

# Word List 16

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## surgery

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### Definition:

The word "surgery" is a noun. It refers to a branch of medicine that involves the treatment of injuries or disorders by physical intervention, typically involving incisions or manipulations of tissues or organs. Surgery can also refer to the actual procedure performed by a surgeon.

### Pronunciation:

/ˈsɜːrdʒəri/ (SUR-juh-ree)

### Examples of common use:

1. The patient is scheduled for surgery tomorrow morning.
2. After the surgery, he needed several weeks to recover.
3. Many advances in surgery have improved patient outcomes.
4. The surgeon explained the risks associated with the surgery.
5. She decided to pursue a career in surgery due to her interest in helping others.

### Memory aid:

To remember the word "surgery," you can break it down into "sur" (like "surmount" or "survive") and "gery" (which sounds like "jury," a group that works together). Visualize a surgeon helping patients "survive" and recover through the "jury" of skilled medical professionals.

## catastrophe

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### Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Meaning:** A catastrophe refers to a sudden and widespread disaster or a significant misfortune that causes a great deal of damage, destruction, or suffering. It can apply to natural disasters, personal tragedies, or any situation that results in severe consequences.

### Pronunciation

- /kə'tæstrəfi/

## Examples of Common Use

1. The earthquake was a catastrophic event that left thousands homeless.
2. The failure of the levees during the hurricane was a catastrophe for the city.
3. Losing his job was a personal catastrophe for him, leading to financial struggles.
4. Many people believe that climate change could lead to global catastrophes.
5. The film depicted a catastrophic future where humanity was on the brink of extinction.

## Memory Aids

To remember the word "catastrophe," you can break it down into two parts: "cat" and "strophe." Imagine a cat caught in a chaotic situation or a scene (like a "strophe" in a poem) that describes disaster. This visualization can help associate the sound and meaning of the word with images of chaos and distress.

# overwork

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## Definition

- **Word:** overwork
- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Explanation:** To work too much or too hard; to cause someone to work excessively, resulting in fatigue or stress.

## Pronunciation

/ˌoʊvər'wɜrk/

## Examples

1. If you overwork yourself, you may end up feeling burnt out and unproductive.
2. Many companies have policies to prevent managers from overworking their employees.
3. She decided to take a vacation because she had been overworking for months without a break.
4. The doctor advised him to avoid overworking, as it could lead to serious health issues.

5. It's important to balance your workload and not overwork, especially during busy seasons.

### Memory Tip

To remember the word "overwork," think of it as "doing work that goes beyond what is normal." The prefix "over-" suggests excess, and you can visualize yourself working harder than necessary, which can lead to exhaustion.

## parental

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The word "parental" is an adjective. It pertains to parents or guardians and relates to the responsibilities, roles, and qualities of being a parent.

Pronunciation: /pə'rentəl/

Examples of common use:

1. Parental guidance is often recommended for movies that are not suitable for children.
2. The school organized a parental workshop to help parents support their children's education.
3. Parental support is crucial during a child's developmental years.
4. Many workplaces offer parental leave to new mothers and fathers.
5. The parental controls on this device help keep kids safe online.

To remember the word "parental," think of the word "parent" and associate it with the adjective form that describes anything related to parents. The suffix "-al" commonly indicates something that is characteristic of or relating to the root word.

## sediment

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### Sediment

- Part of Speech: Noun
- Definition: Sediment refers to solid material that settles at the bottom of a liquid, often composed of particles such as minerals, organic matter, and other materials. It accumulates over time in various natural environments, such as rivers, lakes, and oceans.

- **Example Sentence:** The river's sediment was analyzed to determine the pollution levels in the water.

**Pronunciation:** /'sedɪmənt/

**Common Uses:**

1. The sediment in the pond indicated the ecosystem's health.
2. After the flood, the sediment settled on the streets, making them muddy.
3. Scientists study lake sediment to understand climate changes over centuries.
4. Sediment accumulation can affect water quality by blocking sunlight.
5. The archaeologists found ancient artifacts preserved in the sediment layers.

**Memory Aid:** To remember the word "sediment," think of "sed" as in "settle," which relates to how sediment settles at the bottom of a body of water. Visualizing sediment layers can help reinforce this connection.

## various

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**Various**

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Different from one another; of different kinds or sorts. It describes a range or variety of objects, ideas, or people.

**Pronunciation:** /'ver.i.əs/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The museum showcases various types of art from around the world.
2. She has various skills that make her a valuable team member.
3. The conference will cover various topics related to technology.
4. There are various options available for our holiday travel plans.
5. The garden features various plants, flowers, and trees.

**Memory Technique:** To remember the word "various," think of the word "variety." Both words share the same root, and "various" refers to a collection that contains many different elements, resembling a variety store that offers a mix of products.

# resit

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The word "resit" is a verb. It refers to the act of taking an examination or test again, usually because the first attempt was not passed or was deemed unsatisfactory.

Pronunciation: /ˈriː.sɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. After failing the math exam, I decided to resit it in the summer.
2. Many students are anxious about having to resit their finals.
3. If you didn't pass the driving test, you can always resit it next month.
4. The university allows students to resit a maximum of two modules.
5. I found the material easier to understand when I had to resit the course.

To remember the word "resit," think of "re-" as in "again" and "sit" as in "sitting for a test." When you "resit," you are sitting for the test again.

# menace

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## Definition:

Menace (noun): A threat or danger that causes harm or poses a risk. It can refer to an individual or thing that is seen as a potential cause of harm or intimidation.

Menace (verb): To threaten harm or danger to someone or something; to represent a potential risk.

## Pronunciation:

/ˈmɛn.ɪs/

## Examples:

1. The dark clouds on the horizon were a menace to the outdoor festival.
2. He felt that the stray dog was a menace, barking aggressively at anyone who passed.
3. The rising pollution levels in the city pose a serious menace to public health.
4. As a player, his aggressive style of play made him a menace on the field.
5. The investigation revealed that the criminal organization was a menace to society.

**Memory Aid:**

To remember the word "menace," think of a "menacing" shadow lurking around a corner, giving you a sense of danger. The similar sound and idea can help reinforce the meaning of the word as something threatening or risky.

## contain

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**Definition:**

The word "contain" is a verb. It means to have something within or to hold something inside. It can also refer to keeping something from spreading or getting out.

**Pronunciation:**

/kən'teɪn/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The box can contain many toys.
2. Please make sure the lid can contain the liquid without leaking.
3. This document contains important information.
4. The fire was contained to a small area and did not spread.
5. The container must contain enough food for everyone.

**Memory tip:**

To remember the word "contain," think of the phrase "to hold in." Picture a container (like a jar) that holds contents inside, which can help you visualize the concept of containing something.

## fasten

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**Definition**

Fasten (verb): To attach or secure something firmly in place; to make something fast or tight.

**Pronunciation**

/fæsn/

**Examples**

1. Please fasten your seatbelt before the flight takes off.
2. She used a clip to fasten the papers together.

3. The builder will fasten the roof to the walls to ensure it is stable.
4. He forgot to fasten the lid on the jar, causing it to spill.
5. Make sure to fasten the straps of your backpack before hiking.

### Memory Aid

To remember "fasten," think of the phrase "Fasten your seatbelt" as a common reminder to secure yourself in place before a journey. The word "fasten" starts with "f," which can remind you of safety ("fast") when securing something.

