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Antonym Quest Answer Key

Possible Antonyms (answers may vary):

1. **Gloomy** → cheerful, bright, sunny
2. **Optimistic** → pessimistic, doubtful
3. **Generous** → selfish, stingy
4. **Timid** → bold, brave, confident
5. **Delighted** → unhappy, upset, disappointed

Teacher Notes:

- Accept multiple correct antonyms as long as they accurately reflect **opposite meanings**.
- Encourage students to check a dictionary or thesaurus if they are unsure.
- The application sentence should demonstrate **contextual accuracy**, not just listing a word. For example, *"The timid child"* vs. *"The bold child spoke up."*
- Extension: Have students rewrite one sentence from the passage, swapping in an antonym, to see how it changes the tone of the story.