

English Teaching Worksheets

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Context Clues – Using Antonyms to Determine Meaning

Part 1: Each sentence will contain one word or a group of words that mean the opposite of the underlined word. Write the meaning of the underlined word and the word or words that mean the opposite.

1. Cindy's mother thought the beach house was great, but Cindy was disappointed.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

2. In Daniel's opinion, the book was extraordinary, but Jenna thought it wasn't that great.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

3. While most people believed that Richard was an expert in physics, he really didn't know very much about physics at all.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

4. Mark thought the answer to the math question was obvious, but his friend John couldn't understand it easily.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

5. Sally told the class about ducks in detail, while Ralph just gave a little information in his report.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

6. Michael thought he was just an average basketball player, but he was really an amazing basketball player.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

7. Many people thought the sword was very old at first, but then they found out that it had actually been made recently.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

8. The teacher said that each student's score in the group project would come from individual effort, not the efforts of all the students in the group together.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

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9. When everyone met Molly, they thought she was just a normal student. No one expected her to be a brilliant scientist!

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

10. Even though beauty is often on the outside, everyone knows that beauty can also be found within a person.

Meaning: _____

Words that mean the opposite: _____

Part 2: Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

brilliant	recently	disappointed	obvious	within
extraordinary	in detail	average	individual	expert

1. As an _____ photographer, many people asked her to take their picture.
2. The solution to the puzzle was so _____ after it was solved.
3. She felt _____ when her favorite team lost the championship game.
4. Stephen Hawking was a _____ thinker in the field of physics.
5. The teacher told the students what she wanted to do _____.
6. Even though he tried very hard, his grades were _____ compared to his classmates.
7. The weather has been very cold _____.
8. The view was so _____ that his mouth fell open in amazement.
9. Each _____ student in the class has different strengths and talents.
10. Many wonderful works of art can be found _____ the museum.

Part 3: Write three sentences using three different words from the box in part 2.

1.

2.

3.