Word Meaning Links

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	OPPOSITE MEANING
These words mean nearly the same thing.	These words mean the reverse of each other.
bright / shiny	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.

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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.

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. 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.