

## ANTONYMIC COUPLETS

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An *antonymic couplet* consists of a pair of two-word phrases in which the first words are adjectives that are antonyms of one another and the second words are rhyming nouns. As an example, the response to the prompts “1981 De Niro film / inaccuracies” would be TRUE CONFESSIONS / FALSE IMPRESSIONS. If poetry is your forté, use the forty component clues given below to create the twenty antonymic couplets that they suggest.

1. blizzard / illuminated display of color
2. something taken off a short pier / brief oration
3. pizzeria order / children
4. initial stage, figuratively / bottom of the heap
5. brougham, for one / liberal type of union
6. worm catcher / last-minute news
7. winter road hazard / denizens of the laboratory
8. causes of excitement / tricycles
9. sewer’s production / vulnerable part
10. 1969 Fonda flick / alcoholic apple drink
11. optimal presentation / poorest scenario
12. one predisposed to misbehavior / scout’s action
13. inert mass / angler’s dangler, perhaps
14. type of battle scar / swim in the altogether
15. tightrope / requirement for simmering
16. skin cleanser / squad on a winning streak
17. behind the curtain / locale of important headlines
18. aggressive promotion / type of crab
19. inebriate’s residue / maximum power
20. type of stock transaction / blatantly false narrative