

14. Antonyms

Antonyms are words having opposite meanings.

e.g. attach × detach, inhale × exhale

A list of Antonyms is given below:

(1) accept	×	refuse, reject	(14) haste	×	delay
(2) barren	×	fertile, fruitful	(15) import	×	export
(3) base	×	noble, honourable	(16) inferior	×	superior
(4) comedy	×	tragedy	(17) knowledge	×	ignorance
(5) confess	×	deny	(18) junior	×	senior
(6) credit	×	debit, cash, discredit	(19) make	×	mar, destroy, ruin
(7) diligent	×	idle	(20) pleasure	×	pain, displeasure
(8) exterior	×	interior	(21) polite	×	rude, impolite
(9) fair	×	foul, dull, unfair	(22) punctual	×	late, unpunctual
(10) falsehood	×	truth	(23) sensible	×	senseless
(11) famous	×	notorious, unknown	(24) strange	×	familiar
(12) giant	×	dwarf	(25) victory	×	defeat
(13) happiness	×	misery			

1. Write the antonyms of the following words:

(1) acute	- <u>dull</u>	(2) fresh	- <u>Stale</u>	(3) regular	- <u>irregular</u>
(4) attack	- <u>defend</u>	(5) bravery	- <u>cowardice</u>	(6) affirm	- <u>deny</u>
(7) pure	- <u>impure</u>	(8) rough	- <u>smooth</u>	(9) fiction	- <u>fact</u>
(10) ancient	- <u>modern</u>	(11) literate	- <u>illiterate</u>	(12) sharp	- <u>blunt</u>
(13) hope	- <u>despair</u>	(14) cruel	- <u>kind</u>	(15) partial	- <u>impartial</u>

(16) wide

- narrow

(19) failure

- success

(17) permanent

- temporary

(20) praise

- criticize

(18) optimist

- pessimist

(21) wild

- tame

Note

Exce

(1)

15. Comparison of Adjectives