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## lawsuit

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The word "lawsuit" is a noun. It refers to a legal action taken by one party against another in a court of law to resolve a dispute or seek compensation for damages. Essentially, it is a formal complaint that requires judicial resolution.

Pronunciation: /ˈlɔː.suːt/

Examples of common use:

1. She filed a lawsuit against the company for wrongful termination.
2. The lawsuit took several years to resolve, ending with a settlement.
3. His lawsuit claimed damages for emotional distress due to negligence.
4. Many lawsuits are settled out of court to avoid lengthy trials.
5. The celebrity was involved in a high-profile lawsuit regarding copyright infringement.

To remember the word "lawsuit," think of the "laws" that govern society and a "suit," which can imply a formal process. Together, they represent a formal legal action taken under the laws. Visualize someone dressing in a suit going into a courtroom to file a legal complaint.

## pack

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

### As a verb:

- Definition: To put items into a container, typically for transport or storage. It can also mean to prepare for a trip or event by assembling necessary items.
- Examples:
  - "I need to **pack** my clothes for the trip."
  - "He **packed** the boxes carefully before moving."

### As a noun:

- Definition: A bundle or collection of items, often wrapped or enclosed together; it can also refer to a group of animals, typically wolves, that live and hunt together.
- Examples:
  - "She bought a **pack** of gum."
  - "The wolves traveled in a **pack**."

Pronunciation: /pæk/

Examples of common use:

1. "Please **pack** your bags before we leave."
2. "The post office has a great selection of shipping **packs**."
3. "I need to buy a new **pack** of batteries for my remote."
4. "They camped with a **pack** of friends."
5. "He always travels with a **pack** that holds his laptop."

To remember the word "pack," think of a **backpack**: when you go somewhere, you **pack** things into your backpack to carry them with you.

## prescribe

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### Prescribe

- **Part of speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To authorize or recommend the use of something, particularly in the context of medicine, where a medical professional orders a specific treatment or medication for a patient.

**Pronunciation:** /prɪ'skraɪb/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The doctor decided to prescribe antibiotics for the infection.
2. The teacher will prescribe additional reading materials for the students.
3. The regulations prescribe specific procedures for safety.
4. After the consultation, the physician will prescribe a treatment plan.
5. Many health experts prescribe regular exercise to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

**How to remember the word:** Associate "prescribe" with "script" since prescriptions are often written on a script form. Think of it as "pre-scribing" a specific remedy or plan before it's needed.

# universe

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## Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Explanation:** The term "universe" refers to all of space, time, matter, and energy that exists, including planets, stars, galaxies, and the contents of intergalactic space. It encompasses everything that is known and unknown and is often considered in both scientific and philosophical contexts.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈjuːnɪvɜːrs/

## Common Uses:

1. The universe is vast and contains billions of galaxies.
2. Many scientists study the origins of the universe through astrophysics.
3. The concept of a multiverse suggests that our universe might be just one of many.
4. Some people ponder their place in the universe often contemplating existential questions.
5. The universe is expanding, as shown by observations of distant galaxies.

**Memory Tip:** To remember "universe," think of it as "uni" (meaning one) and "verse" (meaning a line or sentence). Together, they suggest "one verse" that includes everything existing, signifying the totality of everything: "one single entity comprising all."

# skull

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The word "skull" is a noun.

A skull is the bony structure that forms the head in vertebrates. It houses and protects the brain, supports the facial structure, and consists of several bones fused together.

Pronunciation: /skʌl/

Examples of common use:

1. The archaeologists discovered an ancient skull while excavating the site.
2. She wore a Halloween costume that featured a spooky skull design.
3. Skull fractures can be serious injuries that require immediate medical attention.
4. The artist painted a detailed depiction of a skull in his latest masterpiece.
5. Animals, including humans, have different skull shapes based on their species.

To remember the word "skull," you can associate it with the image of a skeletal face, which is often depicted in art and Halloween themes. The connection between the word and its visual representation can help reinforce its meaning.

# domination

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## Definition

- **Word:** Domination
- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Explanation:** The act of exercising control or influence over someone or something; the exercise of power or authority.

## Pronunciation

/dɒmɪˈneɪʃən/ (doh-muh-NAY-shun)

## Common Uses

1. The team's domination over their rivals led them to win the championship easily.
2. The political domination of the region by a single party raised concerns about democracy.
3. Her domination in the sport made her a well-known figure globally.
4. The company's domination of the market has resulted in fewer choices for consumers.
5. Historical records show the domination of empires over various territories.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "domination," think of "dominate," which means to have control over something. Associate the image of a powerful ruler standing over a map of their kingdom, illustrating control and authority.

# animate

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The word "animate" can function as a verb.

As a verb, "animate" means to bring to life or give the appearance of movement to something, often through drawings, models, or computer graphics. It can also mean to lively or stimulate an environment or feeling.

Pronunciation: /'æn.ɪ.meɪt/

Common uses:

1. The filmmaker used computer software to animate the characters in the movie.
2. The teacher tried to animate her lesson with fun activities to engage her students.
3. They wish to animate their presentation with vivid graphics and animations.
4. The artist learned how to animate her illustrations using digital tools.
5. The festival was designed to animate the local community and promote cultural exchange.

To remember the word "animate," think of the word "life"; both share the idea of bringing something lively and dynamic. Imagine an animator bringing characters to life on a screen, which connects the act of animating with life.

# accountancy

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## Definition:

Accountancy (noun) refers to the practice or profession of recording, classifying, and reporting on financial transactions. It involves the preparation of financial statements, auditing, tax preparation, and ensuring compliance with financial regulations.

## Pronunciation:

/ə'kaʊn.tən.si/

## Examples of common use:

1. She decided to pursue a career in accountancy because she enjoyed working with numbers.
2. The firm offers accountancy services to small businesses to help them manage their finances.
3. Accountancy plays a crucial role in ensuring the integrity of financial information.

4. After graduating, he passed the CPA exam to become a certified accountancy professional.
5. Many universities offer degrees in accountancy to prepare students for the financial sector.

**Memory tip:**

To remember the word "accountancy," break it down into "account" (related to financial records) and "ancy," which indicates a state or quality. Think of "the state of keeping track of accounts."

## availability

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**Availability**

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: Availability refers to the state of being able to be used or obtained. It indicates whether something is accessible or ready for use.

**Pronunciation:**

- /əˌveɪ.ləˈbɪl.ɪ.ti/

**Examples of common use:**

1. The availability of the product will be confirmed by the end of the day.
2. Please check the availability of the conference room for the meeting.
3. His availability for the project depends on his current workload.
4. The website shows real-time availability for hotel rooms.
5. Availability of resources can impact project deadlines.

**Memory tip:**

To remember "availability," think of the phrase "able to be available," where both parts emphasize readiness and access. You can also visualize a clock or calendar that shows when something can be accessed or used, linking it to the word "availability."

## payable

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## Definition

The word "payable" is an adjective. It refers to something that is due to be paid, often in the context of debts or invoices. In finance, it indicates obligations or amounts that need to be settled or settled by a specified time.

## Pronunciation

/pā-ə-bəl/

## Examples of Common Use

1. The invoice is due tomorrow and the amount is payable upon receipt.
2. She checked her account to see if the bills were payable this month.
3. The loan terms specify that payments are payable in installments.
4. All overdue accounts are now considered payable and will incur extra fees.
5. The company has several accounts payable that need to be audited.

## Memory Aid

To remember the word "payable," think of it as "able to be paid." Associate the prefix "pay" with the action of paying, and "able" suggesting that it's possible or required to do so. Imagine a pile of bills labeled "payable" that you need to settle, reinforcing the idea of something that is due.

