



LECTURE 4

ENGLISH WRITING : **SYNONYMS, ANTONYMS, & HOMONYMS**

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WHAT IS A SYNONYM?

A **synonym** is a word that has the same or nearly the same meaning as another word.

Example:

▪ **Cold and Chilly**

- Susie's feet were cold, so she put on her slippers.
- Susie's feet were chilly, so she put on her slippers.

WHAT IS AN ANTONYM?

An **antonym** is a word opposite in meaning to another word.

Example:

▪ **Short and Tall**

- The person on the left is short.
- The person on the right is tall.

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- Words that have the opposite meanings

Hot: cold

Yes: no

In: out

Up: down

Wrong: right

Black: white

Slow: fast

Tall: short

ANTONYMS

An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word

Able.....	Unable	Arrive.....	Leave
Above.....	Below	Ascend.....	Descend
Absent.....	Present	Ask.....	Answer
Accept	Decline	Attack.....	Defend
Accept.....	Refuse	Awake.....	Asleep
Achieve.....	Fail	Bad.....	Good
Admit.....	Deny	Beautiful.....	Ugly
Admit.....	Reject	Before.....	After
Against.....	For	Begin.....	End
Agree.....	Disagree	Behind.....	In front of
Alive.....	Dead	Best.....	Worst
Alone.....	Together	Big.....	Little
Always.....	Never	Birth.....	Death
Ancient.....	Modern	Bitter.....	Sweet
Answer.....	Question	Black.....	White

ANTONYMS

An **antonym** is a word that has the opposite meaning of another word

Boy.....	Girl	Crazy.....	Sane
Buy.....	Sell	Create.....	Destroy
Careful.....	Careless	Dark.....	Bright
Expensive.....	Cheap	Dark.....	Light
Cheerful.....	Sad	Dawn.....	Sunset
Child.....	Adult	Difficult.....	Easy
Chilly.....	Warm	Downwards.....	Upwards
Clean.....	Dirty	Dry.....	Wet
Clever.....	Stupid	Dusk.....	Dawn
Cold.....	Hot	Easy.....	Hard
Discomfort.....	Comfort	Enter.....	Exit
Incomplete.....	Complete	Excited.....	Bored
Complex.....	Simple	Exhale.....	Inhale
Cool.....	Warm	Export.....	Import

Homonyms

Words that sound alike but have different spellings and meaning.

ate—eight

be—bee

cell—sell

flour—flower

knight—night

one—won

sea—see

there—their

would—wood

Synonyms

Words that have similar meaning.

above—over

below—under

cry—weep

fix—repair

hard—difficult

home—house

late—tardy

road—street

small—little

Antonyms

Words that have opposite meaning

asleep—awake

bad—good

close—open

false—true

happy—sad

left—right

more—less

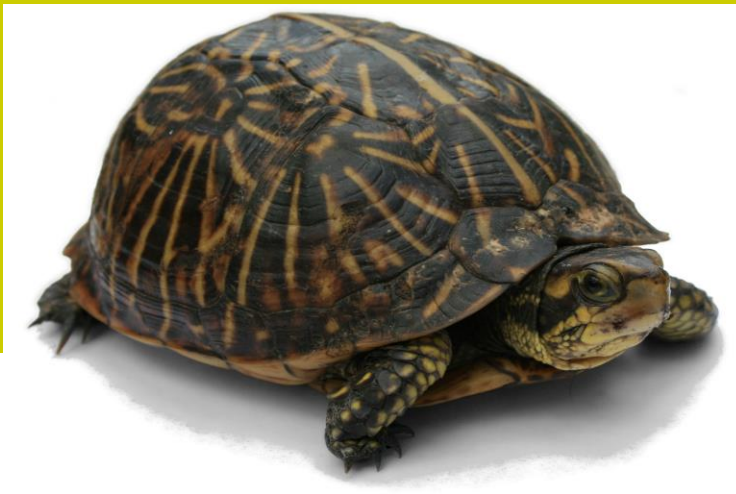
over—under

sour—sweet

Example: fast / slow

The bus goes fast.

The turtle is slow.



Example: large / small

The hippopotamus is large.

The mouse is small



Example: tall / short

The dinosaur is tall.

