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dusk

- **Part of Speech:** Noun

Definition: Dusk refers to the period of time just after sunset, when the sky begins to darken, and the day turns into night. It is often characterized by fading light and can evoke a sense of tranquility or melancholy.

- **Pronunciation:** /dʌsk/

- **Examples:**

1. The children played outside until dusk, when their parents called them in for dinner.
2. The landscape transformed dramatically at dusk, with shadows stretching across the field.
3. We sat on the porch, watching the stars emerge as dusk settled around us.
4. The city looked different in the dusk light, with the buildings silhouetted against the glowing sky.
5. Dusk is my favorite time to go for a walk because the air feels cooler and fresh.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember "dusk," think of the "D" in "dusk" standing for "day" and the "S" for "settles," which can remind you that dusk is when the day is settling into night.

cease

The word "cease" is primarily a verb.

Definition:

1. To bring or come to an end; to stop. It can refer to stopping an action, process, or a condition.
2. To discontinue; to terminate.

Pronunciation:

/si:s/

Examples of common use:

1. The factory will cease operations for maintenance next week.
2. Please cease talking during the presentation.
3. The noise finally ceased after the storm passed.
4. They decided to cease production of the outdated model.
5. The government will cease funding the project after this year.

How to remember the word:

You can remember "cease" by associating it with the phrase "cease and desist," which is commonly used to mean to stop doing something, particularly in legal contexts.

Visualize a stop sign to reinforce the idea of stopping or ending something.

arable

Arable is an adjective.

It describes land that is suitable for growing crops; it implies that the soil is fertile and capable of supporting agricultural activities.

Pronunciation: /'ær.ə.bəl/

Examples of common use:

1. The region is known for its arable land, which produces a variety of fruits and vegetables.
2. Farmers often need to test the arable quality of their fields to ensure good yields.
3. Climate change poses a threat to arable areas, affecting food production worldwide.
4. Government policies can significantly impact the availability of arable land for farming.

How to remember the word:

Think of "arable" as "able to be grown." Both words share the root "able," which suggests the capacity to do something. In this case, it refers to the capacity of land to support growth or cultivation.

congested

Congested is an adjective.

It describes a state of being excessively filled or crowded, often leading to an obstruction or blockage. It can refer to physical spaces, such as roads or rooms, or to bodily functions, such as nasal passages.

Pronunciation: /kən'dʒɛstɪd/

Examples of common use:

1. The roads were congested with traffic during the rush hour.
2. He felt congested and had to blow his nose several times.
3. The city developed a plan to alleviate congested public transportation routes.
4. After the cold, she experienced a congested feeling in her chest.
5. The annual event left the downtown area congested with visitors.

To remember the word "congested," think of "con" (together) and "gest" (move). When too many things are moving together in one place, it becomes congested. Visualizing a traffic jam can also help you recall the meaning.

split

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

As a **verb**, "split" means to divide or separate something into parts or portions. It often implies a clean and deliberate division.

As a **noun**, "split" refers to a division or separation itself; it can also refer to a crack or an opening in something.

Pronunciation: /splɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. She decided to split the cake into eight equal pieces.
2. Their partnership ended in a split after many disagreements.
3. I need to split this document into two separate files.
4. The tree split in half during the storm.
5. They agreed to split the costs of the vacation.

Memory tip: To remember the word "split," think of a banana being split in half. The action of splitting is visually represented by this common scene, making it easier to recall the meaning.

distinct

The word "distinct" is an adjective.

Definition:

1. **Adjective:** Clear, noticeable, and easily distinguishable. Used to describe something that is different, separate, or set apart from others.

Pronunciation:

/dɪs'tɪŋkt/

Examples of common use:

1. The two paintings have distinct styles that reflect their different artists.
2. There is a distinct smell of flowers in the garden.
3. She has a distinct voice that is easy to recognize.
4. The results of the experiment showed distinct differences between the two groups.
5. Each culture has its distinct traditions and customs.

Memory Tip:

To remember "distinct," think of the word "distinctive," which also conveys the idea of being unique or different. Visualize two objects clearly separated by a line, emphasizing their difference.

negotiate

The word "negotiate" is a verb. It means to try to reach an agreement or compromise through discussion and communication, often in the context of business, politics, or personal matters.

Pronunciation: /nɪ'ɡoʊ.ʃi.ət/

Examples of common use:

1. We need to negotiate a better deal for our services.
2. The two countries are trying to negotiate a peace treaty.

3. He was able to negotiate a higher salary during his job offer.
4. They spent hours negotiating the terms of the contract.
5. It's important to negotiate with your landlord before signing the lease.

To remember the word "negotiate," think of the phrase "negotiating to agree." Visualize a discussion table where people are coming together to talk and reach a consensus, which emphasizes the essence of negotiation.

cruel

The word "cruel" is an adjective. It describes someone or something that causes pain or suffering deliberately, often in a harsh or unfeeling manner. A cruel person might enjoy causing others distress or may show a lack of empathy towards others in difficult situations.

Pronunciation: /'kruː.əl/

Examples of common use:

1. The cruel treatment of animals in some industries has led to widespread protests.
2. She couldn't understand why her friends would be so cruel to each other.
3. The villain in the movie was portrayed as a cruel and heartless leader.
4. His cruel comments about her appearance hurt her deeply.
5. It was a cruel joke to play on someone who was already feeling vulnerable.

To remember the word "cruel," you can think of the phrase "cruel summer" from the song by Taylor Swift, which evokes feelings of hardship and distress, reinforcing the idea of cruelty in emotional contexts.

Nordic

Definition:

The word "Nordic" is an adjective. It pertains to the countries in Northern Europe known as the Nordic countries, which typically include Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden. It can also refer to the people, culture, languages, or products associated with these countries.

Pronunciation:

/nɔːrdɪk/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The Nordic region is known for its stunning natural landscapes and vibrant culture.
2. She enjoys reading books about Nordic mythology and folklore.
3. Nordic skiing is a popular activity during the winter months in Scandinavia.
4. The restaurant serves a variety of traditional Nordic dishes.
5. Many individuals are drawn to the minimalist design aesthetic associated with Nordic architecture.

How to Remember the Word:

Think of the word "Nordic" as related to the "North." You can associate it with the northern lights or the idea of cold climates. Visualize the geographical map of Europe and pinpoint the northern countries to reinforce its meaning.

linger

Linger

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To stay in a place longer than necessary, typically because of a reluctance to leave. It can also mean to delay or be slow in leaving or acting.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈlɪŋɡər/

Examples of Common Use:

1. After the party, many guests lingered to chat.
2. The smell of freshly baked cookies will linger in the air for hours.
3. She wanted to linger in the garden, enjoying the beautiful flowers.
4. Don't linger too long in the rain; you might catch a cold.
5. He lingered over his coffee, savoring every sip.