# solicitor

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The word "solicitor" is a noun. In legal contexts, a solicitor is a type of lawyer who provides advice and represents clients in legal matters, particularly in official settings such as courts or negotiations. In some countries, solicitors are distinguished from barristers, who typically represent clients in higher courts.

Pronunciation: /sə'lsɪtə/

Examples of common use:

1. She decided to hire a solicitor to help her with her property purchase.
2. The solicitor provided legal advice on the matter of the contract.
3. After the incident, he consulted a solicitor to understand his rights.
4. A local solicitor offered pro bono services to those in need.
5. The solicitor prepared the necessary documents for the trial.

To remember the word "solicitor," think of the phrase "soli'cit a 'tor" where "solicit" means to seek assistance, similar to how a solicitor seeks to assist clients with legal matters.

# departure

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## Departure

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** The act of leaving, especially to start a journey or the time at which a person or vehicle leaves. It can also refer to a deviation from a given path or norm.

**Pronunciation:** /dɪ'pɑːrtʃər/

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The flight's departure is scheduled for 3 PM.
2. She felt a sense of sadness at his departure.
3. The train departure was delayed due to bad weather.
4. This year marked a significant departure from her usual routine.
5. They celebrated his departure with a farewell party.

**Memory Aid:** To remember "departure," think of the prefix "de-" meaning away and "part" as in parting ways. Imagine someone saying goodbye as they "depart" on a journey, moving away from their current location.

# audit

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The word "audit" is a verb and a noun.

As a verb, "to audit" means to conduct an official financial examination or inspection of an organization's accounts to ensure accuracy and compliance with established standards and regulations.

As a noun, "an audit" refers to the formal examination or inspection itself, often related to financial records.

Pronunciation: /ˈɔː.dɪt/ (AW-dit)

Examples of common use:



1. The company hired an external firm to **audit** its financial statements.
2. After receiving a complaint, the government decided to perform an **audit** of the charity's finances.
3. She was responsible for the annual **audit** of the school's budget.
4. The accountant will **audit** the books for any discrepancies.
5. We need to prepare for the upcoming **audit** by organizing all receipts and documents.

To remember the word "audit," you can think of it as "checking" or "reviewing" something closely. Imagine a detective going through files to find discrepancies, similar to an auditor examining financial records. The "A" in "audit" can remind you of "accounting," linking it back to financial examination.

## receipt

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The word "receipt" can function as a noun.

A receipt is a document that serves as proof of a transaction, usually confirming that a payment has been made. It typically includes details such as the date of the transaction, the items purchased, the amount paid, and the name of the seller.

Pronunciation: /rɪ'sɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. Please keep the receipt in case you need to return the item.
2. He handed me the receipt after I paid for my groceries.
3. The receipt showed that the transaction was completed successfully.
4. I always check my receipt for any errors before leaving the store.
5. Digital receipts are becoming more common with online shopping.

To remember the word "receipt," you can think of the phrase "Receive-it." This can help you associate it with the idea of receiving proof of your purchase.

## scamper

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### Definition

- **Part of Speech:** Verb

- **Explanation:** To scamper means to run quickly and playfully, often in a light or lively manner. It typically suggests a sense of speed and excitement, frequently associated with small animals or children.

### **Pronunciation**

- /'skam.pər/

### **Examples of Common Use**

1. The children scampered across the playground, laughing and shouting.
2. The mouse scampered away when it heard the cat coming.
3. After being released from the cage, the rabbit scampered into the bushes.
4. Leaves scampered across the road, pushed by the brisk wind.
5. She saw her dog scampering after a butterfly in the garden.

### **Memory Tip**

To remember the word "scamper," think of the sound of tiny feet rapidly moving or the playful energy of a child or small animal running around. Associate it with the image of a happy puppy or kitten darting playfully, which reinforces the idea of quick, lively movement.

## **spiral**

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### **Definition**

Spiral (verb) - to move in a curve that winds around a central point, resembling a spiral shape.

Spiral (noun) - a shape that curves in a circular pattern around a central point, often resembling a coil or helix.

### **Pronunciation**

/spaɪrəl/

### **Examples of Common Use**

1. The staircase spirals upwards, leading to the observation deck.
2. The smoke spiraled into the air before disappearing.
3. Her thoughts began to spiral out of control when she faced the unexpected news.
4. A spiral galaxy is characterized by its arms that curl outward from the center.

5. The artist painted a beautiful spiral design on the canvas.

### Memory Aid

To remember the word "spiral," think of a spiral staircase winding upwards. The visual of the staircase can help you associate the word with both its shape and the action of moving in a circular, winding motion.

## encode

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### Explanation

The word "encode" is a verb. It means to convert information into a particular form, usually for the purpose of security, storage, or transmission. The process is often used in computer science, telecommunications, and data management where data needs to be transformed into a coded format.

### Pronunciation

/en-kōd/

### Examples

1. The software can encode your files into a secure format to protect your data.
2. To send the message securely, you need to encode it first.
3. Many video streaming services encode their content to improve bandwidth usage.
4. Scientists often encode genetic information into computational models for research.
5. Make sure you encode the passwords before saving them in the database.

### Memory Tip

To remember the word "encode," think of it as "en" (to put) and "code" (a secret language). Visualize a message being transformed into a secret code that only certain people can understand.

## scout

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

As a **verb**, "scout" means to search, explore, or survey an area for information or to find someone/something, often for a specific purpose, such as identifying potential talent or resources.

As a **noun**, "scout" refers to a person who is sent out to gather information or explore an area, especially someone who searches for talent or recruits players for a sports team.

Pronunciation: /skaʊt/

Examples of common use:

1. The coach decided to scout potential players at the high school championship.
2. We sent a team to scout the area for suitable camping spots.
3. She worked as a talent scout for a fashion agency.
4. The military scout reported back with valuable intelligence about enemy movements.
5. As a Boy Scout, he learned various outdoor skills and teamwork.

To remember the word "scout," think of it as someone who is always on the lookout or "scanning" for opportunities and information. You might picture a scout with binoculars, exploring the wilderness or looking for new talent.

## regurgitate

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The word "regurgitate" is a verb. It means to bring swallowed food back up to the mouth. It can also refer to the act of repeating or conveying information without truly understanding or processing it.

Pronunciation: /rɪˈɡɜːr.dʒɪ.teɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. After eating too quickly, the dog began to regurgitate his food onto the floor.
2. In the biology class, the teacher asked us not to regurgitate facts but to explain concepts in our own words.
3. The bird was seen regurgitating food to feed its chicks.
4. During the debate, some participants simply regurgitated the same arguments they had heard on social media.
5. If you study by merely regurgitating information, you may not retain the knowledge for long.

To remember the word "regurgitate," think of "re-" meaning again and "gurgitate" sounding like "gurgle," which is the noise made when something comes back up, like food or water. Visualize a bird returning a worm it has swallowed, hence "regurgitating" it for its young.

# propellant

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## Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Meaning:** A propellant is a substance that can be used to propel or push an object forward. It is commonly used in the context of rocket or engine fuels, which generate thrust to launch vehicles or projectiles.

**Pronunciation:** /prəˈpɛl.ənt/

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The rocket's propellant allowed it to escape Earth's atmosphere.
2. Engineers are researching new types of eco-friendly propellants for space travel.
3. The aerosol can contains propellant that helps release the spray.
4. The missile was equipped with a solid propellant for increased efficiency.
5. During the test, the team monitored the combustion of the propellant closely.