## establish

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### Establish

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To set up, create, or bring into existence; to make something accepted, recognized, or firmly set.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪ'stæblɪʃ/

### Examples:

1. The company aims to **establish** a strong presence in the market.
2. The treaty helped to **establish** peace between the two nations.
3. She worked hard to **establish** her credibility as an expert in the field.
4. The foundation was created to **establish** educational programs for underprivileged children.
5. The scientist plans to **establish** a new research facility.

**Memory Aid:** To remember "establish," think of the phrase "establish roots." Just as a plant needs roots to grow, we need to establish a foundation for new ideas, relationships, or institutions to thrive.

## position

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

As a **noun**:

- It refers to a place or location, particularly in terms of a specific area or arrangement. It can also indicate a person's status or role within an organization, society, or situation.

As a **verb**:

- It means to place something in a specific spot or arrangement.

Pronunciation:

/pə'zɪʃ.ən/

Examples of common use:

1. She found a comfortable position to study in.
2. The company is looking to fill a management position.
3. He positioned the chair next to the window for better light.
4. Our team is in a strong position to win the game.
5. Please position the graphic in the center of the slide.

To remember the word "position," think of the idea of 'placing' something in a specific 'spot' or 'role.' You can visualize a chess piece being strategically positioned on the board.

## simulate

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simulate

**Part of speech:** Verb

**Definition:** To imitate or replicate the characteristics or behaviors of something, often for the purpose of analysis, experimentation, or training.

**Pronunciation:** /'sɪm.jʊ.leɪt/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The software can simulate various weather conditions for research purposes.
2. Pilots use flight simulators to simulate real flying experiences.
3. The teacher used role-playing to simulate a real-life conflict resolution scenario.
4. Scientists simulate the effects of climate change in their models.
5. Engineers often simulate stress tests on materials before production.



**Memory tip:** Think of the word "simulate" as "similar trait"—when you simulate something, you are creating a similar experience or model of it. Visualizing that similarity can help you remember the meaning.

## scratch

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

As a verb:

- Definition: To mark the surface of something by rubbing it with something sharp or rough; to scrape or to make a line or a mark.
- Example: She scratched the record accidentally, causing it to skip.

As a noun:

- Definition: A mark or cut made by scratching; a small injury to the surface of something.
- Example: There was a scratch on the car door from the tree branch.

Pronunciation: /skrætʃ/

Common uses:

1. "He scratched his head in confusion."
2. "The cat made a scratch on the couch."
3. "She won the race from scratch."
4. "After scratching the surface, they found interesting insights."
5. "I need to scratch off the lottery ticket."

To remember the word "scratch," think of the action of a cat using its claws. Visualize a cat scratching a post, and associate that image with the word. This connection might help you remember both the meaning and spelling of the word.

## flexitime

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Flexitime

Flexitime is a noun that refers to a flexible working arrangement that allows employees to choose their working hours within certain limits. Rather than having fixed start and end times, employees can adapt their schedules based on personal needs, provided they fulfill the required number of hours.

Pronunciation: /'fleksɪtaɪm/

Examples:

1. Many companies are adopting flexitime policies to accommodate employees' diverse needs.
2. With flexitime, I can start my workday earlier and finish in the afternoon to pick up my children from school.
3. The new flexitime arrangement has improved employee morale and productivity significantly.
4. Employees appreciate the option of flexitime, as it allows for better work-life balance.
5. She requested to shift to flexitime to manage her studies alongside her job.

To remember the word flexitime, think of "flexible" and "time." The concept combines flexibility with the scheduling of time, suggesting that working hours can be adjusted like elastic, fitting around the needs of the employee.

## assist

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The word "assist" is a verb. It means to help or support someone in doing something.

**Pronunciation:** /ə'sɪst/

**Examples of common use:**

1. She will assist the manager in planning the event.
2. The volunteers assist the elderly with their daily tasks.
3. Doctors assist patients in recovering from illnesses.
4. The software is designed to assist users in navigating the system.
5. He called a technician to assist with the broken equipment.

**How to remember the word:** Think of "assist" as "a sister" who helps you out whenever you need support. The imagery of a caring sibling can help reinforce the meaning of the word as providing help.

## mammal

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The word "mammal" is a noun. It refers to a class of animals characterized by the presence of mammary glands in females that produce milk for feeding their young, the presence of hair or fur, and typically a live birth. Mammals are warm-blooded vertebrates, and they usually have a complex brain structure.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈmæm.əl/

### Examples of common use:

1. A whale is a type of mammal that lives in the ocean.
2. Humans are classified as mammals due to their biological characteristics.
3. Dogs are domesticated mammals known for their loyalty.
4. The study of mammals is called mammalogy.
5. Not all animals that live on land are mammals; reptiles and birds are also common.

**How to remember the word:** You can remember "mammal" by associating it with the word "mammary," which is linked to milk production. Think of "mamma" (mother), as mammals nurse their young, and the "mal" ending is similar to "animal," helping to connect the concept that mammals are a specific group within the animal kingdom.

## illegal

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- The word "illegal" is an adjective. It is used to describe something that is not allowed by law, or that is contrary to the law. It implies that an action or situation is prohibited and may result in legal penalties.
- Pronunciation: /ɪˈliːɡəl/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The sale of narcotics is illegal in many countries.
  2. He was arrested for illegal parking.
  3. It is illegal to drive without a valid license.
  4. The organization was shut down for conducting illegal activities.

5. She faced charges for illegal immigration.

- To remember the word "illegal," you can think of the prefix "il-" which means "not" and the root word "legal," which refers to the law. Together, they create a term that clearly signifies something that is "not legal" or against the law.

## ultimately

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Ultimately is an adverb.

It means "in the end" or "finally," indicating the final result or conclusion of a situation after considering everything else. It often emphasizes the most important factor or the last stage of a process.

Pronunciation: /ˈʌltɪmətli/

Examples of common use:

1. Ultimately, it is your decision to make.
2. The project will ultimately serve to benefit the entire community.
3. They ultimately decided to take a different approach.
4. Ultimately, the outcome of the negotiation is what matters most.
5. She knew that ultimately, happiness comes from within.

To remember the word ultimately, think of it as "the final result" of a situation. You can associate the prefix "ultimate" with "the last" to help recall that ultimately refers to the end result or conclusion.

## sinew

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- Sinew (noun): This term refers to a piece of tough fibrous tissue that connects muscle to bone; in other contexts, it can also denote strength or power, especially in the context of work or effort. It can also imply the reliance on strong resources or people for support.
- Pronunciation: /ˈsɪnjuː/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The sinews of the body are essential for movement and support.
  2. His arguments were the sinews of his political campaign.

3. The team depended on the sinews of their community for backing.
  4. The sinewy muscles of the athlete showcased years of training.
  5. Time and money are the sinews in the success of any business.
- To remember the word: Associate "sinew" with the concept of "strength" and "connection." Picture a strong rope (as sinews connect muscles to bones) that holds things together, emphasizing the idea of resilience and support.

## artificial

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The word "artificial" is primarily used as an adjective.

### Definition:

1. **Adjective:** Made or produced by human beings rather than occurring naturally, often as a copy of something natural. It can refer to things like materials, flavors, intelligence, or methods that are not original or genuine.

