OPPOSITES: ADJECTIVES

C1 | Adults / Teens | Vocabulary Practice | 20-30 minutes

Topic: Everyday English | Skills: Vocabulary, Writing | Language focus: Antonyms

Write the opposite adjective. Use the answer key to check your work.

1. abrupt _____

2. adverse _____

3. arbitrary _____

4. compatible _____

5. conspicuous _____

6. conventional _____

7. defensive _____

8. dense _____

9. desirable _____

10. diverse _____

11. dominant _____

12. dynamic _____

13. elaborate _____

14. enduring _____

15. excessive _____

16. fundamental _____

17. hostile _____

18. inevitable _____

19. intense _____

20. legitimate _____

21. marginal _____

22. persistent _____

23. practical _____

24. restrictive _____

EXTRA PRACTICE

Choose four pairs. Write one sentence per pair, using one or both words.

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OPPOSITES: ADJECTIVES - ANSWERS

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Suggested answers. Some opposites can vary with context.

1. abrupt
gradual

2. adverse
favourable

3. arbitrary
systematic

4. compatible
incompatible

5. conspicuous
inconspicuous

6. conventional
radical

7. defensive
offensive

8. dense
sparse

9. desirable
undesirable

10. diverse
uniform

11. dominant
marginal

12. dynamic
static

13. elaborate
simple

14. enduring
temporary

15. excessive
moderate

16. fundamental
superficial

17. hostile
amicable

18. inevitable
avoidable

19. intense
mild

20. legitimate
illegitimate

21. marginal
central

22. persistent
temporary

23. practical
theoretical

24. restrictive
permissive

Also accept: conventional - unconventional; fundamental - secondary; practical - impractical. Extra practice: answers vary. Accept suitable meanings.

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