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Synonyms and Antonyms—9th-12th Grades

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3. Elizabeth tried to appear graceful, but the high-heeled shoes hampered her efforts.

4. I think that adding curtains to the windows will really enhance our classroom. _____
5. I explained to Mr. Harris about my missing homework, but he said my story wasn't credible.

6. During the football game, Kelvin suffered a laceration to his elbow. _____
7. If you want to pass the class, you should heed my advice to study. _____

Write a word that is an **antonym** for the given word. If you do not know an antonym, consult a reference source, such as a thesaurus.

8. Blatant _____
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10. Tentative _____
11. Accolade _____
12. Pliable _____
13. Abstain _____
14. Hasten _____

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Answers--Synonyms and Antonyms—9th-12th Grades

Answers given are one possible answer; Other synonyms and antonyms should be accepted.

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1. I really do abhor Brussels sprouts. **hate**
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hindered
4. I think that adding curtains to the windows will really enhance our classroom. **improve**
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believable
6. During the football game, Kelvin suffered a laceration to his elbow. **cut**
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8. Blatant **subtle**
9. Oblivious **aware**
10. Tentative **definite**
11. Accolade **criticism**
12. Pliable **rigid**
13. Abstain **indulge**
14. Hasten **dawdle**