
deleterious
(adj)
dell-uh-TEER-ee-uss

Definition: Harmful, unhealthful

Usage: The Resident Assistant told the first-year students, "I think you will find not only that drugs are illegal and will result in expulsion, but also that drug abuse will have a deleterious effect on anyone's grades."

Related Words: Pernicious (very harmful, fatal), Insalutary or Insalubrious (unhealthful)

More Info: Deleterious shares a root ("destroy") with delete.

Mnemonic:

1. relate it to DELETE...so you DELETE all the spam mails because they may BE HARMFUL to your PC.
2. Can be related to
3. most of the VIRUS DELETE files and hence they are HARMFUL i.e DELETERIOUS
4. If A deletes B then for B, A is harmful (Just imagine)
5. DELETE the TEARS OF US
6. delete terrible to us- as in harmful

erratic
(adj)
er-RAT-ick

Definition: Inconsistent, wandering, having no fixed course

Usage: When someone engages in erratic behavior, family members often suspect drug use or mental illness. However, sometimes the person is just building a top-secret invention in the garage!

Related Words: Desultory (lacking consistency or order, disconnected, sporadic; going off topic)

More Info: Erratic shares a root with error and the verb err, which originally meant "to stray or wander"—that is, to be erratic—but now means "to make a mistake."

Mnemonic:

1. focus on ERR + atic..part of it, and err is nothing but ERROR, and errors always look ODD, AND ARE unpredictable in nature.
2. sounds much similar
3. assume you buy a new beautiful house ,elegant ,gorgeous kitchen..suddenly out of nowhere u see a rat in the attic ,which would be odd and unpredictable
4. ERR"error"something that has error is IRREGULAR
5. erratic ~ errata -> so many things -> unpredictable which one
6. ERRATIC: It sounds similar to "Erection",so whenever ur Penis(Dick)Erects ur mood changes suddenly(High sexual mood to low mood).....-----

probity
(noun)
PROH-bit-ee

Definition: Honesty, integrity

Usage: After losing the last election when their candidate's string of mistresses came to light, this time, the party would only nominate a candidate whose probity was beyond any doubt.

Related Words: Scrupulous or principled (having high moral standards), Veracious (honest, true)

More Info: Normally we think of a "probe" as sort of medically unpleasant, but the real purpose of a probe is to get information—for instance, a government probe might investigate corruption, or probe

for the truth.

Mnemonic:

1. PRO(pahle)+beti(ladkiya) sounds like girls first 'something having high morale'
2. Probe is done to verify probity. So probity=neccessity (or reason) for probe.
3. basically this word is taken from latin probus..means honesty.....
4. A PROBATION Officer tries to keep former criminals HONEST.
5. Let them probe, they wont find any mistakes - probity
6. A father telling is daughter Please(P) roh(RO) mat Beti(bity) you have not lost your integrity or moral values.

inform
(verb)
in-FORM

Definition: Inspire, animate; give substance, essence, or context to; be the characteristic quality of

Usage: Her work as an art historian is informed by a background in drama; where others see a static tableau, she sees a protagonist, a conflict, a denouement. / Marjorie's desire to work in forensics is informed by a family history in the police department.

More Info: Of course inform most commonly means "impart knowledge to"; thus, many students are confused when they see the word used in other ways on the GRE.

fathom
(verb)
FA-thum

Definition: Measure the depth of (usually of water) as with a sounding line; penetrate and discover the meaning of, understand

Usage: I cannot even remotely fathom how you interpreted an invitation to sleep on my couch as permission to take my car on a six-hour joyride!

Related Words: Sound and Plumb (used as verbs) are synonyms.

More Info: A sounding line or plumb line is a length of rope with a weight at the bottom; dropping it into water will allow the weight to sink and water to be measured in fathoms (six-foot increments –fathom comes from a word for outstretched arms, which on an adult male tend to measure about six feet).

Mnemonic:

1. shortform of "father or mother"; they always like to see their son working; he may be an invistigator or a plumber (measure the depth of water)
2. It sounds like Phantom(the comic hero).He was 6 feet tall.So, fathom is a unit of measurement equal to 6 feet.
3. fathom= fat+home if you have a fat home, tax people will come to investigate.
4. If a new Fat man comes to your home people will investigate who is this person and why is he so fat??
5. fath+omâ€”we have FATH(faith) in OM(religious word), and we UNDERSTAND ITS MEANING
6. if a home looks fat, then police men ll try to investigate; determine the depth of that home..

incentive
(noun)
in-SENT-iv
Also incentivize (verb)

Definition: Something that encourages greater action or effort, such as a reward

Usage: A controversial program in a failing school system uses cash payments as an incentive for students to stay in school.

Related Words: Inducement (motive for action, incentive)

Mnemonic:

1. In+cent (USA coin)+ive, when u get cent for ur work u get motivated to do work in a better way.
2. If you get more incentive money from your company It will automatically encourage you to do more work.

deference
(noun)
DEFF-er-enss
Also defer (verb)

Definition: Respectful submission; yielding to the authority or opinion of another

Usage: In many cultures, young people are expected to show deference to older people at all times. / I'm not an expert in databases—I'll defer to our programmers on that decision. / Ingrid deferred her college admissions for a year so she could travel the world.

Mnemonic:

1. if there is no DIFFERENCE between you and him, then you will respect his wishes.
2. sounds like REVERENCE
3. defeat+reverence.
4. if you will make no DEFERENCE(difference) between ST/SC/OBC and GENERAL, you will be RESPECTED
5. defer rhymes wit refer..
6. REVERANCE=DEFERENCE...

surmise
(verb)
ser-MIZE

Definition: Guess, infer, think or make an opinion with incomplete information

Usage: Based on your rather sad attempt to figure out the tip on our restaurant bill, I would surmise that you actually have no idea how percents work.

Related Words: Conjecture (synonym), Supposition (assumption, hypothesis, something that has been supposed)

Mnemonic:

1. Mice can guess where the cheese is kept even though they do not know where exactly it is kept.
2. PREMise -> based on a fact. SURmise -> based on an intuition
3. SURMAYI- wo surmayi is taraha se ki jaise wo mujhe pyaar karti hai
4. I GUESS it's a surprise(SURMISE) gift
5. sounds like "summarize" which means to list down the conclusions
6. suemise: u will sure miss the train this is the guess..

cacophony
(noun)
cah-CAW-fuh-nee
Also cacophonous (adj)

Definition: Harsh, discordant, or meaningless mixture of sounds

Usage: The first day of elementary school marching band practice was nothing but cacophony, as students who hadn't learned to play their instruments at all nevertheless banged on or puffed air into them.

Related Words: Din (loud, confused noise), Dissonance (harsh, inharmonious sound), Clamor (noisy uproar, as from a crowd)

More Info: "Caco/kako/kaki" is the Greek root for "bad," occurring in such obscure but useful words as cacography (bad spelling or handwriting) and kakistocracy (rule by evil people). "Eu" is the Greek root for "good" and occurs in the antonym to cacophony, euphony.

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like "Cough" (a HARSH sound). It also sounds like "Coffin" (a harsh image).
2. If caco phones so many times, he or she will have irritated, unpleasant.
3. remember the croaking sound made by the frogs which is irritating...
4. If caco makes us a phone from a not reachable place we hear loud confusing disagreeable sounds
5. a loud unpleasant mixture of sounds like in a jam traffic: a cacophony of car horns and shouting
6. caco(Kaku=aunty) + phony(sound) >> aunty talks in a harsh sound always and shouts...irritating x-(

rhetoric
(noun)
RET-er-ick
Also rhetorical (adj)

Definition: The art or study of persuasion through speaking or writing; language that is elaborate or pretentious but actually empty, meaning little

Usage: The ancient Greeks used to study rhetoric as a major academic subject. Today, if you want to improve your rhetorical skills, you will probably have to hunt down a public speaking class or join Toastmasters. / The politician's blather is all rhetoric and no substance.

Related Words: Oratorical is a synonym. While a lawyer needs good rhetorical skills, sometimes rhetorical and oratorical mean only related to style and effect, and lacking substance.

More Info: A rhetorical question is one intended for effect, and not intended to be answered, as in "Are you stupid?"

Mnemonic:

1.
 rhetoric = "right oral" skills.
2. RHETORIC is right oral skills with little real sound knowledge
3. rhetorical questn is a questn which does not expect any ans frm t listener, bt provokes him to think on it just like putting him in words and entangling him.. its an art of communication (in hindi like shabdo ke jaal mein fasana)
4. rhe(re) tori c(communication)effective hai yar..

preamble
(noun)
PREE-am-bull

Definition: Introductory statement, preface

Usage: The Preamble to the Constitution is a brief introduction that begins, "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..." / The unusual outfit the pop star wore to her first awards ceremony was a mere preamble to a career of full-blown crazy dressing.

Related Words: A prologue is an introductory part, usually of a work of literature.

More Info: Preamble literally means "walk before." The root for "walk" is also found in amble, ambulance, ambulatory, and circumambulate.

Mnemonic:

1. PRE(before) + AM (i) + BOL(tell):
2. Pre(Before) + amble(moving)...i.e. A speaker before heading to main topic, starts with an INTRODUCTORY STATEMENT and then elaborates the topic.
3. amble means to walk preamble before walk information
4. Pre(before) all the rambling starts.

disingenuous
(adj)
diss-in-JEN-yoo-uss

Definition: Insincere, not genuine

Usage: Christine used the fact that her mother spoke limited English as an opportunity to be disingenuous. When her mother asked, "Will there be boys at this sleepover?" she replied "There won't not be boys there!"

Related Words: Dissembling (misleading, concealing the truth, acting hypocritically), Prevaricating (misleading or lying)

More Info: Disingenuous appropriately describes misleading behavior that isn't quite lying, like when you say "Let's do the dishes!" when you really mean "Why don't you do the dishes?" The opposite of disingenuous is ingenuous, or genuine.

Mnemonic:

1. INGENUOUS(can be remembered as genuine) IS SINCERE, INNOCENT AND SOPHISTICATED.
2. This word is derived from the word "Genuine", which means true and real. Disingenuous is just the opposite of genuine.
3. FOCUS ON sin IN THE WORD.
4. indigenous - Native

buffer
(noun)
BUFF-er

Definition: Something that shields, protects, absorbs shock, or cushions

Usage: During the colonial era, England wanted Georgia as a buffer between its original colonies and Spanish Florida. / A railroad car has a buffer (similar to a bumper on a car) to absorb shock in case of contact with other cars. / When Joel came out to his family, he used his mother as a buffer—he knew she would be supportive, so he allowed her to relay the news to everyone else, and to relay their responses back to him.

More Info: A buffer can also be a device for polishing (cars, fingernails, etc.).

inconsequential
(adj)
in-con-seck-WENCH-ull

Definition: Insignificant, unimportant; illogical

Usage: You wrote a bestselling book and got a stellar review in the New York Times—whatever your cousin has to say about it is simply inconsequential. / Given that your entire essay is about Hamlet's relationship with his mother, your thesis that Hamlet's relationship with Laertes drives the plot is inconsequential—that is, it does not follow as a consequence of the evidence you've provided.

Related Words: Negligible, Null, and Nil mean "nothing, or too insignificant to matter."

Mnemonic:

1. consequence means result- we are never worried about the result of inconsequential or worthless things.
2. Not essential
3. in (no-negative)+consequential(consequences) of a study is INSIGNIFICANT to parents :(.

opaque
(adj)

oh-PAYK

Definition: Not translucent; not allowing light, heat, etc. to pass through; dark, dull, unclear or stupid

Usage: The school dress code required opaque tights under skirts—the rules specified that sheer stockings were unacceptable. / Rena was tragically opaque—when her boyfriend said “I want to see other people,” she thought he meant he needed glasses.

Related Words: Turbid refers literally to water that is muddy and not clear because of stirred-up dirt or mud; metaphorically, it can mean obscured or confused, as in turbid feelings.

Mnemonic:

1. The OPening wAs QUEstionable because no light was coming through. Therefore, it was OPAQUE.
2. OP(opposite) and AQUE(aqua)-- opposite of water -- means not transparent.
3. Just think of an opal, which is a stone that isn't clear or lucid

offhand
(adj)
OFF-hand

Definition: Casual, informal; done without preparation or forethought; rude in a short way, brusque

Usage: I was pretty happy with my salary until my coworker Deena mentioned offhandedly that she was thinking about buying a house now that she made six figures.

Related Words: Extemporaneous and Impromptu (done with no or little preparation), Ad-lib (to improvise; something improvised)

Mnemonic:

1. offhand - hands on means experience, you have prepared for that , so off hands means something without preparation
2. offhand = off + hand = Not take in hand (work) = unimportant work = casual work
3. i am taking my hand off from this.means i am not intrested in that
- 4.

console
(verb, noun)
cuhn-SOHL (v), CAHN-sohl (n)

Definition: Lessen the suffering or grief of (verb); a control panel, or small table or cabinet (noun)

Usage: I was unable to console Tina after she fell asleep at the console of her airplane and thereby failed her pilot's exam.

Related Words: Succor (comfort, provide relief)

More Info: As a verb, the word is pronounced “con-SOLE.” As a noun, it's pronounced “CON-sole.”

Mnemonic:

1. con sa sol lagaye apke shoe me ki app comfort feel karenge
2. he is a solo, no girl friend. i need to console him.

permeate
(verb)
PER-mee-ayt

Definition: Spread or penetrate throughout

Usage: Under the Emperor Constantine, Christianity began to permeate every sector of public life.

Related Words: Pervade is a synonym. Both words use the root “per” for “through.”

Mnemonic:

1. Permeable means something that can be penetrated (remember permeability in magnetism)... Permeable >> Permeat
2. permit+in allowing inside=to penetrate..
3. Permeate:permit+in allowing inside=to penetrate.....(or) Per(completely,through)+Mate(mating),so completely mating means penetrating ur Penis in to urs girlfriend/wife pussy.....(|)(like this):P
4. permeate -> per + me + ate -> perfume + I + hate --> spread or diffuse through

cogent
(adj)
COH-gent

Definition: Very convincing, logical

Usage: Studying logic is an excellent way to improve at formulating cogent arguments. / Nurses who work in the Alzheimer’s ward must develop skills for communicating with people who are often not cogent.

More Info: Cogent comes from two roots meaning “together” and “drive”—a cogent argument allows you to “drive” your listener to your conclusion. The resemblance of cogent to cognition, cognitive, cogitation, and excogitate—words about thinking—is merely a coincidence, but a helpful one.

Mnemonic:

1. cogent - gent - a gentle person is always the right person to convince others.
2. co+agent...cooperative agents make cogent suggestions.
3. CO & GENT, two men (gents) joining together (co) in a team to persuade you, will be more 'powerfully persuasive' than just one gent.
4. Cogent - Gent - Gentleman - Gentleman always uses fine-toned words to convince others. Gentleman's convincing manners convinces anybody.
5. Co-operative bank agents are generally persuasive.
6. COGENT=CO.+AGENT..

fortify
(verb)
FOR-tih-fy

Definition: Strengthen, invigorate, encourage

Usage: The white bread found in American grocery stores has been stripped of all the nutrients naturally found in wheat, and then artificially fortified with vitamins and minerals. / The general called for reinforcements to fortify the defenses around the capital.

Related Words: Bolster (strengthen or support), Buttress (a support against a building; to strengthen or support), Galvanize (stimulate with electric current; excite, stimulate to action)

More Info: Fortify shares a root (meaning “strong”) with fortress and fortitude (strength in facing adversity).

Mnemonic:

1. fort is strong n fortify is to strengthen
2. fort+fy---fort+fight---i.e fight for the fort
3. FORT is very STRONG and STRENGTHS the security of king

perfidious
(adj)
per-FIDD-ee-uss

Definition: Disloyal, treacherous, violating one's trust

Usage: The perfidious soldier sold out his comrades, giving secrets to the enemy in exchange for money and protection.

Related Words: Apostate (person who deserts a party, cause, religion, etc.), Recreant (coward or deserter), Quisling (person who betrays his country by aiding an invader), Infidel (unbeliever, person who does not accept a particular faith)

More Info: Perfidious contains the root "fid," for "trust," also appearing in diffident, fiduciary, infidel, and Fidel Castro's name.

Mnemonic:

1. per+FID+ious.. FID stands for fidelity.. i.e. loyalty.. hence perfidious is its opposite
2. perfidious --- perfume
3. perfidious.....imagine a guy who applies PERFume as well as DIOrant....so he is disloyal to one of them.....
4. PERFidious - Perforate. PerFIDious - Feed. Jis thali me khaya, usi me ched kia (= treacherous; disloyal).
5. Perfidious servant ne poisonous barfi di..
6. Perfidious:"PERFect IDIOt",here lets us use idiot as a -ve word,Hence u had a lover who is PerfectIdiot(Perfidious Lover)so he is deceitful,untrustworthy,...willing to betray ones thrust.....

slack
(adj, verb, noun)
SLACK

Definition: Loose, negligent, lazy, weak (adj); neglect to do one's duties; loosen up, relax (verb); period of little work (noun)

Usage: As the product of slack parenting, I never learned good time management skills—Mom and Dad never checked my homework or made me go to bed at a certain time. / The holidays represent a lull or slack in work at many companies.

Related Words: Lax (not strict; careless, loose, slack), Lull (to calm, or a period of calm or quiet)

More Info: The slang phrase "slacking off" comes from the word slack. In more formal English, "He is slacking off" might be "He is slacking in his duties."

Mnemonic:

1. s-lack is the lack of speed.
2. slow+lack

vituperate
(verb)
vye-T00-per-ayt

Definition: Verbally abuse, rebuke or criticize harshly

Usage: All couples fight, but your girlfriend vituperates you so severely that I'm not sure she loves you at all. Verbal abuse is actually a pretty good reason to break up.

Related Words: Pejorative (disparaging, derogatory, belittling), Revile (verbally abuse or speak very badly of), Berate (scold angrily and at length)

More Info: Vituperate comes from the Latin root "vitium," ("fault"), which also occurs in vice (sin, wickedness) and vitiate (ruin, corrupt). Vice (or vitiating your things) would be one reason for vituperating someone.

Mnemonic:

1. think of the word "berate" (to scold/rebuke)--- vitu(p)BERATE
2. vituperate: vittu(a guy) pe rage...to use harsh condemnatory language to abuse..
3. vituperate. sounds like vethu po+rate i.e to rate someone negatively and condemn/criticise them
4. Picture a person finding fault with another. He is shouting at that person and beating him over the head with two berets, one in each hand. (vit) WITH TWO BERET
5. vit sound like fit of perate(parade)
6. Imagine a *bitter(vitu)* + *parade*(perate), where one angrily blame each other or insults each other.

simultaneous
(adj)
sye-mull-TAY-nee-uss

Definition: At the same time

Usage: It is rare in a duel that the two shooters draw their guns simultaneously and actually kill each other in an instant.

Related Words: Synchronous and concurrent are synonyms.

More Info: The root "simul" means "together" and also gives us similar and simulcast, meaning to broadcast simultaneously, such as on television and the Internet at the same time.

decorous
(adj)
DECK-er-uss
Also decorum (noun)

Definition: Behaving with propriety and good taste; polite

Usage: Miss Etiquette writes an advice column about decorum. One writer asked, "What's the most decorous way to tell guests exactly what I want for my wedding?" Miss Etiquette replied, "Young lady, there is no decorous way to solicit gifts, and even asking that question is entirely indecorous of you."

Related Words: Genteel (aristocratic, elegant), Seemly (proper or attractive)

More Info: Decorous shares a root (meaning "beauty, grace") with decorate and decor (interior furnishings).

Mnemonic:

1. decor.DECORATE.if you decorate your ROOM it will look proper in appearance compared to hall.
2. You can relate it to decorum.
3. deepak+in corous will be proper in behavior, conduct, or appearance
- 4.

lament
(verb, noun)
luh-MENT
Also lamentable (adj)

Definition: Mourn; express grief, sorrow, or regret (verb); an expression of grief, esp. as a song or poem (noun)

Usage: Silda said she couldn't make it to the party—she's still lamenting the death of her cat. In fact, she wrote a poem: "A Lament On the Topic of Buttons McFlufferton." Lamentably, Silda is a very

bad poet.

Related Words: To bewail is to lament, while to bemoan can be to express grief or simply disapproval (to bemoan one's fate). The two words, of course, come from wail and moan. Lachrymose means tearful or mournful. A person might get lachrymose over a lamentable situation.

Mnemonic:

1. lament = l[amen]t => we lament the death by saying 'amen'
2. lament ... We express sorrow if a great movie has a lame(lam) end(ent) ...
3. lame + end... sad that his life ended so lame. maybe we should sing a song to commemorate him
4. We feel sad when we see lame person

caustic
(adj)
CAW-stick

Definition: Capable of corroding metal or burning the skin; very critical or sarcastic

Usage: Wait, those chemicals are caustic! You need safety gloves and goggles before performing this experiment, or else you risk not only getting your skin burned off, but also some seriously caustic remarks from our chemistry teacher.

Related Words: Acerbic (sour; harsh or severe), Acrid (sharp or biting, pungent), Astringent (caustic, biting, severe; a skin cleaning fluid that clears pores), Excoriate (to rub the skin off of; to criticize very harshly)

Mnemonic:

1. caustic soda is very common and its "harmful " for health if taken in large quantity...therefore caustic means harmful or burning.
2. sounds like 'caution'... meaning, be careful, there is something..... that is corrosive... or... 'can cause corrosion'.
3. In medical terms 'cauterize' is burning or sealing the ends of blood vessels/nerves similar to destroying; As far as speech, talking about the holoCAUST can be harsh
4. caustic=it CAUSES your TIssues destroy!
5. The stinging sunburn I got CAUSED an involuntary Tlck in my arm.

profound
(adj)
proh-FOUND

Definition: Very insightful, penetrating deeply into a subject; pervasive, intense, "down to the very bottom"; at the very bottom

Usage: Certain fish that live in the dark, profound depths of the ocean have long since evolved to have sightless eyes. / He was profoundly disappointed when the project he had worked on for fifteen years failed.

More Info: Most people know profound in the sense "Whoa, that's deep, man." Fewer people know that you can have profound grief or be profoundly corrupt. In both cases, profound means "complete, all the way through."

Mnemonic:

1. whatever professional or researchers found(read find) has to be deep.
2. PROFessors u FOUND will have profound(deep) knowledge
3. profound seems like purana funda and purana funde have depth meaning
4. Profound= Pehle found. Isliye usmein jyada interest hai
5. pro(past/previous) + found .. if we need to find something from past we have to do deep study about that.

metamorphosis
(noun)
met-uh-MORE-fuh-siss
Also metamorphose (verb)

Definition: A complete change or transformation (in biology, a change such as a caterpillar becoming a pupa and then a butterfly)

Usage: Many reality show competitions are based on the idea of a contestant undergoing a metamorphosis, such as through dieting, exercise, life coaching, rehab, or plastic surgery—or all of the above.

More Info: "Meta" means "change" and "morph" means "shape" (morphology is the branch of biology dealing with form and structure of organisms). When people use "morph" as a short form of metamorphose ("Mighty Morphin Power Rangers"), they have actually used the wrong part of the word; the television heroes should be the Mighty Meta Power Rangers.

Mnemonic:

1. meta ..means many + morp(..derived from morphic)means shape or form..

pith
(noun)
PITH

Definition: Core, essence; significance or weight

Usage: I can only stay at this meeting for a minute—can you get to the pith of the issue now, and discuss the details after I leave? / This presentation has no pith—there's no central point and nothing I didn't already know.

Related Words: Gist means main idea. To distill is to purify (as water) or extract the essential elements of (as an idea).

More Info: Pith is also the central part of a plant stem, feather, or hair. To pith cattle is to kill it by severing the spinal cord—that is, the central part. A pith helmet (worn in battle) is so called because it was originally made from the pith of the Bengal spongewood tree.

Mnemonic:

1. pith : pithaji(father in hindi)essential or central part of the family
2. pith sounds like "peeth" which is central to the body hence pith means important, central or essential part of something
3. think of brad pitt he's a very important part of hollywood
4. PEETH(human back)- peeth has visible marrow and that is pivotal organ of human body and so is pith as main idea..
5. Think "Pit" like the center of a peach which an essential part to help it grow.
6. pith is from "peeth" in Hind. or Sanskrit meaning "center" as in Vidya Peeth or Shakti Peeth, and so "pith" which means center or core

mitigate
(verb)
MITT-igg-ayt

Definition: Make less severe; lessen or moderate (damage, grief, pain, etc.)

Usage: Sadly, his illness could not be cured, but the nurses made every effort to mitigate the symptoms.

Related Words: Ameliorate, Palliate, and Alleviate are near-synonyms, all of which could take the place of mitigate in the sentence above.

More Info: Exacerbate and aggravate are antonyms, referring to making something worse.

Mnemonic:

1. Mitigate > "Gate pe kutte ki potty pe mitti daal do" why? so that the intensity of bad odour will lessen.
2. think of MITIGATE as COLGATE(toothpaste). Use of COLGATE lessen or try to lessen the extent of germs in our teeth. Use of MITIGATE will also lessen or try to lessen the extent of [depends on your usage :)]
3. mitigate -> MIT + i + gate... when you reach the gates of MIT.. your tensions about PG admissions will be appeased/mitigated!!
4. there should be less "mitti" on gate, so mitigate means -to lessen
5. somehow sounds to me like midget.. i.e. small person and can be considered to have less strength (force)...
6. to lessen "mitti" in our house, "mitti" "gate" ke bahar kar do. Therefore MITIGATE - to lessen MITTI by throwing it out of GATE.

adhere
(verb)
ad-HERE

Definition: Stick (to), such as with glue, or to a plan or belief

Usage: I have a message board that adheres to my refrigerator with magnets; on it, I've written some affirmations to help me adhere to my diet plan.

Related Words: Abide by (follow, conform to), Cohere (become united, hold together as part of the same mass)

More Info: Use adhere for attaching two different kinds of things together, and cohere for things of the same kind (good cookie dough coheres instead of crumbles).

Mnemonic:

1. Adhere is relating to a adhesive which is used to stick or join two materials.....so the meaning
2. adhere ~ add + here; so adding two things together means to stick them.
3. ad(add) here , its pronouncing like an order ,,,,come on add fast (stick fast)
4. ADHERE<==> àðªàð%àð²àð" àð•àð°àð"àð% (pr. \palan karana \ \) [Verb]

stoic or stoical
(adj, noun)
STOH-ick or STOH-ick-ull

Definition: Indifferent to pleasure or pain, enduring without complaint; person indifferent to pleasure or pain (noun)

Usage: Della was not only calm but positively stoic, thanking her family for driving her home from chemotherapy, and then simply never mentioning it until it was time to go again.

Related Words: Impassive (not having or not showing physical feeling or emotion), Inscrutable (not able to be scrutinized, mysterious), Stolid (showing little emotion)

More Info: The Stoics were ancient Greek philosophers who believed that self-control could overcome destructive emotions. They compared wicked, emotionally driven people to "a dog tied to a cart," forced in all directions.

patent
(adj, noun)

PAT-ent

Definition: Obvious, apparent, plain to see (adj); a letter from a government guaranteeing an inventor the rights to his or her invention (noun)

Usage: Her resume was full of patent lies: anyone could check to see that she had never been president of UNICEF.

Related Words: Blatant means obvious or flagrant and is used to describe something bad (blatantly disregarding the rules).

More Info: Patent comes from a Latin root for "openness," also appearing in petal. A "letter patent" was once an open letter, and this is the origin of "patent" as a record of idea ownership—if you have a patent, there is an "open letter" (patent for all to see) attesting that your invention belongs to you.

Mnemonic:

1. relate it with patient....when you enter a hospital, you can easily judge a patient from the others.
Something easily seen.
2. blatant
3. I have the PATENT of my invention. So it's CLEAR to everyone that who is the real inventor.
4. patent ka matlab hi ki pakado tent ka sabhi rights,kyunki tent tumhara hi
5. APPARENTLY we have to PAY for the TENT.. (pa-tent)

aggrandize
(verb)
uh-GRAND-ize
Also self-aggrandizing (adj)

Definition: Make greater; exaggerate

Usage: I can't stand when my coworker aggrandizes her role in our group projects. / Stop it with your constant self-aggrandizing—we don't care how many automobiles you own!

Related Words: Augment (to make larger)

More Info: An opposite of self-aggrandizing could be self-deprecating or self-effacing.

Mnemonic:

1. grand- this resembles to something huge,great,wealthy.
2. aggrandize ~ aggregate + grand; aggregating things...is similar to adding details
3. aggrandize,AGG always related to INCREASE in size
4. aggrandize = [agg]ressive + grand + ize
5. aggrandize sounds like a grand eye, like person watching painting with a grand eye finding some lacking therefore adding details
6. grand in the middle sounds like grand father.so,we will get fame from our grandparents popularity sometimes.

retrospective
(adj, noun)
ret-truh-SPECK-tiv

Definition: Looking to the past or backward; applying to the past, retroactive (adj); an art exhibit of an artist's work over a long period of time (noun)

Usage: The proposed law is retrospective: anyone who violated the law before the law even existed can be prosecuted.

