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# Thesaurus Fun for the Classroom

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Teacher-led activities using a thesaurus

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## Song Lyrics

1. Students look up and write down the chorus of their favorite song.
2. Using their thesaurus, students look up words they can replace without changing the meaning of the song.
3. Do the words keep the same meaning and retain the musicality of the song? Can students find words that do?

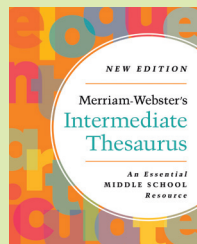
## Word Brainstorm

1. The teacher picks three words (for example: *complicate*, *abundant*, and *strong*).
2. The teacher sets a timer for sixty seconds and asks students to write down as many synonyms and antonyms for those words as they can.
3. Students use a thesaurus to check their words and write down other synonym and antonym choices.

## Story Shuffle

1. Students write a short, simple story of about five sentences. The story could be about a person going to their favorite place on the weekend. Where are they going? What do they do or see?
2. Students exchange stories with each other.
3. Students rewrite the other person's story using words from their thesaurus.

Grades 5-8, Ages 10-14



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