

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
chair2 an
room3 an
flower4 an
child5 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 /'ɜ:li/ adjective before the usual or right time: *The train arrived ten minutes early.* > opposite **late**

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

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