

Antonyms and synonyms, study materials for EEE,CEE AND MPE 2nd year students by, Yash Raj sir

Examples of Antonyms, synonyms, and Homonyms

The English language is nothing if not complex. And that complexity lends itself well to some of the finest prose in history. The fact that we can say one thing a hundred different ways is surely part of the magic. Certain words have identical meanings; some have similar meanings; others are as distinct as night and day. As for words with similarities, they're known as synonyms. Antonyms, however, are words that have opposite meanings. Then, there's one other category of *-nym* words full of interest and intrigue. Homonyms are words that are pronounced and spelled the same, although they have different meanings. Let's dive into an array of examples of antonyms, synonyms, and homonyms.

Antonym Examples

Antonyms can be used to demonstrate contrast between two things or provide clues as to what is meant. Here is a list of antonyms for you to review:

Achieve - Fail	Giant - Dwarf	Random - Specific
Afraid - Confident	Gloomy - Cheerful	Rigid - Flexible
Ancient - Modern	Individual - Group	Shame - Honor
Arrive - Depart	Innocent - Guilty	Simple - Complicated
Arrogant - Humble	Knowledge - Ignorance	Single - Married
Attack - Defend	Liquid - Solid	Sunny - Cloudy
Blunt - Sharp	Marvelous - Terrible	Timid - Bold
Brave - Cowardly	Noisy - Quiet	Toward - Away
Cautious - Careless	Partial - Complete	Tragic - Comic
Complex - Simple	Passive - Active	Transparent - Opaque
Crazy - Sane	Permanent - Unstable	Triumph - Defeat
Crooked - Straight	Plentiful - Sparse	Union - Separation
Demand - Supply	Positive - Negative	Unique - Common
Destroy - Create	Powerful - Weak	Upset - Relaxed
Divide - Unite	Praise - Criticism	Urge - Deter

Drunk - Sober Private - Public Vacant - Occupied
 Expand - Contract Problem - Solution Vague - Definite
 Freeze - Boil Professional - Amateur Villain - Hero
 Full - Empty Profit - Loss Wax - Wane
 Generous - Stingy Quality - Inferiority Wealth - Poverty

For more types of antonyms, including graded antonyms, complementary antonyms, and relational antonyms, feel free to enjoy [Examples of Antonyms](#).

Synonym Examples

Synonyms provide variety in our speech or writing. And, since there are endless arrays of synonyms, it's possible to avoid over-usage and repetition. Let's take a look at some examples of synonyms:

Amazing: astounding, surprising, stunning	Fertile: fruitful, abundant, productive	Polite: courteous, cordial, gracious
Annihilation: destruction, carnage, extinction	Gargantuan: colossal, mammoth, tremendous	Portion: piece, part, segment
Benefit: profit, revenue, yield	Hungry: empty, ravenous, starved	Risky: dangerous, perilous, treacherous
Brave: courageous, valiant, heroic	Injured: damaged, wounded, harmed	Sleepy: drowsy, listless, sluggish
Cohesive: united, connected, close-knit	Intelligent: brilliant, clever, smart	Senseless: absurd, illogical, unreasonable
Cunning: keen, sharp, slick	Kindle: ignite, inflame, burn	Tumultuous: hectic, raucous, turbulent
Destitute: poor, bankrupt, impoverished	Loyal: faithful, ardent, devoted	Vacant: empty, deserted, uninhabited
Deterioration: pollution, defilement, adulteration	Old: elderly, aged, senior	Veracity: authenticity, credibility, truthfulness
Enormous: huge, gigantic, massive	Organization: association, institution, management	Wet: damp, moist, soggy
Feisty: excitable, fiery, lively	Partner: associate, colleague, companion	Young: budding, fledgling, tenderfoot

Test your knowledge with some added [Examples of Synonyms](#).

Homonym Examples

Homonyms are words that have the same spelling and pronunciation but different meanings. Here are some common homonym examples:

- **Atmosphere** - the gases surrounding the earth / the mood of a situation
- **Bail** - to clear out water / to release a prisoner
- **Band** - a ring, sometimes symbolizing eternity / a musical group
- **Beat** - to overcome something / to feel exhausted
- **Capital** - the chief city of a state / a crime punishable by death
- **Cleave** - to split or sever / to adhere to
- **Dive** - to go down quickly / an unpleasant place
- **Employ** - to put into use / to hire someone for a job
- **File** - to store computer data / to make a formal request
- **Fine** - being of high quality / sum of money used as a penalty
- **Grave** - something very serious / a place to bury the dead
- **Hide** - to keep something secret / the skin of an animal
- **Iron** - to press or smooth / silvery-gray metal
- **Jade** - a hard, green stone / a hardened or bad-tempered woman
- **Lark** - a small bird / something done for fun
- **Objective** - not being influenced by prejudice / the lens of a microscope or camera
- **Plaque** - an ornamental plate or slab that commemorates a person or event / a deposit on teeth prone to bacteria
- **Refrain** - to stop oneself from doing something / a repeated line in music or poetry
- **Reticule** - at a distance or disconnected / an unlikely possibility
- **Tender** - sensitive or painful to the touch / soft food i.e. a chicken tender

Homonyms are not to be confused with homographs - words that are spelled the same but have different pronunciation and meanings - or homophones - words that are pronounced the same but have different spellings and meanings.