Meaning Match

Sort word pairs by meaning.

L.3.5.b "Demonstrate understanding of words by relating them to their synonyms and antonyms."

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SYNONYMS

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

smart and clever

ANTONYMS

Antonyms are words that mean opposite things.

wet and dry

1 SORT

8 items

For each numbered pair, circle SAME or OPPOSITE; then choose two pairs and explain how you knew where they belong.

1.	1. glad and happy	SAME OPPOSITE
2.	2. early and late	SAME OPPOSITE
3.	3. tiny and small	SAME OPPOSITE
4.	4. quick and fast	SAME OPPOSITE
5.	5. empty and full	SAME OPPOSITE
6.	6. noisy and quiet	SAME OPPOSITE
7.	7. begin and start	SAME OPPOSITE
8.	8. angry and mad	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 that are not on this page.

SAME _____

OPPOSITE _____

CHALLENGE

Choose one word and write both a synonym and an antonym for it.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	1. glad and happy	**SAME**	Both words describe feeling pleased.
2	2. early and late	**OPPOSITE**	They describe opposite times.
3	3. tiny and small	**SAME**	Both words describe little size.
4	4. quick and fast	**SAME**	Both words can describe moving with speed.
5	5. empty and full	**OPPOSITE**	They describe opposite amounts inside something.
6	6. noisy and quiet	**OPPOSITE**	They describe opposite amounts of sound.
7	7. begin and start	**SAME**	Both words mean to get something going.
8	8. angry and mad	**SAME**	Both words can describe feeling upset.

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**: Synonyms: cold and chilly
- **OPPOSITE**: Antonyms: up and down

Challenge: brave: bold (synonym), scared (antonym)

For Part 2, look for a meaning-based explanation for each of the two pairs the student chose. Accept other accurate word pairs in Part 3.