

Name _____

Opposite Pair-Up Answer Key

1. fast → slow
2. big → small
3. hot → cold
4. tall → short
5. happy → sad

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill focus:**
 - Introduces and reinforces **antonyms** by helping students see how words can have opposite meanings.
 - Builds early vocabulary, comparison skills, and reading confidence.
- **Before the activity:**
 - Review each word aloud and discuss simple examples.
 - Act out certain words such as **fast**, **slow**, **big**, and **small** to make the meanings clear.
- **During the activity (differentiation and support):**
 - For emerging readers, read each word slowly and point to the choices on the opposite side.
 - Offer picture cues or gestures for students who need help understanding abstract words.
 - Provide a reduced set of options for students who benefit from fewer choices at a time.
- **Engagement tips:**
 - Turn matching into a movement game: run in place for **fast**, tiptoe for **slow**, stretch tall for **tall**, crouch for **short**.
 - Let students work in pairs and explain their choices using a simple frame: "The opposite of **word** is **word**."