

# Word List 29

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## remarkable

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### Definition

Remarkable (adjective): Describes something that is worthy of attention or extraordinary; notable or exceptional. It often refers to achievements, qualities, or events that stand out due to their significance or uniqueness.

### Pronunciation

/rɪ'mɑːrkəbl/

### Examples

1. Her remarkable talent for painting was recognized at a young age.
2. The scientist made a remarkable discovery that changed the field of genetics.
3. The team's remarkable performance in the championship amazed the spectators.
4. This book offers remarkable insights into human behavior.
5. It was a remarkable journey that taught me a lot about life and courage.

### Memory Tip

To remember the word "remarkable," think of it as "remark" + "able." If something is so noteworthy that you would "remark" on it, then it is "able" to be remembered or talked about.

## clot

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- **Definition:** The word "clot" can function as both a verb and a noun.
  - As a **noun**, it refers to a thick mass of coagulated liquid, especially blood. For example, a blood clot can form in a blood vessel and potentially block circulation.
  - As a **verb**, it means to form a clot or to cause a liquid, especially blood, to become thick and solid. For example, "The wound began to clot after applying pressure."
- **Pronunciation:** /klɒt/
- **Examples:**

1. The doctor explained that a blood clot can be dangerous if it travels to the lungs.
  2. After the injury, it took some time for the blood to start clotting.
  3. The chef noticed that the sauce had started to clot and needed to be whisked again.
  4. There's a risk of clotting when certain medications are taken.
  5. She felt a sharp pain in her leg, which was later diagnosed as a deep vein clot.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "clot," think of a "clump" of liquid that has thickened. The similarity in the words (clot and clump) can help you recall the meaning connected to something that has solidified or thickened.

## prior

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

As an adjective, "prior" means existing or coming before in time, order, or importance.

As a noun, "prior" refers to a person who holds a position of authority in certain religious communities, or it can refer to something that precedes something else.

Pronunciation: /ˈpraɪər/

Examples:

1. She had a prior engagement that she couldn't cancel.
2. Prior to the meeting, please review the agenda.
3. The prior explained the rules of the monastery to the new arrivals.
4. His prior experience in marketing helped him land the job.
5. There was a prior issue with the software that needed to be fixed.

To remember the word "prior," you can associate it with the idea of something that comes first or is beforehand. Think of "prior" as being like "previous," as both share a similar meaning regarding things that come before something else.

## integrate

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The word "integrate" is a verb. It means to combine or bring together different parts to create a unified whole. It often refers to the process of incorporating or assimilating elements from diverse backgrounds or systems.

Pronunciation: /ˈɪn.tɪ.ɡreɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. Schools aim to integrate students from various cultural backgrounds to promote diversity.
2. The software will integrate seamlessly with existing applications for better workflow.
3. In order to succeed, it's essential to integrate feedback into your work.
4. The city plans to integrate public transportation into its urban development strategy.
5. As a society, we need to integrate more sustainable practices into our daily lives.

To remember the word "integrate," think of the prefix "in-" meaning "into" and the root "grate" similar to "great," implying bringing various parts into a "greater" whole.

Visualize a puzzle where all pieces fit together to form a complete picture.

## **exemplify**

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The word "exemplify" is a verb. It means to illustrate or clarify something by providing an example. When you exemplify, you show, demonstrate, or represent a particular idea, quality, or characteristic through a specific instance.

Pronunciation: /ɪˈzɛmplɪfaɪ/

Examples of common use:

1. Her achievements exemplify the dedication required to succeed in this field.
2. The teacher used a diagram to exemplify the concept of photosynthesis.
3. His actions exemplify the spirit of teamwork that we strive for in our organization.
4. These case studies exemplify the effectiveness of the new marketing strategy.
5. The artwork exemplifies the artist's unique style and vision.

To remember the word "exemplify," think of it as "example + amplify." It means to amplify or highlight an example to make a point clearer. Imagine you are using a spotlight to shine on a specific example to ensure it stands out.

## herdsman

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### Definition:

**Herdsman (noun)** - A herdsman is a person who tends to and takes care of a herd of animals, typically livestock such as cattle, goats, or sheep. The role involves managing the animals' grazing, health, and safety, often in rural or pastoral settings.

### Pronunciation:

/hɜːrdz.mən/

### Examples of common use:

1. The herdsman guided his cattle to the river for watering.
2. As a herdsman, he spent most of his day in the fields, watching over the sheep.
3. The traditions of the herdsman have been passed down through generations.
4. In harsh winters, the herdsman had to find shelter for his livestock.
5. She met a herdsman who shared stories about life on the open range.

### How to remember the word:

Associate "herdsman" with "herd" (a group of animals) and "man" (a person). Visualize a man surrounded by a herd of sheep or cows, taking care of them. This imagery links the responsibilities and the term together, making it easier to recall.

## formulation

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The word "formulation" is a noun. It refers to the action of creating or devising a plan or method, or it can denote the specific arrangement or composition of something, such as a product or a theory.

Pronunciation: /ˌfɔːr.mjʊˈleɪ.ʃən/

### Examples of common use:

1. The scientist worked on the formulation of a new drug to combat the disease.
2. The teacher provided a clear formulation of the problem for her students to understand.

3. The formulation for the skincare product includes natural ingredients.
4. He is known for his formulation of innovative marketing strategies.
5. She shared her formulation for a successful business plan with her colleagues.

To remember the word "formulation," think of it as coming from "formula," which suggests a precise method or recipe. Picture a scientist mixing ingredients according to a specific formula to create a new solution.

## exploratory

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The word "exploratory" is an adjective. It describes actions or activities that involve searching for information, discovering something new, or investigating a subject in depth. "Exploratory" often refers to processes that are preliminary or experimental in nature.

Pronunciation: /ɪk'splɔːrətɔːri/

Examples of common use:

1. The research team conducted exploratory studies to gather preliminary data on consumer behavior.
2. They took an exploratory hike in the mountains to see what new trails they could find.
3. The exploratory phase of the project allowed the developers to test various ideas before finalizing their approach.
4. Exploratory surgery was performed to determine the extent of the medical condition.
5. The company launched an exploratory initiative to explore emerging markets for their products.

To remember the word "exploratory," you can think of it as a combination of "explore" and "mandatory." When you are on an expedition or adventure, exploring is often a mandatory step in discovering new places or knowledge. The prefix "ex-" suggests going out, while "ploratory" relates to more in-depth investigation, making it easier to associate the meaning.

## pasture

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A pasture is a land covered with grass or low herbage suitable for grazing animals, especially livestock. It serves as a place for animals such as cattle and sheep to feed.

As a verb:

- Definition: To pasture means to graze animals on a pasture or to put livestock on pasture land for feeding.

Pronunciation: /'pæs.tʃər/

Examples of common use:

1. The shepherd led the flock to the green pasture for feeding.
2. Farmers often rotate their livestock between different pastures to maintain the health of the land.
3. The cows spent the day in the pasture before returning to the barn at sunset.
4. That's a beautiful pasture; I can see the horses grazing peacefully.
5. After the rain, the pasture is lush and green, perfect for the animals.

To remember the word "pasture," think of the phrase "grassland for grazing" where animals have a "pass" to enjoy the "past" and "sure" they have fresh grass.

## **nutrient**

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The word **nutrient** is a noun. It refers to a substance that provides essential nourishment and is necessary for the growth and maintenance of health in living organisms. Nutrients can include vitamins, minerals, carbohydrates, proteins, and fats.