### Pronunciation:

/ˌɑːr.tɪˈfɪʃ.əl/

### Examples of common use:

1. The scientist developed an artificial heart to help patients with heart disease.
2. Many foods contain artificial ingredients to enhance their flavor and appearance.
3. The film used artificial effects to create stunning visuals.
4. Artificial intelligence can analyze data much faster than a human mind.
5. The park features an artificial lake for boating and fishing.

### How to remember the word:

Break it down into "art" (suggesting creativity) and "ficial" (like "official"), which may help you visualize something crafted or created rather than naturally occurring. Associate it with "man-made" or "synthetic" to reinforce its meaning.

## veil

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### Definition

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

- As a **noun**, a "veil" refers to a piece of fine material worn by women to protect or conceal the face. It can also mean anything that conceals, disguises, or obscures something.
- As a **verb**, "to veil" means to cover, conceal, or disguise something.

## Pronunciation

/veil/

## Examples of Common Use

1. She wore a beautiful lace veil on her wedding day.
2. The mountains were veiled in mist early in the morning.
3. He used a veil of secrecy to protect his private life.
4. The actress decided to veil her emotions during the interview.
5. A veil of smoke filled the air after the fire broke out.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "veil," think of a "veil" as something that creates a barrier between you and the reality, just like a curtain. Visualize a bride wearing a veil to hide her face and consider how the veil symbolizes mystery or secrecy. The similar word "reveal" can also help; anything concealed by a veil can be revealed when the veil is lifted.

# tend

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- The word "tend" is a verb. It means to have a tendency to do something or to take care of something. It can also mean to pay attention to or to look after someone or something.
- Pronunciation: /tend/
- Examples of common use:
  1. She tends to forget her keys when she rushes out of the house.
  2. Farmers tend to their crops every morning.
  3. He tends to be a bit shy when meeting new people.
  4. The nurse tends the patients in the hospital.
  5. Animals tend to flock together for safety.

- To remember the word "tend," think of the phrase "tending to" which suggests looking after or caring for something. You can also associate it with a garden where you "tend" to the plants, nurturing and caring for them to grow.

## removal

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Removal is a noun.

Removal refers to the act of taking something away or off from a particular place. It is often used in contexts where objects, substances, or people are taken away or eliminated.

Pronunciation: /rɪ'mu:vəl/

Common uses of the word "removal":

1. The removal of hazardous waste is crucial for environmental safety.
2. They decided on the removal of the old tree from the garden.
3. The surgery involved the removal of the patient's appendix.
4. She was upset about her removal from the team due to her injury.
5. The removal of graffiti from the walls took several hours.

To remember the word "removal," think of the prefix "re-" meaning again or back, and "move," which conveys the idea of changing position. Together, they suggest the concept of moving something away or back from its original place.

## parallel

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The word "parallel" can be used as both an adjective and a noun, as well as a verb in some contexts.

As an **adjective**, "parallel" refers to lines or surfaces that are equidistant from each other at all points and never meet. It can also describe things that are similar or analogous in nature.

As a **noun**, "parallel" refers to a person or thing that is similar or analogous to another, and it can also mean one of a set of lines that run parallel to each other.

As a **verb**, to "parallel" means to make something similar or analogous to something else.

Pronunciation: /'pær.ə.lel/

Examples of common use:

1. The two roads run parallel to each other for several miles.
2. She drew parallels between the novel and her own life experiences.
3. The teacher asked the students to parallel their findings with previous experiments.
4. The architect designed the building with parallel lines for a modern look.
5. His thoughts on the subject run parallel with those of his colleagues.

To remember the word "parallel," you can think of the image of train tracks. Just as the tracks remain the same distance apart and never meet each other, the concept of "parallel" highlights similarity and equidistance. You may also note that both "parallel" and "pair" start with the letter "p," which can help you associate the two words in terms of similarity.

## compel

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### Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Explanation:** To compel means to force or drive someone to do something; it implies applying pressure or influence to ensure that an action is taken.

### Pronunciation:

/kəm'pɛl/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The evidence was so compelling that the jury had no choice but to convict the defendant.
2. She felt compelled to apologize after realizing her mistake.
3. The urgent situation compelled him to act quickly.
4. Many students are compelled to study hard to meet their parents' expectations.
5. The law compels businesses to provide safe working conditions for their employees.



### How to Remember the Word:

Think of "compel" as "compel someone to pay attention," where "compel" suggests a strong force or influence, like how a compelling argument can make you change your mind. Visualize a person pulling someone else towards them, indicating they must take action.

## immediately

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### immediately

- **Part of Speech:** Adverb
- **Definition:** Without delay or hesitation; at once. It indicates that something happens instantly or right away.

**Pronunciation:** /ɪˈmiː.di.ət.li/

### Examples:

1. Please call me immediately if you need assistance.
2. The meeting will start immediately after lunch.
3. He responded immediately to the emergency call.
4. I want to address this issue immediately.
5. The doctor will see you immediately.

**Memory Tip:** Associate "immediately" with the phrase "in a flash" to remember that it implies quickness and promptness. Visualize something happening in the blink of an eye to reinforce the concept of urgency.

## institute

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### Definition:

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

- **Noun:** A society or organization having a particular object or purpose, often related to education, research, or professional development.
- **Verb:** To establish, organize, or set in motion (something, typically a procedure or policy).

### Pronunciation:

/ɪn.stɪ.tuːt/

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The university has established an institute for advanced studies in artificial intelligence.
2. They decided to institute a new policy regarding remote work.
3. Many research institutes receive funding from government grants.
4. He will institute measures to improve the safety of the workplace.
5. The art institute offers various programs for aspiring artists.

## Memory Aid:

To remember "institute," think of "in" (inside) and "stitute" (a form of "status" or "establish"). Imagine an organization that is "established inside" a community to promote learning or research. This connection will help you recall its meaning related to organizations and establishing policies or systems.

# serial

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

As an adjective:

- It describes something that occurs in a series or sequence. For example, "serial publications" refer to magazines or journals that are issued in successive installments.

As a noun:

- It often refers to a story or drama that is serialized, meaning it is published or broadcast in installments, such as a "television serial."

Pronunciation: /ˈsɪəriəl/

Examples of common use:

1. She enjoys watching the latest episodes of her favorite serial on TV.
2. The author is known for his serial novels that keep readers eagerly awaiting the next installment.
3. There was a serial publication that focused on historical events throughout the year.
4. The detective was working on a case involving a serial criminal.

5. I like to read serial comics that tell an ongoing story.

To remember the word "serial," you can associate it with the phrase "series," as both share similar roots related to sequences or successive items. Consider thinking of a "serial killer" or "serial drama" where events unfold over time, reinforcing the idea of continuation or repetition.

## oversee

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### Oversee

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To supervise or watch over a process, project, or group of people to ensure that it is performed correctly and efficiently.

**Pronunciation:** /ˌoʊ.vərˈsiː/

### Examples:

1. The manager will oversee the construction of the new office building.
2. Teachers oversee the students during the examination to prevent cheating.
3. She was hired to oversee the development of the software project.
4. A committee was formed to oversee the allocation of funds.
5. The director oversees the entire production to ensure everything runs smoothly.

