

## 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
<del>front</del>
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.

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