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Reader's Workshop

Identify Antonyms Using Context Clues

Directions: Read the sentences. Use context clues to figure out the missing antonym.
Circle the correct antonym.

1. Edna's mom bought an original painting.
The opposite of original is _____.

watercolor poster copy picture

2. The beach was private. Only people who lived nearby could use it.
The opposite of private is _____.

swimmers owners public bathers

3. Jon raised the window to let air into the stuffy room.
The opposite of raise is _____.

clean lower lift break

4. "You can't stay here," said the police officer. "You must leave the area."
The opposite of leave is _____.

arrive stop stay depart

5. Ellie spoke rudely to everyone she met.
The opposite of rude is _____.

sassy nasty sleepy silly polite

6. "I always obey the law," said Mr. Po. "I do what is legal."
The opposite of legal is _____.

uncertain illegal disobedient unpopular