

1. Antipathy is a feeling of strong dislike or opposition towards something. EX: Antipathy towards the government has increased in recent years.

2. Hostile or unsympathetic are adjectives that describe this condition. EX: More people are hostile to government now than in the past. Many are unsympathetic with the pressures congressmen feel.

3. Aversion is a feeling of intense dislike or unwillingness to do something. EX: I felt an aversion to the hotel manager as soon as he came into the room with his greasy hair and sly looks.

4. Averse to means opposed to, usually used with not. EX: I'm not averse to a couple of glasses of wine, but I don't approve of drunkenness.

More words for intense negative feelings are in the chart below. Read their meanings and use each part of speech in a sentence.

Noun	Meaning	Adjective	Verb
loathing	intense hatred	loathsome	loathe
abhorrence	intense disgust	abhorrent	abhor
scorn	lack of respect for something or someone felt to be worthless	scornful	scorn
revulsion	strong disgust	revolting	revolt
repulsion	opposite of strong attraction	repulsive	repulse

There is a reality TV show where people have to eat revolting things. What things would be on your list of revolting food? What food do you eat that others might think is revolting? Anyone eat duck embryos, snails or fried tarantulas?

#### **Adjectives with negative associations:**

1. bland-lacking taste, character or interest. Do you prefer bland food or spicy food?

2. dowdy-dull in appearance or lacking style. Sometimes I wear dowdy clothing around the house. What is your idea of dowdy clothing?

3. fickle-changing opinions suddenly without reason. Has anyone ever accused you of being fickle? Do you think women change their minds more than men?

4. fuddy-duddy- old fashioned. Sometimes I accuse my husband of being an old fuddy-duddy because he likes to wear baggy slacks even though the styles are tight pants. Am I wrong to accuse him? Do you make your spouse wear stylish clothing?

5. nit-picking- too concerned about unimportant details. Are you a nit-picker? Do you insist that the job be done perfectly. What is the opposite of a nit-picker? Which is worse: a nit-picker or someone who doesn't do a thorough job?

6.obsequious- too eager to praise or obey. In some cultures this trait might be valued. Is it in your culture? Is it in American culture?

7.ostentatious-displaying wealth. Many Americans go in for ostentatious displays of wealth. In other cultures that would be very bad. Humility is more valued. How does your culture compare to American culture in this way?

**Discussion-Students, pick one of the topics below, read the paragraph then answer the question. Ask others in the group to comment.**

1. I am not good at math and really abhor doing the bookkeeping for my parents household. I put it off as long as possible and sometimes, let bank statements back up for several months before reconciling them with my checkbook. Talk about something you abhor doing?

2. Pet Aversions: I am averse to touching snakes. My husband and sons think snakes are really cool. They like to go to nature talks where they bring live snakes and pass them around for the kids to hold. I am afraid of snakes and would rather die than hold one. My kids have begged for a pet snake, but I have forbidden snakes in my house. Are you averse to any particular animals? Is there an animal you would forbid your kids from having as a pet?

3. I know a woman who loves to flaunt her wealth. She wears ostentatious diamond jewelry that catches your eye immediately. She even wears her diamond jewelry when she goes to the gym to work out. I am amused by it. How do you feel about people that flaunt their wealth? Do you see that more in the U.S. than in your own country?

4-Should we show respect to a person's opinions even if we find them abhorrent? Is there ever a time you should speak up about abhorrent opinions? For example: There are some people who believe in White Nationalism. This is the view that only white people are valuable. All others should go back to their own countries. Most Americans find this philosophy abhorrent. It makes us very angry. What would you do if someone was standing in the street preaching White Nationalism? Would you just ignore them, or confront them. What kind of abhorrent philosophies do you find in your country?