

# Application and Reasoning

## Step 2: Antonyms

### National Curriculum Objectives:

English Year 6: (6G6.1) [How words are related by meaning as synonyms and antonyms \[for example, big, large, little\]](#)

Terminology for pupils:

- (6G6.1) [antonym](#)

### Differentiation:

Questions 1, 4 and 7 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain which word from a list is an antonym of a given word. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 3/4 spelling list.

**Expected** Explain which word from a list is an antonym of a given word. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 5/6 spelling list.

**Greater Depth** Explain which word from a list is an antonym of a given word. Questions focus on vocabulary which is not found on the National Curriculum spelling lists.

Questions 2, 5 and 8 (Application)

**Developing** Reverse the meaning of a sentence by replacing certain words with antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 3/4 spelling list.

**Expected** Reverse the meaning of a sentence by replacing certain words with antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 5/6 spelling list.

**Greater Depth** Reverse the meaning of a sentence by replacing certain words with antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary which is not found on the National Curriculum spelling lists.

Questions 3, 6 and 9 (Reasoning)

**Developing** Explain how changing a given word for an antonym alters the meaning of a sentence. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 3/4 spelling list.

**Expected** Explain how changing a given word for an antonym alters the meaning of a sentence. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 5/6 spelling list.

**Greater Depth** Explain how changing a given word for an antonym alters the meaning of a sentence. Questions focus on vocabulary which is not found on the National Curriculum spelling lists.

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1a. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'famous'?

unknown

experience

busy

Explain how you know.



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1b. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'occasionally'?

opposite

actually

often

Explain how you know.



R

2a. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

Your stick looks different to mine, because it is straight.



A

2b. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

Our model was complete and it looked a bit peculiar.



A

3a. Explain how changing 'important' to 'unimportant' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

The way children get to the answer is important.



R

3b. Explain how changing 'extreme' to 'mild' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

Outside of our holiday house the heat was extreme.



R

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4a. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'mischievous'?

convenience

well-behaved

individual

Explain how you know.



R

4b. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'hindrance'?

existence

prejudice

help

Explain how you know.



R

5a. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

The same group would criticise Jasmine every single day, and it left her feeling desperate.



A

5b. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

That little shop is well known for selling marvellous foreign products.



A

6a. Explain how changing 'undervalues' to 'appreciates' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

Clint really undervalues all the time and support his parents have given him.



R

6b. Explain how changing 'unaware' to 'conscious' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

Okoye's expression during the conversation showed that she was unaware of Jayden's feelings.



R

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7a. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'trivial'?

irreverent

consequential

haughty

Explain how you know.



R

## Antonyms

7b. Which word from the list below is an antonym of 'neglectful'?

disillusioned

raucous

attentive

Explain how you know.



R

8a. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

One sight of the turbulent sea was enough to fill the sailors with apprehension.



A

8b. Rewrite the sentence below, reversing its meaning by replacing the underlined words with antonyms.

Eli kept saying things to discourage me, and it was having a detrimental effect.



A

9a. Explain how changing 'ethical' to 'immoral' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

An article appeared highlighting the company's ethical approach to clothing production.



R

9b. Explain how changing 'permanent' to 'transient' would alter the meaning of the sentence below.

The cabin was barely visible, caught in a permanent snowstorm at the mountain's peak.



R

## Application and Reasoning Antonyms

### Developing

- 1a. **Unknown**, because it means the opposite of famous ('known about by many people').
- 2a. Various answers, for example: Your stick looks similar to mine, because it is bent.
- 3a. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that a child's method is not as critical.

### Expected

- 4a. **Well-behaved**, because it means the opposite of mischievous ('characterised by playful misbehaviour').
- 5a. Various answers, for example: The same group would praise Jasmine every single day, and it left her feeling optimistic.
- 6a. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that Clint was much more thankful.

### Greater Depth

- 7a. **Consequential**, because it means the opposite of trivial ('of little value or importance').
- 8a. Various answers, for example: One sight of the peaceful sea was enough to fill the sailors with confidence.
- 9a. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that negative aspects of the business were the focus of the article.

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### Developing

- 1b. **Often**, because it means the opposite of occasionally ('at infrequent intervals').
- 2b. Various answers, for example: Our model was incomplete and it looked a bit ordinary.
- 3b. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that the temperature outside the holiday house was much lower.

### Expected

- 4b. **Help**, because it means the opposite of a hindrance ('something which makes progress more difficult').
- 5b. Various answers, for example: That little shop is well known for selling unremarkable local products.
- 6b. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that Okoye was much more socially aware and/or considerate.

### Greater Depth

- 7b. **Attentive**, because it means the opposite of neglectful ('not giving proper care or attention to something').
- 8b. Various answers, for example: Eli kept saying things to encourage me, and it was having a positive effect.
- 9b. It would reverse the meaning of the sentence, leading readers to believe that there were variations in the weather at the top of the mountain.