Opposites

Learn adjectives in pairs

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THE RULE

Learning adjectives in pairs doubles your vocabulary with half the effort.

Adjective	Opposite
alt (old)	jung (young)
groß (big, tall)	klein (small)
teuer (expensive)	billig (cheap)
schnell (fast)	langsam (slow)
leicht (easy, light)	schwer (difficult, heavy)
hell (bright)	dunkel (dark)
laut (loud)	leise (quiet)
voll (full)	leer (empty)

EXERCISES

1. What is the opposite of “schwach”? (weak) (a) stark (b) leise (c) früh
2. What is the opposite of “niedrig”? (low) (a) reich (b) hoch (c) interessant
3. What is the opposite of “kalt”? (cold) (a) warm (b) weit (c) groß
4. What is the opposite of “dumm”? (stupid) (a) dick (b) klug (c) reich
5. What is the opposite of “klein”? (small) (a) schnell (b) hässlich (c) groß
6. What is the opposite of “dunkel”? (dark) (a) alt (b) hell (c) glücklich
7. What is the opposite of “lang”? (long) (a) dunkel (b) schlecht (c) kurz
8. What is the opposite of “dick”? (thick, fat) (a) dunkel (b) gut (c) dünn
9. What is the opposite of “schmal”? (narrow) (a) jung (b) weit (c) breit
10. What is the opposite of “schmutzig”? (dirty) (a) falsch (b) trocken (c) sauber
11. What is the opposite of “trocken”? (dry) (a) nass (b) niedrig (c) traurig
12. What is the opposite of “interessant”? (interesting) (a) heiß (b) leise (c) langweilig

Opposites: answers and explanations

1. **stark** schwach ↔ stark.
2. **hoch** niedrig ↔ hoch.
3. **warm** kalt ↔ warm.
4. **klug** dumm ↔ klug.
5. **groß** klein ↔ groß.
6. **hell** dunkel ↔ hell.
7. **kurz** lang ↔ kurz.
8. **dünn** dick ↔ dünn.
9. **breit** schmal ↔ breit.
10. **sauber** schmutzig ↔ sauber.
11. **nass** trocken ↔ nass.
12. **langweilig** interessant ↔ langweilig.

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