How to Remember the Word:

Think of "linger" as "linking" to a place or activity. When you linger, you are making a connection by staying longer than intended, just like how you might "link" yourself to something enjoyable. Visualize yourself at a party, enjoying the moment, not wanting to leave — that's lingering!

womb

- Womb
 - **Part of Speech:** Noun
 - **Definition:** The womb is the organ in female mammals where offspring are conceived and develop before birth. It is often referred to in the context of pregnancy and childbirth.
- **Pronunciation:** /wu:m/
- **Examples:**
 1. The doctor confirmed that the baby was safely developing in her womb.
 2. The womb is a crucial part of the reproductive system in females.
 3. Many cultures celebrate the growth of life in a mother's womb.
 4. After conception, a fertilized egg implants itself in the lining of the womb.
 5. Some animals have unique adaptations related to their wombs and reproductive strategies.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "womb," think of its similarity to the word "room," where a new life is "roomed" or housed until it's ready to join the outside world. You can visualize this as a cozy space where a baby grows.

advantageous

The word "advantageous" is an adjective. It describes something that provides an advantage, benefit, or favorable outcome. In other words, it signifies a situation or condition that is helpful or beneficial for someone or something.

Pronunciation: /,æd.væn'teɪ.dʒəs/

Examples of common use:

1. It is advantageous to learn a second language for job opportunities.
2. The new policy is seen as advantageous for small businesses seeking support.
3. Having experience in the field can be advantageous when applying for positions.
4. The location of the hotel is advantageous for tourists wanting to explore the city.
5. Networking at conferences can be advantageous for career growth.

Remembering the word: To remember "advantageous," you can break it down into "advantage" (which you likely already know) and recognize that adding "ous" to a noun often creates an adjective meaning "characterized by" or "full of." Thus, "advantageous" means characterized by advantage. You might visualize a scale tipping in favor of something to reinforce the meaning of an advantage.

manoeuvre

The word "manoeuvre" is primarily a verb, but it can also be used as a noun.

As a **verb**:

- It means to move or manage something skillfully or carefully, especially in a difficult situation.
- Example: "She had to manoeuvre the car around the obstacles in the road."

As a **noun**:

- It refers to a movement or series of movements requiring skill and care, often used in a strategic sense.
- Example: "The military exercise involved complex manoeuvres."

Pronunciation: /məˈnuːvə(r)/

Examples of common use:

1. "He'll need to manoeuvre through traffic to reach the airport on time."
2. "The chess player executed a brilliant manoeuvre to win the game."
3. "They had to manoeuvre the furniture to fit it into the small room."
4. "During the debate, she expertly manoeuvred around sensitive topics."
5. "The pilot manoeuvred the plane safely through the storm."

To remember the word "manoeuvre," you can think of it as a combination of "man" (person) and "operate" (to work or control something). Visualize a person skillfully guiding or operating something through a challenging situation.

predatory

- The word "predatory" is an adjective. It describes someone or something that seeks to exploit or harm others for their own benefit. In a broader sense, it can relate to animals that hunt and kill other animals for food.
- Pronunciation: /'prɛd.ɪ.tɔːr.i/
- Examples of common use:
 1. The predatory nature of some animals is essential for maintaining the balance in their ecosystems.
 2. Many predatory lenders target individuals with poor credit histories, offering loans with exorbitant interest rates.
 3. The film portrayed the predatory behavior of the corporate world, where companies destroy smaller competitors to dominate the market.
 4. Predatory insects play a crucial role in controlling pest populations in agricultural settings.
 5. The professor discussed predatory pricing as a strategy used by companies to eliminate competition.
- To remember the word "predatory," think of the word "predator," which refers to an animal that hunts others for food. The similarities in sound and meaning can help you recall that "predatory" relates to exploiting or harming others, much like how a predator relies on its prey.

converse

Word: Converse

- **Part of speech:**
 - Verb: To engage in spoken exchange of thoughts, ideas, or feelings.
 - Noun: A conversation, especially informal or friendly discussion.
- **Pronunciation:**
 - /kən'vɜːrs/
- **Examples of common use:**
 1. They like to converse about their favorite books over coffee.
 2. It's important to converse with your team to gather everyone's ideas.
 3. During the meeting, we had the chance to converse with the CEO.

4. She enjoys conversing with her friends late at night.
5. The children learned to converse with their peers effectively during the workshop.

- **Memory tip:**

- Connect the word "converse" to the phrase "to turn together in speaking." Think of two people turning toward each other to have a conversation, reinforcing the idea of an exchange. The prefix "con-" means "together," and "verse" relates to turning.

context

The word "exemplify" is a verb. It means to illustrate or clarify something by providing an example. When you exemplify something, you are showing how it works or what it means through specific instances or cases.

Pronunciation: /ɪˈzɛm.plɪ.faɪ/

Examples of common use:

1. The teacher used a diagram to exemplify the process of photosynthesis.
2. Her actions exemplify the commitment to community service that our organization values.
3. The film exemplifies the struggles of immigrants in a new country.
4. To exemplify his point, he cited a recent study on climate change.
5. The artist's latest work exemplifies the fusion of traditional and modern techniques.

To remember the word "exemplify," think of "example" at the beginning of the word, as "exemplify" is essentially about providing an example to illustrate a concept. You can also break it down into "ex-" (out) and "-mplify" (make), which can evoke the idea of making something stand out or clearer by showing an example.

entrepreneurial

The word "entrepreneurial" is an adjective. It describes someone who is involved in the process of starting and operating their own business or businesses, often characterized by innovation, risk-taking, and a strong drive for success.

Pronunciation: /ˌɒn.trə.prəˈnɜːr.i.əl/

Examples of common use:

1. The entrepreneurial spirit is essential for the growth of new startups.
2. She took an entrepreneurial approach to her career by launching her own consulting firm.
3. Many universities now offer courses to nurture entrepreneurial skills in students.
4. His entrepreneurial mindset allowed him to see opportunities where others saw challenges.
5. The conference gathered prominent entrepreneurial leaders from various industries.

To remember the word "entrepreneurial," think of the word "entrepreneur," which is related to starting a business, and attach the suffix "-ial," which often indicates a characteristic or quality. Visualizing an entrepreneur, someone actively creating and managing a business, can help reinforce the connection to the term.

dearth

The word **dearth** is a noun that refers to a scarcity or lack of something. It often denotes an insufficient supply of something that is needed or desired, leading to a general inadequateness.

Pronunciation: /dɜːrθ/

Examples of common use:

1. There is a dearth of fresh water in the desert.
2. The scientist noted a dearth of research on the topic.
3. The dearth of qualified candidates made it difficult to fill the position.
4. During the drought, there was a dearth of crops in the region.
5. The museum faced a dearth of funding, limiting its ability to expand.

To remember the word **dearth**, you can associate it with the phrase "dearth of wealth," linking the idea of scarcity (dearth) to a lack of something valuable (wealth). Additionally, the "ear" in dearth can remind you of "ear" in "hear," indicating listening for something that is scarce.

adventurous

The word "adventurous" is an adjective. It describes someone who is willing to take risks or try new experiences; it often implies a sense of excitement and a desire for exploration.

