Word Pair Sort

Do the words mean nearly the same thing or the opposite?

2.4.R.1 "Students will determine relationships among words, including synonyms, antonyms, and simple multiple-meaning words."

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SYNONYMS

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

tiny, small

ANTONYMS

Antonyms are words with opposite meanings.

hot, cold

1 SORT

8 items

Circle SAME or OPPOSITE for each word pair in Part 1, then choose two numbers and explain how you know in Part 2.

1.	happy, glad	SAME OPPOSITE
2.	loud, quiet	SAME OPPOSITE
3.	fast, quick	SAME OPPOSITE
4.	big, huge	SAME OPPOSITE
5.	early, late	SAME OPPOSITE
6.	wet, dry	SAME OPPOSITE
7.	easy, simple	SAME OPPOSITE
8.	open, closed	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

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

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	happy, glad	**SAME**	Both words describe feeling pleased.
2	loud, quiet	**OPPOSITE**	Loud means making much noise, while quiet means making little or no noise.
3	fast, quick	**SAME**	Both words can describe moving with speed.
4	big, huge	**SAME**	Both words describe something large.
5	early, late	**OPPOSITE**	Early is before the expected time, while late is after it.
6	wet, dry	**OPPOSITE**	Wet means covered with water, while dry means not wet.
7	easy, simple	**SAME**	Both words can describe something that is not hard to do.
8	open, closed	**OPPOSITE**	Open and closed describe opposite states.

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**: angry, mad
- **OPPOSITE**: up, down

Challenge: Word: sleepy. Synonym: tired. Antonym: awake.

For Part 2, accept explanations that tell how both words mean nearly the same thing or how their meanings are opposite. Accept other accurate word pairs in Part 3.