## Determine the Meaning of Words Using Antonyms in Context #2

Directions: Underline the antonym of the word in **bold** in each paragraph.



- 1. When Tito first arrived in the city of Thistle on Planet Xerva, he could not believe this **ghastly** place would be his home for the next year. But a few days later, he was delighted when he discovered an **alluring** garden in the center of the city.
- Every ounce of food and drink in the space station's storage room was synthetic, designed to
  provide healthy nutrition for decades. While Kate knew it was a highly **pragmatic** approach
  to feeding her people, she also knew it was <u>unrealistic</u> to believe they'd be fully satisfied with
  the bland flavors.
- 3. As the slime-covered creature slithered past Juan, he expected it to smell as **noxious** as it looked. But the scent that floated off the creature was surprisingly as <u>fragrant</u> as a bouquet of roses.
- 4. The leaders of the Ehmu and Umthala colonies had <u>acknowledged</u> the treaty indicating the boundary line between the two settlements. But soon after, the inhabitants of the Ehmu colony announced that they **repudiated** the deal and would move forward with plans to build a solar farm on Ehmu's territory.
- 5. Much of the training manual explained <u>essential</u> information for Jojo's upcoming journey to the outer solar system. But in the back of the manual, there was a section that was packed with advice about more **trivial** topics, such as how to play a game of zero-gravity chess.
- 6. Jelani tried to think of ways to make his **adversaries** into <u>friends</u> instead. Their initial encounter had been awkward and tense, but he believed they could find common ground to work together.
- 7. There was nothing <u>ambiguous</u> about Sandrine's reaction when she first heard the news about moving to Planet Xerva. And just to make sure her feelings were absolutely **explicit**, she wrote her parents a long letter explaining why she thought this was a terrible idea.
- 8. When the news broke about Nova Division's **acquisition** of the nisogen tablet, colonists quickly forgot about the division's recent <u>loss</u> of its virtual reality equipment. Instead, they celebrated the nutrient that would soon allow them to grow fresh fruits and vegetables on Planet Xerva.
- 9. Rather than <u>ignore</u> a year's worth of hard work, patience, and compromise, the Earthlings and citizens of Xerva gathered to **commemorate** the one-year anniversary of the Earthlings' arrival on Planet Xerva. As they offered gifts to each other, they acknowledged how far they'd come in their partnership.