

Grammaropolis
PRESENTS

**THE
MAYOR'S**

VOCABULARY AND WRITING

JOURNAL

**FUNKY WORDS FOR
MIDDLE SCHOOLERS**

INCLUDES:

Vocabulary in Context
Definitions & Pronunciation
Synonyms & Antonyms
Sentence-Writing Practice
Story Prompts
& More!



HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

PHONETIC
PRONUNCIATION

SYLLABLE
BREAKDOWN

DICTIONARY
PRONUNCIATION

foofaraw

foo-fa-raw • [FOO-fuh-raw] • \ 'fū-fə-,rò \

PART OF SPEECH

- noun

DEFINITION

a great fuss or disturbance about something insignificant
My sister exploded into a massive **foofaraw** when I told her that someone had scratched her car, but I think she totally overreacted.

USAGE EXAMPLE IN A
COMPLETE SENTENCE

WRITE YOUR OWN
SYNONYMS HERE

SYNONYMS

excitement

brouhaha

ANTONYMS

indifference

disinterest

WRITE YOUR OWN
ANTONYMS HERE

WRITING TIME!

Use **foofaraw** in an original sentence of your own creation.

Last night at dinner my cat knocked over a glass
of water and caused a real foofaraw.

PRACTICE USING THE
WORD BY WRITING AN
ORIGINAL SENTENCE

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express **foofaraw** with a drawing or
invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

DRAWING



foofaraw (verb)

to search desperately for a
match to the last remaining
sock when you are folding
laundry.

DEFINITION

PARTS OF SPEECH REVIEW

Every word acts as at least one of the eight parts of speech.

In this workbook, you'll find nouns, verbs, adjectives, and one adverb. Here are some things you need to remember about them!



NOUNS

A noun can name a person, place, thing, or idea.

Naming a person:

Jason is my very best friend.

Naming a place:

Becks Prime is my favorite restaurant.

Naming a thing:

That ball is my favorite toy.

Naming an idea:

Honesty and loyalty are my best qualities.



VERBS

An action verb expresses mental or physical action, and a linking verb expresses a state of being.

Expressing physical action:

Richard jumped across the river.

Expressing mental action:

Richard considered jumping across the river.

Expressing a state of being:

Richard feels bad. He is sorry for jumping across the river.



ADJECTIVES

An adjective modifies a noun or a pronoun and tells what kind, which one, how much, or how many.

Modifying a noun:

The quick brown fox jumped over the enormous, new red fence at the first sign of trouble.

Modifying a pronoun:

They are satisfied with the answer, but I am still curious.



ADVERBS

An adverb modifies a verb, an adjective, or another adverb and tells how, where, when, or to what extent.

Modifying a verb:

Dayton quickly ran home so that he would arrive early.

Modifying an adjective:

Dayton was extremely tired after running.

Modifying another adverb:

Dayton ran very quickly.

There are four other parts of speech you won't find in this workbooks, but that doesn't mean they're not important! Here they are:



PRONOUNS

A pronoun takes the place of one or more nouns or pronouns.



CONJUNCTIONS

A conjunction joins words or word groups.



PREPOSITIONS

A preposition shows a logical relationship or locates an object in time or space.



INTERJECTIONS

An interjection expresses strong or mild emotion.

agroof

a·groof • [ah-GROOF] • \ ə'gru:f \

- **adverb**

in or into a prone position, face down

Susan tripped on the sprinkler and fell **agroof** right onto the ground.

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

WRITING TIME!

Use **agroof** in an original sentence of your own creation.

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express **agroof** with a drawing or
invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

animadversion

an·i·mad·ver·sion • [an-uh-mad-VER-zhun] • \,a-nə-,mad-'vər-zhən \

- noun

a critical comment or comments, especially those reproaching somebody

Jaxon didn't think he'd done anything wrong, but his report card was filled with **animadversion** instead of praise.

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

WRITING TIME!

Use **animadversion** in an original sentence of your own creation.

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express **animadversion** with a drawing or
invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

cachinnate

cach·in·nate • [KAK-uh-nayt] • \ 'ka-kə-,nāt \

- verb

to laugh loudly or immoderately

I couldn't enjoy the movie because the guy in front of me **cachinnated** the whole time.

SYNONYMS



ANTONYMS



WRITING TIME!

Use **cachinnate** in an original sentence of your own creation.

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express ***cachinnate*** with a drawing or invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

refulgent

re·ful·gent • [rih-FUL-junt] • \ ri-'fŭl-jənt \

- adjective

shining brilliantly or splendidly

We were all impressed by your **refulgent** holiday decorations.

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

WRITING TIME!

Use **refulgent** in an original sentence of your own creation.

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express **refulgent** with a drawing or
invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

taradiddle

tar·a·did·dle • [TAR-ah-did-el] • \ 'ta-rə-,di-dəl \

- noun

1. a petty falsehood; a fib
2. silly pretentious speech or writing

Don't go around spouting **taradiddles** if you want to appear trustworthy.

SYNONYMS

ANTONYMS

WRITING TIME!

Use **taradiddle** in an original sentence of your own creation.

BONUS FUN TIME!

Express ***taradiddle*** with a drawing or invent a dictionary-style definition of your own.

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