Pronunciation: /'nju:triənt/

Examples of common use:

1. Fruits and vegetables are rich in essential nutrients that support overall health.
2. Athletes often focus on their nutrient intake to optimize performance and recovery.
3. The nutrient content of soil affects the growth of plants.
4. Dietary supplements can help provide nutrients that may be missing from your diet.

5. A balanced diet should contain a variety of nutrients to ensure proper bodily functions.

To remember the word "nutrient," you can think of it as "nourishing" plus "ingredient." Both words relate to providing necessary substances for health, which can help cement the meaning of "nutrient" in your mind.

## plough

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Plough

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To turn over the soil using a plough in preparation for planting crops. It can also mean to move in a designated direction with effort or to make one's way through an area or situation with difficulty.
- **Pronunciation:** /plaʊ/
- **Examples:**
  1. The farmer decided to plough the field before the rainy season started.
  2. She had to plough through dozens of reports before meeting the deadline.
  3. The horse-drawn plough was a vital tool in ancient agriculture.
  4. He ploughed through the heavy snow to reach the cabin.
  5. The team had to plough ahead despite the setbacks they faced.
- **Memory Technique:** To remember "plough," think of the image of a farmer preparing the fields—a "plough" is both a tool and a verb associated with hard work in farming. You can associate the word with the sound of "plough" as if the tool is "plowing" through soil, creating a direct connection in your mind.

## patriotic

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### Definition

Patriotic is an adjective that describes a feeling of love, devotion, or vigorous support for one's country. It conveys a sense of loyalty and pride in national identity and values.

### Pronunciation

/pəˈtri.ə.tɪk/

### Examples of Common Use

1. Many citizens displayed patriotic spirit during the national holiday celebrations.
2. The song was written to inspire patriotic feelings among the citizens.
3. He wore a patriotic outfit, adorned with the national flag colors.
4. The veterans were honored for their patriotic service to the country.
5. Patriotic movies often depict heroic acts performed for the homeland.

### Memory Aid

To remember "patriotic," think of the root "patriot," which refers to someone who loves their country. You can visualize a person standing proudly with a flag, which embodies the concept of being patriotic. Additionally, the word contains "patri-" which relates to father or homeland in Latin, linking it to one's country as a protective and nurturing figure.

## scrub

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

As a **verb**, "scrub" means to clean something thoroughly by rubbing it with a brush, cloth, or sponge. It can also refer to removing or eliminating something undesirable.

As a **noun**, "scrub" can refer to the act of cleaning, or it can denote an area of land covered with low, dense vegetation.

Pronunciation: /skrʌb/

Examples of common use:

1. She needs to scrub the kitchen countertops before dinner.
2. The team decided to scrub the project due to lack of funding.
3. After a long day of working in the garden, he felt he needed a good scrub in the shower.
4. The scrub around the campsite was lush and green.
5. The software update will scrub unnecessary files from the system.

To remember the word "scrub," think of the image of someone vigorously cleaning a dirty surface, usually with a lot of effort involved, or associate it with the phrase "scrubbing away the dirt," which conveys both the cleaning aspect and the act of removing something undesirable.



# formality

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The word "formality" is a noun. It refers to a requirement or gesture that is part of an established procedure, often intended to ensure that actions are taken in a proper or traditional manner. Formalities can also refer to the quality or state of being formal, such as adhering to officially sanctioned customs or rules.

Pronunciation: /fɔːr'mælɪti/

Examples of common use:

1. The wedding ceremony was filled with traditional formalities that made it a beautiful event.
2. Despite the formality of the meeting, the atmosphere was friendly and relaxed.
3. He went through all the necessary formalities to register his new business.
4. Avoiding unnecessary formalities can make communication more efficient.
5. The formality of the dress code made everyone feel a bit out of place.

To remember the word "formality," think of the root word "formal," which relates to established customs and procedures. Associating it with official occasions, like weddings or business meetings, can also help you recall that it encompasses the traditional protocols that are often followed in those contexts.

# perquisite

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Perquisite

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: A perquisite, often abbreviated as "perk," is a privilege, gain, or benefit that is in addition to regular income or compensation. It can also refer to a special right or advantage granted to someone, typically due to their position or status.
- Pronunciation: /'pɜː kwɪ zɪt/

Examples:

1. One of the perquisites of the job is a company car.
2. Employees enjoy various perquisites, such as health insurance and paid vacation days.

3. The high-ranking official has many perquisites, including a lavish office and exclusive travel benefits.
4. Perquisites can greatly enhance employee satisfaction and retention.
5. Many workers seek jobs that offer attractive perquisites in addition to salary.

To remember the word "perquisite," you can think of "perks" that come with a high-status job, connecting the two concepts in your mind. The "per" at the beginning can remind you of "extra" or "additional," which may help recall the meaning of receiving additional benefits or privileges.

## heighten

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### Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Meaning:** To increase something in height, intensity, or degree; to elevate or raise.

### Pronunciation

/hātn/

### Examples of Usage

1. The new sculpture will heighten the beauty of the park.
2. To heighten your awareness in a conversation, listen actively.
3. The organization aims to heighten public interest in environmental issues.
4. Adding more lighting can heighten the safety of the area at night.
5. The thrilling music served to heighten the suspense during the movie.

### Memory Aid

To remember "heighten," think of the word "height," which refers to how tall something is. When you "heighten" something, you are making it taller or more intense, just like increasing the height of a building or feeling. Both words share the root related to elevation.

## assimilation

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Assimilation

## Assimilation (noun)

Definition: The process by which individuals or groups from one culture blend into and adopt the customs and practices of another culture. This can also refer to the absorption of new information, ideas, or experiences into an existing cognitive framework.

Pronunciation: /əˌsɪməˈleɪʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. Many immigrants experience assimilation as they adapt to their new country's culture.
2. The assimilation of new information can enhance one's understanding of complex subjects.
3. Language assimilation often occurs when children learn to speak the dominant language of their community.
4. Cultural assimilation can lead to both the loss of traditional customs and the enrichment of society.
5. The process of assimilation can be challenging as it may conflict with one's original identity.

Memory tip: To remember "assimilation," think of the word "similar." Assimilation involves becoming similar to another culture or environment, absorbing and integrating aspects of it into your own identity. Visualize a sponge soaking up water to represent how new ideas or practices are absorbed.

## necessity

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### Necessity

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** The state or fact of being required or indispensable; something that is essential or needed.
- **Pronunciation:** /nəˈsɛsɪti/
- **Examples:**
  1. Water is a basic necessity for all living things.
  2. In times of crisis, food and shelter become a necessity.

3. The necessity for education cannot be overstated in today's world.
4. She felt it was a necessity to save money for her future.
5. The necessity of the task made her stay late at work.

- **Memory Tip:** To remember "necessity," you can think of the phrase "need is a necessity." The word "need" is embedded in its meaning, which emphasizes its importance and essential nature.

## disposable

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The word "disposable" is primarily an adjective. It refers to items that are designed to be used once or for a limited time and then discarded. The term suggests that the items are not meant for long-term use or to be permanently retained.

**Pronunciation:** /dɪs'pəʊ.zə.bəl/

### Examples of common use:

1. Many restaurants use disposable utensils to make cleanup easier.
2. It's environmentally friendly to choose reusable products over disposable ones.
3. After the picnic, we threw away the disposable plates and cups.
4. Disposable masks became essential during the pandemic.
5. The company specializes in manufacturing disposable medical supplies.

