Use this packet of activities to help children practice their Language Arts skills.
# Day 1

Find the synonym for each word.
Each synonym in the Synonym Bank will be used once.

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<td>Sally took a sip from her <strong>cup</strong>.</td>
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<td>Leo always spends his pay on <strong>frivolous</strong> items that he does not need.</td>
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<td>The chicken did not have any seasoning. It was quite <strong>bland</strong>.</td>
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<td>The comedian was so <strong>hilarious</strong> that I almost fell out of my chair laughing.</td>
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<td>This weekend, there will be a major <strong>jubilee</strong> to celebrate the football team’s victory.</td>
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<td>“You’re grounded!” my mum said. “You have forgotten to make your bed on <strong>numerous</strong> occasions.”</td>
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<td>“The barn is way over there,” the policeman said while he pointed. “It’s on the <strong>outskirts</strong> of town.”</td>
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<td>The view at the <strong>summit</strong> of Mount Helen was beautiful. We could see miles and miles of trees, lakes and fields.</td>
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**Synonym Bank**

| dull | drink | party | edge | peak | funny | many | unnecessary |
Day 1 (continued)

Find the antonym for each word.
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<td>Every day, Anton <strong>methodically</strong> makes his bed, making sure not to miss a single step in the process.</td>
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<td>“First, Elora will give her book report. Then, Ricardo will give the <strong>subsequent</strong> presentation after Jane,” Mrs. Rodriguez said.</td>
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<td>Eli ate a <strong>solitary</strong> dinner all by himself because his parents and brother were at the soccer championship.</td>
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<td>Maria felt <strong>brilliant</strong> after getting 100% on her French exam.</td>
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<td>“After we finish cleaning our room, let’s <strong>resume</strong> building the den!” my younger sister, Frida, exclaimed.</td>
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<td>This rainy, gloomy day is making me feel <strong>sad</strong> and somber.</td>
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<td>The <strong>urban</strong> city is full of tall buildings and lots of people.</td>
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<td>Brenda’s nose scrunched up in disgust as she took a bite of the sandwich and said, “I absolutely <strong>loathe</strong> the taste of tomatoes!”</td>
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**Antonym Bank**

carelessly  stop  happy  previous  love  unintelligent  rural  together
Day 2

Read the sentences. Write synonyms and antonyms for the highlighted words.

1. Sammi was **afraid** of the dark.
   
   Synonym: ___________________________
   
   Antonym: ___________________________

2. Ben was **upset** that his best friend revealed his secret.
   
   Synonym: ___________________________
   
   Antonym: ___________________________

3. Riley felt **sick**, but wanted to play with her friends anyway.
   
   Synonym: ___________________________
   
   Antonym: ___________________________

4. Mary and her friends loved playing **together**.
   
   Synonym: ___________________________
   
   Antonym: ___________________________

5. Robert felt **left out** of the game because he got hurt.
   
   Synonym: ___________________________
   
   Antonym: ___________________________
Day 2 (continued)

Write a new sentence that uses a synonym of the underlined word.

1. My hands trembled and my head was hot as I waited nervously for the test to be handed out.

2. “If I am elected to school council, I promise to abolish all tests! No more tests!” Nick yelled.

3. “Do you like my nail polish today?” asks Rachel. “I am experimenting with different colours every week.”

4. After the football team won the championship, the entire team went out to grab burgers and celebrate.
Day 2 (continued)

Write a new sentence that uses an antonym of the underlined word.

5. I saunter slowly through the park, taking in the beautiful day and enjoying the view.

6. “My father is so rigid!” Abbie complains. “He never lets me break any of our household rules!”

7. The town erupted in a riot after the mayor announced that she would be closing all ice cream stores.

8. Florida has a very tropical climate, with very sunny, warm, and lush weather.
Day 3

Read the story. Answer the questions on the next page.

Weeks had already gone by, and every day it was the same thing—drills, drills, and more drills.

“I know how to do this drill already,” Jax wanted to howl out in frustration as he kicked the ball around the orange cones. Tension rose in his body with each kick.

Coach ended practice early and invited the team to join him on the bleachers. “Eat a healthy dinner and please go to bed early tonight,” he cautioned. “We have our first game of the season in the morning! We are playing the Daredevils and they won the championship last year. This won’t be an easy match to win!”

Unable to contain their excitement, Jax and his teammates burst out in a loud “Hoorah!”

The next morning, the team huddled together before the game kicked off.

“We’ve trained, drilled, and sweat for four straight weeks. Today we’re going to show Coach and the Daredevils everything that we’ve learned. Remember, keep your eyes up, stay on your toes, and communicate with each other. Now, let’s go give it all we’ve got!” the captain exclaimed.

