

Opposites exercise

Complete the following sentences using a word opposite in meaning to the underlined word.

1. Coffee is a stimulant while opium is a

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retardant

sedative

pacifier

2. The peacock is beautiful, but the ostrich is

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ugly

plain

clumsy

dirty

3. The tiger is carnivorous whereas the cow is

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viviparous

omnivorous

herbivorous

4. The like poles of a magnet while unlike poles attract.

detest

rival

repel

disgust

5. Love is a virtue while hatred is a

wise

vise

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vice

6. The road ascends to the top of the hill and then to the plain on the other side.

condescends

concedes

descends

7. These rules are too rigid. We need more ones.

lucid

timid

flexible

8. Kindness is admired, but cruelty is

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wicked

despised

disgusted

9. Some parts are separable from the whole and some are

inseparable

unseparable

inseparable

10. We should not oppose or a government blindly.

approve

support

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join

disapprove

Answers

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4. The like poles of a magnet repel while unlike poles attract.
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6. The road ascends to the top of the hill and then descends to the plain on the other side.
7. These rules are too rigid. We need more flexible ones.
8. Kindness is admired, but cruelty is despised.
9. Some parts are separable from the whole and some are inseparable.
10. We should not oppose or support a government blindly.