

# Word List 42

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## incorporate

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The word "incorporate" is a verb. It means to include or integrate a part into the whole, often used when merging smaller parts into a larger organization or system. The term can also mean to form a legal corporation or organization.

Pronunciation: /ɪn'kɔːr.pə.reɪt/

Examples:

1. The new policy will incorporate feedback from all departments to ensure a comprehensive approach.
2. We decided to incorporate more organic ingredients into our recipes to improve health benefits.
3. The company plans to incorporate advanced technology into their production process.
4. To fully incorporate the changes, employees will undergo additional training.
5. She aimed to incorporate various cultures into her artwork, creating a more diverse representation.

To remember the word "incorporate," think of the phrase "in-corp-orate" where "corp" can remind you of "corporation." This association emphasizes the idea of bringing parts together into a larger entity. Visualize a corporate boardroom where different ideas and people are coming together to form a united plan or project.

## trace

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The word "trace" can be used as both a verb and a noun.

As a verb:

- Definition: To follow or outline the shape or path of something.
- Example: "She traced the outline of her hand on the paper."

As a noun:

- Definition: A mark, object, or other indication of the existence or passing of something.
- Example: "The investigation found traces of powder at the crime scene."

Pronunciation: /treɪs/

Common uses of the word "trace":

1. "The detective was able to trace the suspect's movements."
2. "He made a trace of the drawing with a pencil."
3. "There was no trace of the evidence left behind."
4. "We can trace our family history back several generations."
5. "The scientist tried to trace the source of the contamination."

To remember the word "trace," think of "tracking" or "following" something closely, which connects to the idea of outlining or finding remnants. You can visualize tracing a path on a map, which reinforces the concept of following or marking an outline.

## convey

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The word "convey" is a verb. It means to communicate or express something, often an idea, message, or feeling. It can also refer to the act of transferring something from one place to another.

Pronunciation: /kən'veɪ/

Examples of common use:

1. The teacher tried to convey the importance of studying to her students.
2. They used art to convey their emotions during the exhibition.
3. The message was conveyed through a letter.
4. The film successfully conveys the struggles of the community.
5. He struggled to convey his thoughts clearly in the meeting.

To remember the word "convey," think of it as "con + vey" — where "con" can remind you of "connect" (communicating) and "vey" sounds similar to "way," indicating a way to express or transfer something.

## boundary

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## Boundary

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A boundary refers to a line that marks the limits of an area; it can represent a dividing line between different regions, properties, or concepts. Boundaries can be physical, like fences or walls, or abstract, such as personal boundaries in relationships.
- **Pronunciation:** /'baʊndəri/
- **Examples:**
  1. The river serves as the boundary between the two countries.
  2. It's important to set clear boundaries in a professional relationship.
  3. The property boundaries were marked with posts.
  4. The boundary between fantasy and reality can sometimes blur.
  5. The team worked together to establish boundaries for their project.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "boundary," think of the phrase "bound" as in limits or constraints, and "ary," which can remind you of an area or place. Visualize a fence with "boundaries" marking where one area ends and another begins.

## frank

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The word "frank" can be both an adjective and a verb.

As an **adjective**:

- **Meaning:** Open, honest, and direct in speech or writing, especially when dealing with unpalatable matters.
- **Example:** She was very frank about her feelings regarding the project.

As a **verb** (less common):

- **Meaning:** To send a letter or package without payment of postage, typically by placing a mark on it indicating that it is free of charge.
- **Example:** He decided to frank the letter to avoid postal costs.

Pronunciation: /fræŋk/

Common uses of the word:

1. The politician made a frank admission about past mistakes during the debate.
2. I appreciate your frankness; it is always refreshing to hear the truth.
3. Frank discussions often lead to better understanding among team members.
4. She spoke frank words that made some people uncomfortable.
5. The frank expression on his face revealed his true feelings.

To remember the word "frank," think of a frankfurter (hot dog), which is straightforward and doesn't hide anything. Just as a frank hot dog is simple and honest in appearance, so too is a frank person, being clear and direct in their communication.

## bonus

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The word "bonus" is a noun. It refers to something that is given in addition to what is usual or expected, often as a reward or extra benefit. In the context of work, it typically indicates a sum of money given to an employee on top of their regular salary as a reward for good performance.

Pronunciation: /'boʊ.nəs/

Examples of common use:

1. The company awarded its employees a year-end bonus for their hard work and dedication.
2. I received a bonus on my credit card for signing up for a new account.
3. After successfully completing the project, the team members were delighted to receive a performance bonus.
4. The extra vacation days were a nice bonus for the employees this summer.
5. She considered the free meal at the restaurant as a bonus for her loyalty.

To remember the word "bonus," you can associate it with the idea of an extra gift or a pleasant surprise—think of it as "more" than what you expected, like finding extra cash in your pocket or getting a gift on top of your birthday presents.

## militant

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The word "militant" can function as both an adjective and a noun.

As an adjective:

- **Definition:** Describes a person or group that is aggressively active in support of a political or social cause, often involving the use of force or violence.
- **Example:** Militants carried out an attack to draw attention to their demands.

As a noun:

- **Definition:** A person who is vigorously active in pursuing a cause, particularly in a confrontational or aggressive manner.
- **Example:** The militants were identified as members of the insurgent group.

Pronunciation: /'mɪlɪtənt/

Examples of common use:

1. The government has been cracking down on militant groups operating within its borders.
2. She was known for her militant stance on environmental issues, often organizing protests and demonstrations.
3. The media reported on the militant resistance against the new law.
4. He joined a militant organization that promotes radical changes in government policy.
5. Their militant approach to activism sparked both support and controversy in the community.

To remember the word "militant," think of the phrase "militant movements," where the word evokes a sense of being forceful and assertive in the pursuit of social or political objectives. The similarity to the word "military" can also help, as both convey a sense of discipline and combativeness.

## starve

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- **Part of Speech:** Verb  
**Definition:** To suffer or cause to suffer extreme hunger; to deprive of food.
- **Pronunciation:** /stɑːrv/ (IPA)
- **Examples of Common Use:**
  1. The charity aims to help those who are starving in distant countries.
  2. If you don't eat breakfast, you might starve before lunchtime.

3. The animal was found abandoned in the alley, starving for food and water.
4. Many people fear they will starve if they lose their job.
5. During the drought, crops failed and livestock began to starve.

- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "starve," think of a "star" in the sky that shines for those who are hungry. You can also associate it with "starving for attention," creating a mental image of someone longing for something they can't have.

## refresh

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**Word:** Refresh

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Definition:** To renew, revive, or restore something to a better condition or state. It can also mean to update or refresh one's memory or knowledge about something.

**Pronunciation:** /rɪˈfrɛʃ/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. After a long day at work, I like to take a walk to refresh my mind.
2. She decided to refresh her website design to attract more visitors.
3. Can you refresh my memory about the meeting details?
4. I need to refresh my clothes for the upcoming season.
5. The rain helped to refresh the garden after the hot summer.

**Memory Aid:** Think of "refresh" like restarting or rejuvenating. Imagine pressing a button on your computer that restarts the screen, making it clear and new again. You can associate this with feeling renewed or getting a new perspective.

