

# Finding True Antonyms

An **antonym** is one word that means the opposite of another word. A word may have more than one antonym. Underline each antonym for the first word in each row.

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|-----|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1.  | <b>late</b>    | early            | on time     | prompt      | punctual       |
| 2.  | <b>fight</b>   | give in          | submit      | yield       | give up        |
| 3.  | <b>full</b>    | empty            | used up     | bare        | vacant         |
| 4.  | <b>urban</b>   | in the country   | rural       | provincial  | out of the way |
| 5.  | <b>never</b>   | always           | invariably  | constantly  | in every case  |
| 6.  | <b>work</b>    | play             | goof off    | be lazy     | relax          |
| 7.  | <b>build</b>   | tear down        | take apart  | disassemble | deconstruct    |
| 8.  | <b>slowly</b>  | rapidly          | quickly     | fast        | lickety split  |
| 9.  | <b>truth</b>   | lie              | falsehood   | false idea  | untruth        |
| 10. | <b>friend</b>  | arch rival       | enemy       | foe         | hostile person |
| 11. | <b>strong</b>  | lacking strength | weak        | frail       | feeble         |
| 12. | <b>perfect</b> | flawed           | not perfect | defective   | imperfect      |
| 13. | <b>unequal</b> | the same         | equal       | even        | identical      |
| 14. | <b>hopeful</b> | not optimistic   | hopeless    | despairing  | forlorn        |

# Completing Sentences with Antonyms

Use the words from each pair of antonyms to complete the sentences.

1. **forgot**                      **remembered**

I can't turn in my homework because I \_\_\_\_\_ to bring it.

I'm glad that I \_\_\_\_\_ today is a school holiday.

2. **correctly**                      **incorrectly**

I earned a gold star for spelling each word \_\_\_\_\_.

We're lost because I copied the directions \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **fast**                              **slowly**

My mom got a speeding ticket for driving too \_\_\_\_\_.

A fat worm traveled \_\_\_\_\_ across the sidewalk.

4. **hot**                                **cold**

Bring your jacket because it's \_\_\_\_\_ outside.

On a \_\_\_\_\_ day in the summer, I like to go to the beach.

5. **tall**                                **short**

I must have grown because my sleeves are too \_\_\_\_\_.

I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ enough to slam-dunk the basketball.

6. **find**                                **lose**

I'm worried that I'll never \_\_\_\_\_ it.

Keep it somewhere safe so you won't \_\_\_\_\_ it.

7. **ignore**                              **notice**

Just \_\_\_\_\_ him if he's bothering you.

Did you \_\_\_\_\_ that Tony's braces are off now?

# Antonym Crossword Puzzle

Write the opposite of each clue word to do this crossword puzzle.  
Use a dictionary or a thesaurus if you need help.