Pronunciation: /əd'ven.tʃər.əs/

Examples of common use:

1. She has an adventurous spirit and loves to travel to remote places.
2. The adventurous cuisine at the restaurant attracted many food enthusiasts.
3. They planned an adventurous hike through the mountains for their vacation.
4. His adventurous attitude led him to try skydiving for the first time.
5. The book's plot is filled with adventurous escapades and thrilling moments.

To remember the word "adventurous," you can think of the phrase "adventure awaits," associating the word with exciting experiences and the desire to explore the unknown. Visualizing someone embarking on a journey or trying something daring can also help solidify its meaning in your mind.

exploitative

Exploitative

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Describing a situation or behavior that takes unfair advantage of someone or something, often for personal gain. It implies using someone or something in a way that is deemed unfair or unethical, often for profit or benefit.
- **Examples:**
 1. The exploitative practices of the company led to protests from workers who felt they were being underpaid.
 2. Many countries face exploitative tourism that harms local communities and natural resources.
 3. The film critic highlighted the exploitative nature of the reality show, which manipulated its contestants for ratings.
 4. They criticized the exploitative labor conditions in the factory where employees worked long hours for minimal pay.

5. The organization aims to raise awareness about the exploitative relationships in the child labor industry.

Pronunciation

- /ɪk'splɔɪ.t̬ə.tɪv/

Memory Aid

To remember the word "exploitative," think of the root "exploit," which means to use something to its fullest advantage, often in a selfish way. You can visualize a person "exploiting" a resource, like a greedy capitalist taking more than their fair share of profit from workers, emphasizing the unfairness inherent in the term.

impoverish

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To make (someone or something) poor; to deprive of strength, richness, or vitality. It often refers to the reduction of financial resources or opportunities.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪm'pɔ:v.ər.ɪʃ/
- **Examples:**
 1. The economic crisis could impoverish many families in the region.
 2. Overworking the land can impoverish the soil and reduce crop yields.
 3. The new policies are designed to prevent factors that impoverish the community.
 4. He was impoverished by a series of bad investments.
 5. Efforts to improve education can help to impoverish the cycle of poverty in the area.
- **Memory Technique:** To remember "impoverish," think of the prefix "im-" as meaning "not" and "poverish" as something linked to "poverty." Imagine that the act of impoverishing someone is to push them towards not having wealth or resources, thus connecting the prefix with the root meaning.

convection

Convection

- **Part of Speech:** Noun

- **Definition:** The process by which heat is transferred in fluids (liquids or gases) through the movement of the fluid itself. In convection, warmer parts of the fluid rise while cooler parts sink, creating a cycle that transfers heat throughout the medium.
- **Pronunciation:** /kən'vekʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. Convection currents in the ocean help to regulate global climate patterns.
2. In cooking, convection ovens use fans to circulate hot air around the food for even cooking.
3. The convection of air in the room caused the temperature to be unevenly distributed.
4. Hot air rises because of convection, which is why ceilings are often warmer than floors.
5. Scientists study convection in the atmosphere to better understand weather patterns.

Memory Aid: To remember "convection," think of the word "conveyor" which suggests movement and flow. Imagine a conveyor belt moving warm air upwards and allowing cooler air to fill in from below, similar to how convection works in fluids.

plateau

- **Word:** plateau
- **Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb
- **Definitions:**
 - **Noun:**
 1. A flat, elevated landform that rises sharply above the surrounding area; a tableland.
 2. A period during which there is little or no change or progress.
 - **Verb:**
 1. To reach a state of little or no change after a time of progress; to stabilize.
- **Pronunciation:** /plæ'toʊ/ (plah-toh)
- **Examples:**

1. The desert plateau was home to a unique ecosystem.
 2. After several weeks of exercise, she reached a plateau in her weight loss journey.
 3. The hikers enjoyed the stunning views from the top of the plateau.
 4. His career seemed to plateau after he received his promotion; he wasn't advancing any further.
 5. The mountain plateau was ideal for camping due to its flat terrain.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember "plateau," think of the word "flat" and imagine a flat table (tableland) at a high elevation. Visualize a plateau as a flat surface on a mountain, where progress may also level off like a flat line in a graph.

crust

Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Explanation:** The word "crust" refers to the hard outer layer or covering of something, particularly bread or other baked goods. It can also refer to the outer layer of the Earth, specifically the solid surface layer.

Pronunciation

/kraʊst/

Examples of Common Use

1. The crust of the bread was crisp and golden brown.
2. Scientists study the Earth's crust to understand geological formation.
3. I prefer pizza with a thick crust.
4. The pie had a flaky crust that melted in your mouth.
5. A layer of frost formed on the crust of the snow.

Memory Technique

To remember the word "crust," think of it as the "cover" of a baked item that you can "crush" with your teeth when you take a bite. Both "crust" and "crush" start with the "cr-" sound, linking the idea of a hard outer layer that may be bitten into.

overlie

The word "overlie" is a verb. It means to lie over or cover something, often in a physical or metaphorical sense. It can refer to an object resting on top of another or one concept overshadowing another.

Pronunciation: /ˌoʊvərˈlaɪ/

Examples of common use:

1. The sedimentary layers overlie the bedrock, creating a rich soil for farming.
2. The fog seemed to overlie the entire valley, creating an ethereal atmosphere.
3. In her analysis, she noted how cultural beliefs can overlie economic factors in decision-making.
4. The foliage of the trees overlie the ground, providing shade during the summer months.
5. His doubts overlie his confidence, making it hard for him to take the leap.

To remember the word "overlie," think of the prefix "over-" which means on top of or covering, and "lie," as in to rest or position something. Visualize something laying over another, like a blanket over a bed. This imagery can help you recall the meaning.

brittle

Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Meaning:** Describing something that is easily broken, fragile, or lacking resilience. It often refers to materials or objects that can fracture or shatter under pressure, and can also be used metaphorically to describe situations or emotions that are delicate or unstable.

Pronunciation

/bˈrɪtəl/

Examples

1. Glass is a brittle material that can shatter with little force.
2. The brittle branches of the tree snapped under the weight of the snow.
3. Her brittle laughter revealed her discomfort in the situation.
4. The brittle economy struggled to recover from the financial crisis.

5. When exposed to heat, the brittle candy can become sticky and difficult to handle.

Memory Aid

To remember the word "brittle," think of "breakable" combined with "little." Both suggest something is weak and can break easily. You might visualize a thin glass figurine that is not sturdy and can break with a light touch.

collision

Collision

- **Part of speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Collision refers to an instance of one moving object striking violently against another. It can also refer to a conflict or clash between ideas, interests, or groups.
- **Pronunciation:** /kə'liʒ.ən/
- **Examples of common use:**
 1. The collision between the two cars resulted in significant damage.
 2. The collision of different cultures can lead to a rich exchange of ideas.
 3. During the meeting, there was a collision of opinions about the project direction.
 4. The astronomers observed a collision of two galaxies billions of light-years away.
 5. They avoided a collision by swerving at the last minute.
- **Memory aid:** To remember the word "collision," think of the phrase "collide and crash." Associate the "col-" prefix with collision and imagine two objects crashing into each other.

extrusion

Extrusion

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** The process of shaping material by forcing it through a die; often used in manufacturing to create products with a fixed cross-sectional profile. Extrusion can apply to materials such as metal, plastic, or food products.