## dystrophy

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Dystrophy is a noun.

It refers to a disorder caused by the degeneration of cells, often characterized by the weakening and wasting away of tissue or muscles. Dystrophy can occur in various parts of the body and often relates to genetic conditions.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈdɪstrəfi/

Examples of common use:

1. "Duchenne muscular dystrophy is a genetic disorder characterized by progressive muscle degeneration."
2. "The patient was diagnosed with ocular dystrophy, affecting his vision."
3. "Nutritional dystrophy can result from severe vitamin deficiencies."
4. "Research is ongoing to find effective treatments for various forms of muscular dystrophy."
5. "The doctor explained how dystrophy impacts muscle function over time."

To remember the word "dystrophy," you can break it down into "dys-" meaning "bad" or "abnormal," and "-trophy" meaning "nourishment" or "growth." Thus, it refers to an abnormal or impaired growth or nourishment, which aligns with its definition.

## conduce

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Conduce is a verb.

It means to contribute to, lead to, or promote a particular result or outcome. Typically, it refers to something that helps in the advancement or development of a situation.

Pronunciation: /kən'djuːs/

Examples of common use:

1. Cloudy weather can conduce to feelings of sadness in some individuals.
2. The new policy will likely conduce to higher productivity among employees.
3. Group activities can conduce to better teamwork and collaboration.
4. Proper nutrition and exercise conduce to a healthier lifestyle.
5. The research conducted by the team is expected to conduce to significant breakthroughs in the field.

To remember the word, think of it in relation to "leading" or "guiding" something toward a desired conclusion, like how a conductor leads an orchestra to create a harmonious outcome. You can also associate it with "conductive," which means making a certain outcome possible.

## consulate

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The word "consulate" is a noun.

A consulate is a diplomatic office or agency established by a country in a foreign city to assist and protect its citizens, promote trade and friendship, and manage various official matters. It is often subordinate to an embassy and is primarily concerned with the welfare of citizens abroad.

**Pronunciation:** /'kɒn.sjʊ.lət/

**Examples of common use:**

1. She went to the consulate to renew her passport.
2. The American consulate provides assistance to citizens living in the region.
3. He works at the British consulate, helping expatriates with legal issues.
4. The consulate organized an event to foster cultural exchanges.
5. If you lose your wallet while traveling, contact your consulate for help.

**How to remember the word:**

You can remember "consulate" by associating it with "console," which can imply providing support. Think of a consulate as a place where your country's representatives "console" and assist their citizens abroad.

## contaminate

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- Contaminate (verb): to make something impure or harmful by introducing a substance that is not supposed to be there, often used in the context of pollution, infection, or tainting food or water.
- Pronunciation: /kən'tæmɪneɪt/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The factory's waste was found to contaminate the local river.
  2. If you don't wash your hands properly, you can contaminate your food.
  3. The laboratory tests confirmed that the sample was contaminated with bacteria.
  4. Pesticides can contaminate the soil and harm surrounding wildlife.
  5. Efforts are being made to clean up the contaminated sites in the area.



- To remember the word "contaminate," think of "con" (meaning together) and "tamine" (which can be reminiscent of "tamper")—when substances come together, one substance might tamper with or spoil the other, making it impure.

## demerit

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### Definition:

"Demerit" is a noun that refers to a mark against a person for misconduct or a deficiency. It can also denote a fault or disadvantage.

For example: "The student received a demerit for being late to class."

### Pronunciation:

/dɪˈmerɪt/

### Common Usage Examples:

1. "Each demerit will result in a deduction from the final grade."
2. "The demerits of the plan were discussed thoroughly before making a decision."
3. "He was concerned about the demerit on his record after the incident."
4. "In some schools, students can accumulate demerits that lead to detention."
5. "The team evaluated the demerits of different strategies before proceeding."

### Memory Aid:

To remember "demerit," think of the prefix "de-" meaning "down" or "away," combined with "merit," which means "worth" or "value." A demerit is something that brings your worth down, like a mark against you for a mistake.

## denomination

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Denomination (noun)

Denomination refers to a classification or a category, often relating to a specific set of values or a particular unit of currency. In a religious context, it can also denote a distinct group or sect within a larger faith.

Pronunciation: /dɪˌnɒmɪˈneɪʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. The new banknotes will be available in different denominations, including 1, 5, and \$10.

2. Various denominations of Christianity include Catholicism, Protestantism, and Orthodoxy.
3. When donating to charity, it's often helpful to specify the denomination of the currency you are giving.
4. The store accepts various denominations of gift cards, making it easier for customers to purchase items.
5. People often collect coins from different denominations to create a unique display.

To remember the word, think of "denomination" as a "name or label" for different groups or types, helping you categorize them. The root "nom" relates to names (like in "nominate").

## disturbance

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The word "disturbance" is a noun that refers to the interruption of a settled and peaceful condition or the state of being disturbed. It can also indicate a specific event or occurrence that causes disruption, confusion, or agitation.

**Pronunciation:** /dɪs'tɜːrbəns/

### Examples of common use:

1. The loud noise from the construction site was a major disturbance in the neighborhood.
2. There was a disturbance in the classroom when the fire alarm went off.
3. The company faced several disturbances due to the bad weather affecting their supply chain.
4. Mental health professionals often treat patients who are experiencing emotional disturbances.
5. The protest caused a disturbance in the city's traffic flow.

**Memory tip:** To remember the word "disturbance," think of the prefix "dis-" (meaning apart or away) combined with "turb," which relates to "turbulence" or chaos. Visualize a calm scene suddenly disrupted by a storm, which can symbolize a disturbance.

## enjoyable

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The word "enjoyable" is an adjective that describes something that is pleasant, fun, or gives happiness. It refers to experiences or activities that are enjoyable or pleasurable to engage in.

Pronunciation: /ɪn'dʒɔɪəbl/

Examples of common use:

1. The movie was so enjoyable that I watched it twice.
2. She found the cooking class to be an enjoyable experience.
3. The party was enjoyable, with great music and friendly guests.
4. Hiking in the mountains can be an enjoyable way to spend the day.
5. Reading a good book is often an enjoyable escape from reality.

To remember the word "enjoyable," you can break it down into "enjoy" (which means to take pleasure in) and the suffix "-able," which means capable of being. Thus, "enjoyable" can be thought of as "capable of being enjoyed."

## expiry

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### Expiry

**Part of speech:** Noun

**Definition:** The date or time at which something, especially food, medicine, or legal documents, is no longer valid or usable. It indicates the point beyond which the item should not be consumed or used.

**Pronunciation:** /ɪk'spaɪəri/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The expiry date on this milk is tomorrow, so we need to use it today.
2. Always check the expiry date before buying any medication.
3. The contract has an expiry date of five years from the signing date.
4. Consuming food past its expiry could lead to health risks.
5. We should return these documents before their expiry in order to avoid penalties.

**Memory aid:** You can remember "expiry" by associating it with "expire," which means to come to an end. Think of an item "expiring" like a birthday cake that is fresh today but will go bad after the expiry date, similar to how birthdays are celebrated once a year. Just like a birthday cake has a single day of celebration, an item has a limited period before it becomes unusable.

