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You can often use **synonyms** and **antonyms** as context clues to help you figure out the meaning of an unfamiliar word. Look at the examples below. The underlined words are clues to what the words in bold mean.

Synonym (similar meaning): Our dress code **permits** sneakers. It also allows hats, but only outside.

Antonym (opposite meaning): The long **conflict** finally ended and peace was restored.

Read each passage below. Write the synonym or antonym that helps you figure out the meaning of the word in bold. Then circle “Synonym” if the words mean the same thing. Circle “Antonym” if the words have opposite meanings.

1. Gaylord Nelson developed an **affection** for nature growing up in northern Wisconsin. He brought his love of the land to his career.

_____ **Synonym** **Antonym**

2. As governor of Wisconsin, he worked hard to protect his state’s natural resources. His Outdoor Recreation Acquisition Program **preserved** thousands of acres of unspoiled land.

_____ **Synonym** **Antonym**

3. The program bought **private** lands and turned them into wildlife areas and public parks.

_____ **Synonym** **Antonym**

4. Nelson wanted Congress to pass such laws, but he needed to show that people supported the **legislation**.

_____ **Synonym** **Antonym**

5. Nelson called for pro-environment **demonstrations** around the country. The protests were held on April 22, 1970, the day Nelson called Earth Day.

_____ **Synonym** **Antonym**