## Memory Aids:

To remember the word "propellant," you can break it down into two parts: "propel" (which means to drive or push forward) and "ant," which is a common suffix for agents of action. Visualize a propellant like an ant pushing a boulder, symbolizing the act of moving something forward.

# ejection

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## Ejection

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** The act of forcing or throwing something out; in sports, it refers to the removal of a player, usually for a foul or misconduct.

**Pronunciation:** /ɪˈdʒɛkʃən/

Examples of common use:

1. The ejection of the player changed the course of the game.
2. After the ejection from the theater, he felt embarrassed but realized he acted inappropriately.
3. The ejection seat of the aircraft was crucial for the pilot's safety during emergencies.
4. The team faced difficulties in the match following the ejection of their star player.
5. During the presentation, there was a sudden ejection of data from the projector, causing a momentary panic.

To remember the word: Think of "eject" (to throw out) combined with "-ion" (a suffix indicating the action or condition). Visualize a player being thrown out of a game or an object being forcefully released.

## barrage

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### Definition:

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Explanation:** A barrage is a concentrated artillery bombardment over a wide area, or in a more general sense, it can refer to a rapid or overwhelming outpouring of something, such as words, questions, or complaints.

**Pronunciation:** /bəˈrɑːʒ/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. The army launched a barrage against the enemy's positions at dawn.
2. She faced a barrage of questions from the reporters after her speech.
3. Following the review, the restaurant received a barrage of criticism online.
4. The film was met with a barrage of praise from critics and audiences alike.
5. He sent a barrage of emails to get a response from the client.

### Memory Aid:

To remember "barrage," think of it as "barrage the shore," where water (like questions or complaints) comes crashing in waves. Just as a barrage of water can overwhelm a barrier, so can a barrage of words overwhelm a person. Visualize a strong wave hitting a beach to help recall the idea of overwhelming force.

## intrigue

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The word "intrigue" can be both a verb and a noun.

As a verb, "intrigue" means to arouse the curiosity or interest of someone; to fascinate or to engage someone's attention in a mysterious or compelling way.

As a noun, "intrigue" refers to the act of making secret plans to do something illicit or detrimental; it can also refer to a mysterious or fascinating quality.

Pronunciation: /In'tri:g/

Examples of common use:

1. The plot of the novel is filled with political intrigue that keeps readers guessing.
2. The artist's work intrigued many visitors at the gallery.
3. They planned to intrigue their rivals by spreading rumors.
4. The history of the castle is steeped in intrigue and mystery.
5. She had an air of intrigue that made everyone want to know more about her.

To remember the word "intrigue," think of "intrigue" as a combination of "in" and "trick" — when someone tries to draw you "in" with tricks or secrets, it creates a sense of wonder or curiosity. You can visualize a mysterious character enticing you with secrets that you want to uncover.

## transition

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### Transition

- **Part of Speech:** Noun, verb
- **Definition:**
  - As a noun, "transition" refers to the process or period of changing from one state or condition to another.
  - As a verb, it means to undergo or cause to undergo a change or passage from one state to another.

**Pronunciation:** /træn'zɪʃən/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The transition from high school to college can be challenging for many students.
2. The company is in a transition phase as it adapts to new market conditions.
3. During the presentation, she discussed the transition of renewable energy sources in the next decade.
4. The athlete was able to transition smoothly from amateur to professional status.
5. Effective communication is key during a transition period in any organization.

**Memory Aid:**

To remember the word "transition," think of the word "train." Just like a train moves from one station to another, "transition" signifies a movement or change from one state to another, highlighting the journey involved in that change.

## realm

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- The word "realm" is a noun that refers to a kingdom or a field of interest, knowledge, or influence. It can also mean a domain or area of activity or interest. For example, one might refer to the "realm of science" to indicate the field pertaining to scientific studies.
- Pronunciation: /rɛlm/
- Common uses of the word "realm":
  1. "She has a deep knowledge of the realm of literature."
  2. "In the realm of mathematics, teamwork often leads to the best solutions."
  3. "The fantasy novel takes place in a magical realm."
  4. "He is respected in the realm of technology for his innovative ideas."
  5. "The realm of politics can often be unpredictable."
- To remember the word "realm," you can associate it with "real" (as in real places or domains) and think of it as a "real area" or "true domain" where specific activities or influences take place. Visualizing a kingdom or a field can also help reinforce the meaning.

## ingredient

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"Ingredient" is a noun that refers to any one of the individual components or parts that make up a mixture, especially in cooking or food preparation. Ingredients are the substances that are combined to create a dish or recipe.

Pronunciation: /ɪnˈɡriːdiənt/

Examples of common use:

1. The main ingredient in a cake is flour.
2. Always check the ingredient list on the label before buying packaged foods.
3. Fresh herbs are a vital ingredient in many Mediterranean dishes.
4. What are the key ingredients for a successful team?
5. The soup needs an additional ingredient to enhance its flavor.

To remember the word "ingredient," think of it as the "in" (inside) components that come together to create something larger, like a recipe. You can visualize a mix of various items combining in a bowl to make a culinary dish.

## friction

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Friction

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Friction refers to the resistance that one surface or object encounters when moving over another. It can also describe a clash or disagreement between people or groups.

**Examples:**

1. The friction between the two surfaces caused the machine to overheat.
2. There was friction between the two departments over budget allocations.
3. Friction can be useful in helping cars to stop quickly on the road.
4. The friction of the rubber against the pavement provided traction for the vehicle.
5. They experienced friction in their relationship due to differing opinions.

**Pronunciation:** /ˈfrɪk.ʃən/

**Memory Aid:** To remember the word "friction," think of how two objects rubbing together create heat and resistance, just like when you rub your hands together. This can help you visualize the concept of friction as both a physical force and a source of conflict.

## astronaut

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The word "astronaut" is a noun. It refers to a person trained to travel and work in space, typically as part of a space mission. Astronauts conduct scientific research, operate spacecraft, and perform spacewalks.

Pronunciation: /ˈæstrənɒt/

Examples of common use:

1. The astronaut floated in zero gravity while conducting experiments.
2. She dreamed of becoming an astronaut ever since she was a child.
3. The astronaut shared his experiences from the International Space Station.
4. NASA is looking for new candidates to train as astronauts.
5. The astronaut's mission lasted six months in orbit.

To remember the word, you can break it down into two parts: "astro," which relates to stars or space, and "naut," which comes from the Greek word for sailor. So, you can think of an astronaut as a "sailor of the stars."

## banner

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### Definition

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

- **Noun:** A banner is a piece of cloth or other material bearing a design or message, often used for advertising, decoration, or display.
- **Verb:** To banner means to advertise or promote something by using a banner.

### Pronunciation

/bænər/

### Examples

1. The school hung a banner to celebrate the graduation ceremony.

2. The website featured a banner advertisement for the upcoming sale.
3. During the parade, colorful banners were carried by the participants.
4. They decided to banner the event to attract more attendees.
5. She designed a digital banner for her online store.

### Memory Aid

To remember the word "banner," think of it as a "big sign" that can be carried or displayed to "announce" or "promote" something. The similarity in sound to "banner" and "banner" can help you recall its meaning related to displaying messages.

## ounce

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- **Part of Speech:** Noun

**Definition:** An ounce is a unit of weight equal to one-sixteenth of a pound, commonly used to measure liquids or solids. In the context of fluid measurement, it can also refer to a volume of liquid.

**Example:** A cup of flour weighs about four ounces.

- **Pronunciation:** /aʊns/

- **Common Uses:**

1. "The recipe requires eight ounces of cheese."
2. "He gained a few ounces after the holiday season."
3. "The bottle contains six ounces of juice."
4. "I lost an ounce of weight after starting the diet."
5. "She bought a necklace that weighs an ounce."

