



Vocabulary

VOC-17 Word Maps: Synonyms and Antonyms

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Students learn word meanings using synonyms, antonyms or examples to make connections to other words they already know, and to understand the boundaries of a word's meaning.

MATERIALS: Chart paper, marker

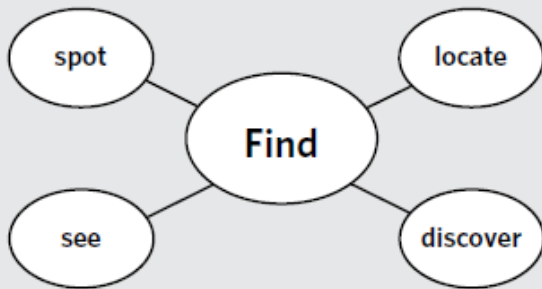
1 Select vocabulary words to teach and identify synonyms, antonyms and/or examples for the words.

2 Write a word previously introduced in the center of the map.

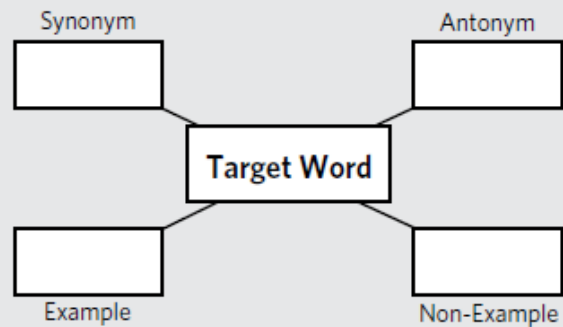
3 Lead a discussion to fill in the map.

EXAMPLE:

Synonym Word Map



Alternate Word Map for Synonyms and Antonyms



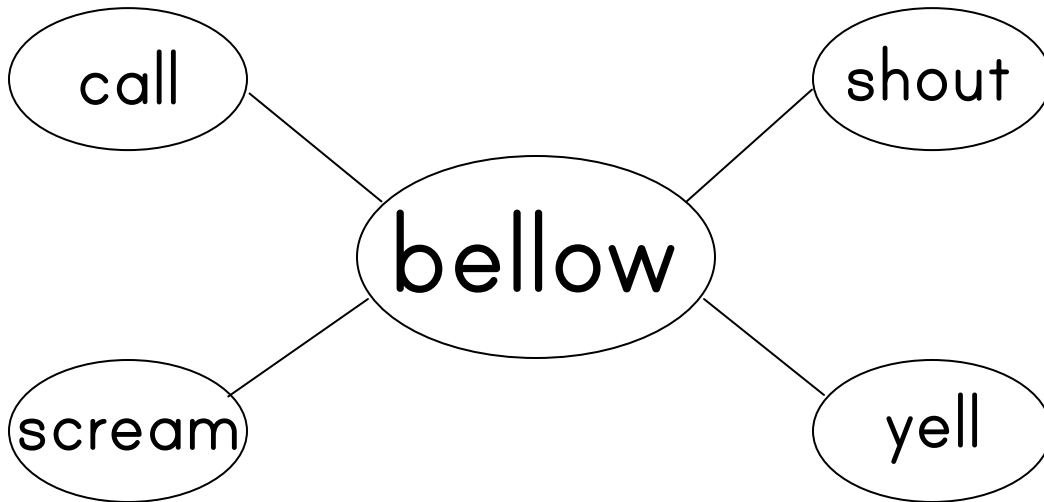
EXTENSION: Word map worksheets can be used by students individually or in teams, with students independently completing the maps for words previously learned. Students also can use antonyms and synonyms to make up new titles for familiar books and stories. For example:

- Giant Red Riding Hood or Tiny Crimson Riding Coat (Little Red Riding Hood)
- The Feline in the Fedora (The Cat in the Hat)
- Where the Tame Things Are or Where the Savage Ones Exist (Where the Wild Things Are)



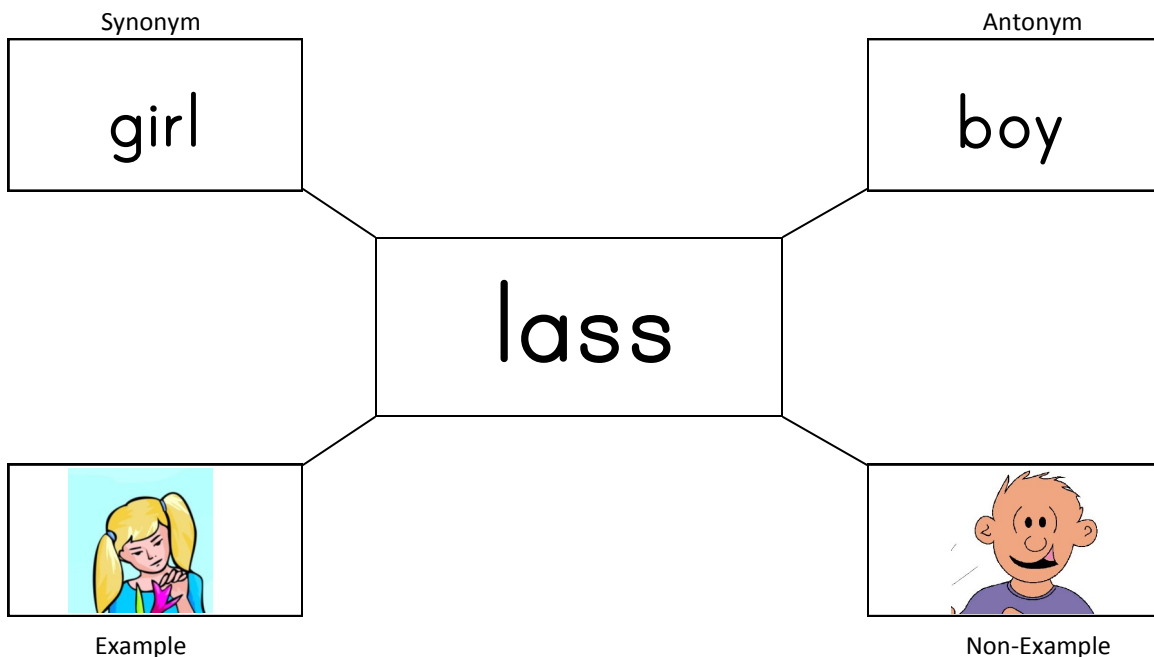
PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Select the graphic organizer which best suits your lesson. You may wish to enlarge the graphic organizer so that you can complete the activity together during small group instruction.

