**Against Vocabulary Investigation**

1. To make unclear; to conceal or make less obvious
2. An opponent
3. Unable to associate with other people; not sociable
4. A weight used to balance another weight; (v) to balance or offset
5. Something used to kill germs; free of germs
6. Unyielding; unreasonably determined to have one’s own way
7. A statement that is opposite to another statement
8. Producing the opposite of what is desired or intended
9. Very unpleasant and objectionable
10. Not straight; slanting, inclined or sloping

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| **Prefixes** | ***Meaning*** | ***Words you Already Know*** | ***Student Examples*** |
| Ant-, anti- | Against | **Antifreeze, antiseptic** |  |
| Contra-, counter- | Against | **Counterclockwise, contrast** |  |
| Ob- | Against, facing | **Observe, object** |  |

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| **Vocabulary Term** | **Used in Context** | **Definition** |
| **Anatagonist (n)** | The hero in the story was very kind, and the antagonist was extremely evil. |  |
| **Antiseptic (n) or (adj)** | She cleaned the wound with antiseptic before bandaging it. |  |
| **Antisocial (adj)** | He is so antisocial; he never wants to do things with other people. |  |
| **Contradiction (n)** | Cory’s statement was a contradiction of what James said happened. |  |
| **Counterbalance (n) or (v)** | When sitting on a see saw, it’s good to have someone about the same weight to counterbalance you. |  |
| **Counterproductive (adj)** | Her actions were completely counterproductive; in fact, they made the task more difficult. |  |
| **Oblique (adj)** | Draw an oblique line through the square to make two triangles. |  |
| **Obnoxious (adj)** | The rotting fruit gave off an obnoxious smell. |  |
| **Obscure (v)** | He tried to obscure his footsteps by brushing a tree branch over the trail. |  |
| **Obstinate (adj)** | The obstinate child kicked and screamed when she didn’t get what she wanted. |  |