- **Pronunciation:** /ɪk'struːʒən/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The factory specializes in the extrusion of plastic tubing.
2. In culinary applications, extrusion can be used to create pasta shapes.
3. The aluminum extrusion process produces lightweight and strong structural components.
4. The extruder heats and forces the material through the mold.
5. Extrusion can be a sustainable method for recycling plastics into new products.

Memory Tip: To remember "extrusion," think of the word "extrude" which means to push or draw out. Visualize a tube of toothpaste being squeezed out of the tube—this action embodies the concept of extrusion.

pumice

Pumice is a noun.

It refers to a light, porous volcanic rock that is formed when lava cools and depressurizes quickly, often containing gas bubbles. Pumice is commonly used in various applications, such as in beauty products for exfoliating skin, in construction as an aggregate, and in gardening to improve soil aeration.

Pronunciation: /'pʌmɪs/

Examples of common use:

1. She used a pumice stone to remove the rough skin on her heels.
2. The contractor recommended pumice as a lightweight aggregate for the concrete mix.
3. After the volcanic eruption, pumice stones covered the landscape.
4. Many foot scrubs contain pumice for effective exfoliation.
5. Pumice is often added to potting soil to enhance drainage and aeration.

To remember the word pumice, think of "pumice stone," which is often used for scrubbing and smoothing, reminding you that it is a porous rock with practical uses, particularly in beauty and gardening.

predictable

The word "predictable" is an adjective. It describes something that can be foreseen or expected. When events or outcomes are predictable, they follow a certain pattern that makes them easy to anticipate.

Pronunciation: /prɪ'dɪk.tə.bəl/

Examples of common use:

1. The weather has been quite predictable lately, with sunshine followed by rain every afternoon.
2. His behavior is so predictable that I can guess what he will say next.
3. The ending of the movie was predictable, making it less enjoyable for some viewers.
4. Stock market trends can sometimes be predictable if you analyze the data carefully.
5. Children thrive on routines because they find them comforting and predictable.

To remember the word "predictable," you can break it down into "predict" (to foresee) and "able" (capable of). This way, you can associate it with the ability to foresee or anticipate something based on patterns or previous occurrences.

geological

- The word "geological" is an adjective. It pertains to geology, which is the scientific study of the Earth, its structure, substance, history, and processes that shape it. Geological studies often focus on rocks, minerals, and the physical and historical processes that have shaped the Earth over time.
- Pronunciation: /dʒiːə'lɒdʒɪkəl/
- Examples of common use:
 1. The geological survey revealed new information about the region's seismic activity.
 2. Understanding geological formations is crucial for locating natural resources.
 3. The geological history of the area is documented in the layers of sedimentary rock.
 4. Many geological features, such as mountains and valleys, have been shaped by erosion over millions of years.

5. The geological map provided insights into the types of soil and rock present in the region.

- To remember the word "geological," think of the prefix "geo-" which relates to the Earth, and "logical," which suggests reasoning or study. Together, "geological" indicates a systematic study of Earth-related processes and formations. Visualizing layers of rock and earth could also help reinforce the meaning.

halve

Halve

Halve is a verb that means to divide something into two equal parts or to reduce something by half.

Pronunciation: /hæv/

Examples:

1. Please halve the cake so that everyone can have a piece.
2. The recipe says to halve the amount of sugar if you want it less sweet.
3. If we halve the budget, we will have to cut some projects.
4. She decided to halve her portion of fries to eat healthier.
5. The company aims to halve its carbon emissions by 2030.

To remember the word "halve," think of the letter "H" at the beginning, which stands for "half." When you see "halve," picture splitting something right down the middle into two equal pieces.

assimilate

Definition

Assimilate (verb): To absorb and integrate new information, ideas, or culture into one's existing knowledge or habits. It can also mean to adapt or adjust to a new environment or group.

Pronunciation

/ə'sɪməleɪt/

Examples

1. Immigrants often find it challenging to assimilate into a new culture while preserving their own traditions.
2. The young student was able to assimilate the complex scientific concepts quickly.
3. Animals can assimilate their surroundings to survive in a new habitat.
4. In order to succeed in the program, you must assimilate the various techniques taught in class.
5. The community worked hard to assimilate the new members and make them feel welcome.

Memory Aid

To remember "assimilate," think of it as a combination of "a similar mate." Imagine how a friend (mate) starts to behave similarly (assimilate) to you after spending time together, adopting your mannerisms, interests, or even language.

harbour

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

Noun:

- Definition: A harbour is a protected area of water where ships can dock or anchor safely. It is usually equipped with facilities for loading and unloading cargo and passengers.
- Example: "The ship entered the harbour to take on supplies."

Verb:

- Definition: To harbour means to provide shelter or refuge for someone or something. It can also refer to keeping a thought or feeling in one's mind, especially one that is negative.
- Example: "She harboured doubts about his intentions."

Pronunciation:

- /ˈhɑː.bər/ (British) or /ˈhɑːr.bə/ (American)

Common Uses:

1. "The fishing boats are returning to the harbour after a long day at sea."
2. "He has been known to harbour resentment towards his former boss."

3. "The city is famous for its beautiful harbour that attracts tourists."
4. "She decided to harbour the stray cat until she could find its owner."
5. "The harbour was filled with yachts and sailboats during the summer festival."

Memory Aid:

To remember the word "harbour," you can visualize a peaceful bay where boats are safely anchored. You might associate the idea of "harbouring" with the concept of providing safety and shelter, much like how a friendly harbour hosts ships. Additionally, think of the phrase "harbouring feelings" to connect it to the idea of keeping thoughts close, like a ship finding refuge in a safe place.

hybrid

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

As a noun, "hybrid" typically refers to something that is made by combining two different elements, such as a plant or animal that is the result of crossbreeding. For example, a hybrid car combines both gasoline and electric power.

As an adjective, "hybrid" describes something that has mixed characteristics or origins. For instance, a hybrid approach to learning might combine traditional classroom methods with online resources.

Pronunciation: /ˈhaɪ.bɪd/

Examples of common use:

1. The gardener planted a hybrid rose that blooms in multiple colors.
2. This new car model is a hybrid, utilizing both electricity and gasoline to improve efficiency.
3. Many universities are adopting a hybrid learning model to accommodate both in-person and remote students.
4. The hybrid creature in the movie was a mix between a lion and a tiger, known as a liger.
5. Researchers are developing hybrid crops that are more resistant to climate change.

