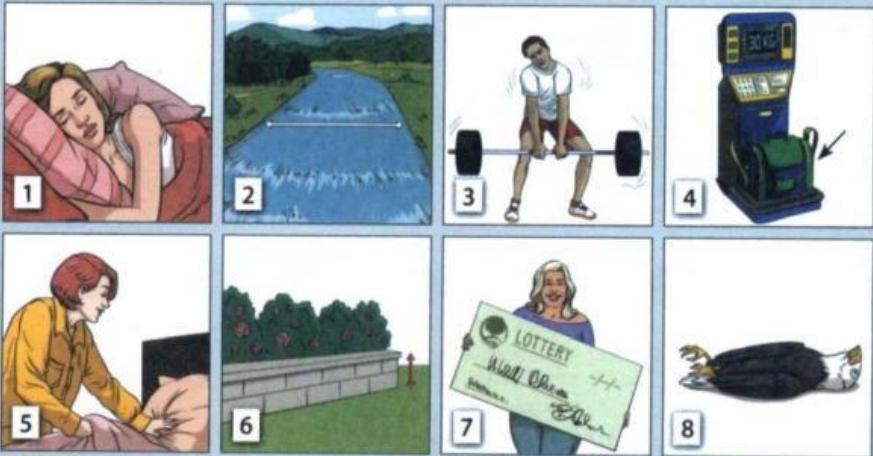


# 63 Adjective opposites

## A Common opposites 1

- She's **asleep**.  
OPP **awake**
- The river is **wide**.  
OPP **narrow**
- The man is **weak**.  
OPP **strong**
- This is **heavy**.  
OPP **light**
- It feels **soft**.  
OPP **hard**
- It's a **low** wall.  
OPP **high**
- The woman is **rich**.  
OPP **poor**
- 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?  
1 Did you sleep well?  
2 Can Rowena walk very far?  
3 Has Eric got a lot of money?  
4 Has Kelly still got a dog?  
5 Can you see over the wall?  
6 Can we carry that table to the garden?  
7 Can you swim across the river here?  
8 Dan's eyes are closed.  
9 That family lives in one room.  
10 What a lovely little baby!
- ~ Yes, it's very **strong**.  
~ No, the bed was too ..... It was like sleeping on the floor.  
~ No, she's still ..... after her illness.  
~ Yes, he's very .....  
~ No, it's ..... I'm afraid.  
~ No, it's too ..... I can't see a thing.  
~ Yes, it's quite .....  
~ Yes, it's quite ..... – that will be easy.  
~ Yes, I think he's ..... He said he was very tired.  
~ Yes, they're very .....  
~ Yes, his skin is so lovely and .....

### TEST YOURSELF

## 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> OPP <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> n OPP <b>modern</b>
<b>dark</b>	with no light, or not much light OPP <b>light</b>
<b>similar</b>	the same in many ways, but not completely the same OPP <b>different</b>
<b>social media</b>	websites, e.g. WhatsApp, Instagram, where you can communicate with people who have similar interests
<b>positive</b>	thinking or talking about the good parts of a situation OPP <b>negative</b>
<b>general</b>	not in detail, giving only the main parts of sth OPP <b>specific</b>
<b>useful</b>	good and helpful for doing sth OPP <b>useless</b>
<b>lazy</b>	A <b>lazy</b> person doesn't like working hard. OPP <b>hardworking</b>

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

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|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| ► modern    | <input type="checkbox"/> | prefer      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 1 useless   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 different | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 2 common    | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 specific  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 5 general   | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 unusual   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 6 media     | <input type="checkbox"/> | 8 useful    | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| 9 tradition | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 similar  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

- 5 True or false? Write T or F.

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|---|----------------------------|
| ► A useful book is one that helps you to do something.      | <input type="checkbox"/> T |
| 1 Two similar things are almost the same.                   | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 2 You can read easily in a light room.                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 3 The style of a traditional building is modern.            | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 4 An unusual event happens a lot.                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 5 Specific instructions are clear and with a lot of detail. | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 6 A useless thing will help you.                            | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 7 If a type of car is common, you see it a lot.             | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 8 A lazy person works very hard.                            | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 9 In the middle of the day, it's usually dark.              | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| 10 If somebody is on social media, they are online.         | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

- 6 Complete the dialogues.

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|---|---|
| ► Do the two brothers look different?   | ~ No, they look very <b>similar</b> .....           |
| 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.