### Memory Aid:

Think of "oversee" as "seeing over" something. Visualize a person standing above a group, watching carefully to guide and manage their activities.

## reinforce

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### Part of Speech:

- Verb: "Reinforce" means to strengthen or support an idea, concept, or structure.

### Pronunciation:

- /ˌriːnˈfɔːrs/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The volunteers worked to **reinforce** the dam before the heavy rain arrived.

2. The teacher used different methods to **reinforce** the lesson for her students.
3. New research can help to **reinforce** the existing theories in the field of science.
4. The coach's comments served to **reinforce** the players' confidence before the big game.
5. We need to **reinforce** the safety measures in our workplace to prevent accidents.

### Memory Aid:

To remember "reinforce," think of the word as "re" (again) and "in force" (putting strength in). Imagine adding strength to something that is already there, like reinforcing a wall with extra bricks.

## commitment

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### Commitment

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A commitment refers to a pledge or obligation to carry out a certain action, fulfill a duty, or adhere to a promise. It can also describe the state of being dedicated to a cause, activity, or relationship.
- **Pronunciation:** /kə'mɪt.mənt/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. She made a commitment to exercise three times a week to improve her health.
2. The company values its commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility.
3. They had a strong commitment to each other, which strengthened their relationship.
4. His commitment to the project ensured its success.
5. Being a good leader requires a commitment to your team's development.

### How to Remember the Word:

To remember "commitment," think of the phrase "I commit my heart and mind." Visualize making a promise to yourself or someone you care about, reinforcing the idea of dedication and obligation associated with the word. Additionally, associate it with the image of a lock (committing to keep something secure).

# donation

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## Donation

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A gift or contribution, typically of money or goods, given to help others or support a cause.

**Pronunciation:** /doʊ'neɪʃən/

### Examples:

1. The charity received a generous donation from a local business.
2. She made a donation to the animal shelter to support their work.
3. Many people prefer to make monthly donations to their favorite causes.
4. The school organized a fundraiser to encourage donations for new sports equipment.
5. He wrote a heartfelt letter thanking the donors for their contributions.

**Memory Aid:** Think of "donation" as a combination of "do" and "nation." When you contribute to a cause, you are doing something for the betterment of a group or "nation" of people in need.

# curious

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## Curious

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Eager to know or learn something; having a strong desire to understand or investigate. It often carries a sense of inquisitiveness or a desire for knowledge.

**Pronunciation:** /'kjʊə.ri.əs/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. She was curious about the new student in her class.
2. The curious cat explored every corner of the room.
3. His curious nature led him to ask many questions.
4. I'm curious if you finished your project on time.

5. The curious smell in the kitchen made her go investigate.

**Memory Tip:** To remember "curious," think of the word "cure." When you're curious, you seek to "cure" your questions and seek answers, much like how a doctor finds cures for ailments. Additionally, picture a cat (known for being curious) peeking into a box or exploring its surroundings, which is a common association with curiosity.

## jungle

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- **Definition:**

**Noun:** A jungle refers to a dense, tangled forest, typically found in tropical regions, characterized by overgrown vegetation, thick underbrush, and a rich variety of animal and plant life. It can also metaphorically imply a chaotic or dangerous situation.

- **Pronunciation:**

/ˈdʒʌŋ.gəl/

- **Examples of common use:**

1. The explorers ventured deep into the jungle, searching for undiscovered species.
2. The city can feel like a concrete jungle, bustling and overwhelming.
3. We got lost in the jungle during our hike, surrounded by towering trees and wild sounds.
4. Many animals thrive in the lush conditions of the jungle.
5. Navigating the corporate jungle can be challenging for new employees.

- **Memory aid:**

To remember the word "jungle," think of the image of an untamed, wild area brimming with life and challenges, much like a fierce competition or a complex situation in life, symbolized by the word itself. You can also connect it with the popular movie "The Jungle Book," which features adventure and a variety of animals in a jungle setting.

## overdraft

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## Definition

Overdraft (noun): A situation in which a bank allows an account holder to withdraw more money than is currently available in their account, leading to a negative balance.

Overdraft (verb): To withdraw more money from a bank account than is available, resulting in a deficit.

## Pronunciation

/ˈoʊvərˌdræft/

## Examples

1. John incurred an overdraft on his checking account after his unexpected expenses this month.
2. The bank charges a fee for each transaction that results in an overdraft.
3. She had to apply for an overdraft protection plan to avoid any penalties.
4. After reviewing his finances, he realized he had overdrawn his account by several hundred dollars.
5. It's essential to keep track of your spending to avoid going into overdraft.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "overdraft," think of "over" meaning excessive or beyond and "draft" which can refer to the act of drawing money. Imagine a bank that allows you to "draw" or take out "over" what you have, thus creating a deficit in your account.

# optical

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The word "optical" is an adjective. It relates to light or vision; it describes things that are connected to or used in the eyes or the study of light.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈɒp.tɪ.kəl/

## Examples of common use:

1. Optical illusions can trick our brains into seeing things that aren't there.
2. The optical fibers transmit data at high speeds using light signals.
3. He wore optical glasses to correct his vision.
4. The study of optical properties is important in physics and engineering.
5. Optical coating is applied to lenses to improve their performance.

**Memory tip:** To remember "optical," think of the word "opt," which is associated with sight or vision. Both words share a common root that relates to the eye and light.

## otherwise

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- Otherwise (adverb): This word is used to indicate a different state, situation, or condition. It suggests that if something does not happen as stated, an alternative outcome might occur. It can also mean "in other respects" or "if not."
- Pronunciation: /ˈʌð.ər.waɪz/
- Examples:
  1. You need to study hard; otherwise, you might fail the exam.
  2. We should leave now; otherwise, we'll miss the bus.
  3. It's important to save money; otherwise, you won't have enough for emergencies.
  4. You should apologize to her; otherwise, she may not want to speak to you again.
  5. Please turn off the lights; otherwise, the battery will run out.
- To remember the word "otherwise," think of it as a way to present conditions or alternatives. Imagine it as a bridge that connects what you need to do with what will happen if you don't do it. The "otherwise" implies that there's a fork in the road where choices lead to different outcomes.

## possession

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**Word:** possession

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Definition:** The state of having, owning, or controlling something. This can refer to physical objects, properties, or even abstract things such as rights or feelings.

**Pronunciation:** /pəˈzɛʃən/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The man's possession of the rare painting was the talk of the town.
2. After a long debate, they agreed to share possession of the house.



3. Her possession of that secret made her feel powerful.
4. In many cultures, possession of land is tied to one's social status.
5. The police found illegal possessions in the suspect's belongings.

**Memory Tip:** To remember the word "possession," think of the phrase "I possess this." The connection between the sound of "possess" and "possession" highlights ownership. Visualize yourself holding onto something valuable to reinforce its meaning.

## however

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The word "however" is primarily used as a conjunction and an adverb.

As a conjunction, "however" is used to introduce a statement that contrasts with or seems to contradict something that has been said previously. As an adverb, it is used to mean "in whatever way" or "to whatever degree."

Pronunciation: /haʊˈevər/

Examples:

1. She was tired; however, she decided to go for a run anyway.
2. The project faced several challenges; however, we managed to complete it on time.
3. I wanted to go to the concert; however, I had other commitments.
4. The movie received mixed reviews; however, many people still enjoyed it.
5. It's a difficult problem. However, I believe we can find a solution.

