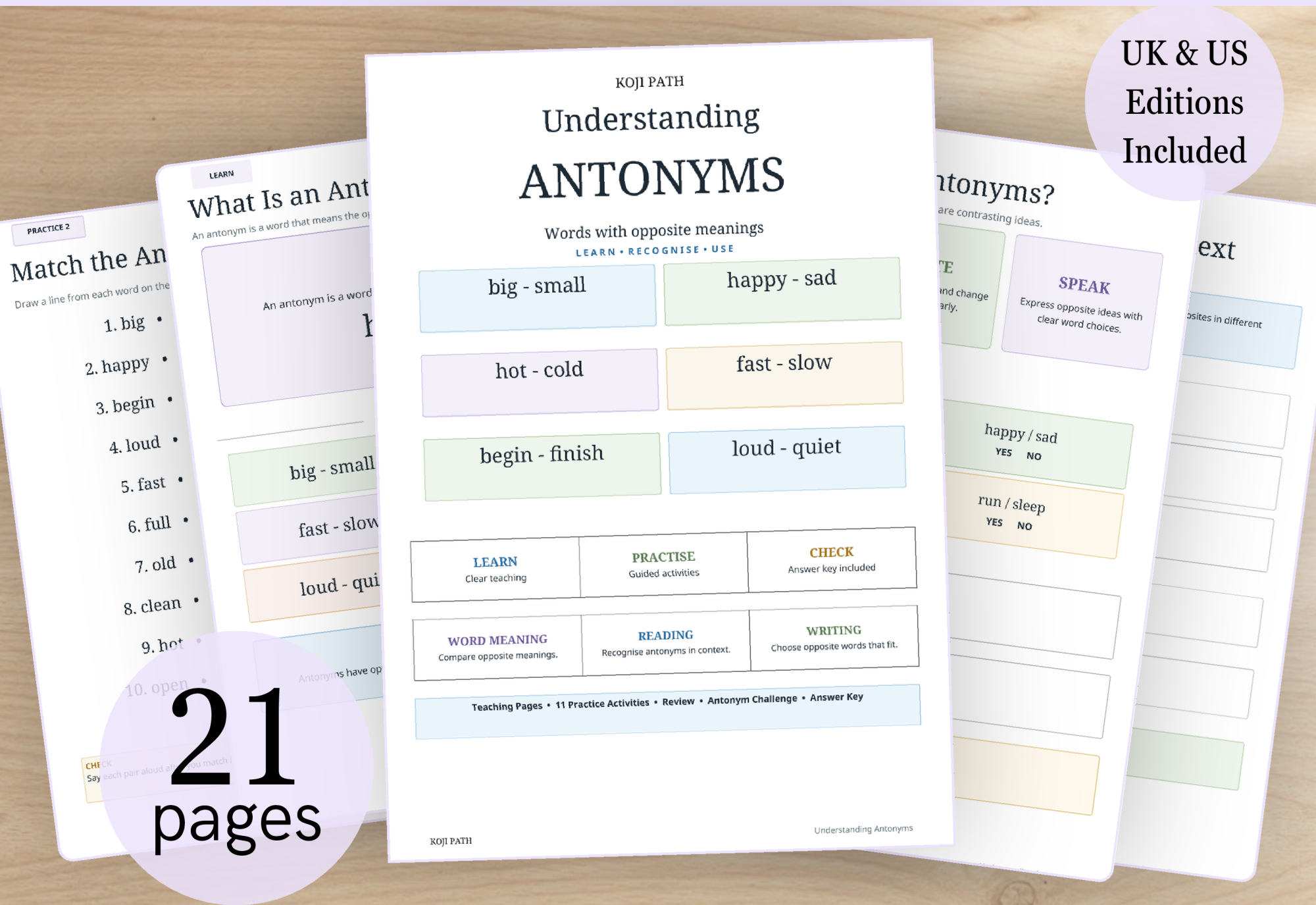


Understanding Antonyms

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A step-by-step vocabulary resource

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- Teaching Pages
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LEARN

What Is an Antonym?

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.