To remember the word "disposable," you can break it down into its components: "dispose" (to throw away) + "able" (capable of). This signifies that the item is capable of being thrown away after use. Visualizing items like disposable cups and plates helps strengthen the connection.

## ingenuity

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### Definition:

Ingenuity is a noun that refers to the quality of being clever, original, and inventive. It denotes the ability to solve problems or create new ideas in a resourceful and imaginative way.

### Pronunciation:

/ˌɪn.dʒəˈnjuː.ɪ.ti/

### Examples:

1. The engineer's ingenuity led to the development of a more efficient solar panel.
2. It takes a lot of ingenuity to come up with solutions for complex problems.
3. Her ingenuity in crafting unique furniture designs captured the attention of many potential buyers.
4. The play showcased the performers' ingenuity in using everyday objects as props.
5. With a little ingenuity, we managed to fix the broken fence without spending any money.

### **Memory Technique:**

To remember the word "ingenuity," think of the phrase "ingenious new ideas"—both "ingenious" and "new" emphasize cleverness and originality, which align with the meaning of ingenuity. You can visualize a light bulb symbolizing a bright idea to reinforce this connection.

## **simplicity**

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### Simplicity

Simplicity is a noun that refers to the quality or condition of being simple, uncomplicated, or straightforward. It can describe something that is easy to understand or do, or something that lacks complexity.

Pronunciation: /sɪmˈplɪsɪti/

Examples of common use:

1. The simplicity of the design made it very appealing to customers.
2. She appreciated the simplicity of the recipe, which required only three ingredients.
3. In a world full of distractions, finding simplicity in daily life can be refreshing.
4. The artist's work is characterized by a beauty rooted in simplicity.
5. They valued the simplicity of their lifestyle, focusing on what truly mattered.

To remember the word "simplicity," think of the phrase "less is more." Visualize a minimalist room with only essential items, which represents the idea of simplicity and uncomplicated living. You can associate the prefix "simp-" with "simple," as they both convey a related meaning.

## **luxuriant**

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### Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Meaning:** The word "luxuriant" describes something that is rich, abundant, and characterized by lush, thriving growth. It can refer to vegetation that is lush and plentiful or anything that conveys a sense of opulence or extravagance.

### Pronunciation:

/lʌk'ʒʊər.i.ənt/ (luk-ZHOOR-ee-uhnt)

### Examples:

1. The garden was filled with luxuriant flowers, showcasing a vivid array of colors.
2. She wore a luxuriant silk gown that flowed elegantly around her as she walked.
3. The luxuriant forest was home to many rare species of plants and animals.
4. After the rain, the once dry land transformed into a luxuriant landscape of green.
5. The hotel offered luxuriant amenities, ensuring a lavish experience for its guests.

### Memory Tip:

To remember "luxuriant," think of the word "luxury." Both share the root "lux," which relates to richness and abundance. Visualize a lavish scene filled with thick, green foliage or an extravagant lifestyle to help reinforce the meaning of being lush and abundant.

## consequential

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### Consequential

- **Part of speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** Refers to something that is important or significant, often because it leads to other events or decisions. It can also mean resulting from or having a particular consequence.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˌkɒn.sɪˈkwɛn.ʃəl/
- **Examples:**
  1. The committee made a consequential decision that affected the entire community.

2. His failure to act in that situation had consequential repercussions on his career.
  3. The consequential changes in policy will lead to a better working environment for employees.
  4. She realized that her choices had consequential effects on her future.
  5. The book discusses the consequential implications of climate change on global economies.
- **Memory aid:** To remember "consequential," you can break it down into "consequence" and associate it with the idea that actions have consequences. Think of "consequential" as the adjective describing something that carries weight because it leads to significant outcomes.

## scour

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Scour (verb)

- Definition: To search thoroughly and carefully through an area or for an item. It can also mean to clean or polish something by scrubbing it hard.
- Examples:
  1. The detective had to scour the crime scene for any evidence that could help solve the case.
  2. After the party, we had to scour the kitchen to find all the dishes and clean up.
  3. She scoured the internet for the best prices on a new laptop.
  4. The children scoured the yard looking for Easter eggs.
  5. He scoured his old clothes to find something suitable for the charity donation.

Pronunciation: /'skaʊ.ər/

How to remember the word:

You can remember "scour" by associating it with the phrase "scrub and pour," since scrubbing relates to cleaning and pouring over something can mean searching through it thoroughly. Thinking of someone carefully scrubbing a pan (to scour it) may also help reinforce its meaning.

## seasonal

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## Definition

The word "seasonal" is an adjective. It describes something that is related to or occurring during a particular season of the year. This might refer to changes in weather, activities, products, or events that vary with the seasons.

## Pronunciation

"Seasonal" is pronounced as /'siː.zən.əl/.

## Examples

1. The store is featuring seasonal decorations for Halloween.
2. Many fruits and vegetables are seasonal, meaning they are only available during certain times of the year.
3. Seasonal allergies can be triggered by pollen during springtime.
4. She enjoys seasonal hobbies, like skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer.
5. The restaurant offers a seasonal menu that changes with the availability of local ingredients.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "seasonal," think of the word "season" and associate it with the changes that occur throughout the year. You can visualize the four seasons: winter, spring, summer, and fall, each bringing different experiences and products that would be described as seasonal.

# murky

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## Definition

Murky is an adjective that describes something that is dark, gloomy, or not clear. It is often used to refer to water that is cloudy or dirty, but can also describe situations or relationships that are confusing or obscure.

## Pronunciation

/mɜːr.ki/

## Examples of Common Use

1. The lake was too murky for swimming, as the water was filled with mud and debris.
2. After the argument, their friendship became murky, with lingering doubts and unresolved feelings.



3. The details of the contract were murky, leading to confusion about the terms and conditions.
4. She explained her reasoning, but it was murky and difficult for others to understand.
5. The investigation into the company's finances revealed murky dealings that raised suspicions of fraud.

### **Memory Aid**

To remember "murky," think of "murk," which relates to darkness and dirtiness.

Visualize a dark, cloudy body of water where you cannot see below the surface, and associate that image with things that are unclear or confused.

## **melatonin**

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### **Definition**

Melatonin is a noun. It is a hormone produced by the pineal gland in the brain that regulates sleep-wake cycles. Its levels typically rise in the evening, signaling the body that it is time to sleep, and decrease in the morning.

### **Pronunciation**

/məˈleɪˈtoʊnɪn/

### **Examples of Common Use**

1. Many people take melatonin supplements to help them fall asleep more easily.
2. The production of melatonin can be affected by exposure to light, particularly blue light from screens.
3. Research suggests that melatonin may have benefits for jet lag and shift work.

### **Memory Aid**

To remember the word "melatonin," you could think of "melody" and "tone," as in a calm, soothing melody that helps you relax and sleep. Associating it with music that helps you wind down can link the term to its sleep-inducing properties.

## **cue**

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

As a noun, "cue" refers to a signal or prompt that serves as a stimulus for some action or behavior. For example, in a play, an actor might wait for a cue to begin their lines.

As a verb, "cue" means to give someone a signal to start an action or to indicate that something should occur. For example, a director may cue the actors to begin the scene.

Pronunciation: /kjuː/

Examples of common use:

1. The director gave the actors their cues before the performance started.
2. She took a deep breath as her cue to begin speaking.
3. The teacher used a bell as a cue for the students to start their exam.
4. He missed his cue and forgot to enter the stage on time.
5. The editor used a visual cue to indicate where to cut the video.

To remember the word "cue," think of it as a "clue" or signal to perform an action, and visualize an actor waiting for their turn to deliver a line in a play. The similarity in sound can help reinforce its meaning as a prompt.

