Word Pair Sort

Do these words mean the same or the opposite?

2.L.5.b "Sort and categorize words by multiple attributes (e.g., synonyms, antonyms, size, color, type)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

SAME MEANING

Words have the same meaning when they tell nearly the same idea.

little, small

OPPOSITE MEANING

Words have opposite meanings when they tell ideas that go against each other.

up, down

1 SORT

8 items

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

1. happy, glad — SAME OPPOSITE

2. begin, start — SAME OPPOSITE

3. wet, dry — SAME OPPOSITE

4. angry, mad — SAME OPPOSITE

5. full, empty — SAME OPPOSITE

6. early, late — SAME OPPOSITE

7. clean, dirty — SAME OPPOSITE

8. jump, leap — 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

In Part 3, write one new pair of words that mean the same and one new pair that mean the opposite.

SAME _____

OPPOSITE _____

CHALLENGE

Challenge: Write one word that means the same as cold and one word that means the opposite of cold. Label each word SAME or OPPOSITE.

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	happy, glad	**SAME**	Both words describe a pleased feeling.
2	begin, start	**SAME**	Both words mean to get going.
3	wet, dry	**OPPOSITE**	Wet means covered with water; dry means not wet.
4	angry, mad	**SAME**	Both words describe feeling upset.
5	full, empty	**OPPOSITE**	Full means filled; empty means not filled.
6	early, late	**OPPOSITE**	Early means before the expected time; late means after it.
7	clean, dirty	**OPPOSITE**	Clean means free of dirt; dirty means covered with dirt.
8	jump, leap	**SAME**	Both words mean to spring off the ground.

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**: quick, fast
- **OPPOSITE**: hot, cold

Challenge: SAME: chilly; OPPOSITE: hot

For Part 2, accept explanations that tell how the meanings match or differ. For example, item 1 names two pleased feelings, while item 3 names two different states involving water.