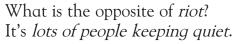
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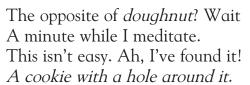


Read this **poem** aloud.



Some Opposites





What is the opposite of *two*? A lonely me, a lonely you.

The opposite of a cloud could be A white reflection in the sea,
Or a huge blueness in the air,
Caused by a cloud's not being there.

The opposite of *opposite*? That's much too difficult. I quit.









Richard Wilbur

In the list below, underline the words that can have opposites , and draw a circle around those that cannot. Then write down the underlined words and their opposites .						
door	blue	wrong	grass	quickly	pencil	light
fridge	ten	town	small	computer	duck	
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Now look at the words you have circled. Pick three, and make up words or phrases that could be "joke" opposites for them. Write your "joke" opposites and your reasons below. door - wall (a wall is what is left if you have no door!)						
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You may have found words that cannot even have "joke" opposites. Write them here.						
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Opposites Read this **poem** aloud. Some Opposites What is the opposite of *riot*? It's lots of people keeping quiet. The opposite of *doughnut*? Wait A minute while I meditate. This isn't easy. Ah, I've found it! A cookie with a hole around it. What is the opposite of *two*? A lonely me, a lonely you. The opposite of a cloud could be A white reflection in the sea, Or a huge blueness in the air, Caused by a cloud's not being there. The opposite of *opposite*? That's much too difficult. I quit. Richard Wilbur In the list below, underline the words that can have opposites, and draw a circle around those that cannot. Then write down the underlined words and their opposites. door blue quickly light far (pencil) wrong grass happy (fridge) town small (computer) (duck) wrong - right, quickly - slowly, light - heavy or dark, happy - sad, small – big Now look at the words you have circled. Pick three, and make up words or phrases that

far - near, wrong - right, quickly - slowly, light - heavy or dark, happy - sad, small - big

Now look at the words you have circled. Pick three, and make up words or phrases that could be "joke" opposites for them. Write your "joke" opposites and your reasons below. door - wall (a. wall is what is left if you have no door!)

Answers may be found words that cannot even have "joke" opposites. Write them here.

The activities on this page focus on opposites. If your child comes up with justifiable opposites that are not included here, you could discuss the validity of the concept of opposites (which is the theme of the poem).



