## 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 unrealistic 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 fragrant as a bouquet of roses.
- 4. The leaders of the Ehmu and Umthala colonies had acknowledged 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 essential 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 friends instead. Their initial encounter had been awkward and tense, but he believed they could find common ground to work together.
- 7. There was nothing ambiguous 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 loss 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 ignore 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.