

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game: providing antonyms, forming sentences (group work)

Writing Activity: writing sentences from prompts, story writing (pair work)

Focus

Adjective opposites

Aim

To practice adjectives and their opposites.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

50 minutes

Introduction

These adjective opposites activities help to increase students' knowledge of adjectives and their opposites.

Procedure

Start the activity by reading out each adjective on the worksheet and eliciting examples of the adjective's meaning and possible synonyms.

Next, divide the class into teams of four.

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Now, read an adjective at random from the worksheet.

The first team to call out the opposite of the adjective scores a point.

The winning team can then score an extra point by making an appropriate sentence with the adjective opposite.

All the students in the class then write down the adjective opposite on their worksheet.

This continues until the worksheet is complete.

The team with the most points at the end of the game wins.

Working alone, students then write ten sentences using two adjectives from the worksheet in each sentence, e.g. 'The pretty girl drove a black sports car'.

When the students have finished, divide them into pairs and have the students exchange sentences.

Students read their partner's sentences, changing the adjectives in the sentences to their opposites, e.g. 'The ugly girl drove a white sports car'.

Finally, pairs create a short story using ten adjectives from the worksheet and read them to the class.

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Answer key

rich - poor

lazy - hardworking

fat - thin

male - female

modern - traditional

cloudy - sunny/clear

interesting - boring

early - late

full - empty

cold - hot

clean - dirty

married - single

pretty - plain/ugly

front - back

far - near

wet - dry

black - white

sweet - sour/bitter

beautiful - ugly

left - right

light - heavy

quiet - noisy

soft - hard

long - short

north - south

high - low

first - last

nice - nasty

intelligent - stupid

sick - healthy

curly - straight

off - on

wide - narrow

good - bad

happy - sad/unhappy

easy - difficult

polite - rude/impolite

east - west

big - little/small

round - square

alive - dead

cheap - expensive

old - new/young

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