

STANDARD 6
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
CH 37: ANTONYMS & SYNONYMS
Part 2

- **Definition of Antonym.**
- **Formation of some Antonyms.**
- **Exercises.**

1. Definition of Antonyms

Antonyms are words that express a meaning opposite to the meaning of another word.

Some words and their antonyms are given below.

Word	Antonym	Word	Antonym
accept	refuse	beg	offer
appoint	dismiss	believe	doubt
arrive	depart	bright	dull
antique	modern	beautiful	ugly
attack	defend	comedy	tragedy
abundant	scarce	cheerful	gloomy
dangerous	safe	junior	senior
discourage	encourage	knowledge	ignorance
deep	shallow	lend	borrow

Word	Antonym	Word	Antonym
dwarf	giant	merciful	cruel
evil	good	natural	artificial
famous	unknown	nourish	starve
fertile	barren	often	seldom
former	latter	private	public
friendship	enmity	proud	humble
genuine	fake	praise	blame
guilty	innocent	reward	punishment
generous	stingy	smile	frown
grin	frown	stationary	movable
harsh	mild	swift	slow
hope	despair	victory	defeat
idle	busy	wealth	poverty
imaginary	real	worthless	valuable
illegal	lawful	lost	found

2. Formation of some Antonyms

Antonyms can also be formed by using prefixes like un, in, im, it, ir and dis.

- By using the prefix 'in':

Word	Antonym
correct	incorrect
valid	invalid
visible	invisible
active	inactive

- By using the prefix 'un':

Word	Antonym
seen	unseen
like	unlike
used	unused
do	undo

- By using the prefix 'im':

Word	Antonym
pure	impure
balance	imbalance
proper	improper
patient	impatient

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- **By using the prefix 'il':**

Word	Antonym
legal	illegal
literate	illiterate
legible	illegible
liberal	illiberal

- **By using the prefix 'ir':**

Word	Antonym
regular	irregular
relevant	irrelevant
rational	irrational
religious	irreligious

- **By using the prefix 'dis':**

Word	Antonym
advantage	disadvantage
arm	disarm
appear	disappear

4. EXERCISE D

Given *antonyms* of the following words and make sentences of your own. (Any 6)

7. friendship- enmity 8. generous-stingy 9. illegal- legal 10. junior-senior

Sentences:

1. arrive- depart

The train arrives at 2:00 pm and departs at 2:30 pm.

2. attack- defend

When the enemy attacks us we have to defend ourselves.

3. believe- doubt

The servant pleaded with his master to believe what he told him and not to doubt him.

4. cheerful-gloomy

Even though Shikha and Smita are sisters the former is cheerful while the latter is gloomy.

5. dwarf-giant

Gulliver appeared as a giant to the Lilliputs who were dwarfs.

6. evil- good

Though evil people exist in the world; there are many more good people.

5. EXERCISE E

Fill in the blanks with *antonyms* of the underlined *verbs* in these sentences. Choose the *antonyms* from the box.

1. Nidhi gave Rama a box of cookies and she accepted it with a smile.
2. Mr. Grover makes a living by purchasing second-hand books and selling them.
3. I dislike dishonest people but I like those who are truthful.
4. Father has lost his wallet and has not found it anywhere.
5. The farmer worked on the fertile land. It was earlier barren.

EXERCISE F

Make *antonyms* by using prefixes *in, ir, or -un, -im* and *dis*.

sane-insane

secure-insecure

regularity-irregularity

aware-unaware

incentive-disincentive

partial-impartial

pious –impious

kind-unkind

6. EXERCISE A

Give the *synonyms* of the words in the box and make sentences of your own with the new words.

1. **awful – terrible.** Mukesh and his friend met with a terrible accident.
2. **polite- courteous.** She always speaks in a courteous manner.
3. **clever- intelligent.** Shakuntala Devi is an intelligent woman.
4. **enormous-huge.** The elephant is huge in size.
5. **old-elderly.** My grandparents are elderly.
6. **famous- renowned.** Amitabh Bacchan is a renowned actor.
7. **praise- compliment.** She received many compliments for her choice of clothes.
8. **rude-insolent.** In the novel 'Pride and Prejudice' Mr. Darcy is portrayed as an insolent character.

EXERCISE B

Fill in the blanks with verbs from the box which have a similar meaning as the underlined verb in each sentence.

1. The police arrested (caught) the thief after a long chase.
2. Mr. Rao is engaged (busy) in some assignment.
3. The Principal has disallowed (banned) junk food in the school canteen.
4. The poor girl on the roadside cried (wept) bitterly.

7. EXERCISE C

Solve the following puzzle by filling in the *synonyms* of the given words.

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- **This is for your further understanding.**