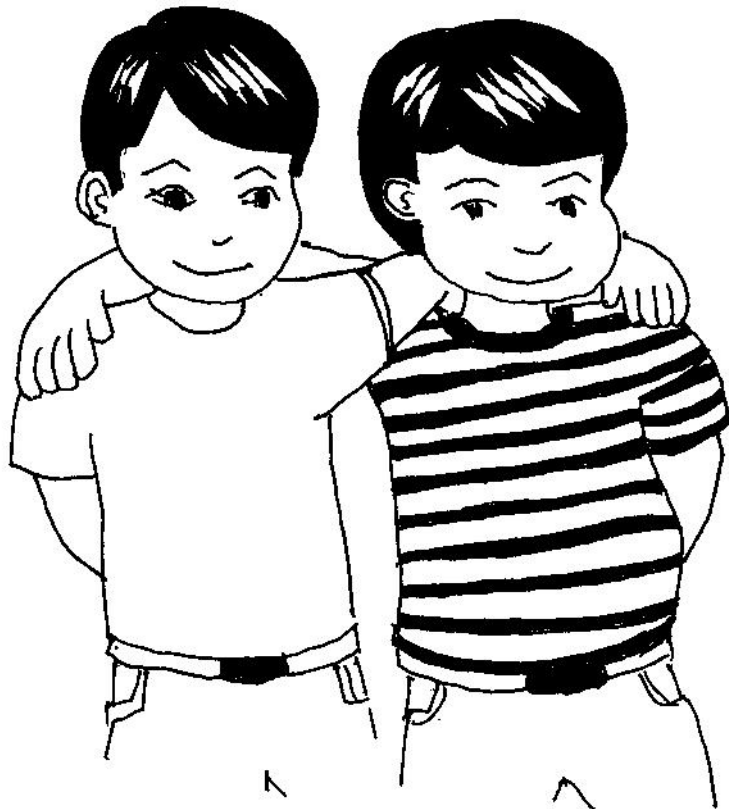


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Module 9

# English

## Using Antonyms





## To the Learner

Hi!

In the previous module you have already learned about synonyms. They are words with similar meanings. In this module you will learn about antonyms.

Are you ready?



## Let's Learn This

This module will help you learn about antonyms – words with opposite meanings.



## Let's Try This

Read carefully the following passage and observe how the antonyms are used.

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of time, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness; it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity; it was the season of light; it was the season of darkness; it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair. We had everything before us, we had nothing before us; we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct to the other way.”

A. The passage given above contains antonyms that show contrasts.

It was the best of time, it was the worst of time....

The word best and worst are antonyms. Can you give the antonyms of the following words taken from the passage?

\* The first one is done for you.

1. best – worst
2. wisdom – \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ – incredulity
4. light – \_\_\_\_\_
5. spring – \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ – despair
7. \_\_\_\_\_ – nothing

\* Were your answers like these? ( foolishness, belief, dark, winter, hope, everything)

\* Don't worry if you did not get all the correct answers. The next activities will help you understand better.



## Let's Study This

Read the paragraph. Answer the questions that follow.

Beauty doesn't look like a puppy. She looks like a big ball of cotton. Do you know why? Her long white hair covers her short legs. Her big ears never stand up and her tail is so short that it can't be seen. She has a little black spot on her forehead and another one at her back. Beauty is very active. She is always running around and barking or chewing something.

1. Who doesn't look a puppy?
2. What does she look like?
3. Why does she look like a big ball of cotton?
4. Do you have pets at home?
5. How do you take care of your pets?

- What are the underlined words in the paragraph?  
(long, short, white, black, big, little)
- Do the following pairs of words have the same meaning?  
long – short                      big – little  
white – black  
    - No, the pairs of words have opposite meanings.
- What do we call the words with opposite meanings?  
Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

Examples.

short – tall	lucky – unfortunate
near – far	never – always
hot – cold	smooth – rough
light – dark	fiction – fact
thick – thin	big – small
poor – rich	remember – forget

\* Read the sentences.

