

Opposites

Exercise 1.

Match the words in *italics* with their opposites in the box on the right. The first one has been done for you as an example.

1. The opposite of *back* is **front**
2. The opposite of *acute* is
3. The opposite of *dead* is
4. The opposite of *improve* is
5. The opposite of *healthy* is
6. The opposite of *open* is
7. The opposite of *major* is
8. The opposite of *reduce* is
9. The opposite of *smooth* is
10. The opposite of *benign* is

alive
chronic
closed
deteriorate
front
ill
increase
malignant
minor
rough

Exercise 2.

Complete these sentences using the words from Exercise 1. Use one word from each pair of opposites.

1. She had an ----- attack of shingles.
2. He became excited, causing his pulse rate to -----.
3. He was very ill, but now his condition has begun to -----.
4. The calf muscles are at the ----- of the lower leg.
5. She put cream on her hands, which were ----- from heavy work.
6. The tumour is ----- and so may reappear even if removed surgically.
7. The hospital is ----- to visitors from noon to five o'clock.
8. The doctor arrived too late: the patient was already -----.
9. There's nothing wrong with you: you're completely -----.
10. He had to undergo ----- surgery on his heart.