In Opposite Town the drivers know that green means stop and red means ___!
Which word completes the poem and means the opposite of stop?

A. no  
B. slow  
C. go  
D. low

It’s Captain Opposite, I think, who owns this silly boat. The sailboat’s anchor will not sink; the rest of it won’t ___.
Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for sink?

A. drink  
B. link  
C. moat  
D. float

“No matter how fast you run,” said the teacher, “you cannot arrive at school by 8:30 if you leave your house at 8:35.”
Which word is an antonym for arrive?

A. reach  
B. sprint  
C. stroll  
D. depart
Brian promised his mother he would keep his shoes dry on his way to school.

Which word means the opposite of dry?

- A. cold
- B. hot
- C. wet
- D. clean

Museum Visitor: Why is the painting crooked?
Tour Guide: It’s not. The wall is.

Which word is an antonym for crooked?

- A. beautiful
- B. straight
- C. stolen
- D. valuable

There’s an antonym at the door. It’s a word that means the opposite of sturdy.

Who is it?

- A. Ricochet
- B. Rickshaw
- C. Rickety
- D. Rickrack
**DOT QUIZ**

**ANTONYMS**

**Grade 2+**

**That’s the back of your shirt.**

**I know. It helps me remember the name of our team.**

**Which word means the opposite of back?**

- A. front
- B. top
- C. side
- D. bottom

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**Zachary:** In some places, it’s **polite** to burp after eating.

**Monica:** You’d be the most polite kid around!

**Which word is an antonym for polite?**

- A. hungry
- B. rude
- C. funny
- D. healthy

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**This gift is for my sister Liz.**

**We used a sheet to conceal it.**

**We won’t tell her what it is till we’re ready to _____ it.**

**Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for conceal?**

- A. heal
- B. steal
- C. appeal
- D. reveal

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Riddle: What do you call a poodle with a fever?
Answer: A hot dog!

Which word means the opposite of hot?

- A. cold
- B. warm
- C. healthy
- D. sick

A woman had been searching the library for hours. “Can I help you find something?” asked the librarian. “Yes,” replied the woman. “The exit.”

Which word is an antonym for exit?

- A. nonfiction
- B. departure
- C. fiction
- D. entrance

Mrs. Sims: I wash the car frequently—about once a week.
David: I wash my face frequently—twice as frequently, in fact!

Which word is an antonym for frequently?

- A. seldom
- B. often
- C. thoroughly
- D. carefully
Which words in Rover’s directions to Fido’s house are opposites?

- A. first and second
- B. sniff and bark
- C. street and avenue
- D. right and left

Teacher: List your brother’s first and last name. It’s just your opinion that he’s a terror.

Tameka: No, it isn’t. Everyone thinks so.

Which word is an antonym for opinion?

- A. fact
- B. belief
- C. nickname
- D. fright

“We should have made the triplets separate birthday cakes,” said the baker. “The candles may ignite the cake.”

Which word is an antonym for ignite?

- A. melt
- B. extinguish
- C. scorch
- D. evaporate
“Why won’t the wagon roll?” wondered Callie. “Dad said we should both pull at the same time.”

Which word means the opposite of pull?

- A. help
- B. push
- C. move
- D. tug

“Darling, I don’t think people will pay you to bring wild skunks to a party,” said Mrs. Critter.

Which word is an antonym for wild?

- A. stinky
- B. tame
- C. fragrant
- D. adorable

Riddle: What was Rover’s temporary home while his doghouse was being built?

Answer: A pup tent!

Which word is an antonym for temporary?

- A. simple
- B. permanent
- C. miniature
- D. gigantic
**Riddle:** When does February come **before** January?

**Answer:** When it’s in a dictionary!

**Which word means the opposite of **before**?**

- A. above
- B. under
- C. after
- D. about

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**Last week I saw a friend of mine.**

_She gave me her cold and now she’s fine._

_I’d heard before—and now I believe—that it’s better to **give** than to **___**._

**Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for **give**?**

- A. achieve
- B. receive
- C. relieve
- D. deceive

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**“Why am I in trouble?” Sophie said. “When I said Cousin Carl smelled better than he did yesterday, I meant it as a **compliment**.”**

**Which word is an antonym for **compliment**?**

- A. opinion
- B. idea
- C. insult
- D. praise

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“That’s the doghouse?” exclaimed Lisa. “We have a large dog,” explained Jamal.

