**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**  | alive |
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| 2. The opposite of *acute* is  | chronic |
| 3. The opposite of *dead* is  | closed |
| 4. The opposite of *improve* is  | deteriorate |
| 5. The opposite of *healthy* is  | ~~front~~ |
| 6. The opposite of *open* is  | ill |
| 7. The opposite of *major* is  | increase |
| 8. The opposite of *reduce* is  | malignant |
| 9. The opposite of *smooth* is  | minor |
| 10. The opposite of *benign* is  | 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.

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