To remember the word "however," think of it as a bridge between two contrasting ideas, similar to saying "but" in a more formal context. You might visualize it as a "however" sign on a road that leads to two different paths, indicating a change in direction or perspective.

## retail

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"Retail"

**Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb

**Definition:**

As a noun, "retail" refers to the sale of goods to the public in small quantities, as opposed to wholesale, which involves selling in large amounts.

As a verb, it means to sell goods to consumers directly rather than through a wholesaler

or distributor.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈriːteɪl/

**Common Uses:**

1. The retail industry has seen significant growth in online shopping.
2. Many small businesses rely on retail sales to survive.
3. She decided to retail her handmade jewelry at a local market.
4. Retail prices for electronics can vary widely from one store to another.
5. The company's retail store is located in the heart of downtown.

**Memory Tip:**

To remember "retail," think of "retail" as "retail therapy," which refers to shopping for the purpose of making oneself feel better. Associating it with shopping experiences can help connect the word with its meaning.

## cultural

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The word "cultural" is an adjective. It relates to the ideas, customs, and social behavior of a particular people or society. It can describe anything that pertains to the culture of a community or group.

Pronunciation: /ˈkʌl.tʃər.əl/

Examples of common use:

1. Cultural diversity refers to the variety of cultural groups within a society.
2. The museum hosts a cultural event showcasing traditional dances from around the world.
3. Cultural heritage plays a significant role in shaping our identity.
4. The book explores the cultural implications of globalization.
5. She attended a cultural festival to learn more about the traditions of different communities.

To remember the word "cultural," you can think of its relation to the word "culture." Since "cultural" describes something associated with culture, envision a vibrant tapestry that includes various customs, traditions, and practices, which can help cement the meaning in your mind.

# morality

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## Morality

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Morality refers to principles concerning the distinction between right and wrong or good and bad behavior. It encompasses the beliefs, values, and rules that govern individuals' behavior in society and can vary across cultures and religions.

**Pronunciation:** mə'ræl.i.ti

## Common Uses:

1. "The morality of the decision was questioned by many in the community."
2. "She believed in the importance of personal morality and integrity."
3. "Different cultures have different moral codes."
4. "Discussions about morality often arise in debates about law and ethics."
5. "He felt a strong sense of morality that guided his actions."

**Memory Aid:** To remember the word "morality," think of "morals" as guiding principles for right and wrong. You can also associate it with the phrase "moral compass," which helps navigate ethical decisions. Visualize a compass pointing towards "right actions" to reinforce the connection.

# transaction

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The word "transaction" is a noun that refers to the act of conducting business or exchanging goods, services, or financial assets between parties. It often involves a transfer of money and is a crucial aspect of commerce and trade.

Pronunciation: /træn'zækʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. The bank has introduced a new system to speed up online transactions.
2. He completed the transaction with a simple click on his smartphone.
3. In accounting, every transaction must be documented for accuracy.
4. The store offers cash back on certain transactions made with a debit card.

5. It is important to keep records of all financial transactions for tax purposes.

To remember the word "transaction," you can think of it as consisting of "trans" (which suggests moving across) and "action" (indicating something being done). Together, it reminds you that a transaction involves moving something (like money or goods) during an action of exchange.

## twofold

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- The word "twofold" is an adjective that means consisting of two parts or aspects, or being twice as much. It can also be used as an adverb to mean "two times" or "doubly."
- Pronunciation: /ˈtuː.fəʊld/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The benefits of the new policy are twofold: it decreases costs and improves efficiency.
  2. The fundraiser aimed for a twofold goal: raising money for charity while also increasing awareness of the cause.
  3. Her twofold approach to the problem included both immediate action and long-term planning.
  4. The project was twofold, as it sought to both educate the public and provide resources for further learning.
  5. The company's profit increase was twofold due to increased sales and reduced expenses.
- To remember the word "twofold," think of "two" as representing its main aspect and "fold" as something that is doubled or stacked. Visualize it as having two layers, which can help reinforce the concept of twofold as dual or double.

## solution

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solution

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A solution is a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation. It can also refer to a homogeneous mixture of two or more substances.
- **Pronunciation:** /səˈluːʃən/

- **Examples:**

1. The teacher provided a solution to the math problem.
2. The company is searching for a solution to reduce costs.
3. Saltwater is a solution made from salt and water.
4. After a long discussion, we finally reached a solution.
5. He posed a solution that many found agreeable.

- **Memory Tip:** Associate the word "solution" with "solving" and think of it as a "final answer" or "mix" — like how a chemist dissolves salts in water to create a solution.

# embassy

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## embassy

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Definition:** An embassy is a diplomatic mission that represents one country in another country. It is usually located in the capital city of the host country and serves as the official residence and office of the ambassador and other diplomatic staff. Embassies are responsible for protecting the interests of their home country and its citizens abroad, as well as facilitating communication between the two nations.

**Pronunciation:** /'ɛm.bə.si/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The ambassador held a press conference at the embassy to address the recent issues.
2. If you lose your passport while traveling, you should contact your embassy for assistance.
3. The embassy organized a cultural event to foster better relations between the two countries.
4. The political asylum seeker sought refuge at the embassy, fearing persecution in his home country.
5. Many citizens visit the embassy to apply for visas before traveling abroad.

**Memory Aid:** To remember the word "embassy," you can think of the phrase "Where my country is represented abroad." The "em-" prefix can evoke "emissary," which means a representative, helping you recall that an embassy serves as a representation of a nation in a foreign land.

# remark

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## Remark

**Part of Speech:** Verb, Noun

### Definition:

- As a verb, "remark" means to say something, to comment, express an opinion or observation about something.
- As a noun, it refers to a statement or comment made by someone.

**Pronunciation:** /rɪ'mark/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. She made a thoughtful remark about the importance of kindness.
2. During the meeting, he remarked on the team's progress.
3. His remark was taken in good humor by everyone.
4. He didn't mean to offend with his remark.
5. The professor's remarks were insightful and helpful.

### Memory Tip:

To remember "remark," think of it as "re-mark"—you're marking or commenting again on something you've observed or discussed. This association can help you recall its meaning as making a comment or statement.

# delay

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### Definition:

The word "delay" can function as a verb and a noun.

- **Verb:** To postpone or make something happen later than it was scheduled.
- **Noun:** A period of time by which something is late or postponed.

**Pronunciation:**

/dɪˈleɪ/

**Examples:**

1. **Verb:** "The flight was delayed due to bad weather."
2. **Verb:** "She decided to delay making a decision until she had more information."
3. **Noun:** "There was a significant delay in the delivery of the package."
4. **Noun:** "We experienced a delay in the meeting, which pushed back our schedule."
5. **Verb:** "He tried to delay his response to avoid committing right away."

**Memory Aid:**

To remember "delay," think of the two parts: "D" for "don't" and "lay" for "lay down your plans." When you delay something, you're not following through on your original timing, much like laying down your plans.

## congress

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**Word:** Congress

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Definition:**

1. A formal meeting or assembly of representatives for discussion and decision-making, especially in a legislative context.
2. In the United States, Congress refers specifically to the bicameral legislature, which consists of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈkɒŋɡrəs/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The new law was passed by Congress after months of debate.
2. She attended the congressional hearing to voice her concerns on climate change.
3. Congress is responsible for making federal laws and approving the budget.
4. The President delivered a speech to Congress regarding the healthcare reforms.
5. Tensions between the two political parties have been high in Congress this session.

