

Opposites

absent *ADJECTIVE*
 not in the place you should be; not present
 ♦ There was no mention of his absent wife.
 ▷ **absence** *NOUN*
WORD HISTORY from Latin *absens*, from *abesse* 'to be away'

present and **absent** are *opposite* in meaning.

1 Give one-word answers:

The opposite of **far** is

The opposite of **fiction** is

The opposite of **concave** is

The opposite of **humble** is

The opposite of **stingy** is

2 The opposites of some words can be formed by placing **un-** or **in-** at the beginning. Form the opposite of each of the following words, and find another word which is also its opposite:

| | WORD | OPPOSITE |
|------|-------------|---------------------------|
| e.g. | exciting | <i>unexciting or dull</i> |
| | usual | |
| | frequent | |
| | expensive | |
| | prejudiced | |
| | secure | |

3 What does each of these words mean, and what is its opposite?

| | MEANING | OPPOSITE |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|
| anticlimax | | |
| nonsense | | |
| incautious | | |
| immobile | | |
| posterior | | |

4 What is the opposite of:

i the **maximum** daytime temperature?

ii a **deciduous** tree?

iii someone who is an **extrovert**?

iv **deducting** an amount?

v **dissent**?

vi **descending** order?