Antonyms

Grade 3

Name _____ Date _____

Remember: Antonyms are words with **opposite** meanings: hot ↔ cold, early ↔ late, whisper ↔ shout.

Check: put the antonym into the sentence. Does the sentence now mean the opposite?



1. Find the antonym

Circle the antonym (opposite) of the word in bold.

1. **ancient** (a) old (b) modern (c) huge
2. **whisper** (a) shout (b) speak (c) sing
3. **generous** (a) kind (b) selfish (c) rich
4. **float** (a) swim (b) sink (c) drift
5. **victory** (a) defeat (b) game (c) prize
6. **arrive** (a) come (b) reach (c) leave
7. **smooth** (a) rough (b) soft (c) flat
8. **brave** (a) bold (b) fearful (c) strong

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2. Make it opposite

Circle the antonym that makes each sentence mean the opposite of the clue.

1. The soup was cold, but the tea was _____. (hot) (cool) (icy)
2. The first race was easy, but the second was _____. (simple) (difficult) (short)
3. Max is always early, but his sister is always _____. (late) (quick) (first)
4. The old house was dark inside, but the new one is _____. (dim) (bright) (shady)

Answer Key

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1. Find the antonym

1. ancient	a old	**b modern**	c huge
2. whisper	**a shout**	b speak	c sing
3. generous	a kind	**b selfish**	c rich
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2	The first race was easy, but the second was **difficult**.	simple	**difficult**	short
3	Max is always early, but his sister is always **late**.	**late**	quick	first
4	The old house was dark inside, but the new one is **bright**.	dim	**bright**	shady