To remember the word "hybrid," think of the prefix "hy-" as in "hy-brid" being a bridge that connects two different things, such as species or technologies. The visual of a bridge can help you recall that hybrids are combinations of multiple elements.

inhale

Inhale

- **Part of speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To draw air into the lungs through the nose or mouth; to breathe in.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈheɪl/

Examples of common use:

1. The doctor advised her to inhale deeply to calm her nerves.
2. He paused to inhale the fresh scent of the flowers.
3. After running, I need to inhale deeply to catch my breath.
4. Inhale the steam from the hot water to help with your congestion.
5. Remember to inhale before you begin to speak.

How to remember the word: Associate "inhale" with the action of taking a breath in, visualizing a balloon that expands as air is drawn into it. The "in-" prefix can remind you that it's all about bringing something inside.

decibel

Decibel

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A decibel (dB) is a unit used to measure the intensity of sound. It expresses the ratio of a particular sound to a reference level, typically using a logarithmic scale, which means that an increase of 10 dB represents a tenfold increase in sound intensity.
- **Examples:**
 1. The sound level in the concert hall reached 110 decibels, which is considered extremely loud.
 2. A whisper is usually about 30 decibels, while normal conversation is around 60 decibels.
 3. Prolonged exposure to sound levels above 85 decibels can damage hearing.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈdɛs.ɪ.bəl/

- **Common Uses:**

1. The noise from the construction site exceeded the legal decibel limit.
2. Sound engineers often use decibels to adjust levels in a recording studio.
3. Wearing ear protection can help prevent hearing loss in environments with high decibel levels.
4. The alarm clock was set to 75 decibels to ensure it would wake me up.
5. Decibel meters are commonly used to measure sound levels in various settings.

- **Memory Tip:** To remember "decibel," think of "deci-" as meaning one-tenth and "-bel" as a reminder of "bell." You can visualize a bell ringing ten times louder at each decibel point, helping you connect sound intensity with the unit of measure.

voyage

- **Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb

- **Definition:**

- *Noun:* A journey or trip, especially by sea or in space.
- *Verb:* To make a journey, especially by sea or in space.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˈvɔɪ.ɪdʒ/

- **Examples:**

1. The voyage across the Atlantic took several weeks.
2. They decided to voyage to the Caribbean for their vacation.
3. His latest book recounts his voyage to Antarctica.
4. After a long voyage, the ship finally arrived at its port.
5. She dreams of voyaging into space one day.

- **Memory Aid:** Think of "voyage" as having the word "I" (I in the journey) in it, which can help you remember that a voyage is about personal travel or adventure. Additionally, the "voy" sounds like "boy," which can remind you of adventure stories often featuring boys going on epic journeys.

cherry

Definition:

Cherry (noun)

1. A small, round fruit that can be sweet or sour, typically red or black when ripe.
2. The tree that produces these fruits.
3. A shade of color similar to that of ripe cherries, often a bright red.

Pronunciation:

/ˈtʃɛri/

Examples of common use:

1. I picked some fresh cherries from the orchard.
2. The cherry tree in my yard blossoms beautifully in spring.
3. She wore a cherry red dress to the party.
4. We made a delicious cherry pie for dessert.
5. The artist used cherry color in her painting to create a vibrant effect.

Memory tip:

To remember the word "cherry," think of the classic dessert "cherry pie" which is often associated with sweet flavors and colorful fruit. Visualizing a cherry tree filled with bright red cherries can also help cement the image and meaning of the word in your memory.

contingency

The word "contingency" is a noun. It refers to a potential future event or circumstance that is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty. It often implies a situation that may occur depending on certain conditions or events. In planning, a contingency is an arrangement made in case an expected event does not happen, or it refers to having a backup plan.

Pronunciation: /kənˈtɪŋ.dʒən.si/

Examples of common use:

1. The company has set aside funds as a contingency in case the project runs over budget.
2. We need to develop a contingency plan in case of a natural disaster.
3. There is a contingency clause in the contract that addresses unforeseen circumstances.

4. The contingency of the weather will affect our outdoor event plans.
5. She saved a contingency fund to cover unexpected medical expenses.

To remember the word "contingency," think of it as a "conditional plan" — something that is contingent upon an event happening or not happening. You might visualize a safety net in case things don't go as planned, highlighting the uncertainty of the future.

for

Definition:

The word "for" is a preposition used to indicate the purpose of something, a reason, or a duration of time. It connects a noun or pronoun to other words in a sentence.

Pronunciation:

/fɔːr/ (American English), /fɒː/ (British English)

Examples of common use:

1. I bought flowers **for** my mother.
2. This gift is **for** you.
3. She studied hard **for** the exam.
4. We waited **for** an hour.
5. He was punished **for** his mistake.

Memory aid:

To remember "for," think of it as the word that links intentions or purposes. You can associate it with "forward"—as it often points to the future or to someone's goal.

relieve

Definition:

"Relieve" is a verb. It means to alleviate or remove pain, distress, or a burden; to make a situation less severe or difficult. It can also refer to providing assistance or support to someone in need.

Pronunciation:

/rɪ'li:v/

Examples of common use:

1. Taking pain medication can relieve headaches.
2. The charity works to relieve poverty in the local community.
3. He felt relieved after hearing that his friend was safe.
4. The new law aims to relieve traffic congestion in the city.
5. She hoped that a good night's sleep would relieve her stress.

Memory Aid:

Think of "relieve" as to "re-lieve" a burden; when you "re" - do it again - it means to release or make easier, allowing you to remember that it involves reducing pain or difficulty.

stance

Word: Stance**Part of Speech:**

Noun

Definition:

A stance is a position or attitude towards a particular issue or situation. It can refer to the way someone stands physically, but it is often used to describe a person's opinion, perspective, or approach to something, especially in discussions or debates.

Pronunciation:

/stæns/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The politician took a firm stance on climate change during the debate.
2. Her stance on health care reform has generated much discussion among voters.
3. The athlete's stance before the race was both focused and determined.
4. It is important to understand different stances on social issues to foster civil discourse.
5. His stance on the project changed after receiving new evidence.

Memory Aid:

To remember "stance," think of the word "stand." Both words are related; a stance is where you "stand" on an issue. Visualize someone standing with confidence while expressing their opinion.

conduct

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

As a verb, "conduct" means to lead, guide, or direct an action or activity. It can also mean to carry out or manage a particular task or activity, such as conducting research or a meeting.

As a noun, "conduct" refers to the manner in which a person behaves or acts, especially in a particular context or situation.

Pronunciation: /kən'dʌkt/

Examples of common use:

1. The teacher will conduct the experiment in the science lab.
2. He showed excellent conduct during the meeting.
3. The orchestra conductor will conduct the performance tonight.
4. Please conduct yourself in a professional manner at the conference.
5. The survey was conducted to gather opinions on the new policy.

To remember the word "conduct," think of "con" as "together" and "duct" as "leading." Together, they evoke the idea of leading an activity or guiding behavior. You can visualize a conductor leading both an orchestra and a team, emphasizing guidance and direction in various contexts.

mate

Word: Mate

- **Part of Speech:**

- Noun: A companion or friend, often used in informal contexts.
- Verb: To engage in reproduction or pairing with another individual, often used in a biological context.

