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## Opposite Switch Answer Key

Sample accurate antonyms are provided, but students may offer other valid choices.

1. Antonym: frantic  
Meaning shift: The sentence now shows the crowd reacting with panic instead of control.
2. Antonym: decrease  
Meaning shift: The team now needs to put in less effort rather than more.
3. Antonym: unsure  
Meaning shift: The sentence shifts from certainty to hesitation.
4. Antonym: common  
Meaning shift: The shell becomes something easy to find rather than unusual.
5. Antonym: dim  
Meaning shift: The classroom becomes harder to see in rather than easy to read in.
6. Antonym: shrink  
Meaning shift: The company plans to reduce its store instead of grow it.
7. Antonym: rude  
Meaning shift: The behavior at the dinner becomes disrespectful instead of courteous.
8. Antonym: shaky  
Meaning shift: The grip becomes unstable rather than reliable.

### Teacher's Guide

- This worksheet reinforces how **antonyms** dramatically change the meaning of a sentence and how writers must choose words deliberately.
- For differentiation:
  - Offer a mini antonym list for students who struggle with vocabulary recall.
  - Encourage advanced students to provide multiple acceptable antonyms and explain subtle differences in meaning.
- For engagement:
  - Have students act out pairs like calm versus frantic or steady versus shaky.
  - Use partner discussions so students can compare how meaning changes with different antonyms.