### Memory Tip:

To remember the word "Congress," think of it as a "convention of progress." The prefix "con-" can remind you of coming together or meeting, while "gress," which sounds like "progress," signifies the action taken toward making decisions and laws. This association can help you recall its legislative meaning.

## germ

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- The word "germ" is a noun. It refers to a microorganism, especially one that causes disease. In a broader sense, it can also refer to the initial stage of development of something, such as an idea or organism.
- Pronunciation: /dʒɜrm/
- Common uses of the word "germ":
  1. "Washing your hands can help prevent the spread of germs."
  2. "The doctor tested for germs in the patient's blood."
  3. "She had a germ of an idea for her new project."
  4. "He is very concerned about germs in public places."
  5. "To stay healthy, it's important to keep germs at bay."
- To remember the word "germ," think of a "germ" as something small and potentially harmful, similar to a "germ" of an idea that can grow into something significant if nurtured properly. The connection between the words "germ" (microorganism) and "germinate" (to start growing) can also help reinforce its meaning regarding beginnings.

## fashion

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Fashion

Fashion (noun)

Definition: A popular trend, especially in styles of dress and ornament or manners of behavior. It refers to the prevailing styles in a particular time and context.

Pronunciation: /ˈfæʃ.ən/

Examples of common use:

1. She always keeps up with the latest fashion trends.



2. The fashion show showcased new collections from various designers.
3. His sense of fashion is very unique and expressive.
4. Fashion magazines often feature tips on how to style outfits.
5. Vintage fashion has become increasingly popular among young people.

How to remember the word:

Think of "fashion" as referring to something that is "in style" or "in vogue." You can visualize a runway with models showcasing the latest outfits to help cement the concept of fashion in your mind.

## carousel

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Carousel

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A carousel is a rotating machine or device that displays a series of items or images; commonly seen in amusement parks as a ride with animals or vehicles on which people can sit and go around in a circle. It can also refer to a rotating display in an airport for luggage or in a digital context to showcase images or products.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˌkær.ə'sel/
- **Examples:**
  1. The children giggled with joy as they rode the carousel at the fair.
  2. My suitcase was the last one to appear on the baggage carousel after the flight.
  3. The website features a carousel at the top of the page that highlights special promotions.
  4. At the amusement park, the carousel has beautifully painted horses and colorful lights.
  5. He watched as the carousel of images showed his vacation photos.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "carousel," think of a circular ride at a carnival where you can enjoy a joyful spinning motion, like a merry-go-round, visualizing the colorful horses going up and down as they circle around. The "carousel" keeps you moving in a fun loop, just as the word circles around in your mind!

## splash

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## Definition

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

- As a verb, it means to cause a liquid to scatter or splash by striking it or to move through liquid with a noticeable noise.
- As a noun, it refers to the sound or act of liquid splattering or the mark left by a liquid that has splashed.

## Pronunciation

/splæʃ/

## Examples

1. **Verb:** She **splashed** water on her face to wake herself up.
2. **Noun:** The **splash** of water made a loud noise when the stone hit the lake.
3. **Verb:** The children **splashed** around in the pool, enjoying the summer sun.
4. **Noun:** There was a big **splash** of paint on the canvas that drew everyone's attention.
5. **Verb:** He **splashed** mud on his shoes while walking through the puddle.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "splash," think of a playful scene where children are jumping into a pool or puddle, causing water to scatter everywhere. Visualize the bright, cheerful splashes and associate the sound with fun and movement to reinforce the meaning.

# beforehand

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The word "beforehand" is an adverb. It means in advance or prior to a certain event or action. It is used to describe actions that are completed beforehand or something that is arranged or prepared before the intended time.

Pronunciation: /bɪ'fɔːr.hænd/

Examples of common use:

1. It's always a good idea to plan your meals beforehand.
2. Please let me know beforehand if you won't be able to attend the meeting.
3. She packed her suitcase beforehand to avoid any last-minute stress.
4. We should confirm our booking beforehand to guarantee our spot.

5. You need to finish your homework beforehand to enjoy the weekend.

To remember the word "beforehand," think of it as "before" (indicating time) and "hand" (as in having something ready in your hand). Visualize getting everything ready in your hands before the main event.

## spade

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**Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb

**Definition:**

- **Noun:** A spade is a tool with a sharp, flat blade and a long handle, used for digging, lifting, and turning over soil. It can also refer to one of the four suits in a deck of playing cards, typically represented by a black symbol resembling an upside-down heart with a stem.
- **Verb:** To spade means to dig or work the ground with a spade.

**Pronunciation:** /speɪd/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. "The gardener used a spade to turn the soil before planting flowers."
2. "In the game of poker, I was dealt a spade as my opening card."
3. "He spaded the garden to prepare it for the spring planting."
4. "She collected all the spades from the deck for a game of rummy."
5. "The spade's sharp blade made it easy to cut through the tough ground."

**How to Remember the Word:** Associate the word "spade" with the action of digging, as both the tool and the verb are closely related to manipulating soil. You might visualize a gardener digging in the dirt with a spade, which can help reinforce its meaning. Additionally, think of the shape of the spade suit in cards which resembles the tool, making a visual connection between the two meanings.

## filter

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A device or material that separates or removes unwanted elements from a substance, such as air, water, or light.
- Example: The coffee maker has a built-in filter to remove grounds.

As a verb:

- Definition: To pass a substance through a filter to remove impurities or to examine and select information based on certain criteria.
- Example: She decided to filter the results of the search to find only relevant articles.

Pronunciation: /'fɪltər/

Examples of common use:

1. He used a water filter to ensure the drink was clean.
2. I had to filter the incoming emails to manage my workload.
3. The photographer adjusted the camera's filter to enhance the colors in the photo.
4. You should filter out any harmful content before sharing it online.
5. The teacher will filter the students' project topics to ensure they are appropriate.

To remember the word "filter," you can think of the process of cleaning water. Just as a water filter helps remove impurities, "filter" in broader contexts helps in separating or reducing the unwanted items, whether they are physical substances or digital information. Imagine a coffee filter that catches the grounds while allowing the coffee to flow through; this visual can help you recall the purpose of filtering.

## aspect

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The word "aspect" can be categorized as a noun.

### **Definition:**

1. A particular part or feature of something.
2. A particular way in which something can be considered; a point of view.

### **Examples:**

- "The aspect of the problem that concerns me the most is its cost."
- "One important aspect of his personality is his sense of humor."
- "The building's architectural aspect has been highly praised by critics."

**Pronunciation:**

/ˈæ.s.pɛkt/

**Common Uses:**

1. "We need to consider every aspect of the project before making a decision."
2. "Her perspective was valuable because it highlighted an aspect we hadn't thought of."
3. "Different cultures can have varying aspects of social interactions."
4. "The most attractive aspect of the job is the flexible hours."
5. "From an environmental aspect, this initiative is beneficial."

**Memory Aid:**

To remember the word "aspect," think of it as "a spec" (short for specification) that highlights a specific feature or point of view. You can visualize looking through a magnifying glass, which allows you to see different aspects or details of an object.