More Info: The expression in retrospect is often used to express what the speaker would have done or thought in the past if he knew what he knows now. In retrospect, I should have realized that a

Nigerian widow wouldn't want to leave me a million dollars for no reason, but at the time, I was very excited.

Mnemonic:

1. Retro: past and spect : is to see
2. Prefix Retro:Behind,past...-spect..just adding "in" to -spect..it becomes inspect...thus inspecting
our past, looking back at our past.

advocate
(verb, noun)
AD-voh-kayt (v), AD-voh-kit (n)

Definition: Speak or argue in favor of (verb); a person who pleads for a cause or on behalf of another person (noun)

Usage: I cannot possibly vote for a candidate who advocates oil drilling in federally protected nature preserves. / Children often have advocates appointed to represent them in court.

Related Words: Proponents, Exponents, or Champions are all people who advocate for a cause.

More Info: Advocate contains the root "voc," meaning "to call." This root also appears in vocal, invoke, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. advocate...advocate usually "urges"or "pleads" judge to give in his favour
2. advocate: add+ur VOICE ...support
3. Think of avocado.

inasmuch
(adv)
in-az-MUCH

Definition: In like manner, considering that (contraction of "in as much," generally followed by "as")

Usage: Inasmuch as you missed my birthday party to do the Walk for the Cure, I am not angry at all. Good for you for doing that! / Normally, a student would graduate in four years, but inasmuch as you failed several courses in your first two semesters, that will now be impossible for you.

Related Words: Whereas (while on the contrary, considering that)

fringe
(noun, adj)
FRIN'j

Definition: On the margin, periphery (adj); the people in a group who hold the most extreme views (noun)

Usage: In America, reincarnation is a fringe belief, but in primarily Hindu countries, the belief is quite mainstream. / Stacey and Mark liked to say they lived on the fringe of the big city, but really they had just moved to the suburbs.

Related Words: Penumbra (partial shadow in an eclipse; outer area, periphery)

More Info: Fringe is also, of course, a clothing decoration of hanging cords, strings, etc. (as worn by cowboys or hippies). The connection is that fringe is on the border or edge of clothes, just as fringe ideas are on the border or edge of society.

Mnemonic:

1. fringe...remember it with fridge(short form of refrigerator)... lets decorate the fridge with threads... hope it helps u

ubiquitous
(adj)
yoo-BICK-wit-uss

Definition: Existing everywhere at the same time

Usage: Thirty years ago, women would lie about coloring their hair, considering the admission embarrassing. Today, blatantly fake hair color—not to mention fake tans and unnaturally white teeth—are ubiquitous, not only on starlets, but even on the checkers at the local grocery store. / Maggie learned in Sunday school that God was ubiquitous, leading to the question nearly all children ask when they hear this: “Does that mean God sees me in the bathroom?”

Related Words: Omnipresent (synonym), Pervasive (tending to spread throughout)

Mnemonic:

1. it pronu~ like mosquitos which are being everywhere
2. remember UB Group of Vijaya Malliya. It is present everywhere in India.
3. pronounce it as follows:
4. God is ubiqui-tous because he sticks with-us everywhere at-once
5. it pronu~ like mosquitos which are being everywhere
6. u-b-cautious...before doing sins...because god is present everywhere

dogma
(noun)
DOG-muh
Also dogmatic (adj)

Definition: A system of principles laid down by an authority; established belief

Usage: It is part of the dogma of modern education that there are multiple intelligences that are equally valuable; try to suggest that some people just aren't that smart, and you'll find yourself a pariah. / Dogmatic people will never change their minds, even in the face of evidence.

Related Words: Doctrinaire (person who applies doctrine in an impractical or close-minded way)

More Info: Dogmatic is always meant in a negative way. However, dogma can be meant in a neutral or positive way as well; when people refer to their church's dogma, they generally mean that they believe those tenets on the church's authority.

Mnemonic:

1. read the word backwards. Someone told himself "i AM GOD" surely talks about his religion a lot.
2. Dogma:Dog+Ma(My): As i am going to straighten My(Ma) dogs(DOG) tail,after trying for a months u failed,since ur dog is determined(creed,belif,code of belif) to a setof principles laid down by its ancestors that dogs tails is Curve
3. Mother's word (ma) is all the proof you need
4. Dogmatic/Dogma: Just think of Dogmatic as "Dog Attitude" hence dog is determined and no one can alter,change the dogs principles like "Dog's Tail is always curvy" .
5. Take the first 3 alphabets dog and reverse it as god;So DOGMA=GOD+MA.i.e religious belief in hindu culture is that MA is often considered as GOD.

enigma
(noun)
en-IGG-muh

Definition: Puzzle, mystery, riddle; mysterious or contradictory person

Usage: The enormous rock sculptures in Stonehenge, England are truly an enigma—were they created as part of a religious observance, or in deference to a great ruler? We may never know.

Related Words: Paradox (contradiction, or seeming contradiction that is actually true), Conundrum (a riddle, the answer to which involves a play on words; any mystery)

More Info: Enigma comes from a Greek word for speaking in riddles, which itself comes from a word for “fable.”

Mnemonic:

1. e(nigma)
- 2.
3. enigma—enigma songs are difficult to understand
4. enigma songs are enigmatic
5. enigma sounds like stigma which is a part of flower
6. Think of a mysterious fairy godmother hidden inside a pig. IN PIG MA.

confer
(verb)
cuhn-FER

Definition: Consult, compare views; bestow or give

Usage: A Ph.D. confers upon a person the right to be addressed as “Doctor” as well as eligibility to pursue tenure-track professorship. / Excuse me for a moment to make a call—I can’t buy this car until I confer with my spouse.

Related Words: Vest can mean “grant an authority or right,” as in “The ownership of 51% of the stock vests her with the right to make decisions for the company.”

Mnemonic:

1. in CONFERENCE people go for CONFERING

tractable
(adj)
TRACK-tib-ull

Definition: Easily controlled or managed, docile; easily shaped or molded

Usage: He’s a tractable fellow—when I asked if we could see a different movie than the one we’d come to see, he shrugged and said “Cool.” / The clay had hardened overnight, but adding water made it tractable again.

Related Words: Malleable, Pliable, and Plastic can also mean physically bendable, or metaphorically bendable, as in “easily influenced or shaped by others.” Mutable means changeable. Complaisant means “obliging, eager to please.”

More Info: “Tract” in Latin means “manage, handle” and also occurs in treat and tractor.

Mnemonic:

1. Tractable sounds like tractor, which makes it easy to manage a field.
2. It is easy to 'Trace' a 'Table' in a house. So it is easily manageable.
3. tractable: means someone can be put into track easily, thus easily manageable
4. TRACTABLE rhymes with TRAPPABLE. so someone who is trappable can EASILY INFLUENCED OR CONTROLLED
5. TRACTABLE and FLEXIBLE are rhyming words with a similar meaning. Both words stand for someone who is easy to deal with or control.
6. Think of the way the tread on a TRACTOR's tires MOLD the mud so easily because of the weight of the tractor.

mendacious

(adj)

men-DAY-shuss

Also mendacity (noun)

Definition: Lying, habitually dishonest

Usage: She was so mendacious that, when she broke the television, she blamed it on her little brother, even though he was in a wheelchair and could hardly have tipped over a piece of furniture. Her mendacity knows no bounds!

Related Words: Disingenuous (insincere, not genuine), Dissembling (misleading, concealing the truth, acting hypocritically), Prevaricating (misleading or lying)

More Info: Mendacious comes from a root for “defect, fault” that also gives us mend and amendment, which relate to fixing faults.

Mnemonic:

1. mendacious = requiring mending (correction)
2. A mendicant (beggar) is usually a mendacious person. i.e. given to lying; habitually dishonest.
3. mendacious= men + audacious. men who are audacious can LIE easily.
4. all men are liars
5. Sanskrit where the word मन्द means a kind of physical defectSO A MENDACIOUS PERSON ALWAYS MAKE FAULTS...he lies....beggars are mendacious..because they are dishonest ..and cheaters..
6. Mendacious - Men are dying for women... so they can do anything to get her including lying...

patronizing

(adj)

PAY-truh-nize-ing

Also patronize (verb)

Definition: Condescending, having a superior manner, treating as an inferior

Usage: I’m not surprised that Professor McDougal used to teach kindergarten. His patronizing tone has been driving me crazy. Not only does he assume we can barely add or subtract, he also makes us put our heads down and have a moment of silence.

More Info: As a verb, patronize means to be a patron of—that is, to support with money. You can be a patron of the arts, and restaurants sometimes have signs thanking you for your patronage. This meaning is positive, while being patronizing is negative. What’s the connection? This word (along with patriotic) comes from the Latin “pater,” for “father.” Even in Roman times, fathers had a certain stereotype—they give you money, but they also talk to you like you’re a little kid.

layperson

(noun)

LAY-per-son

Also laity (noun), lay (adj)

Definition: a person who is not a member of the clergy or not a member of a particular profession (such as medicine, law, etc.)

Usage: The actress Jenny McCarthy has written a book about autism. While her experience as a parent is interesting to anyone in a similar situation, it’s still important to remember that McCarthy is a layperson, not a doctor.

More Info: A layperson is literally a member of a church who is not a minister or priest. The laity is the church’s membership (not including the clergy), or a group of people outside a particular profession. Lay can be an adjective meaning “pertaining to regular people,” as in a lay version of a medical text.

prodigal
(adj)
PROD-dig-ull

Definition: Wasteful, extravagant; giving abundantly, lavish

Usage: If you're going to leave a trust fund for your children, you should raise them not to be prodigal, or they'll blow through all the cash the minute they get their hands on it. / The prodigal land produced larger crops than the people could even consume.

Related Words: Profligate (utterly immoral or extremely prodigal), Wastrel or Spendthrift (wasteful person)

More Info: In the Biblical story of the prodigal son, a son asks his dad if he can have his inheritance

now, before the dad dies (rude!), then wastes everything on wild living and comes back all hungry and apologetic, begging for a job as a swineherd (the nice dad takes him back and kills a fattened calf for him). Don't confuse prodigal with prodigy (very gifted child).

Mnemonic:

1. prod(rodies) +gals(girls)=extravagance.
2. prodigal = prodi (proud) + gal (girl)= the girls who is having excessive proud is always wasteful
3. PRO with GAL: to become a pro (casanova) among gals you will have to waste money
4. i show rod to my girl when she was wasting my money
5. prodigal = pro + dig 'digger'. A super digger dig his farmland. What a wasteful!
6. prod (poke) a girl: you r trying to hook up with a girl by prodding her waist, and she ignores you.

therefore, all that you tried to do was lavish, extravagant.

slight
(adj, verb, noun)
SLITE

Definition: Small, not very important, slender or delicate (adj); treat as though not very important; snub, ignore (verb); an act of treating in this way, a discourtesy (noun)

Usage: She was very sensitive, always holding a grudge against her coworkers for a variety of slights, both real and imagined. / Natalie Portman has always been slight, but she became even thinner to portray a ballerina in Black Swan. / I felt slighted when my husband told you about his promotion before he told me.

Related Words: Nominal (trivial, so small as to be unimportant; in name only, so-called), Inconsequential (insignificant, unimportant)

Mnemonic:

1. Give slight importance or attention. Ur putting someone in slight(minority) hence humiliating.
2. chori karte hue light khol di i felt slighted.
3. SLIGHT can be taken as Sex in LIGHT.
4. sl(slap) + ight(tight) --> insult or offence
5. If u dont give a slight(small) respect to ur parents, then slight them
6. sometimes with our friends ,we deliberately insult someone with disrespect and later we say "light ra"(take it easy)...s'light'

buttress
(verb, noun)
BUTT-ress

Definition: Support or encourage (verb); a support or prop, esp. projecting from and supporting the wall of a building (noun)

Usage: A self-defense class really helped to buttress Elaine's confidence. / David used his Ph.D. as a buttress against criticism. "I have a doctorate," he would say. "I just don't think you can understand."

Related Words: Bolster originally was a type of pillow and now is also a verb meaning "support or strengthen." Fortify is most associated with protecting against military attack but also means "strengthen or support."

Mnemonic:

1. remember by your BUTT or BUTTOCKS ! what do they do? They provide you with a padding when ypu sit, giving support.. :)
2. If you have big but (hope you know what 'but' is), you will have extra support
3. buttress=butt rest...butt gives u support so u tk rest on ur butt generally while sleeping or sitting
4. butts rests on support
5. buttress....sounds simillar to mistress.....when i failed my exams due to my ill health ,it was my biology mistress who understood my problem and supported me in my tough time.
6. buttress ends with "tress" can be read as truss, truss are usually created in order to strengthen the stucture (Mech)

crafty
(adj)
CRAFF-tee

Definition: Cunning, skillful in deception or underhanded schemes

Usage: A crafty play in basketball is the "head-fake"—moving the head in one direction slightly prior to running in the other direction, to try to get a tiny head start on a disoriented pursuer.

Related Words: Cunning, Guileful, and Wily are synonyms.

More Info: Crafty is connected to "arts and crafts" in the sense of being skilled. Of course, if you somehow used yarn to trick people, you'd be doubly crafty.

Mnemonic:

1. one who crafts(makes) many tricks to deceive people

venerate
(verb)
VENN-er-ayt
Also venerable (adj)

Definition: Revere, regard with deep respect and awe

Usage: The boys were utterly crushed when the baseball player they venerated saw them waiting and refused to sign an autograph.

Related Words: Revere (feel or express very deep respect and awe)

More Info: Something venerable is worthy of great respect and admiration and is possessed of great dignity usually associated with age or longstanding. That is, you can venerate anything—Mariah Carey, for instance—but if you call her venerable, she might be a bit insulted that you think she's old.

Venerable often appears in the phrase "venerable institution" (said of Harvard, for instance).

Mnemonic:

1. ven(..when)U RATE someone higher.. you TREAT THEM WITH RESPECT .
2. vanar who ate the mountain - hanuman - we revere him
3. venerate is like(V RATE) u know if channel v rates somebody it would be idolized, adorable or respected personality
4. venerate - vener(hot water in tamil). Give high respect or pour hot water

sanction
(noun, verb)
SANK-shun

Definition: Permission or approval, something that gives support or authority to something else (noun); to allow, confirm, ratify (verb);
OR a legal action by one or more countries against another country to get it to comply (noun); to place sanctions or penalties on (verb)

Usage: Professional boxers may only fight in sanctioned matches—fighting outside the ring is prohibited. / America's sanctions on Cuba mean that it is illegal for Americans to do business with Cuban companies.

More Info: This word can be very confusing—its two definitions seem to be opposites. Allow and penalize? We have to use context to figure out the meaning—since the bad meaning (generally “sanctions,” plural) applies to international actions, most usages of sanction (regarding any other topic) mean “allow.” Sanction comes from the root for holy (also in sanctuary, sanctify, etc.). Imagine an ancient society in which the ruler is also the spiritual leader, and it's easy to imagine how legal sanctions could be thought of as “holy.”

Mnemonic:

1. u can read it like sanction ~~ SANG SONG so u sing song when u have been approved or accepted it's like being approved to USA..
2. I- SAY-ACTION, slang for I give you permission
3. SANCTION or PERMISSION or AUTHORISATION - to get the authority to do something.
4. "Saints Ton"...SAINTS have a TON of authority when it comes to giving the church permission to do things.
5. sounds like saction..so a saction of people APPROVING YOUR PLAN.
6. a sanctioned nation must be approved by UN vote.

secular
(adj)
SECK-yoo-ler

Definition: Not religious or holy; pertaining to worldly things

Usage: Forty years ago, American companies wished their employees “Merry Christmas”—even the employees who didn't celebrate Christmas. Today, the secular “Happy Holidays” is common. / Western governments have grown increasingly secular over the last century; many have laws prohibiting religious expression from being sponsored by the government.

More Info: Secular doesn't mean “atheist”—for instance, a devoutly religious person would describe a church as sacred or sanctified and a library as secular.

Mnemonic:

1. He was not a priest, he was SEX-ular
2. we say india is a SECULAR country--- means india has combination of many religions, not a fixed religion, there are hindu, muslims ,Christian, jain
3. India is a SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, it does not have to do anything with the church , Its worldly
4. sex regular:if he is sex regular,then he is not related to or connected to religion
5. secular ~ scholar ; A religious scholar is concerned with spiritual possessions rather than SECULAR possessions.
6. SECULAR or a MATTER concerned with earthly life or material gains, worldly matters.

anarchy
(noun)
ANN-ark-ee
Also anarchism (noun), anarchist (noun)

Definition: Absence of law or government; chaos, disorder

Usage: Once the dictator was assassinated, the country fell into total anarchy, as none of the opposition groups were strong enough to seize power.

More Info: Anarchism can sometimes mean the political philosophy that the absence of all direct government is ideal and that voluntary associations of individuals would be able to govern themselves.

Mnemonic:

1. Anarchy-Sounds like 'monarchy' (like tibet was ruled by monarchy)...so, absence of government
2. Anarchy = A + Narchy -> Narakh (like "hell" in hindi).. and in hell there is complete disorder and lawlessness.
3. sounds like hierarchy take "a" as no hierarchy i.e state of disorder
4. anarchy(noun)...divide this word like AN(.when used as prefix before noun it means..person)+arch(y)...means...most important or head of something.....now think of a country in which there is no person at the most important position(usually a ruler, or PM or
5. anarchy
6. sounds like 'monarchy'(king ruler).so related government.

virtual
(adj)
VER-choo-ull

Definition: Existing only in the mind or by means of a computer network; existing in results or in essence but not officially or in name

Usage: The Tamagotchi is a handheld virtual pet made in Japan—you have to “care” for it by performing various actions with the device, but in the end, your “pet” still looks very much like a keychain.

Related Words: Nominal can mean “in name only” but not in fact. In this way, it is something of an opposite to virtual, which can mean not in name, but existing in reality (The abused maid was nominally a free person, but kept as a virtual slave). De facto means “in fact, actually” (but not in name, as in “Some allege that Edith Wilson was the de facto—or virtual—President after her husband Woodrow was incapacitated by a stroke”).

Mnemonic:

1. Virtual and fundamental both mean - basic.
2. virtual [practical purpose] machines uses karana bahot aasan hai

savor
(verb)
SAY-ver
Also savory (adj)

Definition: Appreciate fully, taste or smell with pleasure

Usage: As a parent, it's important to take a step back and really savor the special moments—those children will grow up sooner than you think!

More Info: Savory means appetizing or enjoyable. It can refer to foods that are pungent, salty, etc. (any flavor but sweet) or to that which is morally respectable (a “dirty” joke could be called unsavory). Although these uses are rarer, you can also savor a food by adding flavor to it, or even use savor as a noun, as in “This soup has a wonderful savor.”

Mnemonic:

1. SAVOR and FLAVOR are rhyming words. You savor (feel the taste) the flavor (taste) of the food you eat.
2. focus on SAVE+or.if you save your money IN youNG AGE YOU can ENJOY LATER IN FUTURE LIFE- A CLICH..
3. SAVE+HER .. so u ll ENJOY as u will get a kiss from her . u can also smell and feel her flavor and taste!! LOL!!

4. money saver pack for Maggie noodles..now u will enjoy more...
5. savor sounds like "sour" means namkeen. I enjoy namkeen.
6. Savor is a person who saves money for his old age.. he can then relish and enjoy the taste of life..

ascertain
(verb)
ass-er-TAYN

Definition: Find out with certainty

Usage: Hopefully, the investigation will allow us to ascertain who is at fault here.

Related Words: Discern (perceive or recognize; tell two or more things apart), Descry (discover, see by looking carefully)

More Info: Ascertain is easy to remember—it means “make certain” and has the word “certain” contained inside it.

Mnemonic:

1. When you have determined your chances of admission into a college AS CERTAIN, then you have ASCERTAINED your chance to be 100%
2. asCERTAIN means to make CERTAIN.
3. certain means a sure event... so a~scertain means that you are not sure, so find out whether it will happen
4. root is certain which means confident; sure; so meaning is confirm

embellish
(verb)
em-BELL-ish

Definition: Decorate, add ornamentation; enhance (a story) with fictional or fanciful details

Usage: Every time she tells that story, she embellishes it quite a bit—at first, she was lost in the woods and then she was found. The part with the grizzly bear was added later. / The Christmas sweater was embellished with festive jingle bells!

Related Words: Bedeck means “adorn or deck out,” as in “The church was bedecked with flowers for the wedding.” This is essentially the same word as in the Christmas carol “Deck the Halls.”

More Info: Embellish contains a root for beauty, “bell,” as in “belle of the ball.” (This can be a quite

confusing root, though, as “bell” can also mean “war,” as in belligerent, bellicose, rebellion. In Latin, “bellus” meant “dress up” and “bellum” meant war).

Mnemonic:

1. emBELLish--we add BELL to the Christmas tress to adorn it
2. belle is used to describe beautiful girls.. they generally adorn themselves
3. concentrate on the middle section of this word - belli (Belly), which is said to be one of the most sexiest part of the female body. So girls usually adorn it (by Belly Ring) to enhance its beauty.
4. emBELLish- BELLY of a girl makes her more beautiful!
5. Women beautify,enhance their skin by applying different cosmetics , after that their skin BLEMISHES
(to remember embellish)
6. em"BELLA"ish...if u know twilight movie...bella is so beautiful girl

guile
(noun)
GUY-ull
Also guileless (adj)

Definition: Clever deceit, cunning, craftiness

Usage: The game of poker is all about guile, manipulating your own body language and patter to lead other players to erroneous conclusions about the cards you're holding.

Related Words: Duplicity (deceit, double-dealing, acting in two different ways for the purpose of deception), Wily (crafty, cunning)

More Info: Beguile can mean to trick or mislead, but can also mean to charm or bewitch—that is, to trick in a pleasant, sometimes flirtatious way.

Mnemonic:

1. SOME GUYS guile GIRLS
2. guile sounds like goals..
3. chris gayle is a guile cricketer
4. guile --> G(jee) U (you) Lie

stark
(adj)
STARK

Definition: Complete, total, utter; harsh or grim; extremely simple, severe, blunt, or plain

Usage: The designer's work is appreciated for its stark beauty, but most people prefer to live in a cozier, more welcoming home—the kind with carpets and pillows, for instance. / She is stark raving mad! / The stark reality is that we will have to begin burning our furniture for warmth if we are to survive.

Related Words: Austere (severe in manner or appearance; very self-disciplined, ascetic; without luxury or ease; sober or serious)

More Info: A common expression is “stark naked” (here, stark adds emphasis). In British slang, “starkers” (American: “streakers”) are people who run naked through a public place for amusement. In many cultures, such an act would be a stark violation of public decency.

Mnemonic:

1. star+“STAR are SIMPLE AND PLAIN, they are so beautiful that they do not need to be decorated
2. stark is opp of star who are embellished even when not needed

posthumous
(adj)
PAHSS-chum-muss

Definition: Happening or continuing after death

Usage: Ernest Hemingway died in 1961. His novel The Garden of Eden was published posthumously in 1986.

More Info: “Post” means “after,” course. Posthumous also shares a root with humus—earth or soil, as in the kind a deceased person is buried in. (Not to be confused with hummus, the spread made from chickpeas). Posthumous often describes the publication of books, the granting of awards or military honors, or the birth of a child after the father's death.

Mnemonic:

- 1.
2. post + humous ~ post + human; after death ~ not considered as human ~ post human
3. posthumous = post + hum + ous; post of hum means after we i.e. after our death.

pristine
(adj)
priss-TEEN

Definition: In an original, pure state; uncorrupted

Usage: Having grown up in a rural area, Billy had been in plenty of forests where people regularly left beer cans and shotgun shells behind. So it truly took his breath away, after hiking hours through the Himalayas, to visit a pristine forest, seemingly untouched by humans.

Related Words: Unadulterated and unsullied are near-synonyms.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like priest(ine) means pertaining to priests which is to remain in pure state.
2. pristine; fresh teen, a virgin!!!
3. pri(pre)+tine(time) "purana zamana"...so characteristics of earlier times..
4. PRE+EINSTEIN: pertaining to earliest times, viz before einstein
5. pristine ~ PRINT and FIRST. First printed books are fresh and clean.
6. sounds as listerine, that keeps our mouth clean...

intractable
(adj)
in-TRACT-uh-bull

Definition: Difficult to control, manage, or manipulate; hard to cure; stubborn

Usage: That student is positively intractable! Last week, we talked about the importance of staying in your seat during the lesson—this week, she not only got up mid-class, but she actually scrambled on top of a bookcase and refused to come down! / Back injuries often result in intractable pain; despite treatment, patients never feel fully cured.

Related Words: Intransigent, Obdurate, and Obstreperous are also used to describe people who are stubborn and hard to control.

More Info: The antonym of intractable is tractable, meaning “compliant.” The root “tract” means “manage or handle” (and originally “drag about”) and also appears in tractor, distract, retract, and, of course, tract (a stretch of land).

Mnemonic:

1. Intractable: things which can not be brought in the right track...
2. tract(TRACK)..SO you have decided to track about your UNRULY CHILD...and you have approached the agency to do this.
3. Intractable is IN(Not)+TRACT(STRETCH)+ABLE(Do)...means if something/someone is not stretchable/flexible, implies STUBBORN or UNYIELDING.
4. intractable has 'tract' which reminds me of tractor in fields.. And given a tractor to drive, it would be hard for me to control...
5. In(not)+tractable(trackable)...it's nothing but wild (it's a synonym)..another is unyielding..wild ones are un-yielding too..
- 6.

specious
(adj)
SPEE-shuss

Definition: Seemingly true but actually false; deceptively attractive

Usage: “All squares are rectangles, all candy bars are rectangles, therefore all squares are candy bars” is clearly a specious argument.

Related Words: Fallacious (containing a fallacy, or mistake in logic; logically unsound; deceptive), Dubious (doubtful, questionable, suspect), Meretricious (attractive in a vulgar or flashy way, tawdry; deceptive)

More Info: Specious is related to the word species, from a Latin root having to do with appearances.

Mnemonic:

1. It sounds like 'suspicious'.
2. Like the movie "Species" about an alien woman who looks human but has other plans
3. Seemingly true/plausible/attractive, but when SPECulated closely, it was found to be fallaCIOUS.
4. spec+ious => ppl with specs normally seem reasonable but end up being incorrect.
5. He made a SPEECH to US which was false
6. JANTa ke pisonse TICKET khared kar trip gaya

mollify
(verb)
MAH-lih-fy

Definition: Calm or soothe (an angry person); lessen or soften

Usage: The cellular company's billing practices were so infuriating to customers that the customer service representatives spent every workday mollifying angry customers.

Related Words: Appease, Placate, and Assuage are near-synonyms.

More Info: Mollify shares a root ("soften") with emollient, an ointment or lotion.

Mnemonic:

1. mollify sounds like nullify...so just think of nullifying something...nullifying your temper
2. mollify molly + fy
3. (HOPE IT HELPS)
4. It is from sanskrit,mollify=mridu(soft)+fy(to make)
5. mollify is opposite of molest (which is to beat up).
6. Mollify --> (Mooli + Fry), by frying mooli(Raddish) it becomes soft. By frying anything hard vegetables tend to get soft.

jargon
(noun)
JAR-gun

Definition: Vocabulary specific to a group or occupation; convoluted or unintelligible language

Usage: The information my doctor gave me was so full of medical jargon I couldn't understand it at all! I'm going to look on the Internet for something written for regular people.

Related Words: Argot and Cant also refer to specialized vocabularies (more often used to describe the underworld—lawyers have jargon, mobsters have argot or cant.) Cant can also mean lofty but insincere talk (e.g., pageant queens talking about world peace). A lexicon is a dictionary or specialized vocabulary.

More Info: Jargon comes from a Latin root for "chatter" that also gives us gargle and gargoyle. Vague business-talk ("It is a best practice to synergize our efficiencies") is often called jargon.

Mnemonic:

1. in gaun (village) ppl use typical or different laguage from metro cities.
2. jargon : i will memorize it by cosidering ARGON element. the property of this nobel element is VERY DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND.
3. Jagron(night out)- in jagron people use religious Jargon.
4. If you've watched the movie Zathura, sequel of Jumanji; there were alien creatures speaking in their language called 'ZORGONS'
5. In the Jargon Village in Andaman people speak only JARGON language
6. jar(char in hindi) + gon(gaaon in hindi) when people of 4 gaon form a language thats jargon

appreciable
(adj)
uh-PREESH-yuh-bull

Definition: Enough to be perceived, considerable

Usage: She ruefully concluded that the “Pot Pie Diet” was a scam and had made no appreciable difference in her appearance—after four weeks, she had lost three-quarters of a pound.

