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Accurate Antonyms Answer Key

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| 1. scarce | 8. fake | 15. reject |
| 2. eager | 9. rare | 16. secretive |
| 3. dull | 10. cruel | 17. mild |
| 4. arrogant | 11. flexible | 18. temporary |
| 5. sudden | 12. vague | 19. stingy |
| 6. sturdy | 13. pessimistic | 20. agitated |
| 7. orderly | 14. shrink | |

Teacher's Guide

- Remind students an antonym is the opposite meaning, but the best choice should match the word's meaning in most contexts.
- Have students explain why the other two choices are not accurate antonyms to strengthen precision.
- **Differentiation**
 - Support: Let students use a quick two-column chart labeled **Meaning** and **Opposite** before choosing.
 - Challenge: Ask students to write a sentence using the bold word and a second sentence using the antonym they selected.
- **Engagement**
 - Turn 5 items into quick partner debates: Partner A argues for the correct antonym, Partner B explains why another option is tempting but wrong.
- **Extension**
 - Students create 5 new items using academic words from current science or social studies units, each with 1 correct antonym and 2 distractors.
 - Add a reflection: Which distractor types fooled you most, near-opposites, unrelated words, or words with a similar tone?