

Name _____

Antonym Sprint Answer Key

1. **bright** → dark, dim
2. **joy** → sadness, sorrow
3. **hot** → cold, chilly
4. **crowded** → empty, deserted
5. **clean** → dirty, messy

Teacher's Guide & Notes

- **Purpose:** This worksheet develops **fluency** through timed reading and strengthens vocabulary by focusing on **antonyms** (opposite words).
- **Implementation:**
 1. Have students read the passage in one minute.
 2. Give them 45 seconds to identify antonyms for the underlined words.
 3. Discuss answers as a class. Some antonyms may vary but must make sense in context.
- **Differentiation:**
 - For emerging readers: provide a **word bank** of possible antonyms.
 - For advanced students: ask for **two antonyms** per word, or have them use their antonyms in a new sentence.
- **Extension Idea:** Students can rewrite one sentence from the passage using antonyms, flipping the mood or meaning (e.g., "The town square was dark...").
- **Fluency Tip:** Encourage students to notice how underlined words affect the **tone** and **imagery** of the story. Replacing them with antonyms changes the entire picture.