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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. Copy them into your books carefully filling 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 underlined 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.

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