- **Pronunciation:** /meɪt/

- **Examples:**

1. "He is my best mate; we do everything together."
2. "During the mating season, many animals find a mate."

3. "She introduced me to her mate at the party."
4. "The teacher asked the students to pair off and find a mate for the project."
5. "In some species, males display colorful traits to attract a mate."

- **Memory Tip:** Think of "mate" as a close friend or partner you can rely on, using the imagery of "pairing up." Visualize two pieces of a puzzle coming together, forming a complete picture, which can help you remember both meanings—companionship and reproduction.

attack

Word: attack

Part of Speech: Verb (also functions as a noun)

Definition:

As a verb, "attack" means to take aggressive action against someone or something with the intention to harm or damage. As a noun, it refers to the act of attacking or an assault.

Pronunciation: /ə'tæk/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The soldiers were ordered to attack the enemy camp at dawn.
2. She launched a verbal attack against her opponent during the debate.
3. The doctor said that the patient suffered a heart attack.
4. The team plans to attack the problem from several angles to find a solution.
5. The dog seemed friendly until it decided to attack the mailman.

Memory Tip:

To remember "attack," think of the phrase "a tack on the back." Visualize a situation where you're suddenly poked or jabbed (attacked) from behind, which can help associate the word with aggressive action.

discredit

Discredit

- Part of Speech: Verb

- Definition: To harm the reputation or credibility of someone or something; to cause others to doubt or disbelieve someone or something.
- Pronunciation: /dɪs'krɛdɪt/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The scandal served to discredit the politician's claims of integrity.
2. She worked hard to discredit the rumors circulating about her.
3. Many attempts were made to discredit the scientific findings published in the study.
4. The journalist aimed to discredit the misleading information presented by the company.
5. His actions were trying to discredit the efforts of the entire team.

Memory Aid:

To remember "discredit," think of it as "dis" (opposite of) + "credit" (believability or trust). When you discredit someone, you take away their "credit" or trustworthiness. Imagine a situation where someone is trying to take away points from a score, similar to taking away credit from someone's good reputation.

flora

Flora

- Part of Speech: Noun
- Definition: Flora refers to the plant life occurring in a particular region or time, generally considered in terms of the types of plants and their abundance or diversity. It can also refer to the collective plant species of a specific area.

Pronunciation: /'flɔːrə/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The diverse flora of the Amazon rainforest is home to many unique species.
2. Scientists are studying the flora of the Arctic to understand how climate change is affecting plant life.
3. The local flora includes a variety of wildflowers and trees that thrive in the temperate climate.

4. This guidebook provides a comprehensive overview of the flora found in the national park.
5. The flora of ancient Greece included many herbs that were used in medicine and cooking.

Memory Tip: To remember the word "flora," you can think of the word "flower," as both are related to plants. Associating "flora" with vibrant, blooming flowers might help keep its meaning in mind.

mass

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A large quantity or bulk of something; often refers to a collection of matter with no defined shape, or in physics, the measure of the amount of matter in an object. In a more social context, it can refer to a large group of people or things.
- Example: "The mass of the rock was calculated to understand its density."

As a verb:

- Definition: To gather or collect into a mass or group; to assemble.
- Example: "The volunteers massed together to help clean the beach."

Pronunciation: /mæs/

Common uses of the word "mass":

1. "The mass of the Earth is approximately 5.97×10^{24} kilograms."
2. "A mass of people gathered in the square for the celebration."
3. "The scientist studied the mass of the molecule to determine its properties."
4. "They decided to mass their resources to tackle the project more effectively."
5. "The church holds a mass every Sunday morning."

To remember the word "mass," think of "mass gathering" when many people come together, or associate "mass" with the concept of mass in physics, where quantity and collection are key ideas. Visualizing a large crowd or a heavy object can help solidify its meaning in your mind.

anticipate

Definition

The word "anticipate" is a verb. It means to expect or predict something in the future. It can also refer to preparing for an event or action in advance.

Pronunciation

/æn'tɪs.ɪ.pert/

Examples

1. We anticipate a lot of traffic during the holiday season.
2. She anticipates that the project will be completed ahead of schedule.
3. He anticipated her needs and planned accordingly.
4. The company anticipates strong sales in the next quarter.
5. They are anticipating rain tomorrow, so they brought umbrellas.

Remembering the Word

To remember "anticipate," think of the phrase "Aunt T. Sip 8," where your aunt is preparing for something with a cup of tea and is eagerly awaiting it. The playful imagery can help link the idea of waiting or expecting something.

operate

The word "operate" is a verb. It means to control or manage the functioning of a machine, device, or system. It can also mean to perform a medical procedure or to conduct or run an organization or business.

Pronunciation: /'ɒpəreɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. The technician will operate the new machinery during the production process.
2. The doctor had to operate on the patient to remove the tumor.
3. The company operates several branches across the country.
4. You need to learn how to operate the software before using it effectively.
5. The pilot is trained to operate different types of aircraft.

To remember the word "operate," you can think of the word "operation," which relates to the act of working something or performing a task. Visualizing a person (like a technician or doctor) operating a machine or performing a surgery may also help reinforce the meaning.

bypass

Bypass

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To go around or avoid something, particularly an obstacle or problem; to circumvent or sidestep a rule or issue.

Pronunciation: /ˈbaɪ.pæs/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The engineers had to bypass the damaged section of the road to keep traffic moving.
2. He found a way to bypass the security system to gain access to the building.
3. During the meeting, she decided to bypass the usual procedures and make her suggestions directly to the manager.
4. The new software was designed to bypass traditional limitations of the existing network.
5. They installed a detour to bypass the construction zone.

Memory Aid:

To remember "bypass," think of "buy" + "pass." Imagine buying a ticket to bypass a long line at an event. This creates a mental image of avoiding something by taking an alternative route.

undetected

The word "undetected" is an adjective that describes something that has not been discovered, noticed, or identified. It is often used to refer to activities, problems, or entities that remain hidden from observation or awareness.

Pronunciation: /ˌʌn.dɪˈtɛk.tɪd/

Examples of common use:

1. The malware continued to operate undetected within the computer system for weeks.
2. The thief managed to leave the scene undetected before the police arrived.
3. Certain symptoms of the disease can remain undetected until it is too late.
4. Some environmental issues go undetected until they have severe consequences.
5. The athlete's performance-enhancing drugs were undetected during the competition.

To remember the word "undetected," you can break it down into two parts: "un-" meaning "not" and "detected," which refers to being discovered or identified. So, "undetected" literally means "not detected," making it easier to recall its meaning. Additionally, you might visualize a stealthy action or event going unnoticed, reinforcing the concept of something that remains hidden.

shaft

Shaft

- **Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb
- **Definition:**
 - As a noun, "shaft" refers to a long, narrow part or section of something, typically cylindrical, or an object resembling that shape. It can also refer to the shaft of a spear, arrow, or a part used to transmit power in machinery.
 - As a verb, "shaft" means to deceive, betray, or cheat someone, often in a significant or impactful manner.