## thermal

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The word "thermal" is primarily an adjective.

- **Definition:** Relating to heat or temperature. It can describe anything that is connected to or caused by heat.
- **Examples:**
  - "The thermal insulation in the house keeps it warm during winter."
  - "They wore thermal clothing to stay warm in the cold weather."
  - "The thermal expansion of metals can cause issues in engineering designs."

Pronunciation: /ˈθɜːrməl/

Common uses:

1. Thermal energy: The internal energy present in a system due to its temperature.
2. Thermal blanket: A type of blanket designed to retain body heat.
3. Thermal springs: Natural hot springs that are heated by geothermal energy.
4. Thermal imaging: A technique that uses infrared radiation to create a visual image based on temperature differences.
5. Thermal conductivity: A measure of a material's ability to conduct heat.

To remember the word "thermal," think of "thermometer," which also relates to heat and temperature, with both words starting with "therm."

# revolution

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## Definition

Revolution (noun): A fundamental change in political power or organizational structures that takes place in a relatively short period of time. It can also refer to a dramatic change in technology, societal norms, or other significant areas. In mathematics, it refers to a complete circular movement or turn, typically 360 degrees.

## Pronunciation

/rɛvəˈluːʃən/

## Examples of Common Use

1. The French Revolution in the late 18th century significantly altered the course of history in Europe.
2. The Industrial Revolution brought about major changes in manufacturing processes and society.
3. A revolution in technology has transformed how we communicate and access information.
4. They are advocating for a revolution in social justice to address systemic inequalities.
5. The wheels of the bicycle complete a full revolution every time they turn 360 degrees.

## Memory Tip

To remember the word "revolution," think of the prefix "re-" meaning "again" and "volutio," which is related to "rolling" (as in "to roll again"), similar to how a wheel revolves. This can help you visualize the idea of turning or changing significantly, whether it's in politics or in other aspects of life.

# ID

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The word "ID" is commonly used as a noun. It is an abbreviation for identification, referring to a document or a card that verifies a person's identity.

Pronunciation: /aɪˈdiː/

Examples of common use:

1. "You need to show your ID to enter the club."
2. "I always carry my ID when traveling."
3. "The store requires a valid ID to purchase alcohol."
4. "He lost his driver's ID and had to apply for a replacement."
5. "My bank requires two forms of ID for account verification."

To remember the word "ID," think of it as an essential tool for establishing who you are; the letters "I" and "D" stand for "identification," highlighting its purpose in confirming identity.

## romance

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

As a noun, it refers to a close, affectionate relationship or an idealized relationship between individuals, often characterized by love, passion, and emotional connections. It can also refer to literary or artistic works that deal with such themes.

As a verb, it means to court someone or to make someone feel loved or attracted through gestures, words, or actions.

Pronunciation: /roʊ'mæns/

Examples of common use:

1. Their **romance** blossomed during the summer vacation.
2. The novel is a **romance** set in the 19th century.
3. He decided to **romance** her with candles and a nice dinner.
4. After years of friendship, they finally revealed their **romance** to everyone.
5. The movie was a beautiful **romance** that left the audience in tears.

To remember the word, think of the phrase "romantic love," which captures both the emotional aspect of romance and the actions taken to express it, such as dating and expressing love. You can visualize a candlelit dinner or a couple holding hands to reinforce the concept.

## currently

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The word "currently" is an adverb. It means at the present time, or now. It is used to describe something that is happening or being true at this exact moment.

Pronunciation: /'kʌrəntli/

Examples of common use:

1. I am currently working on a new project.
2. The restaurant is currently closed for renovations.
3. She is currently studying for her final exams.
4. They are currently living in another city.
5. We are currently facing some challenges in our business.

To remember the word "currently," think of the phrase "curtain rise." Just as a curtain rises to show what is happening on stage right now, "currently" refers to what is happening right now in life.

## inferential

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The word "inferential" is an adjective. It describes something that is based on or resulting from inference, which involves deducing or concluding something from evidence and reasoning rather than from explicit statements.

**Pronunciation:** /ɪn'fɛrɛnʃəl/

**Examples:**

1. The inferential statistics in the study allowed researchers to make generalizations about the larger population based on the sample data.
2. In inferential reasoning, you often draw conclusions that go beyond the immediate data presented.
3. The inferential aspect of her argument required listeners to piece together clues rather than rely on direct statements.
4. His inferential insights into the text revealed themes that were not immediately obvious.
5. Many scientific theories are built on inferential evidence that points to overarching principles.

To remember the word "inferential," think of it as related to the word "inference." Both words share the root "infer," which means to derive logical conclusions. Associating "inferential" with the process of drawing conclusions based on evidence can help reinforce its meaning.

## persist

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- **Definition:**

- **Verb:** To persist means to continue firmly or steadfastly in a course of action, purpose, or state despite difficulty or opposition. It indicates determination and resilience.
- **Adverb:** Persistently refers to doing something in a manner that refuses to give up or lets up.

- **Pronunciation:** /pər'sɪst/

- **Examples of use:**

1. Despite facing numerous challenges, she decided to persist in her efforts to complete the project.
2. He is known to persist in asking questions until he fully understands the topic.
3. The weeds in the garden will persist if you do not remove them regularly.
4. Even after being turned down multiple times, he chose to persist in seeking funding for his idea.
5. The pain may persist for a few days after the surgery, but it should gradually improve.

- **Memory Technique:**

To remember "persist," think of the phrase "stay put and insist." The idea of staying in one place (persisting) while insisting on achieving your goal can help you connect the meaning with the word.

## minimum

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The word "minimum" is typically used as a noun and an adjective.

As a noun, it refers to the smallest quantity or degree possible, acceptable, or required. As an adjective, it describes something that is the least in amount, degree, or size.

# Pronunciation

The word "minimum" is pronounced as /'mɪn.ɪ.məm/.

## Examples of Common Use

1. The minimum age to vote in the United States is 18.
2. Please ensure that your essay meets the minimum word count of 1000 words.
3. The gym requires a minimum fee for a monthly membership.
4. To qualify for the loan, you must have a minimum credit score.
5. The minimum temperature for this plant is 60°F to survive.

## Remembering the Word

To remember "minimum," you can think of "mini" representing something small. Connect "minimum" with the idea of something being the least or the smallest amount available, as in "the mini version of something." Visualizing a miniature version can help associate the word with its meaning.

# output

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### Word Explanation

**Verb:** To output means to produce or provide something, typically data, information, or a result, especially from a computer or machine to a specific destination or medium.

**Noun:** It can also refer to the result or product that comes out from a process, such as data generated by a computer program.

### Pronunciation

/ˈaʊtpʊt/

### Examples

1. The computer will output the data in a readable format.
2. The engine's output is measured in horsepower.
3. We need to ensure that the output quality meets our standards.
4. The graph shows the output from our experiment.
5. If you change the settings, the printer will output different sizes of paper.

## Memory Aid

Think of the word "output" as what is "put out" from a system or device. You can visualize it as a factory where raw materials are put in one side, and finished products come out the other. This helps to connect the idea of creating or producing something that is released.

# stash

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- **Definition:**

- **Verb:** To store something safely and secretly, often for future use. It can also refer to the act of hiding or putting something away.
- **Noun:** A hidden or stored supply of items.

