

## Worksheet 1

# Sisters

## *Sisterly Synonyms*

Synonyms are words or expressions that share a similar meaning. They are often used to make written and visual texts more expressive and interesting.

**Task 1:** Rewrite the sentences from *Sisters* below by replacing the underlined with a synonym from the table below.

unintentionally	toxic	seldom	uninterested
hesitantly	pretentiously	rational	droll
resisted	rudely	quarrelling	conceited

1. The more reasonable Mum was, the angrier Bella became.
2. The poisonous atmosphere that had hung about the house for the last ten days had disappeared.
3. "I picked it up on my way home." Bella's voice was a bit smug.
4. She was tempted to say that it was about time Bella did something to help around the house but refrained.
5. Maddie looked across the table but mum seemed oblivious.
6. Bella had slipped off to her room as soon as she had finished eating, ostentatiously getting books out of her schoolbag to take with her.
7. Bella answered curtly. "You shouldn't even be in my room."
8. She grinned involuntarily at her own joke but Bella was not amused.
9. Mum hated them squabbling.
10. She rarely woke in the middle of the night but here she was, lying in the dark, wide awake.
11. She stopped and Maddie spoke tentatively.
12. Bella reached over to turn off the lamp. Her voice was wry.

**Task 2:** What is an antonym? Find appropriate antonyms for the underlined words in the sentences above.

### Extension Activities:

- Locate a thesaurus (it may be in book form or online format). Demonstrate to a younger class how using a thesaurus can help make writing more expressive by using synonyms and antonyms found in such a resource.
- Use a thesaurus to assist you with including new and interesting words when writing imaginative, informative or persuasive texts.