Which word means the opposite of large?

- A. small
- B. back
- C. front
- D. hairy

Riddle: How are famous people like the sun?

Answer: They’re stars!

Which word is an antonym for famous?

- A. frozen
- B. unknown
- C. bright
- D. warm

Grace told Gus to wear something formal to the dance. He thought she said “normal,” so he wore shorts and a tee shirt.

Which word is an antonym for formal?

- A. casual
- B. ugly
- C. old-fashioned
- D. stylish
Oh, the tortoise and the hare had a race from here to there. One was slow and one was fast, but the quick one came in last!

**Which words are opposites?**

- A. tortoise and hare
- B. slow and fast
- C. last and slow
- D. quick and fast

**SALE:** Last Week’s Bread
Two loaves for the price of one!

**Which word is an antonym for stale?**

- A. spoiled
- B. expensive
- C. fresh
- D. hard

**Teacher:** What’s the maximum number of students that can ride on your bus?

**Driver:** None. I only allow people to ride inside the bus.

**Which word is an antonym for maximum?**

- A. dangerous
- B. safe
- C. minimum
- D. greatest
Barry the Bare Bear hibernates in the **summer** so he doesn’t get sunburned.

**Which word means the opposite of summer?**

- A. spring
- B. winter
- C. night
- D. daytime

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The Hinkelmans went for a drive, hoping the **motion** of the car would help the baby fall asleep.

**Which word is an antonym for motion?**

- A. stillness
- B. movement
- C. speed
- D. silence

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**Riddle:** Which nation is where all vacationers are trying to go?

**Answer:** **Destination**!

**Which word is an antonym for destination?**

- A. relaxation
- B. disaster
- C. transportation
- D. origin
“Next time I ride my bike in Bug Valley, I will shut my mouth,” said Cameron.
What word means the opposite of shut?

- A. clean
- B. walk
- C. open
- D. cover

“When I asked you to come to my house at twelve o’clock I meant noon,” yawned Jonathon.
What word is an antonym for noon?

- A. evening
- B. midnight
- C. early
- D. late

“Doctor Destruction, that’s more like a naughty giggle than an evil laugh,” jeered Super Duper Dude. “You call yourself a villain?”
What word is an antonym for villain?

- A. robber
- B. comedian
- C. hero
- D. nurse
Mei’s mother had told her not to play ball inside the house, so she rode her bike instead.

**Which word means the opposite of inside?**

- A. under
- B. above
- C. indoors
- D. outside

Mr. Lewis is about to discover he put the diving board next to the shallow end of the pool.

**Which word is an antonym for shallow?**

- A. dangerous
- B. safe
- C. deep
- D. short

**Mover:** Why did you write fragile on the box of rocks?

**Ben:** I packed my rock collection in my grandmother’s teacups.

**Which word is an antonym for fragile?**

- A. cheap
- B. expensive
- C. breakable
- D. tough
Riddle: Why did the pony whisper?
Answer: He was a little hoarse!
Which word means the opposite of whisper?

- A. gallop
- B. shout
- C. sigh
- D. grow

"If you’re healthy enough to sing, you’re healthy enough to go to school," said Chitra’s mother.
Which word is an antonym for healthy?

- A. silly
- B. strong
- C. sleepy
- D. sick

There are eight puppies at a pet shop.
Which pair of puppies’ names are antonyms?

- A. Peppy and Petite
- B. Jumbo and Gigantic
- C. Chubby and Tubby
- D. Tiny and Massive
When I came home from school there were lots of snacks to tempt me. Now my stomach’s very full and the fridge is almost ____.

Which word completes the poem and means the opposite of full?

A. dull  B. cool
C. plenty  D. empty

"Are the elephants artificial, too?" Dalita asked the zookeeper.

Which word is an antonym for artificial?

