

42 Opposites — 3

Remember that the opposite of a word depends on its context. That is why it is important to learn a word in a sentence.

What do you think the opposite of 'strong' is? One possible answer is 'weak' but, as you will see in this exercise, there are other possibilities.

Complete each sentence with the opposite of the word in brackets. Choose from one of the following words. Use each word once only.

1 artificial	exact ⁵	minor ⁹	shabby ³
2 compulsory	faint ⁶	partial ¹⁰	stale ¹⁴
3 considerable	flexible ⁷	positive ¹¹	strong ¹⁵
4 even	hollow ⁸	rough ¹²	tough ¹⁶

- I can give you the ... ⁵ ... figures now. (APPROXIMATE)
- The sea was very ... ¹² ... that day. (CALM)
- The operation was a ... ¹⁰ ... success. (COMPLETE)
- I put the ... ¹⁴ ... bread in the cupboard. (FRESH)
- He's in hospital for a ... ⁹ ... operation. (MAJOR)
- Is this one a ... ¹⁵ ... curry? (MILD)
- He always wore very ... ¹³ ... clothes. (NEAT)
- She has a ... ¹¹ ... influence on the boy. (NEGATIVE)
- The houses with ... ⁴ ... numbers are on this side. (ODD)
- Are the flowers in that window ... ¹ ... ? (REAL)
- There's a ... ³ ... difference between the two. (SLIGHT)
- The figure was holding a large ... ⁸ ... ball. (SOLID)
- It was made of some kind of ... ⁷ ... material. (STIFF)
- There's a ... ⁶ ... smell of gas in the kitchen. (STRONG)
- My steak was very ... ¹⁶ ... (TENDER)
- Playing football is ... ² ... at this school. (VOLUNTARY)

41 'Go' and 'take'

These sentences show some of the ways in which the word 'go' can be used. Complete each sentence by using one of the words below and part of the verb **go** (go, goes, gone, went). Use each of these words once only.

1 ahead 3 off 5 out 7 up
2 grey 4 on 6 together 8 with

1. Having children made her hair . . . go
2. He . . . went about his new car all the time!
3. She . . . goes to the cinema last night.
4. The bomb . . . went when he rang the bell.
5. That skirt . . . goes . . . very well . . . goes . . . your blouse.
6. We have permission to . . . go with the plan.
7. I see the price of bread has . . . gone again.
8. These two colours don't really . . . go

Now do the same with the following words to complete sentences showing different uses of the word 'take'.

1 after 2 chance 5 out 7 medicine 9 seriously
3 back 4 off 6 over 8 place 10 time

9. The meeting will now . . . take at 10 o'clock.
10. The radio didn't work so I . . . took . . . it . . . took . . . to the shop.
11. Take . . . your . . . take . . . or you won't get better.
12. She . . . take . . . her father; everybody says how alike they are!
13. The plane . . . took . . . half an hour late yesterday.
14. The dentist had to . . . take . . . the tooth . . . took . . .
15. When Ann left the company, I . . . took . . . her job.
16. They don't . . . take . . . me . . . take . . . They treat me like a child.
17. I'll take . . . a . . . take . . . and give him the job.
18. Take . . . your . . . take . . . ! There's no hurry.

47 Word formation — 2

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in capital letters. In some cases you will have to make a negative form by using the prefix **in-** or **un-**.

1. CONVENIENCE

I'm afraid it won't be for me to see you tomorrow.

The house is situated near the centre of town.

This is very ! Can't you practise your violin somewhere else?

2. CREATE

I would like to show you my latest , which I have called 'Boats on a Lake'.

The chameleon is a very strange

Conan Doyle was famous as the of the great detective, Sherlock Holmes.

3. CRITIC

Why does everybody him all the time?

After so much he felt he had to resign.

They were very of his efforts to improve services.

4. DECIDE

They're going to announce their tomorrow.

He's so ! He just can't make up his mind!

5. DECORATE

The said he would charge me £1,000 a room.

During the festival were hanging from every tree.

6. DEMONSTRATE

The all sat down in the middle of the road.

He offered to give me a of how the machine worked.

7. DEPEND

We are on other countries for most of our food.

Every year we celebrate our

8. DICTATE

The boss wants you to take some

He acted in an extremely manner, which made him very unpopular.

9. DIRECT

Are you sure we're going in the right ?

She looked at me as she said it.

I had to look up the number in the telephone

Hitchcock is one of my favourite film

10. ECONOMY

My new car is more than the one I had before.

She studied at university.

On my salary we have to live as as possible.

If we don't on electricity, there will be power cuts.

11. ELECTRIC

He works as an for a local firm.

The price of has gone up again.

The fire was caused by an fault in the television.

He is an engineer.

12. EMPLOY

Last December the boss gave all his a bonus.

I've been since June. I must find work soon.

Her was so angry at her attitude that he fired her.

He hoped the agency would find him a job.

13. ENTHUSIASM

They all cheered as their team came out.

I'm afraid they weren't very about your idea of going out this evening.

48 Health — 2

Choose the best alternative to complete the sentence.

Look up any words you don't know.

