



## Antonyms – Opposites

**Antonym** is another way of saying **opposite**. Some words have antonyms, others do not. For example, the opposite of **good** is **bad**.

### Task One

Copy these lists of **adjectives** into your books. Join up the opposites in each list.

Fat	sad	heavy	strong
Long	hard	far	slow
Happy	thin	big	near
Narrow	dry	weak	light
Wet	short	noisy	small
Soft	wide	fast	quiet

### Task Two

Look at these four sentences. Copy them into your books

carefully filling in the two missing words, which are opposites.

E.g. A hare runs fast but a tortoise is slow.

1. A mouse is ----- but an elephant is -----.
2. A rock is ----- but cotton wool is -----.
3. Ice is ----- but the sun is -----.
4. A lemon is ----- but sugar is -----.

### Task Three

We can make a **verb** into an opposite by adding a **prefix** like **un** or **dis** to the beginning of the word.

E.g. **loaded** becomes **unloaded**.

Write the opposite of these words by adding the prefix **un** or **dis**.

Set it out as in the example.

Wrap	pack	trust	agree
Like	dress	appear	bolt
Cover	allow	tie	arm

### Task Four

Rewrite these sentences. Change the verb in each sentence so it gives the sentence the opposite meaning.

1. Suddenly, as if by magic, the fluffy white rabbit appeared.
2. The football players all agreed with the referee.
3. I really like sprouts.
4. The plumber called to connect the water supply.
5. Children always obey their parents!
6. Tom knew just how to displease his teacher.
7. The referee disallowed the goal.
8. The bandits were soon disarmed.

### Task Five

Certain words do not have any antonyms. For example, can you think of the opposite of wall or flower?

Your task is to list ten words that have no opposites.

### Challenge

Can you find two antonyms or opposites for these words.

You might find that a dictionary helps if you are not sure of the words meaning.

Curious

attack

receive

Timid

brilliant

guilty