

# 100 Antithesis Statement Examples

- “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” – Charles Dickens
- “Better to reign in Hell than serve in Heaven.” – John Milton
- “Many are called, but few are chosen.”
- “Speech is silver, but silence is golden.”
- “Man proposes, God disposes.”
- “Give every man thy ear, but few thy voice.” – William Shakespeare
- “You’re easy on the eyes, but hard on the heart.”
- “Love is an ideal thing, marriage a real thing.” – Goethe
- “To be or not to be.” – William Shakespeare
- “Money is the root of all evils: poverty is the fruit of all goodness.”
- “The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here.” – Abraham Lincoln
- “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” – John F. Kennedy
- “They promised freedom and provided chains.”
- “One small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind.” – Neil Armstrong
- “You are the wind beneath my wings.”
- “Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.” – James Baldwin
- “Some rise by sin, and some by virtue fall.” – William Shakespeare
- “The sun is new each day.” – Heraclitus

- “I’d rather be a hammer than a nail.”
- “Evil men fear the good, and the good fear the evil.”
- “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.
- “They got together like oil and water.”
- “Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee.” – Muhammad Ali
- “The hurtful sting of love, the peaceful balm of hate.”
- “It’s not the years in your life that count, it’s the life in your years.” – Abraham Lincoln
- “In peace you are for war, and in war you long for peace.” – Cicero
- “Hatred stirs up conflict, but love covers over all wrongs.”
- “He who desires peace, should prepare for war.”
- “The loud praise of enemies is a faint damnation.”
- “The more you think, the less you know.”
- “In order to lead, one must follow.”
- “While the mind sees only boundaries, love knows the secret way there.”
- “The modern world belongs to the half-educated, a rather difficult class because they do not realize how little they know.” – William R. Inge
- “With malice toward none, with charity for all.” – Abraham Lincoln
- “The passions of the young are vices in the old.”
- “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks, but you can’t stop it from chasing cars either.”
- “Though I am not naturally honest, I am sometimes so by chance.” – William Shakespeare
- “Where there is agreement, there can be no debate.”
- “No pain, no gain.”
- “The more you judge, the less you love.”

- “When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.” – Jimi Hendrix
- “While we speak, time is envious and is running away from us.” – Horace
- “Success makes so many people hate you. I wish it wasn’t that way. It would be wonderful to enjoy success without seeing envy in the eyes of those around you.”  
– Marilyn Monroe
- “If you want to be happy, be.” – Leo Tolstoy
- “The desire for safety stands against every great and noble enterprise.” – Tacitus
- “If you chase two rabbits, you will not catch either one.”
- “When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.” – Thomas Jefferson
- “Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.” – Jean-Jacques Rousseau
- “Truth is simple, lies are complex.”
- “To err is human; to forgive, divine.” – Alexander Pope
- “Winners never quit, quitters never win.”
- “The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet.” – Aristotle
- “I can resist everything except temptation.” – Oscar Wilde
- “Destruction leads to a very rough road, but it also breeds creation.” – Red Hot Chili Peppers
- “I’m a dreamer and a realist.”
- “The silence isn’t empty, it’s full of answers.”
- “You can save money by spending it.”
- “War does not determine who is right – only who is left.”
- “Mountains do not rise without earthquakes.”
- “The darkest hours have only sixty minutes.”
- “The bigger they are, the harder they fall.”
- “Ignorance, the root and stem of all evil.” – Plato

- “You can’t drown if you don’t get wet.”
- “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” – Winston Churchill
- “If it weren’t for the last minute, nothing would get done.”
- “There is no light without shadow.”
- “You can have peace. Or you can have freedom. Don’t ever count on having both at once.” – Robert A. Heinlein
- “If you wish to reach the highest, begin at the lowest.” – Publilius Syrus
- “The louder he talked of his honor, the faster we counted our spoons.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson
- “Less is more.”
- “The first shall be last.”
- “We live in a world where bad stories are told, stories that teach us life doesn’t mean anything and that humanity has no great purpose.” – Donald Miller
- “There is no love without hate.”
- “It’s bittersweet.”
- “The heart that loves is always young, but the love that hearts is always old.”
- “It’s awfully simple to be good, but it’s mighty hard to be simple.”
- “The enemy of my enemy is my friend.”
- “The beginning of the end.”
- “It’s always darkest before the dawn.”
- “I must be cruel to be kind.” – William Shakespeare
- “The more you know, the less you understand.” – Lao Tzu
- “There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy.” – William Shakespeare

- “The eye by long use comes to see even in the darkest cavern: and there is no subject so obscure but we may discern some glimpse of truth by long poring on it.” – John Locke
- “He who knows only his side of the case, knows little of that.” – John Stuart Mill
- “To love is to suffer, to avoid suffering one must not love. But then one suffers from not loving.” – Woody Allen
- “He who establishes his argument by noise and command shows that his reason is weak.” – Michel de Montaigne
- “Hunger is the best sauce.”
- “While Rome burns, Nero fiddles.”
- “We find comfort among those who agree with us, and growth among those who don’t.”
- “You have to be cruel to be kind.”
- “He’s the king of the castle, but she wears the pants.”
- “Courage is found in unlikely places.”
- “While the pot boils, friendship blooms.”
- “Where there is smoke, there is fire.”
- “He’s a shining star in a dark universe.”
- “He’s a night owl in a world ruled by early birds.”
- “Truth emerges more readily from error than from confusion.” – Francis Bacon
- “One man’s terrorist is another man’s freedom fighter.”
- “We must embrace pain and burn it as fuel for our journey.” – Kenji Miyazawa
- “You can be a king or a street sweeper, but everybody dances with the Grim Reaper.” – Robert Alton Harris