A synonym is a word that has the same, or nearly the same, meaning as another word.

An antonym is a word that has the opposite meaning to another word.

Complete these questions about synonyms and antonyms – you can use a dictionary/thesaurus to check your work.

1. Which word is closest in meaning to ‘scaled’ in the sentence below?

   Jimmy scaled the wall.

   Tick one.

   built
   decorated
   fixed
   climbed

   1 mark

2. Find one word that can complete both sentences below.

   Write the word in the box.

   You should remember to look both ways before you __________ the road.

   Adam was very ___________ that he couldn’t go outside to play.

   1 mark
3. You are looking over your work and decide to replace the word ‘enormous’ in the sentence below.

The castle was enormous.

Choose another word with a similar meaning and write it in the box.

[Box for answer]

1 mark

4. Tick the words closest in meaning to:

dispute

Tick one.

- agreement, contract [ ]
- achievement, prize [ ]
- accident, mishap [ ]
- argument, quarrel [ ]

1 mark

5. You are looking over your work and decide to replace the word ‘said’ in the sentence below.

“Stop!” said the mother as her children ran out into the road.

Choose a suitable word and write it in the box.

[Box for answer]

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6. Tick the words that mean the **opposite** of:

numerous

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7. Complete the table by writing a suitable **antonym** (opposite) in the box below.

One has been done for you.

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8. Tick the words that mean the **opposite** of:

scarce

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9. Identify the antonyms and synonyms in the following sentences.

The house had been built over 100 years ago, some of the window frames has begun to rot. The air inside was musty and the floorboards creaked loudly as she crept across the gloomy room. As she stepped outside, she was met with the fresh smell of nature and the quiet whistle of the wind in the trees.

The children were determined to solve the case of the mysterious disappearing dragonfly, they all believed it had something to do with the suspicious new boy in year 6, as it has vanished one the same day he arrived, but they had to find proof!

He woke with a start! Sun shone in through the open window, dancing and sparkling over the wooden floorboards. Then he noticed something odd, something was glistening in the sunlight. Quick as a flash, he jumped out of bed and raced over to the corner of the room. He paused, what could it be? Slowly, he reached out his hand...