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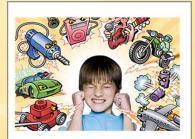
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Opposites: A pairs game

Knowing a range of opposites is an important part of us understanding how words work and of being able to describe things and use words accurately when we speak.

Opposites are also binary - sitting at either end of a concept. When children understand this, they can begin to explore the words and meanings that lie in-between opposites.

To play this game:

- Print, then cut out, the opposites cards.
- Spread the cards out, face down on a table or floor.
- The first player turns over two cards. Are they opposites?
- If they are, the player keeps the pair. If not, the cards get turned back over.
- Now the second payer turns two cards over. Are the cards opposites? Talk about what would be the opposite of each one if they don't make a pair.
- Keep going until all the cards are matched.
- The winner is the player with the most pairs.

Top Tip... think about more opposites. Write a list of as many as you can.

