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 temperature ranges                       periods of time between events  
 different volumes or amounts            depths of liquids
2. The only desert flora some people know about are cacti, but trees, bushes, and even flowers can grow there too.



4. All of the weather forecasts for this weekend predict an accumulation of snow greater than three feet!  
 low temperatures                       sudden melting  
 strong storm                               a buildup or pile
5. In 1674, Antonie van Leeuwenhoek made a momentous discovery: single-celled life moving under a microscope!  
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 of great importance                       not able to be repeated

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- to make dangerous by contact         to change the temperature of
7. The explorer collected many specimens to bring back to the lab, including rocks, insects, and clippings from plants.
- different species                           harmless objects
- written notes                                 examples for study



- distance                                       something bright
10. All of the tests on the new medicine aren't done yet, but the preliminary results are very promising!
- not able to be trusted                       coming before something else
- final     completely unhelpful

Use context clues to identify and circle the two words that are antonyms.

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