

KS3 English Quiz - Antonyms 01 (Questions)

This KS3 English quiz is about antonyms. Antonyms are words which have opposite meanings. For example, 'fast' is an antonym of 'slow'. Synonyms have similar meanings, such as 'fast' and 'rapid'. To remember the difference, think of 'anti' for antonyms and you won't go far wrong!

It's a good idea to think about how words are related to each other. When you are writing, it can be helpful to find synonyms for some of the words you want to use. This can help to make your writing more interesting, especially if you tend to repeat certain favourite words. Knowing the antonyms for words can help you to structure your writing, so that you can introduce contrasts, such as this: "When Sophia arrived at the house for the party, she expected to find her grandmother in a **cheery** mood, but instead she seemed **melancholy**".

Find antonyms for the following words in our first English Antonyms quiz.

1. Empty <input type="checkbox"/> Drained <input type="checkbox"/> Full <input type="checkbox"/> Poured out <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	2. Shut <input type="checkbox"/> Barred <input type="checkbox"/> Closed <input type="checkbox"/> Fastened <input type="checkbox"/> Open
3. Cry <input type="checkbox"/> Bewail <input type="checkbox"/> Laugh <input type="checkbox"/> Sob <input type="checkbox"/> Weep	4. Shout <input type="checkbox"/> Cry <input type="checkbox"/> Scream <input type="checkbox"/> Shriek <input type="checkbox"/> Whisper
5. Late <input type="checkbox"/> After a deadline <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed <input type="checkbox"/> Early <input type="checkbox"/> Tardy	6. Few <input type="checkbox"/> A minority <input type="checkbox"/> A small number <input type="checkbox"/> Many <input type="checkbox"/> Not many
7. Bright <input type="checkbox"/> Dull <input type="checkbox"/> Radiant <input type="checkbox"/> Shining <input type="checkbox"/> Sparkling	8. Long <input type="checkbox"/> Drawn out <input type="checkbox"/> Extended <input type="checkbox"/> Protracted <input type="checkbox"/> Short
9. Awake <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Asleep <input type="checkbox"/> Vigilant <input type="checkbox"/> Watchful	10. Stale <input type="checkbox"/> Fresh <input type="checkbox"/> Kept too long <input type="checkbox"/> Musty <input type="checkbox"/> Old

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1. Empty

- Drained
- Full
- Poured out
- Vacant

"Full" means the opposite of "empty"

2. Shut

- Barred
- Closed
- Fastened
- Open

"Open" is an antonym for "shut"; the two words have opposite meanings

3. Cry

- Bewail
- Laugh
- Sob
- Weep

The other three are synonyms for "cry"; synonyms have similar meanings

4. Shout

- Cry
- Scream
- Shriek
- Whisper

"Shriek" and "scream" have similar meanings to "shout"

5. Late

- After a deadline
- Delayed
- Early
- Tardy

"Tardy" means "late", making the words synonyms

6. Few

- A minority
- A small number
- Many
- Not many

"Few" and "many" are antonyms

7. Bright

- Dull
- Radiant
- Shining
- Sparkling

"Sparkling", "shining" and "radiant" are synonyms

8. Long

- Drawn out
- Extended
- Protracted
- Short

"Extended", "drawn out" and "protracted" are synonyms

9. Awake

- Alert
- Asleep
- Vigilant
- Watchful

Remember: antonyms have opposite meanings

10. Stale

- Fresh
- Kept too long
- Musty
- Old

Remember: synonyms have similar meanings