Pronunciation:

- /ʃæft/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The elevator shaft was inspected for safety compliance.
2. The carpenter used a long shaft to guide the drill through the wall.
3. He felt that he had been shafted by his business partner during the deal.
4. The arrow struck the target, embedding deep in its shaft.
5. The company invested in a new shaft to enhance their production machinery.

How to Remember the Word:

- Associate "shaft" with the image of a long stick or pole (like a spear or an elevator shaft). For the verb form, think of a "shaft" as something that could be used to mislead—like a tricky maneuver, making you feel "shafted" or cheated. Visualizing a stick that can both be direct and deceptive can help reinforce the meanings in your mind.

channel

- **Part of Speech:** Noun

Definition: A channel is a means of communication or expression, often referring to a medium through which information or ideas are disseminated. It can also refer to a physical pathway, such as in water bodies or broadcasting.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˈtʃæn.əl/

- **Examples of Common Use:**

1. The television channel will air the documentary tonight.
2. You need to find a better channel to market your product.
3. The river carved a channel through the valley over thousands of years.
4. She uses her YouTube channel to share cooking tutorials.
5. Communication channels must be secure to protect sensitive information.

- **Memory Tip:** Think of a "channel" as a pathway that carries something from one place to another, whether it's a river, radio waves, or ideas. Visualizing a river channel can help you remember its role as a conduit for flow and communication.

determine

Determine

- **Part of Speech:** Verb

- **Definition:** To establish or ascertain something conclusively, often by investigation or calculation. It can also mean to decide or conclude after consideration.

Pronunciation: /dɪ'tɜːr.mɪn/

Common Uses:

1. The scientist needed to determine the exact cause of the anomaly in the experiment.
2. We must determine the best course of action in response to the urgent situation.
3. The jury will determine whether the defendant is guilty or innocent.
4. You can determine your eligibility for the program by reviewing the requirements.
5. The weather conditions will determine if we can go hiking this weekend.

Memory Aid: Think of the word "determine" as "de + term + in," where "de" signifies a downward movement toward a conclusion, "term" represents boundaries or limits, and "in" indicates finality. Visualize a detective narrowing down clues to reach a firm conclusion, helping to connect the meaning to the action of deciding or concluding.

dominate

Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Meaning:** To have a commanding influence on; to control or exert power over someone or something, often in a way that limits or overrides others. When one entity or individual dominates, it often implies a notable superiority or preeminence over others in a particular context.

Pronunciation:

/də'mɪn.ə'teɪt/

Examples:

1. The larger company was able to dominate the market, leaving little room for smaller competitors.
2. In this political debate, one candidate seemed to dominate the discussion with his strong arguments.
3. She has a natural ability to dominate the stage during her performances, captivating the audience's attention.
4. The team's defense was strong enough to dominate their opponents throughout the game.
5. Historically, certain empires have sought to dominate vast territories across the globe.

Memory Aid:

To remember the word "dominate," think of the prefix "dom" which is associated with "house" or "home" (derived from the Latin 'domus'). Just as a ruler or a strong person often controls their domain or 'house,' you can visualize how they dominate it. The connection between control (domination) and a domain can help you recall the meaning of the word.

instrumental

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

As an **adjective**, "instrumental" means:

1. Serving as a means of pursuing an aim or purpose; contributing to a result.
2. Relating to or composed for instruments, especially in music.

As a **noun**, "instrumental" refers to:

1. A piece of music composed for instruments, without lyrics.

Pronunciation: /ˌɪnstrə'mentəl/

Examples:

1. The scientist played an instrumental role in the success of the project.
2. The song was primarily instrumental, featuring beautiful melodies without any vocals.
3. Her instrumental support encouraged many young artists to pursue their passions.
4. The documentary highlights instrumental changes in the environment over the years.
5. The band released an album filled with instrumental tracks that showcased their talent.

To remember the word "instrumental," think of the phrase "instrument as a tool." Just as instruments can be tools for making music, something instrumental can be a key tool or factor in achieving something. Visualizing a musician with their instrument might help reinforce the connection between the word and its meanings.

load

load

Part of speech: Verb

Definition: To put a heavy or bulky item onto something, or to fill something with a burden or cargo. It can also refer to the amount of weight or burden that something carries.

Pronunciation: /loʊd/

Examples of common use:

1. Please load the boxes onto the truck before we leave.
2. The truck was heavily loaded with supplies for the construction site.
3. I need to load the website on my computer to access the information.
4. She was careful not to overload the washing machine with too many clothes.
5. The software can load different types of files for editing.

Memory tip: Think of a "load" as a "heavy burden" or "cargo." You can visualize a truck being loaded with boxes to help remember the action of placing something onto another object.

improve

Word: Enhance

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition: To enhance means to improve the quality, value, or extent of something. It often refers to making something better or more effective.

Pronunciation: /ɪn'hæns/

Examples:

1. The new software was designed to enhance productivity in the workplace.
2. Adding herbs can enhance the flavor of many dishes.
3. The artist used vibrant colors to enhance the beauty of the landscape painting.
4. You can enhance your learning experience by practicing regularly.
5. The company decided to enhance their customer service by providing more training to staff.

Memory Aid: Think of "enhance" as "enchant," as both involve making something more appealing. The "hance" part can remind you of enhancing the "chance" for improvement or quality.

sensitive

The word "sensitive" is primarily an adjective. It describes the ability to perceive and respond to stimuli, emotions, or situations. It can refer to someone who has a heightened emotional awareness or someone who can easily be affected by external factors. The term can also relate to subjects that require careful handling due to their emotional, social, or personal implications.

Pronunciation: /ˈsɛn.sɪ.tɪv/

Examples of common use:

1. She has a sensitive nature and often feels deeply about the issues around her.
2. The sensitive information must be protected to avoid leaks.
3. He has sensitive skin that reacts to certain soaps and lotions.
4. The sensitive topic caused a heated debate among the panelists.
5. Animals can be sensitive to changes in their environment or routine.

To remember the word "sensitive," you might associate it with the idea of a "sensitive sensor"—something that reacts quickly to changes. Visualizing a delicate flower that is easily disturbed can also help reinforce the meaning.

abolish

- "Abolish" is a verb. It means to formally put an end to a system, practice, or institution. It is often used in the context of laws or practices that are deemed unjust or outdated.
- Pronunciation: /əˈbɔːlɪʃ/
- Examples of common use:
 1. The government decided to abolish the outdated tax law.
 2. Many activists are working to abolish capital punishment.
 3. The organization aims to abolish discrimination in the workplace.
 4. Some countries have chosen to abolish certain social security programs.

5. Historical movements have successfully abolished slavery in various parts of the world.

- To remember the word "abolish," think of "a" meaning "not" and "polish" as in making something shiny. In this context, to abolish means to take away or not allow the "shine" of a particular practice or law anymore, emphasizing its removal from existence.

conception

Conception

Part of Speech: Noun

Meaning: The process of forming an idea, plan, or concept; also refers to the beginning of development of an embryo.

