

## CHAPTER 2 — MRS. WHO

**Vocabulary:** Synonyms are words with similar meanings. Draw a line from each word in column A to its synonym in column B. Then use the words in column A to fill in the blanks in the sentences below.

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
1. belligerent	a. wisely
2. sagely	b. impulse
3. dilapidated	c. absorb
4. compulsion	d. hostile
5. antagonists	e. adversaries
6. assimilate	f. ruined

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- The \_\_\_\_\_ faced each other from opposite sides of the ring before the fight began.
  - The judge nodded \_\_\_\_\_ when the witness described a logical pattern of events.
  - If you cannot control your \_\_\_\_\_ to eat rich foods, you will ruin your health.
  - He studied hard and was able to \_\_\_\_\_ every fact in the chapter.
  - If we buy this \_\_\_\_\_ house, we will have to make many repairs.
  - Your \_\_\_\_\_ attitude is keeping you from making new friends.

**Etymology:**

The word "sinister" comes from the Latin word *sinister*, which means "left" or "on the left side." It was believed in ancient times that the left side was unlucky. Gradually the meaning of sinister changed to evil. Compare the meaning of the word "sinister" with the meaning of the word "dexterous," which comes from the Latin *dexter*, which means "on the right side." Are these words opposites in English as they are in Latin?

**Questions:**

- How does Mrs. Murry respond when Meg asks her to define a "tesseract"?
- Why does Meg get into trouble at school? How does the principal make matters worse?