Word Pair Sort

Do the words match or mean opposites?

2.RC.12 "Identify relationships among words, including common synonyms and antonyms, and simple, multiple-meaning words (e.g., change, duck)."

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SYNONYMS

Synonyms are words that mean the same or almost the same thing.

sleepy / tired

ANTONYMS

Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

wet / dry

1 SORT

8 items

In Part 1, circle SAME or OPPOSITE for each pair; in Part 2, choose two numbered pairs and explain how you knew.

1.	tiny / small	SAME OPPOSITE
2.	happy / glad	SAME OPPOSITE
3.	hot / cold	SAME OPPOSITE
4.	fast / quick	SAME OPPOSITE
5.	open / closed	SAME OPPOSITE
6.	up / down	SAME OPPOSITE
7.	angry / mad	SAME OPPOSITE
8.	smart / clever	SAME OPPOSITE

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 pair of synonyms and one new pair of antonyms.

SAME _____

OPPOSITE _____

CHALLENGE

Write a sentence using one word from your SAME pair, then rewrite it using the other word without changing the meaning.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	tiny / small	**SAME**	Both describe something that is little in size.
2	happy / glad	**SAME**	Both describe feeling pleased.
3	hot / cold	**OPPOSITE**	They describe opposite temperatures.
4	fast / quick	**SAME**	Both can describe something that moves with speed.
5	open / closed	**OPPOSITE**	They describe opposite states of a door.
6	up / down	**OPPOSITE**	They name opposite directions.
7	angry / mad	**SAME**	Both describe feeling upset.
8	smart / clever	**SAME**	Both can describe someone who thinks well.

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)

- **SAME**: shut / close
- **OPPOSITE**: high / low

Challenge: I will shut the gate. I will close the gate.

For Part 2, sample explanations are: 2, happy and glad both mean feeling pleased; 6, up and down name opposite directions.