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Antonyms and Synonyms (Opposites and Similar Words)

(A) Antonyms (Opposites)

Antonyms are pair of words which have opposite meanings. e.g.: good and bad. Questions related to opposite words are asked in your examination.



Some Rules of Forming Opposite Words

Rule 1 : By adding 'dis' before the words. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
like	dislike	obey	disobey
honest	dishonest	allow	disallow

Rule 2 : By adding 'un' before the words. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
kind	unkind	lucky	unlucky
happy	unhappy	well	unwell

Rule 3 : By adding 'in' before the words. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
correct	incorrect	discipline	indiscipline
direct	indirect	complete	incomplete

Rule 4 : By adding 'mis' before words. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
use	misuse	fortune	misfortune

Rule 5 : By adding 'ir', 'il' or 'im' before the words. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
regular	irregular	possible	impossible
legal	illegal	pure	impure

Rule 6 : By replacing the 'ful' with 'less' in the end of words.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
useful	useless	careful	careless

Rule 7 : By replacing prefixes of words with opposite prefixes. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
inside	outside	indoor	outdoor

Rule 8 : By completely changing the word. These are not based on any rule. e.g.

Words	Opposites	Words	Opposites
good	bad	weak	strong
come	go	close	open