## fluctuation

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Fluctuation is a noun that refers to a change or variation, often in a continuous and unpredictable manner. It is typically used in contexts related to changes in conditions, levels, or states over time.

Pronunciation: /ˌflʌk.tʃuˈeɪ.ʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. The fluctuation in stock prices made investors uneasy.
2. The temperature experienced significant fluctuation throughout the day.
3. Fluctuations in currency exchange rates can impact international trade.
4. The fluctuation of the tides depends on the moon's phases.
5. Economic fluctuation often affects employment rates.

To remember the word "fluctuation," visualize a line graph with peaks and valleys representing continuous ups and downs. The word itself has a rhythmic quality that mimics the idea of rising and falling.

## frequency

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The word "frequency" is a noun. It refers to the rate at which something occurs or is repeated over a particular period of time or in a given sample. In physics, frequency also refers to the number of cycles of a periodic wave that occur in a unit of time, typically measured in hertz (Hz).

Pronunciation: /ˈfriː.kwən.si/

Examples of common use:

1. The frequency of the bus service has increased to every 15 minutes.
2. Scientists study the frequency of earthquakes in a particular region.
3. The radio station broadcasts at a specific frequency.

4. The frequency of our meetings has been reduced to once a month.
5. The teacher assessed the student's understanding based on the frequency of their questions.

To remember the word "frequency," you can think of the prefix "free" reminding you of "not restricted," indicating how often something happens freely or repeatedly. Additionally, you might visualize a wave or a heartbeat with consistent intervals, which can help you think of the concept of frequency.

## hamlet

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Hamlet

Hamlet (noun)

1. A tragedy written by William Shakespeare, which tells the story of Prince Hamlet avenging his father's murder.
2. A character in the play, known for his philosophical introspection and indecision.

Pronunciation: /'hæmlɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. "In the play Hamlet, the themes of revenge and madness are vividly explored."
2. "Many actors aspire to portray Hamlet due to the complexity of the character."
3. "Shakespeare's Hamlet remains one of the most performed plays worldwide."
4. "The soliloquies in Hamlet reveal deep existential questions."
5. "Literary scholars often analyze Hamlet's relationships with other characters."

To remember the word, think of the phrase "Ham-let," as in a small home where deep thoughts and conflicts occur, reflecting the tragic and introspective nature of the character and the play.

## hence

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- hence (adverb)

Definition: Used to introduce a consequence or result; therefore. It indicates a logical conclusion drawn from what has been previously stated.

Example: "She was the only candidate available, hence she was selected for the job."

- Pronunciation: /hɛns/
- Examples of common use:
  1. "He was late to the meeting; hence, he missed the important announcements."
  2. "The project is behind schedule; hence, we need to work overtime."
  3. "The weather forecast predicts rain; hence, we should bring umbrellas."
  4. "The experiment failed, hence we must revise our methods."
  5. "She studied hard for the exam; hence, she achieved excellent results."
- To remember the word: Think of "hence" as "henceforth." When you hear "hence," it often means you're about to understand why something happened or what will happen next, linking cause and effect. Visualize a bridge connecting two parts of a story or argument where "hence" is the pathway leading from one side to the other.

## inadequate

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### Inadequate

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose. It describes a condition where something is not enough or not suitable to meet a particular standard or need.

**Pronunciation:** /ɪˈnæd.ɪ.kwət/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The training program was inadequate for the needs of the employees.
2. Many children in the area suffer from inadequate access to education.
3. His explanation was inadequate to convince the committee of his proposal.
4. The food supply was deemed inadequate to support the growing population.
5. She felt inadequate in her skills compared to her colleagues.

**Memory Aid:** To remember "inadequate," think of the prefix "in-" meaning "not," combined with "adequate," which means "sufficient." Thus, "inadequate" is literally "not sufficient." Imagine a situation where you need something but find it lacking—this visual can help associate the word with its meaning.

# keystone

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- The word "keystone" is a noun. In architecture, it refers to the central stone at the summit of an arch, locking the whole arch together. It can also be used metaphorically to denote something that is essential to the existence or functioning of a system, organization, or process.
- Pronunciation: /'kiːstəʊn/
- Example sentences:
  1. The keystone of the bridge is an engineering marvel that keeps the structure stable.
  2. Trust is the keystone of a healthy relationship.
  3. The keystone species plays a crucial role in maintaining the ecosystem's balance.
  4. Her innovative ideas were the keystone of the project's success.
  5. The keystone in the arch was carefully carved to fit perfectly.
- To remember the word "keystone," think of it as the 'key' (the essential part) that holds the 'stone' (the structure) together. Visualize an arch where the middle stone is pivotal, just like a key is essential for locking or unlocking something.

# manifest

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The word "manifest" can function as both a verb and an adjective.

As a verb:

- **Definition:** To demonstrate or show (a quality or feeling) by one's acts or appearance; to become apparent or obvious.

As an adjective:

- **Definition:** Clear or obvious to the eye or mind; readily perceived.

Pronunciation: /'mæɪnɪfɛst/

Examples of common use:

1. The symptoms of the illness began to manifest after a few days.
2. Her excitement was manifest in her beaming smile and sparkling eyes.

3. The company aims to manifest its goals through sustainable practices.
4. His concerns about the project began to manifest during the meeting.

To remember the word "manifest," you might relate it to the word "manifestation," which refers to the act of making something evident. Visualize someone successfully showing or exhibiting something clearly, linking both meanings.

## marginally

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- The word "marginally" is an adverb. It is used to describe something that occurs to a small or insignificant extent. It often refers to slight changes, differences, or improvements in various contexts.
- Pronunciation: /ˈmɑːr.dʒɪ.nəl.i/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The new policy improved efficiency marginally, but it wasn't enough to justify the changes.
  2. Sales increased marginally this quarter compared to the last.
  3. The temperature dropped marginally overnight, making it feel a bit cooler in the morning.
  4. She was marginally better at math than her classmates, but still struggled with some concepts.
  5. The project was completed marginally under budget.
- To remember the word "marginally," think of the word "margin," which implies a small difference or boundary. The suffix "-ly" indicates that it describes an action or a state of being that is slight or minimal, helping to associate it with small degrees of change or difference.

## moderately

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The word "moderately" is an adverb. It is used to describe an action that is done to a moderate degree or level, meaning it is not excessive or extreme but rather in a middle or average range.

Pronunciation: /ˈmɒd.ər.ət.li/

Examples of common use:



1. She studied moderately well for the exam, so she was prepared but not overly confident.
2. The weather was moderately warm, perfect for a picnic but not too hot.
3. He exercised moderately to maintain his health without overexerting himself.
4. The project progressed moderately, achieving some milestones but facing certain challenges.
5. We were moderately successful in our efforts to improve the community garden.

To remember the word "moderately," think of the word "moderate," which means average or middle ground. You can visualize a scale where "moderately" lies right in the middle, balancing between extremes.

