13.8 Simple Synonyms: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

Ali's Trip to the City Museum

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On Monday morning, Ali felt happy because his class was going on a trip to the city museum. The coach was enormous, so there was room for the whole class to sit together. When they arrived, Mr Patel said, 'Stay close together and walk quietly through the halls.' Ali gazed at a huge dinosaur skeleton that towered above the visitors. His friend Noor giggled when she spotted a tiny model of a Roman soldier, no bigger than her thumb. In the next room, the class found a display of shiny coins that gleamed under the bright lights. Ali felt tired after climbing the museum stairs, but he was too excited to rest. Outside, a noisy fire engine raced past the museum windows, and everybody rushed to look. 'That was a loud siren!' exclaimed Noor. By the time the coach arrived to take them home, the sky had turned grey and the air felt chilly. Ali was scared of missing the coach, so he hurried quickly across the car park. He climbed aboard just in time and sank into his seat with a happy sigh. It had been an amazing day, and Ali could not wait to tell his family all about it.

1 Tick the synonym (the word that means nearly the same) for the word given in each part.

(a) happy **(1)**

- [ ] A) glad
- [ ] B) sad
- [ ] C) tall

(b) big **(1)**

- [ ] A) tiny
- [ ] B) huge
- [ ] C) quick

(c) said **(1)**

- [ ] A) replied
- [ ] B) opened
- [ ] C) counted

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(d) quick **(1)**

- [ ] A) slow
- [ ] B) heavy
- [ ] C) fast

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2 The two sentences below repeat the word 'looked'. Rewrite the second sentence, replacing 'looked' with a synonym so the same word is not repeated.

Ali looked at the huge dinosaur skeleton. Noor looked at the tiny model of the Roman soldier.

(2)

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3 Tick the sentence where a synonym has been used incorrectly, so the sentence does not make sense.

- [ ] A) The kitten was tiny, so it fitted inside Ali's pocket.
- [ ] B) The soup was boiling hot, so Ali shivered with cold.
- [ ] C) The museum was enormous, so it took all day to see everything.
- [ ] D) The coach was noisy, so everyone had to shout to be heard.

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4 Each sentence below uses the wrong synonym, so it does not make sense. Circle the wrong word and write the correct synonym above it.

(a) The ice lolly felt scorching in Ali's hand. **(1)**

(b) The museum hall was silent because the school trip filled every room with noise. **(1)**

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5 This sentence about the museum trip has two synonyms swapped the wrong way round. Find both mistakes and write the sentence correctly.

The huge model of the Roman soldier made Noor giggle, while the tiny dinosaur skeleton towered above the visitors.

(2)

6 Write your own sentence using the word 'enormous' as a synonym for 'big'. Remember a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end.

(2)

7 Circle the word that shows the strongest degree of size.

After walking inside, Ali said the dinosaur skeleton was ___.

- ☐ large
- ☐ huge
- ☐ gigantic

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Question 1

(a) A ticked (glad) cao — **B1**

(a) Answer: **A) glad**

(b) B ticked (huge) cao — **B1**

(b) Answer: **B) huge**

(c) A ticked (replied) cao — **B1**

(c) Answer: **A) replied**

(d) C ticked (fast) cao — **B1**

(d) Answer: **C) fast**

Question 2

'looked' replaced with a valid synonym, e.g. gazed, stared, peered, glanced (oe) — **B1**

rest of the sentence copied correctly with sense retained cao — **B1**

Answer: **Noor gazed at the tiny model of the Roman soldier.**

Question 3

B ticked only (cao) — **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 4

(a) circles 'scorching' and writes a sensible replacement, e.g. freezing, icy, cold (oe, both needed for the mark) — **B1**

(a) Answer: **scorching -> e.g. freezing**

(b) circles 'silent' and writes a sensible replacement, e.g. noisy, loud (oe, both needed for the mark) — **B1**

(b) Answer: **silent -> e.g. noisy**

Question 5

corrects 'huge' to 'tiny' for the soldier model (oe, e.g. small) cao — **B1**

corrects 'tiny' to 'huge' for the dinosaur skeleton (oe, e.g. enormous) cao — **B1**

Answer: **The tiny model of the Roman soldier made Noor giggle, while the huge dinosaur skeleton towered above the visitors.**

Question 6

sentence makes sense and correctly uses 'enormous' (oe) — **B1**

sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop (cao) — **B1**

Answer: **e.g. The enormous whale swam past the boat.**

Question 7

gigantic circled cao — **B1**

Answer: **gigantic**

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