Opposites

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What is the opposite of day?
The opposite of day is night.
What is the opposite of hot?
The opposite of hot is cold.
What is the opposite of goodbye?
The opposite of goodbye is hello.
What is the opposite of happy?
The opposite of happy is sad.
What is the opposite of young?
The opposite of young is old.
What is the opposite of closed?
The opposite of closed is open.
What is the opposite of loud?
The opposite of loud is quiet.
What is the opposite of go?
The opposite of go is stop.
Before reading the book, ask your child if he remembers the title of the book. Have him point to the title as he reads “Opposites.” Ask him to look at the photograph on the cover and tell you what it shows. Then ask, “Are thumbs up and thumbs down opposites?”

Take a few moments to look at the photographs on each page. Ask your child to tell you about each one. Comment on any pictures that remind you of a person or situation familiar to you and your family.

As you and your child read the book, ask him to point to the words. Encourage him to sound out the words “hot,” “sad,” and “stop.” Remind him that he can use the clues in the photographs to help him figure out any unknown words.

After reading the book, invite your child to play a game with you. You say a word and he thinks of the word that means the opposite. For example, you say “low” and he responds “high.” You say “in” and he responds “out.”

Visit the library and look for other books about opposites.
This is the student version of Opposites, one of a series of SFA Big Books developed by the Success for All Foundation to help young children explore theme-related ideas. These engaging books build children’s enjoyment of books, their vocabulary, and their understanding of how printed words and pictures communicate meaning.

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