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| What are antonyms? Antonyms are like word opposites.  Examples: hot - cold fast - slow happy - sad |

## Practice your knowledge of antonyms with the flashcards!

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| hot  cold | happy  sad |
| big  small | easy  difficult |
| strong  weak | light  dark |
| clean  dirty | quiet  loud |
| hard  soft | rich  poor |

### Fill in the blank with the antonym of the word in brackets.

Forests are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (small) areas of land covered with trees and other plants. They are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (away) to many different species of animals and provide a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (desert) for them to live in. Forests can be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sparse) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (easy) to navigate, but they are also \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (ugly) and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (noisy) places. They are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (insignificant) for the environment because they help to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (dirty) the air and provide oxygen. Forests can be found all over the world, from the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (polar) rainforests to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (extreme) forests in cooler climates. They are a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (sink) of wood for building and paper products, but they are also important for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) and tourism. Unfortunately, forests are being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (preserved) at an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (calming) rate due to deforestation. It is important to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (harm) our forests so that they can continue to provide benefits for future generations.

What are antonyms?

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Can you name two antonyms for the word 'big'?

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Why are antonyms important to know?

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