- **Mnemonic for Remembering:** Think of an ounce as a small measurement; you can remember it by visualizing an ounce of something you enjoy, like a single slice of cheese or an ounce of your favorite drink. Visualizing small portions can help solidify the concept of an ounce as a tiny quantity.

## technique

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The word "technique" is a noun. It refers to a method or way of doing something, especially one that requires skill or expertise. Techniques can be applied in various fields such as art, science, sports, and music.

Pronunciation: /tɛk'ni:k/

Examples:

1. She learned a new painting technique that made her artwork more vibrant.
2. The chef demonstrated his technique for making soufflés.
3. Athletes often practice specific techniques to improve their performance.
4. In science, the technique used for the experiment was crucial for obtaining accurate results.
5. The dancer's technique was impressive and earned her a standing ovation.

To remember the word "technique," you can think of the phrase "tech skills" where "tech" refers to technology or methods used in various tasks. Visualizing someone skillfully using a tool or performing a complex task can also help reinforce the meaning of technique.

## stack

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

As a noun:

- Definition: A stack refers to a neat pile of items, usually arranged in a specific order. It can also refer to a collection of objects that are stacked on top of each other.
- Example: "There was a stack of books on the table."

As a verb:

- Definition: To stack means to arrange items in a pile or in a particular order on top of one another.
- Example: "Please stack the chairs after the meeting."

Pronunciation: /stæk/

Examples of common use:

1. "He decided to stack the boxes in the corner of the room."
2. "The servers are arranged in a stack for easy access."
3. "She has a stack of papers to review before the meeting."
4. "They stacked the firewood neatly by the fireplace."

5. "The students created a tall stack of blocks during playtime."

To remember the word "stack," you can think of a visual image of a pile of books or blocks, which are typically stacked on top of each other. Associating the word with the action of piling things up can help reinforce its meaning.

## petrol

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- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** Petrol is a liquid fuel used in internal combustion engines, commonly derived from crude oil. It is also known as gasoline in North America.
- **Example Sentence:** "I need to stop at the gas station to fill up my car with petrol."
- **Pronunciation:** /'pet.rəl/
- **Common Uses:**
  1. "The price of petrol has increased significantly over the past year."
  2. "He filled his car with petrol before embarking on a long journey."
  3. "Many people are looking for alternative fuels to reduce their reliance on petrol."
  4. "The petrol station was closed, so we had to drive further to find one."
  5. "Environmental concerns are pushing for more electric vehicles instead of petrol cars."
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "petrol," you can associate it with "petrol station," where people go to refuel their cars, visualizing the act of filling up a tank with petrol.

## squeeze

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### Definition

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

- **Verb:** To apply pressure to something in order to compress or extract liquid, usually with the hands.
- **Noun:** A tight or constricted grip or hold, or the act of squeezing.

### Pronunciation

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## Examples of Common Use

1. **Verb:** "She squeezed the juice from the oranges."
2. **Verb:** "He squeezed her hand reassuringly."
3. **Noun:** "There was a squeeze in the crowd as everyone tried to exit at once."
4. **Verb:** "You need to squeeze the trigger gently to avoid missing the shot."
5. **Noun:** "He felt a tight squeeze on his shoulder from behind."

## How to Remember the Word

Think of squeezing a lemon to get juice. When you apply pressure (squeeze) to the lemon, the juice comes out. Visualizing this action can help reinforce the meaning of the word in both its verb and noun forms.

## sorrow

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The word "sorrow" is a noun that refers to a feeling of deep distress caused by loss, disappointment, or other misfortune. It signifies an emotional pain or grief regarding something considered to be unfortunate or regrettable.

Pronunciation: /ˈsɒrəʊ/ (saw-roh)

Examples of common use:

1. After the death of her grandmother, she fell into a deep sorrow that lasted for months.
2. The sorrow of losing a pet can be just as intense as losing a human companion.
3. He expressed his sorrow through heartfelt letters to his friends.
4. The community came together to share in their collective sorrow after the tragic event.
5. Music often helps people cope with their sorrow and find solace in their emotions.

To remember the word "sorrow," you could associate it with the phrase "sorrowful heart." Visualizing someone with a heavy heart might help you recall that "sorrow" is connected to feelings of sadness or grief. Alternatively, you could think of the "W" in "sorrow" as representing "we," indicating that sorrow is often a shared human experience.

## arboreal

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- **Definition:** "Arboreal" is an adjective that describes living in trees or being adapted to life in trees. It often refers to animals that primarily inhabit and move through trees.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɑːrˈbɔːriəl/
- **Examples:**
  1. Many species of monkeys are arboreal, spending most of their lives in the forest canopy.
  2. The arboreal lifestyle of sloths allows them to avoid many predators on the ground.
  3. Arboreal plants, like climbing vines, have adapted to grow upwards, reaching for sunlight.
  4. The researchers observed the arboreal habits of the various birds in the rainforest.
  5. Arboreal reptiles, such as chameleons, are often found resting on branches.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember "arboreal," think of the root "arbor," which means tree in Latin. Visualize animals like monkeys or sloths that live in trees (arboreal creatures) to help connect the term with its meaning.

## facade

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### Definition

Facade (noun):

1. The front or face of a building, especially a large or impressive one.
2. A superficial appearance or illusion of something.
3. A deceptive outward appearance; a front.

### Pronunciation

/fəˈsɑːd/

### Examples of Common Use

1. The ancient cathedral had a beautiful stone facade that attracted many tourists.
2. She maintained a facade of happiness, even though she was feeling quite sad inside.

3. The company's facade of success was shattered when the financial scandal was exposed.
4. The new apartment complex features a modern facade with large windows and balconies.
5. Behind his charming facade, he was quite insecure and often anxious.

### Memory Tip

To remember the word "facade," think of "face" as it sounds similar and relates to the idea of being the front part of a building. You can visualize a building's outer layer, like a mask, which can also symbolize hiding one's true feelings or intentions.

## post-mortem

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The term "post-mortem" can function as a noun and an adjective.

As a noun:

- Definition: A post-mortem refers to an examination or discussion held after an event (often a failure) to analyze what happened and why, commonly used in both medical and general contexts.
- Example: "The team held a post-mortem to evaluate the project's shortcomings."

As an adjective:

- Definition: Describing something that occurs after death or an event.
- Example: "The post-mortem report provided crucial insights into the cause of death."

Pronunciation: /ˌpoʊstˈmɔːrtəm/

Common uses:

1. "The doctors conducted a post-mortem to determine the exact cause of death."
2. "After the failed product launch, the company organized a post-mortem to learn from their mistakes."
3. "The film had a post-mortem analysis that discussed its impact on cinema."
4. "During the post-mortem meeting, team members shared their perspectives on the project's outcome."
5. "Her post-mortem of the book highlighted several plot holes."



To remember the word "post-mortem," you can think of "post" meaning after and "mortem" relating to death (from the Latin "mors" meaning death). So, it helps to visualize it as analyzing the 'after' effects of a 'death' (of a project, idea, or event).

# disillusionment

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## Disillusionment

*Part of Speech:* Noun

*Definition:* A feeling of disappointment resulting from the discovery that something is not as good as one believed it to be. It often refers to the loss of naive faith or belief in something previously admired or idealized.

*Examples:*

1. After years of working in the corporate world, her disillusionment with the company's values led her to seek a job in a nonprofit sector.
2. The news of the scandal caused widespread disillusionment among the supporters of the politician.
3. Many students experience disillusionment with the education system after realizing it doesn't prepare them for real-world challenges.

