

# Antonyms

*Antonyms are words that mean the opposite or nearly the opposite of each other for one meaning. Use the list below to help elevate your writing.*

**above** – below  
**absent** – present  
**accident** – intent  
**accomplishment** – failure  
**achieve** – fail  
**add** – subtract  
**adjacent** – distant  
**admire** – detest  
**admit** – reject  
**adore** – hate  
**advance** – retreat  
**affirm** – deny  
**afraid** – confident  
**after** – before  
**aid** – hinder  
**alarm** – comfort  
**alert** – asleep  
**alive** – dead  
**allow** – forbid  
**alone** – together  
**amateur** – professional  
**amuse** – bore  
**ancient** – modern  
**annoy** – soothe  
**answer** – question  
**apparent** – obscure  
**argue** – agree  
**arrive** – depart  
**arrogant** – humble  
**ascend** – descend  
**attack** – defend  
**attract** – repel  
**awake** – asleep  
**awkward** – graceful

**back** – front  
**bad** – good  
**bare** – covered  
**beautiful** – ugly  
**before** – after  
**bent** – straight  
**better** – worse  
**big** – little  
**birth** – death  
**bitter** – sweet  
**black** – white

**blunt** – sharp  
**body** – soul  
**bold** – timid  
**bottom** – top  
**brave** – cowardly  
**break** – repair  
**brief** – long  
**bright** – dull  
**bring** – remove  
**boy** – girl  
**busy** – idle  
**buy** – sell  
  
**capture** – release  
**cause** – effect  
**cautious** – careless  
**center** – edge  
**change** – remain  
**cheap** – expensive  
**child** – adult  
**chilly** – warm  
**clean** – dirty  
**close** – open  
**cold** – hot  
**command** – obey  
**complex** – simple  
**compliment** – insult  
**constant** – variable  
**continue** – interrupt  
**cool** – warm  
**copy** – original  
**countrymen** – foreigner  
**crazy** – sane  
**crooked** – straight  
**cruel** – kind  
**cry** – laugh  
**curse** – bless

**damage** – improve  
**dark** – light  
**dawn** – sunset  
**day** – night  
**deep** – shallow  
**destroy** – create  
**difficult** – easy  
**dim** – bright

**divide** – unite  
**doubt** – trust  
**drunk** – sober  
**dull** – sharp  
**dumb** – smart  
  
**earth** – sky  
**east** – west  
**easy** – hard  
**elementary** – advanced  
**end** – begin  
**even** – odd  
**evening** – morning  
**evil** – good  
**exceptional** – common  
**expand** – shrink

**fail** – pass  
**failure** – success  
**false** – true  
**famous** – unknown  
**fancy** – plain  
**fast** – slow  
**fat** – thin  
**fiction** – fact  
**find** – lose  
**finish** – start  
**firm** – flabby  
**fix** – break  
**follow** – lead  
**forgive** – blame  
**forward** – backward  
**free** – restricted  
**fresh** – stale  
**friend** – enemy  
**funny** – sad  
**full** – empty

**gain** – lose  
**generous** – stingy  
**gentle** – harsh  
**get** – give  
**give** – receive  
**glad** – sad  
**gloomy** – cheerful  
**glossy** – dull

**go** – come  
**gorgeous** – ugly  
**great** – small  
**greed** – generous  
**grief** – joy  
**ground** – sky  
**guard** – attack  
**guess** – know

**handsome** – ugly  
**happy** – sad  
**hard** – soft  
**hate** – love  
**he** – she  
**head** – foot  
**heal** – infect  
**healthy** – sick  
**heaven** – hell  
**heavy** – light  
**height** – depth  
**help** – hinder  
**hero** – coward  
**high** – low  
**hill** – valley  
**him** – her  
**hire** – fire  
**his** – hers  
**hot** – cold  
**horrible** – pleasant  
**huge** – tiny  
**hurry** – slow  
**hurt** – help

**idle** – active  
**in** – out  
**individual** – group  
**innocent** – guilty  
**inside** – outside  
**intelligent** – stupid

**jolly** – serious  
**joy** – sadness

**keep** – lose  
**kind** – cruel  
**knowledge** – ignorance

**large** – small  
**last** – first  
**laugh** – cry  
**leading** – following  
**leave** – arrive

**left** – right  
**less** – more  
**let** – prevent  
**level** – uneven  
**lie** – truth  
**life** – death  
**like** – dislike  
**likely** – unlikely  
**liquid** – solid  
**little** – big  
**lively** – inactive  
**lonely** – crowded  
**long** – short  
**loose** – tight  
**lost** – found  
**loud** – soft  
**love** – hate