Related Words: A near-antonym is Negligible—both words can refer to small amounts, but an appreciable amount or difference is large enough to matter, and a negligible amount or difference is so small it can safely be ignored.

Mnemonic:

1. APPRECIABLE sounds like PERCEPTIBLE.

audacious
(adj)
aw-DAY-shuss

Definition: Very bold or brave, often in a rude or reckless way; extremely original

Usage: He audaciously asked for a raise after working at the company for less than two months!

Related Words: Insolent (bold in a rude way), Brazen (shameless, contemptuously bold)

More Info: Barack Obama wrote a book called The Audacity of Hope. The title suggests that Americans should be bold enough to have hope even in bad circumstances. Audacious can be good (audacious explorers) or bad, as in the employee in the sentence above.

Mnemonic:

1. audacious..auda(AUDIBLE)...IF YOU WANT to be audible to millions of people you have to be very daring and bold ,to go to the stage and deliver your message.
2. it sounds like "how dare she is(audacious)"i.e au(how)da(dare)c(she)ious(is)..so it is daring
3. when you go for some audition you need to be bold and daring.
4. When someone 'has the audacity' to do something, they have the nerve aka courage
5. There is audition going on for India Idol 4 in Delhi, versatile judges will select you so you shud have enough courage to face them at audition (audacious)
6. he heard (aud - from audio) that it would be viscous so he came quickly

pedestrian
(adj)
puh-DESS-tree-un

Definition: Ordinary, dull, commonplace

Usage: It was so amazing when you had us over to dinner and made that rack of lamb! I’m afraid neither of us is a professional chef like you are, though, so we hope you won’t mind that we’ve made something more pedestrian: hot dogs and French fries.

Related Words: Prosaic means “relating to prose” or “ordinary, dull, commonplace”—the idea being that prose is not as exciting or noble as poetry.

More Info: Of course, a pedestrian is also someone who travels on foot (the root for “foot” also appears in pedal, moped, and podiatrist). The connection with “ordinary” is that a distinguished person would travel on horseback—only the common folk would travel on foot.

Mnemonic:

1. ped means foot pedestrian means one who walks on foot is obviously ordinary
2. pedestrian -it seems like paidal which means walking on foot
3. pede+strian=pede(poor)+strain(nervous)..poor people feel nervous becoz they walk ..talking about them feels like boring ,uninteresting
4. The ppl who always walks on foot in the road without car or bike is always ordinary ppl.

5. tonsure heads need a Tonic for Sure

slew
(noun)
SLOO

Definition: A large number or quantity

Usage: As soon as we switched software packages, we encountered a whole slew of problems.

Related Words: Myriad can also mean a very great number of something (probably bigger than a slew).

More Info: From the Irish “sluagh,” a crowd or army.

Mnemonic:

1. His typing was "slow", yet there were a slew of errors.
2. Slew is opposite small and few.
3. Imagine a STEW with MANY ingredients.
4. slew =not FEW i.e. many in number or quantity
5. Slow people consumes large amount of time.
6. SL = Sri Lankan cricket team has great extent depth of players to play at the end of the game.

subside
(verb)
sub-SIDE

Definition: Sink, settle down, become less active; return to a normal level

Usage: When her terror subsided, she realized that the house wasn't really haunted. / It is a chronic illness—symptoms will flare up and subside over one's lifetime.

Related Words: Abate (reduce, diminish)

More Info: From the Latin for “sink to the bottom,” subside is related to sediment (material at the bottom of a liquid) and sedentary (not moving around, as a person with an inactive lifestyle).

Mnemonic:

1. imagine there is a violent mob.the police comes to make them settle down.there first dialogue to the
mob will be SUB SIDE ho..
2. sub pange se side le lena,ie: become less active or intense
3. compare with subsidy which means reduces

deterrent
(noun)
dee-TER-int

Definition: Something that restrains or discourages

Usage: Some argue that the death penalty is a deterrent to crime—that is, the point is not just to punish the guilty, but to frighten other prospective criminals.

Related Words: Balk (an impediment; refuse to proceed or to do something)

More Info: As a military policy, deterrence is building military strength or ability to retaliate (especially by stockpiling nuclear weapons, as in the Cold War) sufficient to deter enemies from attacking.

Mnemonic:

1. DETER + RENT. A high rent IS ALWAYS A discouraging factor FOR TENANTS.
2. FOCUS ON rent OF DETERRENT.

3. [hindi] dete bola rent, nahi diya.. bechara discourage ho gaya, sala rent lene mein itne hindrances..
4. you can also imagine deterrent as detergent + ant ; if you put detergent in front of ant it will obstruct and hinder its path
5. sounds close to deteriorate
6. Deterrent = detergent. Detergent always hinders or discourages the dust/viruses on the clothes or other materials.

elevate
(verb)
ELL-iv-ayt

Definition: Raise, lift up; lift the spirits of; move up to a higher rank or status or raise up to a higher spiritual or intellectual plane

Usage: After a year getting coffee and making copies, he hoped to be promoted to a more elevated position suitable for a law school graduate. / Our goal here at Morality Publishing is not just to sell books, but to elevate our readers.

Related Words: Lofty (in a high position, esp. in character, spirit, or rank), Edify (uplift, enlighten, instruct or improve in a spiritual or moral way)

More Info: Elevate shares the root "lev" (coming from a word meaning "to raise" or "light in weight") with levitate, lever, and levity, meaning "lightness of personality or behavior, lack of seriousness."

castigate
(verb)
CASS-tigg-ayt

Definition: Criticize severely; punish in order to correct

Usage: At the grocery store, the mother attracted stares when she castigated—rather than merely admonished—her child for throwing a box of instant oatmeal.

Related Words: Excoriate (berate severely; wear the skin off)

More Info: Castigate shares a root (meaning "pure") with both "castrate" and the "caste system." That should make it easy to remember that castigation is harsh indeed!

Mnemonic:

1. cast+i+hate - if you hate caste, you criticize it..
2. castigate ~ castle age: punish without mercy
3. To build "castle" around => block/censure everything
4. castigate= rusticate = punishment
5. CASTticism ke karan logon ko GATE par nahi karne diya jata tha.
6. They CAST a GATE(jail) around you when you do a crime

precursor
(noun)
prick-KER-ser or PREE-ker-ser

Definition: Something that comes before, esp. something that also announces or suggests something on its way

Usage: We cannot ignore this warning sign—it is clearly a precursor of larger problems to come. / The new CEO decided to do things differently from his precursors.

Related Words: Antedate (be older than, precede in time; assign to an earlier date)

More Info: The "cursor" in precursor is the same as in currency—the root means "run." A precursor can be thought of as a "before-runner," or forerunner (a synonym).

Mnemonic:

1. "precursor" = pre(before) + cursor(that points out) == something that points out in advance == forerunner :)
2. She PREpared him for the CURSORy scene he was about to witness, serving as a PRECURSOR.
3. cursor is at the place while precursor is before so to tell fortune

boor
(noun)
BOO-er
Also boorish (adj)

Definition: Rude, ill-mannered, or insensitive person; a peasant or country bumpkin

Usage: Milton was such a boor that, when Jane brought him home to meet her parents, he laughed at their garden gnome and made fun of everyone's hairstyles in old family photos. "Don't be so boorish!" said his mortified girlfriend.

Related Words: Churl is a synonym and can also be used in its adjective form, churlish. Bumpkin, Yokel, and Rustic are all words for an awkward, uncultured, simple person, generally from the country.

More Info: Boor is from a German word for farmer that also gives us the "Boers" in South Africa.

Mnemonic:

1. boora in hindi resembles something bad. boore log, boora kaam...
2. You boo someone which is insensitive. so boor is insensitive, rude
3. prof.BORA in robo film is very rude
4. Boor:Split into boy+poor:when somebody says a boy is poor in front of him ,it's rude and insensitive.
5. boor sounds like poor, when you ignore a person by thinking he is poor that's rude or insensitive
6. BOO-ER = unpleasant person who scares everyone with his manners and rudeness.

qualified
(adj)
KWAH-lif-fide

Definition: Modified, limited, conditional on something else

Usage: The scientist gave her qualified endorsement to the book, pointing out that, while it posed a credible theory, more research was still needed before the theory could be applied.

Related Words: Tentative (done in order to test; uncertain), Temper (moderate, soften, tone down)

More Info: Of course, everyone knows qualified in the sense of qualified for the job. Use context to determine which meaning is intended. A qualified person is suitable or well-prepared for the job; a qualified statement or feeling is held back or limited.

Mnemonic:

1. Primary meaning qualified :above a given standard(quality)
2. even though I was a QUALIFIED engineer, I was RESTRICTED from attending the conference.
3. though i was QUALIFIED for the job but was RESTRICTED from getting the job because of my drop years
4. People above first class are qualified for the Aptitude test hence there are limited number of students shortlisted.

static

(adj)
STAT-ick

Definition: Fixed, not moving or changing, lacking vitality

Usage: The anthropologist studied a society in the Amazon that had been deliberately static for hundreds of years—the fiercely proud people disdained change, and viewed all new ideas as inferior to the way of life they had always practiced.

Related Words: Status Quo (existing state or condition), Stasis (equilibrium, a state of balance or inactivity, esp. caused by equal but opposing forces), Standing (existing indefinitely, not movable, as in a standing invitation), Stationary (not moving)

More Info: The idea of television or radio static is obviously more recent—think of the fact that static keeps whatever you were watching or listening to from moving forward.

Mnemonic:

1. "The contents of our ATTIC is STATIC; it hasn't changed in years.

explicit
(adj)
eck-SPLISS-it

Definition: Direct, clear, fully revealed; clearly depicting sex or nudity

Usage: The goal of my motivational talk is to make explicit the connection between staying in school and avoiding a life of crime.

Related Words: Unequivocal (clear, having only one possible meaning), Explicate (make clear)

More Info: The antonym of explicit is implicit or tacit, meaning “hinted at, implied.”

Mnemonic:

1. "please sit" let's CLEAR out the things
2. (tab) EXPLAIN and SIT--SIT and EXPLAIN
3. opposite of implicit
4. if a matter or work is fully developed or completed then only we can sit can clear or talk.so meaning is to fully expressed,completely established

enhance
(verb)
en-HANSS

Definition: Raise to a higher value, desirability, etc.

Usage: The cosmetics industry stays in business because so many people want to enhance their appearances.

Related Words: Embellish (decorate, add ornamentation), Aggrandize (make greater; exaggerate)

More Info: Enhance may come from the Old French “enhancer,” meaning “to raise” and sharing an origin with haughty, or arrogant.

Mnemonic:

1. when you are given a chance you try to improve more... that is ENHANCE

intrepid
(adj)
in-TREPP-id

Definition: Fearless, brave, enduring in the face of adversity

Usage: Intrepid explorers Lewis and Clark led the first U.S. expedition to the West Coast, facing bitter winters and rough terrain.

Related Words: Hardy (bold, brave, capable of withstanding hardship, fatigue, cold, etc.), Fortitude (strength in facing adversity), Grit (firmness of mind, esp. during hardship; courage)

More Info: The antonym trepid means frightened and trepidation means fear or alarm. The USS Intrepid is a decommissioned Naval aircraft carrier docked in NYC as a museum. As a rule, if it's the name of a ship, it's probably something good (even the Titanic was meant to be positive—"titanic" means very large).

Mnemonic:

1. IN TRAP... you are fearless and confident that you will come out of it.
2. Trepidation means frightening. Intrepid persons are not shaken with trapitation of anything
3. in+trep+idâ€œ when you are IN TRAP(TREP) and you have your ID, you are FEARLESS and BRAVE that you will come out of it
4. trepid sounds like trembling; intrepid must be not trembling or courageous
5. ENTRY+SPEED...when you are driving your bike and enter a congested road with high speed and you do willy and different stunts on your bike, it represents that you are BRAVE,FEARLESS...
6. Trepid is fearful-in(not)-trepid (fearful)- fearless ...

feasible
(adj)
FEE-zih-bull

Definition: Possible; logical or likely; suitable

Usage: Your plan to promote our product launch with a parade is just not feasible—we don't have the money or enough time to get the permits.

Related Words: Plausible (credible, having the appearance of truth), Viable (able to live or develop; capable of success, practicable, workable)

More Info: Feasible shares a root ("do, make") with factory, factitious, and laissez-faire.

Mnemonic:

1. feasible- see EASI
2. feasible- see EASI - work which are easy are always practical to do.it may help you

principled
(adj)
PRIN-sip-ull-d

Definition: Having high moral standards

Usage: Donna was only an intern, but she was also quite principled—although she knew it would kill her shot at a full-time job, she was the one who alerted the authorities when asked to violate federal law via corrupt accounting practices.

Related Words: Scrupulous can mean principled (strictly following moral rules), or can mean precise, exact, careful about the details.

More Info: A principle is a moral rule. A principal is the head of a school, and principal as an adjective means first or most important (the money you owe on student loans, not including the interest, is the principal). Thus, you could say something like My principal principle is never to lie.

assuage
(verb)

uh-SWAY-zh

Definition: Make milder, relieve; soothe, pacify, or calm

Usage: After losing a million-dollar account, he tried to assuage his furious boss by pointing out that he was close to winning a new account worth at least as much.

Related Words: Placate, Mollify, and Appease are near-synonyms

More Info: Assuage shares a Latin root (meaning "sweet") with suave, which today means smoothly agreeable or polite.

Mnemonic:

1. ass-usage in the toilet gives huge relief
2. ass means donkey... donkey's usage give huge relief from carrying loads
3. a+sewage provides the relief ;) hope u get it
4. assuagesounds like AT YOUR AGE. imagine a nurse is ASSUAGING a 70 year old PATIENT and saying "AT YOUR AGE you should take some rest"
5. "as u (you) age ~ grow old" your excitement temper etc come down
6. assuage>as+u+age..

connoisseur
(noun)
cah-nuh-SOOR

Definition: Expert, especially in the fine arts; person of educated, refined tastes

Usage: A chocolate connoisseur, Mom eschews grocery store brands and will only eat 80% -cocoa-or-higher artisanal chocolate that is less than a week old.

Related Words: Epicure (person with discriminating tastes, esp. regarding food and wine)

More Info: Connoisseur comes, through French, from the Latin "cognoscere," meaning "to know," which also gives us cognition.

Mnemonic:

1. (In Hindi Language) Connoisseur sounds like kaun inse sure nahi hoga, kaun nahi sure.. Ye to expert hai. He is connoisseur. He is EXPERT.
2. in connoisseur take "nn" and "ss" as two persons. theres a tie between them. so who is the winner? connoisseur should decide who is the winner. so he is a judge.
3. Connoisseur is always SURE as he is an expert or a good judge
4. connoisseur, is like noise ur..so imagine a situation of a singing competition in which the judge says what a noise ur
5. Conozco from Spanish means to know. Connoisseur is someone with a lot of knowledge- an expert
6. read it as kon issue solve karega??? the answer is judge of art...

penchant
(noun)
PEN-chint

Definition: Liking or inclination (usually penchant for)

Usage: He seems like a mild-mannered accountant, but twice a year he jets off to Australia to satisfy his penchant for adventure sports.

Related Words: Predilection, Propensity, Proclivity, and Bent are all words for a preference or inclination (He has an arrogant bent about him, and a propensity to offend others). Partial means biased, or having a special liking for something or someone.

More Info: From the French penchant ("leaning") which comes from a Latin root that also gives us

pendulum. A person with a penchant leans metaphorically in a certain direction.

Mnemonic:

1. p+enchant- something that enchants you, you have a strong liking for that.
2. chant- verses are chanted by sages because they have a strong inclination towards spiritualism.
3. Some fool is chanting his pen because he likes it so much.
4. think of a pendant that you wear and love very much
5. penchant sounds like pention.....generally retired people have strong liking towards pention
6. PEN(pen frnd) chant(chatting) some one chatting wit pen frnd will have strong inclination in chatting

credulous
(adj)
CREDD-joo-luss

Definition: Gullible; prone to believing or trusting too easily or without enough evidence

Usage: "Did you know you can wash your ears by turning your head on its side in the shower and letting the water run straight through your head?" said the father to his five-year-old daughter. "I'll try that!" said the credulous little girl.

More Info: The opposite of credulous is incredulous, which means skeptical. The root "cred," meaning "believe" also gives us credit, creed, credo, discredit, and accreditation.

Mnemonic:

1. gives 'credit' to everything one hears or reads - credulous
2. a credulous person would fall prey to using a lot of credit cards , since easily convinced by bank callers
- 3.
4. The only thing I thought was like no street cred, a naive person
5. who can be easily given CREDit cards so easily deceived by bank ; so one who trust blindly
6. C(see)+REDulous....I can see red flower even n a desert because I BELIEVE...

finesse
(noun, verb)
fin-NESS

Definition: Extreme delicacy, subtlety, or diplomacy in handling a sensitive situation or in a performance or skill (noun); use tact or diplomacy; employ a deceptive strategy (verb)

Usage: After the prince deeply insulted his hosts, the diplomat was able to finesse the situation, playing it off as a translation error and getting the negotiations back on track.

Related Words: Tact (sensitivity to what is proper and inoffensive)

More Info: Finesse is also a brand of shampoo. The commercials typically feature a person getting into—and then out of—a tough situation. The slogan is "Sometimes you need a little finesse, sometimes you need a lot."

Mnemonic:

1. fine-ness...
2. finesse- seems like : fine + Chinese, means Chinese people are fine at art...
3. Finnish people are finesse in the winter olympics.
4. finesse from 'finesse and ferb' is very skillful with delicate stuff
5. (finesse) - Chinese are skillful in art, fight ,food , delicate electronics.
6. Just like the shampoo finesse

bureaucracy
(noun)
byur-ROCK-cruh-see

Also bureaucratic (adj), bureaucrat (noun)

Definition: Government characterized by many bureaus and petty administrators or by excessive, seemingly meaningless requirements

Usage: Some nations have a worse reputation for bureaucracy than others—in order to get a visa, he had to file papers with four different agencies, wait for hours in three different waiting rooms, and, weeks later, follow up with some petty bureaucrat who complained that the original application should've been filed in triplicate.

More Info: There is nothing wrong with bureaus (the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for instance), but bureaucracy takes the idea much too far. While, technically, bureaucracy can simply mean a form of government by bureaus, it is virtually always used in the negative sense of excessive "red tape."

Mnemonic:

1. bureau(noun.....means..a source which provide information..may be an office or an organization.)+cracy(means...government or the rule....).....so....a government run by officials.....or officials doing the kind of work that either a ruler or a g
2. conti.... that either a government or ruler does. so what do you think of our administrative system?

dissonance
(noun)
DISS-uh-nenss

Definition: Harsh, inharmonious sound; cacophony; disagreement

Usage: After allowing her sixth-grader's heavy metal band to practice in her living room, Mrs. Rosen decided she'd better get used to dissonance.

Related Words: Din (loud, confused noise), Clamor (noisy uproar, as from a crowd), Hubbub (loud noise, confusion)

More Info: An opposite to dissonance is assonance, primarily a poetry term, meaning sound resemblance or vowel rhyme. Harmony or euphony, meaning "good sound," are more general antonyms.

Mnemonic:

1. dis-sonance::DIS RESONANCE--not resonant....so not in harmony
2. Dissonance is opposite of resonance, which is cacophonous, discordant.
3. Dis + sonance (harmony) so something not harmonical and not pleasant..so discord..

daunt
(verb)
DAUNT
Also undaunted, dauntless (adj)

Definition: Discourage, dishearten, lessen the courage of

Usage: Amazingly undaunted after his accident, Devon vowed to complete a marathon in his wheelchair. Not even a dented rim on mile 19 could daunt him—he dauntlessly completed the race anyway.

Related Words: Cow (intimidate, destroy the courage of)

More Info: Daunt shares a root with domesticate, "to tame."

Mnemonic:

1. daunt = haunt = if you are frightened you will be discouraged to go into the haunted house.
2. this mnemonic is in hindi....daunt..sounds similar to "daant"(scolding) aur jab bhi daant padti hai

we easily get disheartened and frightened.

3. daunt sounds like DON'T, means som1 discouraging u
4. DAUNT sounds like "taunt".... When anyone taunts u u get dishartened
5. sounds like DAAT(to scold in hindi)....when you scold children frequently(DAAT), they become discouraged.....
6. Daunt=aunt means ladies always frighten about their work mostly that what they are doing

veracity
(noun)
ver-RASS-it-ee
Also veracious (adj)

Definition: Truthfulness, accuracy; habitual adherence to the truth

Usage: I question the veracity of your story—I just don't think you've been to outer space. / She was known for her veracity only because she had no choice—she was a terrible liar.

Related Words: Probity (honesty, integrity), Verisimilitude (having the appearance of truth), Verity (the quality of being true)

More Info: Don't confuse veracious (true) with voracious (hungry, ravenous).

Mnemonic:

1. veracity and voracity were two cities, people of vora city used to eat too much and people of vera city used to tell truth about their fattiness, which caused differences between two cities
2. U must have the audacity to exhibit veracity!!!audacity means courage...veracity means truthfulness.....(2 words at a go)
3. ver=truth so truthfulness or honesty
4. VERITASERUM...a potion in harry potter which is used to make ppl tell truth is derived from this word!!!
5. Veracity and sincerity are both synonyms of the word truthful.
6. VERUS is a Latin root for true....

pariah
(noun)
puh-RYE-uh

Definition: Social outcast, untouchable

Usage: After the schoolteacher was fired for participating in what some called a "hate rally," he became a pariah in his own town, glared at in the grocery store—even his longtime barber refused him a haircut.

More Info: This word comes from the Tamil language, spoken in India, and is related to the caste system and to the lowest group of people in it, the "untouchables" or pariahs.

Mnemonic:

1. consider it as paraya.. which in Hindi means stranger.. hence it could be an outcast..
2. paria(fairy) are different from us and cannot be taken into our society, outcast
3. Pariah: Pari->Sari. If Someone discomfits a woman anyway by pulling her sari, he will definitely be
SOCIAL OUTCAST. (Any way pls don't mind)
4. Pariah was an outcast in the choir because her voice didn't sound like Mariah's.
5. pariah :: Pare Ho : As is said in local hindi language pare ho (go away), so a Pariah is someone who
is rejected from society and is ordered to stay away

naïve
(adj)
nye-EEV
Also naivety or naivete (noun)

Definition: Simple and unsophisticated, unsuspecting, lacking worldly experience and critical judgment

Usage: I was a little naïve during the hiring process—the HR rep asked for my acceptable salary range, and I answered honestly. Of course I got an offer for the very lowest number in the range! Now I know I should have tried to get a number from her first, or named a higher number so I could negotiate down.

Related Words: Dupe (person who is easily fooled or used, or to fool or exploit), Sap (person easily taken advantage of), Credulous (gullible)

More Info: Naïvete (or naïveté) looks strange because it's French; it just means naiveness. Other strange spellings also pop up in regards to this word: naïf, naïfness, naïfly—all the same word. As a noun, a naïf or naïve is simply a naïve person.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds as "naya", some one who is new is inexperienced....
2. naive: nai(not) + ve(active):so not active i.e.not having world experience and innocent
3. Naive: which is similar to NATIVE,just consider a native Person who born in remote village(who never gone out from his village for education),so he lacks in experience,wisdom.....
4. naive = sounds like naie (saloon) i.e undeveloped & uncultured people are doing that type of work.

synchronous
(adj)
SINK-run-nuss

Definition: Happening at the same time; occurring at the same rate and thus happening together repeatedly

Usage: The sound of that bell is a signal for the dancers to make perfectly synchronous entrances from opposite sides of the stage. / The two nearby churches have synchronous church bells—if you stand halfway between the buildings as the bells chime out the hour, it sounds really cool!

Related Words: Simultaneous and contemporaneous also mean occurring at the same time. Contemporaneous is appropriate for describing people in the same time period (Charlie Chaplin and Mary Pickford had contemporaneous careers).

More Info: The root “sym/syn” means “together” and also appears in symbiosis, sympathy, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. syn is root use for together and crone is use for time so together at same time
2. SAME+CHRONUS...chronusmeans time...hence synchronous means existing or occurring at the same time.....

status quo
(noun)
STATT-uss or STAY-tuss QUOH

Definition: Existing state or condition

Usage: Many opposed the establishment of a needle-exchange program, but others reasoned that the plan would be an improvement on the status quo, in which disease spread rapidly through certain communities.

More Info: Latin for “state in which.”

foment
(verb)
FOH-ment or FAH-ment

Definition: Incite, instigate, stir up, promote the growth of; apply medicated liquid to a body part

Usage: The revolutionary group was quietly fomenting a rebellion, galvanizing student radicals, leading unions in revolutionary songs, and anonymously pasting incendiary posters in every quarter of the city.

Related Words: Rouse (wake up; incite, stir up)

More Info: Abigail Adams famously told her husband John Adams that, if left out of the Constitution, ladies would "foment a rebellion." Foment comes from a Latin word for a poultice or hot compress. The similar-sound ferment (to undergo fermentation as in yogurt, kimchi, etc., such as by a yeast or bacterium) can also be used to mean "excite or agitate"—you can foment or ferment a rebellion.

Mnemonic:

1. Foam starts to appear once you profusely foment (stir up) a soapy hot water bucket(2nd meaning).
2. Science students can easily remember it as it sounds similar to fermentation.. and stirring is an important part of fermentation process.
3. f[oment] => moment. In dynamic kinetics, moment incite wheel to rotate.
4. FIRST - MOMENT...the initial or first moments of any successful person began with motivation
5. when a dog "foams at" the mouth it is "agitated"
6. foment rhymes with torment... when you torment someone, you stir anger up anger in the person.

pious
(adj)
PIE-uss
Also piety (noun)

Definition: Devout; religiously reverent and dutiful

Usage: Some matrimonial websites catering to conservative religious groups contain listings for young women that feature testimonials from the woman's relatives about her piety. Naturally, only similarly pious suitors need apply.

More Info: Pious shares a root ("pure") with purity, puree, and purge.

Mnemonic:

1. We give thanks to God for the PIe he has given US.
2. pi(buy)+ous(us).old ppl are piety & they used to pray take us(Buy us) frm this world
3. pi(legs) + ous >>> we take blessing of GOD by bowing towards the legs of the idol.. so we are RELIGIOUS..
4. The pious never eat pie at church!
5. +o+us--- we thank and SHOW RESPECT TO GOD for giving US PI(pie"food)

credibility
(noun)
credd-ih-BILL-it-ee

Definition: Believability, trustworthiness

Usage: Many famous "experts" with "Dr." before their names are not medical doctors at all. Any television "doctor" who turns out to have a Ph.D. in botany, for instance, ought to suffer a serious drop in credibility.

More Info: The root "cred," meaning "believe" also gives us credit, creed, credo, incredulous, discredit, and accreditation. Don't confuse credible with credulous, meaning gullible. Finally, while we often use incredible to mean "great," it really means "not believable."

Mnemonic:

1. the root wrd "cred" means "to believe". so credibility means The quality of being believable

transitory
(adj)

TRAN-zit-tore-ee

Definition: Temporary, short-lived, not lasting

Usage: While a few people marry their high school sweethearts, generally, our teenage years are full of transitory crushes.

Related Words: Ephemeral, Evanescent and Fugacious are synonyms. Transient can mean “lasting only a short time, temporary” or “staying only a short time,” or can be a noun referring to people who move from place to place.

Mnemonic:

1. Transistors take a very short time to turn from on to off i.e acting like a switch
2. Or, transitory=transition will occur(it has tendency for it)..so, it'll stay in the previous state for short period..previous state is ephemeral..
3. TRANSITORY and MOMENTARY have the same sound and both words mean... briefly, a fleeting (passing) moment.
4. transitory...signifiesthat it has tendency for transition..and imagine that transition is taking place quickly, as generally incase of physics..

propriety
(noun)
proh-PRY-it-ee

Definition: Conforming to good manners or appropriate behavior; justness

Usage: The parent questioned the propriety of the punishment meted out to her son—sitting in a corner all day seemed a little harsh for using the pencil sharpener at the wrong time. / Saying the accounting firm was complicit in “financial impropriety” was a rather polite way to refer to the fraud it committed against its investors.

Related Words: Genteel (aristocratic, elegant), Seemly (proper or attractive), Decorous (behaving with propriety and good taste; polite), Mores (customs, manners, or morals of a particular group)

More Info: This is an easy one to remember—it’s not a coincidence that propriety looks a lot like proper.

Mnemonic:

1. divide the word as propr+iety ..propr(sounds like PROPER)..hence it refers to being PROPER or CORRECT IN CONDUCT..
2. PROPER + APPROPRIATE = PROPRIETY
3. propriety
4. prop+rite
5. propriety sounds like appropriate....
6. having proper property(quality) is propriety

e.g.
(abbreviation for Latin “exempli gratia”)
ee-gee

Definition: For example, such as

Usage: He was positively traumatized by the romantic comedies his girlfriend made him watch (e.g., He’s Just Not That Into You).