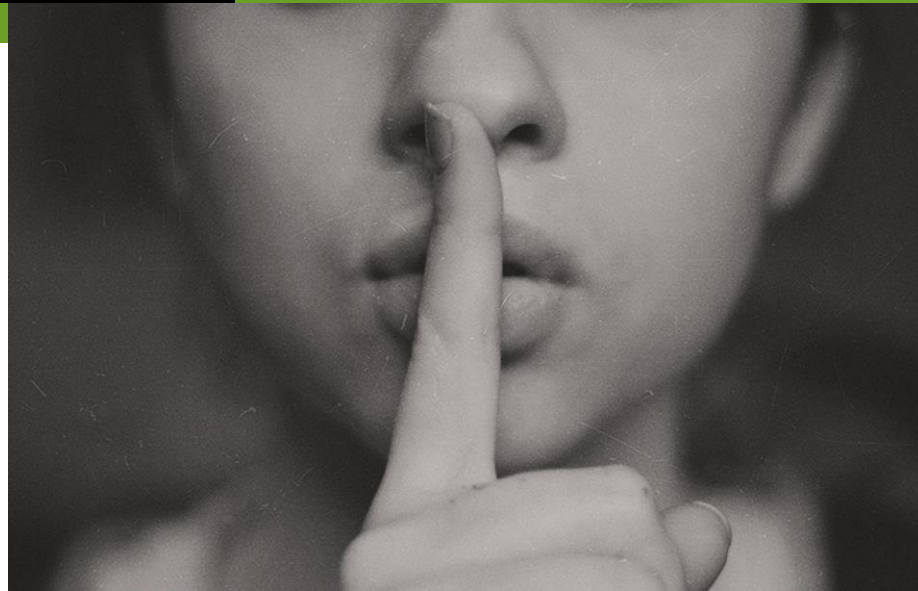
The boy is short.



Example: noise / silence

The tractor's noise hurt our ears.

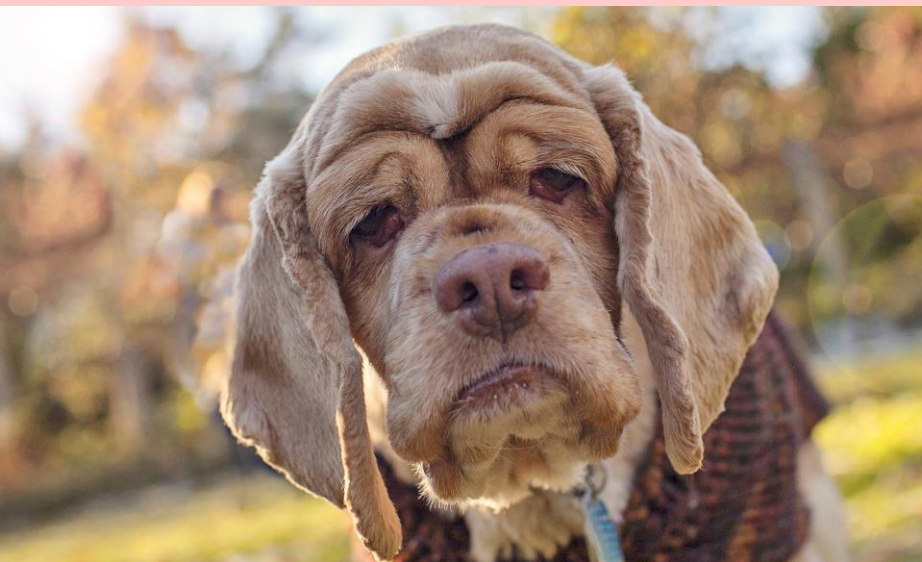
The silence was relaxing.



Example: feeble / strong

The old dog is feeble.

The giant insect is strong.



Example: rich / poor

The rich king gave to the needy.

The poor people had no home.



Example: wild tame

The wild bull is angry.

The bird is tame.



Example: hard / soft

The hard rocks were by the beach.

The pillow was soft.



Example: light / dark

He entered the dark building.

Sue enjoyed the early morning light.



TEST : Name 5 words and their antonyms. Use each correctly in a sentence.

ANTONYMS-TEST

What is an antonym for the word “up”?

What is an antonym for the word “dark”?

What is an antonym for the word “right”?

What is an antonym for the word “old”?

What is an antonym for the word “talkative”?



THANK YOU