

Antonyms

A. Read this story and underline the words which have the opposite meaning of the words in bold.

I will tell you an unfeasible story. There is a place whose name is Upside Down Land. Here everything is the opposite of the way we actually live and experience the world. The sun **rises** in the **west** around 6 PM and sets in the east at 6AM. Most people go to work after dark and go back home in the daylight. When they got to work, they put on the door and open their shoes. They say “Good morning!” when they **go to bed** and “Good night!” when they get up. In school, **students** instruct teachers. **Policemen** commit crimes and criminals arrest them. Patients take care of doctors and nurses. Passengers gives rides to taxi drivers. People are paid when they take the bus. On **boiling** sunny days, they wear heavy coats, wool sweaters, and knitted hats. On icy cold days, they wear shorts and sandals. As the rest of the world gets **older**, people get younger. Therefore, **parents** appear younger than their children. In the Olympic Games, they have to run backwards to win. The send Valentine cards to people whom they **abhor**. Can you imagine what they would do to the people they love?

B. Match the word on the left with the antonym on the right.

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| 1. alert | • | • humble |
| 2. comely | • | • misunderstand |
| 3. silly | • | • easy |
| 4. lazy | • | • frown |
| 5. scared | • | • serious |
| 6. egotistical | • | • awake |
| 7. difficult | • | • brave |
| 8. asleep | • | • straight |
| 9. smile | • | • distracted |
| 10. understand | • | • proactive |
| 11. wicked | • | • attractive |
| 12. capable | • | • increase |
| 13. decrease | • | • incapable |
| 14. yell | • | • nice |
| 15. crooked | • | • whisper |

C. Find the antonym for each underlined word.

1. When Carroll presented her marvellous science project, she got compliments from her classmates and teachers.
- A. praise C. criticism
 B. compromise D. prize
2. A true friendship can show endurance. When your friends make you upset, try not to show your anger instantly. Give them some time and let them know how you feel when the heat is over.
- A. impatience C. kindness
 B. tolerance D. enthusiasm
3. There are some courageous people in the world. A really brave person is someone who can say "I'm sorry."
- A. careless C. valiant
 B. bold D. cowardly
4. Nobody likes arrogant people. There are people who usually think they are better than others. They exaggerate their own importance and worth.
- A. proud C. humble
 B. pompous D. self-conscious
5. Do not doubt that your dream will come true. Stand firm on the present and make a continuous effort. Be full of hope. Surreptitiously, your dream will be sitting on the sofa in the living room.
- A. trust C. challenge
 B. question D. suspect
6. To discover something means to make known or visible what already exists. To create something means to bring something into existence which did not previously exist.
- A. make C. destroy
 B. expose D. inspect
7. Do not treat people with bias. This statement can apply to work and mean that we have equal opportunities in our careers, regardless of individual's race, gender, or religion.
- A. impartiality C. correspondingly
 B. partially D. identically

D. Pick the antonyms from the word box for each sentence below

simple	hectic	fertile	admit	dry
imaginary	unachievable	calm	unbreakable	

- Sally felt that her goal of winning the spelling bee was **attainable** but her competition hoped it was unachievable.
- She had a very **relaxing** day and he had a very _____ day.
- Bats were living in the **dank**, cold, and dark corners of the cave while scorpions live in the _____ desert.
- I'm fed up with all your **convoluted** excuses! Can't you have a _____ excuse for once?
- She became **agitated** when she heard them calling her name and did some yoga to _____ down.
- Barren** ground will not produce healthy food crops, so it is always best to plant in _____ ground.
- My friends are **real**, but my baby sister's friends are _____.
- It is always better to _____ it when you've done something wrong rather than **deny** it.
- The glasses in that box are **fragile**, but the plastic plates in the other box are basically _____.

