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## Nuanced Opposites Answer Key

1. unity ↔ conflict
2. theoretical ↔ practical
3. honesty ↔ deception
4. optimist ↔ pessimist
5. ancient ↔ contemporary
6. courage ↔ fear
7. order ↔ chaos
8. freedom ↔ restriction
9. frigid ↔ scorching
10. logic ↔ emotion

### Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:** Provide sentence-level clues for struggling learners by underlining one of the antonyms and prompting them to find its opposite. Challenge advanced students to explain *how* each antonym pair contrasts in tone or concept.
- **Engagement Tip:** Have students highlight or annotate the subtle contrasts in each context, discussing how authors use antonyms to create tension or balance.
- **Extension Idea:** Ask students to write a short paragraph using one antonym pair from the worksheet to explore theme or conflict in a creative or analytical way.
- **Cross-Grade Adaptation:** For higher grades, integrate excerpts from real literary or academic texts and analyze how antonymic relationships shape meaning, argument, or emotional tone.