



NAPLAN Synonym Swap Cards

Rapid Revision Kit

Years 3–5

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How to Use Your Synonym Swap Cards

Quick Revision Method:

- Cover the synonyms with your hand
- Say as many alternatives as you can
- Check your answers
- Practice using them in sentences

Writing Practice:

- Replace basic words in your stories
- Choose synonyms that fit your meaning
- Read your writing aloud to check flow
- Build your vocabulary daily

Descriptive Words

BIG

- enormous
- gigantic
- massive
- tremendous
- colossal

SMALL

- tiny
- miniature
- petite
- microscopic
- minuscule

PRETTY

- beautiful
- gorgeous
- stunning
- magnificent
- attractive

UGLY

- hideous
- revolting
- ghastly
- repulsive
- unsightly

BRIGHT

DARK

- brilliant
- dazzling
- radiant
- gleaming
- luminous

- gloomy
- shadowy
- murky
- dim
- pitch-black

Action Words

RUN

- sprint
- dash
- race
- bolt
- hurry

WALK

- stroll
- wander
- march
- stride
- amble

LOOK

- gaze
- stare
- peer
- glance
- observe

SAY

- whisper
- shout
- mumble
- declare
- announce

EAT

- devour
- gobble
- nibble
- munch
- consume

JUMP

- leap
- bounce
- hop
- spring
- vault

Emotion Words

HAPPY

- delighted
- thrilled
- cheerful
- ecstatic
- joyful

SAD

- miserable
- gloomy
- devastated
- heartbroken
- sorrowful

ANGRY

- furious
- enraged
- irritated
- livid
- outraged

SCARED

- terrified
- petrified
- frightened
- horrified
- trembling

EXCITED

- enthusiastic
- eager
- exhilarated
- animated
- electrified

TIRED

- exhausted
- weary
- drained
- fatigued
- worn out

↑📋 Quantity and Size Words

A LOT

- numerous
- countless
- abundant
- plenty
- heaps

A LITTLE

- scarcely
- barely
- hardly
- slightly
- somewhat

FAST

- rapid
- swift
- speedy
- quick
- lightning

SLOW

- sluggish
- gradual
- leisurely
- dawdling
- unhurried

LOUD

- deafening
- thunderous
- booming
- roaring
- ear-splitting

QUIET

- silent
- hushed
- muffled
- peaceful
- soundless



HOT

- scorching
- blazing
- sweltering
- boiling
- blistering

COLD

- freezing
- icy
- arctic
- bitter
- frosty

WET

- drenched
- soaked
- saturated
- soggy
- dripping

DRY

- parched
- arid
- withered
- crisp
- barren

WINDY

- blustery
- gusty
- howling
- turbulent
- tempestuous

SUNNY

- radiant
- brilliant
- gleaming
- golden
- dazzling

Time Words

SOON

- shortly
- presently
- momentarily
- imminently
- before long

LATE

- delayed
- overdue
- tardy
- behind schedule
- postponed

OLD

- ancient
- elderly
- vintage
- mature
- antique

NEW

- modern
- fresh
- recent
- latest
- brand-new

ALWAYS

NEVER

- constantly
- forever
- continually
- eternally
- permanently

- absolutely not
- not ever
- under no circumstances
- not once
- at no time



Difficulty and Opinion Words

HARD

- challenging
- difficult
- tough
- demanding
- strenuous

EASY

- simple
- effortless
- straightforward
- manageable
- uncomplicated

GOOD

- excellent
- wonderful
- fantastic
- marvellous
- superb

BAD

- terrible
- awful
- dreadful
- horrible
- atrocious

STRANGE

- peculiar
- bizarre
- odd
- unusual
- mysterious

NICE

- pleasant
- delightful
- charming
- lovely
- agreeable

★ Top Tips for NAPLAN Success

Writing Strategy:

- Use 2-3 powerful synonyms per paragraph
- Match the synonym to your meaning
- Read your work aloud to check it flows
- Don't use too many fancy words at once

Revision Method:

- Practice 5 cards daily
- Create sentences with each synonym
- Ask a friend or parent to test you
- Keep a vocabulary journal



+ Bonus Synonym Cards

SMART

- intelligent
- clever
- brilliant
- wise
- genius

SILLY

- foolish
- ridiculous
- absurd
- nonsensical
- preposterous

FUNNY

- hilarious
- amusing
- comical
- entertaining
- hysterical

BRAVE

- courageous
- heroic
- fearless
- bold
- valiant

LAZY

- idle
- sluggish
- inactive
- lethargic
- slack

BUSY

- occupied
- hectic
- swamped
- frantic
- bustling

Ready to Level Up Your Writing?

Use these synonym swap cards regularly to build your vocabulary and improve your NAPLAN writing scores!



Good luck with your NAPLAN writing!

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