

## USING A THESAURUS

When I first heard about a thesaurus, I went all the way through my dinosaur book to see if I could find an image of one. But no luck at all. I did find a picture of a one-eyed dinosaur called a dyathinkheesaurus. That was pretty cool. But no, it turns out that a thesaurus is a book that helps us find alternative words or synonyms (a synonym is a word that means the same, or nearly the same, as another word).

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



### EARN THIS NUGGET

Write a short sentence and then write it a two more times using a thesaurus to change as many words as possible. It will still essentially be the same sentence, but the words can get a whole lot more interesting. Share it with you parents and see what they think.

LEVEL A

PERIOD 2

TASK 1

So a thesaurus can be a really helpful book when you are writing. If you are anything like me, you tend to use the same words to describe things over and over again. That can make your stories really dull. Grabbing a thesaurus can get you out of a rut and really make a huge difference.

If you take that famous sentence (famous because it uses all the letters in the alphabet) and work with it, we can have a little fun using a thesaurus. “The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog” becomes “The speedy chocolate fox hopped over the lethargic pooch” or a million other alternatives. How cool is that?

