

# Varied Fluency

## 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:

**Developing** Questions to support learning about antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 3/4 spelling list.

**Expected** Questions to support learning about antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary taken from the National Curriculum Year 5/6 spelling list.

**Greater Depth** Questions to support learning about antonyms. Questions focus on vocabulary which is not found on the National Curriculum spelling lists.

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## Antonyms

1a. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

remember                      unpopular  
strength                      forget  
popular                      weakness



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## Antonyms

1b. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

increase                      appear  
continue                      stop  
disappear                      decrease



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2a. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

calendar, century                        
early, late                        
heart, centre                     



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2b. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

experiment, natural                        
library, separate                        
arrive, leave                     



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3a. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

I thought it was going to be an ordinary day, but then we had an unusual visitor!



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3b. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

Dalmar was certain that he wanted to leave, but he was uncertain of the way.



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4a. Choose the word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

Suyin found it difficult to learn the piano.

easy                      often



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4b. Choose the word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

It was strange for Nathan to be worried.

various                      normal



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## Antonyms

5a. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

frequently

careless

thorough

work

leisure

rarely



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## Antonyms

5b. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

relevant

optional

immediate

irrelevant

necessary

delayed



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6a. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

queue, system

according, privilege

definite, indefinite



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6b. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

interrupt, harass

attached, detached

bruise, stomach



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7a. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

The ruins of the ancient castle had been replaced by a set of new houses.



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7b. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

The players were all amateur until the club became professional last year.



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8a. Choose the word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

We knew that Tom was exceptional at football.

lightning

average



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8b. Choose the word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

Ari was always calm when she played sport.

aggressive

especially



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## Antonyms

9a. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

capable

scarce

abundant

displeasure

pleasure

inept



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## Antonyms

9b. Match each word to a word which has the opposite meaning.

heinous

incoherent

dejected

elated

coherent

admirable



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10a. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

deluded, sordid

abate, intensify

testy, enabled



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10b. Tick the pair of words below which are antonyms.

fatigued, obliterated

rectify, enthral

scant, ample



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11a. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

The art museum preferred conventional paintings over my unorthodox portraits.



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11b. Circle a pair of antonyms in the sentence below.

The criminal tried to make indisputable evidence appear questionable to the judge.



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12a. Choose a word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

With a few tactful words, the ambassador had transformed the mood of the room.



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12b. Choose a word which could replace the underlined word to reverse the meaning of the sentence below.

The professor presented us with evidence which proved the document was authentic.



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## Varied Fluency Antonyms

### Developing

- 1a. remember - forget; strength - weakness; popular - unpopular
- 2a. early, late
- 3a. 'ordinary' and 'unusual'
- 4a. easy

### Expected

- 5a. frequently - rarely; thorough - careless; leisure - work
- 6a. definite, indefinite
- 7a. 'ancient' and 'new'
- 8a. average

### Greater Depth

- 9a. capable - inept; abundant - scarce; pleasure - displeasure
- 10a. abate, intensify
- 11a. 'conventional' and 'unorthodox'
- 12a. Various answers, for example: tactless

## Varied Fluency Antonyms

### Developing

- 1b. increase - decrease; continue - stop; disappear - appear
- 2b. arrive, leave
- 3b. 'certain' and 'uncertain'
- 4b. normal

### Expected

- 5b. relevant - irrelevant; immediate - delayed; necessary - optional
- 6b. attached, detached
- 7b. 'amateur' and 'professional'
- 8b. aggressive

### Greater Depth

- 9b. heinous - admirable; dejected - elated; coherent - incoherent
- 10b. scant, ample
- 11b. 'indisputable' and 'questionable'
- 12b. Various answers, for example: fake