

Opposites



Read this poem aloud.

Some Opposites

What is the opposite of *riot*?
It's *lots of people keeping quiet*.

The opposite of *doughnut*? Wait
A minute while I meditate.
This isn't easy. Ah, I've found it!
A cookie with a hole around it.

What is the opposite of *two*?
A lonely me, a lonely you.

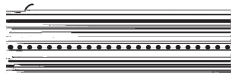
The opposite of a cloud could be
A white reflection in the sea,
Or a huge blueness in the air,
Caused by a cloud's not being there.

The opposite of *opposite*?
That's much too difficult. I quit.

Richard Wilbur

In the list below, underline the words that can have **opposites**, and draw a circle around those that cannot. Then write down the underlined words and their **opposites**.

far door blue wrong grass quickly pencil light
happy fridge ten town small computer duck



Now look at the words you have circled. Pick three, and make up **words** or **phrases** that could be "joke" **opposites** for them. Write your "joke" **opposites** and your reasons below.

 (a wall is  if you have no door!)

You may have found words that cannot even have "joke" **opposites**. Write them here.

