63 Adjective opposites

A Common opposites 1

1 She's **asleep**.
OPP **awake**

2 The river is **wide**.
OPP **narrow**

3 The man is **weak**.
OPP **strong**

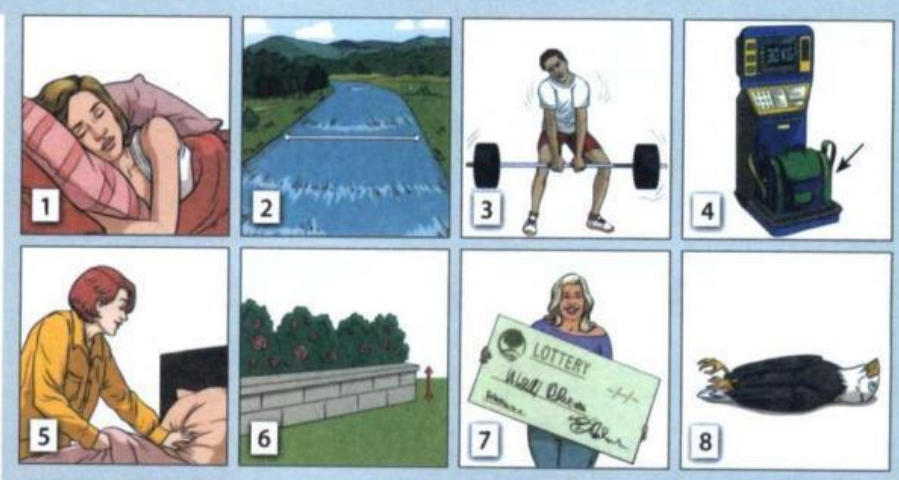
4 This is **heavy**.
OPP **light**

5 It feels **soft**.
OPP **hard**

6 It's a **low** wall.
OPP **high**

7 The woman is **rich**.
OPP **poor**

8 The bird is **dead**.
OPP **alive**



SPOTLIGHT position of adjectives

Adjectives usually go before a noun. They can also go after *be*.
- *It's a* ***quiet*** *village. The village is* ***quiet****.*

You can't use **alive**, **awake** or **asleep** before a noun.
- *The man is* ***alive****.* (NOT ~~*an alive man*~~)

1 **Write *Yes* or *No*.**

▶ Is a 120 kg person heavy? Yes
1 Is the River Nile narrow? .....
2 Does wood feel hard? .....
3 Is Nelson Mandela still alive? .....
4 Are mobile phones light? .....
5 Are elephants very strong? .....
6 Are you asleep at the moment? .....
7 Is America a rich country? .....
8 If you are walking, are you awake? .....
9 Are all the buildings in Dubai low? .....
10 Is rice soft before you cook it? .....

2 **Write the opposite.**

▶ The bed is ***hard***. soft
1 His legs are ***weak***. .....
2 The dog's ***asleep***. .....
3 They're very ***rich***. .....
4 The roof is ***high***. .....
5 The road is ***narrow***. .....
6 The cat is ***dead***. .....
7 The bag was ***heavy***. .....

3 **Complete the dialogues.**

▶ Is it safe to walk on this bridge? ~ Yes, it's very strong.
1 Did you sleep well? ~ No, the bed was too ..... . It was like sleeping on the floor.
2 Can Rowena walk very far? ~ No, she's still ..... after her illness.
3 Has Eric got a lot of money? ~ Yes, he's very ..... .
4 Has Kelly still got a dog? ~ No, it's ....., I'm afraid.
5 Can you see over the wall? ~ No, it's too ..... . I can't see a thing.
6 Can we carry that table to the garden? ~ Yes, it's quite ..... .
7 Can you swim across the river here? ~ Yes, it's quite ..... – that will be easy.
8 Dan's eyes are closed. ~ Yes, I think he's ..... . He said he was very tired.
9 That family lives in one room. ~ Yes, they're very ..... .
10 What a lovely little baby! ~ Yes, his skin is so lovely and ..... .

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B Common opposites 2

OPPOSITES QUESTIONNAIRE

- Is it **common** or **unusual** for you to get a cold or flu?
- Do you prefer **traditional** houses or **modern** houses?
- Do you prefer to sleep in a **dark** room or a **light** room?
- Do you and your best friend enjoy **similar** things or **different** things?
- For you, is **social media** a **positive** thing or a **negative** thing?
- On holiday, do you prefer to have **general** plans or more **specific** plans?
- Is knowing about history **useful** or **useless** in your daily life?
- Do other people think you are **lazy** or **hardworking**?

GLOSSARY

common	If sth is **common**, it happens often, or you find it in many places: *a **common** name* OPP **unusual**
traditional	If sth is **traditional**, it is typical of things that people have done for a long time. **tradition** *n* OPP **modern**
dark	with no light, or not much light OPP **light**
similar	the same in many ways, but not completely the same OPP **different**
social media	websites, e.g. WhatsApp, Instagram, where you can communicate with people who have similar interests
positive	thinking or talking about the good parts of a situation OPP **negative**
general	not in detail, giving only the main parts of sth OPP **specific**
useful	good and helpful for doing sth OPP **useless**
lazy	A **lazy** person doesn't like working hard. OPP **hardworking**

4 **Tick (✓) the words with the main stress on the first syllable, like *narrow* and *tiny*. Put a cross (✗) for the others. Use the APP to help you. Practise saying the words.**

▶ modern ☐ prefer ☒

1	useless ☐	3	different ☐	5	general ☐	7	unusual ☐	9	tradition ☐
2	common ☐	4	specific ☐	6	media ☐	8	useful ☐	10	similar ☐

5 **True or false? Write *T* or *F*.**

▶ A useful book is one that helps you to do something. T

1 Two similar things are almost the same. .....
2 You can read easily in a light room. .....
3 The style of a traditional building is modern. .....
4 An unusual event happens a lot. .....
5 Specific instructions are clear and with a lot of detail. .....
6 A useless thing will help you. .....
7 If a type of car is common, you see it a lot. .....
8 A lazy person works very hard. .....
9 In the middle of the day, it's usually dark. .....
10 If somebody is on social media, they are online. .....

6 **Complete the dialogues.**

▶ Do the two brothers look different? ~ No, they look very similar.
1 Did you talk about anything specific? ~ No, it was a very _____ conversation.
2 Did you go to class yesterday? ~ Yes, we had a very _____ lesson on prepositions.
3 Is Paco's flat dark? ~ No, it's very _____ with lovely views of the sea.
4 Is Bythesea a common name? ~ No, it's very _____. I've never heard it.
5 Do you like modern architecture? ~ No, I prefer _____ styles.
6 Mariella seems a bit lazy to me. ~ No, that's not true. She's very _____.
7 Was the weather information helpful? ~ No, it was _____, and we got very wet.

7 ABOUT YOU **Write your answers to the questions in the questionnaire, or talk to another student.**

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