



Frindle

fun activities

Synonym Concentration

Playing With Words That Mean the Same

Nick Allen starts a trend when he begins to use the word “frindle” in place of the word “pen.” This made-up term catches on quickly and soon he is teaching everyone a lesson about how we define what things actually mean. This new element of speech that Nick comes up with is known as a synonym because it means exactly the same as another word.

Let’s explore a little bit more about synonyms by playing a game of concentration.

To begin you’ll need to cut 36 equal-sized squares of paper to make into cards. Then, write one of the following words onto each card.

smart	mad	jump	dirty	run	reliable
cold	scare	clean	yell	friend	easy
perhaps	toss	trip	pupil	tiny	difficult
intelligent	furious	leap	messy	sprint	chilly

maybe	throw	vacation	student	small	hard
simple	pal	shout	tidy	frighten	loyal

How to Play Synonym Concentration:

1. Shuffle or mix up the cards.
2. Lay the cards face down in rows, six across and six down.
3. Take turns with a partner, turning over two cards at a time.
4. If the two cards are a synonym, keep them. They are a match.
5. If they are not synonyms, then turn the cards back over.
6. Remember what was on each card and where it was so you can find it again.
7. Next, it’s your partner’s turn to go. Watch and remember what they turn over.
8. The game is over when all of the cards have been matched.
9. The person who has the most synonyms wins the game.

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