

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