3.13 Opposite in Meaning: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Total Marks

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

In each question a word is given in capital letters, followed by five words labelled A) to E). Decide which one of the five words is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to the word in capital letters and write down that letter. Only one answer is correct in each question. Some of the wrong answers mean almost the same as the given word rather than the opposite, so read every option carefully before you decide. Study the worked example before you begin, then work through the questions in order.

Worked example. Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to LOYAL. A) faithful B) treacherous C) honest D) brave E) devoted **Answer: B.** 'Loyal' means faithful and devoted to a person or cause. 'Treacherous' means betraying trust, the opposite quality, so it is correct. 'Faithful' and 'devoted' are synonyms of 'loyal', not opposites, so a pupil who picks either of these has confused a matching word for an opposite one. 'Honest' and 'brave' describe different, unrelated character traits and do not mean the opposite of loyal.

1 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to BEGIN.

- ☐ A) end
- ☐ B) start
- ☐ C) import
- ☐ D) commence
- ☐ E) scorch

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2 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to CREATE.

- ☐ A) make
- ☐ B) construct
- ☐ C) retreat
- ☐ D) tumble
- ☐ E) destroy

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3 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DRAG.

- ☐ A) haul
- ☐ B) push
- ☐ C) create
- ☐ D) blend
- ☐ E) tug

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4 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to BITTER.

- ☐ A) sweet
- ☐ B) hot
- ☐ C) hard
- ☐ D) dangerous
- ☐ E) sure

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5 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DEFEAT.

- ☐ A) track
- ☐ B) peace
- ☐ C) victory
- ☐ D) boss
- ☐ E) failure

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6 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to FILTHY.

- ☐ A) grimy
- ☐ B) grubby
- ☐ C) clean
- ☐ D) elderly
- ☐ E) true

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7 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SHRINK.

- ☐ A) shake
- ☐ B) munch
- ☐ C) cry
- ☐ D) expand
- ☐ E) linger

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8 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to IMMENSE.

- ☐ A) fast
- ☐ B) small
- ☐ C) awake
- ☐ D) big
- ☐ E) huge

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9 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to HOSTILE.

- ☐ A) friendly
- ☐ B) aggressive
- ☐ C) fierce
- ☐ D) calm
- ☐ E) distant

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10 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to RUDE.

- ☐ A) superb
- ☐ B) insolent
- ☐ C) polite
- ☐ D) impolite
- ☐ E) deep

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11 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to RECKLESS.

- ☐ A) fresh
- ☐ B) cautious
- ☐ C) splendid
- ☐ D) sloppy
- ☐ E) careless

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12 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to BASHFUL.

- ☐ A) bold
- ☐ B) shy
- ☐ C) timid
- ☐ D) flawless
- ☐ E) few

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13 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to MORE.

- ☐ A) least
- ☐ B) before
- ☐ C) never
- ☐ D) always
- ☐ E) less

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Mark scheme · 3.13 Opposite in Meaning: 10-minute Pack

Question 1

A) end - 'end' has the opposite meaning to 'begin' **B1**

Answer: A) end

Question 2

E) destroy - 'destroy' has the opposite meaning to 'create' **B1**

Answer: E) destroy

Question 3

B) push - 'push' has the opposite meaning to 'drag' **B1**

Answer: B) push

Question 4

A) sweet - 'sweet' has the opposite meaning to 'bitter' **B1**

Answer: A) sweet

Question 5

C) victory - 'victory' has the opposite meaning to 'defeat' **B1**

Answer: C) victory

Question 6

C) clean - 'clean' has the opposite meaning to 'filthy' **B1**

Answer: C) clean

Question 7

D) expand - 'expand' has the opposite meaning to 'shrink' **B1**

Answer: D) expand

Question 8

B) small - 'small' has the opposite meaning to 'immense' **B1**

Answer: B) small

Question 9

A) friendly - means kind and welcoming towards others, the opposite of 'hostile'. **B1**

Answer: A) friendly

Question 10

C) polite - 'polite' has the opposite meaning to 'rude' **B1**

Answer: C) polite

Question 11

B) cautious - 'cautious' has the opposite meaning to 'reckless' **B1**

Answer: B) cautious

Question 12

A) bold - 'bold' has the opposite meaning to 'bashful' **B1**

Answer: A) bold

Question 13

E) less - 'less' has the opposite meaning to 'more' **B1**

Answer: E) less

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