

Synonym Substitution

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See what happens to favorite nursery rhymes when some words are replaced with their synonyms. Fill in the blanks below, but don't write the missing words. Instead write synonyms for the missing words! (Remember, a synonym is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.) Take turns reading your new nursery rhymes out loud to the class!

OLD KING COLE

Old King Cole was a _____ old soul,
(merry)

And a merry _____ soul was he.
(old)

He _____ for his pipe,
(called)

and he called for his _____,
(bowl)

And he _____ for his fiddlers three.
(called)

SING A SONG OF SIXPENCE

Sing a _____ of sixpence,
(song)

A pocket _____ of rye;
(full)

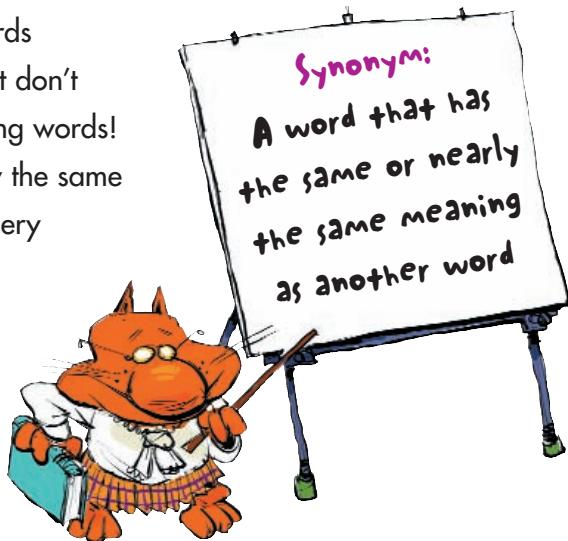
Four and twenty blackbirds
_____ in a pie.
(baked)

When the pie was opened,

They all _____ to sing.
(began)

Now, wasn't that a _____ dish
(tasty)

To _____ before the King?
(set)



HUMPTY-DUMPTY

Humpty-Dumpty _____ on a wall,
(sat)

Humpty-Dumpty had a _____ fall.
(great)

All the king's horses, and all the king's men

Couldn't put Humpty together again.

LITTLE JACK HORNER

_____ Jack Horner
(little)

_____ in the corner,
(sat)

_____ his Christmas pie.
(eating)

He _____ in his thumb
(put)

and _____ out a plum,
(pulled)

And said, "What a _____ boy am I!"
(good)