

opposite**1. ['ɒpəzɪt] n****1. противоположность**

direct opposite - прямая противоположность

quite /just/ the opposite - как раз наоборот, прямо противоположное

black and white are opposites - чёрное и белое - противоположности

2. лингв. антоним, слово с противоположным значением**2. ['ɒpəzɪt] a****1. находящийся напротив противоположный**

the opposite side of the street - противоположная сторона улицы

the house opposite (to) mine - дом напротив нашего

2. противоположный обратный

the opposite way /direction/ - противоположное направление

you should go the opposite way - вам надо идти в обратном направлении

3. противоположный по характеру, расположению, свойствам, природе

the opposite sex - противоположный пол

opposite sides in a controversy - спорящие стороны в дискуссии /полемике/

opposite poles - *эл.* разноимённые полюсы

opposite leaves on a stem - листья, расположенные на одной высоте друг против друга /на той же ветке/

to hold /to take/ opposite opinions - придерживаться противоположных взглядов

4. *мат.* противоположащий**3. ['ɒpəzɪt] adv**

напротив, против (друг друга)

to sit opposite - сидеть напротив

to play opposite - *театр.* играть главную женскую или мужскую роль в паре с другим актёром или актрисой**4. ['ɒpəzɪt] prep**

против, напротив по другую сторону

opposite Calais - по другую сторону Кале

opposite Olivier - *театр.* в паре с Оливьеto play opposite a leading lady - *театр.* играть вместе /в одном спектакле, в одной сцене/ с актрисой, исполняющей главную роль

we sat opposite each other - мы сидели друг против друга

the cheque was made opposite my name - чек был выписан на моё имя

opposite

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

▪ **op·pos·ite** [opposite opposites] adjective, adverb, noun, preposition *BrE*['ɒpəzɪt] *BrE* ['ɒpəzɪt] *NAmE* ['ɑːpəzət]**adjective****1. only before noun** on the other side of a particular area from sb/sth and usually facing them

• Answers are given on the opposite page.

• We live further down on the opposite side of the road.

• It's not easy having a relationship when you live at opposite ends of the country.

2. (used after the noun) facing the speaker or sb/sth that has been mentioned

• I could see smoke coming from the windows of the house directly opposite.

• He sat down in the chair opposite.

3. usually before noun as different as possible from sth

• I watched them leave and then drove off in the opposite direction.

• She tried calming him down but it seemed to be having the opposite effect.

• students at opposite ends of the ability range

more at pull in different/opposite directions **at** ↑pull *v.*Word Origin:late Middle English: via Old French from Latin *oppositus*, past participle of *opponere* 'set against'.Thesaurus:**opposite** *adj.* usually before noun

• Unfortunately her attempts to calm him had the opposite effect.

reverse • • **contrary** • • **inverse** • • **opposed** •**Opp: same**the opposite/reverse **direction/side/order/effect**opposite/contrary **view/opinion**Their **views/opinions** are opposed.Example Bank:

• I'm trying to teach students at opposite ends of the ability range.

Idioms: ↑opposite sex ▪ ↑opposites attract ▪ ↑your opposite number**noun**

a person or thing that is as different as possible from sb/sth else

- Hot and cold are opposites.
- What is **the opposite of** heavy?
- I thought she would be small and blonde but she's **the complete opposite** .
- Exactly the opposite is true.
- 'Is it better now?' ' **Quite the opposite** , I'm afraid.'

Word Origin:

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Thesaurus:

opposite noun C

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contrast • **the contrary** • |especially written the reverse • |technical antonym •

be the opposite/a contrast/the reverse

do the opposite/contrary/reverse

quite the opposite/contrary/reverse/quite a contrast

Example Bank:

- 'Light' is the opposite of 'heavy'.
- Doubt is not the opposite of faith— unbelief is.
- In temperament, she was the complete opposite to her sister.
- Most people look forward to the weekend, but with him the opposite is true.
- The effect was exactly the opposite to what he intended.
- The oboe tends to lose power in the upper register, but with the clarinet the opposite is the case.
- 'Is it better now?' 'Quite the opposite, I'm afraid.'
- I thought she would be small and blonde but she's the complete opposite.

preposition

1. on the other side of a particular area from sb/sth, and usually facing them

- I sat opposite him during the meal (= on the other side of the table) .
- The bank is opposite the supermarket (= on the other side of the road) .
- Write your address opposite (= next to) your name.

