

Antonyms are not insects!



> Part 1. Welcome to the Chinwag conversational English session!

Let's hear from everyone with a short talk about any topic you like! For example, something you recently did, a new person you've met or perhaps details about a recent or upcoming celebration or special occasion.

Talking about any topic is good practice for improving your conversational English!

> Part 2. Welcome to Antonyms!

The Ant, Cockroach, Blowfly, Click Beetle, Earwig and Emperor Moth are all Australian insects – but an antonym is not an insect!

An antonym is a word that means the opposite of another word. For example, **hot** and **cold** are antonyms, as are **good** and **bad**.

Some more examples are shown on the next page.

(Last week we talked about synonyms, which are words that have exactly the same or nearly the same meaning. A collection of synonyms is called a thesaurus.)

> Part 3. Pick-a-Topic card with Roleplay options!

If we have time, we can play pick-a-topic. Conversation and roleplay topics are written on the cards which are placed face-down on the table.

A student selects one card and talks about that topic.

If you don't like the topic on the card you selected, you can put the card back on the table (face-down) and choose another one.

There are lots of different topics to choose from!

> All Chinwag notes can be downloaded from:

<https://chinwag.ajeffrey.net> (Word format)

<https://chinwagpdf.ajeffrey.net> (PDF format)

Some Antonyms

Word	Antonym-1	Antonym-2	Antonym-3	Antonym-4
Absence	Presence	Plenty	Existence	Enough
Accept	Refuse	Fail	Deny	Reject
Accurate	Inaccurate	Indefinite	Unreliable	Faulty
Ancient	Modern	Current	Fresh	New
Answer	Question	Query	Quiet	Trouble
Approval	Disapproval	Denial	Veto	Refusal
Admit	Deny	Repudiate	Expel	Oust
Advance	Retreat	Retire	Behind	Later
Artificial	Natural	Genuine	Real	Unaffected
Ascend	Descend	Drop	Slump	Decline
Attention	Inattention	Disregard	Lethargy	Neglect
Asleep	Awake	Conscious	Attentive	Awake
Ally	Enemy	Antagonist	Detractor	Foe
Agree	Disagree	Reject	Resist	Object
Beginning	Ending	Finish	Epilogue	Finale
Blame	Praise	Approval	Peace	Ratification
Bitter	Sweet	Bland	Pleasant	Mild
Borrow	Lend	Forfeit	Lend	Return
Careful	Rush	Careless	Inexact	Unwise
Calm	Troubled	Harsh	Furious	Worried
Cheap	Dear	Expensive	Expensive	Worthy
Clever	Stupid	Foolish	Ignorant	Naïve
Correct	Incorrect	Improper	Invalid	Biased
Courteous	Discourteous	Rude	Uncivil	Unrefined
Beautiful	Ugly	Drab	Offensive	Repulsive
Gentle	Rough	Surly	Excited	Harsh
Giant	Dwarf	Pygmy	Dwarf	Teen
Happy	Sad	Miserable	Serious	Morose
Harmful	Harmless	Assisting	Honest	Fortunate
Hate	Love	Liking	Sympathy	Flattery
Healthy	Unhealthy	Ill	Diseased	Infirm
Hinder	Aid	Help	Further	Allow
Honest	Dishonest	Counterfeit	Deceitful	Corrupt
Interior	Exterior	Outside	Revealed	Public
Interesting	Uninteresting	Dull	Repulsive	Homely

For complete list see: <https://www.hitbullseye.com/Vocab/List-of-Antonyms.php>