A. small  B. fake
C. real  D. hungry

This opportunity is great!
Dad, may I participate?
Just sign here to show you _____ to my entering the fire-eating event!

Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for refuse?

A. consent  B. document
C. prevent  D. repent

Participate in an Amateur Circus!
Events:
- Fire Eating
- Sword Juggling
- Tightrope Walking

Absolutely no experience necessary!
Like many geese, Gordon flies **south** for the winter.

**Which word is an antonym for south?**

- A. down
- B. across
- C. west
- D. north

The restaurant was **crowded** until the entertainment began and Madame Mimi started to sing.

**Which word is an antonym for crowded?**

- A. silent
- B. fancy
- C. deserted
- D. popular

The Extreme Sports Spectacular drew a **humongous** crowd. The Moderate Sports Festival attracted a smaller audience.

**Which words are antonyms?**

- A. spectacular and festival
- B. extreme and moderate
- C. crowd and audience
- D. humongous and attracted
Riddle: How do you make seven even?
Answer: Erase the “s”!
Which word is an antonym for even?

- A. less
- B. greater
- C. odd
- D. fair

The shirt was so loose, Gwen realized it must be her big brother’s. Oops, that meant he had hers.
Which word is an antonym for loose?

- A. large
- B. sloppy
- C. tight
- D. sporty

There’s an antonym at the door. It’s a word that means the opposite of harm.
Who is it?

- A. Bend
- B. Benefit
- C. Benefactor
- D. Benchmark
Which word is an antonym for child?

- A. youth
- B. expensive
- C. adult
- D. dinner


Which words are antonyms?

- A. puff and fluff
- B. tail and tongue
- C. furry and soft
- D. smooth and rough

Dr. Wacky: Guess what I have invented!
Assistant: A hat to repel people who don’t like mad scientists?

Which word is an antonym for repel?

- A. attract
- B. invent
- C. experiment
- D. sicken
“We’re off to the park!” said Mrs. Henson. “Wait. What did I forget?”
“The baby,” replied her older son.

Which word is an antonym for forget?

- A. remember
- B. unpack
- C. ignore
- D. read

Adam: Can I borrow a tissue?
Nurse: You can have one. I don’t want it back.

Which word is an antonym for borrow?

- A. receive
- B. loan
- C. waste
- D. use

I’m planning a party and inviting you, and friends you’d like to include. The guests will number a thousand or two, since there are none I want to ___.

Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for include?

- A. attitude
- B. exclude
- C. conclude
- D. rude
My brother didn’t do very well in science, but in gym he was at the top of his class.

Which word is an antonym for top?

- A. middle
- B. bottom
- C. best
- D. worst

Since she started taking ballet lessons, Ms. Lightfoot looks more graceful when she trips on her own feet.

Which word is an antonym for graceful?

- A. lazy
- B. surprised
- C. clumsy
- D. beautiful

The majority of students in the class wanted to have a dance party instead of a spelling test, but Ms. Ford said her classroom was not a democracy.

Which word is an antonym for majority?

- A. minority
- B. election
- C. popularity
- D. correction
Which is the opposite of a dark day?

A. a bright night
B. a morning warning
C. a late date
D. a prime time

Dad said the get well card I made for my brother was too bleak.

Which word is an antonym for bleak?

A. well
B. unwell
C. cheerful
D. starving

The food at the party was tasty and abundant. Unfortunately, the forks were scarce.

Which words are antonyms?

A. tasty and abundant
B. tasty and scarce
C. abundant and scarce
D. unfortunately and scarce
Before Arlene the Artist ate, she made a picture on her plate. The macaroni was a **frown** until she turned it upside down!

**Which word is an antonym for frown?**

- A. smile
- B. talk
- C. noodle
- D. food

“Kitty is sad because the tea party was cancelled,” sighed Laura. “I believe the cat is upset,” said Mrs. Cruz. “But I doubt that’s why.”

**Which words are antonyms?**

- A. sad and upset
- B. believe and doubt
- C. kitty and cat
- D. sighed and said

Hot Stuff and Cool Dude are superheroes in the Antonym League. Hot Stuff can make things **expand**. His partner Cool Dude can do the opposite.