- **Pronunciation:** /stæʃ/

- **Examples:**

1. She decided to stash some cash in case of emergencies.
2. He stashed his favorite snacks in the cupboard where no one could find them.
3. The hikers stashed their backpacks under a rock while they explored the area.
4. They found a stash of old coins buried in the garden.
5. The thief managed to stash the stolen jewelry in a safe place before escaping.

- **Memory Aid:** Think of the word "stash" as a "secret stash" — like a hidden treasure. The "s" at the beginning can remind you of "secret," and visualizing a hidden space where you keep valuable items can help you remember the concept of stashing.

# species

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The word "species" is a noun. In biology, it refers to a group of individual organisms that are capable of interbreeding and producing fertile offspring. Each species is usually defined by its distinct characteristics and is often given a scientific name consisting of two parts.

Pronunciation: /ˈspiːʃiːz/

Examples of common use:

1. The endangered species was protected under environmental laws.



2. There are over 8.7 million species identified on Earth, but many more remain undiscovered.
3. The biologist studied the mating habits of various species in their natural habitat.
4. Several species of birds migrate to warmer climates during the winter.
5. The aquarium featured a diverse range of species from the coral reef.

To remember the word "species," you can think of the phrase "special kinds." This relates to the idea that each species is a special group with unique traits within the broader category of living organisms.

## subtle

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The word "subtle" is an adjective. It describes something that is not immediately obvious or blatant but rather delicate, understated, or nuanced. It often refers to something that is difficult to detect or perceive, requiring careful observation or thought to appreciate fully.

Pronunciation: /ˈsʌt.əl/

Examples of common use:

1. The artist used subtle colors to create a calming effect in the painting.
2. There was a subtle hint of sarcasm in her voice when she spoke.
3. The differences between the two proposals were quite subtle, making it hard to choose.
4. He gave her a subtle smile that suggested he understood her feelings.
5. The perfume had a subtle fragrance that wasn't overpowering.

To remember the word "subtle," think of the phrase "subtle but significant." This can help you associate the idea of something being understated yet important, making it easier to recall the word and its meaning.

## competent

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Competent

Competent is an adjective that describes someone who has the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully. It implies a level of proficiency and capability that allows a person to perform tasks effectively.

Pronunciation: /'kɒmpɪtənt/

Examples of common use:

1. She is a competent engineer, known for solving complex problems efficiently.
2. The team's competent management was crucial for the success of the project.
3. He felt competent enough to lead the presentation after months of preparation.
4. It is important to hire competent professionals for the job to ensure quality results.
5. The cooking class aims to make every participant a competent chef by the end of the course.

To remember the word "competent," think of the root "competence," which signifies having the necessary skills and qualifications. You can visualize a person confidently handling tasks and challenges in various situations to reinforce the meaning.

## **select**

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The word "select" is primarily a verb.

As a verb, "select" means to carefully choose something as being the best or most suitable from a group of options. It implies making a decision based on certain criteria or preferences.

## **Pronunciation**

- /sɪˈlekt/

## **Examples of Common Use**

1. Please select your preferred language from the options available.
2. The committee will select a winner from the list of nominees.
3. She decided to select the red dress for the party instead of the blue one.
4. You can select multiple files to upload at once.
5. Make sure to select a secure password for your accounts.

# How to Remember the Word

To remember "select," think of the phrase "select and perfect." When you select something, you're not just choosing; you're aiming for the best or most perfect option from what's available. Associating the "s" in "select" with "choose" can help reinforce its meaning.

## loose

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

As an **adjective**:

- Definition: Not tightly fixed, restrained, or contained; free or not confined.
- Example: "The lid was loose, making it easy for the contents to spill out."

As a **verb**:

- Definition: To make something less tight or to free from restraint.
- Example: "He decided to loose the ropes that bound the package."

Pronunciation: /lu:s/

Common uses:

1. "She wore a loose shirt that allowed her to move comfortably."
2. "The dog is running loose in the park."
3. "He had to loose his grip on the steering wheel to check the GPS."
4. "Please loose the tie; it's too tight."
5. "There are some loose tiles on the floor that need to be fixed."

To remember the word "loose," think about how "loose" sounds like "loose" in "let it go," which can help you associate it with freedom and a lack of tightness. The double 'o' in "loose" can also remind you of something being open and unrestricted.

## available

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**available**

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective

- **Definition:** Able to be used or accessed; not otherwise occupied or engaged; ready for use or purchase.
- **Pronunciation:** /ə'veɪ.lə.bəl/
- **Examples:**
  1. The new smartphone model will be available in stores next week.
  2. She is available for a meeting after 3 PM.
  3. There are several resources available online for learning English.
  4. Tickets for the concert are still available.
  5. He was not available to take the call at that moment.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "available," think of the phrase "a table full of options" since both "a" and "table" start with "a." You can visualize a table that showcases what is available for you to choose from.

## illustration

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The word "illustration" is a noun. It refers to a visual representation, such as a drawing, picture, or diagram, that is used to clarify or explain something. Illustrations can be found in books, magazines, or other forms of media to enhance understanding or provide additional context.

Pronunciation: /ɪ.lə'streɪ.ʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. The children's book was filled with colorful illustrations that captured their attention.
2. The professor used illustrations in her presentation to help explain complex concepts.
3. An illustration of the life cycle of a butterfly was included in the biology textbook.
4. He submitted an illustration for the magazine's cover contest.
5. The artist created an illustration to accompany the article on environmental issues.

To remember the word "illustration," think of the root "illustrate," which means to provide a visual explanation. You can also associate it with "illustrator," a person who creates illustrations, making it easier to connect the concept of visual representation with the term.

# slice

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- **Definition:**

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

- **Verb:** To cut something into slices or to divide it into smaller sections.  
Example: "She decided to slice the bread for sandwiches."
- **Noun:** A thin, flat piece cut from a larger object.  
Example: "He took a slice of pizza."

- **Pronunciation:**

/slaɪs/

- **Examples:**

1. "Can you slice the tomatoes for the salad?"
2. "He enjoyed a slice of chocolate cake."
3. "She will slice the fruit for the dessert platter."
4. "The baker sliced the loaf of bread into even pieces."
5. "He took a slice out of his schedule to relax."

- **Memory Aid:**

To remember the word "slice," think of it as "sliding a knife through food" to create a smooth, even cut. You could visualize slicing a cake into equally sized pieces at a birthday party.

# waterfront

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**Word:** waterfront

**Part of speech:** noun

**Definition:**

The term "waterfront" refers to the land area that is adjacent to a body of water, such as a river, lake, or ocean. It often includes amenities like parks, walkways, piers, or commercial facilities and can be an area for leisure, tourism, or transportation.

**Pronunciation:**

/ˈwɔːtərfrʌnt/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The city plans to develop the waterfront area into a public park with walking trails.
2. Many restaurants line the waterfront, offering stunning views of the sunset over the sea.
3. The new housing complex near the waterfront has attracted many buyers looking for a scenic view.
4. The festival was held on the waterfront, drawing crowds from all over the region.
5. They enjoyed a peaceful stroll along the waterfront, watching the boats sail by.

### **Memory aid:**

To remember "waterfront," think of it as the "front" of the "water." Visualize standing at the edge of a lake or a sea, where the land meets the water, creating a beautiful boundary between the two.

## **generic**

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The word "generic" is primarily an adjective that refers to something that is general, not specific, or lacking distinctive features. In a broader context, it can describe products, particularly medicines, that are not branded and thus typically have a lower price. It can also relate to a group of things that share common characteristics or elements.

