Clue Word Sort

Use clue words to find a word's meaning.

3.LF.14.b "Determine meaning of words using antonyms as a clue."

NAME _____ DATE _____

OPPOSITE CLUE

The underlined clue means the opposite of the bold word. Think about the clue to figure out the bold word's meaning.

The **dry** towel was not wet.

SAME CLUE

The underlined clue means the same or nearly the same as the bold word.

A **little** seed seemed small.

1 SORT

8 items

Circle OPPOSITE or SAME for each sentence, then choose two numbered sentences and explain how each underlined word helped you decide.

1.	The **frigid** water was not hot.	OPPOSITE	SAME
2.	Unlike the **silent** room, the hallway was noisy.	OPPOSITE	SAME
3.	The **enormous** pumpkin was huge.	OPPOSITE	SAME
4.	The **rough** rock did not feel smooth.	OPPOSITE	SAME
5.	The **joyful** crowd was happy.	OPPOSITE	SAME
6.	The **rapid** train was fast.	OPPOSITE	SAME
7.	Mia kept her **messy** desk, but Ana's desk was neat.	OPPOSITE	SAME
8.	The **empty** jar was not full.	OPPOSITE	SAME

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Write one new sentence with an underlined opposite clue and one with an underlined same clue; make the word being explained bold.

OPPOSITE _____

SAME _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence with a bold word and an underlined opposite clue. Then write what the bold word means.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	The **frigid** water was not hot.	**OPPOSITE**	Hot is the opposite of frigid, which means very cold.
2	Unlike the **silent** room, the hallway was noisy.	**OPPOSITE**	Noisy is the opposite of silent.
3	The **enormous** pumpkin was huge.	**SAME**	Huge means nearly the same as enormous.
4	The **rough** rock did not feel smooth.	**OPPOSITE**	Smooth is the opposite of rough.
5	The **joyful** crowd was happy.	**SAME**	Happy means nearly the same as joyful.
6	The **rapid** train was fast.	**SAME**	Fast means nearly the same as rapid.
7	Mia kept her **messy** desk, but Ana's desk was neat.	**OPPOSITE**	Neat is the opposite of messy.
8	The **empty** jar was not full.	**OPPOSITE**	Full is the opposite of empty.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **OPPOSITE**: The **shallow** pond was not deep.
- **SAME**: The **swift** rabbit was fast.

Challenge: The **generous** child was not selfish. Generous means willing to share.

Sort order: OPPOSITE, OPPOSITE, SAME, OPPOSITE, SAME, SAME, OPPOSITE, OPPOSITE. For Part 2, accept explanations that identify how each underlined word relates to the bold word.