



Common Opposites - Antonyms Vocabulary Word List

A

absent - present abundant - scarce accept - decline, refuse accurate - inaccurate admit - deny advantage - disadvantage against - for agree - disagree	alive - dead all - none, nothing ally - enemy always - never ancient - modern answer - question antonym - synonym apart - together	appear - disappear, vanish approve - disapprove arrive - depart artificial - natural ascend - descend attic - cellar attractive - repulsive awake - asleep
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B

backward - forward bad - good beautiful - ugly before - after begin - end below - above bent - straight best - worst	better - worse, worst big - little, small black - white blame - praise bless - curse bitter - sweet borrow - lend bottom - top boy - girl	brave - cowardly build - destroy bold - meek, timid borrow - lend bound - unbound, free boundless - limited bright - dim, dull brighten - fade broad - narrow
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C

calm - windy, troubled can - cannot, can't capable - incapable captive - free careful - careless cheap - expensive cheerful - sad, discouraged, dreary clear - cloudy, opaque clever - stupid	clockwise - counterclockwise close - far, distant closed - ajar, open clumsy - graceful cold - hot combine - separate come - go comfort - discomfort common - rare	conceal - reveal contract - expand cool - warm correct - incorrect, wrong courage - cowardice create - destroy crooked - straight cruel - kind compulsory - voluntary courteous - discourteous, rude
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D

dangerous - safe dark - light day - night daytime - nighttime dead - alive decline - accept, increase	deep - shallow definite - indefinite demand - supply despair - hope dim - bright disappear - appear	diseased - healthy down - up downwards - upwards dreary - cheerful dry - moist, wet dull - bright, shiny
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decrease - increase	discourage - encourage	dusk - dawn
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E

early - late east - west easy - hard, difficult empty - full	encourage - discourage end - begin, start enter - exit even - odd	expand - contract export - import exterior - interior external - internal
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F

fade - brighten fail - succeed false - true famous - unknown far - near fast - slow fat - thin feeble - strong, powerful	few - many find - lose first - last float - sink foolish - wise fore - aft free - bound, captive fold - unfold	forget - remember found - lost fresh - stale frequent - seldom friend - enemy for - against fortunate - unfortunate full - empty
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G

generous - stingy gentle - rough get - give giant - tiny, small, dwarf girl - boy	give - receive, take glad - sad, sorry gloomy - cheerful go - stop good - bad, evil	grant - refuse great - tiny, small, unimportant grow - shrink guest - host guilty - innocent
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H

happy - sad hard - easy hard - soft harmful - harmless harsh - mild hate - love have - have-nots	healthy - diseased, ill, sick heaven - hell heavy - light help - hinder here - there hero - coward high - low	hill - valley hinder - help honest - dishonest horizontal - vertical hot - cold humble - proud
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I

ill - healthy, well immense - tiny, small important - trivial in - out include - exclude increase - decrease	inferior - superior inhale - exhale inner - outer inside - outside intelligent - stupid, unintelligent	interesting - boring interior - exterior interesting - dull, uninteresting internal - external intentional - accidental
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J

join - separate	junior - senior just - unjust	justice - injustice
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K

knowledge - ignorance	known - unknown
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L

landlord - tenant large - small last - first laugh - cry lawful - unlawful, illegal lazy - industrious leader - follower left - right lend - borrow	lengthen - shorten lenient - strict left - right less - more light - dark, heavy like - dislike, hate likely - unlikely limited - boundless little - big	long - short loose - tight lose - find loss - win loud - quiet love - hate low - high loyal - disloyal
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M

mad - happy, sane major - minor many - few mature - immature maximum - minimum	melt - freeze merry - sad messy - neat minor - major	minority - majority miser - spendthrift misunderstand - understand more - less
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N

nadir - zenith narrow - wide near - far, distant neat - messy, untidy	never - always new - old night - day nighttime - daytime	no - yes noisy - quiet none - some north - south
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O

obedient - disobedient odd - even offer - refuse old - young	old - new on - off open - closed, shut opposite - same, similar	optimist - pessimist out - in outer - inner over - under
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P

past - present patient - impatient peace - war permanent - temporary plentiful - scarce plural - singular	poetry - prose polite - rude, impolite possible - impossible poverty - wealth, riches powerful - weak	pretty - ugly private - public prudent - imprudent pure - impure, contaminated push - pull
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Q

qualified - unqualified	question - answer	quiet - loud, noisy
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R

raise - lower rapid - slow rare - common regular - irregular	real - fake rich - poor right - left, wrong	right-side-up - upside-down rough - smooth rude - courteous
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S

safe - unsafe same - opposite satisfactory - unsatisfactory secure - insecure scatter - collect separate - join, together serious - trivial second-hand - new shallow - deep shrink - grow	sick - healthy, ill simple - complex, hard singular - plural sink - float slim - fat, thick slow - fast sober - drunk soft - hard some - none sorrow - joy	sour - sweet sow - reap straight - crooked start - finish stop - go strict - lenient strong - weak success - failure sunny - cloudy synonym - antonym sweet - sour
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T

take - give tall - short tame - wild them - us there - here	thick - thin tight - loose, slack tiny - big, huge together - apart top - bottom	tough - easy, tender transparent - opaque true - false truth - flasehood, lie, untruth
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U

under - over unfold - fold unknown - known	unqualified - qualified unsafe - safe up - down upside-down - right-side-up	upstairs - downstairs us - them useful - useless
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V

vacant - occupied vanish - appear vast - tiny	victory - defeat virtue - vice	visible - invisible voluntary - compulsory
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W

war - peace wax - wane weak - strong	white - black wide - narrow win - lose	wisdom - folly, stupidity within - outside wrong - right
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wet - dry		
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Y

yes - no	yin - yang	young - old
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Z

zip - unzip	zenith - nadir
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