



Opposites 2

normal _____	brave _____
future _____	loose _____
alive _____	different _____
public _____	wise _____
asleep _____	certain _____
tender _____	rough _____
regular _____	cruel _____
close _____	narrow _____
bright _____	calm _____
complete _____	dark _____
well _____	raw _____
special _____	awesome _____
deep _____	internal _____
casual _____	amateur _____
ancient _____	domestic _____
graceful _____	careful _____
absent _____	singular _____
clockwise _____	peaceful _____
lazy _____	pleasant _____
humble _____	minimum _____
honest _____	crazy _____

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This teaching activity helps to increase the vocabulary of higher-level students by practicing adjectives and their opposites.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheet for each student.

Procedure

Start the activity by saying each adjective and asking for synonyms or examples of its meaning. Students will need to know the meaning of all the words before they can proceed with the activity.

Divide the class into groups of four and give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Read an adjective at random from the worksheet. The first group to give an appropriate opposite gets a point. For an extra point, ask the group to use the opposite adjective in a sentence. All of the students then write down the adjective on their worksheet

The group with the most points at the end is the winner.

After the game has been completed, ask the students to write ten sentences using two adjectives from the worksheet in each sentence, e.g. The peaceful atmosphere was broken by the sound of a terrible scream.

Next, split the students into pairs. Have the students exchange their sentences with their partner and change the adjectives in the sentences to their opposites, e.g. The noisy atmosphere was broken by the sound of an awesome scream. .

Finally, ask the pairs to create a short story using the adjectives from the worksheet.

Answer Key

normal - strange	brave - afraid
future - past	loose - tight
alive - dead	different - same
public - private	wise - foolish
asleep - awake	certain - unsure
tender - tough	rough - smooth
regular - irregular	cruel - kind
close - distant	narrow - wide
bright - dull	calm - nervous
complete - incomplete	dark - light
well - ill/unwell	raw - cooked
special - ordinary	awesome - terrible
deep - shallow	internal - external
casual - formal	amateur - professional
ancient - modern	domestic - foreign
graceful - clumsy	careful - careless
absent - present	singular - plural
clockwise - counterclockwise	peaceful - noisy/chaotic
lazy - energetic	pleasant - disagreeable
humble - proud	minimum - maximum
honest - dishonest	crazy - sane/rational