## noticeable

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Noticeable

- Part of Speech: Adjective
- Definition: Easy to see or notice; clear or apparent. It describes something that stands out or draws attention.
- Pronunciation: /ˈnoʊ.tɪ.sə.bəl/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The changes in her artwork were very noticeable after she took the class.
2. There was a noticeable difference in his performance after the training.
3. The noise from the construction site was noticeable even inside the building.
4. She has a noticeable talent for music that impresses everyone.
5. His accent was noticeable when he spoke to people from different regions.

How to Remember the Word:

Think of the root "notice," which means to see or pay attention. If something is "noticeable," it means you can't help but see or notice it. You can visualize a bright red flag in a field; it stands out and is easy to notice.

## optic

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The word "optic" can function as an adjective or a noun.

As an adjective, "optic" relates to vision or the eye. It describes anything pertaining to sight or the optical system.

As a noun, "optic" refers to a lens or an optical device, particularly those that help in viewing or magnifying objects.

Pronunciation: /ˈɒp.tɪk/

Examples of common use:

1. The clinic specializes in optic health and eye care.
2. He wore optic glasses to improve his vision.
3. Scientists are studying the principles of optic fibers for telecommunications.
4. The optic nerve transmits visual information from the retina to the brain.
5. Advances in optic technology have revolutionized photography.

To remember the word "optic," think of "optical" and associate it with anything related to sight or vision. You can visualize a pair of glasses when you hear "optic," as they help improve one's eyesight.

## outweigh

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- **Part of Speech:** Verb

**Definition:** To be greater in weight, value, or importance than something else; to exceed in significance or influence.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˈaʊtˌweɪ/

- **Examples:**

1. The benefits of the new policy outweigh the potential risks.
2. In this debate, the facts outweigh the opinions.
3. The advantages of studying abroad often outweigh the costs involved.
4. His experience in the field outweighs his lack of formal education.
5. Environmental concerns sometimes outweigh economic interests.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember "outweigh," you can think of it as "out" (greater) and "weigh" (mass, importance), signifying something that is heavier or more significant than another thing. Imagine a scale where one side outweighs the other, tipping the balance in favor of the greater side.

# long-term

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## Part of Speech: Adjective

The term "long-term" describes something that is intended to last for a significant duration, often referring to plans, investments, relationships, or effects that extend over a long period.

## Pronunciation:

/lɔːŋ tɜːrm/

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The company is focusing on long-term growth rather than short-term profits.
2. She has a long-term plan to travel around the world.
3. Investing in education can lead to long-term benefits for society.
4. The doctor recommended a long-term treatment for the patient's condition.
5. Establishing a long-term relationship with clients is essential for business success.

## Memory Tip:

To remember "long-term," think of it as "lasting over a long time." You can visualize a tree growing over many years—representing stability and continuity, contrasting with short-term which might be a quick bloom.

# adverse

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- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Referring to something that is harmful, unfavorable, or antagonistic. It typically describes conditions or circumstances that cause difficulties or complications.
- **Pronunciation:** /'æd.vɜːrs/
- **Examples of Common Use:**
  1. The adverse weather conditions forced the cancellation of the outdoor event.
  2. She had to deal with adverse reactions to the medication she was prescribed.
  3. The company faced adverse criticism after the product recall.
  4. Adverse economic factors can impact a business's profitability.
  5. He continued his studies despite the adverse circumstances he faced.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember "adverse," think of "ad" in "adverse" like "against" (as in adverse effects). Visualize a situation where something is against your favor or causing trouble, like a storm ruining a picnic.

## finale

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The word "finale" is a noun that refers to the concluding part of a performance, event, or series. It often signifies the end of something significant, such as the last episode of a television show, the final act of a play, or the last movement of a musical composition.

Pronunciation: /fɪˈnɑːli/

Examples of common use:

1. The finale of the competition left the audience in awe.
2. The opera's finale was met with a standing ovation from the crowd.
3. After months of filming, the finale of the series aired last night.
4. The concert concluded with a spectacular fireworks display at the finale.
5. Many fans eagerly anticipated the season finale to see how the story would end.

To remember the word "finale," you can associate it with the word "final," as both indicate the end. Picture a dramatic or exciting ending, like a grand performance or last scene in a movie, to reinforce its meaning.

## astonish

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**Definition:**

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Meaning:** To cause someone to feel great surprise or wonder; to astound.

**Pronunciation:**

/əˈstɒn.ɪʃ/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The magician's performance will astonish the audience.
2. It astonished me to learn that she had never traveled outside her country.
3. The sheer size of the mountains astonished the hikers.

4. His ability to solve complex problems quickly astonished his peers.
5. The unexpected turn of events astonished everyone at the meeting.

### Memory Tip:

Think of the word "astonish" as being related to "stonish," which sounds like "stone." Imagine that something surprising can hit you like a stone, leaving you astonished or shocked. Associating the impact of a stone with surprise can help you remember the meaning.

## charge

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The word "charge" can function as both a verb and a noun.

As a **verb**, "charge" means to accuse someone of a wrongdoing, to ask for a payment, or to move forward at a rapid pace. For example:

1. To charge someone with a crime.
2. To charge a fee for a service.
3. To charge at someone in a confrontation.

As a **noun**, "charge" refers to an accusation, a price for a service, or electrical energy. For example:

1. The charge of theft against him.
2. The charge for the meal was much higher than expected.
3. The battery has a full charge.

Pronunciation: /tʃɑrdʒ/

Examples of common use:

1. The police decided to charge him with robbery.
2. Can you please charge my phone overnight?
3. The restaurant added a service charge to the bill.
4. He felt a surge of charge as he entered the arena.
5. She will charge you \$20 for her services.

To remember the word "charge," think about the different contexts it can be used in: charges can be legal (like accusations), financial (like fees), or even physical (like a phone needing charging). You might visualize a battery charging to help recall its meaning related to energy as well.

# module

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## Module

- **Part of speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A module is a separate unit or component that can be combined with others or used independently to form a larger system. It can refer to a part of a course or curriculum in education, a section of a software program, or an individual element within a system, such as in engineering or architecture.

**Pronunciation:** /'mɒd.ju:l/ (MAH-jool)

## Examples of common use:

1. The course was divided into several modules, each focusing on different topics.
2. The software allows users to customize their setup by adding different modules based on their needs.
3. In the space station, each module serves a specific purpose, such as living quarters or research labs.
4. The educational program included a module on environmental science.
5. Developers often create reusable code modules to improve efficiency in programming.

## Memory technique:

To remember the word "module," think of the word "model." Both terms imply a building block or unit that can be assembled in different combinations. Visualize a set of building blocks—each block represents a module that can fit together to create a larger structure.

# corps

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- The word "corps" is a noun, pronounced as /kɔːr/ (like "core"). It refers to a group of people organized for a specific purpose, often in a military context, such as a military unit or a group working in a particular field. It can also refer to a body of people involved in a specific profession or activity.
- Examples:
  1. The Marine Corps is known for its rigorous training and discipline.
  2. A group of volunteers formed a peace corps to help in war-torn countries.
  3. The scientific corps worked tirelessly to study climate change.
- To remember the word "corps," you can associate it with the word "core," as they sound similar. Think of a "core group" of people who work together for a common goal, similar to how a corps functions.