Pronunciation: /dʒəˈnɛrɪk/

Examples of common use:

1. The store sells generic brands that are just as good as the name brands but cheaper.
2. She prefers generic medications to avoid high costs associated with brand names.
3. The teacher provided a generic template for all students to follow in their essays.
4. His argument was too generic and lacked specific examples to support his claims.
5. They created a generic version of the software that has many of the same features as the original.

To remember the word "generic," think of the prefix "gen-", which relates to "general" or "kind." Imagine a generic product that is a stand-in for something specific, emphasizing its general nature and broad applicability.

## **cricket**

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- **Word:** cricket
- **Part of speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Cricket is a bat-and-ball game played between two teams of eleven players on a field with a rectangular 22-yard-long pitch at its center. Each team tries to score runs by hitting a ball bowled at them with a bat and running between the wickets.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈkrɪk.ɪt/
- **Examples of common use:**
  1. "He has been playing cricket since he was a child."
  2. "The cricket match ended in a thrilling tie."
  3. "She prefers watching cricket over football."
  4. "They organized a local cricket tournament for charity."
  5. "His favorite player in cricket is a famous fast bowler."
- **Memory aid:** To remember the word "cricket," you can associate it with the sound of crickets chirping, which might remind you of outdoor summer games. Also, think of the fun and teamwork involved in playing the game, and visualize a cricket match being played in a green field.

## exhale

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### Definition

Exhale is a verb that means to breathe out; to force air out of the lungs. It is the opposite of inhale, which means to breathe in.

### Pronunciation

/ɛksˈheɪl/

### Examples

1. After holding her breath for a few seconds, she decided to exhale slowly to relax.
2. The yoga instructor taught the class to exhale deeply to release tension.
3. He exhaled in frustration when he realized he had made a mistake.
4. As he finished the race, he let out a loud exhale of relief.
5. When meditating, it's important to exhale fully to clear your mind.

## Memory Aid

To remember "exhale," think of it as "exit air" from your lungs. The prefix "ex-" often means "out" or "away," so you can link it to the action of breathing out.

# creation

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## Creation

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: The act of bringing something into existence; something that has been made or produced.

**Pronunciation:** /krē'ā-shən/

## Examples of common use:

1. The creation of the new software took over a year.
2. Many artists find inspiration in nature for their creations.
3. The documentary explored the creation of the universe.
4. The school encourages the creation of original artwork among students.
5. Thoughts and ideas can lead to the creation of innovative solutions.

## How to remember the word:

Think of "creation" as "creation of something new". Associate it with the phrase "create something" to help link the concept of forming or bringing an idea to life. You could visualize a light bulb turning on when a new idea is formed.

# corporate

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

As an adjective, "corporate" relates to or is characteristic of a corporation or corporations, often referring to their activities, identity, or structure.

Examples:

- The corporate strategy was discussed in the meeting.
- She wore a corporate attire suitable for the business conference.



As a verb, "corporate" means to form into a legal corporation or to incorporate a company.

Examples:

- They decided to corporate their business to limit personal liability.
- The government will corporate new regulations next year.

Pronunciation: /ˈkɔːr.pə.rɪt/

Common Uses:

1. The corporate office is located downtown.
2. Corporate responsibility is a growing concern for many companies.
3. The new corporate policy will take effect next month.
4. He worked in corporate finance for over a decade.
5. Many startups seek to corporate and attract investors.

To remember the word "corporate," think of "corp" as a short form for "corporation." Visualize a large building with the word "CORPORATE" on it, representing the vast nature of organizations and their influence in the business world.

## swell

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- **Part of Speech:**

- **Verb:** To increase in size, volume, or intensity; to rise or expand.
- **Adjective:** Referring to something that is well-fed or plump; also used to describe waves that are higher than normal.

- **Pronunciation:** /swɛl/

- **Examples:**

1. The river began to **swell** after the heavy rain.
2. He felt his pride **swell** as he received the award.
3. The balloon will **swell** as more air is added.
4. After the workout, her muscles looked **swell** and toned.
5. The waves began to **swell** dangerously as the storm approached.

- **Memory Technique:** To remember the word "swell," think of the image of a balloon that is being inflated. As the balloon fills with air, it expands or "swells." You can also associate it with feelings of pride or emotions growing larger, much like the sensation of swelling.

## synthesis

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The word "synthesis" is a noun. It refers to the process of combining different ideas, influences, or elements to form a coherent whole. In various contexts, it can specifically relate to the integration of biological substances, the merging of philosophies, or the creation of complex substances from simpler ones.

Pronunciation: /ˈsɪnθɪsɪs/

Examples of common use:

1. The researcher conducted a synthesis of the existing literature on climate change.
2. In chemistry, the synthesis of new compounds can lead to the development of innovative materials.
3. The artist's work is a synthesis of various styles and cultural influences.
4. The synthesis of the two theories provided a new understanding of the phenomenon.
5. We need a synthesis of all the data to arrive at an informed decision.

To remember the word "synthesis," you can break it down into two parts: "synth" which sounds like "made together," and "esis" which often denotes a process. Visualize a scientist mixing different elements in a lab to create something new, representing the merging of ideas or components to form a unified whole.

## excreta

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Excreta is a noun. It refers to waste matter, especially fecal matter, expelled from the body of animals or humans. The term indicates the biological byproducts of digestion.

Pronunciation: /ɪkˈskri:tə/

Examples of common use:

1. The study focused on the impact of pollution on the excreta of local wildlife.
2. Proper disposal of human excreta is essential for public health.

3. The environmental scientist collected samples of excreta for analysis.
4. Farmers often use animal excreta as a natural fertilizer.
5. The sanitary conditions were poor, with excreta found in the open areas.

To remember the word, think of "excreta" as "excrement," which refers to waste. Both words relate to bodily waste, and the prefix "ex-" can help you associate it with something being expelled.

## decapitate

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- Decapitate is a verb. It refers to the act of beheading or removing the head from a body. It is often used in contexts involving execution, warfare, or certain cultural practices.
- Pronunciation: /dɪ'kæp.ɪ.teɪt/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The king ordered to decapitate the traitor as punishment for his crimes.
  2. In some historical contexts, warriors would decapitate their enemies as a display of victory.
  3. The movie featured a fictional scene where the villain attempted to decapitate the hero.
  4. During the medieval era, executioners used a sword or axe to decapitate convicted criminals.
  5. Many horror films have graphic scenes where characters are decapitated.
- To remember the word "decapitate," you can break it down: "de-" means "remove," and "capitate" relates to "cap" or "head." So, think of it as "removing the head." Visualizing a head being cut off can also help cement the meaning in your memory.

## pepper

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Pepper

- **Part of Speech:** Noun, Verb
- **Noun Explanation:**
  1. A spice made from the dried and ground seeds of the berry of the *Piper nigrum* plant, typically used to enhance the flavor of food.

2. Any of several plants in the family Piperaceae, particularly those yielding pepper or similar spices.

- **Verb Explanation:**

1. To sprinkle or season with pepper.
2. To scatter something in a way that it resembles the distribution of pepper grains.

- **Pronunciation:** /ˈpeɪpər/

- **Examples of Common Use:**

1. She likes to add black pepper to her soup for extra flavor.
2. The chef peppers the dish with a variety of herbs before serving.
3. The raindrops peppered the sidewalk, creating a rhythmic sound.
4. He was peppered with questions during the interview.
5. The garden was filled with different types of peppers, including bell and jalapeño.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "pepper," think of the way you add a sprinkle of pepper to your food. Visualize the small black grains flying from a pepper shaker, helping to connect the word to both the action of seasoning food and the appearance of the spice. You can also associate the term with "peppering" someone with questions, as both involve a rapid, scattered distribution.