2. acting in a film/movie or play as the partner of sb

- She starred opposite Tom Hanks.

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II. op-pos-ite adverb

- There's a newly married couple living opposite (= on the other side of the road) .
- See opposite (= on the opposite page) for further details.

Main entry: ↑opposite_{derived}

opposite

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I. **op-po-site**¹ **S2 W2** /'ɒpəzət, 'ɒpəzɪt \$ 'ɑp-BrE[™] AmE[™] preposition

1. *especially British English* if one thing or person is opposite another, they are facing each other:

- The people sitting opposite us looked very familiar.
- on the wall opposite the door

▶ Do not say that one thing is 'opposite to' or 'opposite of' another. Say that one thing is **opposite** another: *There's a car park opposite the hotel.*

2. **play/star/appear etc opposite somebody** to act with someone in a film, especially as the two main characters:

- a comedy in which he stars opposite Julia Roberts

II. **opposite**² *BrE[™] AmE[™] adjective [only before noun]*

[**Word Family:** adjective: ↑opposed ≠ ↑unopposed, ↑opposing, ↑opposite; noun: ↑opposition, ↑opposite; verb: ↑oppose; adverb: ↑opposite]

[**Date:** 1300-1400; **Language:** French; **Origin:** Latin, past participle of *opponere*; ⇔ ↑oppose]

1. as different as possible from something else:

- I thought the medicine would make him sleep, but it had the opposite effect.

at the opposite end of the scale/spectrum

- two parties at opposite ends of the political spectrum
- At the opposite extreme, Ashworth's style is very simple and modern.
- Bob was quicker than Ed? It's usually the opposite way round.

opposite to

- a political philosophy that was opposite to everything she believed in

2. the opposite direction, way etc is directly away from someone or something:

- She turned and walked off in the opposite direction.
- But the sign was pointing the opposite way.

3. the opposite side, corner, edge etc of something is on the other side of the same area, often facing it:

The store was on the opposite side of the street.

the drawing on the opposite page

They work at opposite ends of the country (=a long distance apart), so only see each other at weekends.

4. **the opposite sex** the other sex. If you are a man, women are the opposite sex:

members of the opposite sex

5. **sb's opposite number** someone who has the same job in another similar organization:

a meeting with her opposite number at the Department of Health

III. **opposite**³ BrE AmE noun [countable]

[Word Family: adjective: ↑opposed ≠ ↑unopposed, ↑opposing, ↑opposite; noun: ↑opposition, ↑opposite; verb: ↑oppose; adverb: ↑opposite]

1. a person or thing that is as different as possible from someone or something else

opposite of

What's the opposite of 'optimistic'?

She's quite shy, the exact opposite of Becky.

The two men were complete opposites – Simon tall and fair, Clive short and dark.

If anything, the opposite was true.

Is it sensible to think of masculine/feminine as polar opposites (=exactly or completely opposite)?

2. **not ... just/quite the opposite** used to say that something is completely different from what has just been said:

I didn't feel sleepy at all – just the opposite, in fact.

3. **opposites attract** used to say that often people who have completely different characters become friends or are attracted to each other

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COLLOCATIONS (for Meanings 1 & 2)

■ adjectives

- **the complete/total opposite** She is the complete opposite of her sister.
- **the exact/precise/direct opposite** My own experience says that the exact opposite is true.
- **the polar opposite of something** (also **polar opposites**) (=used about two things, people etc that are completely opposite) These two viewpoints seem like polar opposites. | Mum was the polar opposite of dear old Dad.

■ phrases

- **the opposite is the case/is true** People believe the sun moved around the earth, but Copernicus showed that the opposite was the case.
- **exactly/precisely the opposite** (=completely different than what has been said) It looks simple, but it is exactly the opposite.
- **the very opposite** (=exactly the opposite) Exercise does not increase the appetite - in fact, the very opposite is true.
- **just/quite the opposite** (=exactly the opposite) He wasn't laughing. Quite the opposite, in fact.

■ verbs

- **do the opposite** Whatever I tell him to do, he does the opposite.

IV. **opposite**⁴ BrE AmE adverb especially British English

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in a position on the other side of the same area:

Hannah lives just opposite.

opposite

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 RANGE: **2k** OPPOSITE ²²¹⁹⁴
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