## petroleum

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Petroleum is a noun, referring to a natural liquid found beneath the Earth's surface, primarily composed of hydrocarbons, and commonly used as a raw material for fuels such as gasoline and diesel, as well as in the production of various chemicals and plastics.

Pronunciation: /pə'trɒliəm/

Examples of common use:

1. The global economy heavily relies on petroleum for energy needs.
2. Petroleum extraction has significant environmental impacts.
3. Innovative technologies are being developed to reduce dependence on petroleum.
4. Oil spills from petroleum drilling operations can be devastating to marine ecosystems.
5. Many countries are investing in renewable energy to decrease their reliance on petroleum.

To remember the word "petroleum," you can break it down into "petro," meaning rock or stone (derived from Greek), and "oleum," meaning oil (from Latin), which together can remind you of "rock oil," a term historically used to describe the substance that we now know as petroleum.

## magma

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Magma is a noun.

Magma refers to molten rock located beneath the Earth's surface. When magma erupts through a volcano, it is called lava. It can contain gases and minerals and plays a critical role in the formation of igneous rocks.

Pronunciation: /'mæg.mə/

Examples of common use:

1. The magma chamber beneath the volcano was filled with molten rock, leading to fears of an imminent eruption.
2. Scientists study the composition of magma to understand the geology of the Earth's crust.
3. The movement of magma can cause tectonic shifts, resulting in earthquakes.
4. After cooling, the magma solidified into granite, showcasing its mineral richness.
5. Volcanologists monitor magma flow to predict potential volcanic activity.

To remember the word "magma," you can associate it with the phrase "molten rock under earth," focusing on the "m" at the beginning of both words to connect them. Visualizing a volcano with bubbling lava can also help reinforce the meaning.

## stylish

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The word "stylish" is an adjective.

It describes someone or something that is fashionable or elegant, exhibiting a high standard of style. It conveys a sense of sophistication and trendiness, often relating to clothing, design, or overall appearance.

**Pronunciation:** /'stai.lɪʃ/

**Examples of common use:**

1. She always wears the most stylish outfits to work.
2. The new car model features a sleek and stylish design.
3. His stylish haircut made him stand out at the party.
4. They decorated their home in a stylish, modern way.
5. The fashion show showcased a range of stylish creations.



### How to remember the word:

Associate "stylish" with "style." Think of someone who has a distinctive, well-put-together look, and remember that "stylish" describes that quality. You might visualize a stylish person, perhaps a celebrity or a fashion icon, to help reinforce the meaning in your memory.

## dump

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The word "dump" can function as both a verb and a noun.

As a **verb**, "dump" means to drop or throw down something in a careless way; it can also mean to dispose of waste or unwanted items.

- Example: "He dumped the trash in the alley."

As a **noun**, "dump" refers to a place where waste or unwanted items are taken and left; it can also mean a place that is messy or in poor condition.

- Example: "The old factory has become a dump since it closed."

Pronunciation: /dʌmp/

Examples of common use:

1. "I need to dump these old clothes."
2. "She dumped the leftovers in the trash."
3. "The kids turned the backyard into a dump."
4. "They found an abandoned dump site at the edge of town."
5. "He feels like his life is a dump right now."

To remember the word "dump," you can associate it with the idea of "discarding" or "throwing away," imagining a scenario where you clear out unwanted items and drop them unceremoniously in a trash bin or at a dump site. You can visualize the messy aspect of a dump to reinforce the connection in your mind.

## debris

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- Debris (noun): Small pieces of waste or remains. It typically refers to scattered fragments or rubble resulting from destruction or decay. It can also refer to rubbish or litter.

- Pronunciation: /dəˈbriːz/
- Examples of common use:
  1. After the storm, the streets were filled with debris from fallen trees and broken branches.
  2. The construction site was cleared of debris before the new building began.
  3. Scientists studied the debris from the comet to learn more about its composition.
  4. The cleanup crew worked tirelessly to remove debris from the accident scene.
  5. Debris from the old bridge was washed away by the recent floods.
- Remembering the word: Think of the word "debris" as being similar to "debris" which often refers to a mess or scattered items. You can visualize a scene after a storm where pieces of material are left scattered everywhere, reflecting the meaning of debris. The "bri" part can remind you of "broken," emphasizing that debris often comes from broken or damaged objects.

## irony

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### Definition:

"Irony" (noun) refers to a situation or expression in which there is a contrast between expectations and reality. It often highlights the incongruity or discrepancy that can create an amusing or poignant effect.

### Pronunciation:

/ˈaɪrəni/

### Examples of common use:

1. It was ironic that the fire station burned down while the firefighters were out on a call.
2. She said she loved chocolate, but as a vegan, her diet made it ironic that she couldn't eat it.
3. The teacher has a notorious reputation for being strict, yet it was ironically he who broke the school rules.
4. In a twist of irony, the weatherman who predicted sunshine ended up caught in a rainstorm.

5. The irony of the situation was not lost on him—he had studied for months only to forget everything during the exam.

**How to remember the word:**

Think of "iron" as something strong and unyielding, contrasted with the "y" in irony which suggests a twist or unexpected lightness. This helps create a mental image of a strong situation that bends unexpectedly.

## component

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The word "component" is a noun.

A component is a part or element of a larger whole, particularly in a system. It can refer to any individual piece that contributes to the overall function or structure of something.

**Pronunciation:** /kəm'pou.nənt/

Examples of how to use "component":

1. Each component of the machine must be assembled carefully to ensure it operates correctly.
2. Trust is a critical component of any successful relationship.
3. The software package includes several components that work together seamlessly.
4. Vitamins are an essential component of a healthy diet.
5. The project requires multiple components, including research, design, and implementation.

To remember the word "component," think of it as "com" (together) + "ponent" (part). Visualize a puzzle where each piece (component) is necessary to complete the picture (the whole).

## fieldwork

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**Fieldwork**

- **Part of Speech:** Noun

- **Definition:** Fieldwork refers to practical work conducted by a researcher or students in the natural environment, rather than in a laboratory or classroom setting. It usually involves observation, data collection, or experiments directly in the field related to the subject of study.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈfiːld.wɜːrk/

**Examples:**

1. The graduate students spent the summer conducting fieldwork on marine ecosystems.
2. Anthropologists often go into the field to gather data through interviews and participant observation.
3. The geology team traveled to remote areas to perform fieldwork on rock formations.
4. Fieldwork is essential for environmental scientists to assess ecosystems accurately.
5. During the fieldwork phase of the project, researchers frequently adjusted their methods based on real-world conditions.

**Memory Aid:** To remember "fieldwork," think of it as "work done in the fields of study," where "fields" represents the real-world environments of various academic disciplines, and "work" is the active process of research and data collection outside the confines of a traditional study setting.

## contaminate

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**Definition:**

The word "contaminate" is a verb. It means to make something impure or unclean by introducing harmful substances or elements into it. This can refer to a substance, environment, or conditions being polluted or made unsafe.