**Which word is an antonym for expand?**

- A. contract
- B. grow
- C. burn
- D. freeze
At Panda Palace, panda bears can order bamboo any way they like it.

Which words on the menu are antonyms?

- A. hot and spicy
- B. crispy and crunchy
- C. sweet and sour
- D. salty and bitter

You must have misunderstood, sir. This is a private party, not a pirate party.

Which word is an antonym for private?

- A. special
- B. public
- C. sailor
- D. cheerful

Caryn told her dad she had broken some nails. He believed the problem was trivial because he thought she meant fingernails.

Which word is an antonym for trivial?

- A. helpful
- B. funny
- C. minor
- D. important
I was feeling sad and glum because I lost my chewing gum. What did I see when I looked around? Hooray! It had been ____.

Which word completes the poem and is an antonym for lost?

- A. found
- B. ground
- C. round
- D. pound

Mister Starlight's costume was so spectacular that no one noticed his dancing was terrible.

Which word is an antonym for terrible?

- A. athletic
- B. famous
- C. awful
- D. brilliant

Riddle: Which nation will persevere no matter what?

Answer: Determination!

Which word is an antonym for persevere?

- A. travel
- B. thrive
- C. continue
- D. quit
“I gave Rex a bath,” Riley told her mother. “Look how clean he is!”

Which word is an antonym for clean?

- A. wet
- B. tidy
- C. spotless
- D. dirty

It took my brother and me two hours to build our beautiful sand castle. It took our unruly dog two seconds to destroy it.

Which words are antonyms?

- A. brother and dog
- B. build and destroy
- C. hours and seconds
- D. beautiful and unruly

Let’s take a spontaneous trip. Just hop aboard this ship! We won’t have time to pack. We’ll buy the things we lack!

Which word is an antonym for spontaneous?

- A. long
- B. planned
- C. entertaining
- D. boring
It’s Antonym Day in Ms. Wordy’s class. The students will do the opposite of what they usually do.

**Which is the opposite of Show and Tell?**

- A. Read and Write
- B. Display and Talk
- C. Hide and Ask
- D. Give and Take

**Teacher:** According to an ancient Greek legend, a soldier ran 27 miles to deliver a message.

**Student:** Wow! Why didn’t they just send a text message?

**Which word is an antonym for ancient?**

- A. modern
- B. nearby
- C. prehistoric
- D. distant

**Maria:** Mr. Kim, Rowan deliberately stomped on my foot!

**Rowan:** No, I stomped on her shoe. Her foot just happened to be inside it.

**Which word is an antonym for deliberately?**

- A. accidentally
- B. purposely
- C. gently
- D. meanly
Jack has been a busy boy. Look at his list of things to do.

Which word is an antonym for repair?

- A. fall
- B. break
- C. climb
- D. sell

Riddle: Why did the stingy man hire elephants?
Answer: He heard they would work for peanuts.

Which word is an antonym for stingy?

- A. cowardly
- B. brave
- C. cheap
- D. generous

“Caitlyn is reluctant to babysit you again,” Mrs. Howard told Daniel. “She said something about your putting a bullfrog in her backpack.”

Which word is an antonym for reluctant?

- A. responsible
- B. mischievous
- C. eager
- D. unwilling
“Oh, no, look at my swan!” wailed the hostess when she saw the ice sculpture. “No problem,” said the waiter. “We can freeze it.”

Which word is an antonym for freeze?

- A. eat
- B. carve
- C. melt
- D. break

The teacher at the Superpower School was not sure whether the Invisible Boy was present.

Which word is an antonym for present?

- A. absent
- B. here
- C. seated
- D. visible

Riddle: What did the Human Rubber Band say when the circus master asked him if he could change his act?

Answer: I’m flexible.

Which word is an antonym for flexible?

- A. bendable
- B. athletic
- C. boring
- D. stubborn
**Science teacher:** What can we do to help the bald eagle?

**Joelle:** Buy it a wig!

Which word is an antonym for bald?

