3.13 Opposite in Meaning: 30-minute Pack

about 30 minutes

Total Marks

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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 PATIENT.

- ☐ A) concise
- ☐ B) visible
- ☐ C) late
- ☐ D) impatient
- ☐ E) illegal

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

- ☐ A) fast
- ☐ B) easy
- ☐ C) sluggish
- ☐ D) dirty
- ☐ E) unhurried

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

- ☐ A) brief
- ☐ B) untrue
- ☐ C) captive
- ☐ D) full
- ☐ E) caring

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

- ☐ A) hide
- ☐ B) reveal
- ☐ C) disguise
- ☐ D) forget
- ☐ E) lose

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

- ☐ A) foe
- ☐ B) opponent
- ☐ C) robber
- ☐ D) future
- ☐ E) friend

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

- ☐ A) walk
- ☐ B) lose
- ☐ C) find
- ☐ D) build
- ☐ E) discover

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

- ☐ A) booming
- ☐ B) uneasy
- ☐ C) calm
- ☐ D) true
- ☐ E) worried

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

- ☐ A) past
- ☐ B) reward
- ☐ C) path
- ☐ D) bottom
- ☐ E) prize

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

- ☐ A) true
- ☐ B) invisible
- ☐ C) impatient
- ☐ D) illegal
- ☐ E) sharp

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

- ☐ A) careless
- ☐ B) deep
- ☐ C) sloppy
- ☐ D) scared
- ☐ E) careful

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

- ☐ A) professional
- ☐ B) stale
- ☐ C) legal
- ☐ D) beautiful
- ☐ E) solitary

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

- ☐ A) noisy
- ☐ B) stale
- ☐ C) visible
- ☐ D) intelligent
- ☐ E) heavy

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

- ☐ A) extend
- ☐ B) lengthen
- ☐ C) shorten
- ☐ D) delay
- ☐ E) end

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14 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DISLOYAL.

- ☐ A) peculiar
- ☐ B) brave
- ☐ C) shallow
- ☐ D) loyal
- ☐ E) rough

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15 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to COLD.

- ☐ A) hot
- ☐ B) poor
- ☐ C) icy
- ☐ D) frosty
- ☐ E) hard

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16 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SMASH.

- ☐ A) take
- ☐ B) fix
- ☐ C) break
- ☐ D) forbid
- ☐ E) shatter

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17 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to GUILTY.

- ☐ A) heartless
- ☐ B) difficult
- ☐ C) impossible
- ☐ D) innocent
- ☐ E) dangerous

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18 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to AFTER.

- [ ] A) less
- [ ] B) more
- [ ] C) before
- [ ] D) most
- [ ] E) least

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19 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to CARING.

- [ ] A) cruel
- [ ] B) kind
- [ ] C) crucial
- [ ] D) dirty
- [ ] E) considerate

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20 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to MAJOR.

- [ ] A) careful
- [ ] B) vacant
- [ ] C) minor
- [ ] D) empty
- [ ] E) dazzling

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21 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DESTROY.

- [ ] A) gaze
- [ ] B) build
- [ ] C) offer
- [ ] D) mutter
- [ ] E) borrow

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22 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to OPTIMISTIC.

- [ ] A) hopeful
- [ ] B) confident
- [ ] C) realistic
- [ ] D) pessimistic
- [ ] E) doubtful

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23 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to AWAKE.

- ☐ A) roasting
- ☐ B) evident
- ☐ C) attractive
- ☐ D) asleep
- ☐ E) loyal

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24 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to DESTROY.

- ☐ A) applaud
- ☐ B) create
- ☐ C) shiver
- ☐ D) fall
- ☐ E) choose

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25 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to MATE.

- ☐ A) chum
- ☐ B) pal
- ☐ C) present
- ☐ D) enemy
- ☐ E) scheme

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26 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to LOSS.

- ☐ A) war
- ☐ B) enemy
- ☐ C) profit
- ☐ D) bottom
- ☐ E) street

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27 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to NATURAL.

- ☐ A) artificial
- ☐ B) aged
- ☐ C) stale
- ☐ D) tidy
- ☐ E) generous

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28 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to BEAM.

- ☐ A) frown
- ☐ B) grab
- ☐ C) descend
- ☐ D) grin
- ☐ E) smile

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29 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to FALSE.

- ☐ A) incorrect
- ☐ B) true
- ☐ C) reckless
- ☐ D) hidden
- ☐ E) untrue

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30 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to THRUST.

- ☐ A) drink
- ☐ B) shove
- ☐ C) float
- ☐ D) pull
- ☐ E) push

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31 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to AMPLE.

- ☐ A) plenty
- ☐ B) adequate
- ☐ C) huge
- ☐ D) narrow
- ☐ E) scant

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32 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to HARD.

- ☐ A) few
- ☐ B) firm
- ☐ C) unusual
- ☐ D) soft
- ☐ E) solid

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33 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to FORGET.

- ☐ A) accept
- ☐ B) tremble
- ☐ C) allow
- ☐ D) repair
- ☐ E) remember

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

- ☐ A) finish
- ☐ B) start
- ☐ C) commence
- ☐ D) dig
- ☐ E) advance

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35 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to ANSWER.

