



Al- Nasser Modern School

8th grade / READING Competition



Name: _____

Add Interest With Synonyms

Synonyms are two words that mean the same or nearly the same as each other. You can use synonyms for over-used or "tired" words in your writing to add interest to what you are saying.



Read the paragraph below. The numbered words in bold print are over-used words. Think of a synonym you could use to replace each tired word to add interest. Write the word on the corresponding numbered line. The first one has been done for you.

Rami and Ali had a **nice**¹ day at school. In the morning, they listened as their teacher read a **nice**² story. The work was **hard**³ during math because they had just started learning a new skill. The teacher was **happy**⁴ with their progress. It was a **nice**⁵ day, so they were able to play soccer outside for P.E. The class was **happy**⁶ when the teacher said they would have a party that afternoon. Rami was excited about the party, but Ali did not want to go to the party. He was **tired**⁷ because he did not sleep well that night before. She stayed in at recess and made a **pretty**⁸ sign while the other children played outside. He used **big**⁹ letters to write the word "celebrate." he even drew butterflies with **small**¹⁰ dots on their wings. Ali came back a few minutes later to help him. Together, they colored the pictures and letters that Rami had drawn. When the other students came back in after recess, they all agreed it was a **nice**¹¹ sign. The teacher put it up on the board in the front of the room. Then he passed out some **good**¹² cookies. He told them they were celebrating because they did a **good**¹³ job on their recent test. He was **happy**¹⁴ they did well.

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an interesting

exhausted

an interesting

pleased

thrilled

beautiful

difficult

wonderful

sunny

enormous

delicious

an excellent

proud

miniature

