

Worksheet 1 – Fractured Fairy Tales Fractured Antonyms

My son, Prince Charmless, desires a wife. I'm dead keen to get him out of the house, where he does nothing but play video games and eat pizzas.

In the story *Fractured Fairy Tales*, Prince Charmless is the complete opposite of the Prince Charming character in most traditional fairy tales. The author simply added the suffix *less* to the base word *charm* to make us aware of this. By calling him *Prince Charmless*, we know that the prince's name is actually describing his personality. Most of the time however, it is *prefixes* that hold the power in changing a base word to mean its opposite. Here are some examples:

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Task 1: Add the correct prefix to each word below to create the opposite meaning. (Hint: There are 4 words for each prefix and you will need to use a hyphen for the words starting with the prefixes 'non' and 'ill')

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| 1. activate | 2. mannered | 3. advantage | 4. regular | 5. patient |
| 6. legible | 7. fortunately | 8. perfect | 9. relevant | 10. logical |
| 11. believe | 12. adequate | 13. comfortable | 14. legal | 15. climax |
| 16. frosted | 17. negotiable | 18. clockwise | 19. contaminate | 20. returnable |
| 21. static | 22. considered | 23. accurate | 24. moral | 25. loyal |
| 26. hydrate | 27. violent | 28. reconcilable | 29. perspirant | 30. attached |
| 31. obey | 32. sensitive | 33. invasive | 34. familiar | 35. definite |
| 36. equipped | 37. balance | 38. favoured | 39. rational | 40. literate |

Task 2: What am I? I am a word that can be added to the start of the word *clockwise* to make it mean the opposite. I am... Can you think of other words to which I can be added to make them mean the opposite?

Extension Activities:

- Some words use two prefixes to create their opposite meaning e.g. **interested** can become *disinterested* and *uninterested* – how are these two opposite meanings slightly different? Use a dictionary to help you. (Do the same for the word **social**. What are the two prefixes that can be added to this word and how are the opposite meanings slightly different?) Can you think of any other examples?
- Compose a humorous poem where the sentences start with the words 'Fortunately' and 'Unfortunately'. For example:

*Fortunately my family lives in a beautiful mansion by the water,
Unfortunately the 'water' is the overflow of the local sewerage plant.
Fortunately my grandmother told me I was a wonderful singer,
Unfortunately I was actually doing an impression of a cockatoo at the time.*