*Pronunciation:* /ˌdɪs.ɪˈluː.ʒən.mənt/

*Memory Aid:* To remember the word "disillusionment," think of it as "dis"- (not) + "illusion" (a false belief) + "ment" (the state of being). So disillusionment is the state of not being under an illusion anymore. Imagine a magic trick that you used to believe was real, but once you learn the secret, you feel disillusioned.

# subject

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**Subject:** Umbrella

The word "umbrella" is a noun. It refers to a device used for protection against rain or sun, typically consisting of a circular canopy of fabric supported by a folding frame and a central rod. In a broader sense, it can also mean a category that encompasses various elements.

*Pronunciation:* /ʌmˈbrɛl.ə/

Examples of common use:

1. She always carries an umbrella in her bag just in case it rains.
2. The umbrella of the organization includes several smaller charities.
3. He opened his umbrella to shield himself from the scorching sun.
4. Under the umbrella of the new policy, employees receive additional benefits.
5. The lecture covered a wide umbrella of topics related to environmental science.

To remember the word "umbrella," think of a rainy day. Visualize yourself holding an umbrella to stay dry, while at the same time, think about how it provides overarching protection from different weather elements, symbolizing inclusivity or coverage.

# blunt

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## Blunt

**Part of Speech:** Adjective / Verb

### Definition:

- As an adjective, "blunt" describes an object, typically a tool or instrument, that does not have a sharp edge or point, making it less effective for cutting or piercing. It can also describe a manner of speaking that is straightforward, honest, and direct, often to the point of being impolite.
- As a verb, "to blunt" means to make something less sharp or less intense, whether physically (like a knife or tool) or metaphorically (like emotions or criticisms).

**Pronunciation:** /blʌnt/

### Examples of Common Use:

1. "The knife became blunt after repeated use."
2. "She gave him a blunt answer, not sugarcoating the truth."
3. "His criticism was blunt and left no room for misinterpretation."
4. "Walking on the rough pavement can blunt your shoes."
5. "The strong wind began to blunt the sound of her voice."

### Memory Tip:

To remember "blunt," think of the phrase "not sharp" which captures both the physical and metaphorical meanings. Imagine a blunt object, like a dull knife, which can also remind you of someone who speaks their mind without care for politeness.

# stockpile

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## Explanation of the word "stockpile":

- **Part of Speech:** Verb and Noun
- **Verb:** To stockpile means to accumulate a large number of goods or resources for future use.
- **Noun:** A stockpile is a collection or storage of a large quantity of something, usually saved for future use.

## Pronunciation:

/stɒk.paɪl/

## Common Uses of the Word:

1. In preparation for the winter, many families stockpile food and supplies.
2. The government decided to stockpile medical supplies in case of an emergency.
3. After the storm, the community had a stockpile of bottled water to distribute.
4. Companies may stockpile raw materials to avoid shortages during peak production times.
5. She has a stockpile of books she plans to read over her vacation.

## How to Remember the Word:

Think of "stockpile" as a combination of "stock" (to store) and "pile" (a heap or large amount), which helps visualize a large pile of goods saved for later use.

# indicate

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The word "indicate" is a verb. It means to show, point out, or make something clear. It can refer to expressing a particular idea, intention, or direction.

Pronunciation: /ˈɪn.dɪ.keɪt/

Examples of common use:

1. The study indicates a strong correlation between diet and health.
2. The sign indicates that parking is prohibited.
3. She raised her hand to indicate that she had a question.
4. His expression did not indicate any signs of distress.

5. The results of the experiment indicate the need for further research.

To remember the word "indicate", you can think of the "in" as showing something is inside or within something else, and "date" can remind you of needing to set a "date" or point something out to someone. This association can help you recall that to "indicate" is to point out or show something specifically.

## statistically

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- **Part of Speech:** Adverb
- **Definition:** The term "statistically" refers to something that is related to, or based on, statistics. It is used to describe information or evidence that is derived from statistical analysis or data.
- **Pronunciation:** /stə'tɪs.tɪ.kəl.i/
- **Examples of Common Use:**
  1. Statistically speaking, the chances of winning the lottery are extremely low.
  2. The report shows that statistically, women are more likely to pursue higher education than men.
  3. Statistically significant results indicate a high probability that the findings are not due to chance.
  4. Statistically, the average temperature in July is higher than in December.
  5. In a statistically valid survey, a larger sample size tends to yield more accurate results.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember "statistically," think of the root word "statistics" and associate it with numbers and data analysis. The "-ly" suffix often indicates the manner of something, so you can visualize someone interpreting data in a statistical way.

## switch

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

As a verb, "switch" means to exchange or change something for another, or to turn something on or off. For example, you might "switch" the lights on or "switch" places with someone.

As a noun, "switch" refers to a device that controls the flow of electricity or something that changes conditions, such as a toggle switch or a changeover.

Pronunciation: /swɪtʃ/

Examples of common use:

1. Please switch off the lights when you leave the room.
2. He decided to switch his major from biology to history.
3. Can you switch seats with me? I want to sit by the window.
4. The teacher told us to switch partners for the next activity.
5. She flipped the switch to turn on the fan.

To remember the word "switch," think of the action of changing something, like flipping a light switch on or off. The visual of toggling or exchanging can help reinforce the meaning.

## uncertainty

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### **Definition:**

Uncertainty is a noun that refers to the state of not being definite or not having a clear outcome. It signifies doubt or a lack of predictability about a situation or event.

### **Pronunciation:**

/ʌn'sɜːr.tən.ti/ (uhn-SUR-tn-tee)

### **Examples:**

1. The uncertainty of the weather made it difficult to plan the outdoor event.
2. Many people feel uncertainty about their jobs during economic downturns.
3. Scientific research often encounters uncertainty when dealing with complex phenomena.
4. She expressed her uncertainty regarding the best course of action to take.
5. The uncertainty surrounding the election results left many voters anxious.

### **Memory Aid:**

To remember the word "uncertainty," think of the prefix "un-" meaning "not," combined with "certainty." So, uncertainty literally means "not certain," which helps you recall that it relates to doubt or lack of clarity. You might visualize a foggy path representing

unclear outcomes to reinforce the concept.

# hypothesis

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## Hypothesis

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A hypothesis is a proposed explanation or educated guess that can be tested through study and experimentation. It is often used in scientific contexts to predict outcomes based on certain conditions.
- **Pronunciation:** /haɪˈpɒθəsis/ (high-POTH-uh-sis)

## Examples of Common Use:

1. The scientist formulated a hypothesis about the effects of light on plant growth.
2. In our experiment, we will test the hypothesis that increased temperatures will accelerate the rate of chemical reactions.
3. The researchers had to revise their hypothesis after obtaining unexpected results.
4. According to the hypothesis, regular exercise improves mental health.
5. A good hypothesis should be specific and testable.

**Memory Tip:** To remember the word "hypothesis," think of the prefix "hypo-" meaning "under" or "below," indicating that it is below the surface of what is known. Pair it with the idea of a "thesis" as a statement or proposition to arrive at "hypothesis," the underlying explanatory idea that needs to be tested.

# ultraclean

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- Ultraclean (adjective): The term "ultraclean" describes something that is extremely clean or free from contaminants. It suggests a level of cleanliness that exceeds the ordinary or typical cleaning standards.
- Pronunciation: /ʌl.trəˈkliːn/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The laboratory requires ultraclean environments to ensure accurate test results.
  2. After the renovation, the kitchen looked ultraclean and inviting.