**Pronunciation:**

/kənˈtæmɪneɪt/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The oil spill will contaminate the water supply for years to come.
2. Be careful not to contaminate the samples with your hands.
3. Food left out in the open can easily become contaminated by bacteria.

4. The factory was fined for contaminating the nearby river with toxic waste.
5. Vaccines help to prevent diseases from spreading and contaminating the population.

**Memory aid:**

To remember "contaminate," think of the prefix "con-" meaning "with" and "tamine," which sounds like "terminate." Imagine something "terminating" the purity of an object by introducing impurities, thus relating it back to the meaning of making something dirty or unsafe.

## applicant

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The word "applicant" is a noun. It refers to a person who applies for something, typically a job or admission to a school or program. An applicant usually submits a formal application.

**Pronunciation:** /'æp.lɪ.kənt/

Examples of common use:

1. The company received a large number of applicants for the position.
2. Each applicant must submit their resume and cover letter.
3. The school will interview all qualified applicants next week.
4. As an applicant, he felt nervous during the interview process.
5. The committee reviewed the applications and shortlisted five applicants.

To remember the word "applicant," you can break it down into "apply" + "cant" (like "can't"). Imagine someone who "can't" stop applying for jobs, emphasizing the action of applying.

## strap

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**Strap**

- **Part of Speech:** Verb and Noun
- **Definition as a Verb:** To fasten or secure something with a strap (a strip of material, usually leather or fabric).
- **Definition as a Noun:** A strap is a flexible strip or band used to secure, fasten, or hold something in place.

**Pronunciation:** /stræp/

**Common Uses:**

1. She used a leather strap to secure the suitcase shut.
2. He strapped the baby carrier to his chest before going on a hike.
3. The gymnasts used a strap to help them with their routines.
4. Make sure to strap on your helmet before riding the bike.
5. The watch was held in place with a sturdy metal strap.

**How to Remember the Word:** Think of "strap" as something that helps keep things together. You might visualize strapping down a box in the back of a truck to prevent it from moving around, linking the action of fastening with the word itself.

## fundamental

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- **Part of Speech:** Adjective / Noun

- **Definition:**

- As an **adjective**: Basic, essential, or central to the nature of something; constituting the base or foundation of something.
- As a **noun**: A primary principle or rule that is the basis for something; a fundamental principle or fact.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˌfʌndə'mɛntl/

- **Examples of Common Use:**

1. Understanding basic mathematics is fundamental to succeeding in higher-level subjects.
2. The fundamental rights of citizens are protected by law.
3. In this course, we will cover the fundamental concepts of physics.
4. Trust is a fundamental part of any healthy relationship.
5. The fundamental difference between the two theories lies in their approach to data analysis.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "fundamental," think of the word "fundament," which relates to the groundwork or foundation of something. Associating it with concepts like "basic" or "essential" can also help in recalling its meaning.

## conclusion

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The word "conclusion" is a noun. It refers to the end or final part of something, especially a discourse, process, or event. It represents a decision or judgment reached after consideration.

Pronunciation: /kən'kluːʒən/

Examples of common use:

1. After reviewing all the evidence, the jury reached a conclusion.
2. The conclusion of the book left the readers wanting more.
3. In conclusion, we believe that our proposal will benefit the community.
4. The research led us to a surprising conclusion about consumer behavior.
5. Her speech came to a powerful conclusion that inspired the audience.

To remember the word "conclusion," think of the phrase "the final part of a story" or visualize a puzzle piece fitting perfectly to complete a picture, symbolizing the end result or decision after exploring various parts.

## intensity

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### Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Intensity can be a noun.
- **Meaning:** Intensity refers to the quality of being intense, which encompasses a high degree or strength of something, such as feelings, energy, or brightness. It can relate to various contexts, including emotions, physical sensations, colors, and sounds.

### Pronunciation

- /ɪn'ten.sɪ.ti/

### Examples of Common Use

1. The intensity of the workout left him feeling exhausted.
2. The artist used vibrant colors to enhance the intensity of the painting.
3. The storm's intensity increased throughout the night.
4. She spoke with great intensity about her passion for environmental issues.
5. The intensity of the music added to the emotional impact of the scene.

### Memory Aid

To remember the word "intensity," think of the phrase "in-tense." Both words share a similar root, and when something has high intensity, it feels "tense" or strong in experience or impact. Visualizing bright colors or powerful feelings can also help reinforce the concept of intensity.

## notable

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The word "notable" is an adjective. It refers to something that is worthy of attention or significant; it indicates that something is remarkable or noteworthy.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈnoʊ.tə.bəl/

Examples of common use:

1. The invention of the telephone was a notable advancement in communication technology.
2. She received a notable award for her contributions to environmental conservation.
3. There were several notable guests at the gala event, including famous actors and politicians.
4. The article highlighted notable trends in the fashion industry over the past decade.
5. His contributions to the field of science are notable and have earned him widespread recognition.

To remember the word "notable," think of it as "not just any" - something that stands out and deserves to be talked about or recognized. The prefix "not-" suggests importance, making it easier to recall its meaning related to being significant or worthy of notice.

## implement

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The word "implement" can function as both a verb and a noun.



As a verb:

- **Definition:** To put a decision, plan, or agreement into effect. It means to carry out or execute an action or process.
- **Example:** The company plans to implement new software to improve productivity.

As a noun:

- **Definition:** A tool or instrument used for a particular purpose. It can refer to anything that aids in achieving a task.
- **Example:** The gardener used a variety of implements to cultivate the land.

Pronunciation:

/ˈɪmplɪmənt/

Common uses of the word:

1. The government will implement new laws to protect the environment.
2. The teacher decided to implement a new grading system.
3. To improve efficiency, we need to implement the changes immediately.
4. The project manager is responsible for implementing the final phase of the development.
5. Farmers often seek to implement innovative techniques for sustainable agriculture.

How to remember the word:

Think of "implement" as "in your plans" (im-), and "create" (plement). Visualize putting a plan into action as using the right tools (implements) to achieve success.

## isle

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The word "isle" is a noun. It refers to a small island or peninsula, especially one that is uninhabited or sparsely populated. Isles can be found in lakes, rivers, or near coasts.

Pronunciation: /aɪl/

Examples of common use:

1. The tropical isle was a perfect vacation spot with its sandy beaches and palm trees.
2. He dreamed of sailing to a distant isle where he could find peace and solitude.
3. The Isles of Scilly are known for their stunning natural beauty and unique wildlife.

4. After the storm, the fisherman found his boat washed ashore on an uninhabited isle.
5. Many stories and legends are set on mysterious isles filled with adventure and treasure.

To remember the word "isle," you can associate it with "island," as they both refer to land surrounded by water. Another way to remember it is to think of the phrase "one small isle," which emphasizes its small size compared to larger islands.

## cervical

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Cervical

Cervical is primarily an adjective.

- Definition: Relating to the cervix (the lower part of the uterus) or to the neck region of the spine.

Pronunciation: /ˈsɜːrvɪkəl/

Examples of common usage:

1. Cervical cancer is a serious health issue that affects women.
2. The doctor recommended a cervical collar for the patient's neck injury.
3. Cervical vertebrae are the first seven vertebrae of the spine.
4. A cervical smear test can help detect abnormalities in cervical cells.
5. Poor posture can lead to cervical strain and discomfort.