Related Words: i.e. is an abbreviation of Latin “id est,” or “that is” and means “that is to say, in other words,” as in “He finally nailed the lutz—i.e., a toepick-assisted figure skating jump with an entrance from the back outside edge.”

More Info: Use e.g. to introduce examples and i.e. to add a definition or clarification.

 lackluster
 (adj)
 LACK-luss-ter

Definition: Not shiny; dull, mediocre; lacking brilliance or vitality

Usage: Many young people today are so accustomed to being praised by parents and adults that they are shocked when a lackluster effort in the workplace receives the indifference or mild disapproval it deserves.

Related Words: Pedestrian and prosaic mean commonplace, dull, or lacking imagination. Quotidian means daily or commonplace, as daily things tend to be! Middling comes from the idea of being in the "middle" and means medium, average, or mediocre.

More Info: This is an easy word—something lackluster literally lacks luster. Lustrous means shining (This shampoo will add luster to your hair!).

Mnemonic:

1. lacking pluster --obviously dull to see
2. Lack+Luster; if anything(like gold,silver,diamond,steel,etc)lack luster(shine) they appear to be dull.
3. lackluster

 countenance
 (noun, verb)
 COUNT-eh-nenss

Definition: Facial expression or face (noun); approve or tolerate (verb)

Usage: Her countenance said it all—the look on her face was pure terror. / I saw you cheating off my paper, and I can't countenance cheating—either you turn yourself in or I'll report you.

Related Words: Brook (suffer or tolerate), Condone (overlook or tacitly approve)

More Info: Countenance shares a root with continence, meaning "self control." The use of countenance to mean "approve or tolerate" makes sense when you think about a similar expression: "I cannot look you in the face after what you did." (We would usually say "I cannot face you" when the speaker is the guilty party).

Mnemonic:

1. (count+ten) A ten year old kid is learning how to count upto 10 and his dad's countenance gave kid a lot of encouragement
2. as a nounCOUNT the no. of TENANTS FACE yu can see
3. Countenance : Count to ten --- small boy was counting form 1 to ten.he got tired. His dad ALLOWED him 2 go to play which changed d appearance of the son's face into a smiley face
4. Count the issues we must take a stance for & approve of or tolerate. ALSO count the faces of despair seen in their expressions.
5. 1. Count down to the end of patience.
6. countenance = count ten & hence see your angry will decrease.

 ingenuous
 (adj)
 in-JEN-yoo-uss

Definition: Genuine, sincere, not holding back; naive

Usage: Multi-level marketing scams prey on the ingenuous, those who really think there's someone

out there who just wants to help them get rich.

Related Words: Guileless and Artless are near-synonyms. An Ingenue is a young-presumably innocent-actress or other female performer.

More Info: The "gen" in ingenuous is the same root as in genuine, and the two words are very similar in meaning. Don't misread ingenuous as ingenious, which means "brilliant" (an ingenious idea).

Mnemonic:

1. In+genuine- In genuine relationship people are naive and trusting to each other.
2. naive and young ppl are generally genuine...
3. IN (suffix, means NO) + (genuous) (genius) ~ one who is not a genius artist and hence is artless ~ INGENUOUS
4. Now i am telling the difference between ingenious and ingenuous..."I AM GENIOUS,U ARE FOOL".Please
see the in ingenuous 'u' is there after 'n'.From this we can infer that ingenious--->clever...
ingenuous---->fool
5. it comes from ingenue which means a young naive young woman
6. like engine; no pretention.

succeeding
(adj)
suck-SEED-ing

Definition: Coming after or following

Usage: After the sale of the company, you will receive 5% of the profits from the current year, and 1% in all succeeding years. / In 1797, George Washington was succeeded by John Adams.

Related Words: Subsequent is a synonym and often appears as the adverb subsequently, as in He took the poison and subsequently fell into a coma.

More Info: Relatedly, a successor is someone who comes after, usually in holding an office, as in After losing his bid for reelection, the outgoing President handed over the White House to his successor.

discrepancy
(noun)
diss-CREH-pen-see
Also discrepant (adj)

Definition: Difference or inconsistency

Usage: When there is a discrepancy between a store's receipts and the amount of money in the register, the cashier's behavior is generally called into question.

Related Words: Incongruity (standing out), Discord or Discordance (harshness or inharmoniousness; disagreement)

More Info: Unlike a mere incongruity, which could be as innocent as one guy with a mohawk at an otherwise straight-laced gathering, a discrepancy usually indicates that someone has done something wrong. A discrepancy in your medical records means someone has made a mistake; a discrepancy in your story means you're lying.

Mnemonic:

1. break into dis+creep+fancy=
2. dis + crep (crap)...if you think its crap, it will obviously lack consistency because your opinions
will differ from the others...so discrepancy.
3. sounds like dis consistency

ponderous
(adj)
PAHN-der-uss

Definition: Heavy; bulky and unwieldy; dull, labored

Usage: The book assigned by her professor was a ponderous tome, more a reference book than something you could read straight through. She was so bored she thought she would die.

Related Words: Tedium (that which is tiresome due to being too long, dull, or slow, as in The plot moved at a tedious pace)

More Info: To ponder is simply to contemplate or think deeply about. But ponderous means boring, difficult to make your way through. Both are based on the idea of "heaviness"—considering "heavy" ideas makes you a thoughtful person, but having to listen to a long, boring speech might seem like a heavy weight upon you.

Mnemonic:

1. Its simple guys, POUND is a unit of weight , we often calculate weight in pounds! 1 Pound = 480 grams
2. Its simple guys, POUND is a unit of weight , we often calculate weight in pounds! 1 Pound = 480 grams
3. POND-erou-S: words in CAPS form PONDS (femina PONDS beauty contest, the contestants are sleek and sexy), ERror(someone who is "heavy" audited for the contest)
4. As big as a POND
5. ponderous~pondrus(pronunciation);pond+rus= the juice-can(rus) in my hand is having a large quantity of juice as much as water in a pond, because of its over weight i walked slowly/dull.
6. ponderous=full of pounds=heavy,having great effect

apathy
(noun)
APP-uh-thee
Also apathetic (adj)

Definition: Not caring; absence of feeling; lack of interest or concern

Usage: Many parents of teenagers are concerned by their indolent teens' apathy about the future. Few teens are totally apathetic, however—many get quite excited about video games, flirting, or trips to the mall.

Related Words: Indifferent (apathetic or impartial), Lukewarm (moderately warm; having little enthusiasm)

More Info: Don't confuse apathy with antipathy, which means "deep dislike, aversion, or repugnance."

Mnemonic:

1. consider pathy==sympathy,
- 2.
3. apathy sounds like chapathy means roti in hindi.so say i dont like chapathi i like breads only.
4. a (negative) + pathy : root "pathy" means feeling as in sympathy; so apathy means having no feeling for others or lacking interest in something.
5. choosing "A"Path or "B" Path doesnot make anydifference(indifferent)
6. Anti-symPATHY

obsolete
(adj)
ahb-suh-LEET
Also obsolescence (noun)

Definition: Out of date, no longer in use

Usage: She kept her old laptop so long that it was obsolete—she couldn't sell it on Craigslist, and the local elementary school didn't even want it as a donation. / When you look up a word in the dictionary and see "Archaic" next to a definition, that means that definition is obsolete—people don't use the word that way anymore, although you might want to know that meaning if you're reading old texts.

Related Words: Antediluvian (extremely old, before the Biblical flood)

More Info: "Planned obsolescence" is a business strategy of making products with a deliberately limited life so you'll have to buy new ones.

Mnemonic:

1. OB+SO+LETE = obviously so late...
2. ob-so-lete/;(sound as "AB so LATE--ab you are SO late, that whatever you have got is of not of any use..
3. ob+so+lete....abe, so light lelo.....not in use any more
4. obsolete - over sold ete movie is no longer used, outmoded.
5. (ab(now) + sold)
6. obso(late) late and no longer in use

languid
(adj)
LANG-wid
Also languor (noun)

Definition: Drooping from exhaustion, sluggish, slow; lacking in spirit

Usage: We signed up for a fitness boot camp, but after a single hour of exercise in the heat, we all felt so overcome with languor that we refused to go on. Turns out the reason we need a fitness boot camp in the first place is that we're pretty languid people.

Related Words: Torpid and slothful mean slow and lazy. Indolent means habitually lazy, such as a person who chooses never to work. Lassitude is weariness or lack of caring.

More Info: Don't confuse languor with langur, a type of monkey. Languorous is a more pleasant version of languid, suggesting dreamy relaxation.

Mnemonic:

1. i will always be studying a book called "LAN guide" with less spirit... because i am least interested in lan..
2. languid sounds similar to language..language classes are generally boring..
3. (lan+quit)your lann quits from chut when you have no energy left or u are tired (pardon my language pls)
4. languid sounds like rapid ; but it means just the opposite !
5. languid = lazy kid; lazy kids are slow!
6. sounds like LANGDI....langde log are slow and they lack vigour

fanatical
(adj)
fuh-NAT-ick-ull
Also fanatic (noun)

Definition: Excessively devoted, enthusiastic, or zealous in an uncritical way

Usage: We avoid our neighbors—they're fanatics who can't go five minutes without trying to convert you to their beliefs. / Mrs. Becker was fanatical about grammar, once deducting fifteen points from a student's paper for a misused semicolon—and it was a physics class!

Related Words: Ardent (very passionate), Zealous (full of fervor or dedicated enthusiasm for a cause, person, etc.). Also Fervent, Fervid, and Perfervid all mean “passionate, fiery, deeply enthusiastic.”

Mnemonic:

1. fanatical ~ fanatic ~ fan ~ holligan = acting excessively enthusiastic
2. Fanatical=Fan+acting

pronounced
(adj)
proh-NOUN-st

Definition: Distinct, strong, clearly indicated

Usage: Aunt Shirley claimed we would never know that her “secret recipe” for brownies involved lots of healthy vegetables, but the brownies had a pronounced asparagus flavor.

More Info: Of course, we pronounce a word, but pronounce can also mean declare, as in, He pronounced the book the best thing he had ever read.

Mnemonic:

1. the person who has a very good "Pronunciation" is very noticeable when he talks

sacrosanct
(adj)
SACK-roh-sank-t

Definition: Sacred, inviolable, not to be trespassed on or violated; above any criticism

Usage: In our house, family dinners were sacrosanct—if being in the school play meant you would miss dinner, then you just couldn’t be in the school play.

More Info: From the root for “sacred” that also occurs in sanctify (make holy) and sanctuary (sacred place; refuge).

Mnemonic:

1. In Hindi 'sacro' or more likely 'sainkdo' means 'hundreds' and 'sant' means 'a hermit (a sacred person)'. In the Hindu Mythology we have descriptions of hundreds of the MOST SACRED hermits.
2. try to look at the last sacro+SANCT(SANCTITY).....AND think of saints who are living life of sanctity.
3. SACRO(pure) n SANCT(Pure) are the root words of pure which results da etymology of many imp words...
- sacrosanct is pure+pure => very pure , inviolable
4. sacrosanct -the first part of the word sacro indicate the sacred and sanct indicate saint whose life is sacred
5. sacro(sacred)+sanct(saint) like...

base
(adj)
BASE

Definition: Morally low, mean, dishonorable; of little or no value; crude and unrefined; counterfeit

Usage: His philanthropy was underlied by truly base motives—he not only craved the fawning publicity his donations brought, but he was actually funneling drug money through the Children’s Defense Fund! / The supposed “gold bricks” were really base metals covered in a very thin layer of real gold.

Related Words: Debase (lower or reduce in quality or dignity)

Mnemonic:

1. BASI(stale) is BAD
2. BASE: it refers to something which is the lowest part..so base is something which is bad;
3. A person with a Iron leg is morally bad to others.
4. a base metal like iron is generally inferior in quality and value than the other metals.

chauvinism
(noun)
SHOW-vin-izm
Also chauvinist (noun), chauvinistic (adj)

Definition: Fanatical patriotism or blind enthusiasm for military glory; undue or biased devotion to any group, cause, etc.

Usage: He's such a chauvinist that he denies that any other nation could be better than ours at anything
-he insists our wine is better than France's, our ski slopes are better than Norway's, and even that we grow more rice than China! Absurd.

Related Words: Bigot (obstinately prejudiced person), Xenophobia (fear of foreigners), Jingoism (extreme chauvinism plus warlike foreign policy)

More Info: Don't confuse chauvinism with sexism—a "male chauvinist" is just one kind. The original chauvinist was Nicholas Chauvin, a possibly fictional soldier wounded 17 times while serving in Napoleon's army (he really loved Napoleon).

Mnemonic:

1. CHA(hatred)+WIN ism: unreasonable HATRED, to other races to make your race WIN
2. Chauvinism and jingoism rhyme...

zeal
(noun)
ZEEL
Also zealot (noun)

Definition: Great fervor or enthusiasm for a cause, person, etc., tireless diligence in furthering that cause; passion, ardor

Usage: Whether you agree with their views or not, you have to admit that the employees of PETA have great zeal for animal rights—most work for less than \$25,000 a year, and often participate in protests that get them shouted at or even arrested.

Related Words: Ardent (very passionate), Fanatical (excessively devoted, enthusiastic, or zealous in an uncritical way). Also Fervent, Fervid, and Perfervid all mean "passionate, fiery, deeply enthusiastic."

More Info: The original Zealots were a Jewish sect that fiercely resisted Roman rule.

Mnemonic:

1. zea(related to hindi word zee-tod mehnat)...so you are very much eager to do zee tod mehnat for your exam.
2. The sea seal had lots of zeal and feel while playing ball games with the people on beach.
3. Zeal which means full of enthusiasm,
- 4.
5. Zeal sounds like feel
6. zeal, is the stronger form of feel!

detached
(adj)
dee-TATCH-t

Definition: Impartial, disinterested; unconcerned, distant, aloof

Usage: He found her detached demeanor inappropriate for a funeral. It's fine to politely ask how someone died, but it's not appropriate to coldly question a relative on the medical history of the deceased. / The divorce proceeding was full of anger and recriminations, but the judge was able to make a detached decision.

Related Words: Standoffish (cold, unfriendly)

More Info: A detached house is one that does not have a wall in common with another building.

Mnemonic:

1. DE (removed or cut off) + ATTACHED (emotionally involved)...if you cut yourself off an emotional involvement, you detach yourself from the relationship.
2. we have heard detachment.means having no attachment hence emotionless.

equitable
(adj)
ECK-wit-uh-bull
Also equity (noun)

Definition: Fair, equal, just

Usage: As the university president was heavily biased towards the sciences, faculty in the liberal arts felt they had to fight to get an equitable share of funding for their departments.

Related Words: Evenhanded (fair, impartial), Parity (equality or equivalence)

More Info: Don't confuse equitable and equity with equanimity and equanimous; the first set is about equality, the second set about being even-tempered.

Mnemonic:

1. Mom made a cake and distributed it EQUALLY to everyone sitting at the TABLE, being impartial and fair ..
2. Having EQUAL TABLEs in division of assets

makeshift
(noun, adj)
MAKE-shift

Definition: A temporary, often improvised, substitute (noun); improvised for temporary use (adj)

Usage: Lost in the woods for over 24 hours, the children were eventually found sleeping under a makeshift tent made from branches and old plastic bags. / I don't have a ladder, but I can stack up some boxes as a makeshift.

More Info: The expressions "thrown together" or "slapped together" express a similar idea of "making do" with the resources on hand. To "jury rig" something is to assemble it quickly with whatever materials you have available.

Mnemonic:

1. make+shift....and when do u shift people in your office ,its when you need them urgently as a substitute in place of other employee
2. When u dont have shift in d factory(emergency), u make it,i.e TEMPORARILY arrange it. Makeshift

diverge
(verb)
die-VERGE
Also divergent (adj)

Definition: Differ, deviate; branch off or turn aside, as from a path

Usage: Go five miles until the old post office, then the road diverges—you want the branch that winds off to the left. / The high school sweethearts found that their paths diverged when they were accepted to different colleges.

Related Words: Disparate (divergent, different)

More Info: The antonym of diverge is converge.

Mnemonic:

1. The Driver DIVER(GE)TED into different directions

abate

(verb)

uh-BAYT

Also abatement (noun)

Definition: Reduce, diminish

Usage: Her stress over spending so much money on a house abated when the real estate broker told her about the property's 15 year tax abatement.

Related Words: Tax abatement is used in the same way as tax "relief"—that is, a partial discount. Subside is another word for lessening (a storm could abate or subside).

More Info: Abate comes from an Old French word for "beat, cast down" that also gives us batter (beat severely) and abattoir (slaughterhouse).

Mnemonic:

1. rebate means discount... i.e reducing the price..

2. (Tag :) abate which is rhyming with debate. Debate means raising (actually in discussion imagine that

in every thing) just opposite to debate consider abate that is reduction in nature

3. ab ate mat karo abate your weight

4. A BAIT is given to rats at home finally rats get reduced. So u can directly give ABATE to rat to reduce its population i.e; ABATE is reducing

5. 'abate' sounds like the hindi bait" means "come sit". Imagine a tired old man visiting you and you offer a chair and say 'aa bait' it will lessen relieve your tiredness.

6. ABATE=AB+ATE... here "ATE" is the past tense of "eat". So when we eat, the quantity tends to reduce

or lessen... the same applies here..

kudos

(noun)

KOO-dohss

Definition: Praise, honor, congratulations

Usage: "Kudos on your amazing GRE score!" said the teacher. / While the critics weren't impressed, the play received plentiful kudos from the audience.

Related Words: Plaudits (applause, approval), Laudation (praise), Panegyric (formal, lofty, or elaborate praise), Paeon (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

Mnemonic:

1. KUDO(to jump in Hindi). one JUMPS with joy on receiving an HONOUR.

2. sounds lik judo..so when u win win in judo ull be "honoured" with k-belt (like black belt in karate).

3. kud means small + os (operating system); small operating system is always praise worthy & surely approval and commendation.

flag

(verb)

FLAG

Definition: Get tired, lose enthusiasm; hang limply or droop

Usage: Our grandmother is so physically fit that she was ready to make the rounds of the entire amusement park again after lunch, while most of us were flagging and just wanted to sit.

Related Words: Enervate (weaken, tire)

More Info: One way to think of the “get tired” meaning of flag is to think of how a flag waving in the breeze droops and hangs when the wind stops. Of course, flag as a verb can also mean “to hail or wave down,” as in “flag a taxi,” or “to mark,” as in “flag a page of a book with a sticky note.”

Mnemonic:

1. white flag is used to indicate surrender as in a war, a white flag is used to indicate acceptance of defeat. thus low in vigour, grow feeble
2. flag rhymes with sag which means to droop or grow feeble
3. flag sounds lyk slag n slag is a waste material...if u become WEAK then u r considered waste...!!!!
- 4.
5. flag = female + leg; If you attack by femal leg then you will be come worsen.

solicitous
(adj)
suh-LISS-sit-uss

Definition: Concerned or anxious (about another person), expressing care; eager or desirous; very careful

Usage: A solicitous host, Derek not only asked each person how he or she was doing, but asked by name about everyone’s spouses and kids. / Solicitous of fame, she would do anything to get near celebrities.

More Info: Don’t confuse solicitous with soliciting, which means selling, asking or entreating, or acting as a prostitute. Signs on homes and businesses that say “No Soliciting” are telling salespeople to stay away.

Mnemonic:

1. Solicit means to request earnestly for something, but if you have to wait for it to happen then you are liable to become solicitous.
2. soli(solo).if u r doin a work on ur own(solo) then u ll do t wit much eager and care
3. SOLO+SIT !!
4. one who plays solitaire (SOLiCitous)â€”shows interest and concern in playing games
5. solicitor means a lawyer so he always must be attentive and concerned (/solicitous) towards his cases.
6. Whenever a guest comes to our house we ask him if he--> Slept well (SO), SITting well (cit) --> we are very concerned

dormant
(adj)
DOR-muhnt

Definition: Asleep, inactive, on a break

Usage: Some famous writers’ skills have lain dormant until quite late in life; Laura Ingalls Wilder didn’t publish Little House on the Prairie until she was 65.

Related Words: Abeyance (temporary suspension, inactivity), Hiatus (break or gap in an activity), Deferment or Deferral (postponement)

More Info: If you speak Spanish or French, dormant will certainly remind you of the verb dormir, to sleep.

Mnemonic:

1. see the word DORMant, DORM is a dormitory a place to sleep..so if you are sleeping you are inactive or lethargic..
2. Dormant is like DoorMat which SLEEPS on the floor...so INACTIVE
3. dormant-"DOOR"+"MAN" is mostly sleepy(inactive)...but becoms active if sumone comes...

compliant
(adj)
cuhm-PLY-ent

Definition: Obeying, submissive; following the requirements

Usage: Those who are not compliant with the regulations will be put on probation and possibly expelled. / A compliant child, he never gave his parents any trouble.

Related Words: Compliant and Obliging are words describing people who comply with eagerness.

Mnemonic:

1. one who never complains and obeys everything is compliant !
2. compli(comply)+ant(aunt)..TO comply with UR AUNT wishes or willings.
3. complain not I am yielding,ready for ur requirements
4. COMPLIANT= COMPLIANT. pliant means flexible and easily influenced. so compliant person is ready to yield.
5. COMPLIANT+COMPLIANCE:

tacit
(adj)
TASS-it

Definition: Understood without being said; implied, not stated directly; silent

Usage: Her parents never told her she could smoke, but they gave their tacit consent when they didn't say anything about the obvious smell coming from her bedroom.

Related Words: Implicit (implied, not stated directly; involved in the very essence of something, unquestionable)

More Info: Tacit is related to taciturn (not talking much, reserved).

Mnemonic:

1. tacit ~ take it; imagine you are giving permission to someone to take something from your room...but you didn't say it verbally but via your actions.
2. tacit= take + it
3. Tacit - Change the word to Tact - You tactfully (with perfection)handled the situation even without expressing it in words (tacit).
4. break it as taci -t = taxi ..when u r waiting on road side . it implied, understood without being expressed that you need taxi
- 5.
6. Example for Tacit is Mr.Bean's Action,who used to laugh a lot with out speaking a word

obsequious
(adj)
ahb-SEEK-wee-uss

Definition: Servile, very compliant, fawning

Usage: Sammy thought he could get ahead by being obsequious, but instead, his boss gave a promotion to someone he viewed as more of a peer; truthfully, he thought Sammy's sucking up was pretty pathetic.

Related Words: Sycophant, Lackey, Toady, and Myrmidon are all words for an obsequious person (colloquially, a "bootlicker"). Fawn means to try to please in a submissive way, Truckle means to act subserviently and Kowtow means to fawn— or, literally, to bow until one's forehead touches the floor.

More Info: The root "sequi" means "follow" and also appears in sequel and sequence.

Mnemonic:

1. or obse(ssed)-Qui(yes in french)-ous=always obsessed with saying yes to it all
2. ob + SEQUI + ous .. sequi means sequence where one thing "follows" the other.. and servants follow what their masters say..
3. seq = Suck, uio = Your, us = Ass. He sucks your ass, therefore he's obsequious.
4. Think "seek" because when you seek something you show attentiveness to find it.
5. sounds like AP+SEEK+QUOUS.....when you seek help, you are attentive and your manner is servile
6. ob (to) sequi (to follow) and ous (full of) so obsequious is full of following after

analogous
(adj)
uh-NAL-uh-guss

Definition: Comparable, corresponding in some particular way (making a good analogy)

Usage: In the U.S., whenever opponents of a war want to suggest that the war is unwinnable, they point out all the ways in which the war is analogous to the Vietnam War.

Related Words: Tantamount (equivalent, as in "What he did is tantamount to murder.")

Mnemonic:

1. remember analogous from analogy
2. ana"log"ous: in log tables all values seem similar
3. We know analog watches >> their movement is similar to that of the earth >> time progresses as the earth moves in rotation.
4. Analogies are given by the lecturers while teaching which compares the example with the present subject
- 5.
6. ANALOGOUS<==> à¤...à¤¤"à¤à¤¤°à¤¥,à¤¤¤ (pr. \anurup \ \)[Adjective]

polarized
(adj)
POH-ler-rize-d

Definition: Divided into sharply opposed groups

Usage: The school board was used to rationally discussing issues, but when it came to the teaching of evolution in schools, the board was polarized, immediately splitting into two camps, with the discussion devolving into a shouting match within minutes.

Related Words: Faction (group or clique within a larger organization), Partisan (partial to a particular party, group, etc., esp. in a biased, emotional way), Cabal (a conspiratorial group)

More Info: In science, polarized objects have positive electric charges in one area and negative electric charges in another.

indeterminate
(adj)
in-dee-TER-min-it

Definition: Not fixed or determined, indefinite; vague

Usage: The results of the drug trial were indeterminate; further trials will be needed to ascertain whether the drug can be released. / The lottery can have an indeterminate number of winners—the prize is simply divided among them.

Related Words: Ambiguous (not clear, hard to understand, open to having several meanings or interpretations)

Mnemonic:

1. take it as 'determine output of this expression' means find a precise value so indeterminate means not precise / uncertain

bogus
(adj)
BOH-guss

Definition: Fake, fraudulent

Usage: The back of this bodybuilding magazine is just full of ads for bogus products—this one promises 22-inch biceps just from wearing magnetic armbands!

Related Words: Spurious and Sham are synonyms

More Info: Bogus is of American origin, originally a device for making counterfeit money. “Bogus!” was also a slang term of the ‘80s (prominent in the 1989 film Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure), meaning “bad” or “unfair.” On the GRE, however, bogus means fake.

Mnemonic:

1. BOGUS Sounds like BRUTUS-so he is a fraud
2. it is formed as : bug(bog) + us---pcs' bugs are always fake to annoy u!!
3. BOG(bogy in telugu)+us...one who steals bogies from our country are frauds

acme
(noun)
ACK-mee

Definition: Summit, peak, highest point

Usage: The acme of my vacation was when I finally climbed to the acme of the mountain and enjoyed the gorgeous vista.

Related Words: Summit, Pinnacle (synonyms), Apex (vertex, tip, point), Apogee (high point, point at which the moon is furthest from the Earth)

More Info: Acme, Summit, Pinnacle, and Apex are all popular names for businesses: Apex Locksmith, Pinnacle Home Security, etc. (Acme is especially popular, since it occurs early in the phone book).

Mnemonic:

1. Like acne=high points on skin(pimple).Acme=Highest point in ones work.
2. in cartoon network the coyote uses ACME tools to kill the road runner.... jus remember he always falls off the PEAK of a mountain.,, always
3. A(aaaaaaaaaa.....) C(see)
4. Sounds like LAKME (face cream) whose products promise your beauty to reach its peak.
5. Acme can be rearranged as Meca sound like Mecca Going to Mecca is the highest dream of Muslims
6. Acme Sounds like peak me.

abrasive
(adj)
uh-BRAY-siv

Also abrade (verb)

Definition: Rough, suitable for grinding or polishing (such as sandpaper); causing irritation or annoyance

Usage: Could the inside of this mascot costume be any more abrasive? It's rubbing my skin raw! I have some seriously abrasive remarks for whoever designed this thing.

Related Words: Caustic (capable of burning or corroding; extremely critical or sarcastic), Excoriate (to rub the skin off of; to criticize very harshly)

More Info: Like caustic and excoriate, abrasive can be used literally or metaphorically. You scrub a dirty pan with something abrasive, such as steel wool. Harsh criticism is abrasive, like being scrubbed with steel wool.

Mnemonic:

1. abrasive:ab-Erasive:which means rubbing away
2. abrasive..it sounds like aggressive,which means harsh behavior
3. A+BRA+sive.. it is very harsh behaviour if we touches a womens bra.. which is not good..
4. ab + rasi -- ab means away and rasi sounds like erase.. erasing something to remove away some dirt..
hence rubbing away.
5. take first three letters of this word...i.e. ABR...
6. a-bra-sive which is rubbed every day

rescind
(verb)
riss-SIND

Definition: Annul, repeal, make void

Usage: The governor rescinded his proclamation making September 10th "Pastafarian Day" once someone told him it wasn't a real religion.

Related Words: Negate (deny or refute; make void or cause to be ineffective), Nullify (make void or invalid)

Mnemonic:

1. rescind reminds us of "resign", where resign is to cancel your appointment and rescind is to cancel an agreement.
2. chodd na RESEND kon karega cancel kar de
3. rescind sounds like resend. So you cancel and an official doc and resend for correction.
4. Rescind sounds like RESEND...i.e.when previous file transfer got CANCELED/INVALIDATED we ask to resend.
5. resend the ' removed deleted canceled ' files
6. ReScind : Scindias still have power to officially cancel contracts ..

spate
(noun)
SPAYT

Definition: Sudden outpouring or rush; flood

Usage: After a brief spate of post-exam partying, Lola is ready for classes to begin again. / He was so furious that a spate of expletives just flew out of his mouth.

