7.6 Antonyms and Nuance: 10-minute Pack

about 10 minutes

Name: _____ Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Answer ALL questions.

1 An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. For each word below, choose its antonym from the options given.

(a) generous **(1)**

- ☐ A) kind
- ☐ B) selfish
- ☐ C) wealthy
- ☐ D) cheerful

(b) transparent **(1)**

- ☐ A) opaque
- ☐ B) clear
- ☐ C) fragile
- ☐ D) colourful

(c) permanent **(1)**

- ☐ A) temporary
- ☐ B) stable
- ☐ C) fixed
- ☐ D) lasting

(d) genuine **(1)**

- ☐ A) fake
- ☐ B) honest
- ☐ C) rare
- ☐ D) valuable

(e) abundant **(1)**

- ☐ A) plentiful
- ☐ B) scarce
- ☐ C) large
- ☐ D) common

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(f) essential **(1)**

- [ ] A) optional
- [ ] B) important
- [ ] C) required
- [ ] D) basic

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2 The words 'curious' and 'nosy' can both function as opposites of 'indifferent' or 'incurious', but they create very different impressions of a person. Explain the difference in connotation between describing someone as curious and describing them as nosy.

(2)

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3 Complete the table below. Each row shows a base word, a neutral or positive near-antonym, and a word with a much stronger negative connotation. Fill in each missing word.

Base word	Neutral / positive word	Word with stronger negative connotation
confident	assured	___ (a)
careful	cautious	___ (b)
thin	slim	___ (c)
___ (d)	chatty	gossipy
proud	___ (e)	boastful

(a) Row 1: stronger negative word for 'confident / assured'. **(1)**

(b) Row 2: stronger negative word for 'careful / cautious'. **(1)**

(c) Row 3: stronger negative word for 'thin / slim'. **(1)**

(d) Row 4: base word for 'chatty / gossipy'. **(1)**

(e) Row 5: neutral/positive word for 'proud / boastful'. **(1)**

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Question 1

(a) B — **B1**

(a) Answer: **B**

(b) A — **B1**

(b) Answer: **A**

(c) A — **B1**

(c) Answer: **A**

(d) A — **B1**

(d) Answer: **A**

(e) B — **B1**

(e) Answer: **B**

(f) A — **B1**

(f) Answer: **A**

Question 2

identifies that 'curious' has a positive connotation, suggesting an admirable, open-minded interest in things — **B1**

identifies that 'nosy' has a negative connotation, suggesting an unwelcome, intrusive interest in other people's business (oe) — **B1**

Answer: **'Curious' has a positive connotation, suggesting an admirable, open-minded interest in the world, while 'nosy' has a negative connotation, suggesting an intrusive, unwelcome interest in other people's private business.**

Question 3

(a) arrogant, oe (e.g. conceited, big-headed) — **B1**

(a) Answer: **arrogant**

(b) paranoid, oe (e.g. obsessive, overcautious) — **B1**

(b) Answer: **paranoid**

(c) skinny, oe (e.g. scrawny) — **B1**

(c) Answer: **skinny**

(d) talkative, oe — **B1**

(d) Answer: **talkative**

(e) confident, oe (e.g. self-assured) — **B1**

(e) Answer: **confident**

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