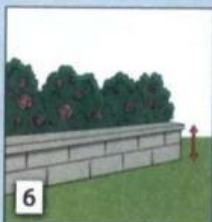
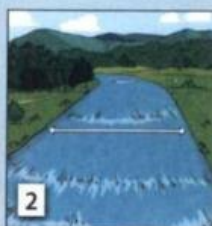


# 63 Adjective opposites

## 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 .....





## 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

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

- 4 Tick (✓) the words with the main stress on the first syllable, like narrow and tiny. Put a cross (X) 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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