

OPPOSITES

Lesson Fifty-Seven

Objectives: This lesson is on the vocabulary of opposites. You'll get practice describing qualities and their opposites, and constructing sentences with them.

Activities: 1. Use the list of opposites to construct sentences along the lines of:

The book is thick but the paper is thin.
The stone is heavy but the feather is light.

2. Using the words in the list, make up sentences describing your immediate environment.

Translation
of List:

thick - thin
light - heavy
easy - difficult
new - old
long - short
narrow - wide
open - closed, shut
fast - slow
for - against
wet - dry
before - after - during
in front of - behind - between - next to
always - sometimes - never
all - none - some
bent - straight
up - down
many - few

KAAITARAAN TAEKA

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Activities: Koroi kibu n taeka n aron:

E matenten te boki ma e mmanii baana.

E rawaawata te atiibu ma e beebete te burae ni man.

List of
Opposites:

matenten - mmanii
beebete - rawaawata
beebete - kanganga
boou - mane
anaanau - kimototo
irariki - raababa
uki - in, bono
waekoa - waeremwe
buoka - kaaitaraa
m'au - m'aim'ai
im'aain - imwiin - inanon
imoa - ibuki - imarenan - ni kaan
n taai nako - n tabetai - n aki toki
ni kabane - akea - tabeua
baoua - eti
eta - naano
m'aiti - tabeua

Additional
Activities:

Using the list as a guide, break into two teams with each team member in turn giving a word, and the opposite player giving its opposite. To successfully stump your opponent you must be able to give the word he couldn't think of. Take turns and score a point each time you stump the other team. Make up your own variations.

Outside
Activities:

Work at expanding the list of opposites given in this lesson, accumulating new forms when they come up in conversation. Are there forms in Kiribati for distinctions which aren't made apparent in English? Vice-versa? How many of the words can have different meanings in different contexts?

Grammatical
Reference:

Along with this lesson it would be a good idea to study or review lessons 29 & 30 in the grammar, on adjectives and comparison of adjectives. Practice the various comparative forms with the list in this lesson.