Related Words: Inundate and deluge are both words for flooding, also used metaphorically to mean an overwhelming influx of something (inundated with work, a deluge of complaints).

Mnemonic:

1. What will be fate of our state if there is a SPATE OR SUDDEN FLOOD?
2. Spate sounds like spout. Think of water rushing from a spout.

3. Spate=spat(spit) but rather pure water.
4. spate.....splash.
5. SPAT-e = sudden flood!
6. spate: SPACe + fATE : when we are in space(zero gravity) we count on our fate because there might be sudden flood of things/particles/rays and we might go to hell soon. so dont skate on fate and avoid going to space.. ;)

counterintuitive
(adj)
count-er-in-TOO-it-iv

Definition: Against what one would intuitively expect

Usage: Although it seems counterintuitive, for some extreme dieters, eating more can actually help them to lose weight, since the body is reassured that it is not facing a period of prolonged starvation.

Related Words: Paradoxical (contradictory, or seemingly contradictory but actually true)

likewise
(adverb)
LIKE-wize

Definition: Also, in addition to; similarly, in the same way

Usage: Chip was baffled by all the silverware set before him, so when his host began eating salad with the smallest, leftmost fork, Chip did likewise.

Related Words: Moreover (in addition to what has been said, for instance "His actions cost us the job; moreover, he seriously offended our client)."

More Info: In conversation, likewise can mean "Me, too." When someone says "Nice to meet you," you could say, "Likewise."

precarious
(adj)
prick-CAIR-ee-uss

Definition: Unstable, insecure, dangerous

Usage: Recognizing that his position at the company was precarious, Sanjay requested that his bonus structure be formally written down as a contract, rather than dangled over him as a mere verbal promise.

Related Words: Parlous is a synonym.

Mnemonic:

1. PRE+CARE+IOUS -> We have to take CARE while doing something risky so that it does not go wrong...
2. what we do before starting something unsafe or risky,
3. Precarious-sounds ilke please carry Us..but thats very risky
4. Stress on the word CAR in it=> risky,lacking in stability
5. PRE + CAR + US = kisi shop ke samne CAR park karna UNSAFE hai.....
6. sounds like curious, Being curious ahead of time(pre) is risky, cause we all know curiosity killed the cat! :P

homogeneous
(adj)

Definition: Of the same kind; uniform throughout

Usage: While Sweden seems to have solved many of its social ills, critics point out that Sweden's largely homogeneous population doesn't present the challenges extant in a more diverse nation with many cultures and languages.

Related Words: Heterogeneous (different in type, incongruous; composed of different types of elements) is the antonym of homogeneous.

More Info: The Latin root "gen" means "birth, produce, race" and appears in generate, genus, gender, genocide. "Homo" means "same" and appears in the biology term homologous (having the same relation or structure, as in human arms and bat wings).

sap
(noun, verb)
SAP

Definition: The inner fluid of a plant or any essential body fluid; energy, vitality; a person taken advantage of (noun); undermine, weaken, tire out (verb)

Usage: I really thought that if I clicked on that Facebook ad and entered all my information, I would get a free iPad to test and keep! I feel like such a sap. / In order to make maple syrup, you must drain

sap from a sugar maple tree—they call this "sapping" the tree, which I can understand, because I feel pretty sapped doing it! Fortunately, it's just a metaphor.

Related Words: Enervate (weaken, tire), Enfeeble (weaken, make feeble)

More Info: The meaning of sap as a gullible or simple person is thought to be related to calling someone a "sapskull"—the idea being that the person's head is made of soft, sappy wood from the inside of a tree.

Mnemonic:

1. If you slap(sap) someone you diminish his dignity..
2. Swallow A Power abbreviated to 'SAP'
3. sap sounds like zap..
4. if u don't spend time for nap u'll become sap
5. SAP and RELAPSE. A RELAPSE of an illness SAPS your strength, undermines your constitution, weakens your body.

conversely
(adverb)
cuhn-VER-slee

Definition: In an opposite way; on the other hand

Usage: I am not here to argue that lack of education causes poverty. Conversely, I am here to argue that poverty causes lack of education.

Related Words: The expression "to the contrary" is sometimes used in the same way as conversely.

More Info: In logic, the converse of a statement is a simple reversal, from "Bachelors are unmarried men" to "Unmarried men are bachelors." The converse is not always true, such as in the case of "All schnauzers are dogs" and "All dogs are schnauzers."

novel
(adj)
NAH-vull

Definition: New, fresh, original

Usage: You can make your writing better by eliminating clichés and replacing those clichés with more novel turns of speech. / Smoked salmon on a pizza? That's certainly a novel idea.

Related Words: There are many more words for old, stale, overused ideas or writing lacking in novelty; trite, insipid, banal, and hackneyed are all antonyms of novel.

More Info: Novel is related to the French nouvelle, "new." The meaning of novel as a book-length work of fiction comes from the idea of a "new story."

Mnemonic:

1. I prefer to buy NEW novels

eclipse
(noun, verb)
ick-CLIPS

Definition: The obscuring of one thing by another, such as the sun by the moon or a person by a more famous or talented person (noun); to obscure, darken, make less important (verb)

Usage: During a solar eclipse, the moon eclipses the Sun. / Billy Ray Cyrus, who had a hit song, "Achy Breaky Heart," in the '90s, has long since found his fame eclipsed by that of his daughter, Miley.

Related Words: Occult can mean "supernatural, mysterious, arcane," but as a verb, can also mean "to hide from view or become hidden," as in "The Pleiades, existing in deep sky, can be occulted by the moon when everything lines up just right" or "Other former members of NSYNC have felt their careers occulted (or eclipsed) by the stunning success of Justin Timberlake."

Mnemonic:

1. during the total solar eclipse one heavenly body covers another heavenly body making the other one barely visible
2. eclipse: e (this) clip se(see); See this clip so dark cannot understand anything.
3. EK(ONE)LIPS(HONTH)IF ONE LIP COVERED BY ANOTHER THEN THERE IS ECLIPS

jocular
(adj)
JOCK-yoo-ler

Definition: Joking or given to joking all the time; jolly, playful

Usage: He's certainly a jocular fellow—if we were friends, I'm sure I'd find his antics amusing, but as his professor, I do wish he'd contribute some serious comments to the class discussion instead of his constant stream of jocular comments.

Related Words: Jocund and jocose come from the same root and mean the same thing. Waggish (merry, roguish), Risible (laughable, related to laughing), Droll (funny in an odd way)

Mnemonic:

1. joker
2. Joke(joc) + cooler (cular). Imagine a cooler which throws out jokes. (jocular = said or done as a joke)

predisposed
(adj)
pree-diss-POH-zd
Also predisposition (noun)

Definition: Having an inclination or tendency beforehand; susceptible

Usage: Some autoimmune disorders don't kill the patient directly, but rather make the patient predisposed to contracting other, potentially fatal illnesses. / His defense attorney argued that his abusive childhood predisposed him to a life of crime.

More Info: Predisposed certainly is related to the idea of being disposed. While to dispose of something is to throw it away, to be disposed to do something is to be inclined to or willing to do it.

For instance, He is disposed to be a good host.

recluse
(noun)
RECK-looss

Definition: Person who lives in seclusion

Usage: That show about "hoarders" featured a recluse who hadn't left her house in six years.

Related Words: Hermit or Anchorite (person who lives away from society, esp. for religious reasons)

More Info: Recluse is generally more negative than hermit—it often refers to a person thought by others to be a bit crazy. Recluse shares a root ("claudere," meaning "to close or shut") with secluded and exclusive.

Mnemonic:

1. re+close . Closed=hermit
2. recLUSE : read luse as lose ; if u lose in any game u like to live alone
3. sounds like seclude
4. You get in a car WRECK and LOSE your teeth. You're so embarrassed you hide in your house and never come out again.
5. RE(retreat)+CLUSE(close)- Retreat from being close to people.
6. snds like let loose-so let loose from society

negate
(verb)
neh-GAYT

Definition: Deny or refute; make void or cause to be ineffective

Usage: Darling, if you add "I promise to try to work things out for at least a couple of weeks before giving up" to our wedding vows, it would kind of negate the part where you promise to love, honor, and cherish me "until death do us part." / The debate coach reminded the students that they had to negate each one of their opponents' major points in order to win.

Related Words: Nullify is to make void or invalid. Sap, Enfeeble, and Undermine all mean "weaken" and thus are not as strong as negate or nullify.

More Info: Of course, negate is the same word we use in math, as in "To negate both sides of the equation, multiply through by -1."

Mnemonic:

1. ne=no + gate=door, so there is no entrance through that door
2. NO gate so No existence...wtf!!
3. negate sounds similar to negotiate,,,cancel out
4. negate sounds like negotiate, so nullify

meticulous
(adj)
meh-TICK-yoo-luss

Definition: Taking extreme care in regards to details; precise, fussy

Usage: As a surgeon, of course Mom needs to be highly meticulous in her work—she gets things right down to a fraction of a millimeter. But this also means that when it's her night to cook, she's sometimes a little too meticulous—no one really needs a meatloaf to be sculpted into an absolutely perfect rectangular prism.

Related Words: Finicky or Fastidious (excessively particular, hard to please), Exacting (very severe in making demands; requiring precise attention)

Mnemonic:

1. it sounds like matriculation(admission to a college).To get matriculation we should be as a meticulous(careful) aspirant to clear the exam.
2. Meticulous:Met(Meet)+ICU(hospitals intensive care unit),so whenever u met any person in ICU u need to be very/extremely careful about his health,.....etc
3. Meti means fear..every one knows "where ever fear is there ,care should be there" otherwise we fall in risks...
4. The METs play ridICULOUSly well when they demonstrate extreme care and precision during a baseball game.
5. meticulous.is a derived from Latin word meticolosus which means fearful..where metic..is derived from metus..means..fear...so any one who fears to be rejected...does all his work CAREFULLY....because he fears of making any mistake.
6. if u dont want to meet ICU u have to be careful

 consolidate
 (verb)
 cuhn-SAH-lid-ayt

Definition: Unite, combine, solidify, make coherent

Usage: She consolidated her student loans so she would only have to make one payment per month. / As group leader, Muriel will consolidate all of our research into a single report.

Related Words: Agglomerate (collect into a mass), Aggregate (gather together), Commix (mix together), Conglomerate (anything made up of different kinds of materials; blended; to bring together)

Mnemonic:

1. con + SOLID +ate , in solid the molecules are united . Solid always unites the molecules . So remember consolidate means - unite to one

 constrict
 (verb)
 cuhn-STRICT

Definition: Squeeze, compress; restrict the freedom of

Usage: The children strongly disliked being gussied up in constrictive clothing for a formal wedding. / Tourism is now allowed in North Korea, but tourists must stay with official tour groups, and their movements are heavily constricted.

Related Words: Constringe (cause to shrink)

More Info: A Boa constrictor is a snake that squeezes its prey to death.

 quandary
 (noun)
 KWAN-duh-ree

Definition: Uncertainty or confusion about what to do, dilemma

Usage: He knew it sounded like the plot of a cheesy movie, but he really had accidentally asked two girls to the prom, and now he was in quite a quandary.

Related Words: Mired (stuck, entangled in a swamp or muddy area or a problem that is hard to get out of).

Mnemonic:

1. quantary relates to quantum physics, which is so complex that it leaves you in DILEMMA about the UNCERTAINTY of photon
2. this word quandary sounds like wandering so if you are in a DILEMMA you wander all around the streets.....
3. I was in dilemma whether I give my cloths to laundry or wash them at home
4. Quandry=quants+vocabulary .wat to study for gre.confusion and dilemma.
5. In a QUANDARY about whether to suicide in QUAN (well) or DARYa (river)
6. kon + da + (ko)ri

condone
(verb)
cuhn-DOHN

Definition: Overlook, tolerate, regard as harmless

Usage: While underage drinking is illegal, at many universities, it is tacitly condoned by administrations that neglect to enforce anti-drinking policies.

Related Words: Brook (suffer or tolerate), Countenance (as a noun: face or facial expression; as a verb: approve or tolerate)

More Info: Condone shares a root (meaning "give") with donate. To condone is to give mild, sometimes tacit, approval.

Mnemonic:

1. if u use condom u will be forgiven by health and family welfare department
2. condone = consideration + done ~ you do not consider STH anymore
3. if you use condom(condone) you overlook baby
4. The teacher CONDOLED her student's situation and CONDONED(was lenient for his situation) him for not doing his homework...!!
5. That can be done I overlooked it.
6. using a condom(which sounds like condone)cannot be overlooked!!

exponent
(noun)
eck-SPOH-nent

Definition: Person who expounds or explains; champion, advocate, or representative

Usage: An exponent of clean fuel, he petitioned the state government to commit to replacing conventional energy with solar and wind energy where possible.

Related Words: Proponent (person who proposes or argues in favor of something)

More Info: Of course, an exponent is also the number to which another number is raised. Both senses of the word come from the verb expound, meaning "interpret, explain, state in detail." In a sense, an exponent on a number expounds upon that number by telling us how many times the number is to be multiplied by itself.

Mnemonic:

1. in math exponent increases value.. thus exponent is someone that increases the value by pleading for it!

affable
(adj)
AFF-uh-bull
Also affability (noun)

Definition: Warm and friendly, pleasant, approachable

Usage: The professional wrestler played at belligerence in the ring, but in real life, he was quite an affable fellow—sociable, easy-going, and always ready to lend a hand.

Related Words: Amiable, Cordial, and Genial are synonyms.

More Info: The opposite of affable could be standoffish, discourteous, or distant.

Mnemonic:

1. affection+able=affection to others
2. affable= f + able, => that the teacher is able to give f grade to the students , so students are always trying to maintain a warm n healthy relation with the teachers, n also students always approaches their teachers.
3. Someone who is affable is laughable!
4. aff+able
5. aff-able, relate aff to affectionate.. its always easy to talk to an affectionate person who will obviously be friendly
6. sounds like affection that means kind=love=affable

construe
(verb)
cuhn-STROO

Definition: Interpret or translate

Usage: I don't know how you construed my comment as an insult. All I said was, "Wow, I never knew you could sing."

More Info: To misconstrue is to misunderstand or misinterpret.

Mnemonic:

1. e.g. if i construe your message correctly...
2. you need to CONcentrate to decode TRUE messages.
3. KAUN+TRUE- let me know WHO is truly speaking.- judge said
4. construe = (cons)ider it is (true)...so we interpret something by ourselves
5. Concentrate true to decide her feelings.
6. Construe the abstruse concept.

repudiate
(verb)
rip-PY00-dee-ayt

Definition: Reject, cast off, deny that something has authority

Usage: If you receive an erroneous notice from a collections agency, you have 30 days to repudiate the debt by mail. / As part of becoming an American citizen, Mr. Lee repudiated his former citizenship.

Related Words: Recant (withdraw, retract, or disavow something one has previously said, esp. formally)

Mnemonic:

1. he ate the PUDDING AGAIN.. When his mother asked him if he ate the pudding, he tried to REPUDIATE (deny eating it)... :)
2. re(reject....)+pudi...(pudding..a sweet dish given after meal)...ate.....past participle of

- eat....well anyone who reject to eat a cake pudding
3. repud(refused)+iate(to eat) = refused to take anymore or acknowledge
 4. divide this word into repud(sounds similar to repute....reputation)+iate....sounds like eat...eaten(past participle).....eaten...means decrease..in sth....and when reputation decreases
?when you get involve in doing bad things....so to save your r
 5. REPUTATION+ATE....in hindi cinema if you marry a girl not belonging to your religion,class,...the father says you ate my reputation and you are not my son from now....hence the father DISOWNS his son....
 6. i was giving him his reputation, (repu dia) but he only refused or repudiated !! wat can i do

ascetic
(adj, noun)
uh-SET-ick
Also asceticism (noun)

Definition: abstinent or austere in lifestyle (adj); a person who leads an austere and simple life without material pleasures, esp. someone who does this for religious reasons

Usage: Ascetics such as monks actually take vows of poverty. / The graduate student lived an ascetic existence, her apartment containing only a futon couch and a single bowl and set of chopsticks, which she used to eat ramen noodles every night.

Related Words: Hermit or Anchorite (person who lives away from society, esp. for religious reasons), Recluse (person who lives in solitude)

More Info: Don't confuse ascetic with aesthetic, which means "pertaining to beauty or good taste."

Mnemonic:

1. someone who leaves all AESTHETICS is an ascetic
2. sounds like aceticâ€”remember acetic acid(vinegar)i.e., sour in taste, one who has made his life sour
in taste, i.e., away from pleasures for religious purposes
3. Aastic(Opposite of Nastic) Is ascetic
4. ASS+SEPTIC(infected)....a person who has got highly SEPTIC ASS will be a ASCETIC.....he cannot live a normal life....
5. ascetic ~ acidic; he is living ascetic life by drinking and eating only acidic things (not good in taste) and avoid anything have good taste.
6. A Serious Clergy Excludes the taking (TIC) of material comforts from his life, and practise rigid self-denial.

counterproductive
(adj)
count-er-proh-DUCK-tiv

Definition: Defeating the purpose; preventing the intended goal

Usage: The candidate's attempt to win swing votes in Ohio was actually counterproductive -following his speech in Toledo, his poll numbers actually went down 5%.

Related Words: Feckless (ineffectual), Bootless (unsuccessful), Inimical (unfavorable, harmful, as in "Drinking unclean water is inimical to health.")

Mnemonic:

1. remember counter attack so when sth is counter productive the production is going to be attacked so it
is gonna be hindered

ingrained
(adj)
in-GRAY-nd

Definition: Deep-rooted, forming part of the very essence; worked into the fiber

Usage: Religious observance had been ingrained in him since birth; he could not remember a time when he didn't pray five times a day.

Related Words: Inculcate (teach persistently, implant [an idea] in a person)

More Info: The "grain" root is related to using plant parts for dye; something ingrained is suffused into the very fiber, like dye.

Mnemonic:

1. if we divide this into three parts...in+grain+ed....we see that middle part...grain...which is the seed of a food plant,,and we know that food plant is always deeply rooted in the soil before it matures and develop seeds.
2. like wise ingrained habits are also deeply rootedand its difficult to change them untill strict action is not taken.
3. GRAIN-sowed deep IN the soil,completely so-deep rooted

complacent
(adj)
cuhm-PLAY-sent

Definition: Self-satisfied, smug; overly content (and therefore lazy, neglectful, or some other bad quality)

Usage: The coach gave a pep talk: "I know we've never won a championship before, but we do have an advantage over the six-time state champions we're about to play—they have grown complacent with their success, and now they just assume they'll win without having to sweat."

More Info: Don't confuse complacent with complaisant, which means "eager to please."

Mnemonic:

1. placement ... hogaya ab i am fully satisfied with myself
2. complacent = completely satisfied
3. commonplace people are self-satisfied = complacent
4. Complacent = com (little) + place; he is satisfied with little place so he want more.

volatile
(adj)
VAH-luh-tile

Definition: Varying, inconstant, fleeting; tending to violence, explosive;

Usage: Following the sudden revolution, the political environment in the country was so volatile that anything could have started a riot. / Stock prices are by nature volatile—if you want a "safe and steady" investment, try mutual funds.

Related Words: Inconstancy (Fickleness, unreliability; the state of changing without good reason), Erratic (inconsistent, wandering, having no fixed course)

More Info: From chemistry: a volatile substance easily changes states, such as by evaporating.

Mnemonic:

1. volatile memory is a computer memory which gets erased when power is turned off, i.e., changed suddenly like RAM, so VOLATILE means Lliable tochange
2. Think: Vola (volume)-tile (vile)... The VOLUME of the liquid in the VILE changed quickly into a vapor.
3. Volatile and ethereal...both mean light, delicate.
4. volleyball = air ball. Volatile = will be in air in a second . they actually have same roots (volare = fly)

impede
(verb)
im-PEED

Definition: Hold back, obstruct the progress of

Usage: I didn't realize business school would be entirely group work—sadly, there's always at least one person in every group who impedes the group's progress more than helps it.

Related Words: Hinder and Hamper are synonyms.

More Info: Impede contains the root "ped" (feet), also occurring in pedestrian, pedal. Impede thus has the sense of shackling the feet, preventing movement.

Mnemonic:

1. impede from impedance meaning resistance
2. Ped (Tree in hindi) on the way....
3. relate it with stampede. in a stampede there is great obstruction
4. im-peed (i think u no whts pee)
5. impede (im means negative and pede means foot from greek roots so it means that not allowing to walk or hampering)
6. impede, concentrate on pede in impede. in hindi a sweet call pede. when somebody is dieting to reduce weight. then pede would be hindrance for him.

monotony
(noun)
muh-NOT-uh-nee

Definition: Sameness or repetitiousness to the point of being boring; lack of variation, uniformity, esp. repetition in sound

Usage: The monotony of working on a factory assembly line made her feel as though she would go insane from boredom.

Related Words: Tedium (that which is tiresome due to being too long, dull, or slow, as in The plot moved at a tedious pace).

More Info: Monotone comes from Latin parts for "one tone," like a dial tone on an old-fashioned phone, or a very boring public speaker. Now, we can use monotony for things other than sound—for instance, studying vocabulary can get a little monotonous if you don't make an effort to keep it interesting by writing your own fun sentences, practicing with friends, and thinking about the gloriousness of a high GRE score.

Mnemonic:

1. MONO(SINGLE)+TONY(like TONE) = SINGLE TONE, the same tone gets boring after a while.
2. Monotony: Why do all Girls have only one Pussy, this is completely Monotonic...
3. Monotony/Monotonic: Mono(single)+Tony(make it as tone), since MonoTone means Single Tone(sound that is unchanging in pitch), hence it lacks in variation(change).....

arduous
(adj)
AR-dyoo-uss

Definition: Very difficult, strenuous; severe, hard to endure

Usage: The arduous hike up rocky terrain was all worth it once the hikers reached the summit. / It was an arduous winter on the prairie; the family barely survived.

Related Words: Grueling (very difficult and exhausting)

More Info: Don't confuse arduous with ardor, which means passion.

Mnemonic:

1. arduous = read it as: "hard to do for us"
2. (h)ard + u (you) + ous (we); This work is very difficult and required full of hard work from us and your side.
3. aath(8)+dus(10):lot of hard work so v require 8 or ten ppl
4. It takes a large amount of effort to maintain a pregnancy, especially when the baby is DUE. It's very arDUous
5. Art's climb up the mountain was a duel.

dissent
(verb, noun)
diss-ENT

Definition: Disagree or take an opposing view, esp. in relation to a formal body such as a government, political party, or church; such a view

Usage: Judge Antonin Scalia cast the only dissenting vote, explaining in his written decision why he thought all the other justices had it wrong. / Not every country has a right to free speech (and thus to dissent), although nations that throw dissenters in jail are condemned by the international community at large.

Related Words: Gainsay (deny, refute, oppose), Sedition (incitement of dissent against a government; promoting rebellion by speech or writing)

More Info: The variant dissidence tends to be a strong, longstanding, determined practice of dissenting.

Mnemonic:

1. ASSENT, ACCORD etc mean, to agree and DISSENT, DISCORD etc mean to disagree.
2. dis+assent=> opposite of agreement=>to refute
3. dissent sounds like descend...The team's score descended(went down) due to disagreements (difference in opinion) between players.
4. dissent..i dont agree with this(dis) sent(scent-perfume)..i hate it..disagreement
5. sirf (dis)20 bis cent log agree hue, matlab bakisab to disagree hue na
6. dissent-imagine your dai has sent you away from your house because he disagrees with you

paradigm
(noun)
PAIR-uh-dime

Definition: Model or pattern; worldview, set of shared assumptions, values, etc.

Usage: Far from being atypically bawdy, this limerick is a paradigm of the form—nearly all of them rely on off-color jokes.

Related Words: Prototype (original model serving as the basis for future copies or versions), Exemplar (example, item that is representative or typical, something worthy of imitation)

More Info: “Para” means “beside.” Paradigm comes from two Greek word parts meaning “beside” and “show” and combined into the Greek “paradiegma” for “pattern or example.”

Mnemonic:

1. HERE DIVIDE AS PARA+DIGM--- DIGM=DIAGRAM SO DIAGRAM SERVES AS MODEL,EXAMPLE,PATTERN FOR A PROTOTYPE
2. divide it like parad+igm.....now focus on PARADE....parade is done DURING PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS LIKE INDEPENDENCE DAY, REPUBLIC DAY..just to SHOW OR EXHIBIT THE strength of nation, SO watching a parade is A EXAMPLE OR MODAL for other countries to IDENT
3. para+digm--- para(pehla) digm(diagram)--- is a PATTERN, or a MODEL or an EXAMPLE to plan something
4. SO watching a parade is A EXAMPLE OR MODAL for other countries to IDENTIFY ABOUT india's strenth

in

military power.

5. basically it is derived from latin parádeigma..where deigma is taken from deikma..which means to show...paradigm means to show a pattern to people about something.

6. paradise is always a standard example.

aesthetic

(adj, noun)

ess-THEH-tick

Also aesthete (noun)

Definition: Concerning the appreciation of beauty or good taste, pertaining to the science of what is beautiful (adj); a sense of beauty and taste of a particular time and place (noun)

Usage: The twins were so different—one possessed a truly baroque aesthetic, preferring golden, gilded decor. The other lived in a world of pure logic, untouched by any aesthetic sense whatsoever; art did not move him, his house was bare, and he married his wife solely because she was a master of calculus.

More Info: The meaning of aesthetic can range from the academic study of beauty (aesthetics) to performing manicures, the work of an aesthetician. Don't confuse aesthetic with ascetic (pertaining to a simple, austere life with no luxuries, such as that of a monk; a person who leads such a life).

Mnemonic:

1. aes + thetic

2. aes sounds like ash-aishvarya.so,everyone appreciates the beauty of aishvarya.

3. Sounds like "anesthesia," which makes you loopy, thinking everything around you is beautiful...

4. AESTHETIC<==> à¤.à¥à¤,à¤|à¤°à¥à¤~à¤à¥à¤°à¥à¤@à¥€ (pr. \\saunadaryapremi \\) [Adjective]

5. aesthetic ~ aastha (faith or belief); You have aastha in aesthetic things (person or object)

6. aesthetic - the sea is beautiful.

gawky

(adj)

GAW-kee

Definition: Physically awkward (esp. of a tall, skinny person, often used to describe teenagers)

Usage: As a teenager, she thought of herself as gawky and often slouched so as not to seem so much taller than her peers; of course, now that she's a supermodel, no one thinks of her as gawky at all.

Related Words: Coltish (playful, wild; resembling a young horse, esp. having disproportionately long legs), Ungainly (awkward, ungraceful)

More Info: To gawk is to stare at something in a blatant, often surprised way. The origin of gawk is related to an old word for left, or left-handed.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like GAW(village) KI ladkiya lack grace....

2. gawky = gao + ki;sounds like from gao i.e unsophisticated.

dispatch

(noun, verb)

DISS-patch (n), diss-PATCH (v)

Definition: Speed, promptness; send off or deal with in a speedy way

Usage: So, you want to be a bike messenger? I need messengers who approach every delivery with alacrity, care, and dispatch—if the customers wanted their packages to arrive slowly, they'd use the post office. / Acting with all possible dispatch, emergency services dispatched a rescue squad to the scene.

Related Words: Expediency (promoting a goal; advantageous, sometimes at the expense of morals or

justice)

More Info: A dispatch can also be a report from a journalist or something delivered by messenger, or the act of sending a messenger. To dispatch a person can also mean to execute him or her—presumably, in a speedy manner.

Mnemonic:

1. dis + patch...patch means spotted...something that is not spotted and smooth is fluency...so speediness
2. dis+patch(path)...path means road....so wt we do on road speeding....(speed yar)...cool
3. dispatch = [DIS]tribute + [FAST]ly
4. just change 'i' to 'e'.

divine
(verb)
div-VINE

Definition: Discover through divination or supernatural means; perceive by insight

Usage: I've been poring over these quarterly reports all day, trying to divine whether I should buy or sell this stock.

Related Words: Ascertain (find out with certainty), Perspicacity (acuteness of perception)

More Info: Of course, divine is most commonly an adjective, meanly “of or like a god; heavenly.” I read online reviews of the spa to divine whether it would really be as divine an experience was advertised.

Mnemonic:

1. DI(The)+VULGE(Bulge)

moreover
(adverb)
more-OH-ver

Definition: Besides; in addition to what was just stated

Usage: You are fired. Moreover, the police are coming to arrest you for theft.