1. A bone got stuck in her throat and she started
a. strangling b. choking c. sniffing d. suffocating
2. The doctor gave me an to relieve the pain.
a. infection b. invalid c. injection d. epidemic
3. I'm tomatoes. They bring me out in a rash.
a. allergic to b. polluted by c. wounded by d. suffering from
4. She had lost so much blood that they gave her a
a. circulation b. transplant c. resuscitation d. transfusion
5. It took me weeks to my illness.
a. recover from b. lessen c. soothe d. neglect
6. His was so bad that he never used a lift.
a. agoraphobia b. claustrophobia c. insomnia d. antidote
7. A course of got rid of the pains in his back.
a. physiotherapy b. casualty c. anatomy d. veterinary
8. After his heart he was told to relax more.
a. attack b. turn c. ache d. diet
9. The operated on his appendix.
a. chiropodist b. midwife c. surgeon d. pharmacist
10. She's from a nervous breakdown.
a. healing b. fainting c. suffering d. itching
11. There was an of cholera after the disaster.
a. upset b. infection c. input d. outbreak
12. Her broken arm will be in for another week.
a. plaster b. fracture c. joint d. fever
13. I had trouble getting that out of my finger.
a. splint b. splinter c. sponge d. spasm
14. He had an uncontrollable caused by tiredness.
a. stretch b. scratch c. twist d. twitch
15. The instruments were before the operation.
a. sterilized b. disinfected c. diagnosed d. immunized
16. When the doctor arrived, he found that her husband had
already the baby himself.
a. delivered b. controlled c. pulled d. passed out

55 Education

Don't forget to keep choosing topics and to make lists of vocabulary for them. Test yourself by thinking of a topic and seeing how many words you can write down (spelled correctly of course). Before you do this exercise, see how many words you know on the topic of education.

Complete each sentence by using a word from the list.
Use each word once only.

attend
enrol
examination
gymnasium
homework

mark
playground
principal
pupil
staff

subject
syllabus
term
timetable
uniform

1. Her teacher sent her to talk to the as her work was so bad.
2. There are 25 members of in our school.
3. If you work hard, you should pass the
4. He had to teach everything on the before the end of the year.
5. You get a diploma if you the classes regularly.
6. If it rains, we'll play the game in the
7. The highest was eighteen out of twenty.
8. I have so much that I can't come out tonight.
9. You can for these courses next week.
10. She left school before the end of the summer
11. On the it says he teaches class 2B at midday.
12. I think French is my favourite
13. At my school everybody has to wear the same
14. She was the best in the class.
15. As it's raining they can't go outside in the

61 Word formation — 3

Remember to keep looking for words which are formed from the same source. Make lists of these words and test yourself. As a start, look at the words in capital letters in the word formation exercises in this book and see how many words you can form from them.

Complete each sentence with the correct form of the word in capital letters. In some cases you may have to make a negative form by using the prefix **dis-**, **in-** or **un-**.

1. HONEST

It was very of him to steal that money.

I think that this is the best thing to do.

They praised her for her

2. IDENTIFY

Have you got some kind of on you?

UFO means Flying Object.

3. IMAGINE

They said my illness was Don't they realise I'm in a lot of pain?

He hasn't got the to think up such a clever plan.

4. INDUSTRY

I'm afraid relations aren't very good in this company.

She was a much less student than her sister.

He's a leading , with factories all over the country.

In the past few years this area has become heavily

5. MANAGE

The said he wouldn't change the radio without a receipt.

They are taking over the of the company next week.

Only the Director can make that decision.

She's got a job as the of a dress shop.

6. NATION

If he isn't Spanish, what is he?

The coal industry was originally private but was in the 1940's.

There's no service in the United Kingdom.

7. OBSERVE

It was very of you to notice that.

This houses the largest telescope in the country.

He's under all the time.

8. SATISFY

He couldn't give a explanation for his actions.

I get no from doing this.

I'm afraid I was very with the travel arrangements.

9. SCIENCE

She's a top working on our space project.

There is no explanation for what happened.

The connection hasn't been proved yet.

10. SHORT

Mrs Bailey will be with you

I had to my speech as we had started late.

There is a of carrots because of the bad weather.

11. VARY

The temperature is very at this time of year.

Do you like this new of apple?

There are desserts to choose from.

Politicians blame the media if they don't win the election. They're so predictable.

63 Business

Choose the best alternative to complete the sentence.
Look up any words you don't know.

1. I'm afraid he's away business today.
a. with b. on c. in d. to
2. We also do repairs in to our car-hire business.
a. comparison b. reply c. addition d. exception
3. I've applied the position of sales manager.
a. to b. as c. for d. about
4. Does our insurance cover accidental damage?
a. policy b. politics c. subsidy d. account
5. With to your letter of 10th September, I would like to place an order for your new travel guide.
a. referring b. reading c. reference d. reception
6. The new organization consists five divisions.
a. in b. with c. on d. of
7. Does the design to the new regulations?
a. agree b. conform c. confirm d. consist
8. My bank has in towns all over the country.
a. branches b. warehouses c. depots d. head offices
9. He was dismissed giving away trade secrets.
a. for b. with c. by d. to
10. Could I have a secretary to take some ?
a. writing b. dictating c. dictation d. commission
11. She put an interesting proposal.
a. to b. against c. forward d. backwards
12. Could the manager with this enquiry?
a. trade b. see c. talk d. deal
13. We have pleasure enclosing our latest brochure.
a. to b. in c. for d. with
14. She because she had been offered a better job.
a. resigned b. sacked c. fired d. dismissed
15. The agreement will trade between our countries.
a. increase b. inflate c. add up d. exaggerate
16. Please do not to contact our office in case of any difficulties. We are always ready to help.
a. hesitate b. delay c. stop d. expect