

Lexical Links Answer Key

1. **clear** - *obscure* means unclear; antonym is *clear*.
2. **simple** - *labyrinthine* means complex; opposite is *simple*.
3. **harsh** - *mellifluous* means smooth or sweet; antonym is *harsh*.
4. **wisdom** - *sagacity* means wisdom or sound judgment.
5. **agitated** - *placid* means calm; opposite is *agitated*.
6. **known to few** - *esoteric* means understood by only a small group.
7. **talkative** - *reticent* means quiet or reserved; opposite is *talkative*.
8. **kind** - *malevolent* means having evil intent; opposite is *kind*.
9. **flood** - *torrent* is a strong rush of water; relationship is example/type.
10. **cowardly** - *craven* means cowardly; synonym for relationship type.

Teacher's Guide

- **Purpose:** Develops students' ability to **recognize relationships among rare vocabulary words**, strengthening understanding of meaning, nuance, and antonym/synonym relationships.
- **Teaching Tips:**
 - Review the five common analogy types (synonym, antonym, part/whole, cause/effect, degree).
 - Discuss the word roots (e.g., *magnus*, *bene*, *male*) to reinforce etymological awareness.
- **Differentiation:**
 - *Support:* Provide hints about the type of relationship for each analogy (e.g., "antonym," "synonym").
 - *Challenge:* Have advanced learners create three of their own rare-word analogies to share with the class.
- **Extension Activity:** Ask students to find two of the rare words in literature or online, record the context, and explain how the meaning compares to its analogy use.