

## Antonyms

Antonyms are words that mean the opposite or nearly the opposite of each other for one meaning. Both synonyms and antonyms are often used in tests and language drills.

Below is a list of common antonyms. Please refer to district adopted materials for words specific to each grade level.

**above** – below  
**absent** – present  
**accident** – intent  
**accomplishment** – failure  
**achieve** – fail  
**add** – subtract  
**adjacent** – distant  
**admire** – detest  
**admit** – reject  
**adore** – hate  
**advance** – retreat  
**affirm** – deny  
**afraid** – confident  
**after** – before  
**aid** – hinder  
**alarm** – comfort  
**alert** – asleep  
**alive** – dead  
**allow** – forbid  
**alone** – together  
**amateur** – professional  
**amuse** – bore  
**ancient** – modern  
**annoy** – soothe  
**answer** – question  
**apparent** – obscure  
**argue** – agree  
**arrive** – depart  
**arrogant** – humble  
**ascend** – descend  
**attack** – defend  
**attract** – repel  
**awake** – asleep  
**awkward** – graceful

**back** – front  
**bad** – good  
**bare** – covered  
**beautiful** – ugly  
**before** – after  
**bent** – straight  
**better** – worse  
**big** – little

**birth** – death  
**bitter** – sweet  
**black** – white  
**blunt** – sharp  
**body** – soul  
**bold** – timid  
**bottom** – top  
**brave** – cowardly  
**break** – repair  
**brief** – long  
**bright** – dull  
**bring** – remove  
**boy** – girl  
**busy** – idle  
**buy** – sell

**capture** – release  
**cause** – effect  
**cautious** – careless  
**center** – edge  
**change** – remain  
**cheap** – expensive  
**child** – adult  
**chilly** – warm  
**clean** – dirty  
**close** – open  
**cold** – hot  
**command** – obey  
**complex** – simple  
**compliment** – insult  
**constant** – variable  
**continue** – interrupt  
**cool** – warm  
**copy** – original  
**countrymen** – foreigner  
**crazy** – sane  
**crooked** – straight  
**cruel** – kind  
**cry** – laugh  
**curse** – bless

**damage** – improve  
**dark** – light

**dawn** – sunset  
**day** – night  
**deep** – shallow  
**destroy** – create  
**difficult** – easy  
**dim** – bright  
**divide** – unite  
**doubt** – trust  
**drunk** – sober  
**dull** – sharp  
**dumb** – smart

**earth** – sky  
**east** – west  
**easy** – hard  
**elementary** – advanced  
**end** – begin  
**even** – odd  
**evening** – morning  
**evil** – good  
**exceptional** – common  
**expand** – shrink

**fail** – pass  
**failure** – success  
**false** – true  
**famous** – unknown  
**fancy** – plain  
**fast** – slow  
**fat** – thin  
**fiction** – fact  
**find** – lose  
**finish** – start  
**firm** – flabby  
**fix** – break  
**follow** – lead  
**forgive** – blame  
**forward** – backward  
**free** – restricted  
**fresh** – stale  
**friend** – enemy  
**funny** – sad  
**full** – empty