Vocabulary Building: Synonyms and Antonyms

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part A: Upgrade Your Words ✍️

Replace each underlined basic word with a more sophisticated synonym. Write your answer on the line.

1. The student was happy about the test results. _____
2. The weather was bad during our camping trip. _____
3. She gave a good speech at the assembly. _____
4. The movie was very interesting to watch. _____
5. He walked quickly to catch the bus. _____
6. The teacher was angry about the noise. _____
7. The book had a sad ending. _____
8. They built a big treehouse in the garden. _____

Part B: Find the Opposite

Write an antonym (opposite word) for each word below.

1. ancient: _____
2. courageous: _____
3. generous: _____
4. common: _____
5. strengthen: _____
6. triumph: _____
7. peaceful: _____
8. expand: _____

Part C: Sentence Rewriting

Rewrite each sentence using more sophisticated vocabulary. Underline the words you've upgraded.

1. The nice man helped the lost child find her way home.

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2. It was a very hot day, so we went to the beach.

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3. The small dog ran fast across the park.

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Part D: Synonym Selection Challenge

Circle the word in brackets that would be the BEST synonym replacement for the context.

1. The detective examined the evidence carefully. (studied / glanced / peeked)

2. The castle stood on the cliff for centuries. (balanced / perched / leaned)

3. Her explanation was very clear and easy to understand. (obvious / lucid / simple)

4. The athlete showed great determination during the race. (stubbornness / persistence / hardness)