

# Synonyms and Antonyms

**Synonyms** are words such as *win* and *victory* that have the same or a similar meaning. **Antonyms** are words, such as *respect* and *contempt*, that have opposite meanings. Read the following passage from “Rules of the Game.”

“Wise guy, he not go against wind. In Chinese we say Come from South, blow with wind—poom!—North will follow.”

*South* and *North* are antonyms. They have opposite meanings.

## A.

**Find Synonyms** The words listed below are from “Rules of the Game.” Find and write the meaning of each word from its context within the story. Then circle the synonym that is closest in meaning from the three possibilities given for each word.

1. curio (page 349) \_\_\_\_\_

**Synonyms** a. antique b. artifact c. heirloom

2. mysterious (page 349) \_\_\_\_\_

**Synonyms** a. puzzling b. concealed c. strange

3. odor (page 350) \_\_\_\_\_

**Synonyms** a. stench b. fragrance c. aroma

4. eluded (page 350) \_\_\_\_\_

**Synonyms** a. avoided b. dodged c. defied

5. festive (page 350) \_\_\_\_\_

**Synonyms** a. cheery b. happy c. merry

## B.

**Find Antonyms** Find and write the meaning of each word from its context within the story. Then circle the best antonym from the three possibilities given for each word.

6. emerged (page 350) \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** a. retreated b. withdrew c. proceed

7. scampered (page 351) \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** a. trudged b. straggled c. stalled

8. sly (page 351) \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** a. sincere b. true c. honest

9. solemnity (page 352) \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** a. lightness b. informality c. frivolousness

10. elaborate (page 353) \_\_\_\_\_

**Antonyms** a. ordinary b. simple c. usual