

Verbal Reasoning

Antonyms

What do I do?



An antonym is a word **opposite in meaning**. Find the antonyms to the words below. Choose two words, one from each group, that are the most opposite in meaning.

Top Tips!



- Take each word at a time and ask yourself if they are opposite in meaning. Try all combinations before settling on an answer.
- **Watch out** for homophones and also sneaky words that mean *the same* - this isn't what you're looking for but they hope you'll have lost concentration. You can do it!

What skills do I need to improve?

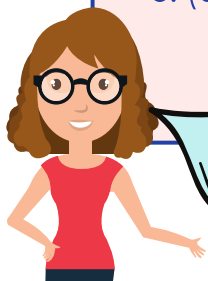


Doing lots of practice questions will help with becoming familiar with question types but what else can you do to improve in this area?

- Games such as Scrabble and Wordle, will help you to become familiar with word meanings.
- Try setting yourself a one minute timer and see how many words you can come up with that are antonyms of that word.
- Create word mats of tricky words and their antonyms and synonyms. These will help you with your writing as well and will enable you to vary your word choice.

Practice Questions

1. (fast, run, speed) (epic, pace, leisurely)
2. (money, poverty, bank) (wealth, currency, destitution)
3. (vast, mast, mountainous) (limited, mighty, boat)
4. (ecstatic, agitated, anxious) (thrilled, intoxicated, miserable)
5. (ravenous, envious, energetic) (gorged, edacious, limitless)
6. (gigantic, handsome, peaceful) (attractive, grotesque, cruel)
7. (stationery, cold, motionless) (tranquil, frozen, active)
8. (colossal, impressive, speechless) (serene, monumental, miniature)



How many *antonyms* can you think of, in one minute, for the following word?

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Answers

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4. (**ecstatic**, agitated, anxious) (thrilled, intoxicated, **miserable**)
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6. (gigantic, **handsome**, peaceful) (attractive, **grotesque**, cruel)
7. (stationery, cold, **motionless**) (tranquil, frozen, **active**)
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A selection of antonyms for QUIET...

Loud, noisy, deafening, clamorous, clangorous, raucous, rackety, clattering, tumultuous, uproarious, ear-popping, rowdy, booming, piercing, shrill, powerful, riotous, sonorous and thunderous.

Did you think of any more?

