

SYNONYM TRIPLETS GRADES K-5

calm serene peaceful	joyful happy elated
hard difficult challenging	answer response reply
divide separate split it up	agree consent acquiesce
surprised astonished amazed	careful prudent cautious

continue persist persevere	help assist aid
fast quick rapid	fragile delicate breakable
talk discuss converse	complete whole total
nice interesting enjoyable	near close by in the vicinity

change vary alter	glum morose sullen
postpone delay procrastinate	explain expound elucidate
make create develop	concise terse pithy
replace restore put it back	important significant valuable

freedom independence liberty	call yell shout
income earnings revenue	leave depart go away
disaster calamity catastrophe	sorry regretful penitent
pester annoy bother	kind helpful considerate

These are eight charts that 3-5th grade students mastered. Teachers worked together on the project. Everyone celebrated when students videotaped themselves demonstrating mastery.

The students mastered the meanings of these words over a period of eight months. They had to demonstrate their correct use in their writing and speaking. The videotaping was done after the mastery of each chart of triplets and at the end of the eight months.

SYNONYM TRIPLETS GRADES 3-5

Synonym Triplets

grab take seize	grasp hold clutch
little small petite	start begin initiate
enough sufficient adequate	supply furnish provide
tardy late delayed	part pierce portion

excuse forgive pardon	make build construct
distant remote secluded	stroll walk saunter
mistake error blunder	verify confirm substantiate
omit delete remove	empty vacant unoccupied

rich wealthy prosperous	think reflect contemplate
faithful loyal true	know understand comprehend
thin slim slender	uproar chaos pandemonium
waver fluctuate vacillate	timid fearful cowardly

large huge enormous	uncomplicated simple easy
ancient antiquated very old	weary tired exhausted
pal friend buddy	starving hungry ravenous
house abode residence	outstanding excellent admirable

SYNONYM TRIPLETS GRADES 3-5

calm quiet peaceful	happy glad cheerful
hard difficult challenging	answer respond reply
divide separate split it up	go to sleep take a nap doze off
surprised astonished amazed	be careful be cautious be alert

continue keep going persevere	help assistance aid
fast quick rapid	fragile delicate breakable
talk speak discuss	complete whole all finished
nice interesting enjoyable	near close by in the vicinity

sleepy drowsy can hardly stay awake	dirty soiled filthy
postpone delay procrastinate	pardon me forgive me excuse me please
make create develop	quit stop end
	important significant valuable

return go back turn around	call yell shout
put it down lay it down place it over there	leave depart go away
save it keep it don't throw it away	I'm sorry I apologize I didn't mean to do it
pester annoy bother	

SYNONYM TRIPLETS K-2

These are eight charts that K-2 grade students mastered. Teachers worked together on the project. Everyone celebrated when students videotaped themselves demonstrating mastery.

delicious tasty appetizing	grasp hold clutch
little tiny small	start begin let's get going
I have enough I have plenty I don't need anymore	buy it purchase it give money for something
tardy late delayed	part pierce portion

excuse forgive pardon	make build construct
far away quite a distance way away	giggle chuckle laugh out loud
It was noisy It was loud There was lots of commotion	It's right It's correct It's excellent
you can remove it delete it or take it out	empty vacant unoccupied

rich wealthy prosperous	think reflect contemplate
kind helpful considerate	know understand comprehend
brave courageous fearless	It's heavy It weighs a lot It's hard to lift
It's a mistake It's an error It's incorrect	busy hard at work determined to get something done

large huge enormous	easy simple uncomplicated
dinosaurs were ancient antiquated very old	weary tired exhausted
pal friend buddy	be careful be cautious watch out
house home residence	outstanding excellent admirable

SYNONYM TRIPLETS K-2