Word Study

Today's word study is about **contronyms**. You know, 'onym' words like, antonym, homonym, and, the ever popular, synonym

A **contronym** is the name of a category of words that are <u>spelled the same</u> and <u>pronounced the</u> <u>same</u> yet are <u>opposite in meaning</u>. They are described as words that are their own antonyms.

What fun!

Below is a list of contronyms. Your task is to explain how each word is a contronym by way of definition and example.

- 1. Apology
- 2. Bill
- 3. Bolt
- 4. Bound
- 5. Buckle
- 6. Cleave
- 7. Clip
- 8. Dust
- 9. Fast
- 10. Fine

Challenge: Find 3 more contronyms and list them below with definitions and examples.