3. Ultraclean technology is vital in the semiconductor manufacturing process.
  4. They use ultraclean products to maintain the pristine condition of their home.
  5. The ultraclean room was prepared for the sensitive experiment.
- To remember the word "ultraclean," think of it as "ultra" (extremely) plus "clean" (free from dirt). This can help you associate it with an exceptional level of cleanliness that surpasses the regular standards.

## mountainous

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The word "mountainous" is an adjective. It is used to describe an area that is characterized by mountains or has many mountains. It can also imply rough terrain or an elevated landscape.

Pronunciation: /ˈmaʊn.tɪ.nəs/

Examples of common use:

1. The mountainous region is popular among hikers and climbers.
2. He enjoyed driving through the mountainous roads with stunning views.
3. The village is located in a mountainous area that experiences heavy snowfall in the winter.
4. Many animals thrive in mountainous habitats, adapted to the challenging environment.
5. The documentary showcased the diverse flora and fauna found in the mountainous regions of the world.

To remember the word "mountainous," you can think of the root word "mountain," which directly relates to its meaning, and associate the suffix "-ous," which often denotes a characteristic or quality. Visualizing a picture of a mountain range can also help reinforce the meaning.

## trim

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

- **Verb:** To trim means to cut something to make it neater or tidier. It can refer to cutting away excess material from a larger object or adjusting something to a desired shape or size.

- Example: She decided to trim her overgrown hair.
- **Noun:** Trim refers to material used to decorate something or the act of cutting something to be neater.
  - Example: The dress had a beautiful lace trim along the hem.

Pronunciation: /trɪm/

Examples of common use:

1. He needs to trim the bushes in his garden to keep them healthy.
2. The chef will trim the fat from the meat before cooking.
3. I bought some decorative trim to enhance my curtains.
4. She gave the paper a quick trim to fit into the frame.
5. The athlete maintained a trim figure with regular exercise.

To remember the word "trim," you can associate it with the idea of making something more presentable or manageable, similar to when you "trim" your appearance or "trim" down an excess budget. You might visualize a haircut being styled neatly or a gardener cutting back overgrown plants, reinforcing the idea of tidiness and adjustment.

## steady

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

### As an adjective:

- Definition: Firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving; stable.
- Example: "He maintained a steady pace during the marathon."

### As a verb:

- Definition: To make or become steady; to stabilize.
- Example: "She tried to steady her breathing before the performance."

**Pronunciation:** /'stɛd.i/

### Common Examples:

1. "The steady flow of water was soothing."
2. "She took a deep breath to steady her nerves before speaking."



3. "The team made steady progress on the project."
4. "His hands were steady as he performed the surgery."
5. "The teacher advised the students to keep a steady rhythm while playing music."

**Memory Aid:**

To remember "steady," think of the phrase "Steady as she goes," which is often used to indicate a calm and controlled approach to a task or situation. Visualizing something stable, like a perfectly balanced object, can also help reinforce the concept.

## orientation

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**Orientation**

**Part of Speech:** Noun

**Definition:**

1. The act or process of orienting or the state of being oriented, which can refer to the arrangement or positioning of something in relation to its surroundings.
2. Introduction or guidance regarding a specific subject or environment, often used in the context of training or acclimatization to new circumstances.

**Pronunciation:** /ˌɔːr.i.ən'teɪ.ʃən/

**Examples of Common Use:**

1. The newcomer attended an orientation session to learn more about the company policies.
2. The orientation of the building maximizes sunlight exposure throughout the day.
3. Before starting the program, students must complete an orientation to familiarize themselves with the campus.
4. The orientation of the map helped us navigate the unfamiliar city effectively.
5. Different cultures have varying orientations toward time and punctuality.

**Memory Technique:**

To remember the word "orientation," you can break it down into "orient" and "-ation." Think of "orient" as in finding your direction on a map, and "-ation" as the process of doing it. This association with finding one's direction can help reinforce the meaning of understanding one's place or introduction to new situations.

# dramatic

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- **Definition:** The word "dramatic" is primarily an adjective. It describes something that is striking, exciting, or full of emotion. It can also refer to things relating to drama or theater. When used as a verb (though less common), it can be associated with making something more intense or exaggerated.
- **Pronunciation:** /drə'mætɪk/
- **Examples:**
  1. The ending of the movie was so dramatic that everyone in the theater gasped.
  2. Her dramatic performance earned her a standing ovation.
  3. There was a dramatic change in the weather from sunny to stormy.
  4. The book describes the dramatic struggles of the characters.
  5. He has a talent for telling stories in a dramatic way that captivates the audience.
- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "dramatic," think of a dramatic scene in a play or movie that captures your attention and evokes strong emotions. Associating the word with performances can help reinforce its meaning.

# amorphous

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- **Part of Speech:** Adjective
- **Definition:** The term "amorphous" refers to a lack of a definite shape or form. In a broader sense, it can describe things that do not have a clear structure or organization. It is often used in scientific contexts, particularly in chemistry and physics, to describe substances that are not crystalline.
- **Example:** "The artist appreciated the amorphous shapes in her sculpture, which seemed to defy traditional forms."
- **Pronunciation:** /ə'mɔːr.fəs/
- **Common Uses:**
  1. "The amorphous gel did not hold its shape well when placed on the table."
  2. "His ideas were often amorphous, lacking concrete details."
  3. "Amorphous silica is utilized in various industrial applications due to its unique properties."
  4. "The cloud took on an amorphous quality, shifting constantly in the sky."

5. "The amorphous nature of the organization's structure led to confusion among members."

- **Memory Tip:** To remember "amorphous," you can think of it as "a" meaning "not" and "morph" relating to shape or form (from the Greek 'morphē'). So, "amorphous" literally translates to "without form." Combining the visual concept of something shapeless or formless, like a cloud or fog, may also help reinforce the meaning.

## solve

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Sure! Here's a structured response for the word "elaborate."

- **Word Type:**
  - Verb: To elaborate means to explain something in greater detail or provide more information.
  - Adjective: When used as an adjective, elaborate describes something that is complex and detailed.
- **Pronunciation:** /ɪˈlæbəˌreɪt/ (ih-LAB-uh-rayt)
- **Examples:**
  1. **As a verb:** "Could you elaborate on your point during the meeting?"
  2. **As an adjective:** "The elaborate decorations for the wedding took weeks to prepare."
  3. "The teacher asked him to elaborate his answer further."
  4. "She provided an elaborate explanation of the project timeline."
  5. "His elaborate plan surprised all of us."
- **Memory Aid:** To remember "elaborate," think of "elaboration" like painting a detailed picture. The more you describe, the more elaboration you provide, just like adding details makes a painting vivid and full of life.

## blade

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- **Definition:** The word "blade" can function as both a noun and a verb.
  - **Noun:** A blade refers to a flat, sharp-edged component of a knife, weapon, or tool, typically used for cutting. It can also refer to the leaf of a plant, especially grass.

- **Verb:** To blade means to move quickly and skillfully through the air, often used in the context of skating or snowboarding.

- **Pronunciation:** /bleɪd/

- **Examples:**

1. He used a sharp blade to cut through the paper.
2. The blades of grass swayed gently in the breeze.
3. The chef sharpened his knife's blade before starting to cook.
4. She bladed down the slope with grace and speed.
5. The propeller blades spun rapidly as the helicopter took off.

- **Memory Tip:** To remember the word "blade," visualize a sharp knife cutting through something – the image of a blade cutting can reinforce its definition. Additionally, you can think of the phrase "cutting edge" to connect it with blades since they are often associated with sharpness and precision.

## glimpse

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The word "glimpse" is primarily used as a verb but can also function as a noun.

As a **verb**, "glimpse" means to see or perceive something briefly or partially. For example, if you glance quickly at something without looking at it directly, you have glimpsed it.

