

# English

Self-Learning pack

Grade 11



## Lesson 12 - Antonyms

**Competency 4** - Building up vocabulary using words appropriately and accurately to convey precise meaning

**Competency level - 4.3** Finds synonyms and antonyms for given words.

### ANTONYMS



What is an antonym?

An antonym is the opposite of a word.

Eg: tall - short

agree - disagree

pleasant - unpleasant

Antonyms may take on the following formats.

1. A different word. (happy - sad, old - new, high - low)
2. Prefixes are used to make the opposite meanings.  
(possible - impossible)

**1. Read the following dialogue. Then fill the grid using the opposite words from the dialogue.**

Roy: Are you okay?

Tom: No, not really.

Roy: Why? What's the matter?

Tom: Oh! I had a really bad start. I woke up late.

Roy: Were you late for school?

Tom: No, I arrived on time but I forgot my English homework.

Roy: Oh, dear.

Tom: Yes, and I didn't close my bedroom window.

A	B
open	close
good	
early	
departure	
end	
remember	

1. Read the following paragraph and find opposites to the given words.

It was a gloomy evening. It was windy too. We were ready to have our evening tea. Suddenly a loud noise came from the backyard. We all ran to see what it was. Oh, it was the jak tree. It was fallen on to our neighbour's store house. Luckily nobody was injured. All were safe. We all got together and started to clean the garden and the store house. All of us worked hard and quickly as it was getting dark. We were able to cut and clear the small branches. Then my mother called us to have some tea with her favourite pancakes. My father asked all of us to go as we all love them. He finished the rest with uncle Anjo and had a bath.



Backyard

Front yard

a. Can you find the opposites?

A	B
	quiet
	unsafe
	dirty
	soft
	slowly
	unable
	hate
	bright
	front yard
	big

b. Complete the following sentences with the given words from column B.

- Hiru was **able** to finish the project work on time but her sister was ....**unable**.... to do so.
- It's **gloomy**. I think it's going to rain. In the morning it was sunny and .....
- My sisters **love** to eat chocolate ice cream but I ..... it.
- You must **clean** your home environment daily. Nobody likes it if it is .....
- Although we walked to the hotel **quickly** our grandma came .....
- Children are studying so don't speak so **loud**. Be .....





Rewrite the following sentences replacing the underlined words with their opposites.

1. It is healthy to eat fast food every day.

cool	happy	unhealthy	good
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.... It is unhealthy to eat fast food every day.....

2. The day was dull and Rosh was willing to stay at home.

unwilling	good	able	bright
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3. We love to see movies with happy endings.

favourite	glad	sad	hate
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4. There was a steady bridge over the wide river.

long	narrow	unsteady	heavy
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5. The foolish guard was rude to the visitors who waited at the entrance.

polite	happy	quiet	wise
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6. He was dishonest to say the untruth at the court.

wrong	truth	honest	ideas
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Happy-sad /  
truth-false/  
wise-foolish/  
wide-narrow/  
dull-bright /  
healthy-unhealthy/  
love- hate/  
willing-unwilling/  
rude- polite/  
honest-dishonest/  
steady-unsteady/

## 2. Find suitable words from the box to fill the blanks.

empty	difficult	invisible
hot	careful	inactive
shallow	unknown	straight
dark	incapable	smooth
shallow	disappear	impatient

1. She was able to complete all the ....difficult.... sums in the exercise. (easy)
2. The bag was light because it was absolutely ..... (full)
3. He is ..... of doing a job. (capable)
4. She was swimming in the ..... water. (deep)
5. They took the ..... road to reach the old church. (crooked)
6. They served us with a ..... coffee after the heavy work. (cold)