

***Gradable*** (more/less)

beautiful – ugly  
big – small  
cheap – expensive  
early – late  
empty – full  
fat – thin  
gloomy – cheerful  
good – bad  
happy – sad  
hard – soft  
heavy – light  
high – low  
hot – cold  
increase – decrease  
little – large  
long – short  
loud – soft  
rich – poor  
rough – smooth  
satisfactory – unsatisfactory  
simple – complicated/complex  
sweet – sour  
weak – strong  
wide – narrow  
young – old

***Complementary or nongradable***

(compared with gradable terms: either/or  
compared with converse terms: X can exist without Y)

agree – disagree  
asleep – awake  
come – go  
dead – alive  
definite – indefinite  
entrance – exit  
export – import  
guilty – innocent  
hero – coward  
horizontal – vertical  
male – female  
occupied – unoccupied / vacant  
off – on  
optimist – pessimist  
peace – war  
poetry – prose  
push – pull  
remember – forget  
same – different  
sense – nonsense  
single – married  
success – failure  
synonym – antonym

true – false  
vowel – consonant

***Converse or relational*** (opposite points of view – X cannot exist without Y)

above – below  
attack – defence  
before – after  
borrow – lend  
buy – sell  
doctor – patient  
east – west  
employer – employee  
fraction – whole  
guest – host  
hill – valley  
husband – wife  
junior – senior  
king/queen – subject  
landlord – tenant  
leader – follower  
night – day  
parent – child  
plug – socket  
policeman – criminal  
servant – master  
speaker – listener  
teach – learn  
victory – defeat  
winning – losing