## groan

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### Definition

The word "groan" is a verb. It refers to producing a low, mournful sound of anxiety, pain, or discomfort. It can also express annoyance or discontent.

### Pronunciation

/ɡroʊn/

### Examples of common use

1. After running the marathon, she let out a loud groan as she plopped onto the couch.
2. He groaned at the thought of having to do the assignment again.
3. The audience groaned when the comedian made a corny joke.

4. You could hear the groan of the old floorboards as people walked across them.
5. She groaned in frustration when she saw the long line at the grocery store.

### Memory aid

To remember "groan," think of the sound someone makes when they're dissatisfied or in pain—it's a low, prolonged moan. You can associate the "g" in "groan" with "gloomy" feelings, which often accompany the sound.

## diminish

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### Definition

- **Part of speech:** Verb
- **Meaning:** To make something less intense, severe, or important; to decrease in size, extent, or range.

### Pronunciation

/dɪˈmɪnɪʃ/

### Examples

1. The team tried to diminish the impact of their mistakes in the presentation by apologizing and providing solutions.
2. Sunlight can diminish the brightness of colors over time.
3. The medication is designed to diminish pain and inflammation.
4. Efforts to diminish pollution levels have been increased in recent years.
5. As the sun sets, the light will gradually diminish until it's dark.

### Memory Aid

To remember "diminish," think of the word "mini," which evokes the idea of smallness. Just as something mini is smaller or less than its regular size, to diminish means to reduce its quantity or intensity.

## naive

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Naive

**Part of Speech:** Adjective

**Definition:** Lacking experience, wisdom, or judgment; innocent or unsophisticated. It can refer to a person who is overly trusting and simple-minded, often due to a lack of exposure to the complexities of the world.

**Pronunciation:** /naɪˈɪv/

**Examples:**

1. The naive tourist was easily fooled by the street vendor's tricks.
2. She had a naive belief that everyone always tells the truth.
3. His naive approach to investing led to significant financial losses.
4. Despite her intelligence, she remained naive about the ways of the corporate world.
5. The naive child believed in fairy tales and magical creatures.

**Memory Technique:** To remember "naive," think of the word "naïveté," which is related and means a lack of sophistication or experience. You can also associate it with the image of a young child who is innocent and trusting, as they often display a naive view of the world.

## upset

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The word "upset" can be used as both a verb and an adjective.

As a verb:

- Definition: To cause someone to feel unhappy, disappointed, or worried. It can also mean to disturb or disrupt a situation.
- Example: "The news of her cancellation upset him deeply."

As an adjective:

- Definition: Feeling unhappy or disappointed; also refers to a state of disorder or disturbance.
- Example: "She was upset about losing her favorite toy."

Pronunciation: /ʌpˈsɛt/

Examples of common use:

1. "I was upset when I learned that my best friend was moving away."
2. "The unexpected result of the game upset the usual rankings."

3. "He spoke in an upset tone, revealing his frustration."
4. "Don't be upset; we can find a solution to the problem together."
5. "The news about the storm upset the local community."

To remember the word "upset," think of the phrase "feel turned upside down." When someone is upset, their emotions are often turned upside down, leading to feelings of unhappiness or disturbance.

## appeal

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

### **As a verb:**

- Meaning: To make a serious or urgent request, typically to the public or to someone in authority. It can also mean to be attractive or interesting to someone.
- Example: "The charity appealed to the community for donations."

### **As a noun:**

- Meaning: A request for a decision or a reversal of a decision made by a court or authority. It can also refer to the quality of being attractive or interesting.
- Example: "The defendant filed an appeal against the court's decision."

Pronunciation: /ə'pi:l/

Examples of common use:

1. The organization made an appeal for help after the natural disaster.
2. The movie has great appeal to a young audience.
3. She decided to appeal the decision made by the school board.
4. His charming personality had an undeniable appeal.
5. The new smartphone model is marketed to appeal to tech enthusiasts.

To remember the word "appeal," think of the phrase "a plea" since both words imply making a request. Additionally, associate "appeal" with its attractive qualities or the call for support, which can help reinforce its meanings in your mind.

## consumption

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## Consumption

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: The act of consuming; the use of resources or goods, particularly food, energy, or services. It can also refer to the amount of something consumed.
- Examples:
  1. The consumption of sugary drinks has increased among teenagers.
  2. Sustainable practices aim to reduce the consumption of natural resources.
  3. In the context of health, high levels of alcohol consumption can lead to serious issues.

Pronunciation: /kən'sʌmpʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. High levels of plastic consumption contribute to environmental pollution.
2. During the holidays, there is typically an increase in food consumption.
3. The study focused on the patterns of energy consumption in urban areas.
4. Consumption of educational materials is critical for student success.
5. The new policy aims to decrease the consumption of fossil fuels.

Memory tip: Associate the word "consumption" with the idea of "using up" something, like eating food or using resources. You might visualize a person consuming a large meal, emphasizing the idea of thorough use or depletion.

## caution

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- **Caution**
  - **Part of Speech:** Noun
  - **Definition:** Care taken to avoid dangers or mistakes; a warning or indication to be careful.
  - **Example in a Sentence:** "The sign advised caution while crossing the busy street."
- **Pronunciation:** /'kɔː.ʃən/
- **Examples of Common Use:**



1. "Please exercise caution when handling chemicals."
  2. "Caution is advised during severe weather conditions."
  3. "He drove with caution in the heavy rain."
  4. "The teacher emphasized the need for caution when conducting experiments."
  5. "A little caution can prevent accidents."
- **Memory Tip:** Relate "caution" to the idea of a safety net; think of a tightrope walker who must be careful and aware of their surroundings to avoid a fall. The word "caution" can remind you of that carefulness and attention needed to avoid mistakes or dangers.

## average

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

As a noun:

- Definition: It refers to the result obtained by adding several quantities together and then dividing this total by the number of quantities; a typical amount or level.
- Example: "The average of three test scores was 75."

As an adjective:

- Definition: It describes something that is typical or normal; not exceptional or outstanding.
- Example: "She is just an average student, neither excelling nor failing."

Pronunciation: /'æv.ər.ɪdʒ/

Common uses:

1. "The average temperature for this month is expected to be higher than usual."
2. "On average, it takes about 30 minutes to get to work."
3. "His performance was average, meeting only the basic requirements."
4. "The average cost of living in this city has increased significantly."

To remember the word "average," you can think of the phrase "middle ground" or "typical amount," as it often refers to what is neither high nor low, but rather something that falls in between. Visualizing a scale with extremes on either end and the average in the middle can also aid memory.

# blonde

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The word "blonde" can function primarily as an adjective and a noun.

As an **adjective**, "blonde" describes a person, typically a female, who has light-colored hair that is usually golden or yellowish in tone.

As a **noun**, "blonde" refers to a person, particularly a woman, who has blonde hair.

## Pronunciation

/blɒnd/ (British) or /blɑːnd/ (American)

## Examples of Common Use

1. She was admired for her long, flowing blonde hair.
2. The movie featured a blonde actress in the lead role.
3. Many people think that blondes have more fun.
4. He dyed his hair blonde for the summer.
5. The artist painted a portrait of a beautiful blonde woman.

## How to Remember the Word

To remember "blonde," you can associate it with 'gold' (as in golden hair), think of the phrase "blonde ambition," or visualize a classic blonde character, like Barbie, who is often associated with the color.