## objection

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The word "objection" is a noun.

It refers to a reason or argument presented in opposition to something, often in legal contexts or discussions where someone expresses disagreement or disapproval.

**Pronunciation:** /əbˈdʒɛkʃən/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The lawyer raised an objection during the trial regarding the admissibility of evidence.
2. She voiced her objection to the proposed changes in the company policy.
3. Despite his initial objections, he eventually agreed to the plan.
4. The committee considered all objections before making a final decision.

**Memory technique:** To remember "objection," think of the prefix "ob-" meaning "against" and the root "ject," which comes from Latin meaning "to throw." Visualize someone throwing out their disagreement or disapproval during a discussion.

## tunnel

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- **Definition:**

- **Noun:** A tunnel is a long, narrow hole dug through the ground or a mountain, often used for transportation, such as roads, trains, or utilities.
- **Verb:** To tunnel means to create a tunnel or to move through or dig a passage in a way that resembles making a tunnel.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˈtʌn.əl/

- **Examples:**

1. The train travels through a tunnel beneath the mountains.
2. They decided to tunnel under the fence to get to the other side.
3. The construction company is building a tunnel for the new subway line.
4. During the war, soldiers often used tunnels for cover and transportation.
5. The rabbit created a tunnel system underground for safety.

- **Memory Technique:**

To remember the word "tunnel," think of "tunneling" through dirt like a mole or a rabbit, which evokes the image of an underground passage. You can visualize a tunnel as a large tube where one can travel, akin to a subway or a hidden escape route. The repetitive "t" and "n" sounds can also help you recall the word more easily.

## contrast

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

As a noun, it refers to the state of being strikingly different from something else, typically something in juxtaposition or close association. For example, "The contrast between the bright colors of the painting and the dull background was striking."

As a verb, it means to compare in such a way as to emphasize differences. For example, "The author contrasts the two characters to highlight their opposing values."

Pronunciation: /ˈkɒn.træst/ (British English) or /ˈkɑːn.træst/ (American English)

Examples of common use:

1. "In photography, contrast is important for creating depth and interest."
2. "The teacher asked us to contrast the main themes of the two novels."

3. "There is a noticeable contrast between city life and rural living."
4. "Her bright dress contrasted sharply with the dark room."
5. "To really understand the issue, we need to contrast the different viewpoints."

To remember the word "contrast," think of the prefix "con-" meaning "together" and the root "trast," which sounds like "cast." You can visualize casting two different colored shadows side by side, emphasizing their differences.

## effect

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### Effect

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A change that has occurred or a result produced by a particular cause; an outcome. The term can also refer to a specific impact or influence that something has on a situation or individual.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪˈfɛkt/
- **Examples of Common Use:**
  1. The new law had a significant effect on traffic safety.
  2. The medication can have side effects that vary from person to person.
  3. The documentary aimed to raise awareness about the effects of climate change.
  4. The teacher discussed the effects of pollution on the environment.
  5. The special effects in the film were groundbreaking.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember "effect," think of it as the "end result." Both words start with "e," and you can associate "effect" with the idea of something being produced as a consequence, similar to how the letter "e" is often the end of words.

## parcel

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### Definition:

- **Noun:** A parcel is a package or a box that is wrapped and often sent through the mail. It can also refer to a piece of land or property.
- **Verb:** To parcel means to divide something into parts or to wrap something up in a parcel.

**Pronunciation:**

- /ˈpɑːr.səl/ (British English: /ˈpɑː.səl/)

**Examples of common use:**

1. I received a parcel in the mail today.
2. Please parcel the items before shipping them.
3. She was excited to open the parcel that arrived from her friend.
4. He owns a large parcel of land in the countryside.
5. After parceling the books, she took them to the post office.

**How to remember the word:**

Think of the word "parcel" as a "package" that is "personal" to you. Both words start with "par," and you can visualize a personal package being delivered just for you.

# distance

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**distance**

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** The amount of space between two points; a measurable extent of space separating two objects or locations.
- **Example:** The distance between the two cities is 150 miles.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈdɪstəns/**Examples of Common Use:**

1. She ran a distance of five kilometers in the marathon.
2. The teacher asked the students to calculate the distance from the Earth to the moon.
3. He prefers to maintain a distance from conflicts at work.
4. The distance learning program allows students to study from home.
5. The car broke down, and we had to walk the distance to the nearest gas station.



**Memory Tip:** Associate the word "distance" with a ruler or measuring tape, which is often used to measure space between objects. Visualizing measuring the distance can help reinforce the meaning and usage of the word.

## stem

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

As a noun:

- Definition: "Stem" refers to the main stalk of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, or fruit. It can also refer to the part of a glass or cup that supports the bowl, or the origin or source of something.
- Example: "The stem of the rose held several beautiful blooms."

As a verb:

- Definition: "Stem" means to stop or restrict the flow or growth of something; to originate or derive from.
- Example: "The doctor worked hard to stem the bleeding."

Pronunciation:

- Stem is pronounced as /stɛm/.

Common uses:

1. "The water flowed down the stem of the plant."
2. "She needed to stem the tide of complaints from customers."
3. "This idea stems from research conducted last year."
4. "The glass has a long, elegant stem."
5. "The artist's inspiration stemmed from nature."

To remember the word "stem," you can visualize a plant's stem standing upright as the support structure, just as a strong foundation is essential for ideas and actions to thrive.

## normal

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normal

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Conforming to a standard; usual, typical, or expected. It refers to something that is in accordance with the usual state or condition, not deviating from what is considered typical or standard.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈnɔːr.məl/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. "It's normal to feel nervous before a big presentation."
2. "The doctor said my test results were normal."
3. "He has a normal routine that he follows every day."
4. "The weather is normal for this time of year."
5. "It is normal for children to have fears and insecurities."

**Memory Tip:** To remember the word "normal," think of it as describing the "norm," which is a common standard or usual way of being. You can visualize a bell curve, where most occurrences fall close to the "normal" or average, reminding you of what is typical.

## sincere

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The word "sincere" is an adjective that describes a person's feelings, thoughts, or expressions as genuine, honest, and free from deceit. It suggests a lack of pretense or hypocrisy.

**Pronunciation:** /sɪnˈsɪr/

### Examples of common use:

1. Her sincere apology showed that she truly regretted her actions.
2. He is a sincere friend who always tells me the truth.
3. The politician gave a sincere speech that resonated with the audience.
4. Sincere gratitude is essential when thanking someone for their help.
5. You could see the sincere joy on her face when she received the award.

To remember the word "sincere," you can associate it with the idea of "being real" or "without a mask." The prefix "sin" can remind you of "without" (as in "without deceit"), and the sound of the word itself suggests honesty and genuineness.

# summarise

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The word "summarise" is a verb that means to give a brief statement of the main points of something, condensing the information to its essential components.

Pronunciation: /ˈsʌməraɪz/

Examples of common use:

1. The teacher asked us to summarise the chapter in our own words.
2. Before presenting, it's helpful to summarise your findings for the audience.
3. The article was too long, so I had to summarise it for my classmates.
4. In the meeting, she was able to summarise the key issues effectively.
5. Can you summarise the main ideas of this lecture for me?

