Choosing the best word: answers and notes

What your child practised: choosing the synonym or antonym that fits a sentence's meaning and strength.

Page 1 · Warm up

damp, wet, soaked · like, love, adore · nibble, eat, devour

Page 2 · Line-up (fair answers may vary)

whisper, say, shout, scream · walk, jog, run, sprint · cool, chilly, cold, freezing (chilly and cold may swap)

Page 2 · A. Order

pleased → happy → overjoyed
glance → look → stare
drizzle → rain → downpour

Page 2 · B. Which antonym?

1. **heavy** · 2. **easy** · 3. **soft** · 4. **dark**

Page 3 · C. Best word

1. **whispered**: quietly, so the baby stays asleep
2. **colossal**: it's extremely big
3. **furious**: a whole cake is a big loss, so very angry

Page 3 · D. Make it stronger (example)

The **enormous** storm made the **terrified** children **sprint** inside.

Challenge: No. It depends on what light means in the sentence. A light room is the opposite of a **dark** room, but a light bag is the opposite of a **heavy** bag.

Watch out for

- **Ignoring the sentence.** Choosing "dark" as the opposite of a light bag. Ask "What does light mean *here*?"
- **The wrong strength.** "The boiling bath was nice and relaxing" doesn't work. Ask "Is that too strong, or not strong enough?"

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Strength ladder:** say three synonyms (warm, hot, boiling) and ask your child to put them in order, then add a fourth.
- **Turn it up:** say a plain sentence ("The dog was big") and take turns making it stronger or weaker.
- **In the game:** Chapter 5 uses the grammar terms subject, object, active and passive.