As a **noun**, "glimpse" refers to a brief or momentary view or sight of something. It emphasizes the idea that the view is not clear or extended.

**Pronunciation:** /glɪmps/

**Examples of common use:**

1. I caught a glimpse of the sunset through the trees.
2. She had a quick glimpse of the famous actor before he disappeared into the crowd.
3. After years of searching, he finally got a glimpse of his long-lost friend.
4. The report gives us a glimpse into the future of technology.
5. From the mountain peak, we had an amazing glimpse of the valley below.

**How to remember the word:** To remember "glimpse," think of the phrase "a glimpse of light," as it evokes the idea of catching a quick look at something shining or illuminating. This can help associate the concept of a brief view with the word.

## bulletin

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The word "bulletin" is a noun. It refers to a brief report or statement that provides news or information about a particular subject, often issued regularly by an organization or institution. Bulletins can be published in various formats, such as printed documents, announcements, or online postings.

Pronunciation: /ˈbʊlɪtɪn/

Examples of common use:

1. The school sent out a bulletin to inform parents about the upcoming parent-teacher conference.
2. The company released a bulletin detailing the changes to its health insurance policy.
3. A breaking news bulletin was aired on television regarding the natural disaster in the area.
4. The community center publishes a monthly bulletin that lists local events and activities.
5. He received a bulletin from the government about new safety regulations.

To remember the word "bulletin," you can think of it as a "bullet" of information that quickly conveys news or updates, similar to how a bullet travels fast.

## annoy

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### Definition

"Annoy" is a verb that means to irritate or disturb someone, causing them to feel slightly angry or displeased. It involves actions, sounds, or situations that provoke a negative emotional response.

### Pronunciation

/əˈnoɪ/

### Examples of Common Use

1. The constant noise from the construction site began to annoy the residents.
2. It really annoys me when people chew with their mouths open.
3. My little brother likes to annoy me by stealing my things.
4. She was annoyed by his lack of respect for her feelings.
5. Don't let minor issues annoy you; focus on the bigger picture.

### Memory Technique

To remember the word "annoy," think of the phrase "A fly flying around my head" – it can be annoying. Visualize the persistent buzzing and the irritation it brings; this imagery can help associate the irritation with the word "annoy."

## chapel

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Chapel

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A chapel is a small place of worship or prayer, often part of a larger church or institution, such as a school, hospital, or prison. It can also refer to a building used for Christian worship that is not necessarily a parish church.
- **Pronunciation:** /ˈtʃæp.əl/
- **Examples:**
  1. The school has a beautiful chapel where students can gather for meditation.
  2. They held the wedding ceremony in the quaint chapel by the lake.
  3. The hospital chapel provides a quiet space for families to reflect and pray.
  4. Many colleges have chapels that host regular services and events.
  5. The professor led a service at the university chapel to discuss community values.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "chapel," think of "chap" as in a small group of friends (or a "chap" in the UK slang for a young man) gathering in a cozy place like a chapel to talk or reflect together. You can visualize a small building where people come together in peace.

## subscribe

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Word: Subscribe

- **Part of speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To arrange to receive something regularly, typically a publication, by paying in advance. It can also mean to agree to or support an idea or belief.
- **Pronunciation:** /səb'skraɪb/
- **Examples of common use:**
  1. I decided to subscribe to a monthly magazine about technology.
  2. Many people subscribe to online streaming services for movies and shows.
  3. She subscribes to the philosophy that honesty is the best policy.
  4. After watching the video, I chose to subscribe to the channel for more content.
  5. The company offered a discount for customers who subscribe for a year.
- **Memory tip:** Think of the word "subscribe" as "sub + scribe." Imagine sub as in "below" or "support" and scribe as "to write." You're supporting a writer or content creator by agreeing to receive their work or ideas regularly. You can visualize signing your name to receive a letter every month!

## foil

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The word "foil" can serve different functions in the English language:

### 1. As a noun:

- Definition: A thin sheet of metal, often aluminum, used for wrapping food or as a surface for cooking. Additionally, in literature, a "foil" refers to a character who contrasts with another character, often the protagonist, to highlight particular qualities.

### 2. As a verb:

- Definition: To prevent something from happening; to thwart or frustrate someone's plans or efforts.

Pronunciation: /fɔɪl/

Common uses of the word "foil":

1. "She wrapped the sandwich in aluminum foil to keep it fresh."
2. "In the story, the villain acts as a foil to the hero, emphasizing the hero's good qualities."

3. "His clever strategy helped him to foil the plans of his competitors."
4. "The artist used a gold foil to add a touch of elegance to the piece."
5. "The detective managed to foil the robbery just in time."

To remember the word "foil," think of its dual nature: the foil that keeps food fresh (like how a superhero foil keeps things from going bad) and the literary foil that contrasts characters (like light against dark). Associating these two meanings may help solidify the word in your memory.

## invoice

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

As a noun, it refers to a document that itemizes and records a transaction between a buyer and a seller. An invoice typically includes the prices for goods or services, and terms of payment.

As a verb, it means to send someone an invoice for payment for goods or services provided.

Pronunciation: /ˈɪn.vɔɪs/

Examples of common use:

1. "The company sent me an invoice for the services rendered last month."
2. "Make sure to invoice the client promptly after completing the project."
3. "I checked my email for the invoice before making the payment."
4. "The invoice detailed all the items purchased and their corresponding costs."
5. "She learned how to create an invoice using accounting software."

To remember the word "invoice," think of the phrase "in voice," which could remind you that you are using your voice to request payment or to confirm a transaction.

Moreover, consider "in" as being included in a list of items, and "voice" as the formal demand for payment.

## extra

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**extra**

- **Part of Speech:** Adjective



- **Definition:** The term "extra" refers to something that is more than what is usual, necessary, or expected. It can also imply an additional item or a person who is not part of the main performance or event.
- **Pronunciation:** /'ɛk.strə/
- **Examples:**
  1. She always orders an extra side of fries with her meal.
  2. The production hired extra actors to fill the background scenes.
  3. He has an extra layer of clothing for the cold weather.
  4. The recipe calls for an extra pinch of salt for flavor.
  5. After the show, they had an extra Q&A session with the cast.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember the word "extra," think of needing an extra ticket for a concert. This situation illustrates having more than what is necessary, helping you associate the word with the idea of abundance or an addition.

## transmute

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### Transmute

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To change in form, nature, or substance; to transform one thing into another.
- **Pronunciation:** /træns'mju:t/
- **Examples:**
  1. Alchemists in the medieval times believed they could transmute base metals into gold.
  2. The artist hoped to transmute her emotions into her paintings.
  3. Scientists are working to transmute waste materials into usable energy.
  4. The team's efforts aimed to transmute outdated technologies into innovative solutions.
  5. Through meditation, he attempts to transmute negative thoughts into positive energy.

- **How to Remember:** Think of the prefix "trans-" meaning "across" or "beyond," combined with "mute," which can be associated with changing sounds or expressions. Together, these suggest a transformation that goes beyond the original state.

# analyse

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## Analysis

- **Part of Speech:** Verb
- **Definition:** To examine something in detail to understand it better or to extract information from it. This can involve breaking down the subject into its components, interpreting data, or evaluating information.
- **Pronunciation:** /'æn.ə.laɪz/
- **Examples:**
  1. The scientist will analyze the data collected from the experiment.
  2. In her essay, she chooses to analyze the themes of friendship and betrayal.
  3. The marketing team needs to analyze consumer behavior to improve their strategy.
  4. We often analyze historical events to better understand present circumstances.
  5. After reviewing the footage, the coach will analyze the players' performances.
- **Memory Aid:** To remember "analyze," think of breaking down something complex into simpler parts - like a "grammar" analysis where you dissect sentences into subject, verb, and object. You can also associate it with "a-nalysis" where "nano" (small parts) comes to mind, making you think of looking closely at the finer details.