DEFINITION

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word.

hot - cold

OPPOSITE MEANINGS

big - small

happy - sad

fast - slow

begin - finish

loud - quiet

full - empty

REMEMBER

Antonyms have opposite meanings. The best opposite can depend on context.

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PRACTICE 8

Sort the Opposites

Write each word under the word with the opposite meaning.

WORD BANK

tiny • slow • silent • cold • small • shut
unhappy • quiet • closed • sluggish • sad • chilly

BIG	FAST
HOT	HAPPY
OPEN	LOUD

USE ONE PAIR

Choose one antonym pair from above and use both words in two sentences.

TIP

Each group has two opposite words from the bank. Read every word before you decide where it belongs.

PRACTICE 9

Change the Paragraph

Replace the words below with antonyms from the word bank.

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loud • closed • dark • sad • small

READ

Sam was happy to visit the big park. He stood beside the open gate. The sky was bright, and the park was quiet. Sam looked around.

REWRITE WITH ANTONYMS

Replace happy:

Replace big:

Replace open:

Replace bright:

Replace quiet:

REWRITE THE PARAGRAPH

PRACTICE 10

Rewrite with an Antonym

Replace the bold word with an antonym that fits. Write the new sentence.

1. The **large** dog ran across the field.

2. The child felt **glad**.

3. We will **start** the game now.

4. The room was **silent**.

5. The answer was **correct**.

6. The water was **deep**.

REVIEW

Mixed Antonym Review

Use what you have learned to complete each section.

A. CIRCLE THE ANTONYM PAIRS

big / small	hot / warm	smart / clever
loud / quiet	finish / end	clean / dirty

B. CHOOSE THE BEST ANTONYM

1. The test was **hard**.
difficult tiny easy

2. The baby was **quiet**.
loud quick silent

3. Please **finish** your work.
shout begin end

C. WRITE AN ANTONYM

Write a word with the opposite meaning.

happy:	small:
fast:	hot:
strong:	open:

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Antonyms help us understand, describe and compare contrasting ideas.

READ
Understand contrasting ideas in books and instructions.

WRITE
Show differences and change meaning clearly.

SPEAK
Express opposite ideas with clear word choices.

TRY IT
Are the words antonyms? Circle YES or NO.

hot / cold YES NO	happy / sad YES NO
big / large YES NO	run / sleep YES NO

USE IT IN A SENTENCE

1. The water felt hot. warm cold tall

2. We will begin the lesson. sleep start finish

REMEMBER
A good antonym gives a sensible opposite meaning in the sentence.

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Antonyms Depend on Context

The best opposite depends on the sentence.

OPPOSITE MAIN IDEA
Antonyms show opposite meanings, but one word can have different opposites in different situations.

COMPARE THE SENTENCES

The rabbit is fast.
The rabbit is slow.
The meaning changes.

Please open your book.
Please close your book.
These are opposite actions.

The room was quiet.
The room was loud.
These describe opposite levels of sound.

CHOOSE THE WORD THAT FITS BEST

1. The baby was asleep, so the room was very quiet.
quick loud large

2. It is time to begin the game.
shout tiny finish

REMEMBER
The best antonym should fit the word's meaning in that sentence.

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Clear teaching pages introduce opposite meanings before independent practice

Practise & Apply

PRACTICE 11

Write Your Own Antonyms

Write one antonym for each word. More than one answer may be possible.

1. big	2. happy
3. fast	4. hot
5. loud	6. full
7. strong	8. wet

PRACTICE 6

Change the Meaning

Replace the bold word with an antonym to make the sentence

EXAMPLE
The big dog ran through the gate.
The **small** dog ran through the gate.

YOUR TURN

1. The **happy** girl waved to her friend.
2. The **small** kitten climbed into the box.
3. The **fast** runner crossed the line.
4. We will **begin** the lesson now.
5. The **quiet** child sat in the room.

REMEMBER You can change the mean

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with an Antonym

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now.

Pairs

meanings. Learn some common pairs, then build more below.

all	happy - sad
v	hot - cold

meaning.

k

/ weak

h

Recognise • Match • Choose • Sort • Write