Antonym flashcards

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1. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to hot.

TURN TO CHECK

cold

This is one example of an opposite meaning. Think about how the word is used.

2. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to big.

TURN TO CHECK

small

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3. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to fast.

TURN TO CHECK

slow

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4. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to light in "a light room".

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dark

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Give a word with the opposite meaning to happy.

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sad

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Give a word with the opposite meaning to early.

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late

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Give a word with the opposite meaning to full.

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empty

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Give a word with the opposite meaning to loud.

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quiet

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9. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to anxious (adjective).

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calm, relaxed

Feeling worried and nervous about something that might happen.

With the storm rolling in, Priya grew anxious about her dad's boat still out at sea.

10. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to content (adjective).

TURN TO CHECK

dissatisfied, restless

Quietly happy and satisfied with the way things are.

Curled up by the fire with a purring cat on her lap, Gran seemed perfectly content.

11. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to dread (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

eagerness, confidence

A strong feeling of fear about something that is going to happen.

A cold dread crept over Amir as the dentist's door creaked open and his name was called.

12. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to envy (noun).

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contentment, goodwill

An unhappy wish to have what someone else has.

Chloe gazed at her cousin's shiny new scooter with a pang of envy she tried to hide.

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13. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to furious (adjective).

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calm, pleased

Extremely angry, often in a way that is hard to hide.

Dad was furious when he discovered the goat had eaten every lettuce on the allotment.

14. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to grief (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

delight, happiness

Deep sadness, especially after someone or something is lost.

The whole village shared the farmer's grief when his faithful old sheepdog died.

15. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to relief (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

worry, distress

A feeling of comfort after worry, pain or danger has passed.

Relief flooded through the whole family as the missing tortoise plodded out from under the shed.

16. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to sulk (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

cheer up, brighten

To stay silent and grumpy because you are annoyed about something.

Rather than join the game, Leo chose to sulk in the corner with his arms folded.

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17. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to arrogant (adjective).

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modest, humble

Behaving as if you are more important or clever than everyone else.

The arrogant new striker told everyone he was the only player on the team worth watching.

18. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to loyalty (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

betrayal, disloyalty

Staying faithful to a person, team or promise through good times and bad.

Out of loyalty to her village team, Beth cheered even when they were losing six-nil.

19. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to meddle (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

keep out, refrain

To interfere in something that is not your business.

Gran told us not to meddle in the neighbours' argument, but Josh marched over to give his opinion anyway.

20. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to mischievous (adjective).

TURN TO CHECK

well-behaved, obedient

Fond of playing tricks and causing small amounts of trouble.

The mischievous kitten had unravelled the entire ball of wool across the landing by breakfast.

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21. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to patience (noun).

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impatience, restlessness

The ability to wait calmly or put up with problems without complaining.

Fishing from the harbour wall takes patience, as the mackerel may not bite for an hour.

22. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to pester (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

ignore, leave alone

To keep bothering or annoying someone, often by asking for something again and again.

The seagulls will pester anyone eating chips on the pier until every last one is gone.

23. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to stubborn (adjective).

TURN TO CHECK

compliant, open-minded

Refusing to change your mind, even when others give good reasons.

Too stubborn to ask for help, Uncle Pete drove us around the same roundabout four times.

24. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to tantrum (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

composure, calm

A sudden outburst of bad temper, usually by a young child.

The toddler threw a tantrum in the supermarket because the trolley had no seat for his teddy.

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25. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to charity (noun).

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meanness, selfishness

Giving money, food or help to people who need it.

Every autumn the school collects tins for charity so that nobody in town goes hungry at Christmas.

26. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to comfort (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

upset, distress

To make someone feel less sad or worried by being kind to them.

After the rabbit escaped, Grandma sat on the step to comfort Leah and dry her tears.

27. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to donate (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

keep, withhold

To give something, such as money or clothes, to help a good cause.

Please donate any outgrown wellies to the box in the porch for the nursery children.

28. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to generous (adjective).

TURN TO CHECK

mean, stingy, selfish

Happy to give more time, money or kindness than is expected.

A generous neighbour left a whole box of apples from her tree on our doorstep.

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29. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to rely (verb).

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distrust, doubt

To depend on someone or something to do what is needed.

Islanders rely on the little ferry to bring their post, milk and newspapers across each morning.

30. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to sympathy (noun).

TURN TO CHECK

indifference, coldness

A feeling of care and sorrow for someone who is having a hard time.

The postman had real sympathy for Mrs Kaur, stopping to carry her shopping up the steps.

31. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to volunteer (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

refuse, shirk

To offer to do a job freely, without being made to or paid for it.

Half the class chose to volunteer at the beach clean, filling twelve sacks with litter by lunchtime.

32. THINK FIRST

Give a word with the opposite meaning to boast (verb).

TURN TO CHECK

be modest, play down

To talk proudly about yourself or the things you own, to impress others.

Nobody wanted to sit next to Callum after he boasted about his new bike all lunchtime.