To remember the word cervical, think of "cervix" (the lower part of the uterus) and "cervical" connecting it to the neck region, as both share a similar root and indicate a specific area in the body.

## plot

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The word "plot" can function as both a noun and a verb.

As a noun:

- Definition: A plot is a series of events that make up a story or narrative. It refers to the main action or storyline in literature, films, and other forms of storytelling.

- Example: "The plot of the novel revolves around the protagonist's search for identity."

As a verb:

- Definition: To plot means to plan or devise a strategy for achieving something or to mark a graph or diagram with points representing data.
- Example: "They plotted the data points on a graph to analyze the results."

Pronunciation: /plɒt/ (rhymes with "slot").

Common Uses:

1. "The movie had a complicated plot that kept the audience guessing."
2. "She decided to plot her garden layout before planting."
3. "The author spent months developing the plot of her new book."
4. "In mathematics, you often need to plot points on a coordinate system."
5. "He plotted his escape during the night."

To remember the word "plot," think of a moving story or a hidden plan. You can visualize a garden plan (to plot) or imagine a writer sketching out the storyline of their novel (the plot). Associating it with both meanings can help retain the word.

## acquaint

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The word "acquaint" is a verb. It means to make someone aware of or familiar with something or someone. It often refers to introducing someone to a person or explaining information so that they can understand it better.

**Pronunciation:** /ə'kwān(t)/

**Examples of common use:**

1. I would like to acquaint you with our new project manager.
2. Please acquaint yourself with the rules of the game before you start playing.
3. The guide will acquaint tourists with the history of the city.
4. It's important to acquaint new employees with company policies.
5. She made an effort to acquaint her friends with her favorite books.

**Memory tip:** To remember the word "acquaint," think of it as "a-quick-introduction." The "quick" part reminds you that it's often a brief introduction or familiarization with a person or subject.

## violence

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**Definition:**

Violence (noun) refers to the use of physical force with the intent to harm, damage, or kill someone or something. It can also describe aggressive behavior or extreme actions that result in injury or destruction.

**Pronunciation:**

/ˈvaɪələns/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The news reported an increase in violence in the city over the past month.
2. Domestic violence is a serious issue that affects many families worldwide.
3. The protest turned to violence when some individuals began to vandalize property.
4. It is important to teach children about conflict resolution to prevent future violence.
5. The film was criticized for its graphic depictions of violence.

**Memory aid:**

To remember the word "violence," think of the word "violate," which means to break or infringe upon something. Both words share a sense of harm or damage, making "violence" easier to recall as actions that violate safety and security.

## revolve

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The word "revolve" is a verb.

- **Definition:** To revolve means to move in a circular or curved path around a central point or axis. It can also mean to think or consider something repeatedly or from different perspectives.
- **Pronunciation:** /rɪˈvɒlv/

Examples of common use:

1. The Earth revolves around the Sun once every year.
2. The artist's ideas revolve around the theme of nature and transformation.

3. The wheel revolves smoothly as the bike moves forward.
4. They need to revolve their strategies to adapt to the new market.
5. In the movie, the plot revolves around a detective solving a complex mystery.

To remember the word "revolve," think of the prefix "re-" meaning "again" and "volve," which sounds like "evolve." You can visualize something going in circles and evolving each time it goes around, reinforcing the idea of movement and change.

## vegetarian

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The word **vegetarian** is primarily used as an adjective and a noun.

As an **adjective**, it describes a diet or lifestyle that excludes meat, fish, and poultry but may include animal products like dairy and eggs.

As a **noun**, it refers to a person who follows this diet.

Pronunciation: /ˌvedʒə'tɛəriən/

Examples of common use:

1. She decided to adopt a vegetarian diet for health reasons.
2. Many restaurants now offer vegetarian options on their menus.
3. He has been a vegetarian since he was a teenager.
4. The vegetarian lasagna was delicious and full of flavors.
5. As a vegetarian, I look for protein sources like beans and tofu.

To remember the word **vegetarian**, you can think of the root "vegetable," which is a big part of a vegetarian diet. Additionally, the suffix "-arian" is often used to describe a person with specific dietary habits (like "librarian" for someone who works in a library). Connecting "vegetable" and "person" can help reinforce the meaning.

## ratio

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### Ratio

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A relationship between two numbers or amounts, usually expressed as a fraction. It indicates how much of one thing there is compared to another, helping in comparing quantities.

## Pronunciation

- /ˈreɪʃi.oo/

## Examples of Common Use

1. The ratio of students to teachers in the school is 20:1.
2. To make a perfect salad dressing, the ratio of oil to vinegar should be 3:1.
3. The success ratio of the marketing campaign was higher than expected.
4. We calculated the ratio of male to female participants in the study.
5. In this recipe, the sugar to flour ratio is critical for the cake's texture.

## Memory Tip

To remember the word "ratio," think of "ratios create order." Both words start with 'rat' and relate to how we organize and compare quantities in everyday life.

# scream

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**Word:** scream

**Part of Speech:** verb

**Definition:** To make a loud, high-pitched sound, often due to fear, excitement, pain, or strong emotion.

## Examples:

1. She screamed when she saw the spider in her room.
2. The crowd screamed with joy when their team scored a goal.
3. The child began to scream after he fell off his bike.
4. During the horror movie, everyone in the theater screamed at the jump scare.
5. He couldn't help but scream when he won the lottery.

**Pronunciation:** /skri:m/

## Common Uses:

1. "I heard someone scream in the distance."
2. "Don't scream; it's just a harmless bug!"
3. "She screamed at the top of her lungs."

4. "They screamed in excitement when they saw their favorite band."
5. "He always screams when he plays video games."

**Memory Technique:** To remember "scream," think of the sound "scream" as a high-pitched yell that stands out from other noises, similar to an animal's sharp cry when in danger. Visualize a person throwing their hands in the air while letting out a loud scream to reinforce the emotion behind the word.

## steep

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### Definition

- **Adjective:** Having a sharp inclination or angle; rising or falling sharply.
- **Verb:** To rise or fall at a steep angle; to make something steeper.

### Pronunciation

/sti:p/

### Examples

1. The mountain trail was so steep that I struggled to keep my balance.
2. The prices of housing in the city have become extremely steep over the last decade.
3. The teacher gave us a steep learning curve at the beginning of the course.
4. Be careful when you're going down that steep hill on your bike.
5. The company's steep financial losses this quarter have raised concerns among investors.

### Memory Aid

To remember the word "steep," think of the steep incline of a roof or a hill that is hard to climb. You can visualize yourself trying to walk up a steep slope, which invokes the idea of something that is not easy or requires extra effort.

## interior

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### Interior

- Part of Speech: Noun, Adjective
- Definition:

- As a noun, "interior" refers to the inside part of something, such as a building or an object (e.g., the interior of a car).
- As an adjective, it describes something that is located inside or inner (e.g., interior design).
- Pronunciation: /ɪn'tɪr.i.ər/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The interior of the house was decorated with modern furniture.
2. She specializes in interior design and has worked on many famous buildings.
3. The car's interior features leather seats and a high-tech dash.
4. The museum's interior was designed to create a calming atmosphere.
5. They painted the interior walls a soft blue color.