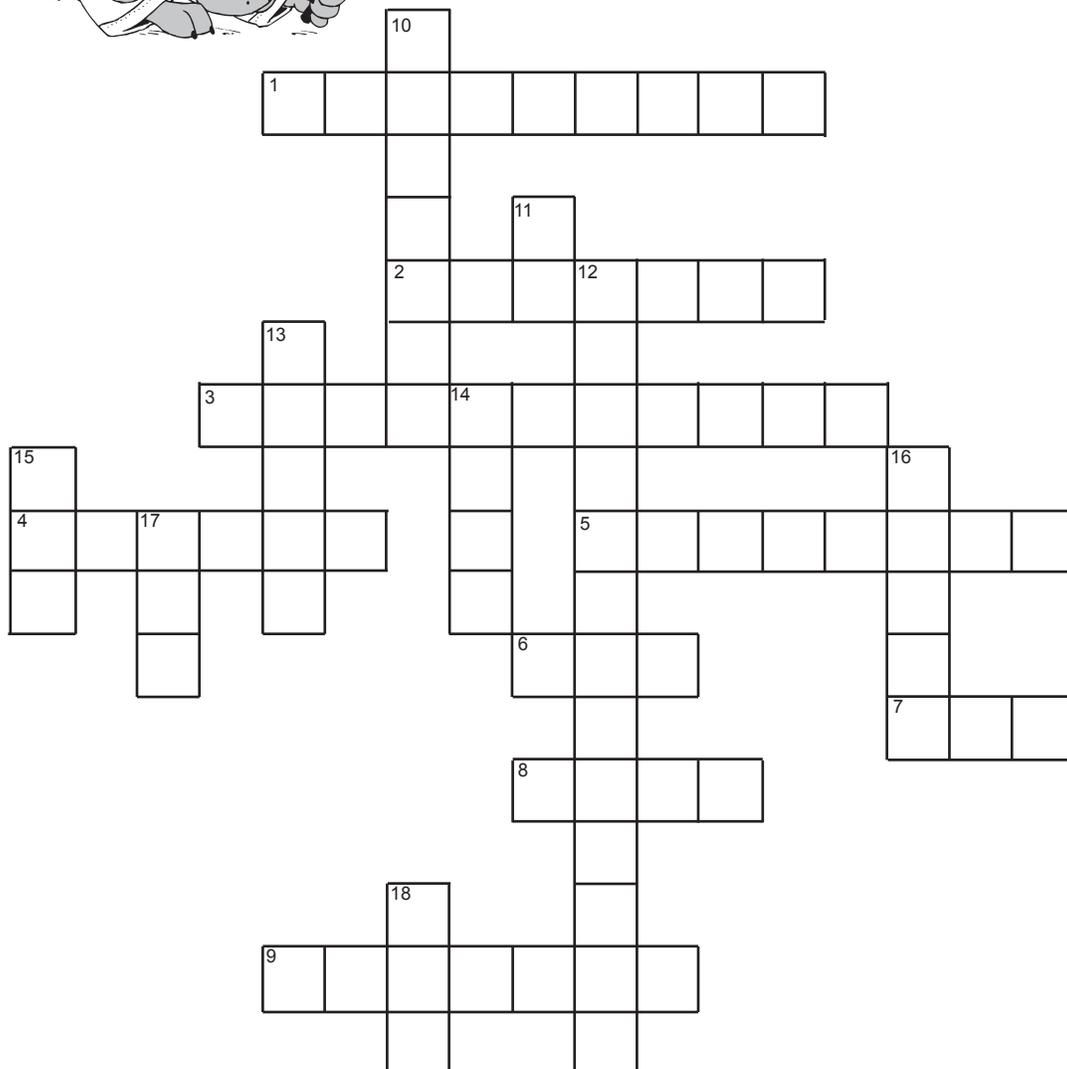


## Across

1. ability
2. maximum
3. important
4. awake
5. powerless
6. peace
7. later
8. more
9. gently

## Down

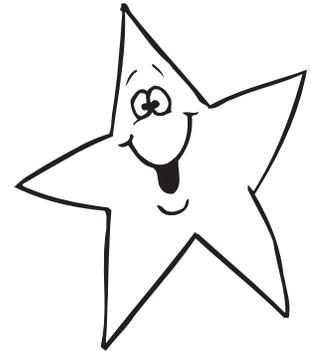
10. minimum
11. off
12. replaceable
13. over
14. impure
15. near
16. rarely
17. high
18. in



# What's the Magic Word?

Find the antonym from the box for each bolded word below. Use the circled letter from each antonym to discover the magic word.

disappear	create	below	roughly
danger	able	agree	leader
boring	all	unreliable	



- The opposite of **none** is:                .  
1
- The opposite of **unable** is:                     .  
8
- The opposite of **destroy** is:                          .  
5
- The opposite of **follower** is:                          .  
6
- The opposite of **above** is:                          .  
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- The opposite of **gently** is:                               .  
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- The opposite of **safety** is:                          .  
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- The opposite of **disagree** is:                          .  
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- The opposite of **interesting** is:                          .  
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- The opposite of **appear** is:                               .  
4
- The opposite of **dependable** is:                                                   .  
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Magic Word: