Word List 26

enterprise

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

As a noun:

• **Definition**: An enterprise is a project or undertaking, especially one of a significant scale; it can also refer to a business organization or company.

• Examples:

- 1. She started her own enterprise to promote sustainable fashion.
- 2. The government funded several enterprises to encourage innovation in technology.
- 3. His latest enterprise involves opening a new restaurant in the city.

As a verb (less common):

• **Definition**: To undertake a risky or daring project or endeavor.

• Examples:

- 1. They decided to enterprise into the realm of renewable energy.
- 2. The team will enterprise the development of a new mobile app.

Pronunciation: /ˈɛn.tə.praɪz/

Common uses:

- 1. Small enterprises drive economic growth in local communities.
- 2. The enterprise faced several challenges but remained profitable.
- 3. We are seeking investors for our new enterprise.
- 4. An enterprise zone was established to attract new businesses.
- 5. Many entrepreneurs take on significant risks to launch their enterprises.

To remember the word "enterprise," think of it as "entering a new venture." The prefix "enter" suggests initiating something new, while "prise" can be reminiscent of "prize," indicating the potential rewards of a successful project or business. Visualizing starting a rewarding adventure can help solidify the term in your memory.

verify

The word "verify" is a verb, which means to confirm the truth or accuracy of something, to check or test for correctness.

Pronunciation: /'ver.ɪ.faɪ/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The scientist needed to verify her results before publishing her findings.
- 2. Please verify your email address to complete the registration process.
- 3. It's essential to verify your identity when accessing sensitive information online.
- 4. The accountant will verify all the transactions before finalizing the report.
- 5. The team was asked to verify the sources used in their research paper.

To remember the word "verify," you can think of the phrase "very fine," as in making sure something is very fine or accurate. The similarity in sound might help you recall its meaning of confirmation and accuracy.

string

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A thin piece of material, such as thread or cord, used to tie or fasten things together. It can also refer to a sequence of characters in computer programming or music.
- Example: "She used a string to tie the package."

As a verb:

- Definition: To attach or fasten something using a string; to thread something onto a string.
- Example: "He will string the beads together to make a necklace."

Pronunciation: /strɪŋ/

Examples of common use:

1. "I need a strong string to hold the balloon."

- 2. "The musician played a string instrument during the concert."
- 3. "Please string the lights along the fence for the party."
- 4. "You can string words together to form sentences."
- 5. "The cat was playing with a piece of string."

To remember the word "string," think of a musical string that unites notes together or imagine tying objects with a piece of string, which connects them firmly. You can visualize a guitar string, which also links the emotions of music, helping you recall the versatility of the word.

litter

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

As a noun:

- **Definition:** Refers to waste material, especially trash, that is discarded in public places. It can also denote a group of young animals born at the same time (e.g., a litter of puppies).
- **Example:** "The beach was covered in litter after the festival."

As a verb:

- **Definition:** To make (a place) untidy with garbage or litter; to scatter waste carelessly.
- **Example:** "Please do not litter in the park."

Pronunciation: /ˈlɪtər/

Common uses:

- 1. "He saw someone littering and asked them to pick it up."
- 2. "The city launched a campaign to clean up litter from the streets."
- 3. "The kitten had a litter of three adorable babies."
- 4. "We should all do our part to prevent litter in our communities."
- 5. "She was fined for littering in a public area."

To remember the word "litter," think of the letter "L" as standing for "leave" and "trash" behind, which helps you recall the act of littering. Associating litter with a disorderly environment can also aid in retaining the meaning.

manor

The word "manor" is a noun. It refers to a large country house that often includes land, historically associated with the local nobility or gentry. Manors were typically centers of agricultural estates during the medieval period in England and other parts of Europe.

Pronunciation: /'mæn.ər/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The old manor at the end of the road has been abandoned for years.
- 2. She inherited a beautiful Tudor manor from her grandmother.
- 3. The film was set in a grand manor surrounded by vast gardens.
- 4. They hosted a charity event at the historic manor last weekend.
- 5. The manor was once the seat of a prominent family in the area.

To remember the word "manor," think of the phrase "mansion on land." Both words suggest a large, impressive dwelling, helping to connect the meaning of "manor" to the idea of an estate or large house.

location

Location

Part of Speech: Noun

• **Definition**: A particular place or position. It can refer to either a physical spot in space or an area designated for a specific purpose.

Pronunciation: ləˈkeɪʃən

Examples:

- 1. The location of the new restaurant is ideal for attracting customers.
- 2. Please provide your current location so I can find you.
- 3. The location of the treasure is marked on the map.

- 4. They chose a scenic location for their wedding ceremony.
- 5. The company has multiple locations across the country.

Memory Tip: To remember the word "location," think of the phrase "Where is it?" as it emphasizes the idea of finding a specific place. You can also associate it with "locale," which has a similar meaning and sounds a bit alike.

breakdown

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

As a noun:

- **Definition**: A breakdown refers to a failure to function or a collapse of a system, mechanism, or emotional state. It can also mean the act of breaking something into smaller parts for analysis.
- **Example**: "The car had a breakdown on the highway," or "The report included a breakdown of the expenses."

As a verb:

- **Definition**: To breakdown means to cause something to collapse or fail, or to analyze complex information into simpler parts.
- **Example**: "She had to break down the data into more manageable pieces."

Pronunciation: / breik dawn/

Examples of common use:

- 1. "After the breakdown of negotiations, both parties went back to the drawing board."
- 2. "He experienced an emotional breakdown due to the stress of work."
- 3. "The engineer provided a breakdown of the project costs."
- 4. "If the machine has a breakdown, we'll need to call for repairs."
- 5. "Let's break down this problem into smaller steps."

Memory tip: To remember "breakdown," think of it as "breaking down" something complex into simpler pieces, or visualize a car breaking down on the road, which often signifies an unexpected failure.

irresistible

- **Definition**: The word "irresistible" is an adjective that describes something that is too attractive or appealing to be resisted. It often refers to temptations or desires that one finds difficult to refuse or overcome.
- **Pronunciation**: / ɪr.ɪ zɪs.tə.bəl/
- Examples:
 - 1. The aroma of freshly baked cookies was absolutely irresistible.
 - 2. She had an irresistible charm that captivated everyone in the room.
 - 3. His proposal was so irresistible that I couldn't say no.
 - 4. The sale offered an irresistible discount that drew in many shoppers.
 - 5. The puppy's big eyes made it utterly irresistible to adopt.
- **Memory Tip**: To remember "irresistible," think of the word "resist." If something is "ir-resist-able," it means you cannot resist it at all—like a delicious dessert you just have to try!

fluency

Fluency

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: The ability to express oneself easily and articulately in a given language or in a specific skill. It often refers to language proficiency, indicating smooth, effortless communication without pauses or hesitation.

Pronunciation: /ˈfluːənsi/

- 1. Her fluency in Spanish impressed everyone during the meeting.
- 2. Practicing daily can help improve your fluency in writing.
- 3. He spoke with such fluency that it was hard to believe he was a non-native speaker.
- 4. The school offers classes to help students develop fluency in multiple languages.
- 5. Listening to native speakers can greatly enhance your fluency over time.

How to remember the word:

Associate "fluency" with "flow" since both words share a root related to smoothness and ease. Visualize a river flowing smoothly to connect it to fluent speech or performance.

transcription

The word **"transcription"** is a noun. It refers to the process of converting spoken language into written text or the act of transferring information from one format to another. In biology, it can refer to the synthesis of RNA from a DNA template.

Pronunciation: /trænˈskrɪp.∫ən/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The transcription of the meeting notes helped everyone remember the key points discussed.
- 2. The scientist focused on the transcription of genes during her research.
- 3. After the interview, I sent the transcription to the journalist.
- 4. Transcription services can be helpful for students who want to review lectures in written form.
- 5. The transcription of the audio file was completed in a matter of hours.

To remember the word, think of "trans-" as in "transfer" or "transform," and "cription" which sounds similar to "script." This can help you associate transcription with the idea of converting spoken or recorded information into written form.

introspection

Introspection

• Part of Speech: Noun

• **Definition**: The examination of one's own thoughts, feelings, and mental processes. Introspection is often used in psychological contexts to describe the process of looking inward to gain insight into one's own emotional state or motivations.

Pronunciation: /ˌɪn.trəˈspɛk.∫ən/

- 1. After a long day, she took a moment for introspection, reflecting on her choices and feelings.
- 2. The therapist encouraged introspection to help the patient understand the root of their anxiety.
- 3. Journaling can be a useful tool for introspection, allowing individuals to explore their thoughts on paper.
- 4. His introspection during the retreat led him to make significant changes in his life.
- 5. Many philosophers have emphasized the importance of introspection in understanding human nature.

Memory Tip: To remember "introspection," think of the prefix "intro-" meaning inward and "spect" from the Latin "spectare," meaning to look. Together, it conveys the idea of "looking inward." Additionally, visualize a person gazing into a mirror, reflecting on their inner self.

elicitation

Elicitation is a noun, derived from the verb "elicit." It refers to the act of drawing out or bringing forth information, responses, or emotions from a person or a group.

Pronunciation: /ɪˌlɪsɪˈteɪʃən/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The teacher used various techniques for the elicitation of student responses during the discussion.
- 2. Interviewers often focus on elicitation to gather meaningful insights from participants.
- 3. In therapy, therapists may use elicitation strategies to help clients express their feelings.
- 4. The study employed elicitation methods to understand consumer preferences.
- 5. Effective communication relies heavily on the elicitation of relevant information.

To remember the word "elicitation," you might think of the root "elicit," which sounds similar to "extract." Imagine someone extracting information from a source, which is essentially what elicitation means. You can visualize it as drawing out thoughts, just like pulling out a string from a spool.

informant

The word "informant" is a noun.

An informant is a person who provides privileged information about a particular subject or topic, often to authorities or investigators. In some contexts, informants may be individuals who share confidential information regarding criminal activities or insider knowledge within an organization.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈfɔːr.mənt/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The police relied on an informant to gather information about the drug trafficking ring.
- 2. She worked as an informant for the FBI and helped apprehend several criminals.
- 3. The journalist had to protect the identity of her informant to ensure their safety.
- 4. His role as an informant put him in a difficult ethical position.
- 5. An informant can provide critical insights that may not be available through official channels.

To remember the word "informant," you can break it down into "inform" (to give information) and "ant" (a suffix often used for persons). This association may help recall that an informant is someone who gives or shares valuable information.

ambiguity

The word "ambiguity" is a noun. It refers to the quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness or uncertainty in meaning. Ambiguity can create confusion or uncertainty in communication.

Pronunciation: /æmˈbɪg.ju.ə.ti/

- 1. The poem's ambiguity allows readers to interpret it in various ways.
- 2. The instructions were filled with ambiguity, making it difficult to understand what was required.
- 3. Legal documents often have ambiguity that can lead to disputes.

- 4. His response was full of ambiguity, leaving us unsure of his true feelings.
- 5. The ambiguity in her statement raised many questions among the team.

To remember the word "ambiguity," you might think of "Am Big U, Itty" – imagine that someone is saying "I am big, you, it?" This playful image captures the confusion or uncertainty that ambiguity brings, making it easier to recall the term and its meaning.

generative

The word "generative" is an adjective. It describes something that has the ability to produce, originate, or generate. It is often used in contexts like linguistics, biology, and art, referring to processes that create or develop new forms, ideas, or structures.

Pronunciation: /ˈdʒɛnərətɪv/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The generative grammar model explains how sentences can be formed in any language.
- 2. In biology, generative cells are responsible for producing gametes.
- 3. Artists often explore generative art, where algorithms create new visual forms.
- 4. The generative approach in software development focuses on building flexible and adaptable systems.
- 5. Researchers are studying generative design to enhance creative processes in architecture.

To remember the word "generative," think of "generate" in the root and associate it with creation and production, picturing something sprouting from a seed, which symbolizes new beginnings and ideas.

recourse

The word "recourse" is a noun.

Recourse refers to the act of turning to someone or something for assistance or help in a difficult situation. It can also refer to a source of help or the option to get assistance when facing a problem.

Pronunciation

/ˈrix.kəxrs/

Examples

- 1. When negotiations failed, the company had no recourse but to seek legal action.
- 2. If you have a complaint about the service, you may have recourse to customer support.
- 3. The community has few recourses available for those in need of mental health services.
- 4. In times of crisis, individuals often turn to family and friends for recourse.
- 5. The government provides recourse to citizens who feel wronged by regulations.

Remembering the word

Associate "recourse" with "re-" meaning to turn back or return, combined with "course," suggesting a path or way forward. This can help you recall that recourse is about finding a path back to assistance or help when needed.

scrupulous

- Scrupulous (adjective):
 - Definition: Characterized by extreme care and precision; ethical and conscientious; having moral integrity; diligent and attentive to detail.
- Pronunciation: /ˈskruː.pjə.ləs/
- Examples:
 - 1. The scrupulous accountant double-checked every number to ensure accuracy in the financial report.
 - 2. She was known for her scrupulous attention to detail, which made her a great editor.
 - 3. The scrupulous scientist followed all safety protocols during the experiment.
 - 4. His scrupulous nature often led him to question the ethics of his colleagues' decisions.

- 5. Being scrupulous about your commitments can enhance trust in personal and professional relationships.
- Memory Technique: To remember the word "scrupulous," think of "scrutiny" and
 "meticulous." Both words convey a sense of careful examination and attention to
 detail, similar to the qualities of being scrupulous. Imagine a person meticulously
 scrutinizing a document, ensuring everything is perfect.

utterance

Word: Utterance

• Part of Speech: Noun

- **Definition:** An utterance is a spoken word, statement, or vocal sound. It can refer to anything that is expressed verbally and can range from a single word or phrase to a complete sentence. Utterances are often studied in linguistics and communication to understand how language is used in conversation.
- Pronunciation: /ˈʌt.ər.əns/
- Examples of Common Use:
 - 1. The child's utterance was barely audible in the noisy classroom.
 - 2. Her utterance of the phrase shocked everyone in the meeting.
 - 3. The professor analyzed the speaker's utterances to highlight linguistic patterns.
 - 4. His quick utterance of the name betrayed his nervousness.
 - 5. During the debate, each utterance was carefully recorded by the moderator.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "utterance," think of the prefix "utter," which means to speak or verbalize, combined with "ance," a suffix indicating a state or quality. Visualize someone making a clear utterance, like a teacher speaking to a class, to solidify its meaning in your mind.

emeritus

Definition:

The word "emeritus" is an adjective that refers to a person who has retired but retains their title as an honor, often used in academic or professional contexts. It denotes someone who has served in a role for a significant period and is recognized for their contributions, although they no longer hold an active position.

Pronunciation:

/iˈmɛrɪtəs/

Examples of common use:

- 1. Professor Smith is an emeritus faculty member at the university, having taught there for over thirty years.
- 2. The organization appointed him as an emeritus advisor, allowing him to contribute his expertise without requiring full-time commitment.
- 3. After serving as the CEO for a decade, she was named emeritus and continues to lend her insight to the board.
- 4. The library has a special section dedicated to the works of its emeritus professors.
- 5. He enjoys mentoring young professionals as an emeritus member of the professional association.

Memory aid:

To remember "emeritus," think of it as "emerald" + "retired" - an emerald is precious and retains value, just as an emeritus carries the weight of their experience and honor even after retirement.

bilingual

The word "bilingual" is an adjective that describes a person or a thing that can speak or use two languages fluently. It can also refer to materials, such as books or signs, that are presented in two languages.

Pronunciation: /baɪˈlɪŋgwəl/

- 1. She is bilingual, speaking both Spanish and English fluently.
- 2. Many schools offer bilingual education to help students learn two languages.
- 3. The city has a bilingual signage system to accommodate both its English and French-speaking residents.
- 4. Being bilingual can enhance job opportunities in a global market.
- 5. His bilingual skills allowed him to communicate effectively with clients from different countries.

To remember the word "bilingual," think of "bi" which means two, and "lingual" which relates to languages. Visualize a person who can switch between two languages effortlessly, reinforcing the idea of being bilingual.

substitution

Substitution

- Part of Speech: Noun
- Definition: The act of replacing one thing with another. In various contexts, it could refer to replacing a person, a component, or a value with another one.

Pronunciation: /səbstiˈtjuːʃən/

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. The substitution of sugar with honey in the recipe made it healthier.
- 2. The coach made a substitution during the game to improve team performance.
- 3. In mathematics, substitution is a technique used to replace a variable with a specific value.
- 4. The teacher allowed the substitution of a different book for the reading assignment.
- 5. During the trial, the lawyer questioned the validity of the evidence due to improper substitution.

How to Remember the Word:

Think of "sub" meaning below or under and "stitute" related to standing or placing.

Together, "substitution" suggests placing something under a different name or position, making it easier to visualize the concept of replacement.

mundane

The word "mundane" is an adjective. It describes something that is ordinary, commonplace, or lacking any unique or interesting qualities. Often, it refers to tasks, activities, or objects that are routine or banal.

Pronunciation: /mʌnˈdeɪn/

Examples:

1. The meeting was filled with mundane discussions about office supplies.

- 2. She was looking for adventure, but her job felt too mundane and unexciting.
- 3. Even the mundane aspects of life can hold beauty if you look closely.
- 4. They talked about their mundane daily routines over dinner.
- 5. His mundane chores did not take away his passion for painting.

To remember the word "mundane," you can associate it with the word "Monday." Mondays are often seen as dull and routine, marking the beginning of another workweek, which can feel mundane to many people.

foreseeable

• Definition:

"Foreseeable" is an adjective that refers to something that can be predicted or expected in the future. It describes events or outcomes that can be anticipated based on current knowledge or trends.

• Pronunciation:

/forr'sir.ə.bəl/

- Examples:
 - 1. The company is planning for foreseeable changes in the market.
 - 2. Due to the weather forecast, sunny days are foreseeable for the next week.
 - 3. It is not foreseeable that this issue will resolve itself without intervention.
 - 4. The scientists stated that the effects of climate change are increasingly foreseeable.
 - 5. We need to consider any foreseeable risks before proceeding with the project.
- Memory Tip:

To remember "foreseeable," you can think of it as "seeing what is ahead." Break it down into "fore" meaning before and "see" meaning to perceive or predict. This helps to connect the idea of anticipating what is likely to happen in the future.

invoke

The word "invoke" is a verb. It means to call on a higher power, authority, or a certain concept for support or inspiration. It can also mean to bring something into effect or to cause something to happen, often by citing a law, rule, or precedent.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈvoʊk/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The lawyer decided to invoke a constitutional right to defend her client.
- 2. During the ceremony, they invoke the spirits of their ancestors for guidance.
- 3. The programmer had to invoke a specific function to run the code correctly.
- 4. To inspire the team, he chose to invoke the words of famous leaders.
- 5. She tried to invoke a sense of urgency among her colleagues.

To remember the word "invoke," you can think of it as "invoking" the help or presence of a deity or authority figure, similar to how one might call upon a friend for support during a difficult time.

hurl

Definition:

- Part of speech: Verb
- **Meaning**: To throw something with great force; to fling or toss something in a rough or violent manner.

Pronunciation:

/harl/

Examples:

- 1. He hurling the ball across the field during the game.
- 2. She was so angry that she hurled her phone against the wall.
- 3. During the storm, the strong winds hurled debris into the air.
- 4. The player hurled his bat after striking out.
- 5. The kids hurled snowballs at each other in the park.

Memory aid:

To remember the word "hurl," think of "hurled" as being similar to "whirling" something with a lot of force. You can visualize someone hurling an object in a dramatic motion, which emphasizes the energy and strength involved in the action.

duplicate

duplicate

- Part of Speech: Verb / Noun / Adjective
- Definition:
 - As a verb: To make an exact copy of something.
 - As a noun: An exact copy of something.
 - As an adjective: Something that is identical or very similar to another item.
- **Pronunciation**: /ˈdjuɪ.plɪ.kət/ (UK) or /ˈduɪ.plɪ.kət/ (US)

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. Please duplicate this document so we have two copies. (verb)
- 2. I found a duplicate of the key in the drawer. (noun)
- 3. The software automatically creates a duplicate file for backup. (adjective)
- 4. She sent a duplicate report to her supervisor. (noun)
- 5. The artist painted a duplicate of the famous masterpiece. (adjective)

Memory Aid:

To remember the word "duplicate," think of the phrase "do it again" (as in "duplicate" some action), or visualize two identical items side by side, which emphasizes the idea of copying or making a second version of something.

mushroom

Mushroom

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: A mushroom is a type of fungus that typically has a cap and stem. It often grows in damp environments and can be edible or poisonous. Mushrooms are used in cooking and have various culinary uses.

Pronunciation: /ˈmʌʃruːm/

- 1. I added mushrooms to the pasta for extra flavor.
- 2. Some mushrooms are safe to eat, while others can be toxic.
- 3. The forest was full of different kinds of mushrooms after the rain.

- 4. She decided to grow her own mushrooms in a small garden.
- 5. The pizza features a variety of toppings, including mushrooms and pepperoni.

How to remember the word: Think of the 'room' in 'mushroom' as a space where fungi can grow, often in dark and damp areas, just like how mushrooms thrive in nature.

adaptation

Adaptation

Adaptation is a noun. It refers to the process of changing to better suit a new environment or situation. In biological terms, it describes how organisms evolve to meet the demands of their surroundings. In other contexts, it can refer to adjustments made in response to challenges, changes, or new conditions.

Pronunciation: /ˌædæpˈteɪ∫ən/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The adaptation of the species to the changing climate allowed it to survive longer.
- 2. The book was made into a movie, which was an adaptation that changed several key plot points.
- 3. Successful adaptation to a new workplace culture can be challenging for employees.
- 4. The adaptation of her teaching methods helped her students learn more effectively.
- 5. Climate change demands rapid adaptation from communities around the world.

To remember the word "adaptation," think of the root word "adapt," which means to adjust or change. Connect it with the idea of "transition" or "change" in various scenarios, such as nature, literature, or personal experiences. Visualizing a chameleon changing colors to blend in can also help reinforce its meaning.

elite

The word "elite" can be used as both a noun and an adjective.

As a noun:

• Definition: A group of individuals considered to be the best in a particular society or category, often due to wealth, education, skill, or power.

• Example: "The elite of the city gathered to discuss future plans for development."

As an adjective:

- Definition: Denoting a group or class of people considered to be superior in terms of ability, quality, or status.
- Example: "He was part of an elite team of researchers working on a groundbreaking project."

Pronunciation: /ɪˈliːt/ or /eɪˈliːt/

Common uses:

- 1. "The elite athletes trained for years to compete in the Olympics."
- 2. "She attended an elite university with a strong reputation."
- 3. "The organization was created to represent the interests of the business elite."
- 4. "Elite schools often have rigorous admission processes."
- 5. "Many believe that the elite have too much influence over politics."

To remember the word "elite," think of it as synonymous with "top-tier" or "exclusive." You can visualize an elite group as a VIP section at an event, where only the best or most distinguished individuals are allowed access.

up-to-date

The term "up-to-date" is an adjective. It describes something that is current, modern, or reflects the latest information. It implies that something has been updated to include the most recent developments.

Pronunciation: / ʌp.təˈdeɪt/

- 1. The software was updated last week, so it is now up-to-date.
- 2. Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date in our records.
- 3. The report is not up-to-date; it needs to include the latest statistics.
- 4. To stay competitive, companies must keep their technology up-to-date.
- 5. Make sure your resume is up-to-date before applying for the job.

To remember the word "up-to-date," think of a calendar that is consistently changed to reflect the current year and events. Just as you update your calendar to stay informed, the phrase implies being current and informed about the latest happenings or requirements.

bury

The word "bury" is primarily used as a verb. It refers to the act of placing something in the ground and covering it, typically in the context of a dead body or an item that needs to be hidden or concealed. It can also mean to put something out of sight or to relinquish something that is no longer needed.

Pronunciation: /'beri/

Examples of common use:

- 1. They decided to bury their pet cat in the backyard.
- 2. After the ceremony, they buried the time capsule deep in the soil.
- 3. She tried to bury her feelings of sadness after the breakup.
- 4. The treasure was buried beneath the old oak tree.
- 5. He wanted to bury the hatchet and make amends with his friend.

To remember the word "bury," you can think of the phrase "burying secrets" which connects to the idea of hiding something. Visualizing a grave or imagining someone digging a hole can also help solidify the meaning in your mind.

moderate

Word: moderate

Part of Speech:

- Adjective: Describes something that is average in amount, intensity, quality, or degree; not extreme or excessive.
- **Verb**: To oversee or facilitate a discussion, debate, or seminar, ensuring that it runs smoothly and fairly.

Pronunciation: /'mpd.ər.ət/ (UK), /'max.də.ət/ (US)

Examples:

- 1. **Adjective**: The temperature today is moderate, making it a pleasant day for a walk.
- 2. **Adjective**: She has a moderate income, which allows her to live comfortably but not excessively.
- 3. **Verb**: The teacher was asked to moderate the discussion to ensure all students had a chance to share their opinions.
- 4. **Verb**: It is important to moderate your comments online to maintain a respectful dialogue.
- 5. **Adjective**: The moderate increase in prices reflects the economic stability.

Memory Tip: To remember "moderate," think of "middle" or "medium." The word "moderate" often suggests something that is balanced or not extreme, similar to the middle point between two extremes. You might visualize a scale that is perfectly balanced.

bold

Bold

1. Part of Speech:

- As an adjective, "bold" means showing courage, confidence, and a willingness to take risks. It can also describe something that is strong, vivid, or prominent.
- As a verb, "to bold" means to make text thicker or darker to emphasize it (often seen in writing or typography).

Example Sentences:

- o Adjective: "She made a bold statement during the meeting."
- o Verb: "Please bold the important points in your report."

2. Pronunciation: /boʊld/

3. Common Uses:

- "He wore a bold outfit that caught everyone's attention."
- o "The author is known for his bold writing style."
- o "Make sure to bold the headings in your document."
- o "She took a bold step to start her own business."
- o "The painting features bold colors that brighten the room."

4. Memory Tip:

 Associate "bold" with the idea of a lion, which is often considered a symbol of courage and bravery. You can think of a "bold" character as being courageous like a lion. Visualizing a lion in a vibrant, colorful environment can help reinforce the meaning of bold as both brave and vivid.

award

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

As a **noun**, "award" refers to a prize or a recognition given to someone for their achievements, often in a formal ceremony.

As a **verb**, "award" means to officially give something, such as a prize or a grant, to someone.

Pronunciation: /əˈwɔːrd/

Examples of common use:

- 1. She received an award for her outstanding performance in the school play.
- 2. The committee decided to award the scholarship to the most qualified candidate.
- 3. He was thrilled to learn that he had won the first-place award in the competition.
- 4. The film received several awards at the international festival.
- 5. They plan to award the medal during the ceremony next week.

To remember the word "award," you can think of "a + ward," as in "a prize given as a reward," which links the concept of receiving something special for accomplishments.

hassle

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

- **Noun**: A hassle refers to a situation or issue that causes inconvenience, difficulty, or annoyance.
- **Verb**: To hassle someone means to bother, annoy, or provoke them, often through repetitive questioning or demands.

Pronunciation: /'hæsl/

Examples of common use:

- 1. "I don't want to deal with the hassle of filing taxes this year."
- 2. "Can you please stop hassling me about finishing my project?"
- 3. "Moving house is always such a hassle."
- 4. "I had to hassle my colleague to get the report done on time."
- 5. "The new regulations will create a hassle for small businesses."

How to remember the word:

Think of "hassle" as a blend of "has" and "trouble." When someone "has trouble," they are likely facing a hassle. Visualizing a situation where someone is being nagged or encountering delays can help reinforce the meaning.

addict

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

Noun: An addict is a person who is physically or psychologically dependent on a particular substance or activity. This often implies a compulsive need to engage in the behavior despite negative consequences.

Verb: To addict means to cause someone to become dependent on a substance or activity. It suggests that something is able to capture someone's interest or engage them to the point of dependence.

Pronunciation: /'ædɪkt/

Examples of common use:

- 1. **Noun**: "He is a video game addict who spends most of his time playing online."
- 2. **Noun**: "The clinic provides support for drug addicts seeking recovery."
- 3. **Verb**: "The show is so captivating that it can addict viewers easily."
- 4. **Verb**: "Caffeine can addict people, making it hard for them to function without it."
- 5. **Noun**: "She was a shopping addict who couldn't resist buying new clothes every week."

Memory Tip: To remember the word "addict," think of it as being "attached" to something in excess. The 'add-' in addict can remind you of 'add' and 'attachment,' suggesting a strong connection or dependence on something.

restrain

Restrain

• Part of Speech: Verb

• **Definition**: To hold back, restrict, or limit someone or something from doing something or from expressing a particular feeling.

Examples:

- 1. She tried to restrain her emotions during the meeting.
- 2. The police had to restrain the suspect to prevent him from fleeing.
- 3. He made an effort to restrain his anger when he heard the news.
- **Pronunciation**: /rɪˈstreɪn/
- Common Uses:
- 1. To restrain a child from running into the street.
- 2. The doctor recommended that he restrain himself from strenuous activity.
- 3. In certain situations, the law may restrain freedom of movement.
- Memory Aid: Imagine "re-training" someone to behave in a certain way, which can help you remember that "restrain" involves holding something back or controlling behavior.

reproduce

The word "reproduce" is primarily a verb. It means to make a copy or replication of something, to generate offspring, or to produce something again. This can apply to various contexts, including biology (where organisms reproduce) and technology (where copies of media or documents are reproduced).

Pronunciation: /ˌriːprəˈdjuːs/

- 1. Scientists study how certain species reproduce in their natural habitats.
- 2. The artist decided to reproduce her famous painting in a larger format.
- 3. The printer can reproduce high-quality images in just a few minutes.

- 4. She used the same recipe to reproduce the dish she loved from the restaurant.
- 5. The company aims to reproduce the success of its previous marketing campaign.

To remember the word "reproduce," you can think of its prefix "re-" meaning "again" and "produce," which refers to creating or making something. This combination can help you recall that "reproduce" means to create something again or to make a copy of it.

signpost

Signpost

Part of Speech: Noun & Verb

Meaning:

- As a noun, "signpost" refers to a post with signs on it that provides information or direction, typically indicating the way to various destinations.
- As a verb, "to signpost" means to indicate or make aware of something, often used in the context of guiding attention to the structure or key points in communication.

Pronunciation: /ˈsaɪnˌpoʊst/

Examples:

- 1. The signpost pointed towards the nearby town, making it easy for travelers to know which direction to take.
- 2. The lecturer signposted the main topics of the presentation at the beginning, helping the audience follow along.
- 3. As we walked along the trail, we noticed several signposts that informed us about local wildlife.
- 4. In her essay, she signposted her arguments clearly to ensure that her points were easy to follow.
- 5. The city installed a new signpost at the intersection to reduce confusion among drivers.

Memory Tip:

To remember "signpost," think of a "sign" guiding you on a "path" (post) to reach your destination or understand a message. Visualize an actual signpost on a road, directing you to various locations while also serving as a metaphor for guiding thoughts and

ideas in communication.

intent

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

As a noun, "intent" refers to a purpose or aim. It is the desire or resolution to perform an action or achieve a specific outcome.

As an adjective, "intent" describes someone who is focused or concentrated on a particular task or goal.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈtɛnt/

Examples of common use:

- 1. Her intent was to improve her grades this semester.
- 2. He displayed an intent look as he worked on his project.
- 3. The intent behind his words was misunderstood by many.
- 4. She acted with intent when she made her decision to quit her job.
- 5. The lawyer argued that there was no intent to commit a crime.

To remember the word "intent," think of the phrase "I intend to," which connects intention with purpose. Visualize yourself making plans or resolutions to help reinforce the meaning of being focused on a goal.

artefact

An artefact is a noun that refers to an object made or used by humans, typically one of historical or cultural interest. Artefacts are important for understanding past societies and cultures. They can include tools, pottery, decorations, and other items that provide insight into the lives of people from previous eras.

Pronunciation: /ˈɑː.tɪ.fækt/

- 1. The museum displayed an impressive collection of ancient artefacts from the Roman Empire.
- 2. Archaeologists discovered several artefacts during the excavation of the old settlement.

- 3. Each artefact has a story to tell about the people who created and used it.
- 4. The preservation of artefacts is crucial for historical research and education.
- 5. Visitors were fascinated by the artefacts found at the archaeological site.

To remember the word artefact, you can think of it as 'art' + 'effect.' Artefacts often show the 'effect' of human creativity and craftsmanship in various forms of 'art' from past civilizations.

highland

Highland

• Part of Speech: Noun

Definition: A highland is a mountainous or elevated area, often characterized by rugged terrain and typically found at high altitude. It can refer to a region or a specific geographical feature.

Example: "The Scottish Highlands are famous for their stunning landscapes and historical sites."

• **Pronunciation**: /ˈhaɪ.lənd/

• Examples of Common Use:

- 1. "Many hikers enjoy exploring the highland areas of the national park."
- 2. "The highland climate can be quite different from that of the lowlands."
- 3. "He grew up in a small village in the highlands, surrounded by mountains."
- 4. "The highland tribes have unique cultural traditions that are worth exploring."
- 5. "Wildlife in the highland regions often includes species adapted to cooler temperatures."
- Memory Aid: To remember "highland," think of "high" as in elevation and "land" as
 in area. You can visualize a mountainous terrain that is elevated or "high."
 Associating the word with images of tall mountains or high places can help
 reinforce its meaning.

application

The word "application" is a noun. It refers to the act of putting something to a specific use or the instance of applying, such as a form or document submitted to request something. In a technological context, it often refers to software designed to perform specific tasks.

Pronunciation: /æp.lrker.ʃən/

Common uses of the word:

- 1. She submitted her application to the university last week.
- 2. The application of this technology in medical fields is groundbreaking.
- 3. You can download the application from the app store.
- 4. His application for the job was highly regarded by the hiring manager.
- 5. The application of this principle can be seen in everyday life.

To remember the word "application," think of it as combining "apply" (to use something) and "cation" (like a form or request). Visualize filling out a form or using software, helping you connect the concept of applying for something or using a tool effectively.

acquaintance

The word "acquaintance" is a noun. It refers to a person one knows slightly but who is not a close friend. It can also refer to the state of being familiar with something.

Pronunciation: /əˈkwāntəns/

- 1. She had a brief acquaintance with him during college.
- 2. It's always nice to have an acquaintance to talk to at work.
- 3. His acquaintance with classical music made him a great composer.
- 4. They were merely acquaintances, having met at a networking event.
- 5. My acquaintance with the topic is limited, so I will need more time to understand it fully.

How to remember the word:

You can remember "acquaintance" by breaking it down into "acquaint" (to make someone familiar with something) and adding the "-ance" suffix, which indicates a state or condition. Think of "a person you are acquainted with" to link it to someone you know but aren't very close to.

challenge

Challenge

• Part of Speech: Noun / Verb

• Definition:

- As a noun, "challenge" refers to a difficulty that requires a solution or a test of one's abilities or resources.
- As a verb, it means to invite someone to engage in a contest or to question the validity or truth of something.

Pronunciation: /ˈtʃæl.ɪndʒ/

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. She accepted the challenge to complete a marathon. (Noun)
- 2. The math problem was a challenge for many students. (Noun)
- 3. He decided to challenge the decision made by the committee. (Verb)
- 4. They issued a challenge to all teams to improve their performance. (Noun)
- 5. I will challenge you to a game of chess. (Verb)

How to Remember the Word:

Think of the phrase "Facing a challenge" and associate it with moments in life when you have to overcome something difficult or compete against others. Visualize a mountain that represents a challenge you are determined to climb.

guideline

The word "guideline" is a noun that refers to a principle or rule that provides direction or advice on a particular topic or procedure. Guidelines are often established to ensure consistency and quality in certain activities or processes.

Pronunciation: /ˈgaɪd.laɪn/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The company provided new guidelines for remote work to ensure employee productivity.
- 2. The healthcare provider issued guidelines for maintaining hygiene during the pandemic.
- 3. The teacher gave guidelines for writing the research paper to help students understand the requirements.
- 4. The researchers followed the ethical guidelines while conducting their experiments.
- 5. The city council established guidelines for noise levels in residential areas.

To remember the word "guideline," think of it as a "line of guidance," which can help you navigate through rules or procedures, much like a roadmap helps you find your way.

hemisphere

• Definition:

 Noun: "Hemisphere" refers to half of a spherical object, commonly used to describe half of the Earth (the Northern or Southern Hemisphere) or any half of a globe. It can also refer to half of the brain (right hemisphere or left hemisphere).

• Pronunciation:

/'hεmɪ sfɪr/

• Examples of common use:

- 1. The equator divides the Earth into the Northern and Southern hemispheres.
- 2. Studies show that the left hemisphere of the brain is primarily responsible for language processing.
- 3. In the Northern Hemisphere, summer occurs during June, July, and August.
- 4. The weather patterns in the Southern Hemisphere can be quite different from those in the Northern Hemisphere.
- 5. She is studying how the right hemisphere of the brain influences creativity.

Memory aid:

• To remember "hemisphere," think of "hemi-" meaning half (like "hemicircle" or "hemiplegia") and "-sphere" meaning a round shape (like a globe). Visualizing a globe split into two equal halves can help reinforce the meaning.

civil

- **Definition**: The word "civil" can function as an adjective. It generally refers to matters related to citizens and their communities, or it can describe behavior that is polite or respectful. In a legal context, it pertains to non-criminal matters.
- Pronunciation: /ˈsɪv.əl/
- Examples:
 - 1. The civil rights movement aimed to ensure equal rights for all citizens.
 - 2. Although they disagreed, they remained civil during the discussion.
 - 3. She filed a civil lawsuit against the company for damages.
 - 4. The civil engineer designed a new bridge to improve transportation in the area.
 - 5. Civil services play a crucial role in government operations and public welfare.
- **Memory Aid**: To remember the word "civil," you can think of the phrase "being civil means being nice" which associates the word with politeness and respectful behavior in everyday interactions. Additionally, you can relate "civil" to "civilization," which also involves societal structures and communities.

viable

The word "viable" is an adjective.

It describes something that is capable of working successfully, feasible, or able to live, grow, or develop. When used in a more general sense, it often refers to a plan, idea, or project that can be accomplished or is practical.

Pronunciation: /ˈvaɪ.ə.bəl/

- 1. The team presented a viable solution to the problem.
- 2. Scientists are exploring viable methods for renewable energy.
- 3. The business plan was deemed viable by investors.

- 4. For the project to succeed, we need to identify viable options.
- 5. The doctor confirmed that the embryo was viable.

To remember the word "viable," you can associate it with "vital," which also starts with "vi" and relates to something necessary or essential. Think of viable plans as vital steps toward achieving success.

cameral

- **Definition**: The word "cameral" is an adjective. It relates to a chamber or office, particularly in the context of governmental or administrative functions. It often refers to financial matters, as in "cameral accounting," which addresses the financial management of a state or institution.
- **Pronunciation**: /ˈkæm.ə.rəl/

• Examples:

- 1. The cameral system of governance was established to ensure transparency in the administration of public funds.
- 2. In her study of cameral economics, she focused on how budgetary decisions affect public policy outcomes.
- 3. The cameral approach to accounting emphasizes the importance of record-keeping in the management of state finances.
- 4. During the cameral assessment, officials reviewed all expenditures to maintain fiscal responsibility.
- 5. He has a deep understanding of cameral operations, which makes him valuable in government financial audits.
- Memory Aid: To remember "cameral," think of the word "camera." Just as a camera
 captures images in a specific setting, "cameral" pertains to managing the "chamber"
 of financial records and governance, capturing the essence of public finance
 management.

gigantic

Gigantic is an adjective.

Definition:

1. Extremely large; huge in size, volume, or extent.

Pronunciation:

/dʒaɪˈgæntɪk/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The gigantic elephant towered over the other animals at the zoo.
- 2. They discovered a gigantic statue buried in the ground.
- 3. The company announced a gigantic merger that would change the industry.
- 4. She felt a gigantic wave of relief wash over her when she heard the good news.
- 5. The gigantic mountain range could be seen from miles away.

Memory technique:

To remember "gigantic," think of the word "giant," which is in it. Imagine a giant, as they are often depicted as enormous creatures that fit the description of something gigantic. Picture a giant holding a gigantic item, such as a gigantic balloon, to reinforce the connection.

venue

The word "venue" is a noun. It refers to the place where an event or meeting is held. This can include locations such as theaters, conference halls, stadiums, or outdoor spaces.

Pronunciation: /ˈvɛn.juː/

- 1. The concert will take place at the local amphitheater, which is a popular venue for live music.
- 2. We need to find a suitable venue for the wedding reception.
- 3. The conference venue was large enough to accommodate all the participants.
- 4. Many sporting events are held at the downtown venue due to its capacity and facilities.
- 5. The film festival organizers chose a unique outdoor venue to enhance the viewing experience.

To remember the word "venue," you can think of the phrase "where events happen," associating it with the idea that a "venue" is always linked to gatherings or performances. Additionally, you can break down the word into "ven" (sounds like "when") and "ue" (like "you"), which might help you recall it as the place where you "when to see you" at an event.

grieve

Grieve

• Part of Speech: Verb

• **Definition**: To feel intense sorrow or distress, usually due to the loss of someone or something significant. It can also refer to the act of mourning or expressing sadness over a loss.

Pronunciation: /grix/

Examples:

- 1. She took a long time to grieve after her grandmother passed away.
- 2. Many people grieve in different ways; some may cry, while others may prefer solitude.
- 3. It's important to allow yourself to grieve and not bottle up your emotions.
- 4. The community came together to grieve the loss of their beloved teacher.
- 5. He began to grieve the end of his relationship, reflecting on the memories they shared.

How to Remember the Word:

Think of the phrase "give a grief," where "give" can remind you of the action of grieving and "grief" relates to the sorrow felt during the process. You can visualize someone giving their grief the attention it deserves.

studio

Definition:

The word "studio" is a noun. It refers to a room or space where an artist, musician, photographer, or other creative individuals work and produce their art. Additionally, it can refer to a place where films, television shows, or radio broadcasts are produced.

Pronunciation:

/stjuːdi.oʊ/

Examples of common use:

- 1. She spends most of her time in her art studio, painting and creating new pieces.
- 2. The music studio is equipped with the latest technology for recording high-quality sound.
- 3. After graduating, he opened his own photography studio to capture special moments for clients.
- 4. The film crew set up their studio in the old warehouse to shoot the new movie.
- 5. He rented a small studio apartment to have a quiet space for writing.

Memory aid:

To remember the word "studio," you can think of the word "study" since both places involve creativity and productivity. You might visualize an artist or musician working in a "studio," just as a student works in a "study."

inhabitant

The word "inhabitant" is a noun. It refers to a person or animal that resides or is established in a particular place or environment. Inhabitants are often associated with specific geographic locations or ecosystems.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈhæbɪtənt/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The inhabitants of the small island rely on fishing for their livelihood.
- 2. Urban inhabitants often face challenges related to air pollution.
- 3. The inhabitants of the forest include various species of birds and mammals.
- 4. Every country has its own inhabitants with unique cultures and traditions.
- 5. During the summer, the town's population swells as seasonal inhabitants come for vacation.

To remember the word "inhabitant," you can think of the word "habitat," which refers to the natural environment of an organism. An "inhabitant" is someone (or something) that lives in that "habitat."

suicidal

Definition:

The word "suicidal" is an adjective. It describes a state of mind or a condition where someone has thoughts or feelings of wanting to end their own life. It can also refer to actions or behaviors that are harmful to oneself.

Pronunciation:

/ˌsuː.ɪˈsaɪ.dəl/

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. After the traumatic event, she experienced suicidal thoughts and sought help from a therapist.
- 2. It is important for friends and family to recognize suicidal behavior and offer support.
- 3. The community organized a mental health awareness campaign to address suicidal tendencies among teenagers.
- 4. He has struggled with depression and has made suicidal comments in the past.
- 5. The hotline provides immediate assistance to anyone feeling suicidal.

Remembering the Word:

To remember "suicidal," you can associate the prefix "sui-" (which sounds like "sue" and is related to "self") with "self-harm" and link it to the idea of "ending one's own life." Visualizing a lifeline or a support symbol can also remind you of the importance of seeking help for suicidal feelings.

bilateral

Bilateral is an adjective that describes something involving or relating to two sides, parties, or groups. It is often used in contexts such as diplomacy, trade, or anatomy, where cooperation or interactions occur between two entities.

Pronunciation: /baɪˈlæt.ər.əl/

- 1. The two countries signed a bilateral agreement to boost trade relations.
- 2. In a bilateral meeting, leaders discussed issues that affect both nations.

- 3. The bilateral symmetry of the butterfly's wings allows for balanced flight.
- 4. A bilateral approach is often necessary when addressing international conflicts.
- 5. The doctors discussed the bilateral nature of the patient's condition.

To remember the word bilateral, think of "bi-" meaning two and "lateral" relating to sides. Visualizing two sides working together or mirroring each other can help reinforce the meaning.

clinic

The word "clinic" is a noun. It refers to a facility or place where medical care is provided, often focusing on outpatients rather than inpatients. Clinics can vary in specialization, such as dental clinics, mental health clinics, or general medical clinics.

Pronunciation: /ˈklɪnɪk/

Examples:

- 1. She visits the clinic every month for her check-ups.
- 2. The community clinic offers free healthcare services to low-income families.
- 3. He was referred to a specialist clinic for his ongoing health issues.
- 4. Many clinics provide vaccinations to help prevent the spread of diseases.
- 5. The new clinic opened downtown and has already seen a high number of patients.

To remember the word "clinic," you can think of the phrase "clinical care," as both are related to healthcare services. Additionally, visualize the space where patients sit for consultations and receive treatments, helping associate the term with a medical setting.

memorable

The word "memorable" is an adjective. It describes something that is worth remembering or likely to be remembered, often because it is interesting, special, or unusual.

Pronunciation: /ˈmɛm.ər.ə.bəl/

- 1. The wedding was a memorable occasion for everyone who attended.
- 2. She gave a memorable speech that inspired many people.

- 3. That trip to the mountains was one of the most memorable experiences of my life.
- 4. The film had a memorable soundtrack that added to its overall impact.
- 5. His memorable performance won him numerous awards.

To remember the word "memorable," think of it as "memory-able," suggesting that it is capable of creating memories worth keeping. You can visualize a special event or experience that you would want to hold on to and remind yourself that it is memorable.

dazzle

Dazzle

Part of Speech: Verb

Definition: To dazzle means to overwhelm someone with a strong, bright light or to impress someone greatly with one's skill, beauty, or quality.

Examples:

- 1. The fireworks dazzle the crowds every Fourth of July.
- 2. She dazzled the audience with her incredible performance on stage.
- 3. The diamond earrings dazzle in the sunlight.

Pronunciation: /ˈdæz.əl/

Common Uses:

- 1. The bright colors of the sunset dazzle my eyes every evening.
- 2. His talent for painting seems to dazzle everyone who sees his work.
- 3. The elaborate costumes in the play really dazzle the viewers.
- 4. The new smartphone's advanced features dazzle tech enthusiasts.
- 5. The magician's tricks never fail to dazzle the spectators.

Memory Aid: To remember "dazzle," think of a "dazzling" sparkle, like how stars twinkle brightly in the night sky. The sensation of wonder or amazement can help associate the word with impressive visual experiences.

vast

- Vast (adjective): The term "vast" describes something that is very great in size, extent, or quantity. It often conveys a sense of being immense or boundless.
- Pronunciation: /væst/
- Examples of common use:
 - 1. The vast ocean stretched out before us, as far as the eye could see.
 - 2. The vast majority of the population supports the new policy.
 - 3. He has a vast knowledge of ancient history.
 - 4. There is a vast difference between the two proposals.
 - 5. The artist's work was inspired by the vast landscapes of the countryside.
- Memory Tip: To remember the word "vast," you can associate it with the image of a vast landscape, such as the sea or a wide desert. The word sounds similar to "fast," which can remind you of something that expands quickly and broadly.

underground

The word "underground" can function as both an adjective and an adverb.

As an adjective, "underground" refers to something that is located or operating below the surface of the ground. It can also describe activities or movements that are not officially sanctioned or are hidden from public knowledge.

As an adverb, "underground" means in or into a location beneath the surface of the earth.

Pronunciation: /ˌʌndə-ˈgraʊnd/

- 1. The subway system in the city is an extensive underground network.
- 2. They discovered an underground river that flows beneath the village.
- 3. The underground movement worked to promote social change away from public scrutiny.
- 4. She prefers to listen to underground music that isn't mainstream.
- 5. During the storm, we took shelter in an underground bunker for safety.

To remember the word "underground," you can think of "under" (below) and "ground" (the surface of the Earth). Visualizing something or someone going beneath the ground can help reinforce its meaning.

scholar

Definition:

The word "scholar" is a noun. It refers to a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study, particularly someone who engages in academic pursuits, research, or is involved in learning and teaching in an educational setting.

Pronunciation:

/ˈskɒl.ər/

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. The scholarship allowed her to become a distinguished scholar in her field of study.
- 2. Many scholars believe that education is the key to societal progress.
- 3. He was recognized as a leading scholar in medieval history.
- 4. The university hosted a conference that attracted scholars from around the world.
- 5. As a scholar, she dedicated her life to researching ancient civilizations.

Memory Aid:

To remember "scholar," think of "school" + "altar." Imagine a student (scholar) studying diligently at school, almost like they are at an altar dedicated to learning. This association can help reinforce the academic nature of the word.

compete

The word "compete" is a verb. It means to strive against others to achieve a goal, seek to gain something that others also desire, or engage in a contest.

Pronunciation: /kəmˈpixt/

- 1. The two athletes will compete for the gold medal in the Olympics.
- 2. Businesses must compete to attract customers and increase sales.
- 3. Students often compete for scholarships based on their academic performance.

- 4. In a reality show, contestants must compete to win a cash prize.
- 5. The dogs will compete in the agility trial this weekend.

To remember the word "compete," you can think of "com-" as meaning together or with, and "-pete" can remind you of a friend named Pete. Imagine yourself and your friend Pete competing together in a race or contest, which highlights the idea of striving against others.

prescription

Prescription

Part of speech: Noun

Definition: A prescription is a written order from a doctor for a specific medicine or treatment that a patient must take or follow. It can also refer to the act of prescribing medication or a treatment plan.

Pronunciation: /priˈskrɪp.ʃən/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The doctor wrote a prescription for antibiotics to treat the infection.
- 2. Be sure to take your prescription to the pharmacy to get your medication.
- 3. After examining the patient, the physician provided a prescription for pain relief.
- 4. You need a valid prescription to purchase many medications at the drugstore.
- 5. The pharmacist filled the prescription and reviewed the dosage instructions with the patient.

Memory aid:

To remember the word "prescription," think of "pre"-"script." "Pre" means before, and "script" refers to writing; a prescription is something written before you can receive medicine or treatment. Visualizing a doctor writing an order can also help reinforce the concept.

crude

Crude

Part of Speech: Adjective

Definition: Crude refers to something that is in a raw or unrefined state. It can also describe something that is lacking in refinement, or is rough or rude in manner.

Pronunciation: /kruxd/

Examples:

- 1. The crude oil is extracted from the ground before it is refined into gasoline.
- 2. His crude jokes were not well received by the audience.
- 3. The artist's work is inspired by crude forms from nature.
- 4. They spoke in a crude manner, showing little regard for politeness.
- 5. The plan was still in a crude stage and needed further development.

Memory Aid: To remember the word "crude," think of "crude oil" which is a primary unrefined form of oil. Associating the term with its raw state can help reinforce its meaning related to being unrefined or rough.

vary

The word "vary" is a verb. It means to change or alter, to differ from something else, or to exhibit diversity. It often implies differences in aspects such as amount, quality, condition, or characteristics.

Pronunciation: /'ver.i/

Examples of common use:

- 1. The prices of the products can vary depending on the store.
- 2. Our schedules may vary from week to week.
- 3. The trees in the forest vary in height and color.
- 4. Results can vary when testing different samples.
- 5. The menu may vary daily based on the chef's recommendations.

To remember the word "vary," you can think of the phrase "varying degrees of difference," which emphasizes the concept of change and diversity. Additionally, you might connect it with similar sounding words like "very," to help recall that "vary" involves variation or change.

compose

The word "compose" is primarily a verb. It means to create or put together something, especially in a structured or artistic manner. It can refer to the act of writing (for example, an essay or music) or assembling parts into a whole.

Pronunciation: /kəmˈpoʊz/

Examples of common use:

- 1. She decided to compose a letter to her friend.
- 2. The musician will compose a new symphony for the orchestra.
- 3. He found it difficult to compose his thoughts before the meeting.
- 4. The artist started to compose a beautiful painting on the canvas.
- 5. They plan to compose a song about their adventures.

To remember the word "compose," you can think of the phrase "compose myself," which means to calm down and organize your thoughts. This may help you connect the idea of putting together (composing) with the act of organizing.

in

In

Part of speech: Preposition, Adverb, Conjunction

Definition:

- As a **preposition**, "in" is used to indicate a location or position within something.
- As an **adverb**, it can indicate a state of being or a condition.
- As a **conjunction**, it can be used to introduce clauses or connect thoughts.

• Examples:

- 1. She is **in** the room. (preposition indicating location)
- 2. The project is **in** progress. (adverb indicating state)
- 3. I will call you **in** case of any updates. (conjunction introducing a condition)

Pronunciation: /ɪn/

Common uses:

1. Put the keys **in** the drawer.

- 2. They arrived **in** the evening.
- 3. We will meet in about an hour.
- 4. The cat is hiding **in** the box.
- 5. The team was **in** good spirits after the win.

To remember the word: Think of "in" as a way to represent something being "inside" or "within" something else. Imagine a box with things inside it; that can help you associate "in" with being enclosed or contained.

alley

- The word "alley" is a noun. It refers to a narrow passageway between or behind buildings, often used for access or as a shortcut. It can also refer to a lane or path, typically in an urban setting.
- Pronunciation: /ˈæli/
- Examples of common use:
 - 1. "The children played in the alley behind the houses."
 - 2. "She walked down the dark alley, feeling a bit uneasy."
 - 3. "The restaurant has a charming outdoor seating area located in an alley."
 - 4. "He parked his bicycle in the alley to keep it safe."
 - 5. "The alley was filled with trash, making it unpleasant to walk through."
- To remember the word "alley," think of it as a "narrow passageway," like a secret route or shortcut through a city. Visualize an alley lined with buildings, and remember that it often leads to hidden spaces or unexpected discoveries.

dolphin

Dolphin

- Part of Speech: Noun
- **Definition**: A dolphin is a marine mammal known for its intelligence and playful behavior. Dolphins belong to the family Delphinidae and are characterized by their streamlined bodies, long snouts, and social nature. They are found in oceans and seas around the world.
- Pronunciation: /ˈdɒl.fɪn/ (DOL-fin)

Common Uses:

- 1. "The dolphin leaped gracefully out of the water."
- 2. "Children love visiting marine parks to see the dolphin shows."
- 3. "Scientists study dolphin communication to understand their social structures."
- 4. "In some cultures, dolphins are seen as symbols of good luck."
- 5. "We spotted a pod of dolphins swimming near the boat."
- **Memory Aid**: To remember the word "dolphin," think of the phrase "Dolly the Dolphin" as a playful character who swimmies (swims playfully) and does tricks. The "Dolly" helps associate the friendly and smart nature of dolphins with their name.

bounce

Bounce

Part of Speech: Verb & Noun

Definition:

- As a verb: To spring back from a surface after hitting it; to move up and down or back and forth.
- As a noun: A sudden movement upward or back after hitting a surface; the energy that allows something to bounce.

Examples:

- Verb: "The ball will bounce if you throw it on the ground."
- Noun: "The bounce of the basketball excited the fans."

Pronunciation: /baʊns/

Common Uses:

- 1. "He dropped the ball, and it bounced high into the air."
- 2. "She has a bounce in her step, showing her excitement."
- 3. "The children laughed as they watched the bounce of the trampoline."
- 4. "Make sure to give the ball a good bounce before shooting."
- 5. "The bounce of the dog's tail showed how happy it was."

Memory Aid:

Think of a basketball bouncing on the court. Imagine how it moves up and down energetically, similar to how you might feel after receiving good news. The connection between the energy of the bounce and the excitement can help you remember the word "bounce."

platform

The word "platform" can function as a noun.

Definition:

- 1. **Noun**: A platform refers to a raised level surface on which people or things can stand. In a broader sense, it can also refer to a digital environment, such as a software platform or social media platform, where services, applications, or interactions occur.
- 2. **Verb**: To platform means to provide something with a particular surface or base, though this usage is less common.

Pronunciation:

/ˈplæt.fɔːrm/

Examples of Common Use:

- 1. The train arrives on platform 2.
- 2. This software platform allows developers to create applications more efficiently.
- 3. She uses her social media platform to raise awareness about environmental issues.
- 4. The speaker stood on a platform to address the audience.
- 5. They are working on a new platform that will integrate various services.

Memory Aid:

To remember "platform," visualize a raised structure where someone stands to present ideas or services to an audience. Imagine a train platform bustling with activity or a digital platform where applications connect people, linking the idea of standing out and presenting something important.