

An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word. Understanding antonyms helps with vocabulary development and improves language comprehension. It is essential for verbal reasoning. Antonyms are often used to show contrast, clarify meaning, or describe a variety of situations. For 11+ exams, knowing antonyms are essential.

Section 1: Choose the Antonym

Choose the correct antonym for each word in bold.

1. Bright

- A) Dull
- B) Glowing
- C) Shiny
- D) Radiant

2. Expand

- A) Increase
- B) Contract
- C) Grow
- D) Enlarge

3. Generous

- A) Kind
- B) Mean
- C) Helpful
- D) Polite

4. Optimistic

- A) Hopeful
- B) Confident
- C) Pessimistic
- D) Cheerful

5. Ancient

- A) Old
 - B) Recent
 - C) Historical
 - D) Ruined
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Section 2: Match the Antonyms

Draw a line to match each word on the left with its antonym on the right.

Word	Antonym
Increase	Full
Abundant	Defeat
Victory	Shrink
Visible	Depart
Arrive	Hidden

Section 3: Fill in the Blank

Write the antonym for the word in bold in the blank provided.

1. The pond was very **shallow** but after the rain, it became _____.
 2. She was known for being **polite** but he was often quite _____.
 3. The weather was **mild** yesterday but, today, it's extremely _____.
 4. That area is always **quiet** at night, but it's very _____ during the day.
 5. He wanted to **accept** the offer, but she wanted to _____ it.
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Section 4: Context Clues

Use context clues in the sentence to identify the correct antonym.

1. Unlike his **rigid** approach, she preferred to be _____ and open to new ideas.
 - A) Flexible
 - B) Fixed
 - C) Strict
 - D) Firm
2. The room felt **humid** at first, but later it was quite _____.
 - A) Dry
 - B) Damp
 - C) Wet
 - D) Clammy
3. As the sky grew **darker**, it suddenly became _____ due to the streetlights.
 - A) Bright
 - B) Cloudy
 - C) Dim
 - D) Shady
4. She has a **lavish** lifestyle while his is quite _____.
 - A) Extravagant

- B) Modest
 - C) Costly
 - D) Luxurious
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Section 5: Synonyms and Antonyms Challenge

Read each sentence carefully. Identify whether the given word in **bold** is a synonym (a word with a similar meaning) or an antonym (a word with the opposite meaning) of the word in **italics**.

1. He was **elated** after winning, which made her even **happier**.
 - Synonym / Antonym
2. The walls were **opaque** unlike the **transparent** windows.
 - Synonym / Antonym
3. She found him to be **inquisitive**, but he felt she was simply **curious**.
 - Synonym / Antonym
4. The desert was **arid**, quite the opposite of the **lush** rainforest.
 - Synonym / Antonym

Answer Key:

- **Section 1:** 1) A, 2) B, 3) B, 4) C, 5) B
- **Section 2:** Increase - Shrink, Abundant - Full, Victory - Defeat, Visible - Hidden, Arrive - Depart
- **Section 3:** 1) deep, 2) rude, 3) severe, 4) noisy, 5) reject
- **Section 4:** 1) A, 2) A, 3) A, 4) B
- **Section 5:** 1) Synonym, 2) Antonym, 3) Synonym, 4) Antonym