Adjective Opposites 1

**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
Vocabulary Game and Activity: providing antonyms, forming sentences, writing sentences from prompts, story writing (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
Pre-intermediate (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
ADJECTIVE OPPOSITES

Rich - Long
Lazy - Long
Fat - North
Male - First
Modern - Nice
Cloudy - Intelligent
Interesting - Sick
Early - Curly
Full - Off
Cold - Wide
Clean - Good
Married - Happy
Pretty - Easy
Front - Polite
Far - East
Wet - Big
Black - Round
Sweet - Alive
Beautiful - Cheap
Left - Old
Light - Fast
Quiet - Safe
Soft - True