Related Words: Furthermore is a synonym. Both words can be used to begin a new independent clause after a semicolon, as in, We need additional studies to confirm our results; furthermore, we need funding for those studies.

elicit
(verb)
ee-LISS-it

Definition: Call forth, bring out, evoke

Usage: The touchdown elicited wild cheer from the crowd. / While the death of Ellen's elderly cat was indeed sad, Ellen's constant, mournful looks whenever anyone mentioned any animal at all were nothing but a play to elicit sympathy.

Related Words: Educe means “bring out, esp. something that has been dormant,” as in “The speech therapist finally educed (or elicited) a complete sentence from a boy who had been previously labeled ‘non-verbal.’”

More Info: Don't confuse with illicit, which is an adjective meaning “illegal.”

Mnemonic:

1. implicit - which is understood ..
2. implicit-which is understood ..
3. saari baatein poochke ek list banani hai
4. In Kannada Eli means pull so cit sounds like Sit.so Draw out
5. A-List can be created from extracting(elicit) good things only
- 6.

partial
(adj)
PAR-shull

Definition: Biased, prejudiced, favoring one over others; having a special liking for something or someone (usually partial to)

Usage: Although I grew up in New York, I've always been partial to country music. / His lawyers are appealing on the grounds that the judge was partial to the plaintiff, even playing golf with the plaintiff during the trial.

Related Words: Partisan (partial to a particular party, group, etc., esp. in a biased, emotional way).

Predilection, Propensity, Proclivity, and Bent are all words for a preference or inclination (He has an arrogant bent about him, and a propensity to offend others).

More Info: Of course, partial can also mean "not complete." The connection between the two meanings is that, if you are partial to pumpkin pie, for instance, you are "one-sided" about it.

eschew
(verb)
ess-CHOO

Definition: Shun, avoid, abstain from

Usage: As a vegan, he eschewed not only meat and dairy but also anything made of leather.

Related Words: Abjure (give up, renounce; repudiate, recant, or shun, especially formally or under oath), Forswear (reject or renounce under oath; swear falsely in court)

More Info: Pronounce this word just as it looks: "ess-CHEW."

Mnemonic:

1. es+CHEW... CHEWING a CHEWINGGUM IS A BAD HABIT while working in an office, so you must avoid this HABIT.
2. ppl tend to avoid u..when u have severe cold and u say.."AAAh chuu!!"
3. EScape from CHEWing tobacco.
4. we chew Chewing Gum to avoid Smoking habit
5. eSCHEW could be thought as "SHOO".. as in shoo away, which is a form of avoiding...
6. If somebody have just pulled out his tooth then he cannot chew...so he would have to ESCHEW (Avoid) chewing...

goosebumps
(noun)
GOOSE-bumps

Definition: The "bumps" created by hairs standing up on the skin in response to cold, fear, etc.

Usage: That detective novel is hard to put down! I've got goosebumps just waiting to find out what happens next! / You've got goosebumps-why don't you borrow my jacket?

More Info: When a goose's feathers are plucked, bumps are left behind on the skin. "Goose flesh" or

“goose pimples” are expressions that mean the same thing (goosebumps, however, is more often used metaphorically and has appeared in official GRE materials).

sanguine
(adj)
SANG-gwinn

Definition: Cheerfully optimistic, hopeful; reddish, ruddy (as in rosy-red cheeks indicting health or vitality)

Usage: She had three papers due in three days, but she maintained her typically sanguine attitude. “Things always just work out for me,” she said, happily.

Related Words: Chipper (cheerful, healthy and in good spirits)

More Info: Don’t confuse sanguine with sanguinary, which comes from the same root but means “bloodthirsty”! The ancient Greeks thought that people were ruled by the “four humors”: blood, yellow bile, black bile, and phlegm. A person with too much phlegm would be phlegmatic (sluggish, gloomy); a person with too much bile would be bilious (bitter, mean); and a person ruled by blood would be sanguine.

Mnemonic:

1. SANGUINE is pronounced very much like "SANGEEN" in hindi which is usually referred with crime-"sangeen hatya" which shows serious murder with blood red colour...
2. break it like sang + vine, so wen u drink vine and singing song you feel cheerful, happy
3. Sanguine - Penguin : Kids cheer up when they see penguins .. Penguins are very cheerful and hopeful
(Ref the movie "Happy Feet")
4. sangui root means blood.i like a girl whose cheeks are sanguine and i find her very sanguine(cheerful)
5. he is SANGUINE (confident) that the jewellery he has bought is GENUINE
6. Sang+queen(guine). When queen sing we feel cheerful

inherent
(adj)
in-HAIR-ent

Definition: Existing as a permanent, essential quality; intrinsic

Usage: New research seems to support the idea that humans have an inherent sense of justice—even babies become upset at puppet shows depicting unfairness, and are gratified at seeing the “bad” puppets punished.

Related Words: Innate (inborn)

Mnemonic:

1. in+ here
2. in heredity: habit that came as heredity...
3. In heart.

supersede
(verb)
soo-per-SEED

Definition: Replace, take the position of, cause to be disregarded as void or obsolete

Usage: Of course, electric washing machines superseded hand-powered ones many decades ago, but my great-grandmother used her hand-cranked washer until she died in the 1990s.

Related Words: Supplant (take the place of, displace, especially through sneaky tactics), Outstrip (surpass, exceed; be larger or better than; leave behind), Overshadow (cast a shadow over, make to

seem less important), Supersede (replace or cause to be set aside), Eclipse (obscure, darken, make less important)

More Info: "Super" is Latin for "above, beyond" and appears in many words that have a sense of being literally or figuratively on top: superficial, superimpose, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. when a SUPER new thing arrives, we REPLACE /SET ASIDE the old thing because it is OBSOLETE..
2. super (Latin) = over
3. A seed is eventually "replaced" with a SUPER-seed, because that's better

paucity
(noun)
PAW-sit-ee

Definition: Scarcity, the state of being small in number

Usage: Our school has such a disgraceful paucity of textbooks that the students are sharing, and so cannot even count on being able to take the books home to do homework.

Related Words: Dearth (scarcity, lack)

More Info: Paucity is related to pauper, a very poor person.

Mnemonic:

1. pau - paav as in paav bhaji and only one "paav" for the whole city...so obviously it will be scarce
2. take it as somebody saying about a city as pau;in hindi PAU(pao-a small weight)i.e "ek pau ki to city hai"
3. paucity=scarcity....these two words rhyme....
4. pa+city works has been PAUsed in CITY bcoz of SCARICITY
5. pau+city=in bangla pau means to get(pawa)In city it is very difficult to get (city te pawa khub kothin)
6. Paw+City, Just replace PAU/W with SCAR/E.

resolve
(verb, noun)
rizz-ZAHL'v

Definition: Find a solution to; firmly decide to do something; decide by formal vote (verb); firmness of purpose (noun)

Usage: She was resolved to find a marrow donor for her son, and led a stunningly successful drive to get people to sign up for a national donor registry. Even when no match was found for her son in the first year, her resolve was undampened.

Related Words: Resolute (firmly determined), Unequivocal (clear or decided), Resolution (the quality of being firmly determined; resolving to do something; a formal judgment, esp. decided by a vote)

More Info: To lose your resolve means to become unsure or to lose your nerve.

Mnemonic:

1. If u r SOLVING problems in a chapter AGAIN & AGAIN

impair
(verb)
im-PAIR

Definition: Make worse, weaken

Usage: Playing in a rock band without earplugs will almost certainly impair your hearing over time.

Related Words: Exacerbate and Aggravate (make worse or irritate), Mar (damage, spoil, deface), Vitiate (ruin, corrupt)

Mnemonic:

1. Opposite of Repair. Repair is to mend, Impair is to Injure..
2. im+pair. If you damage a pair of something..you separate them...so you injure them...
3. impair=i+m+pair.....when my gf said to me that "i am paired(i m pair) with some one else for the dance competition"...it HURT/INJURED my feelings a lot.....:)
4. Im+Pair. If you wear incorrect pair of shoes you may hurt yourself while walking.

intrinsic
(adj)
in-TRIN-zick

Definition: Belonging to the essential nature of a thing

Usage: Despite all this high-tech safety equipment, skydiving is an intrinsically dangerous proposition. / Communication is intrinsic to a healthy relationship.

Related Words: Innate (inborn), Inherent (existing as a permanent, essential quality; intrinsic)

More Info: The antonym extrinsic means "not forming part of a thing, extraneous, coming from the outside." Intrinsic motivation is wanting to do something due to interest in the task itself; extrinsic motivation is wanting to do something for a reward, to earn a grade, to avoid punishment, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. in electronics u will hear about intrinsic bonds(which is built-in)...but extrinsic bonds one has to add something extra
2. intrin sounds like intrain, which means not trained

haven
(noun)
HAY-ven

Definition: Harbor or port; refuge, safe place

Usage: The relief workers set up the camp as a haven from persecution.

Related Words: Succor (relief, aid), Asylum (refuge or sanctuary; refuge granted by a country to a foreigner persecuted in her or her own country). Asylum was once used to mean a care facility for the mentally ill, orphans, etc., but this usage is generally considered insensitive today.

Mnemonic:

1. it sounds like 'heaven'...a place which is always safe.
2. we all know 'tax haven' are the places where all corrupt people stash their illegal money, thus we can imagine that it is a safer place.....
3. we HAVE No place to stay for the night... lets take refuge in that house... it seems to be a safe place...

trite
(adj)
TRITE

Definition: Lacking freshness and originality, lacking effectiveness due to overuse, cliché

Usage: The topic of your speech is "Children are the Future"? That's pretty trite. Maybe you should think harder and come up with something original.

Related Words: Banal, Hackneyed, Inane, and Insipid all mean “lacking freshness and originality, shallow.” Shopworn also means this (or can also literally mean something marred from being handled in a store). Bromide and Platitude are nouns for a cliché or shopworn expression.

Mnemonic:

1. trite = tri +it (so sounds like try + it)
2. trite sounds like tried...when smthng is tried again n again it bcomes hackneyed
3. TRITE = TRI + TE(SEE)
4. TRITE is to give something no RESPITE (without any rest whatsoever) - to keep it continuously in use over and over again.
5. TRITE=TRI(3)+TEA...so all of em taste the SAME en COMMON!!!..hope u like it

 cartography
 (noun)
 car-TAH-grah-fee

Definition: Mapmaking

Usage: The invention of better navigation tools had major effects on cartography—the more ships knew precisely where they were sailing, the better the world could be mapped.

More Info: From the French “carte,” map.

Mnemonic:

1. Carto-graphy is making CHARTS and GRAPHS and maps.

 modest
 (adj)
 MAH-dest

Definition: Humble; simple rather than showy; decent (esp. “covering up” in terms of dress); small, limited

Usage: The reporter was surprised that the celebrity lived in such a modest house, one that looked just like every other plain, two-story house on the block. / Her first job out of college was a rude awakening—her modest salary was barely enough for rent, much less going out and having fun.

Related Words: Paltry (extremely small or worthless, insultingly small—in terms of money, often “a paltry sum”)

More Info: Many students know modest as in “a modest outfit” (one that doesn’t show too much) and are confused by references to “modest beginnings”—a person from a modest or humble background grew up poor (or relatively poor).

 substantiate
 (verb)
 sub-STAN-chee-ayt

Definition: Support with evidence or proof; give a material existence to

Usage: You say you were at home when the crime occurred two towns over—is there anyone who can substantiate your claim? / Your business ideas are interesting, but you never substantiate them—you haven’t put a single plan into action.

Related Words: Corroborate (support, add evidence to), Verify (prove true)

Mnemonic:

1. provide substantial evidence.
2. We have SUBSTANTIAL evidence against SHARAD PAWAR to SUBSTANTIATE our CLAIM

standing
(noun, adj)
STAND-ing

Definition: Status, rank, reputation (noun); existing indefinitely, not movable (adj)

Usage: As he had feared, his divorce greatly reduced his standing as a relationship expert. / I'm disappointed that you don't want to leave your current job, but I want you to know that you have a standing invitation—as long as I'm the boss, you have a job here anytime you want one. / While the U.S. has a standing army (that is, an army that is not disbanded in times of peace), Costa Rica's constitution actually forbids a standing military.

More Info: "Longstanding" and the expressions "of long standing" or "in good standing" are based on standing, as in a longstanding friendship or an account in good standing (generally an account for which all debts are paid).

philanthropy
(noun)
fill-ANN-thruh-pee

Definition: Efforts to improve the well-being of humankind, generally through giving money

Usage: Many wealthy people turn to philanthropy as a way to create social good, and many others turn to it as a way to hobnob with the rich and famous.

Related Words: Altruism (selflessness, concern for the welfare of others)

More Info: "Phil" means "love" (a bibliophile loves books) and "anthro" means "humankind." A misanthropist is a hater of humankind.

Mnemonic:

1. TROPHY - anna hazzare gained trophy for doing welfare (CHARITY) of ppl.
2. PHIL gave ANTs breadcrumbs. ANTs rewarded him with a TROPHY for his PHILANTHROPY.
3. Feel(PHIL) for human(ANTHROPE+Y)and help...
4. Philanthropy: philanthropist is a person who seeks to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money to good cause), Bill Gates is a philanthropist he used to donate his property through Bill&Melinda Gates Foundation

figurative
(adj)
FIG-yer-uh-tiv

Definition: Metaphorical, based on figures of speech; containing many figures of speech (as fancy-sounding writing); related to portraying human or animal figures

Usage: The painter was renowned for his figurative art, including many portraits—he had been known to say that abstract artists were just people who had never learned to draw. / Highly figurative language can be difficult for English language learners—for instance, to "throw the baby out with the bath water" refers to being too hasty and unwisely getting rid of the good with the bad.

Related Words: The opposite of figurative is literal, although in regular speech, people often use literal to mean figurative. People who say I was literally ready to kill someone rarely mean that, which is why we are not alarmed when they say that. We understand that they are really speaking figuratively.

alleviate
(verb)
uh-LEE-vee-ayt

Definition: Lessen, make easier to endure

Usage: The stimulus package has alleviated the pangs of the Great Recession, but times are still tough.

Related Words: Assuage (alleviate, satisfy, or pacify—"assuage someone's fears"), Ameliorate (make better), Extenuate (to make seem less serious—"His crime was extenuated by his mental illness"), Palliate (to alleviate or extenuate)

More Info: The over-the-counter painkiller "Alleve" was undoubtedly named with the word alleviate in mind.

Mnemonic:

1. ALL (all)+ EVI (evil)+ ATE (has been eaten up) so hence you are relieved of the pain and you feel relief
2. alleviate ~ elevator: It sounds like elevator and elevator helps us reduce leg pain while walking or climbing stairs.
3. alleviate= ALL+LEVIS+ATE , people of old age r wearing dhoti while they ate as it gives relieve to them, bt nowadays ALL youngsters r wearing LEVIS JEANS while they ATE n r saying that it gives us RELIEVE while we eat.
4. Alle(Ginger in marathi) khane ke baad daat ka dard kam hota hai
5. viate-supress
6. ALLEVIATE = Allegation is going to ate i.e relieves the pain.

prologue
(noun)
PROH-log

Definition: Introductory part to a book, play, etc.

Usage: The novel's prologue gives some historical background so the main story can be better understood in context.

Related Words: Preamble (introductory statement, preface—such as the Preamble to the Constitution)

More Info: An epilogue is a concluding portion added after a literary work. The "log" in prologue and epilogue is the same root ("logos," for "discourse or speech") as the "lect" in lecture, lectern, and dialect. Both prologue and epilogue can be used metaphorically—"If the blown tire was an unpleasant prologue to the evening, the food poisoning we came down with that night was an even worse epilogue."

Mnemonic:

1. The first Dialogue of a play is always the Prologue

exculpate
(verb)
ECK-skull-payt
Also exculpatory (adj)

Definition: Clear from guilt or blame

Usage: The security camera footage showing Mr. Murphy to have been in a casino the entire night turned out to be just the evidence needed to exculpate him of robbing a bank fifty miles away.

Related Words: Vindicate and Exonerate are synonyms.

More Info: "Ex" in this context means "out" and "culp" (as in culprit and culpable) means "blame." Exculpate has a very rare antonym, inculpate, meaning "charge with fault, incriminate."

Mnemonic:

1. exculpate sounds like ex-culprit = culprit...but now he has been cleared of the charges.

2. ex(expert)+culpate(culprit) expert culprit are always clear from blame ,,
3. Honor the culprit by exonerating and exculpating
4. When the accused is deemed an ex-culprit / Once a jury of peers votes to exculpate, / The court of law issues a formal writ, / Evidence of the verdict to vindicate.
5. culpable is blame.exculpate is removing the blame

cynical
(adj)
SIN-ick-ull

Definition: Thinking the worst of others' motivations; bitterly pessimistic

Usage: Shilpa was so cynical that even when her friends threw her a surprise party, she figured that they only did it so they wouldn't feel so guilty about all the mean things they must be saying behind her back.

Related Words: Misanthrope (hater of humankind)

More Info: The original Cynics were ancient Greek philosophers who held that self-control was the only virtue. They are rumored to have been quite contemptuous towards their philosophical opponents.

Mnemonic:

1. cynical is one who is skeptic of others because he thinks they have done SINS
2. Sainik(cynic) .. never BELIEVE pakistani sainiks. they ll hit u from back.
3. SOUNDS VERY CLOSE TO PSYCHIC...AND a psychic person is always skeptical in nature.
4. souns like clinical.
5. Misanthrope means one who hates man kind
6. cynical ryhmes with SIGN ..we sign documents because of distrust of human motives

stolid
(adj)
STAH-lid

Definition: Unemotional, showing little emotion, not easily moved

Usage: Dad is so stolid that we can't get a rise out of him no matter what we do—Jody got a tattoo, Max declared himself a communist, and Helen won a Rhodes Scholarship. No response! Dad just nods and says "Alright, then."

Related Words: Impassive (not having or not showing physical feeling or emotion), Inscrutable (not able to be scrutinized, mysterious)

More Info: Stolid has a lot of overlap with stoic (indifferent to pleasure or pain). Stoic is generally stronger and often related to enduring suffering.

Mnemonic:

1. stone like
2. STOL(sounds like stool)..and a stool is a nonliving thing without any emotion,similarly a STOLID is like stool without any emotion,always dull and boring.
3. when you are stolid your face is solid
4. Remember stolid as solid. As we all know that molecules in solid are not moving randomly as in liquid or gas. So they are dull. So stolid means solid and dull.
5. stone --> no feeling
6. stoic (stubborn & emotionless) persons are stolid.....

restive
(adj)
REST-iv

Definition: Impatient or uneasy under the control of another; resisting being controlled

Usage: The company was purchased by a larger competitor, and the employees grew restive as the new bosses curtailed their freedoms and put a hold on their projects.

More Info: Don't confuse with restless, meaning "lacking rest" or "constantly moving." You grow restive while waiting for a boss to approve your project; when you can't sleep, you have a restless night.

Mnemonic:

1. Restive is actually restless. Like factitious is actually factless :)
2. restive.. rest ivvu rest ivvu a person is repeatedly saying.. restivvu restivvu.. so tht means hes restless..
3. Restive sounds like festive. In festivals we will be impatiently restless.
4. REST+deprIVE...Deprived of rest is Restive....
5. restive = rest + ive; without rest

arbitrary
(adj)
AR-bi-trayr-ee

Definition: Based entirely on one's discretion; capricious, unreasonable, or having no basis

Usage: The judge's rulings were truly arbitrary—one defendant got community service for stealing a television, and another got three years for the same crime. / It doesn't really matter which brand of baking soda you buy—just arbitrarily pick one so we can get out of this grocery store before dinnertime.

More Info: Arbitrary looks a lot like arbiter for good reason—originally, something arbitrary was something that was uncertain because it depended on an arbiter's decision. As indicated by the definition above, arbitrary can be neutral or negative.

Mnemonic:

1. < Latin arbitrarius "uncertain, depending on the judgment of an arbiter" < arbiter "judge"
2. 'a+bit+tray' flowing of bits in a tray... randomly
- 3.
4. Just try remind "arbitrarily" (which we use often in regular speaking) means "a reckless manner".
5. aaj-bhi-teri maan ni padegi...tyranical or unreasonable command..
6. (Arbitrary) It sounds Like 'orbit', to find your perfect orbit through a random chance.

deflect
(verb)
diff-FLECT

Definition: Cause to curve; turn aside, esp. from a straight course; avoid

Usage: The purpose of a shield is to deflect arrows or bullets from an enemy./ Every time he was asked a difficult question, Senator Warrington deflected by changing the topic, saying he'd answer later, or even—insincerely, it seemed—calling for a moment of prayer.

Related Words: Avert (prevent; turn away or aside, as in "The makeshift dam narrowly averted disaster" or "Avert your eyes—I'm changing my clothes!")

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like reflect. If some thing reflects, it turns away

belie
(verb)
bih-LIE

Definition: Contradict or misrepresent

Usage: The actress's public persona as a perky "girl next door" belied her private penchant for abusing her assistants and demanding that her trailer be filled with ridiculous luxury goods. / The data

belie the accepted theory—either we've made a mistake, or we have an amazing new discovery on our hands!

More Info: This word is extremely common in GRE questions that ask you to select the missing word for a blank, as belie allows a sentence to "change directions," as in the example above.

Mnemonic:

1. belie has lie.
2. belie ~ lie means something false.
3. be(make) lie. IF you make lies you will negate (or misrepresent) the truth.
4. belies - what lies behind is something false, than what appears on the outlook.
5. read as be + liar
6. BELIE means to try to convince someone to BELIEve a LIE.

gradation
(noun)
gray-DAY-shun
Also grade (verb)

Definition: A progression, a process taking place gradually, in stages; one of these stages

Usage: The hill's gradation was so gradual that even those on crutches were able to enjoy the nature trail. / The short story's language graded from the vernacular to the erudite so gradually that you practically didn't realize until the end that the speaker had become educated almost before your eyes.

More Info: A grade is a step, stage, or rank, as in grades on papers, school years ("sixth grade"), or "Grade A" milk.

Mnemonic:

1. You have to increase in steps to reach graduation, and if you graduate more, the color of your robes change.
2. sounds like GRADUATION.. If you want to become a graduate you need to pass through several stages.

extraneous
(adj)
eck-STRAY-nee-uss

Definition: Irrelevant; foreign, coming from without, not belonging

Usage: This essay would be stronger if you removed extraneous information; this paragraph about the author's life doesn't happen to be relevant to your thesis. / Maize, which originated in the New World, is extraneous to Europe.

Related Words: Superfluous (extra, unnecessary, excessive)

More Info: In Latin, "extra" means "outside of." The "coming from without" meaning of extraneous can also be expressed with extrinsic, the antonym of which is intrinsic.

Mnemonic:

1. Think of news channels....EXTRA+NEWS...In order to get TRP, news channels show irrelevant or unrelated things hence the news are most of the times EXTRANEIOUS
2. concentrate on extra + ne + ous.....something that is extra is NOT ESSENTIAL(NE)
3. EX(extra)+TRANEIOUS(trainees)...We don't need any EXTRA TRAINEES...we have got enuf in our city
4. EXTRA hai- nahi (NE) - use (OUS).....something in excess and not of any worth
5. Extra + neo(new) + us => I would not allow Extra New ppl's interference in Us (in our relationship)
6. extra nurse are coming from outside

fidelity
(noun)
fid-DELL-it-ee

Definition: Faithfulness, loyalty; strict observance of duty; accuracy in reproducing a sound or image

Usage: Wedding vows typically include a promise of fidelity—such as by “forsaking all others as long as I may live.”

Related Words: Constancy (loyalty, the state of being unwavering)

More Info: Fidelity contains the root “fid,” for “trust,” also appearing in diffident, fiduciary, infidel, and Fidel Castro’s name.

Mnemonic:

1. look for the root word fid...means faith, belief..so words like fidelity, confide, diffident, bonafide, fiduciary..all have fid in it and all these words are related to involving trust or faith, similarly fidelity..
2. agar tum apni wife par "fida" hoge toh phir tum loyal hoge
3. (federal bank)fedal bank is loyal, faithful and accurate interest bank.

eulogy
(noun)
YOU-luh-gee

Definition: Speech of praise or written work of praise, esp. a speech given at a funeral

Usage: While it was hard for Xing to write a eulogy for his friend, he was pleased to be able to tell others at the funeral some wonderful things about him that they hadn’t known. / The review of the book was pure eulogy—usually, this publication runs more balanced articles.

Related Words: Encomium (warm, glowing praise, esp. a formal expression of praise), Laudation (praise, tribute), Panegyric (formal, lofty, or elaborate praise), Paean (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

More Info: “Eu” is a Greek root for “good,” and “log” or “logos” for “discourse.”

Mnemonic:

1. eulogy = eu-'good' + log 'root: logue [dialogue, talk, speech]'
2. eulogy = Euler + geometry; Euler was very good at geometry; so we praise him, give him a EULOGY
3. story:my friend on seeing a dead body "eeeuuuu" and i gave a whole speech on honouring the dead so thats how the word eulogy came into existence....;)
4. Eu-logy sounds like (U-R-GREAT-GEE) After person gave this life in War for his country ,His friend expresses this honour by crying (formal expression of praise)
5. EU(English Usage like we have in cat)+Logic....your teacher is praising you that your English usage logic awesome man!!!!
6. sounds 'ur logic' >>> some one praises about your logic.. thts eulogy

sycophant
(noun)
SICK-uh-fint

Definition: Servile flatterer, parasitic person who fawns in order to get ahead

Usage: Stop being such a sycophant. I don’t need you to compliment my tie or get me coffee; I just need you to do your job without bothering me.

Related Words: Lackey, Toady, and Myrmidon are synonyms. Fawn means to try to please in a submissive way. Obsequious means “servile, very compliant, fawning.” Truckle means to act subserviently and Kowtow means to fawn—or, literally, to bow until one’s forehead touches the floor. In slang, we might call a sycophant a boot-licker, suck-up, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. sycophant.....split it likesyco(sounds like psycho)+phan...sounds like FAN.....SO JUST IMAGINE a PSYCHO FAN of yours in your office who want to please you in whatever way..by flattering..or by bootlicking.....just to gain your favour...
2. syco+pant..its not so easy to get a syco's pant..u need to please him like hel to make him to give his pant to you(personal advantage)..
3. Sparrow colored yellow to resemble a canary who sings to win favor but song is flat
4. matlab ki liye kisiki ass chatna....hahahah

loquacious
(adj)
loh-KWAY-shuss

Definition: Talkative, wordy

Usage: The loquacious professor spoke at a million miles an hour and still regularly talked past the scheduled end time of the class.

Related Words: Prolix and Verbose are synonyms. Magniloquent and Grandiloquent mean speaking in a lofty, grandiose style.

More Info: The root “loq” means “speech” and also appears in eloquent and interlocutor (participant in a dialogue; interrogator).

Mnemonic:

1. it is derived from the root word 'loqua'... which refers to SPEECH or TALK
2. Remember Loqua with mokka.
3. loquacious : loq(speech,talk)+voracious.
4. pickup 'lok' from this word which means people. Now think of Indian Lok Sabha where there are many loquacious politicians.
5. Loquacious --Loquat (Talk) + Cious sounds (She -always) â€“She is always talkative
6. talks like a LOCOMOTIVE

scant
(adj)
SKANT
Also scanty (adj)

Definition: Not enough or barely enough

Usage: The new intern was scant help at the conference—he disappeared all day to smoke and didn’t seem to realize that he was there to assist his coworkers. / The soldiers were always on the verge of hunger, complaining about their scanty rations.

Related Words: A modicum, scintilla, iota, mite, or tad of something is a small amount. A paucity or dearth is scarcity or lack.

Mnemonic:

1. SCANT rhymes with PANT => a mean man with scant regard for the panting dog shares non of his water.

obviate
(verb)
AHB-vee-ayt

Definition: Prevent, eliminate, or make unnecessary

Usage: Adding protective heel taps to your dress shoes can obviate the need to take them to the shoe repair store later, once the heels have worn down.

Related Words: Circumvent (go around, avoid, bypass, such as circumventing the rules)

More Info: It can be confusing that obviate looks so much like obvious but doesn't seem related. The words do share a root, and the common meaning is that something that is "in the way" is obvious—and also takes some effort to avoid or obviate.

Mnemonic:

1. obviate - viate sounds like deviate, deviate yourself from studying(happen something)...
2. ob+viate .. viate can be rhymed with void.. and making void means removing something.. hence getting rid of..
3. if it is obvious you can obviate it easily (you can prevent it), obvious and obviate sound similar
4. obviate = ob-'prevent' + viate 'via [=way]'
5. OBVIOUSly i ATE poison bcoz i wanted to GET RID OF my life..!!!!!!.....:D
6. Obviate : A-void-it

implode
(verb)
im-PLOHD

Definition: Burst inward

Usage: The startup struggled for years before it simply imploded—the management team broke into factions, all the clients were scared off, and employees who hadn't been paid in weeks began taking the office computers home with them in retribution.

