

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

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?

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.

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 /'e: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 /ha:d/ *adjective* not soft: *These apples are very hard.* > opposite **soft**