- A. free
- B. hairy
- C. good
- D. tiny

**“If you release me, I will show you the hole I just saw in the bottom of your boat,”** said the fish to the fisherman.

Which word is an antonym for release?

- A. rent
- B. buy
- C. free
- D. catch

**“I feel sluggish this morning,”** said Hector. Ella touched his arm. **“Really? You don’t feel slimy to me.”**

Which word is an antonym for sluggish?

- A. energetic
- B. lazy
- C. sticky
- D. slippery
Which word is an antonym for **safe**?

- A. careful
- B. easy
- C. difficult
- D. dangerous

My cousin doesn’t want to play. She said it’s been a miserable day. She skinned her knee; she broke her toy. Did I mention that her name is **Joy**?

Which word is an antonym for **joy**?

- A. happiness
- B. sadness
- C. fun
- D. love

I **scrimp** six days a week, starting Monday. I save my money every day but one day. I spend it all on Sunday on a sundae!

Which word is an antonym for **scrimp**?

- A. plan
- B. nibble
- C. splurge
- D. collect
Mrs. Howard: Do you expect me to believe the baby could scatter all these toys?

Jeremy: Of course not. It must have been a leprechaun!

Which word is an antonym for scatter?

☐ A. gather
☐ B. fling
☐ C. borrow
☐ D. empty

Riddle: Why was the mathematics textbook upset?

Answer: It had a lot of problems!

Which word is an antonym for problems?

☐ A. solutions
☐ B. questions
☐ C. homework
☐ D. pages

“My gift for you,” Late Louis sighed, “is one whole year belated.”
“My birthday is today,” I replied.
“I’m on time!” he cried, elated.

Which word is an antonym for elated?

☐ A. dejected
☐ B. ecstatic
☐ C. tardy
☐ D. early
“If we are very lucky,” whispered the bird-watching guide, “we may spot a rare star-winged duck.”

Which word is an antonym for rare?

- A. common
- B. unusual
- C. striped
- D. heavy

“I have a strategy to increase our profit,” said Hiro. “Decrease the amount of sugar in the lemonade recipe.”

Which words are antonyms?

- A. strategy and recipe
- B. sugar and lemonade
- C. profit and amount
- D. increase and decrease

“I appreciate that you want to be frugal,” said the king to the queen. “But it’s unfair to make Prince Charming wear his sister’s hand-me-downs.”

Which word is an antonym for frugal?

- A. thrifty
- B. extravagant
- C. humble
- D. noble
**Father Owl:** A wise person once said, “Don’t hatch your chickens before they can count.”

**Mother Owl:** Dear, I believe it’s, “Don’t count your chickens before they hatch!”

**Which word is an antonym for wise?**

- A. intelligent
- B. old
- C. foolish
- D. talkative

Uncle Burns likes watching birds. Aunt O’Nym collects opposite words. *Antonym* is her new catch—now she’s looking for its match.

**Which word means the opposite of antonym?**

- A. homonym
- B. synonym
- C. acronym
- D. pseudonym

**Lucas:** I followed twelve pages of complicated directions to make this aerodynamic paper projectile!

**Maria:** Nice paper plane!

**Which word is an antonym for complicated?**

- A. simple
- B. difficult
- C. confusing
- D. fair
The only thing the brothers **agree** about is that they would rather have their own room.

**Which word is an antonym for agree?**

- A. dream
- B. argue
- C. write
- D. match

I thought the instructions in the book *Teach Your Goat to Tap Dance* were difficult. My goat thought they were **delicious**.

**Which word is an antonym for delicious?**

- A. tasty
- B. simple
- C. difficult
- D. disgusting
The Fancy Feast on Snobby Street has excellent food and service. But when the king came in to eat the waiter was quite nervous.

Which word is an antonym for nervous?

- A. clumsy
- B. rude
- C. calm
- D. pleased

Clair: I didn’t know it was Pajama Day.
Alex: It’s not. This is what happens when I dawdle too much at breakfast.

Which word is an antonym for dawdle?

- A. eat
- B. relax
- C. hurry
- D. spill