

Meaning Reversal Answer Key

(Answers may vary; examples provided)

1. The **cloudy** afternoon made everyone feel **gloomy**.
2. My backpack felt **heavy** after I filled it with books.
3. The **modern** castle looked **weak** and unsafe.
4. The teacher gave a **difficult** question that everyone misunderstood.
5. The **cowardly** knight retreated **backward** from battle.
6. It's **never** quiet in the cafeteria during lunch.
7. The mountain trail was **rough** and **long**.
8. The **mean** puppy kept his toy from the cat.
9. The scientist made a **careless** observation of the experiment.
10. The **old** boy found the **ending** of the story exciting.

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students strengthen understanding of **antonyms** and practice reversing sentence meaning through vocabulary and context clues.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For younger learners, underline the key words to change and discuss their opposites as a group before writing.
 - For advanced students, encourage them to rewrite sentences with multiple antonyms or explore subtle contrast words (e.g., *scarce* vs. *plentiful*).
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Have students write short "mirror stories" where every sentence contrasts the one before.
 - Introduce transition words of contrast-**however**, **but**, **although**-to show how opposites connect in more complex writing.