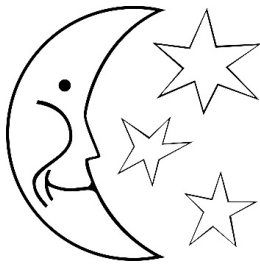
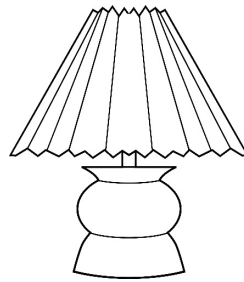


CONTRONYMS

A contronym is a word that has two contradictory meanings.



The stars are **out**.



The light is **out**.

1. Match the contronyms to their contradictory meanings. Use a dictionary.
2. Write two sentences demonstrating the two different meanings. For an extra challenge, use the word twice in one sentence showing the two different meanings.
3. Alternatively, illustrate the two meanings of the word.

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bound	Sprinkle with fine particles	Firmly fixed or attached
dust	Secure with a bar	To boycott
fast	Remaining	Flee
left	To approve	Wear away
sanction	Withstand	Departing
weather	Quick	Restrained from moving
finished	Visible (as in stars)	A disadvantage
handicap	An advantage	Ended or destroyed
out	Stop from doing	Invisible (as in lights)
refrain	Completed	To remove a covering
skin	Particular type	To start up
variety	Superior quality	Repeating
wind up	A covering	Satisfactory or acceptable
fine	To end	Many types

4. Brainstorm some recently developed contronyms.

Contronym	Meaning 1	Meaning 2
sick		
bad		

Answers

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