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Word	Meaning	Picture	Sentence



Linear Array

Directions: First, write “opposites” at each end in the squares. Then fill in the ovals with your own words to sequence the meaning from one antonym to the other.

tiny	○	○	○	○	enormous
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Semantic Gradients

"Shades of Meaning"



Directions: Choose from the following words and write them in order of meaning from one antonym to the other, above the vertical lines.

happy	euphoric	elated	unhappy
glum	despondent	sad	







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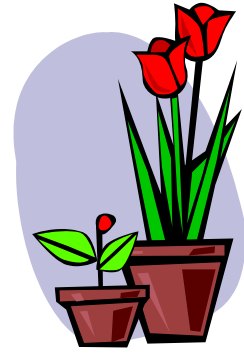
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Terms for Synonyms, Antonyms, and Semantic Gradients

Becks Tier 2 Words



Teach the target pairs, first (synonyms and antonyms), then select appropriate words from each group and do Semantic Gradients. The following are listed in alphabetical order of the first item in each pair, not in the order of difficulty.

afraid	scared, fearful, frightened, worried, anxious, apprehensive, terrified, petrified
bold	unafraid, daring, fearless, heroic, courageous, valiant
ask	question, seek information, request, demand, inquire, probe, query, interrogate
answer	reply, respond, react, retort
beautiful	pretty, lovely, attractive, gorgeous, pleasing, dazzling, magnificent, stunning, fair
ugly	plain, homely, horrible, unpleasant, frightful, ghastly, horrid, repulsive, hideous
begin	start, initiate, commence, originate
end	stop, finish, halt, discontinue, conclude, terminate
big	large, huge, grand, enormous, immense, gigantic, vast, astronomical
little	small, tiny, itsy-bitsy, slight, petite, miniature, microscopic
brave	bold, fearless, daring, courageous, gallant
cowardly	weak, faint-hearted, lily-livered, gutless, spineless
bright	shiny, shimmering, brilliant, sparkling, radiant, vivid, luminous
dark	dim, black, unlit, sunless, gloomy, shaded, shadowy, dismal
calm	quiet, still, relaxed, cool, unexcited, peaceful, tranquil, serene, composed
nervous	tense, worried, anxious, edgy, jumpy, panicky
dangerous	unsafe, risky, threatening, chancy, hazardous, perilous
safe	harmless, secure, protected, benign
funny	silly, laughable, amusing, humorous, comical, witty
serious	unsmiling, stern, humorless, solemn, somber, grim
good	fine, wonderful, excellent, superior, marvelous
bad	horrible, inappropriate, inferior, unsuitable, faulty
happy	glad, pleased, delighted, cheerful, joyful, elated, blissful, ecstatic, euphoric
sad	down, unhappy, miserable, depressed, gloomy, blue, dejected, glum, despondent
help	assist, aid, support, encourage, back, serve, relieve
hinder	stop, limit, deter, burden, interfere, sabotage, impede
hot	warm, heated, burning, fiery, scorching, blistering, sizzling, scalding
cold	freezing, chilly, frosty, icy, frozen, wintry, arctic

important	mail, primary, key, valuable, significant, critical, essential, vital, imperative,
unimportant	minor, petty, insignificant, frivolous, trifling
lazy	inactive, idle, sluggish, slothful
energetic	active, lively, peppy, spirited, enthusiastic, animated
love	like, care for, admire, appreciate, adore, devoted, cherish, treasure, worship
hate	dislike, disapprove, despise, detest, abhor, loathe
neat	clean, well-kept, orderly, tidy, well-organized, arranged
messy	untidy, cluttered, jumbled, disorderly, chaotic
new	fresh, recent, up-to-date, current, original, modern, contemporary
old	older, out-of-date, dated, aged, ancient
noisy	loud, blaring, deafening, piercing, raucous
quiet	silent, still, calm, restful, peaceful, mute, soundless, serene
odd	strange, weird, unusual, uncommon, peculiar, offbeat, eccentric
ordinary	normal, regular, usual, average, familiar, routine, commonplace, conventional
preserve	keep, save, uphold, maintain, uphold, sustain, conserve
destroy	end, finish, terminate, extinguish, abolish
right	true, correct, spot-on, accurate, exact, precise, factual
wrong	false, incorrect, mistaken, erroneous
run	race, rush, hurry, hustle, sprint, flee, dart, dash, scramble, scurry, scamper
walk	stroll, plod, trudge, dawdle, saunter, amble, meander
slow	unhurried, gradual, sluggish, measured, leisurely
fast	quick, speedy, rapid, brisk, high-speed, hasty, swift
stop	stay, pause, quit, end, halt, cease, finish, discontinue, conclude
go	begin, leave, move, depart, commence
take	rob, steal, remove, snatch, grab, withhold, seize
give	share, lend, offer, present, furnish, award, impart
delicious	tasty, yummy, mouthwatering, appetizing, scrumptious, delectable
tasteless	bland, flavorless, flat, weak, dull, unsavory
true	right, accurate, correct, exact
false	wrong, untrue, incorrect, made-up, deceptive
work	effort, labor, toil, exert oneself; employment
play	fun, recreation, amusement, frolic