

Meaning Match-Up

Sort word pairs by how their meanings connect.

2.RV "The student will systematically build vocabulary and word knowledge based on grade-two content and texts heard or read. Vocabulary Development and Word Analysis Discuss meanings of new words or phrases acquired through conversations and..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

SAME MEANING

These words mean nearly the same thing.

bright / shiny

OPPOSITE MEANING

These words mean the reverse of each other.

up / down

1 SORT _____ 8 items

Circle SAME or OPPOSITE for each word pair, then choose two pairs and tell how you knew.

1. happy / glad

SAME

OPPOSITE

2. wet / dry

SAME

OPPOSITE

3. loud / quiet

SAME

OPPOSITE

4. begin / start

SAME

OPPOSITE

5. fast / quick

SAME

OPPOSITE

6. full / empty

SAME

OPPOSITE

7. sleepy / tired

SAME

OPPOSITE

8. small / little

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 SAME pair and one new OPPOSITE pair.

SAME _____

OPPOSITE _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses two opposite-meaning words. Underline both words.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	happy / glad	SAME	Happy and glad have nearly the same meaning.
2	wet / dry	OPPOSITE	Wet and dry are opposite conditions.
3	loud / quiet	OPPOSITE	Loud and quiet are opposite sound levels.
4	begin / start	SAME	Begin and start have nearly the same meaning.
5	fast / quick	SAME	Fast and quick have nearly the same meaning.
6	full / empty	OPPOSITE	Full and empty are opposite amounts.
7	sleepy / tired	SAME	Sleepy and tired have nearly the same meaning.
8	small / little	SAME	Small and little have nearly the same meaning.

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:** cold / chilly
- **OPPOSITE:** open / closed

Challenge: The soup was hot, but the drink was cold.

For Part 2, accept explanations that identify nearly same meanings or reverse meanings. Accept different correct word pairs and sentences in Part 3 and the challenge.