

Adjectives: OPPOSITES

1- Match the adjectives below to make pairs of opposites

awful different difficult expensive fantastic good
large low new safe true wrong

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| 1 bad _____ | 7 terrible _____ |
| 2 great _____ | 8 high _____ |
| 3 similar _____ | 9 old _____ |
| 4 easy _____ | 10 right _____ |
| 5 cheap _____ | 11 dangerous _____ |
| 6 false _____ | 12 small _____ |

2- Complete the sentences with adjectives from exercise 1

- 1 Don't play with that knife. It isn't _____.
- 2 £500 for a jacket? That's _____!
- 3 The shelf is very _____. I have to stand on a chair to reach it.
- 4 Well done! All the answers in your test are _____.
- 5 British English is a bit _____ from American English.
- 6 That calculation is very _____. I can't do it.
- 7 Joe says he's seventeen. But that isn't _____. He's only fifteen.

3- Complete the adjectives. Use A, E, I, O, U and Y. Which prefix do we add to make the adjectives negative?

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| 1 fr ____ ndl ____ | 5 us ____ l ____ |
| 2 k ____ nd ____ | 6 n ____ c ____ ss ____ r ____ |
| 3 h ____ pp ____ | 7 c ____ mf ____ rt ____ bl ____ |
| 4 t ____ d ____ | |
- Negative prefix: _____

4- Complete the labels with negative forms of adjectives from exercise 3.



1 an _____
chair



2 an _____
room



3 an _____
flower



4 an _____
child



5 an _____
boy

- 5- Choose three adjectives from exercise 1 and 3 that you could use to describe these things. Try not to use any adjectives more than once.

A a pair of jeans

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

B a city

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

C an exercise

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

D the weather

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

E a classmate

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

- 6- Read the VOCAB BOOST! Box. Then study the dictionary entry below. Complete the pairs of adjectives.

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In entries for adjectives in most learner's dictionaries you can often find the adjective with the opposite meaning. When you look up an adjective, make a note of the opposite too, if it is given.

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|-------------|-----------------|
| 1 awake | Opposite: _____ |
| 2 late | Opposite: _____ |
| 3 beautiful | Opposite: _____ |
| 4 thick | Opposite: _____ |
| 5 near | Opposite: _____ |
| 6 soft | Opposite: _____ |

awake /ə'weɪk/ *adjective* not sleeping: *The children are still awake.* > opposite **asleep**

early /'ɜ:li/ *adjective* before the usual or right time: *The train arrived ten minutes early.* > opposite **late**

ugly /ʌgli/ *adjective* not pleasant to look at: *The house was really ugly.* > opposite **beautiful**

thick /θɪk/ *adjective* far from one side to the other: *The walls are very thick.* > opposite **thin**

far² /fɑ:(r)/ *adjective* a long way away: *Let's walk - it's not far.* > opposite **near**

hard¹ /hɑ:d/ *adjective* not soft: *These apples are very hard.* > opposite **soft**