# burst

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### Part of Speech and Definition

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

- As a verb, "burst" means to break open or apart suddenly and violently.

- As a noun, it refers to the act of breaking open or a sudden occurrence of something.

### **Pronunciation**

/bɜrst/

### **Examples of Common Use**

1. The balloon burst when I accidentally stepped on it.
2. She had a burst of laughter that filled the room.
3. The dam is at risk of bursting from the heavy rain.
4. There was a burst of energy in the crowd when the concert started.
5. He felt a burst of joy when he heard the good news.

### **Memory Tip**

To remember "burst," think of a balloon filled with air. When it gets too full, it bursts. This image can help you associate the word with the concept of sudden action and release.

## **ecology**

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Ecology is a noun.

Ecology refers to the branch of biology that deals with the relationships of living organisms to one another and to their physical surroundings. It encompasses the study of ecosystems, populations, communities, and the interactions among different species as well as their environments.

Pronunciation: /ɪˈkɒlədʒi/

Examples of common use:

1. The study of ecology helps us understand the impact of climate change on biodiversity.
2. By exploring the principles of ecology, we can learn how to better conserve natural resources.
3. Ecologists are conducting research to find out how pollution affects marine ecosystems.
4. Urban ecology examines how cities affect the natural environment.

5. Understanding the dynamics of ecology is essential in developing sustainable agricultural practices.

To remember the word "ecology," you can break it down into "eco," which relates to the environment or nature, and "-logy," which means "study of." You might visualize a scientist studying plants and animals in their natural habitats to reinforce the concept.

## profession

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### Definition

The word "profession" is a noun. It refers to a paid occupation, especially one that involves prolonged training and a formal qualification. It often implies a level of expertise and is generally associated with a specific field of work or specialization.

### Pronunciation

Profession is pronounced as /prəˈfɛʃ.ən/.

### Examples of Common Use

1. She chose teaching as her profession after completing her degree in education.
2. Law is a respected profession that requires years of study and practice.
3. Many people switch professions several times throughout their lives.
4. His profession as an engineer often takes him to different countries.
5. The medical profession is known for its demanding training and high standards.

### Memory Aid

To remember "profession," think of the word "professor," which is often associated with a learned profession. Both words share a common focus on expertise and formal education. Additionally, linking "profession" to the notion of "professionalism" can help reinforce its meaning as it relates to specialized work.

## for

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### Word: For

**Part of Speech:** Preposition

**Definition:** The word "for" is used to indicate the purpose of something, the intended recipient of an action, or to express duration or time.

**Pronunciation:** /fɔːr/ (American English), /fɔː/ (British English)

### Examples of Common Use:

1. I bought a gift **for** you.
2. We need a plan **for** the project.
3. She worked **for** three hours straight.
4. This medication is **for** treating headaches.
5. He went to the store **for** some groceries.

**Memory Tip:** Think of "for" as a bridge that connects one thing to another, indicating purpose or direction. Visualize it as a path leading from one point to the purpose or recipient to help remember its use.

## transit

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The word "transit" can function primarily as a noun and a verb.

As a noun, "transit" refers to the process of transporting people or goods from one place to another. It can also refer to the system or method of transportation.

As a verb, "transit" (less commonly used) means to pass through or across a particular area.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈtræn.zɪt/

### Examples of common use:

1. The city improved its transit system to reduce traffic congestion.
2. The shipment is currently in transit and should arrive by Monday.
3. You can use public transit to avoid the hassle of parking.
4. They will transit through several countries on their journey home.
5. The transit of the moons across the planet was a fascinating event for astronomers.

**Memory tip:** To remember the word "transit," think of "trans" as in "transport" and "it" as in "it moves." Imagine a train or bus transiting from one station to another, carrying passengers or goods. The visual of movement can help reinforce the meaning of "transit."

## medieval

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## Definition

The word "medieval" is an adjective. It refers to the Middle Ages, a period in European history from roughly the 5th to the late 15th century. The term is often associated with the culture, art, architecture, and societal structures that characterized this era.

## Pronunciation

/ˌmɛdɪˈi:vəl/

## Examples

1. The castle has a medieval design, featuring thick stone walls and narrow windows.
2. Medieval literature often includes tales of chivalry and adventure.
3. Many medieval cities were surrounded by protective walls.
4. The museum exhibited medieval armor and weapons.
5. The students studied medieval history to understand the societal changes of that time.

## Memory Technique

To remember the word "medieval," think of "middle" (as in Middle Ages) combined with "evil." Visualize a time when knights and dragons roamed, reflecting the dramatic and turbulent nature of that historical period. This imagery connects the 'middle' of history with the intense stories and legends of the era.

# behave

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**Word:** behave

**Part of Speech:** Verb

**Definition:** To act in a particular way, especially to act in a socially acceptable way; to conduct oneself in a specified manner.

**Pronunciation:** /bɪˈheɪv/

## Examples:

1. The children were told to behave during the movie.
2. If you want to impress your teachers, you need to behave more respectfully in class.
3. He didn't behave as expected during the meeting and surprised everyone.
4. It's important to behave ethically in business practices.

5. The dog is more likely to behave when it has been properly trained.

**Memory Aid:** To remember "behave", think of the phrase "Be Haves" – if you "be" mindful of your actions, you will "have" a good impression on others.

## devastating

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The word "devastating" is an adjective that describes something that causes severe and overwhelming shock or grief. It can refer to destruction or a traumatic experience that leaves a lasting impact.

Pronunciation: /ˈdɛvəˌsteɪtɪŋ/

Examples of common use:

1. The hurricane had a devastating effect on the coastal town, destroying homes and businesses.
2. The news of the accident was devastating to her family and friends.
3. The researcher presented devastating evidence that contradicted the previous study.
4. Losing the championship game was a devastating blow to the team's morale.
5. The economic recession had a devastating impact on small businesses across the country.

To remember the word "devastating," you can break it down into "de" (which can imply removal), "vast" (meaning large or extensive), and "ating" (indicating an ongoing action), which together suggest something that removes or destroys a large amount of something, leading to significant loss or damage. Associating it with images of destruction or profound sadness can also help in recalling the meaning.

## dredge

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- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To remove sediment, debris, or other material from the bottom of a body of water using a scoop or similar tool; can also refer to the act of digging or gathering something from the ground or bottom of a body of water.
- **Pronunciation:** /drɛdʒ/
- **Examples:**

1. The workers began to **dredge** the river to make it navigable for larger boats.
2. After the storm, the city hired a crew to **dredge** the clogged drainage system.
3. Fishermen often **dredge** for clams along the shoreline.
4. They used a suction dredge to extract minerals from the ocean floor.
5. The environmentalists were concerned about the **dredging** project's impact on local wildlife.

- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "dredge," think of "dredging up" something from the depths, like treasure from the sea or mud from a riverbed, emphasizing the action of pulling something out of water or dirt.

## launch

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

As a verb, "launch" means to start or set in motion (a process, project, or event). It can refer to the act of sending something into motion, such as a rocket, or introducing a new product or initiative.

As a noun, "launch" refers to the act of starting or the event of introducing something new, especially a product or service.

Pronunciation: /lɔːn(t)ʃ/

Examples:

1. The company will launch its new smartphone next month.
2. The rocket is scheduled to launch at dawn.
3. We organized a launch event for our latest app.
4. She decided to launch her own clothing line.
5. The space agency celebrated the successful launch of the satellite.

To remember the word "launch," think of it as setting something off into the air, like a rocket. Visualize a countdown followed by the excitement of something taking flight, which connects to both starting and introducing.