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## 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**. 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. Carefully fill 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

**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.

#### **Task Four**

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 A**

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

#### **Challenge B**

Write a short story including all the antonyms from Task A