

# Using a Thesaurus

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Use a Thesaurus to find synonyms for the words in brackets. When you have found a suitable synonym, write it in the blank space.*

Aunt Skeeter and the (bad) \_\_\_\_\_ Itch.

It was a (very) \_\_\_\_\_ hot day out on the Bluebell farm. Aunt Skeeter had been (working) \_\_\_\_\_ in the garden since daybreak. She looked up at the (hot) \_\_\_\_\_ sun and wished she were swimming in the (cool) \_\_\_\_\_ creek down the road. All at once a (good) \_\_\_\_\_ idea came to her mind. She decided a swim was just what she needed. She (ran) \_\_\_\_\_ down to the creek and (jumped) \_\_\_\_\_ right in! A smile spread across Aunt Skeeter's face as she floated on the water. However, her (nice) \_\_\_\_\_ swim didn't last for long. All of a sudden, Aunt Skeeter let out a (cry) \_\_\_\_\_ that could be heard in the next county. She jumped up out of the water like she'd been shot from a cannon. She wiggled and squirmed as she tried to (find) \_\_\_\_\_ the source of her discomfort. After one (big) \_\_\_\_\_ shake, a (fat) \_\_\_\_\_ catfish came flopping out of Aunt Skeeter's overalls. Seeing the catfish made Aunt Skeeter (laugh) \_\_\_\_\_ so hard that that she had the hiccups for two days!!

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