ESOL – Opposite Adjectives

This companion document covers the same learning as the interactive session, but in a different way so as to be more accessible for learners with sight impairments. Because of this, it does not follow a slide structure.

Welcome

Welcome to this session on opposite adjectives.

By the end of this session, you will:

* Know what an antonym is
* Be able to identify opposite adjectives

What is an adjective?

Adjectives are words that describe nouns. An adjective tells us something about a person, place or thing.

Here are some examples:

*1. It was a* ***sad*** *film.*

The adjective ‘sad’ tells us what the film was like.

*2. She wore a* ***green*** *top.*

The adjective ‘green’ tells us the colour of the top.

*3. The woman had* ***long*** *hair.*

The adjective ‘long’ tells us what the woman’s hair looked like.

Opposite adjectives

Some adjectives have **opposite** meanings.

An **antonym** means the opposite of another word.

Here are some examples:

* Noisy is the opposite of quiet
* Fast is the opposite of slow
* Dry is the opposite of wet

Can you think of any more opposites?

Here are some more opposites that you should know.

* Up is the opposite of down
* Thick is the opposite of thin
* Tall is the opposite of short
* Wide is the opposite of narrow
* True is the opposite of false
* Empty is the opposite of full
* Happy is the opposite of sad
* Dirty is the opposite of clean
* Young is the opposite of old
* Hot is the opposite of cold
* Light is the opposite of dark
* Day is the opposite of night
* Soft is the opposite of hard
* Open is the opposite of closed
* Messy is the opposite of tidy
* Heavy is the opposite of light
* Left is the opposite of right

Test your knowledge

Here are some adjectives. What are their opposites?

1. Closed
2. Full
3. False
4. Down
5. Cold

Here are the answers.

1. Open
2. Empty
3. True
4. Up
5. Hot

Here are some sentences with adjectives in them. What are the opposite adjectives?

1. I don’t enjoy driving in the dark.
2. I’ve been gardening all day, my clothes are so dirty!
3. I can’t reach the shelf because I am very short.
4. Leo went up the stairs to get his bags.
5. My car goes very fast.
6. This towel is wet.
7. It is quiet and peaceful outside.

Here are the answers.

1. Light is the opposite of dark
2. Clean is the opposite of dirty
3. Tall is the opposite of short
4. Down is the opposite of up
5. Slow is the opposite of fast
6. Dry is the opposite of wet
7. Noisy is the opposite of quiet

Summary

Well done. You have completed this session on opposite adjectives.

You should now:

* Know what an antonym is
* Be able to identify opposite adjectives

If you have any questions about anything covered in this session, please speak to your tutor for more help.