# acoustic

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- The word "acoustic" is an adjective that relates to sound, especially in terms of its transmission and properties. It often describes things that are non-electronic and involve natural sound. For example, an "acoustic guitar" is a type of guitar that produces sound naturally, without amplification.
- **Pronunciation:** /ə'kuːstɪk/
- **Examples of common use:**

1. The concert featured an acoustic performance, highlighting the singers' vocal abilities without electronic enhancements.
  2. We recorded the podcast in an acoustic room to capture the best sound quality.
  3. He prefers listening to acoustic versions of songs over the original electric recordings.
  4. The building was designed with acoustic panels to minimize echo in the lecture hall.
  5. She took acoustic guitar lessons to learn how to play folk music.
- To remember the word "acoustic," think of "A Coo Stick," visualizing a stick that makes a soft, natural sound when you hit it, emphasizing the connection to sound and acoustics.

# stall

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## Stall

### Part of speech:

- Verb: To stop or cause to stop temporarily.
- Noun: A compartment for an animal in a barn, or a small booth or stand for selling goods.

### Definition:

As a verb, "stall" means to delay or cause to stop functioning. It often implies a temporary halt. As a noun, it refers to a physical space designated for a specific purpose, like housing an animal or showcasing products.

### Pronunciation:

/stɔ:l/

### Examples of common use:

1. The car began to stall on the highway, causing a traffic jam.
2. I went to the market and bought fresh vegetables from a stall.
3. The manager tried to stall the meeting until all team members arrived.
4. The horse was put in its stall for the night.
5. She used a stall in the restroom for some privacy.

## Remembering the word:

To remember "stall," think of a car stalling (breaking down) in the middle of the road, or visualize a small stall at a fair where vendors sell items. The connection between stopping (to stall) and the designated selling space (a stall) can help reinforce the word's meaning.

## cover

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

As a verb:

- Definition: To place something over or on top of something else to protect, hide, or keep it safe; to include or deal with a particular topic or subject.
- Examples:
  1. Please cover the cake with a lid to keep it fresh.
  2. The report will cover the main issues facing the company this year.

As a noun:

- Definition: Something that lies over or wraps around something else; a protective layer or front that conceals or shelters.
- Examples:
  1. The book has a colorful cover that attracts readers.
  2. We need a cover for the pool to keep leaves out.

Pronunciation: /'kʌvər/

Common uses:

1. She used a blanket to cover herself from the cold.
2. The insurance policy will cover any damages from the storm.
3. He found a cover for his phone that matched his style.
4. The artist's new album is a cover of a classic song.
5. They will cover the expenses for the trip.

To remember the word, you can think of "cover" as something that "hides" or "protects." Imagine a cozy blanket covering you, providing warmth and safety. This imagery can help reinforce the meaning of covering something.

# breakthrough

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## Breakthrough

- **Part of Speech:** Noun
- **Definition:** A breakthrough refers to a significant and dramatic advance or development, often in scientific, technological, or creative fields. It can also mean overcoming an obstacle or making a major discovery.
- **Pronunciation:** /'breɪkθruː/
- **Examples:**
  1. The scientists announced a breakthrough in cancer research that could lead to new treatments.
  2. After months of hard work, she finally made a breakthrough in her novel.
  3. The technological breakthrough allowed smartphones to have longer battery life.
  4. His breakthrough in understanding the complex theory changed the way scientists approach the subject.
  5. The team celebrated their breakthrough after solving the challenging problem.
- **Memory Technique:** To remember "breakthrough," think of it as "breaking through" barriers or limitations. Visualize a wall that you're breaking through to reach new and exciting possibilities. This imagery can help you connect the word with its meaning of overcoming challenges or making significant advancements.

# microprocessor

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## Microprocessor

- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: A microprocessor is a small electronic device that performs the functions of a computer's central processing unit (CPU) on a single integrated circuit. It is responsible for executing instructions and processing data in digital devices, such as computers, smartphones, and embedded systems.

- Pronunciation: /ˈmaɪ.kroʊ.prɒs.ɛs.ər/
- Examples of common use:
  1. The new laptop features a faster microprocessor, enabling quicker performance and better multitasking.
  2. In embedded systems, the microprocessor controls the hardware and executes specific tasks efficiently.
  3. Engineers often study microprocessor architecture to design advanced computing systems.
  4. The smartphone's capabilities have improved significantly due to advancements in microprocessor technology.
  5. A microprocessor is essential for running modern software applications and operating systems.
- Memory aid: Think of "micro" as something small and "processor" as a device that processes data. Visualize a tiny brain (microprocessor) inside a device which manages everything it does, helping you remember that a microprocessor is a small but vital part of a computer system.

# spiritual

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## spiritual

*Part of Speech:* Adjective

*Definition:* Relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things; often associated with religion or a sense of connection to something greater than oneself.

*Pronunciation:* /ˈspɪrɪtʃuəl/

*Examples of Common Use:*

1. She embarked on a spiritual journey to find inner peace.
2. Many people find comfort in spiritual practices such as meditation and prayer.
3. The spiritual leader spoke about love and compassion during the ceremony.
4. He felt a deep spiritual connection to nature while hiking in the mountains.
5. The book explores various spiritual beliefs from around the world.

### *How to Remember the Word:*

Think of the word "spirit" as being related to the essence of a person. The suffix "-ual" can be remembered as relating to characteristics or qualities. Together, "spiritual" refers to qualities relating to a person's spirit or soul. Visualize a peaceful, serene spirit as a way to reinforce the meaning.

## **concrete**

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Concrete can function as both a noun and an adjective.

As a noun:

- Definition: A building material made from a mixture of cement, water, and aggregates (such as sand or gravel) that hardens to a stone-like condition.
- Example: "The construction workers poured concrete to form the foundation of the new building."

As an adjective:

- Definition: Referring to something that is specific, tangible, or real; not abstract.
- Example: "She provided concrete evidence to support her argument."

Pronunciation:

- /ˈkɒŋ.kri:t/ (British English)
- /ˈkɑːn.kri:t/ (American English)

Common uses:

1. "He left concrete footprints in the wet cement."
2. "The architect used concrete for its durability and strength."
3. "They need a concrete plan before starting the project."
4. "The concrete jungle of the city is filled with high-rise buildings."
5. "Can you give me some concrete examples of your achievements?"

Memory aid:

To remember "concrete," think of "con" (with) and "crete" (a play on 'create'), which together suggest creating something solid or tangible. Visualizing a solid structure, like a sidewalk or a foundation, can help you associate the word with its meaning.

# generalise

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## **Definition:**

The word "generalise" (British English) or "generalize" (American English) is primarily a verb. It means to make a general statement or form a general opinion based on specific examples or evidence. It involves drawing broad conclusions from particular instances.

## **Pronunciation:**

/ˈdʒen.ə.raɪz/

## **Examples of common use:**

1. "From the results of the study, we can generalise that the new treatment is effective for most patients."
2. "He tends to generalise too much, overlooking the unique aspects of each case."
3. "It's difficult to generalise about the entire population based on a small sample size."
4. "You should be careful not to generalise your experiences to everyone else."
5. "The author warns against the tendency to generalise cultural behaviors."

## **Memory Tip:**

To remember the word "generalise," think of the phrase "General ideas come from specifics." This can help you associate the action of generalising with the process of synthesizing or summarizing information from particular instances.