More Info: Implore is, of course, the opposite of explode.

Mnemonic:

1. ex-'out'+plode-'burst'...so im-'in,inwards'+plode-'burst'...
2. it sounds like a load.if it is (over)loaded it will collapse.
3. implode:when the load increases it'll be collapsed...so meaning is collapse
4. implicit = im (not) + plod;Not in walk. ppl are going to coagulate here.

activism
(noun)
ACK-ti-vizm
Also activist (noun)

Definition: The practice of pursuing political or other goals through vigorous action, often including protests and demonstrations

Usage: Lindsay's parents had a hard time accepting that, after incurring \$100,000 in student loans, their daughter had decided to enter the low-paying field of environmental activism.

Related Words: Advocacy (pleading for, recommending), Champion (one who defends or supports, as a cause)

More Info: Activism is often considered noble, but judicial activism—going beyond interpreting existing laws to actually using court decisions to create new public policies—is often controversial.

catalyst
(noun)
CAT-uh-list

Definition: Causer of change

Usage: The young manager was a catalyst at the stodgy old company—once he introduced employee laptops, telecommuting, and mobile workstations, even the most conventional of employees totally changed the way they worked. / Reaching 500 pounds on the scale was a catalyst for Marcus to really change his lifestyle.

More Info: In chemistry, a catalyst causes or accelerates a chemical reaction but is not, itself, affected (the opposite is an inhibitor). Metaphorically, a catalyst is a person or event that causes a reaction.

Mnemonic:

1. CATA(LOOK like CATION..ions which has positive charge)like $mn+2$ which is a cation ,and cations SPEED
UP THE RATE OF REACTION,that is how they BRING A CHEMICAL CHANGE IN A REACTION.
2. My new CAT caused A LIST (lyst) of things that suddenly changed in my life.
3. cat is a fast moving animal & we all know that catalyst is a chemistry word, v can assume that if we put catatalyst it will work as cat in chemistry.,.

 sentient
 (adj)
 SENT-shent

Definition: Conscious; experiencing sensation or perceiving with the senses

Usage: Tia became a vegan because she refused to eat any sentient creature. / Look at the mold in your fridge! Let it grow any more, it might become sentient!

Related Words: The antonym insensate can mean unconscious or inanimate, lacking reason (that is, “sense”), or “cold-blooded,” merciless, lacking warm human feelings. A rock, a very intoxicated person, and a murderer could all be described as insensate.

Mnemonic:

1. Sentimental people are sentient.
2. Sentient -> SENTI + ENT(Ear Nose Throat) .. Capable of sensation, Aware, Sensitive ..
3. SENTIENT - conscious, susceptible or responsive to sensation, is sensitive.
4. when you are senti for someone you are aware(sentient)for her/him
5. -Able to see or feel things through senses.
6. Abhor

 exhaustive
 (adj)
 egg-ZAW-stiv

Definition: Comprehensive, thorough, exhausting a topic or subject, accounting for all possibilities; draining, tending to exhaust

Usage: The Standard Book of British Birds provides an exhaustive treatment of the subject—you will find that not a single British bird has been omitted. / The rebels finally surrendered after an exhaustive siege that left them without ammunition or even food.

Related Words: Thoroughgoing (thorough, complete; zealous), Omnibus (including or providing for many items)

Mnemonic:

1. im exhausted of this exhaustive debate.
2. Exhaustive = Ex haus(House). Imagine that you were searching if something was left when you were leaving your Ex-House.

 juncture
 (noun)

JUNK-tcher

Definition: Critical point in time, such as a crisis or a time when a decision is necessary; a place where two things are joined together

Usage: We are at a critical juncture in the history of this organization: either we can remain a nonprofit, or we can register as a political action committee and try to expand our influence. / The little canoe started to sink when it split at the juncture between the old wood and the new material used to repair it.

Related Words: Dovetail (join or fit together), Diverge (differ, deviate; branch off or turn aside, as from a path)

More Info: Junction is the act of joining, or a place where two things meet, esp. railroad lines or roads. A juncture is more the actual line where two things join, and a junction is the place where they come together. Junction often occurs in place names.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds very similar to PUNCTURE...well if your tyre gets punctured when you have an important meeting, you find your self IN a HUGE CRISIS.
2. from junction which is the meeting point

presumptive
(adj)
prizz-ZUMP-tiv

Definition: Based on inference or assumption; providing reasonable grounds for belief

Usage: The dictator's favorite nephew is the presumptive heir to power, but anything could happen. / He's the presumptive winner of the election—we haven't counted all the votes, but at this point it's almost mathematically impossible for the other guy to win.

Related Words: Ostensible or ostensive (professed, evident, or pretended; outwardly appearing in a certain way), Putative (supposed or reputed)

More Info: Don't confuse presumptive with presumptuous, meaning assuming in an arrogant way. He's presumptively a nice guy, at least from what I've heard—my sister said he wasn't presumptuous at all.

clinch
(verb)
KLIN-ch

Definition: Make final or settle conclusively; to fasten or hold together

Usage: When their best player was benched, the team fell behind, but once he was allowed back in the game, the team was able to clinch the win. / These two pieces have been clinched together with a clamp while the glue dries.

More Info: In sports, to clinch a championship is to gain so great a lead that it is impossible not to win. To clinch a contract is to lock it down. To clinch a nail is to flatten the part that sticks out—that is, to finish your work.

Mnemonic:

1. Clinch = Clin + ch

hodgepodge
(noun)

HAHJ-pahj

Definition: Mixture of different kinds of things, jumble

Usage: The comedian's book wasn't a proper memoir, but more a hodgepodge of old bits, personal stories that went nowhere, random political opinions, and childhood photos.

Related Words: Heterogeneous means "made up of diverse elements." Medley, Farrago, Potpourri, Pastiche and Olio are all words for mixtures of diverse things.

More Info: Hodgepodge comes from hotchpotch, a stew of meat and vegetables.

Mnemonic:

1. HO (Holland) DGE (DJ) PO (Poland) DGE(DJ)

plummet
(verb)
PLUM-it

Definition: Plunge, fall straight down

Usage: During the first 60 seconds or so of a skydive, the diver plummets towards Earth in freefall; then, he or she activates a parachute and floats down at what seems like a relatively leisurely pace.

More Info: As a noun, a plummet (or plumb bob) is a weight on the end of a cord. To plumb (or sound) the depths of a body of water is to drop a plummet (or sounding line) and see how much cord is used when the plummet hits the bottom, and therefore how deep the water is. When something plummets, the idea is that it is falling fast and straight down, as though it has been weighted.

Mnemonic:

1. plummet rhymes with "comet" which falls so sharply.
2. Plummet sounds like Planet (something very very heavy) .. a heavy thing will fall or drop sharply.
3. it can be plum+met. as we seen earlier plum(b)=vertical. plummet can be MET the VERTICLE extreme limit(lower).i.e. it fell.
4. You went on a Blind date and girl was PLUM who u MET..so you fell sharply
5. plummet : plunge from a summit(as simple as that)
6. plum(fruit).....so wen ripe it could fall sharply...

deface
(verb)
deh-FACE

Definition: Vandalize, mar the appearance of

Usage: Ernest was charged with three counts of vandalism after being caught defacing a row of townhouses with spraypaint.

Related Words: Depredate (plunder, lay waste to), Efface (wipe out, erase)

More Info: To deface can also be "to mark a check or monetary instrument" in order to make it invalid ("She defaced the check so it couldn't be cashed.")

Mnemonic:

1. de-face:: if u can concentrate on face , then deface means face which is scrapped.face is a part of a persons figure,so if the face is scrapped wen somone hits(mar), then the person is disfigured.
2. "DE-FACE".. deforming the face
3. DEFACE - concentrate on the word FACE...if a face which has the normal facial features is disfigured
or marred by some serious injury then the face becomes DEFACED.
4. FACE todd DIYA
5. no face no figure
6. de+face-> damage the face spoil the appearance of

corroborate
(verb)
cuh-ROBB-er-ayt

Definition: Support, add evidence to

Usage: You're telling me you were thirty miles away riding a roller coaster when the school was vandalized? I have a hard time believing that—is there anyone who can corroborate your story?

Related Words: Substantiate and verify also mean to prove true or provide evidence in favor of.

More Info: Corroborate shares a Latin root ("robur," for oak or strength) with robust.

Mnemonic:

1. just focus on borate part of this word -- Borate test is a confirmatory test in chemistry.
2. sounds like collaborate => to support
3. visualize ROBOT(coROBORate) standing firm with support.
4. It sounds like "CARBO-HYD-RATE" , which SUPPORTS in human growth
5. CORROBORATE mean to give support...CORBO LORBO JEETBO...by singing this song people support KKR...
6. corroborate sounds like "correlate" if two variable correlate then the causal evidence is strengthened or confirmed!

denigrate
(verb)
DEN-igg-rayt

Definition: Belittle, attack the reputation of

Usage: Many jokes in the Meet the Parents trilogy come from Robert De Niro's character denigrating Ben Stiller's character for being a male nurse.

Related Words: Disparage is a synonym.

More Info: Denigrate comes from a Latin root meaning "to blacken."

Mnemonic:

1. focus on the 'nigrate' part of this word and relate it to 'nigger' (which means people who have black skin)
2. DENIGRATE=DENY+GREAT.so if yu deny someone is great ,it means you BELITTLE him
3. READ DENIGRATE AS DEGRADE...WHICH MEANS TO DEFAME OR PUT A BLACK BLOT ON SOMEONE.
4. When Pakistan was divided from INDIA many people DENIGRATED (attack the good name and reputation) Mahatma Gandhi who dedicated his life for (Swathantra Bharat) our freedom and our future
5. denigrate -> take out the ni de(ni)grate.
6. deni-grate

unseemly
(adj)
un-SEEM-lee

Definition: Improper, inappropriate, against the rules of taste or politeness

Usage: The activist really did want to get the candidate's support for the equal-rights measure, so she did what the candidate's aides asked—but she found it very unseemly that they suggested a specific dollar amount for the "donation" she was asked to make in order to get a meeting.

Related Words: Indecorous (synonym), Boorish or Churlish (rude, ill-mannered, insensitive), Uncouth (having bad manners, awkward), Gauche (tactless, lacking social grace, awkward, crude)

More Info: The antonym seemly means suitable, proper, appropriate, or even handsome.

Mnemonic:

1. UN+SEEM- does not seem normal or proper in behavior
2. un seemly-> seeing me undress and becoming indecent.
3. sounds like "uncomely" which is not pleasing means improper behavior
4. Unseemly - something that is UGLY, indecent, ungainly.

saturate
(verb)
SATCH-er-ayt

Definition: Soak or imbue thoroughly; cause a substance to unite with the greatest possible amount of another substance

Usage: We got married on a rainy beach, and my dress was saturated. Although the pictures were a bit dark, the photographer was able to increase the saturation in Photoshop, making our wedding photos ultimately look quite vivid! / I simply cannot dissolve any more sugar into this iced tea—it's saturated!

More Info: Saturate comes from the root "satus," (meaning "enough"), which also gives us satisfy, satiate, sated, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. SATURATE or INTEGRATE - to fill or supply completely.
2. saturate, think of it as saturated fat. Once we take saturated fat in, it will soak in our body, and become fat. (very hard to burn it off)

germane
(adj)
jer-MANE

Definition: Relevant and appropriate, on-topic

Usage: This is a business meeting, not a social club—let's keep our comments germane to the issue of the new campaign.

Related Words: Pertinent (relevant), Akin (related by blood; analogous or similar)

Memory Trick: When four of the Jackson 5 would get off track, it was always Jermaine who would direct the conversation back to the topic at hand.

Mnemonic:

1. germane...very close to word ..germany..so if you want TO learn GERMAN LANGUAGE....I GUESS A GERMAN teacher would be APPROPRIATE.
2. Ger(main) : he asked the "main" (appropriate) question
3. GIRL+MEIN....kisi girl mein interest hona relevant hain
4. ger(ghar)mane(man)-ghar ka aadmi always "relevant" to house matters...
5. ger(ghar)mane(man)-ghar ka aadmi always "relevant" to house matters...
6. Think Jermaine Jackson who was relevant to the Jackson Five

derivative
(adj)
deh-RIV-uh-tiv

Definition: Derived from something else; not original

Usage: The singer's first album was a disappointment, derivative of several hit albums from the previous year, as though a management team had simply picked out the elements from other popular songs that they thought would make the most money.

Related Words: Banal, Hackneyed, Inane, Insipid and Trite all mean "lacking freshness and originality, shallow."

More Info: In finance, a derivative is a contract the value of which is derived from the value of underlying stocks, bonds, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. Deriv - Drive /
2. DRIVE a RELATIVE from his house to yours.

unprecedented
(adj)
un-PRESS-uh-den-ted

Definition: Never before known or seen, without having happened previously

Usage: When Nixon resigned, American bravado was at an all-time low—the resignation of a sitting President was disgraceful and unprecedented.

Related Words: Novel (new, fresh, original)

More Info: It's not hard to unpack this word—the base word preceded looks a lot like precede, “to come before.” If something is unprecedented, nothing has come before it. In law, a precedent is a ruling in a similar case that a judge would draw on or reference in writing a decision.

Mnemonic:

1. UN(not)..PRECEDE(event occurred in past)...so unprecedented means something which has never occurred in past or it is novel
2. un (not) precede(proceed...so we generally proceed with math problems with an eg..its something like
not proceed with previous example
3. un+preced+ent+ed -> Never went to ent before or known before.
4. Unprecedented and Repeated are rhyming words but they have opposite meanings. Unprecedented means something novel or unique, while repeated means something that happens again and again.

aberrant
(adj)
AB-er-int
Also aberration (noun)

Definition: Abnormal, deviant

Usage: The teen's aberrant behavior made his family suspect that he was using drugs. / Losing rather than gaining weight over the holidays is certainly an aberration.

Related Words: Anomaly (deviation from the norm, inconsistency), Outlier (a person on the fringe; a data point that lies outside the main pattern of data)

More Info: The prefix “ab” means “away”—in this case, away from what's normal.

Mnemonic:

1. (Tag: Global) ab (away) + err (error) + ant : focus on ERR and ANT. Ants normally move together in a queue. imagine all these ants moving randomly like a group of honey bees. That would be abnormal behaviour.
2. (beer+ant)...ant drank beer and walking abnormal..
3. ab (away) + err (error) + ant : focus on ERR and ANT, usually an ant follows a path ... so moving away from (root ab means away from) that path means, error in regular path and hence deviating from normal path...or behaviour
4. aberrant behaviour of owner abb agar rent nahi diya
5. ab error aa gayi..hence it is no more normal...hence abnormal
6. Ab-Abishek bachan, Ran-ran at the back of,Ant- Aunty. total is "abishek inspite of having Ash he was running at the back of auntys. it means he is mentally ABNORMAL"

clamor
(verb)
CLAM-er

Definition: Noisy uproar or protest, as from a crowd; a loud, continuous noise

Usage: As soon as a scent of scandal emerged, the press was clamoring for details. / The mayor couldn't even make herself heard over the clamor of the protestors.

Related Words: Hubbub (loud noise, confusion), Cacophany (harsh, discordant, or meaningless mixture of sounds), Din (loud, confused noise), Dissonance (cacophony, harsh, inharmonious sound)

More Info: Don't confuse with clamber, which means to climb awkwardly or scramble. Clamor comes from an Anglo-French root meaning "cry out," a root that also gives us claim.

Mnemonic:

1. CLAMOR rhymes wit glamorous...whenever de crowd sees a glamour girl they become NOISY
2. CLAIM+MORE: So when you claim for more or demand more there is a loud noise or complain
3. clamor sounds a little lik hammer.. hammer makes a lot of noise
4. sounds like "claim"...means to demend something forcefully and in anger////clamoured
5. it sound like CRY more
6. the word rhymes with hammer...so wen u hit with hammer,u get to hear sound,noise

judicious
(adj)
joo-DISH-uss

Definition: Using good judgment; wise, sensible

Usage: In his will, the old titan of industry left little to his hard-partying younger son, and left the bulk of his estate to the more judicious older son, with instructions that the older son see that the rest of the family was taken care of.

Related Words: Prudent (wise, careful in providing for the future), Circumspect (cautious, careful to consider the circumstances and consequences)

More Info: The related judicial means "relating to judges, courtrooms, justice, etc." While a judicious person is wise, a judicial attitude would probably be cold, impartial, detached.

Mnemonic:

1. judi+cious--- having JUDgement qualities

anomaly
(noun)
uh-NOM-ah-lee
Also anomalous (adj)

Definition: Deviation from what is common; inconsistency

Usage: While the cosmetics division of this company has many female executives, it is an anomaly--in the rest of the company, sadly, only 4% of management positions are filled by women.

Related Words: Aberration (departing from normal; mental irregularity or deviation in morality)

More Info: The word "anomaly" sometimes pops up in discussions of the supernatural. The show X-Files was about the investigation of anomalies.

Mnemonic:

1. Anomaly sounds like abnormally.. that is one who deviates from the normal order.

2. Anomaly= A(means NO) + Nomaly = A(no) + Normality = ABNORMALITY, DEVIATION FROM NORMAL ORDER
 3. Anomaly=an+omaly(sounds like omlate)

 dispassionate
 (adj)
 diss-PASH-shun-it

Definition: Unbiased, not having a selfish or personal motivation; calm, lacking emotion

Usage: The defendant tearfully described how much her young child needed her at home, but the judge, who dispassionately sentenced her to ten years for selling drugs, was unmoved.

Related Words: Disinterested (unbiased, impartial; not interested), Nonpartisan (impartial, not controlled by a political party)

More Info: Dispassionate could be positive or negative, depending on the context—a judge should be dispassionate, but if someone dispassionately broke up with you, you'd probably think that was pretty cold.

Mnemonic:

1. dis-passionate, without any passion usually people without passions are calm

 spectrum
 (noun)
 SPECK-trum

Definition: A broad range of nevertheless related qualities or ideas, esp. those that overlap to create a continuous series (as in a color spectrum, where each color blends into the next in a continuous way)

Usage: A test showed she was partially colorblind – she did see blues and greens, but was unable to perceive some other colors on the spectrum. / A “dialect continuum” is a spectrum of dialects of a language where speakers in different dialect groups can understand some, but not all, of the other groups—for instance, people in the west can understand people in the middle, and people in the middle can understand people in the east, but people in the west and the east cannot talk to one another.

Related Words: Panoply (splendid, wide-ranging, impressive display or array), Scope (extent or range, such as of knowledge, effectiveness, authority, etc.)

 covert
 (adj)
 COH-vert

Definition: Secret, veiled, undercover

Usage: The soldier trained to be part of covert operations, moving silently and remaining out of the enemy's sight.

Related Words: Clandestine, Surreptitious, and Furtive all mean secret, undercover.

Mnemonic:

1. Covert sounds like "covered [covert = cover + t or covered + t] and something which is covered can be considered a secret.

 implicit
 (adj)
 im-PLISS-it

Definition: Implied, not stated directly; involved in the very essence of something, unquestionable

Usage: He didn't have to be told to resign; it was implicit in his not getting the promotion that he had no future at the company. / I enjoy ice climbing with my father because, in such a dangerous situation, it's important to have a partner you trust implicitly.

Related Words: Tacit also means implied, unspoken.

More Info: The antonym of implicit is explicit (direct, clear, fully revealed, or clearly depicting sex or nudity).

Mnemonic:

1. impli+cit--- tacit(CIT) means understand without being expressed so IMPLICIT means implied without directly expressed
2. S(impli) (cit)ing is implicit
3. implicit = im (not) + lic + it; There is no lick in the tank; It is lick free.

desiccate
(verb)
DESS-ick-ayt
Also desiccated (adj)

Definition: Thoroughly dried up, dehydrated

Usage: The key to maintaining odor-free shoes is to desiccate the insole by placing a drying agent, such as a small pouch of baking soda, inside the shoe between wears. / Beef jerky is a desiccated meat product.

Related Words: Arid means very dry, like a desert.

More Info: Also from the Latin "siccare" (dry), a siccative is a drying agent. The same root appears in the Spanish word for dry (seco) and in the name of the Italian dry sparkling wine prosecco.

Mnemonic:

1. desi cake is always dried up.
2. "Desert Cake": Cake that has been dried out and turned dull in taste.
3. Desi+cat is always dry because if she will be wet she will be called bheegi billi...remember 9xm.
4. Dessicate =Desi(hindi)
5. "Desi Katte"
6. Desiccate=The Sukka(dry) ate eat.

tirade
(noun)
tie-RAYD

Definition: Bitter, abusive criticism or verbal attack

Usage: I hate that television show where that commentator goes on angry tirades about all the liberal conspiracies taking over America. Even my conservative friends find his ranting embarrassing.

Related Words: Diatribe, Tirade, Harangue, and Fulmination are all words for bitter, angry speeches or attacks.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like tired.. your mom gets tired after a TIRADE..i.e. LONG ANGRY DENUNCIATORY SPEECH..
2. In Trading job, if something goes wrong, they will scold you
3. papa made the rade of evening tea by tirade .(tea+rade)
4. TEE in pujabi means daughter. lets say TI = daughter for a second. now if you raid your daughter when she is changing clothes, youre a fucking pedophile and this is god-damn denouncing. SO DONT TIRADE

5. TIRADE is when you BOMBARD somebody with angry words.
 6. Tyre vesetappudu (While a punctur guy changes a tyre) he bitches non-stop about other puncture guy.
 so Tirade.

copious
 (adj)
 COH-pee-uss

Definition: Plentiful, bountiful

Usage: Although she took copious notes in class, she found that she was missing a big picture that would have tied all the information together. / The fertile, copious land yielded a rich harvest.

Related Words: Profuse (giving or done in a free, abundant way)

More Info: Copious shares a root with cornucopia, a "horn of plenty" (the symbol of the American Thanksgiving holiday).

Mnemonic:

1. By copying in an exam, some get a LOT of marks
2. COP(police)...cops are found everywhere...on streets,in bars,in rallies,on the border...hence they are plentiful...hence COPIOUS means in abundance.....
3. Sounds like copy.
4. copious sounds like kuppalu (a heap of sthing) which is in abundance
5. copy= photocopy of something results in bulk quantity.

candid
 (adj)
 CAN-did
 Also candor (noun)

Definition: Open, sincere, honest

Usage: Allow me to be candid: you do look rather portly in those pants, and I think you should wear something else. / You have been really secretive about where you've been going after work; we could use a little more candor in this relationship.

Related Words: Frank (direct, straightforward)

More Info: Candid photographs are photos "from life," where the subjects are not posing. Candid Camera was a "hidden camera" style prank show that ran for decades.

Mnemonic:

1. candidates in a interview are recommended to be straight forward,outspoken and honest in an interview for best result.....
2. 1.candid -> can+did -> can+do=straightforward

landmark
 (noun, adj)
 LAND-mark

Definition: Object (such as a building) that stands out and can be used to navigate by; a very important place, event, etc.

Usage: The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was a landmark in the battle for equality. / In Lebanon, many roads are unmarked, and people navigate by landmarks—for instance, "third house down from the water tower."

Related Words: A watershed is literally a division between two water drainage areas; a watershed or watershed moment is the point of a very important decision or shift.

anoint
(verb)
uh-NOINT
Also anointed (adj)

Definition: Rub or sprinkle oil on; make sacred, such as by a ceremony that includes applying oil to someone

Usage: After Principal Smitters raised test scores over 60% at her school, it was only a matter of time before she was anointed superintendent by a fawning school board.

More Info: Anoint shares a root with ointment, an oily substance added to the skin. Anointing occurs repeatedly in the Bible; in that time, people rubbed oil on themselves medicinally and for refreshment, and as a means of showing hospitality to guests.

Mnemonic:

1. an+oin+t...oin souds like oil....and in rajasthan.....in some communities during weding they put oil on bridegroom and bride head before they get ready for wedding ceremony.as they consider it sacred
2. 1.anoint rhymes with APPOINT..appoint as saint,holy person is to make him holy or beatify
3. an + oint ~ ointment; ointment ~ oil; some oil applied to hair.
4. ANOINT<===> अणुअङ्गतां²अणुअणुअणु;अणु.अङ्गतां• अणु.अणुअणुअणु% (pr. \\telabhiShek karana \\) [Noun]

torrid
(adj)
TORE-id

Definition: Very hot, parching, burning; passionate

Usage: They had a torrid love affair in the '80s, but split up because a royal was not permitted to marry a commoner. / The wandering refugees were in serious danger in the torrid Sahara.

Related Words: Arid (dry, parched, barren)

More Info: The “torrid zone” is the region of Earth between the tropics.

Mnemonic:

1. tortuously arid or hot & arid=torrid
2. My girlfriend thought i was lookin torrid(HOT) in my new silky shirt so she just came up and TORE IT OFF!!!!(SOUNDS LIKE TORID)
3. "Tour" + "Rid" You got rid of the tour because it was to hot outside.
4. i remember vaguely but 10 years back there was this chick named TORRY who was KANE's gf in WWE. i best KANE 1.was passionate about 2. HEATED sex with her.
5. People in Torrid Zones experience hot
6. torres is really PASSIONATE about football and girls think he is really HOT

scathing
(adj)
SKAYTHE-ing
Also unscathed (adj)

Definition: Severe, injurious; bitterly harsh or critical (as a remark)

Usage: The school superintendant gave a scathing criticism of the education bill, calling it “an attack on our community’s children that will surely go down in infamy.” / How is it possible that she flew off her bicycle like that and walked away unscathed?

More Info: As you can see from the use of unscathed to mean “not physically injured,” scathing

originally referred to physical injury and now generally refers to injurious comments. A word used in a similar metaphorical way is excoriate, which literally means “to rub the skin off of” but is more often used to mean “to criticize very harshly.”

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like SKATING...when I said I will do skating on highway, my mother started scathing
2. it's a SCARY + THING
3. Skating: My mom gave an scathing remark when i said i would go skating with my frens, she said skating would be scathing in rainy season!

stingy
(adj)
STINN-jee

Definition: Not generous with money, reluctant to spend or give

Usage: Billionaire industrialist J. Paul Getty was so famously stingy that he installed pay phones in his mansion for guests to use. When his grandson was kidnapped, he refused to pay ransom and only changed his mind when the kidnappers cut off the boy's ear. This famous cheapskate then demanded that his son (the boy's father) pay him back! What a miser.

Related Words: Miser, Cheapskate, Skinflint (stingy person), Frugal (economical, thrifty, not wasteful with money), Stint (to be frugal)

More Info: A “scrooge” is also a miserly person, especially a wealthy one, after the character of Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol.

Mnemonic:

1. stingy _____sting in punjabi mean miser or thrifty person
2. Stingy - Stinky cheese. The customers of a new grocery store were reluctant to buy its stinky cheese
3. stingy = sani (roof) + tin + gy (yes); means poor.

deem
(verb)
DEEM

Definition: Judge; consider

Usage: “You can take the black belt exam when I deem you ready, and not a moment before,” said the karate instructor.

Related Words: Assay (examine, analyze, judge)

More Info: Deem, which shares an Old English root with doom, originally meant “to pronounce judgment”—in the 17th century, some judges were called “deemsters.”

Mnemonic:

1. can we relate it with seem so that Seem will mean appear and deem will mean consider.

conundrum
(noun)
cah-NUHN-drum

Definition: Riddle, the answer to which involves a play on words; any mystery

Usage: A classic conundrum is “What's black and white and red all over?” The answer, of course, is a newspaper. / How to count the entire population accurately—including those without fixed addresses—is a bit of a conundrum.

Related Words: Enigma (puzzle, mystery), Paradox (contradiction, or seeming contradiction that is actually true)

Mnemonic:

1. drum ke andar kaun hai
2. Hey this rock start got only one "drum", how he is going to do the show!! It's a difficult situation.
3. o
4. Can+ any one lift is drum?? As it is a difficult problem.
5. CONUNDRUM: KAUN(who) UNDUR(inside); so whos inside...if sme one asks u this,ur puzzled since its difficult to guess
6. Whiche one came first? Unda(egg)? or murgi(chicken), we can spell it like "Kon unda?". Means this is a puzzle(problem) without a solution

partisan
(adj, noun)
PAR-tiss-un

Definition: Devoted to a particular group, cause, etc. (adj.); fervent supporter of a group, party, idea, etc.; guerilla fighter (noun)

Usage: It is unconscionable to engage in partisan politics in a time of crisis. People are trapped in the rubble of an earthquake, and you suggest that we vote for your tax bill in exchange for your voting for our relief bill?

Related Words: Partial (biased, prejudiced; having a special liking for something)

More Info: Partisan is related to the idea of a party (as in a political party). A party or other self-interested group can also be called a faction. Partisanship gone too far could be called factionalism.

Bipartisan means pertaining to both parties (typically in a two-party system), and nonpartisan means unbiased or not affiliated with a party.

