15 Opposites – 1

When you see an adjective in a sentence, ask yourself if it is possible to replace it by its opposite. You will notice that some adjectives have several opposites depending on the context.

The opposite of *short*, for example, could be *long* or *tall*. Can you think of any more examples like this? A good dictionary will help you. It's another word partnership problem!

Complete each sentence with the opposite of the word in brackets. Choose from the following list. Use each word once only.

approximate	**full-time**	**marked**	**private**
basic	**internal**	**negative**	**short**
complex	**light**	**partial**	
compulsory	**low**	**permanent**	

1. The new complaints procedure has been a . . . . . success. (COMPLETE)
2. Have you got the . . . . . sales figures? (EXACT)
3. The post went to an . . . . . candidate. (EXTERNAL)
4. I didn't expect my salary to be as . . . . . as this! (HIGH)
5. There's a lot of . . . . . industry in the area. (HEAVY)
6. We're expecting big savings in the . . . . . term. (LONG)
7. Wearing a tie was . . . . . in his office. (OPTIONAL)
8. She has a . . . . . job as a shorthand typist. (PART-TIME)
9. There was a very . . . . . reaction to my suggestion. (POSITIVE)
10. Wages have risen more slowly in the . . . . . sector. (PUBLIC)
11. The company has a . . . . . management structure. (SIMPLE)
12. There was a . . . . . improvement in efficiency. (SLIGHT)
13. We could see he was using very . . . . . equipment. (SOPHISTICATED)
14. He's got himself a . . . . . job as a mechanic. (TEMPORARY)