15.8 Opposites Simple Antonyms: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

Leo's Day at the Farm

Source written for Revision Library (original, copyright-free). A short original story for Year 2 opposites practice.

Leo woke up early one morning. The sky was still dark, but soon the sun rose and the sky turned light. Leo's older sister Mia said today would be a busy day at the farm.

At the farm, Leo saw a huge horse standing next to a tiny mouse. The horse trotted slowly across the field, but the mouse ran fast under the fence. Leo laughed when a fat pig lay down beside a thin cat in the sun.

Later, Leo helped Mia at the water tap. The bucket was empty at first, but soon it was full of cold water from the tap. Leo's hands felt wet, so Mia passed him a dry towel to use.

By evening, Leo felt happy but also a little tired. The farm had been noisy all morning, yet it grew quiet as the animals settled down for the night. Leo climbed into bed. Mia switched off the bright light, and the room turned dark. It had been a wonderful day.

1 Practice question (not marked). The opposite of a word means something completely different, like day and night. Tick the opposite of 'big'.

- ☐ A) huge
- ☐ B) small
- ☐ C) red
- ☐ D) round

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2 Tick the opposite of 'hot'.

- ☐ A) warm
- ☐ B) cold
- ☐ C) sunny
- ☐ D) fast

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3 Add the prefix 'un-' to the front of each word to write its opposite.

(a) happy **(1)**

(b) tidy **(1)**

(c) lock **(1)**

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4 Each sentence below uses the wrong opposite word, so it does not make sense. Circle the wrong word and write the correct opposite above it.

(a) The bucket was full, so Leo had to fill it with water from the tap. **(1)**

(b) The sky was dark, so Leo put on his sunglasses to block the sun. **(1)**

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5 Write your own sentence using the word 'empty'. Remember a capital letter at the start and a full stop at the end.

(2)

6 Circle the correct opposite word in the brackets to complete each sentence.

(a) The ice cube felt (hot / cold) in Leo's hand. **(1)**

(b) The empty box felt (heavy / light) when Leo lifted it. **(1)**

(c) The tortoise moved very (fast / slowly) across the grass. **(1)**

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Question 1

Practice question - not marked. Teacher may explain that opposites are words with completely different meanings, like day and night. -

Answer: **B (small)**

Question 2

B ticked only (cao) **B1**

Answer: **B**

Question 3

(a) writes 'unhappy' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: **unhappy**

(b) writes 'untidy' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: **untidy**

(c) writes 'unlock' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: **unlock**

Question 4

(a) circles 'full' and writes the correct opposite 'empty' (cao, both needed for the mark) **B1**

(a) Answer: **full -> empty**

(b) circles 'dark' and writes a sensible replacement, e.g. light, bright, sunny (oe, both needed for the mark) **B1**

(b) Answer: **dark -> e.g. light**

Question 5

sentence makes sense and correctly uses 'empty' (oe) **B1**

sentence starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop (cao) **B1**

Answer: **e.g. The jug was empty after Leo drank all the juice.**

Question 6

(a) circles 'cold' (cao) **B1**

(a) Answer: **cold**

(b) circles 'light' (cao) **B1**

(b) Answer: **light**

(c) circles 'slowly' (cao) **B1**

(c) Answer: **slowly**

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