

desserts ↔ stressed

Semordnilap Flashcards

Words with Secret Twins —
19 Word Pairs for Classroom Use

desserts ↔ stressed

live ↔ evil

dog ↔ god

How to Use These Flashcards

What is a Semordnilap?

A semordnilap is a word that spells a different word backwards. For example: DESSERTS spelled backwards is STRESSED. (Fun fact: "semordnilap" is "palindromes" spelled backwards!)

Three Ways to Play

1. Matching Game

Spread all cards face-up. Students match each word with its reversed partner. Time them for extra challenge!

2. Memory Game

Place cards face-down in a grid. Flip two at a time trying to find semordnilap pairs. The student with the most pairs wins.

3. Speed Drill

Show a front card for 3 seconds. Students write down the reversed word before time is up. Check the back to verify.

Printing Tips

- Print double-sided (flip on short edge) so fronts and backs align.
- Cut along the dashed lines to separate individual cards.
- Laminate for durability if using repeatedly in the classroom.
- Each page has 6 cards (3 rows x 2 columns).

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DESSERTS

noun — A sweet course served at the end of a meal

□ flip for reverse

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LIVE

verb — To be alive; to exist

□ flip for reverse

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DOG

noun — A domesticated mammal kept as a pet

□ flip for reverse

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MAPS

noun — Visual representations of an area

□ flip for reverse

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PETS

noun — Animals kept for companionship

□ flip for reverse

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STOP

verb — To cease moving or operating

□ flip for reverse

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EVIL

adjective — Profoundly immoral and wicked

□ LIVE spelled backwards

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STRESSED

adjective — Experiencing mental or emotional strain

□ DESSERTS spelled backwards

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SPAM

noun — Unwanted electronic messages

□ MAPS spelled backwards

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GOD

noun — A supreme being; a deity

□ DOG spelled backwards

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POTS

noun — Containers used for cooking

□ STOP spelled backwards

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STEP

noun — A movement made by lifting the foot

□ PETS spelled backwards

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RATS

noun — Long-tailed rodents

□ flip for reverse

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BAN

noun — An official prohibition

□ flip for reverse

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BUNS

noun — Small, round bread rolls

□ flip for reverse

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AVID

adjective — Having a keen interest or enthusiasm

□ flip for reverse

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LEER

verb — To look slyly or maliciously

□ flip for reverse

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MEET

verb — To come together with someone

□ flip for reverse

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NAB

verb — To catch or arrest someone

□ BAN spelled backwards

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STAR

noun — A luminous point in the night sky

□ RATS spelled backwards

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DIVA

noun — A famous female singer or celebrity

□ AVID spelled backwards

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SNUB

verb — To reject or ignore disdainfully

□ BUNS spelled backwards

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TEEM

verb — To be full of; to swarm

□ MEET spelled backwards

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REEL

noun — A cylinder for winding film or thread

□ LEER spelled backwards

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SNOT

noun — Nasal mucus

□ flip for reverse

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SLEETS

verb — When frozen rain falls from the sky

□ flip for reverse

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DEBUT

noun — A person's first public performance

□ flip for reverse

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RUB

verb — To move back and forth against a surface

□ flip for reverse

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RAT

noun — A medium-sized rodent

□ flip for reverse

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SODA

noun — A sweet carbonated drink

□ flip for reverse

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STEELS

noun — Strong alloys of iron and carbon

☐ SLEETS spelled backwards

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TONS

noun — Units of weight equal to 2,000 pounds

☐ SNOT spelled backwards

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BUR

noun — A prickly seed case of a plant

☐ RUB spelled backwards

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TUBED

verb — Enclosed or fitted with a tube

☐ DEBUT spelled backwards

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ADOS

noun — Fuss or commotion

☐ SODA spelled backwards

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TAR

noun — A dark, thick, sticky substance

☐ RAT spelled backwards

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RECAP

noun — A summary of what has been said

□ flip for reverse

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DELIVER

verb — To set free or bring to a destination

□ flip for reverse

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DRAWER

noun — A sliding compartment in furniture

□ flip for reverse

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SPOOLS

noun — Reels for winding thread or wire

□ flip for reverse

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PUPILS

noun — Students in a school

□ flip for reverse

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TENNIS

noun — A sport played with rackets and a ball

□ flip for reverse

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REVILED

verb — Attacked with abusive language

□ DELIVER spelled backwards

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PACER

noun — A horse that sets the pace in racing

□ RECAP spelled backwards

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SLOOPS

noun — Small single-masted sailboats

□ SPOOLS spelled backwards

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REWARD

noun — Something given for an achievement

□ DRAWER spelled backwards

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SINNET

noun — Braided cord made from rope yarn

□ TENNIS spelled backwards

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SLIPUP

noun — A small error or mistake

□ PUPILS spelled backwards

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