ...as... **emancipate** is to _____.
7. **Equal** is to *same* ...as... **big** is to _____.

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8. **Obey** is to *rebel* ...as... **lead** is to _____.
9. **Allow** is to *forbid* ...as... **enter** is to _____.
10. **Threat** is to *risk* ...as... **problem** is to _____.
11. **Earn** is to *make money* ...as... **spend** is to _____.
12. **Own** is to *other people's* ...as... **my** is to _____.

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independence	bully	allow	threat
obey	encourage	convince	success

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

1. If a _____ is hurting or scaring you, let an adult know right away.
2. As they grow older, children gain _____ and become less dependent upon their parents.
3. The soldiers tried to _____ the fort, but they were outnumbered.
4. I don't want to go to the game, and you can't _____ me otherwise.
5. The amount of water in the cup is not _____ to the amount of water in the bucket.
6. After a long trip, it's nice to sleep in my _____ bed again.
7. You must _____ time for the mixture to cool before you touch it.
8. I had never made a cake before, but it was a big _____.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use the vocabulary words in the word box above to complete the sentences below.

9. Students must _____ the school rules.
10. Please don't _____ the puppy to jump on people; it'll start a bad habit that will be hard to get rid of.
11. I try and save a portion of the money that I _____.
12. People in some parts of the world live with the constant _____ of war.

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A **verb** is a word that shows action or a state of being.

INSTRUCTIONS: Read the words below. Circle all of the verbs. Then write six complete sentences using one or more of the verbs in each sentence.

bully	encourage	obey	earn
independence	equal	defend	own
convince	success	allow	threat

1. _____.
2. _____.
3. _____.
4. _____.
5. _____.
6. _____.

Write three words that are not verbs.

INSTRUCTIONS: Assign one or more of the following activities to reinforce the function of verbs.

VERBS

Make a Sentence

Materials: Word cards, box or envelope, strips of paper

Place all the word cards in a box or envelope. Have students pull out a word card and use their chosen word to create a written or oral sentence.

Mime It!

Materials: Word cards, box or envelope

Place all the word cards in a box or envelope. Have students pull out a word card and act it out. Have classmates try to guess the word. The first player to correctly guess the word gets to keep the word card. The player holding the most word cards at the end of the game wins.

Pick a Synonym or Antonym

Materials: Word cards, action cards

Place all the word and action cards in a box or envelope. Have students pull out a card and, if applicable, give a synonym or antonym for the chosen word. (You may choose to omit words that do not have synonyms or antonyms, or you may choose to include them as points of discussion.)

True or False?

Materials: Vocabulary word list

Place the vocabulary word list where everyone can see it, and have students gather in a circle. Invite the first student to create a sentence with one of the verbs from the word list using the initial frame: A (noun) can (verb). [For example, using the vocabulary word *race*, a student might say: *A car can race.*] Then, the next student in the circle completes the sentence by adding the second frame: *A car can race, but it can never (verb), true or false?* [*A car can race, but it can never jog, true or false?*] Then, have the next student tell whether he or she believes the sentence to be true or false. If the student guesses correctly, he or she can start a new sentence using another vocabulary word. If the student guesses incorrectly, he or she loses the opportunity to start a sentence, and play continues with the next player.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Use what you know about the vocabulary words to complete the following sentences.

1. To **earn** money, I can _____.
2. After the country gained **independence**, it could _____.
3. If necessary, I would **defend** _____.
4. A **bully** might make someone _____.
5. I always **obey** _____.
6. One **threat** to safety caused by weather where I live is _____.
7. My friend and I have **equal** amounts of _____.
8. I'd like to **convince** my friend to _____.
9. Something is a **success** if _____.
10. My parents don't **allow** me to _____.
11. I like my **own** _____.
12. If you **encourage** a friend to try a new sport, you _____.

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

1. If two things are equal, they are _____.
 (a) odd
 (b) different
 (c) the same
2. The opposite of independence is _____.
 (a) friendship
 (b) self-rule
 (c) dependence
3. People sometimes go to _____ if they do not obey a law.
 (a) work
 (b) school
 (c) jail
4. When you earn money, you _____.
 (a) are given it
 (b) find it
 (c) work for it
5. A bully uses _____ to hurt or scare a weaker person.
 (a) friendship
 (b) force and threats
 (c) kind words
6. When you encourage a behavior in a pet, you _____.
 (a) see a problem behavior
 (b) try to end a bad habit
 (c) try to make it happen more often
7. His own dog _____.
 (a) is his sister's
 (b) is sick
 (c) belongs to him
8. Allow is a synonym for _____.
 (a) leave
 (b) let
 (c) lift
9. A synonym for convince is _____.
 (a) purchase
 (b) persuade
 (c) peruse
10. To defend is to _____.
 (a) promote
 (b) protect
 (c) propel

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INSTRUCTIONS: Choose the best answer to complete each statement.

11. A person who has received a threat has been _____.
- a rescued
 - b warned
 - c harmed
12. A success is someone or something that _____.
- a works hard
 - b achieves a desired result
 - c fails to meet a goal