

• **Antonyms 3** Level 2

**Directions:** Choose the word that is most nearly opposite in meaning to the word in capital letters.

1. TRUST

- A. suppose
- B. know
- C. doubt

2. AGREE

- A. differ
- B. discuss
- C. attack

3. ACCOMPLISH

- A. surrender
- B. fail
- C. overcome

4. SHY

- A. meek
- B. quiet
- C. outgoing

5. SOFT

- A. unkind
- B. limp
- C. firm

6. AFRAID

- A. scared
- B. fearless
- C. peaceful

7. PLEASURE

- A. boredom
- B. pain
- C. comfort

8. INJURE

- A. heal
- B. harm
- C. hate

9. ENJOY

- A. disrupt
- B. dislike
- C. dispute

10. PLAIN

- A. fancy
- B. simple
- C. basic

## Answers and Explanations

1) **C**

The word *trust* means to believe in the reliability or truth of something or someone. For example, you should trust what your teachers tell you, since it is likely the truth. The opposite of trust is to question the reliability or truth of someone or something. Because *doubt* means to question or feel uncertain about something, choice **(C)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *suppose* means to assume without definite proof that something is the truth. This is not the opposite of *trust*, since both supposing and trusting involve believing in something, not questioning it.

**(B)** is incorrect because *know* means to be absolutely certain about something. This is almost the same as *trust*, not the opposite of it.

2) **A**

The word *agree* means to have the same opinion about something. Two people who agree on something are not likely to argue about it. The opposite of agree is to disagree or to have a different opinion about something. Because *differ* means to disagree, choice **(A)** is correct.

**(B)** is incorrect because *discuss* means to talk about something with another group or people. This is not the opposite of *agree*, because discussing is not the same as disagreeing.

**(C)** is incorrect because *attack* means to take action against someone. This is not the opposite of *agree*, since attacking is not the same as disagreeing.

3) **B**

The word *accomplish* means to achieve or to complete successfully. The winner of a game has accomplished the goal of winning it. The opposite of accomplish is to be unsuccessful at completing something. Because *fail* means to be unsuccessful in achieving one's goals, choice **(B)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *surrender* means to quit fighting and submit to another's authority or rule. This is not the opposite of *accomplish*, because it is too limited in meaning. Accomplishments are not limited to winning a fight or war, so the correct choice is likewise not limited to losing a fight or war.

**(C)** is incorrect because *overcome* means to succeed in dealing with a problem. This is almost the same as *accomplish*, not the opposite of it.

4) **C**

The word *shy* means bashful or easily frightened away. Someone who is shy would not be likely to talk to people he or she does not already know. The opposite of shy is friendly and socially confident. Because *outgoing* means friendly and very sociable, choice **(C)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *meek* means quiet, gentle, and easily dominated. This is not the opposite of *shy*, since a shy person is also likely meek.

**(B)** is incorrect because *quiet* means not loud. This is not the opposite of *shy*, since one who is shy is typically also quiet.

5) **C**

The word *soft* means not firm or hard to the touch. For example, pillows are soft. The opposite of soft is firm or hard to the touch. Because *firm* means having a solid, almost hard, surface that is difficult to form or shape, choice **(C)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *unkind* means not nice or friendly. This is not the opposite of *soft*, since soft is not the same as kind or friendly.

**(B)** is incorrect because *limp* means not stiff or hard. This is almost the same as *soft*, not the opposite of it.

6) **B**

The word *afraid* means frightened or feeling fear. You might become afraid while watching a scary movie. The opposite of afraid is feeling no fear. Because *fearless* means lacking fear, choice **(B)** is correct.

**(A)** is incorrect because *scared* means frightened. This is the same as *afraid*, not the opposite of it.

**(C)** is incorrect because *peaceful* means free from disturbance. This is not the opposite of *afraid*, because having no disturbances is not the same as having no fear.

7) **B**

The word *pleasure* means a feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment. One might feel pleasure while doing an activity he or she enjoys with people he or she loves. The opposite of pleasure is displeasure or discomfort. Because *pain* is physical discomfort or suffering, choice **(B)** is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *boredom* is the state of feeling uninterested. This is not the opposite of *pleasure*, because boredom is not the same as displeasure or discomfort.

(C) is incorrect because *comfort* is a state of physical ease or freedom from pain. This is almost the same as *pleasure*, not the opposite of it.

8) **A**

The word *injure* means to do physical harm or damage to someone or something. If you fall off a bicycle and skin your knee, you have injured your knee. The opposite of injure is to cause someone or something to be healthy again. Because *heal* means to cause a wound or person to become healthy again, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *harm* means to hurt or damage someone. This is the same as *injure*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *hate* means to dislike greatly. This is not the opposite of *injure*.

9) **B**

The word *enjoy* means to take pleasure in. Anything you like doing is something you enjoy. The opposite of enjoy is to not like something. Because *dislike* means to feel distaste for or not like something, choice (B) is correct.

(A) is incorrect because *disrupt* means to interrupt. This is not the opposite of *enjoy*.

(C) is incorrect because *dispute* means to argue about something. This is not the opposite of *enjoy*, since enjoying is not the same as agreeing.

10) **A**

The word *plain* means simple or undecorated. A white wall with no posters or decorations on it would be considered plain. The opposite of plain is decorated. Because *fancy* means elaborately decorated, choice (A) is correct.

(B) is incorrect because *simple* means without much decoration. This is the same as *plain*, not the opposite of it.

(C) is incorrect because *basic* means simplest or lowest in level. This is almost the same as *plain*, not the opposite of it.