

Name _____

Word Opposites Quest Answer Key

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| 1. c) however | 6. a) while |
| 2. b) nervous | 7. b) serious |
| 3. a) whereas | 8. c) while |
| 4. c) spacious | 9. a) fear |
| 5. b) freezing | 10. a) but |

Teacher's Guide

- **Focus Skill:** Students practice identifying **context clues** and **contrast signal words** to understand how opposing ideas connect within a sentence.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - For developing readers, preview key contrast words (however, although, whereas, yet, while).
 - For advanced students, have them write their own contrast sentences using the same structure.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Turn the activity into a "Contrast Showdown": students read a sentence aloud and race to shout the correct opposite clue word.
 - Use color-coding-highlight contrast words in one color and clue words in another to visualize relationships.
- **Extension Activities:**
 - Ask students to rewrite two of the sentences by flipping the contrast (e.g., change "*Although it was cold...*" to "*Although it was hot...*").
 - Encourage creative writing: students craft short "contrast mini-stories" with at least three opposite relationships.