

Activity Type

Vocabulary Game:
naming opposites and
synonyms (group work)

Focus

Adjective opposites

Aim

To name adjectives that
have a similar or opposite
meaning to another
adjective.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
game board and cards
for each group of three
or four. Cut the cards
out as indicated and
put them into two sets.
Also, prepare a dice and
counters for each group.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

25 minutes

Introduction

In this engaging adjective opposites board game, students name adjectives that have a similar or opposite meaning to another adjective.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a copy of the game board, the two sets of cards, a dice and counters.

Ask the students to shuffle each set of cards and place them face-down in a pile on the game board in their assigned space.

Players place their counters on the start square.

Players then take it in turns to roll the dice and move their counter along the board.

When a player lands on a square, the student to their right looks at the category on the square and takes the top card from the corresponding pile, without showing it to anyone.

The student then reads the clue on the card to the player.

For the 'similar' category, the player has to name a specific adjective that is similar in meaning to another adjective.

For the 'opposite' category, the player has to say the opposite of a given adjective.

The correct answer is shown in bold for the student.

If the player answers correctly, they stay on the square.

If not, the player goes back two squares.

The card is then placed at the bottom of the pile.

It's then the next player's turn.

The first student to reach the finish wins the game.

Similar or Opposite?

Opposite	Similar	Opposite	Miss a turn	Opposite	Similar
Similar		Similar		Similar	Opposite
Opposite		Opposite	Similar	Opposite	Similar
Similar					Opposite
Miss a turn	Opposite	Similar		Opposite	Go back to the start!
Similar		Opposite		Similar	Opposite
		Similar		Opposite	
		Opposite		Similar	
Finish	Opposite	Similar		Opposite	Similar
				Opposite	Start

Similar or Opposite?



<p>A... is similar to mad</p> <p>angry</p>	<p>B... is similar to large</p> <p>big</p>	<p>C... is similar to relaxed</p> <p>calm</p>	<p>D... is similar to hard</p> <p>difficult</p>	<p>E... is similar to simple</p> <p>easy</p>
<p>F... is similar to distant</p> <p>far</p>	<p>G... is similar to happy</p> <p>glad</p>	<p>H... is similar to starving</p> <p>hungry</p>	<p>I... is similar to smart</p> <p>intelligent</p>	<p>J... is similar to happy</p> <p>joyful</p>
<p>K... is similar to nice</p> <p>kind</p>	<p>L... is similar to lengthy</p> <p>long</p>	<p>M... is similar to updated</p> <p>modern</p>	<p>N... is similar to tidy</p> <p>neat</p>	<p>O... is similar to ancient</p> <p>old</p>
<p>P... is similar to skint</p> <p>poor</p>	<p>Q... is similar to high-grade</p> <p>quality</p>	<p>R... is similar to wealthy</p> <p>rich</p>	<p>S... is similar to depressed</p> <p>sad</p>	<p>T... is similar to small</p> <p>tiny</p>
<p>U... is similar to sad</p> <p>unhappy</p>	<p>V... is similar to purple</p> <p>violet</p>	<p>W... is similar to hot</p> <p>warm</p>	<p>Y... is similar to funny</p> <p>humorous</p>	<p>Z... is similar to motivated</p> <p>keen/eager</p>

Similar or Opposite?



<p>The opposite of lazy is...</p> <p>active</p>	<p>The opposite of good is...</p> <p>bad</p>	<p>The opposite of careful is...</p> <p>careless</p>	<p>The opposite of light is...</p> <p>dark/heavy</p>	<p>The opposite of full is...</p> <p>empty</p>
<p>The opposite of true is...</p> <p>false</p>	<p>The opposite of innocent is...</p> <p>guilty</p>	<p>The opposite of sad is...</p> <p>happy</p>	<p>The opposite of polite is...</p> <p>impolite</p>	<p>The opposite of unjumbled is...</p> <p>jumbled</p>
<p>The opposite of unknown is...</p> <p>known</p>	<p>The opposite of early is...</p> <p>late</p>	<p>The opposite of few is...</p> <p>many</p>	<p>The opposite of positive is...</p> <p>negative</p>	<p>The opposite of underrated is...</p> <p>overrated</p>
<p>The opposite of absent is...</p> <p>present</p>	<p>The opposite of loud is...</p> <p>quiet</p>	<p>The opposite of fake is...</p> <p>real</p>	<p>The opposite of dangerous is...</p> <p>safe</p>	<p>The opposite of fat is...</p> <p>thin</p>
<p>The opposite of beautiful is...</p> <p>ugly</p>	<p>The opposite of invalid is</p> <p>valid</p>	<p>The opposite of dry is...</p> <p>wet</p>	<p>The opposite of old is...</p> <p>young/new</p>	<p>The opposite of straight is</p> <p>bent/twisted</p>