



Dictionary and Thesaurus Skills

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: Grade 4

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: A thesaurus lists words in order from most common to least common.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence: Synonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence: You should use a thesaurus to check the spelling of a word.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A thesaurus helps you find words with similar meanings called _____ .
2. Words with opposite meanings listed in a thesaurus are called _____ .
3. Using a thesaurus can make your writing more interesting by adding _____ .
4. If you keep repeating the same word, a thesaurus helps you find a _____ .

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. What is the main difference between a dictionary and a thesaurus?

2. Why might a writer use a thesaurus when revising a paragraph?

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: A thesaurus lists words in order from most common to least common.

Rewrite: **A thesaurus lists words in alphabetical order, just like a dictionary.**

2. Fix the sentence: Synonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

Rewrite: **Synonyms are words that have the same or similar meanings.**

3. Fix the sentence: You should use a thesaurus to check the spelling of a word.

Rewrite: **You should use a thesaurus to find synonyms or antonyms for a word.**

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. A thesaurus helps you find words with similar meanings called **synonyms** .
2. Words with opposite meanings listed in a thesaurus are called **antonyms** .
3. Using a thesaurus can make your writing more interesting by adding **variety** .
4. If you keep repeating the same word, a thesaurus helps you find a **replacement** .

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. What is the main difference between a dictionary and a thesaurus?

A dictionary gives the meaning, pronunciation, and part of speech of a word, while a thesaurus gives synonyms and antonyms to help you find alternative words.

2. Why might a writer use a thesaurus when revising a paragraph?

A writer uses a thesaurus to replace overused words with more precise or interesting synonyms, which makes the writing clearer and more engaging.