- ☐ A) villain
- ☐ B) question
- ☐ C) house
- ☐ D) rage
- ☐ E) ending

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36 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to WIN.

- ☐ A) lend
- ☐ B) toss
- ☐ C) lose
- ☐ D) triumph
- ☐ E) succeed

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37 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to GENEROUS.

- ☐ A) mean
- ☐ B) light
- ☐ C) young
- ☐ D) active
- ☐ E) reckless

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38 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to SLEEK.

- ☐ A) heavy
- ☐ B) smooth
- ☐ C) free
- ☐ D) glossy
- ☐ E) rough

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39 Choose the word most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning to UNUSUAL.

- ☐ A) odd
- ☐ B) ordinary
- ☐ C) furious
- ☐ D) strange
- ☐ E) simple

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Question 1

D) impatient - 'impatient' has the opposite meaning to 'patient' **B1**

Answer: D) impatient

Question 2

A) fast - 'fast' has the opposite meaning to 'leisurely' **B1**

Answer: A) fast

Question 3

C) captive - 'captive' has the opposite meaning to 'free' **B1**

Answer: C) captive

Question 4

B) reveal - means to make something known or visible, the opposite of 'conceal'. **B1**

Answer: B) reveal

Question 5

E) friend - 'friend' has the opposite meaning to 'enemy' **B1**

Answer: E) friend

Question 6

B) lose - 'lose' has the opposite meaning to 'locate' **B1**

Answer: B) lose

Question 7

C) calm - 'calm' has the opposite meaning to 'anxious' **B1**

Answer: C) calm

Question 8

A) past - 'past' has the opposite meaning to 'future' **B1**

Answer: A) past

Question 9

D) illegal - 'illegal' has the opposite meaning to 'legal' **B1**

Answer: D) illegal

Question 10

E) careful - 'careful' has the opposite meaning to 'reckless' **B1**

Answer: E) careful

Question 11

C) legal - 'legal' has the opposite meaning to 'illegal' **B1**

Answer: C) legal

Question 12

B) stale - 'stale' has the opposite meaning to 'fresh' **B1**

Answer: B) stale

Question 13

C) shorten - means to make something take less time, the opposite of 'prolong'. **B1**

Answer: C) shorten

Question 14

D) loyal - 'loyal' has the opposite meaning to 'disloyal' **B1**

Answer: D) loyal

Question 15

A) hot - 'hot' has the opposite meaning to 'cold' **B1**

Answer: A) hot

Question 16

B) fix - 'fix' has the opposite meaning to 'smash' **B1**

Answer: B) fix

Question 17

D) innocent - 'innocent' has the opposite meaning to 'guilty' **B1**

Answer: D) innocent

Question 18

C) before - 'before' has the opposite meaning to 'after' **B1**

Answer: C) before

Question 19

A) cruel - 'cruel' has the opposite meaning to 'caring' **B1**

Answer: A) cruel

Question 20

C) minor - 'minor' has the opposite meaning to 'major' **B1**

Answer: C) minor

Question 21

B) build - 'build' has the opposite meaning to 'destroy' **B1**

Answer: B) build

Question 22

D) pessimistic - means expecting the worst outcome, the opposite of 'optimistic'. **B1**

Answer: D) pessimistic

Question 23

D) asleep - 'asleep' has the opposite meaning to 'awake' **B1**

Answer: D) asleep

Question 24

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

Answer: B) create

Question 25

D) enemy - 'enemy' has the opposite meaning to 'mate' **B1**

Answer: D) enemy

Question 26

C) profit - 'profit' has the opposite meaning to 'loss' **B1**

Answer: C) profit

Question 27

A) artificial - 'artificial' has the opposite meaning to 'natural' **B1**

Answer: A) artificial

Question 28

A) frown - 'frown' has the opposite meaning to 'beam' **B1**

Answer: A) frown

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Question 29

B) true - 'true' has the opposite meaning to 'false' **B1**

Answer: B) true

Question 30

D) pull - 'pull' has the opposite meaning to 'thrust' **B1**

Answer: D) pull

Question 31

E) scant - means barely sufficient or too little, the opposite of 'ample'. **B1**

Answer: E) scant

Question 32

D) soft - 'soft' has the opposite meaning to 'hard' **B1**

Answer: D) soft

Question 33

E) remember - 'remember' has the opposite meaning to 'forget' **B1**

Answer: E) remember

Question 34

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

Answer: A) finish

Question 35

B) question - 'question' has the opposite meaning to 'answer' **B1**

Answer: B) question

Question 36

C) lose - 'lose' has the opposite meaning to 'win' **B1**

Answer: C) lose

Question 37

A) mean - 'mean' has the opposite meaning to 'generous' **B1**

Answer: A) mean

Question 38

E) rough - 'rough' has the opposite meaning to 'sleek' **B1**

Answer: E) rough

Question 39

B) ordinary - 'ordinary' has the opposite meaning to 'unusual' **B1**

Answer: B) ordinary

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