The captain kicked the ball into play, and everyone sprang to action. When the ball came to Jax, he felt a little nervous at first, but then he kicked the ball with ease, just as if he was navigating the cones in the drills.

“I guess all those drills paid off!” Jax felt like screaming aloud as he swooshed the ball right into the net. “Goal!”
Day 3 (continued)

1. Why is Jax frustrated at the beginning of the story?

2. What color are the cones?

3. Where did Coach invite the team when he ended practice?

4. Who are the Daredevils?

5. Why do Jax and his teammates yell, “Hoorah!”?

6. What advice does the captain tell the team?

7. Why does Jax feel like screaming, “I guess all those drills paid off!”?
Day 3 (continued)

Write a story based on the answers to the following questions.

1. Who is this story about?
   A family of penguins in Antarctica

2. Why are the penguins sad?
   Gerald, a 2-year old penguin, has gone missing! Gerald is the older brother of Mike and Olivia.

3. Where do Mike and Olivia go to look for Gerald?
   They look everywhere! They search up and down the whole snow hill. They even check to see if Gerald is bathing in the sun!

4. What did Gerald have when Mike and Olivia found him?
   A delicious and tasty fish.

5. What lesson did Gerald learn?
   Gerald learned that he shouldn’t leave home without letting Mike and Olivia know first that he is leaving.

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Rosie looked at the damaged, destroyed playground. The plastic slide had holes in it, the ladder was broken, and the swings from the swing set were nowhere to be found. Thick caution tape wrapped the area like a big bandage.

“Just one thunderstorm caused all of this damage,” Rosie muttered to herself as she wiped a tear from her eye. “Now where am I going to play with my friends?”

Rosie shuffled her feet as she walked alongside her Aunt Aubrey on their way home. A dark cloud, heavy with sadness, hung over her. As Rosie and her aunt turned the corner toward their house, they walked under a massive lemon tree that was bursting with fruit the color of sunshine.

“Mrs. Fuentes can make gallons of lemonade with these!” Aunt Aubrey said with a big smile.

When Rosie heard the word “lemonade,” it was as if a light bulb flicked on in her head.

“I could sell lemonade and earn money to fix the playground!” Rosie burst out excitedly.

“That’s a great idea, Rosie!” Aunt Aubrey exclaimed supportively.

Mrs. Fuentes liked the idea, too, and was thrilled to give Rosie lemons for the playground.

After the lemons were picked, Rosie mixed up her famous lemonade and set up a stand. By the end of the day, she had a jar full of money.

“I just need a few more days like this, and I’ll have plenty of money to help rebuild the playground,” Rosie said. “This day sure did turn from sour to sweet!”
Day 4 (continued)

1. Which parts of the playground were damaged from the thunderstorm?

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2. Why does Rosie wipe a tear from her eye?

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3. What kind of tree do Rosie and Aunt Aubrey see on their walk home?

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4. Who owns the tree that Rosie and Aunt Aubrey see?

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5. What is Rosie’s great idea to save the playground?

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6. **CHALLENGE:** Why did the day turn from “sour to sweet”?  

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Write a story based on the answers to the following questions.

1. Who is this story about?
   
   *Grandpa and Theo*

2. What do Grandpa and Theo love to do?
   
   *Grandpa and Theo love to go fishing on their wooden, back porch. They spend all day chatting and enjoying the outdoors.*

3. Why do Grandpa and Theo have to stop fishing?
   
   *Grandpa and Theo notice that there are dark and gloomy clouds in the sky.*

4. What do Grandpa and Theo do instead?
   
   *Grandpa and Theo prepare an elegant, delicious, 5-course dinner for Grandma.*

5. Why does Grandma cry when she comes home?
   
   *Grandma is so flattered by the nice gesture from Grandpa and Theo. She is overcome with happiness!*
Day 5

Write a proper noun that goes with each of the common nouns below.

1. president ________________________________

2. city ________________________________

3. state ________________________________

4. book ________________________________

5. movie ________________________________

6. entertainer ________________________________

7. mountain ________________________________

8. river ________________________________

9. continent ________________________________

10. country ________________________________
Read the paragraph below. Circle the proper nouns and underline the common nouns. Then, write up to 10 proper nouns and up to 10 common nouns in the table below.

Saturday was one of my absolute favourite days ever because we took the train to the London Zoo. Mikayla, my younger sister, rode the train for free because she is only three. Once we got to the zoo, we spent all day looking at the animals, including wolves, lions and monkeys. The giraffes were my favourite. The baby giraffe was named Nambi and was adorable. Next week, we will go to the Sea Life Centre. I can’t wait to see the Seals!

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