**maintain** – discontinue  
**major** – minor  
**make** – destroy  
**male** – female  
**man** – woman  
**many** – few  
**marvelous** – terrible  
**mature** – immature  
**melt** – freeze  
**mess** – tidiness  
**miscellaneous** – specific  
**mistake** – accuracy  
**mix** – separate  
**moist** – dry  
**more** – less  
**most** – least  
**mother** – father  
**move** – stay

**naive** – sophisticated  
**nasty** – nice  
**near** – far  
**never** – always  
**new** – old  
**no** – yes  
**nobody** – everybody  
**noise** – quiet  
**none** – all  
**north** – south  
**nothing** – something  
**now** – then

**obese** – thin  
**obvious** – hidden

**odd** – even  
**offend** – please  
**offer** – refuse  
**often** – seldom  
**old** – young  
**on** – off  
**one** – several  
**ordinary** – uncommon  
**other** – same  
**over** – under

**pacify** – agitate  
**pain** – pleasure  
**panic** – calm  
**part** – whole  
**partial** – complete  
**particular** – general  
**pass** – fail  
**passive** – active  
**peace** – disturbance  
**perceive** – ignore  
**permanent** – unstable  
**permit** – refuse  
**pessimistic** – optimistic  
**physical** – spiritual  
**place** – misplace  
**plain** – fancy  
**play** – work  
**plentiful** – sparse  
**plump** – thin  
**polish** – dull  
**polite** – rude  
**poor** – rich  
**positive** – negative  
**powerful** – weak  
**praise** – criticism  
**preceding** – following  
**present** – absent  
**pretty** – ugly  
**prevent** – encourage  
**pride** – modesty  
**private** – public  
**problem** – solution  
**profit** – loss  
**prohibit** – allow  
**pupil** – teacher  
**push** – pull

**quality** – inferiority  
**quick** – slow  
**quiet** – noisy  
**quit** – start

**raise** – lower  
**random** – specific  
**rapid** – slow  
**rare** – common  
**raw** – cooked  
**ready** – unprepared  
**rear** – front  
**reduce** – increase  
**regret** – rejoice  
**relax** – tighten  
**remember** – forget  
**repair** – destroy  
**retain** – lose  
**revenge** – forgiveness  
**ridiculous** – sensible  
**right** – wrong  
**rigid** – flexible  
**rise** – sink  
**rough** – smooth  
**rude** – polite

**sad** – happy  
**same** – different  
**satisfy** – displease  
**secluded** – public  
**segregate** – integrate  
**seldom** – often  
**sell** – buy  
**send** – receive  
**sensational** – dull  
**servant** – master  
**shack** – palace  
**shade** – light  
**shame** – honor  
**sharp** – dull  
**she** – he  
**short** – long  
**show** – hide  
**shy** – trusting  
**sick** – healthy  
**silence** – sound  
**single** – married  
**single** – plural  
**sit** – stand  
**slave** – master  
**slender** – fat  
**slow** – fast  
**small** – large  
**soak** – dry  
**sober** – drunk  
**some** – none

**something** – nothing  
**sorrow** – gladness  
**sour** – sweet  
**speechless** – talkative  
**spend** – earn  
**stale** – fresh  
**start** – stop  
**started** – finished  
**stay** – leave  
**steal** – provide  
**sterile** – fertile  
**stiff** – flexible  
**still** – moving  
**stingy** – generous  
**stop** – go  
**stranger** – friend  
**strength** – weakness  
**student** – teacher  
**sturdy** – weak  
**sunrise** – sunset  
**superb** – inferior  
**supple** – rigid  
**survive** – die  
**suspect** – trust

**take** – give  
**tall** – short  
**tame** – wild  
**teach** – learn  
**temporary** – permanent  
**thaw** – freeze  
**there** – here  
**thin** – thick  
**thorough** – incomplete  
**thrifty** – wasteful  
**tidy** – messy  
**tie** – loosen  
**timid** – bold  
**to** – from  
**together** – apart  
**told** – asked  
**top** – bottom  
**toward** – away  
**tragic** – comic  
**transform** – retain  
**transparent** - opaque  
**triumph** – defeat  
**true** – false  
**truth** – lie

**ultimate** – primary  
**union** – separation

**unique** – common  
**up** – down  
**upset** – stabilize  
**urge** – deter  
  
**vacant** – full  
**vague** – definite  
**vanish** – appear  
**vast** – limited  
**vertical** – horizontal  
**villain** – hero  
**visitor** – host/hostess

**waive** – require  
**wake** – sleep  
**wealth** – poverty  
**weep** – laugh  
**well** – badly  
**wet** – dry  
**white** – black  
**wild** – tame  
**win** – lose  
**with** – without  
**worship** – detest  
**worth** – uselessness  
**wreck** - create