

Opposite Insights Answer Key

Sample Responses:

1. Bravery and cowardice are opposites because one involves confronting fear while the other avoids it.
2. Hope leads to perseverance; despair leads to inaction and surrender.
3. A realist accepts facts; an idealist challenges them in pursuit of improvement.
4. Generosity values others, while greed values only oneself.

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:** Offer examples or synonyms for struggling students (e.g., "greed = selfishness"). Encourage advanced learners to connect antonyms to current events or literature.
- **Engagement Tip:** Turn this into a group discussion - assign each pair to a student team to debate which side has more power or influence in society.
- **Extension Idea:** Have students write a short reflective paragraph using one antonym pair to explore a personal or historical theme (e.g., "hope vs. despair in World War II").
- **Cross-Grade Adaptation:** For higher grades, introduce complex or abstract antonym sets (e.g., "liberty vs. control," "faith vs. doubt") and analyze how authors use them to build theme, conflict, or moral contrast.