

Opposite Encounters Answer Key

1. cool ↔ hot; stay ↔ go
2. confident ↔ nervous; loudly ↔ quiet
3. dark ↔ light
4. failure ↔ success; joy ↔ frustration

Teacher's Guide:

- **Differentiation:** For struggling readers, read the passages aloud and have students highlight antonyms together. Encourage advanced students to explain how context clues reveal the opposite relationships.
- **Engagement Tip:** Turn it into an "Antonym Scavenger Hunt": students race to find all pairs in each passage within a time limit.
- **Extension Idea:** Challenge students to write their own short paragraph using at least two antonym pairs, reinforcing understanding through creative writing.
- **Cross-Grade Adaptation:** For higher grades, include more abstract antonyms (e.g., "freedom" vs. "control," "hope" vs. "despair") to deepen comprehension and vocabulary analysis.