

## Adjectives: opposites

I can use a variety of adjectives.

## 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.

- Don't play with that knife. It isn't \_\_\_\_\_.
- £500 for a jacket? That's \_\_\_\_\_!
- The shelf is very \_\_\_\_\_. I have to stand on a chair to reach it.
- Well done! All the answers in your test are \_\_\_\_\_.
- British English is a bit \_\_\_\_\_ from American English.
- That calculation is very \_\_\_\_\_. I can't do it.
- 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 exercises 1 and 3 that you could use to describe these things. Try not to use any adjective 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCAB BOOST!



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.

6 Read the *Vocab boost!* box. Then study the dictionary entries below. Complete the pairs of adjectives.

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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**

**far<sup>2</sup>** /fɑ:(r)/ adjective a long way away: Let's walk – it's not far. > opposite **near**

**hard<sup>1</sup>** /hɑ:d/ adjective not soft: These apples are very hard. > opposite **soft**