



Synonyms and Antonyms

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Grade: Grade 5

Part A: Fix the Sentence

Each sentence has an error. Rewrite it correctly on the line.

1. Fix the sentence: The senators voted to dissent with the proposal because they all loved the idea.

Rewrite: _____

2. Fix the sentence:

After the long drought, water became abundant and families had to ration every drop.

Rewrite: _____

3. Fix the sentence:

Although her team was losing badly, the pessimistic captain cheered everyone on confidently.

Rewrite: _____

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The committee members did not all agree; several chose to _____ from the majority opinion.
2. Apples were so _____ this autumn that orchards practically gave them away by the bushel.
3. Balloons _____ when warmed in sunlight but contract when the air inside cools again.
4. Our cabin is _____ to the lake, while the campground is several miles away in the distance.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

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2. Why are concur and dissent considered formal antonyms instead of just opposites like yes and no?

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Rewrite: The senators voted to concur with the proposal because they all loved the idea.

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After the long drought, water became abundant and families had to ration every drop.

Rewrite: After the long drought, water became scarce and families had to ration every drop.

3. Fix the sentence:

Although her team was losing badly, the pessimistic captain cheered everyone on confidently.

Rewrite: Although her team was losing badly, the optimistic captain cheered everyone on confidently.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

1. The committee members did not all agree; several chose to dissent from the majority opinion.
2. Apples were so abundant this autumn that orchards practically gave them away by the bushel.
3. Balloons expand when warmed in sunlight but contract when the air inside cools again.
4. Our cabin is proximate to the lake, while the campground is several miles away in the distance.

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1. Compare the antonym pair optimistic and pessimistic. What attitude does each word reveal?

Optimistic reveals a hopeful attitude that expects good outcomes, while pessimistic reveals a gloomy attitude that anticipates bad results. Together they form an antonym pair describing opposite outlooks on life.

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