Pronunciation: /kən'sɛpʃən/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The conception of the new policy took several months of discussion.
2. Many artists explore the conception of beauty in their works.
3. The conception of the project was inspired by a need for community services.
4. In biology, conception refers to the fertilization of an egg.
5. The author shared her conception of the novel during a book signing event.

Remembering the Word:

To remember "conception," think of the prefix "con-" meaning together and "ception" relating to taking or receiving. This can help you visualize the idea of creating or forming concepts together. Additionally, relating it to the concepts of both art and biology can reinforce its meaning in different contexts.

encounter

Encounter

Part of Speech: Verb (also can function as a noun)

Definition:

- **Verb:** To unexpectedly meet or experience something or someone.
- **Noun:** An unexpected or casual meeting, often with conflict or difficulty.

Examples:

- They encountered a problem while trying to install the software.
- During their hike, they had a surprising encounter with a bear.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈkaʊn.tər/

Common Uses:

1. We encountered difficulties during our project.
2. I had an interesting encounter with an old friend at the café.
3. The children encountered a variety of wildlife on their field trip.
4. She was surprised to encounter her former teacher at the conference.
5. The soldiers encountered enemy fire during their mission.

Memory Aid:

Think of "encounter" as "in-count-er," where you "count" the number of unexpected meetings or experiences you have, and that helps you remember that it often relates to meeting something unexpectedly.

bubble

Bubble

- **Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb
- **Definition (Noun):** A bubble is a spherical cavity filled with air or gas, often surrounded by a liquid or gelatinous substance. Bubbles can often be seen in soap solutions, carbonated beverages, and also in cooking, like in soufflés.
- **Definition (Verb):** To bubble means to form bubbles or to create a bubbling sound, often associated with boiling liquids or effervescence in beverages.

Pronunciation: /ˈbʌb.əl/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The child blew bubbles with a wand in the backyard.
2. Water began to bubble as it reached boiling point.
3. The soda was so fizzy that it created bubbles when poured into a glass.
4. She felt like she was living in a bubble, isolated from the world's problems.

5. The investors feared that the stock market was in a bubble and could crash soon.

Memory Tip: To remember the word "bubble," think of the action of blowing bubbles. Visualize a giant soap bubble floating gently in the air, which will help conjure the image and meaning of the word. Alternatively, associate it with the idea of something that rises and bursts easily, like a bubble in water.

sample

Sample

Part of Speech: Noun

- A sample is a small part or quantity of something intended to show what the whole is like. It is often used in contexts such as testing, research, and product demonstrations.

Pronunciation: /'sæmpl/

Examples of Common Use:

1. The company sent out a sample of their new perfume for customers to try.
2. In the scientific study, a sample of the population was analyzed for the survey results.
3. The teacher gave the students a sample essay to illustrate how to structure their writing.
4. When buying fabric, it's a good idea to request a sample to see the color and texture.
5. The ice cream shop offers a sample of each flavor before you make a purchase.

Memory Aid:

To remember the word "sample," think of the phrase "Take a sample," which implies taking a small amount of something to get a taste or an idea of what the rest is like. You might visualize taking a small spoonful of ice cream to see if you like the flavor.

qualitative

The word "qualitative" is an adjective. It relates to the quality or characteristics of something rather than its quantity. In research or analysis, it often pertains to descriptive information about the attributes or properties of a subject, which can be observed but not measured.

Pronunciation: /'kwɒl.ɪ.tə.tɪv/

Examples of common use:

1. The study included both quantitative and qualitative data to provide a comprehensive overview.
2. Qualitative research methods, such as interviews and focus groups, help gather in-depth insights.
3. Her qualitative analysis of the artwork emphasized emotional expression over technical skill.
4. The team focused on qualitative feedback from customers to improve the service.
5. Qualitative differences in opinion can lead to rich discussions in a debate.

To remember the word "qualitative," you can think of the root word "quality." Associating it with the notion of describing or evaluating the quality of something can help you recall its meaning. Additionally, you might visualize qualitative research as gathering colorful stories and detailed observations rather than just numbers or statistics.

accountant

The word "accountant" is a noun. It refers to a person whose job is to keep or inspect financial accounts. Accountants are responsible for managing financial records, preparing tax returns, and ensuring compliance with financial regulations.

Pronunciation: /ə'kaʊntənt/

Examples of common use:

1. She hired an accountant to help her with her taxes.
2. The accountant prepared the annual financial report for the company.
3. After studying accounting in college, he became a certified accountant.
4. An accountant needs to have strong analytical and mathematical skills.
5. Many businesses rely on an accountant to maintain accurate financial records.

To remember the word "accountant," think of the phrase "account for every cent," as accountants meticulously track financial transactions and balances.

plaster

Plaster

Plaster can be a noun or a verb.

- As a noun, it refers to a mixture used for coating walls or ceilings, typically made from gypsum, lime, or cement, which hardens when dry. It can also refer to a bandage used to cover a wound.
- As a verb, it means to cover a surface with plaster or to apply a bandage to a wound.

Pronunciation: /ˈplæs.tər/

Common uses:

1. The walls of the old house were covered in a layer of plaster.
2. I put a plaster on my cut to protect it.
3. After applying the plaster, we waited for it to dry completely.
4. The artist used plaster to create a sculpture of a horse.
5. You need to plaster the walls before painting them for a smooth finish.

To remember the word "plaster," you can think of "plastering a wall" or "putting a band-aid (plaster) on a wound." Both involve covering something to fix or protect it.

storey

The word "storey" is a noun.

A "storey" refers to a level or layer of a building, essentially a floor. Buildings can have multiple storeys, each serving different functions or housing different areas such as apartments, offices, or services.

Pronunciation: /ˈstɔːri/ (UK) or /ˈstɔːrɪ/ (US)

Examples of common use:

1. The apartment is located on the third storey of the building.

2. This office building has ten storeys and an elevator for easy access.
3. They plan to convert the top storey into a rooftop garden.
4. The fire escape is situated on the rear side of the second storey.
5. He lives in a flat on the fifth storey with a beautiful view of the city.

To remember the word "storey," you can associate it with the idea of "stories" in a building—each storey represents a different level of the story of that building. Imagine telling a story about what happens on each level as you go up.

gang

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A "gang" refers to a group of individuals who associate together for a common purpose, often sharing a common identity or engaging in criminal activities.
- Example: "The gang of thieves was caught in the act."

As a verb:

- Definition: To "gang" means to form or join a group or gang, often used in informal contexts.
- Example: "They decided to gang together to complete the project."

Pronunciation: /gæŋ/

Examples of common use:

1. "The gang of friends went out to celebrate."
2. "He was in trouble with a gang known for illegal activities."
3. "Let's gang up on that project so we can finish it quickly."
4. "The local gang is known for its charitable work in the community."
5. "Don't let that gang intimidate you."

To remember the word "gang," think of a group of people, like a band of friends or team, coming together. You might visualize a group of people wearing similar outfits or showing a sense of unity, which can help connect to the idea of a "gang."