1. The slow boat was easily overtaken by a fast one.
2. A poor behavior will surely get no rich result.
3. Our rival's loss will be our victory.
4. To increase your savings, you need to reduce your expenses.
5. We live in the modern world but we retain many old-fashioned beliefs.

- The underlined words such as:
  - a. slow – fast
  - b. poor – rich
  - c. loss – victory
  - d. increase – reduce
  - e. modern – old fashioned

... are words with opposite meanings so they are called antonyms.



## Let's Do This

- Can you give the antonym of the following words? Choose your answer from the words in the box. Write your answers in the blank.

hell	long	narrow
different	indirect	past
silent	near	

1. heaven – \_\_\_\_\_
2. direct – \_\_\_\_\_
3. short – \_\_\_\_\_
4. far – \_\_\_\_\_
5. like – \_\_\_\_\_
6. present – \_\_\_\_\_
7. noisy – \_\_\_\_\_

\* Are you done? Look at the answer key to check your answers.

\* What's your score? \_\_\_\_\_

\* If you get 5 –7, Very Good. I'll give you 5 stars. ★★★★★

\* If your score is 4 and below, don't worry, try your luck in the next activity.



## Let's Do More

Complete each analogy with an antonym listed in the Word Box. Write the antonyms in the blank.

### Word Box

close	absence
dry	stupid
victory	vague

1. Present is to absent as presence is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Juicy is to juiceless as moist is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Dull is to bright as smart is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Concrete is to abstract as clear is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Win is to loss as defeat is to \_\_\_\_\_ .
6. Fight is to lose as open is to \_\_\_\_\_ .

\* Are you done?

\* Look at the answer key again then check your answers.

\* Are all your answers correct? If you got 1,2,3 and 4, "That's Good" but if you got 5–6 "Very Good".



## Let's Remember This

What are antonyms?

- Words with opposite meanings are called antonyms.

Examples: hot – cold

up – down

start – stop



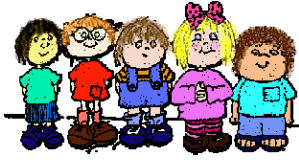
## Let's Test Ourselves

**Direction:** Match the words on the left with their antonyms on the right.  
The first one is done for you.

- |            |   |   |       |
|------------|---|---|-------|
| 1. asleep  | ● | ● | bored |
| 2. sit     | ● | ● | tame  |
| 3. excited | ● | ● | slow  |
| 4. north   | ● | ● | awake |
| 5. wild    | ● | ● | stand |
| 6. quick   | ● | ● | south |
| 7. hungry  | ● | ● | full  |
- A line connects the dot next to '1. asleep' to the dot next to '4. north'.

Finished?

- \* Look at the answer key again then check your answers.
- \* What's your score?
- \* If your score is 5–6, answer the next module.
- \* If your score is 4 and below, answer the next activity.



## Let's Enrich Ourselves

Directions: Write the letter of the antonym of the first word.  
Use a separate sheet for your answer.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. backward

- a. sideward
- b. forward
- c. upward
- d. downward

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. chain

- a. link
- b. separate
- c. string
- d. thread

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. clever

- a. wise
- b. intelligent
- c. smart
- d. dumb

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. powerful

- a. strong
- b. great
- c. weak
- d. authoritative

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. peace

- a. serenity
- b. unity
- c. condemnation
- d. chaos





## Answer Key

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### Let's Do This

1. hell
2. indirect
3. long
4. near
5. different
6. past
7. silent

### Let's Do More

1. absence
2. dry
3. stupid
4. vague
5. victory
6. close

### Let's Test Ourselves

2. stand
3. bored
4. south
5. tame
6. slow
7. full

### Let's Enrich Ourselves

1. b
2. b
3. d
4. c
5. d