### How to Remember the Word:

You can remember "interior" by associating it with the word "inner." Both words relate to what is inside something, helping you recall that "interior" pertains to the inside aspect of an object or space.

## analogous

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The word **analogous** is an adjective. It describes two or more things that are similar or comparable in certain respects, often in a way that makes clearer the nature of the things being compared.

Pronunciation: /ə'næl.ə.gəs/

Examples of common use:

1. The relationship between a moth and a butterfly is often considered analogous, as they share many characteristics.
2. Her situation is analogous to that of someone who has made a significant career change.
3. The system of checks and balances in government is analogous to the process of peer review in academic publishing.



To remember the word, think of "analogy" which relates to similarity or comparison. You can associate the "analog" part of "analogous" with things that are similar or parallel to help recall its meaning.

## cookery

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The word "cookery" is a noun that refers to the practice or art of cooking. It encompasses various cooking techniques, methods, and styles as well as the equipment and places used for cooking, such as kitchens.

Pronunciation: /'kʊk.əri/

Examples of common use:

1. She took a cookery class to improve her culinary skills.
2. The cookbook contains a variety of recipes from different cookery traditions.
3. His enthusiasm for cookery led him to career as a chef.
4. In our community, there are several cookery competitions held every year.
5. The online cookery course offered by the chef has attracted many food enthusiasts.

To remember the word "cookery," think of the word "cook" which is a primary activity involved in the term, and add the suffix "-ery" that often relates to a practice or field, suggesting a focus on the art and craft of cooking. Associating the term with images of kitchens, chefs, or culinary books may also help reinforce its meaning.

## high-tech

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**Definition:**

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Explanation:** The term "high-tech" refers to advanced technology, particularly involving modern and sophisticated electronic or digital devices and solutions. It can also describe industries, products, or methods that utilize cutting-edge technology to improve efficiency or performance.

**Pronunciation:**

/hai-tek/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The new smartphone features high-tech capabilities that include facial recognition and augmented reality.
2. Many schools are now incorporating high-tech tools, such as interactive whiteboards and tablets, into their classrooms.
3. The high-tech industry is rapidly growing, attracting investment and talent from around the world.
4. She works for a high-tech startup that specializes in artificial intelligence solutions.
5. The car's high-tech safety features include automatic emergency braking and lane-keeping assistance.

### **Memory Aid:**

To remember "high-tech," you can visualize a futuristic gadget like a smartphone or a robot. Think of "high" as advanced or elevated, and "tech" as technology – together, they evoke the idea of cutting-edge innovations that simplify and enhance life. Additionally, relate it to phrases such as "high-tech gadgets" or "high-tech advancements" to reinforce its meaning.

## **aggressive**

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### **Definition**

The word "aggressive" is an adjective that describes someone or something that is ready or likely to attack or confront; characterized by a strong assertiveness, intensity, or hostility. It can also refer to a forceful or bold approach to achieving goals.

### **Pronunciation**

/ə'grɛsɪv/

### **Examples of Common Use**

1. The aggressive dog barked loudly at anyone who approached its territory.
2. His aggressive marketing strategy helped the company increase its sales significantly.
3. She took an aggressive stance during the negotiations to ensure her interests were protected.
4. The athlete displayed an aggressive style of play, consistently pushing his limits.
5. They faced aggressive competition in the market, which forced them to innovate continuously.

## Memory Tip

To remember the word "aggressive," think of "aggress" similar to "press." Just as someone might aggressively press forward in a confrontation, the word evokes a sense of pushing forward with intensity and determination. Additionally, associate the concept of aggressive behavior with assertiveness, suggesting a strong and active approach to challenges.

## process

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The word "process" can function as both a noun and a verb.

As a noun:

- Definition: A series of actions or steps taken to achieve a particular end. It often refers to a systematic series of events or procedures that occur in a specific order.
- Example: "The process of applying for a visa can be quite lengthy."

As a verb:

- Definition: To perform a series of operations on (something) in order to change or preserve it. This typically involves handling, managing, or treating information, materials, or data in some way.
- Example: "We need to process the data before we can interpret the results."

Pronunciation: /ˈprɒs.əs/ (British English) or /ˈprɑː.ses/ (American English)

Common uses of the word:

1. "The manufacturing process must be closely monitored to ensure quality."
2. "I will process the applications next week."
3. "The process of learning a new language requires time and practice."
4. "After the harvest, we need to process the crops."
5. "In computing, the system can process large amounts of information quickly."

To remember the word "process," think of it as a 'step-by-step journey.' Imagine yourself going through a series of steps to complete a task, visualizing the order and actions involved, which can help associate the term with its meaning.

## hum

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The word "hum" can function as both a verb and a noun.

As a **verb**, "hum" means to make a low, continuous sound like that of a bee, or to sing with closed lips. It can also refer to the act of thinking or reflecting on something mentally.

As a **noun**, "hum" refers to a continuous, low sound or a buzzing noise.

Pronunciation: /hʌm/

Examples of common use:

1. He began to hum his favorite tune while he worked.
2. The hum of the air conditioner was a comforting background noise.
3. She felt a hum of excitement as she entered the concert hall.
4. The crowd started to hum along with the band.
5. There was a strange hum coming from the old machinery.

To remember the word "hum," you might think of the sound a bee makes, which is a simple and catchy noise that is easy to associate with the term. Additionally, envision a person softly humming a melody to recall the concept of producing sound.

## sinister

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The word "sinister" is an adjective that describes something as giving the impression that something harmful or evil is happening or will happen. It can also refer to something that is ominous or threatening.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈsɪn.ɪ.stər/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The movie had a sinister atmosphere, with dark shadows lurking around every corner.
2. His sinister grin made everyone feel uneasy at the party.
3. They discovered a sinister plot to overthrow the government.
4. The old mansion had a sinister reputation, making it the subject of local legends.
5. There was something sinister about the way he spoke, as if he had a hidden agenda.

**How to remember the word:**

You can associate "sinister" with the word "sin," as both imply something harmful or evil. Visualize a shadowy figure lurking in a corner, representing the sense of foreboding that "sinister" conveys. This connection might help reinforce the meaning of the word in your mind.

## refinement

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### Refinement

Refinement is a noun that refers to the process of making something better or more polished. It can denote the act of improving something by removing impurities or flaws, or it can refer to the state of being sophisticated or elegant.

Pronunciation: /rɪˈfaɪn.mənt/

Examples of common use:

1. The artist made a few refinements to the sculpture before the exhibition.
2. The refinement of the software has improved its performance significantly.
3. After years of refinement, her writing style became clear and engaging.
4. The refinement of the manufacturing process reduced costs and improved quality.
5. His manners showed a refinement that set him apart from his peers.

To remember the word, think of "refine" as a way to polish or improve something. You can visualize a rough stone being refined into a smooth gem, which mimics the concept of refinement in various contexts.