Introduction

This adjective opposites activity helps 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.

Tell the teams that you are going to read an adjective at random from the worksheet, and 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.

Afterwards, all the students in the class 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, the 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 writing, divide them into pairs and have the students exchange sentences.

The 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, ask the pairs to create a short story using ten adjectives from the worksheet. Have the pairs read their stories to the class and give feedback.

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**Activity Type**
Reading, writing, listening and speaking activity, group and pair work

**Focus**
Adjectives and their opposites

**Aim**
To practice adjectives and their opposites.

**Preparation**
Make one copy of the worksheet for each student

**Level**
Elementary (A1-A2)

**Time**
50 minutes

**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
- fast - slow
- safe - dangerous
- true - false
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