To remember the word "summarise," think of the root "summary," which is the result of summarising. Visualize creating a concise overview or a 'summary' from a larger text, emphasizing the idea of condensing information.

# vice

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## Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Noun / Verb
- **Noun:** Refers to immoral or wicked behavior.
- **Verb:** Means to indulge in or have a tendency toward immoral behavior or wrong actions.

## Pronunciation

/vɪs/

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The politician was involved in several vices that tarnished his reputation.
2. Greed and envy are considered vices in many cultures.
3. He vowed to overcome his vices and lead a more honest life.
4. The book explores the vices of society and their impact on human behavior.
5. Her vice was spending too much time and money on shopping.

## Memory Tip

To remember the word "vice," think of the common phrase "vice and virtue." List the things you think of as good (virtues) and bad (vices) and create mental associations with actions or behaviors that fall into each category. Additionally, you can link it to "vice" in "vice president," recalling that a vice can be a lesser or immoral action.

## foetus

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The word "foetus" is a noun. It refers to an unborn offspring at a stage of development in the womb, specifically from the end of the embryonic stage (around eight weeks after fertilization) until birth in humans and higher mammals. The term is used in medical and biological contexts.

Pronunciation: /'fi:təs/

Examples of common use:

1. The doctor performed an ultrasound to check on the development of the foetus.
2. During pregnancy, it is important to monitor the health of the foetus.
3. Some studies suggest that maternal nutrition can significantly affect foetus development.
4. The foetus can hear sounds from outside the womb by the second trimester.
5. Expectant parents often feel anxious as they await the foetus's growth milestones.

To remember the word "foetus," you can associate it with "fetus" (the American English spelling) and think of it as the early stage of human life, relating it to the phrase "the little one" since it signifies an unborn baby. Visualizing a developing baby inside the womb may also help reinforce the concept.

## merge

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The word "merge" is primarily used as a verb. It means to combine or cause two or more entities to come together into a single entity. This can refer to various contexts, such as business, technology, or data.

Pronunciation: /mɜːdʒ/

Common uses of the word "merge":

1. The two companies decided to merge to improve their market share.

2. In the software, you can merge multiple documents into one.
3. As the two roads approached the city, they would merge into a single highway.
4. The school plans to merge its art and music departments for the upcoming semester.
5. After the professor's feedback, I had to merge my original ideas with the suggested revisions.

To remember the word "merge," think of the phrase "come together" or visualize two rivers flowing into one. This imagery can help you connect the concept of combining or blending into a unified whole.

## aware

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The word "aware" is an adjective. It means having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact. Being aware implies an understanding or consciousness about something, whether it is a feeling, an event, or an environment.

Pronunciation: /ə'wɛr/

Examples of common use:

1. She is aware of the consequences of her actions.
2. Are you aware that the meeting has been canceled?
3. The public is increasingly aware of environmental issues.
4. He became aware of a strange sound coming from the attic.
5. It's important to be aware of your surroundings for your safety.

To remember the word "aware," you can think of the phrase "a aware" as in being "a person who has knowledge." Associating the prefix with the idea of consciousness can help solidify its meaning. You might also visualize "awareness" as an eye opening up, symbolizing understanding and perception.

## label

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

As a noun, "label" refers to a piece of paper, plastic, or other material that is attached to an object to provide information about it, such as its name, contents, or instructions. For example, a product label on a bottle of medication explains dosage and side effects.

As a verb, "label" means to attach a label to something or to classify, categorize, or identify something. For example, labeling a box can help in organizing items based on their contents.

Pronunciation: /ˈleɪ.bəl/

Examples of common usage:

1. Please read the label on the food package before consuming it.
2. I need to label the files in my cabinet to keep everything organized.
3. The clothing comes with a care label that instructs how to wash it.
4. In biology class, we learned how to label the parts of a cell.
5. She was quick to label him as untrustworthy after the incident.

To remember the word "label," think of it as a "tag" or "identifier" that helps to classify or communicate information about an object, just like a name tag that tells you who someone is at a party. You can associate "label" with the action of putting a name or description on something.

## guarantee

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A guarantee is a formal promise or assurance that certain conditions will be fulfilled, especially regarding the quality or longevity of a product or service.
- Example: "The car comes with a three-year warranty, which serves as a guarantee against defects."

As a verb:

- Definition: To guarantee means to provide a formal assurance that something will happen or be the case. It can also mean to undertake to ensure that a particular outcome will be achieved.
- Example: "The company guarantees that your money will be refunded if you are not satisfied."

Pronunciation: /ˌɡærənˈtiː/

Common uses:

1. "He gave a written guarantee for the work he completed."
2. "The seller promised to guarantee the quality of the product."
3. "I guarantee that you will love this movie!"
4. "A satisfaction guarantee is offered with every purchase."
5. "She is guaranteed a promotion if she finishes her project on time."

To remember the word "guarantee":

You can think of it as a "surety," which rhymes with "guarantee." Visualize a seal or stamp of assurance on a product, indicating that you are promised its quality or performance.

## interrelationship

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### Definition:

Interrelationship (noun): A mutual or reciprocal relation between two or more things; the way in which two or more things or groups are related to each other.

### Pronunciation:

/ˌɪntərˌrɪləʃɪp/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The interrelationship between climate change and biodiversity loss is a critical area of study.
2. In sociology, the interrelationship of various social factors can influence behavior.
3. Understanding the interrelationship between supply and demand is essential for successful marketing.
4. The interrelationship of different ecosystems shows how balanced nature can be.
5. Educators emphasize the interrelationship between theory and practice in teaching methodologies.

### Memory Tip:

To remember "interrelationship," think of it as "inter-" meaning between or among, and "relationship," indicating how two or more entities connect. Visualize a web where various threads (relationships) connect at different points (inter-).

## stationery

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The word "stationery" is a noun. It refers to writing materials and office supplies, such as paper, envelopes, pens, and notebooks, used for personal or professional correspondence and tasks.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈsteɪ.ʃə.nər.i/

**Examples of common use:**

1. I need to buy some stationery for my new office.
2. She decorated her stationery with beautiful floral designs.
3. The school provided all the necessary stationery for the students.
4. He prefers using high-quality stationery for his correspondence.
5. She keeps her stationery organized in a drawer.

**Memory tip:** You can remember "stationery" by associating it with "station," as in a place where items like paper and pens are kept for writing. Additionally, note that "stationery" has an "e," which relates to "envelopes," a common item included in stationery supplies.

## **limestone**

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### Limestone

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Limestone is a sedimentary rock composed mainly of calcium carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ), typically formed from the remains of marine organisms such as coral and shellfish. It is commonly used in construction, agriculture, and various industrial processes.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈlaɪm.stoʊn/
- **Examples:**
  1. The construction company used limestone for the building's foundation due to its durability.
  2. Limestone caverns can be found in many parts of the world, hosting unique ecosystems.
  3. Farmers often apply crushed limestone to their fields to improve soil quality.
  4. The ancient Romans used limestone in their architectural masterpieces, some of which still stand today.



5. Limestone can be converted into lime, which has various chemical and industrial uses.

- **Mnemonic:** To remember "limestone," think of a "lime" as in the fruit, which is often associated with green and freshness. Now add "stone" (a solid object), which connects the idea of a solid rock that contains lime. Imagine a green lime sitting on a stone to visualize the connection between the two.