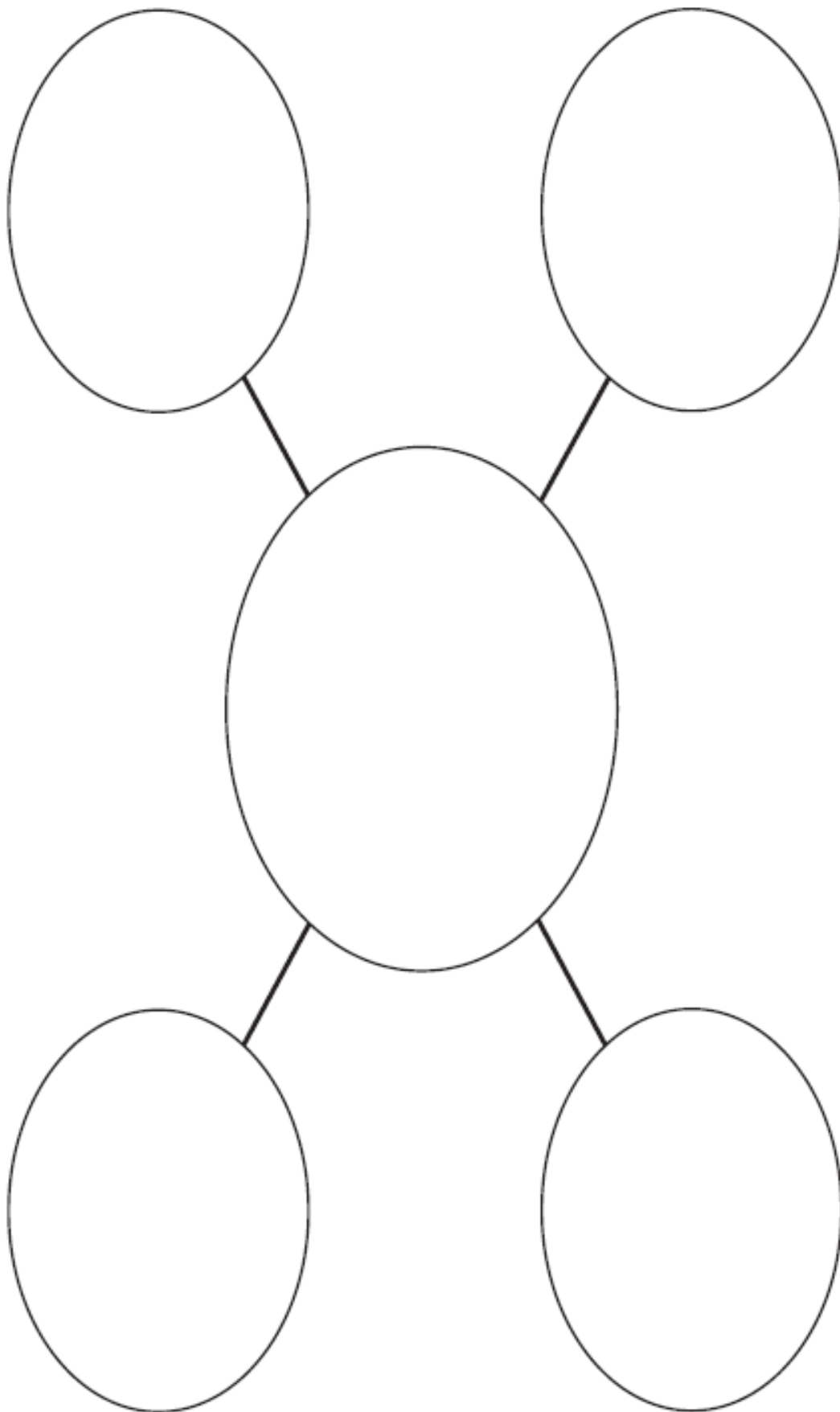
Synonym Word Map



Other Examples				
secure	close	shut	seal	fasten
tidy	neat	clean	organized	orderly

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