Mnemonic:

1. parti(think of a political party)+san(son)...so a father who is favouring his son's political party, instead of a good party.
2. A partisan says, 'my party is my SON, my daughter, my mom & my dad'
3. just d way civism is being a good citizen, partism (reminds of partisan) is being a good(ardent) supporter of a party/group/person/activity
4. PARTison -> taking a PART or side
5. Partisan almost sounds like "party-fan".. Someone who strongly supports partying it up :)
- 6.

orthodox
(adj)
ORE-thoh-docks

Definition: Adhering to a traditional, established faith, or to anything customary or commonly accepted

Usage: I appreciate that the new dentist thinks that my oral health can be improved through yoga, but I really prefer a more orthodox approach to dental care.

Related Words: Conventional means traditional or customary. The opposite of orthodox is, of course, unorthodox—or its synonym, heterodox.

More Info: "Ortho" means "correct, true, straight" and also appears in orthodontist, orthopedist, etc.

The root "doct/dox" means "opinion" or "teach, know" and occurs in doctrine, doctor, paradox, and

doctrinaire (person who applies doctrine in an impractical or rigid and close-minded way).

Mnemonic:

1. Orthodox sounds like Orthodontist which helps makes your teeth straight or right, which is commonly accepted to have straight teeth.
2. earth odor

archaic
(adj)
ar-CAY-ick
Also archaism (noun)

Definition: Characteristic of an earlier period, ancient, primitive

Usage: The school's archaic computer system predated even floppy disks—it stored records on tape drives! / Sometimes, when you look a word up in the dictionary, certain definitions are marked “archaic”—unless you are a Shakespeare scholar, you can safely ignore those archaisms.

Related Words: Obsolete (out of date, no longer used), Antediluvian (extremely old, before the Biblical flood)

More Info: “Archaic” is especially used to describe language common to an older time but rare today, such as “thou” or “forsooth.” If a word appears in a dictionary with “archaic” next to a secondary meaning, that meaning is unlikely to be tested on the GRE.

Mnemonic:

1. Archealogy - study of old things.. Archaic - The old things on which we study..
2. The word resembles like archies ...the old archies card are kept with us.
3. Remember with Archive. As we keep very old thing in archive- Archaic is related something very old.
4. Archaic: ARCH comes from the word archaeology so something related with primitive times;outdated
5. archaic : archeological+ick, first word-old
6. sounds like a cake which is no longer used

discriminating
(adj)
diss-CRIM-in-ay-ting

Definition: Judicious, discerning, having good judgment or insight

Usage: He is a man of discriminating tastes—all his suits are handmade in Italy, and I once saw him send back an entree when he complained that black truffle oil had been substituted for white. The chef

was astounded. / You can tell a real Prada bag by the discriminating mark on the inside.

More Info: Many people automatically think of discriminating as bad, because they are thinking of racial discrimination. However, discriminating is simply telling things apart and can be an important skill—it is important to discriminate legitimate colleges from fraudulent diploma mills, for instance.

facilitate
(verb)
fuh-SILL-it-tayt

Definition: Make easier, help the progress of

Usage: A good meeting facilitator lets everyone be heard while still keeping the meeting focused. / As a midwife, my goal is simply to facilitate a natural process.

More Info: Speakers of Spanish and French will certainly recognize facilitate's similarity with

“fácil” or “facile,” meaning “easy.” Interestingly, though, the word facile in English can be negative, meaning “shallow or superficial”—that is, a little too easy.

Mnemonic:

1. when you provide FACILITIES(facilit+ ate).. it makes things less difficult.

prohibitive
(adj)
proh-HIBB-it-iv

Definition: Tending to forbid something, or serving to prevent something

Usage: I was admitted to NYU, but it was prohibitively expensive, so I ended up at state school instead. / My parents installed a high fence as a prohibitive barrier against the neighborhood hooligans.

Related Words: Exorbitant means excessive, especially by being outrageously expensive.

speculate
(verb)
SPECK-you-layt

Definition: Contemplate; make a guess or educated guess about; engage in a risky business transaction, gamble

Usage: During the Gold Rush, speculators bought up land, sometimes with borrowed funds, expecting to prospect the land for gold and get rich quickly. / She speculated that, in zero gravity, showers would have to exist as closed rooms in which a giant bubble of water formed, and a person got inside it.

More Info: Speculate comes from a root (“look at”) also found in spectacle, spectator, inspect, and many others. To speculate is to try to “see” into the future or a situation about which not much is known.

Mnemonic:

1. donot speaklate as speculte means to form an opinion without knowing all the facts

apocryphal
(adj)
uh-POCK-riff-ull
Also Apocrypha (noun)

Definition: Of questionable authenticity; false

Usage: I’m sorry, but this putative letter from George Washington that you found at a garage sale is clearly apocryphal—it is riddled with anachronisms (for instance, Washington was long dead by the time silent films were invented), and also, Washington most certainly didn’t refer to Martha Washington as “hey baby.”

Related Words: Ersatz (artificial, synthetic, serving as a substitute), Faux (fake, imitation, as in “faux fur”), Specious (pleasing to the eye but deceptive)

More Info: The word “Apocrypha” often refers to books that have been rejected for inclusion in (various versions of) the Bible, either due to dubious authenticity or because the Church considered them useful, but not divinely inspired. Obviously, different authorities disagree about what exactly is included in the Apocrypha.

Mnemonic:

1. Apocryphal Hypocritical (of false appearance of virtue)
2. Derived from root "crypt" which means "secret". So, Apocryphal means "of doubtful authenticity"
3. Assume a girl's cry. Cry is a part of the word Apo'cry'phal. Girl's crying is false and made up. So,
Apocryphal means made up or questionable.
4. apo+cry+phal:ur crying so mom question's u..questionable...u say fall which is untrue
5. apocryphal = apo + cry + phal; so you cry realizing that your new jewellery is spurious!
6. APO CRY FAIL- you cry because,you fail; but that is untrue because i am sure you passed; therefore its of questionable authority...

pragmatic
(adj)
prag-MAT-ick

Definition: Practical; dealing with actual facts and reality

Usage: Megan and Dave were in love, but Megan decided to be pragmatic—she doubted they'd stay together through a four-year long distance relationship as they attended different colleges, so she figured they might as well end things now.

Related Words: Politic (shrewd, pragmatic; tactful or diplomatic), Expedient (suitable, proper; effective, often at the expense of ethics or other considerations)

More Info: A pragmatic sanction is a ruler's declaration having the force of law. A ruler might issue a pragmatic sanction when the ideal situation isn't possible, so one must be practical and "just get the job done."

Mnemonic:

1. PRA + gma + TIC = PRA + c + TIC + al
2. Relate it to "PREGNANT-ISM" In order to make a girl pregnant you need to PRACTICALLY do something...by only talking theoretically you can't make her pregnant...
3. Sounds like problematic. In such a situation you should be concerned with what is practically reasonable and logical
4. remember pragma in C Programming language which practical in certain situations like computing square root of a number.
5. Pragmatic = The ppl who have rag is always self confident ppl.

verbose
(adj)
ver-BOH-ss

Definition: Wordy

Usage: Twitter's 140 character limit really forces the verbose to go against their natural tendencies and instead write succinctly.

Related Words: Loquacious, Prolix, and Voluble mean "talkative, wordy."

More Info: The Latin "verbum" means "word" and of course gives us verb, verbal, etc., and also verbiage (excess words or style of expressing something in words). A verbose person could stand to cut down on the verbiage.

Mnemonic:

1. VER for verbal BOSE for boss; so you may say that your boss is excessively verbal.
2. verb + ose ..hence can be related to verbal and hence word
3. relate it to "Verbal",as verbally
4. verbal overdose:i.e. too many words giving overdose
5. break it as verb->words and ose->ooze ..words are ozig out
6. verb obesity

placate
(verb)

PLAY-cayt

Definition: Satisfy or calm down (an angry or dissatisfied person), esp. by conciliatory gestures

Usage: "It's an interesting business model," said the flower shop owner. "Outside of Valentine's Day, our average customer uses our product to placate an angry partner."

Related Words: Appease, Mollify, Conciliate, and Assuage are near-synonyms. Implacable means "not able to be placated."

More Info: "Conciliatory gestures" (as in the definition above) could mean giving in, lowering oneself, compromising one's principles, offering gifts or rebates, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. PL + ac + ATE = a PLATE full of tasty food to SATISFY someone.
2. "playing" wid "cat"...it'll surely pacify salman...
- 3.
4. placate--pla(playing)+cate(cards)==playing cards pacify's anyone.....
5. the word's origin means 'to please'
6. Placate: Plate+cake= a plate of cake which calms and appeases.

subjective
(adj)
sub-JECK-tiv

Definition: Existing in the mind or relating to one's own thoughts, opinions, emotions, etc.; personal, individual, based on feelings

Usage: Naturally, anyone's experience of a movie is subjective, and some will enjoy this picture despite its flaws; however, it is an objective fact that the cinematography is very bad. / We can give names to colors, but we can never quite convey the subjective experience of them--what if my "red" is different from your "red"?

More Info: The opposite of subjective is objective (factual, related to reality or physical objects; not influenced by emotions, unbiased)

sportive
(adj)
SPORT-iv

Definition: Playful, merry, joking around, done "in sport" (rather than intended seriously)

Usage: After Will shot a ball entirely off the pool table, knocking a woman's purse off a bar stool, his friends laughed hysterically and called him "purse-snatcher" all night, but he took it as sportive and bought the next round of drinks.

Related Words: Jocular, jocose, and jocund (joking or given to joking all the time; jolly, playful), Waggish (merry, roguish), Risible (laughable, related to laughing)

More Info: Sportive certainly is related to sports and occasionally means "pertaining to athletics." Also related is the idea of being a "good sport," which generally involves having a sense of humor about yourself. Something done "in sport" is meant playfully.

pugnacious
(adj)

pug-NAY-shuss

Definition: Inclined to fight, combative

Usage: Amy had hoped to avoid inviting Uncle Ed to the wedding, as he was a pugnacious fellow—and, sure enough, he managed to start a fistfight with the best man.

Related Words: Belligerent, bellicose, and truculent are synonyms.

More Info: Pugilism (boxing, fistfighting) and pugnacious come from the Latin “pugnus,” for “fist.”

Mnemonic:

1. punga+nacious- one with tendency to always fight and take punga(Hindi)
2. a pug is an aggressive breed asiatic breed of dog. So a pugnacious pug..
3. pug sounds like thug! - thugs are violent and aggressive
4. PUG(rough)+nacious(similar to NOXIOUS,means harmful)

disinterested
(adj)
diss-INT-uh-rest-id

Definition: Unbiased, impartial; not interested

Usage: Let's settle this argument once and for all! We'll get a disinterested observer to judge who can sing the highest note!

Related Words: Dispassionate (unbiased, not having a selfish or personal motivation), Nonpartisan (impartial, not controlled by a political party)

More Info: Disinterested and uninterested have a confusing history. Some insist that disinterested only means “unbiased” and uninterested only means “not interested, apathetic.” However, throughout history, both words have been used to denote both meanings, so you'll have to be guided by context in interpreting these words.

Mnemonic:

1. Dis-Interest...if a particular issue is not of any interest to me (dis-interest), i'll pass a biased free opinion about it...
2. Dis - Not + Interested.
3. Disinterested = not having any self interest; unprejudiced

contentious
(adj)
cuhn-TENT-chuss
Also contend (verb), contention (noun)

Definition: Controversial; prone to causing arguments, especially gratuitous or petty ones

Usage: The death penalty is a contentious issue. / My uncle is so contentious that every attempt I made to introduce an uncontroversial topic met with failure—he ranted and raved about the weather, trees, math, and my daughter's enjoyment of oatmeal.

Related Words: Disputatious and quarrelsome are near-synonyms

More Info: A contention is simply a claim, often a thesis or statement that will then be backed up with reasons. To contend can be to argue or to vie for a prize, as in the famous quote from On the Waterfront: “I coulda been a contender.”

Mnemonic:

1. Contentious- (Contender+Serious) One who takes competition too serious always fights and quarrels
2. Remember as non-contented. One who is not contented is always quarrelsome.
3. contentious=content+tious(related with malicious)..i.e. malicious content which pertains to argumentative or contravercial content..its so easy...right..?:)

4. Sounds like (Contagious)-The person/people/group who is causing controversy/ quarrelsome is contagious to our society
5. If everyone around you is content and you are not, you might start thinking of something to make them less happy.
6. Content+ious(ewww!U.S) If the "content" in an article is aimed at making the "U.S" look "eww" or bad, then that article will be controversial.

austere
(adj)
aw-STEER
Also austerity (noun)

Definition: Severe in manner or appearance; very self-disciplined, ascetic; without luxury or ease; sober or serious

Usage: Her design sense was so minimalist as to be austere; all-white walls, hard, wooden furniture, not a single picture, throw pillow, or cozy comfort anywhere. / The graduation speaker delivered an austere message: the economy is bad, and academic success alone isn't enough to succeed in the job market.

Related Words: Ascetic (pertaining to a simple, austere life with no luxuries, such as that of a monk; a person who leads such a life)

Mnemonic:

1. AUS-australia TERE-tear(sorrow). like the recent beatings of Australians in INDIA. so one should deny oneself from going there
2. austere sounds like severe which it means
3. remember austin? I mean STONE COLD steve austin. he was harsh , severe and stern
4. (in Hindi language) Austere = A(hindi, means NO) + Ustere = A + USTARA(Hindi, Knife) = No+Ustrara =>
Aaj ke jamane me one without Ustara, it means he is SEVERLY SIMPLE
5. auSTERe....connect it with stern
6. AUS-australia TERE-tear(sorrow). like the recent beatings of Australians in INDIA. so one should deny oneself from going there

disquieting
(adj)
diss-QUIET-ing
Also disquiet (noun or verb)

Definition: Disturbing, causing anxiety

Usage: Mr. Peters' lack of emotion at his wife's death was disquieting—so much so, in fact, that even his own family began to suspect he'd had something to do with it. / He was deeply disquieted by the racism he encountered in his new neighborhood.

Related Words: Discomfiting (disconcerting, confusing, frustrating)

More Info: Think of disquiet not as the opposite of quiet, but more as an opposite to quiescent, meaning peaceful and calm.

skirt
(verb)
SKERT

Definition: Border, lie along the edge of, go around; evade

Usage: Melissa spent all of Thanksgiving skirting the issue of who she was dating and when she might get married and make her mother a grandmother. It was exhausting changing the subject two dozen times! / The creek skirts our property on the west, so it's easy to tell where our farm ends.

Related Words: Circumvent (go around, avoid, bypass, such as circumventing the rules)

More Info: This word is a metaphor related to the clothing item skirt, which passes around a person's body in a somewhat circular manner.

Mnemonic:

1. skirts are worn by girls to attract boys, so girls can persuade boys easily and can AVOID CLEVERLY their problems

levity
(noun)
LEVY-it-tee

Definition: Lightness (of mind, spirit, or mood) or lack of seriousness, sometimes in an inappropriate way

Usage: My late uncle Bill loved practical jokes and absolutely would have approved of the iPod mix my aunt played at the wake, which added a little levity by segueing from "Amazing Grace" to the party anthem "Let's Get It Started."

More Info: Levity comes from a Latin word for "lightness," which also gives us elevator, lever, leaven (to cause bread to rise) and levitate (to cause to float, such as in a magic show).

Mnemonic:

1. lev(leave)+it+y(.yaar)..you casually leave things without any seriousness
2. lev+ity..together sounds like leave+take...so you take a leave whenever you want..thats shows that you are not serious about your future.
3. Live and eat.
4. in telugu, levu, means 'not present' ... no seriousness..
5. Causal like LEVIS jeans.

hierarchy
(noun)
HIGH-er-ar-kee

Definition: A ranked series; a classification of people according to rank, ability, etc.; a ruling body

Usage: The activist, accustomed to groups ruled by consensus, was quite surprised to find that the Eco-Action Coalition was led by a strict hierarchy—members followed orders from district leaders, district leaders from regional leaders, and regional leaders from the national head.

Related Words: Echelon (a level, rank or grade; the people at that level), Stratum (a layer, esp. one of a number of parallel layers, such as in sedimentary rock or the Earth's atmosphere; plural is strata, as in "Of all the strata of society, the middle class is the stratum hit hardest by the recession.")

More Info: A hierarchy was originally a ranked division of angels.

Mnemonic:

1. hierarchy: we can memorize as, high + rank i.e. ranking high to low

inadvertent
(adj)
in-ad-VER-tent
Also inadvertently (adv)

Definition: Unintentional; characterized by a lack of attention, careless

Usage: In attempting to perfect his science project, he inadvertently blew a fuse and plunged his

family's home into darkness.

Related Words: Fortuitous (happening by chance; lucky), Fluke (stroke of luck, something accidentally successful)

More Info: To advert is to turn attention to (as in an advertisement). Thus, inadvertent indicates a lack of attention paid.

Mnemonic:

1. in + advertent ; it sounds like in(not) advertent(advertisement) , as adds are intentionally displayed .
2. Inadvertent - not known in advance, hence unexpected.
3. inadvertent = in (not) + advertise; It was not advertise by previously it happen accidentally.
4. sounds like adventure..accident happens during adventure

ambiguous
(adj)
am-BIG-yoo-uss

Definition: Not clear, hard to understand, open to having several meanings or interpretations

Usage: The meaning of this ancient text is ambiguous—either we are missing some cultural context, or else the writer actually wanted to be mysterious.

Related Words: Equivocal (allowing for several different meanings; undecided or having mixed feelings), Opaque (hard to understand; dull or stupid; literally, not allowing light to pass through)

More Info: The prefix “ambi-“ means “both” or “all.” Don't confuse ambiguous with ambivalent, which means “having mixed feelings, undecided.” People are ambivalent; writing, speech, and other forms of communication are ambiguous.

Mnemonic:

1. ambi means two/both..guous sounds like guess..both are wild guess so its doubtful
2. Ambi (am + bi) means 2 , while guous sounds like guess. So if 2 people guess on something, then it will make the subject doubtful or unclear.
3. ambi means two...guous sounds like guess so it may have one or more meanings

bygone
(adj, noun)
BYE-gahn

Definition: Past, former (adj); that which is in the past (usually plural noun)

Usage: At the nursing home, the time to reminisce about bygone days was pretty much all the time. / It's tempting to spend our whole high school reunion talking about bygones, but instead, let's toast to the future!

Related Words: Erstwhile (former), Quondam (former, sometime)

More Info: The expression “Let bygones be bygones” means to agree to let go of old disagreements.

affectation
(noun)
aff-eck-TAY-shun
Also affected (adj)

Definition: Fake behavior (such as in speech or dress) adopted to give a certain impression

Usage: I'm annoyed whenever Americans move to England and suddenly start speaking with an affected British accent; such affectations, when practiced by celebrities, are only likely to

alienate
their fans.

Related Words: Artifice (trickery, especially as part of a strategy)

More Info: In slang, some people call affected behavior “being a poser” (or poseur).

Mnemonic:

1. 'affection' is natural and true, but

enumerate
(verb)
ee-NOO-mer-ayt

Definition: Count or list; specify one-by-one

Usage: The Bill of Rights enumerates the basic rights held by every citizen of the United States. / I don't have time to enumerate all the steps involved in baking a cake—just find a recipe on the internet!

Related Words: Reckon means “count” or “consider or regard as,” as in “The math teacher is reckoned the only person in the school who can reckon the number of primes under 500 in less than one minute.”

More Info: Enumerable means “countable,” not to be confused with innumerable, which means “numerous, a lot.”

Mnemonic:

1. ENUMERATE; NUMBER + IT means COUNT
2. in enumerate we have numerate like numeral which is a number so we make a list of one thing after the other in points or numbers
3. in programming we ENUMERATE THE DB RECORDS so that it can be read ONE BY ONE

maverick
(noun)
MAV-er-ick

Definition: Rebel, individualist, dissenter

Usage: Most cop movies feature heroes who are maverick police officers, breaking all the rules, blowing things up, and getting their guns confiscated by the chief—but ultimately saving the day.

Related Words: “Lone wolf” and “loose cannon” are expressions with similar meanings (although “loose cannon” implies that the person might do something crazy or dangerous).

More Info: Samuel Maverick was an American pioneer who didn't brand (that is, show ownership by marking with a hot iron) his calves. In ranching lingo, a maverick is still an unbranded animal. Just as a maverick calf doesn't bear a mark of ownership, a political maverick doesn't belong to any party.

Mnemonic:

1. Mave+“RICK” sounds like Ricky Ponting who is rebellious and non-conformist as he does not believe in umpire descisions during India's Cricket match
2. those who play counter strike will be aware of the bot "maverick" who has cooperation as zero. which is what maverick means!!
3. maverick-MAIN BHI RICKshaw chaloonga even I am engineer/doctor. I want to be maverick.
4. Maverick (tom cruise's name) in top gun was maverick as he broke many codes of navy
5. MaVERick- Main Vo Rockunga jo ho raha hai-> non-conformist
6. m+ brick....person who acts like a brick in the way(path) of others

mores
(noun)
MORE-ayz

Definition: Customs, manners, or morals of a particular group

Usage: An American in Saudi Arabia should study the culture beforehand so as to avoid violating deeply conservative cultural mores.

Related Words: Ethos (the character, personality, or moral values specific to a person, group, time period, etc.)

More Info: Pronounce this word as two syllables (rhymes with "more ways").

Mnemonic:

1. MORE + S = moral standards
2. Consider the BCCI Selection committee and Kiran MORE is one of the selectors, MORE should select players on the conventions and standards of BCCI..so MORE'S (MORES) selection!
3. using more pankh are customs at some places
4. morse code is used in telegrams which are symbols nothing but conventions
5. mores rhymes with chores..so customs
6. "Moral"+"Standards"=MORES->conventions,customs

vacillate
(verb)
VASS-ill-ayt

Definition: Waver in one's mind or opinions, be indecisive

Usage: In need of a good used car, I was vacillating between the Ford and the Hyundai until a recommendation from a friend helped me decide.

Related Words: Equivocate (use unclear language to deceive or avoid committing to a position), Ambivalent (uncertain; unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once), Waffle (waver, be indecisive), Dither (act irresolutely), Tergiversate (repeatedly change one's opinions, equivocate)

Memory Trick: Vacillate sounds a bit like Vaseline. When you vacillate, your decisions are quite slippery, as though coated in petroleum jelly.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like OScillate..so something which moves from one position to another position.
2. vacillate=VACI bhi bahut LATE ho gaya hai.....now u dont VACILLATE between what you gonna wear for the party.....;)
3. things refers to oscillation where as feelings refers to VACILLATION
4. Vacillate sounds like agitate... vacillate means to be undecided and agitate is to worry... in both,
you are in a sense of confusion.
5. vacillate: vaccine+late
6. like OScillate but in place of 'OS' v(we)cillate i.e., we waver.

viable
(adj)
VYE-uh-bull

Definition: Capable of living (or growing, developing, etc.); practical, workable

Usage: I have three screenplay ideas, but the studio head said only one was commercially viable. Apparently, it's important to have a human lead character and a satisfying ending. / Due to leaps forward in technology, premature babies are considered viable earlier and earlier—currently around 24 weeks.

Related Words: Feasible (possible; logical or likely; suitable), Plausible (credible, having the appearance of truth)

More Info: The Latin root for “life” (“vi”) gives us vivid, survive, revive, vivacious, and convivial.

And also the Spanish word for “life” and thus the Ricky Martin classic, “Livin’ La Vida Loca.”

Mnemonic:

1. SURVIVABLE ! got it?
2. vi(VIV=LIFE) + ABLE....so some one who is ABLE to live his LIFE.
3. via = through or way.... , able = possible..... so its something possible by a certain way or not!
:)
4. via-way : so there is a way, so possible..
5. vi+able⇒vi(we) are able to do this, i.e., feasible
6. Viable (to survive)and reviveable (to give new life or strength).

incipient
(adj)
in-SIP-ee-ent

Definition: Just beginning; in a very early stage

Usage: The movie producer was devastated when, due to legal trouble over the screenplay, the incipient project was crushed before it had even begun shooting.

Related Words: Nascent (synonym), Inchoate (just begun, undeveloped, unorganized)

More Info: The “in” here means “on,” and the remainder of the word shares a root with capable.

Mnemonic:

1. inci(INITIAL)+pie(NT)(PAYment)...when only d initial payment is given, ur house will be partially constructed!!
2. in (inside) + sipi (shankh in its former stage) - not fully developed
3. IN+SIP ient....a person who drinks for the first time takes alcohol in sips coz he is a beginner....incipient
4. last year sapient withdrew their job offer from all the freshers. If you ask a guy where he got placed and if he answers In Sapient. Then you'll think, abhi to bachaa hai, bohot seekhne ko hai
5. incipient:in+cip(sip)+pie+ent.some one taking in pie as by sipping is not developed person now only getting developed.
6. The Incip-ient will soon be a recip-ient because he is coming-in-to -being

esoteric
(adj)
ess-oh-TAIR-ick

Definition: Understood by or intended for only a few; secret

Usage: In his first year of university-level physics, he felt he was merely memorizing information found in every textbook on the subject; by his fourth year, he spent his days poring over esoteric journal articles that few people had ever read or understood.

Related Words: Arcane and Recondite are synonyms.

More Info: The “eso” in esoteric means “in”—in this case, in the sense of “inside knowledge.” An antonym is exoteric (“exo” = out), as in that which is “common knowledge.”

Mnemonic:

1. HISTORIC things are known to few people
2. the world is like Estrogen, which is a female hormone..and we all know that females are HARD TO UNDERSTAND and KNOWN ONLY TO FEW :) !!
3. Experts (E) are so (SO) fond of terrible (TER) words.
4. Esoteric <> Exoteric. Ex- = outside, external
5. its so tedha (hard to understand)
6. jumbling 'esoteric' gives the word 'secret'.. esoteric relates to secret brotherhood kind-of.. its mysterious and also understood only by the members of that group

refute
(verb)
riff-FY00T

Definition: Prove to be false

Usage: She's not a very valuable member of the debate team, actually—she loves making speeches, but she's not very good at refuting opponents' arguments.

Related Words: Gainsay (deny, refute, oppose), Negate (deny or refute; make void or cause to be ineffective)

More Info: An opposite of refute is corroborate (confirm).

Mnemonic:

1. refute rhymes with refuse, when you DISAPPROVE OF something, or if something is false or incorrect..you refute it or disapprove..
2. Refute can be considered as REFusing something to have trUTH or prove to be false/incorrect
3. 'are fut' - means to overthrow by argument
4. refute
5. refute-flute means the musical instrument and because you have played the flute during the classroom
you are proved to be wrong
6. refute sounds like again fuse i.e. again false.

disposition
(noun)
diss-puh-ZISH-un
Also disposed (adj)

Definition: A person's general or natural mood; tendency

Usage: She was possessed of a kind and helpful disposition—she wouldn't just help you move, she'd bring home-baked muffins to the affair. / I could really use some help in the kitchen, if you are so disposed.

Related Words: Penchant and Predilection mean “tendency, preference” (a penchant for fast cards, a predilection to get angry easily).

More Info: Disposed and disposition are slightly old-fashioned words and occur in old-fashioned expressions: “possessed of a ____ disposition” and “so disposed” (meaning “inclined towards the kind of activities I just mentioned”).

Mnemonic:

1. Inclined to stay in dis position.
2. fuk me in DIS(inclined towards dis particular) POSITION
3. dis (this) position - natural tendency

potentate
(noun)
POH-tent-ayt

Definition: Ruler, person of great power

Usage: 62-year-old Prince Charles has certainly waited long enough to become potentate of England; his mother, Elizabeth II, has been ruling for his entire life.

Related Words: Sovereign can be a noun meaning “monarch or supreme ruler,” or an adjective meaning “having supreme power, being above all others.”

More Info: Potentate shares a root (“power”) with omnipotent (all powerful), impotent (lacking

power), and despot (ruler who uses power in a bad way).

Mnemonic:

1. Potent enough to pass the rules - a monarch.
2. potentate = potent+ate the one who ate the world with his potent is a monarch or dictator
3. potentate = potent (powerful) + at + e (Everywhere and everything) = the person who is powerful to do everything is ruler
4. pontentate~dominate ; a person who has potent and dominates his nation is a potentate !
5. potent + state.
6. potent=powerful

remedial
(adj)
rim-EE-dee-ull
Also remediate (verb)

Definition: Providing a remedy, curative; correcting a deficient skill

Usage: After harassment occurs in the workplace, it is important that the company take remedial action right away, warning or firing the offender as appropriate, and making sure the complainant's concerns are addressed. / For those who need remedial reading help, we offer a summer school program that aims to help students read at grade level.

Related Words: Redress (setting something right after a misdeed)

More Info: Something irremediable cannot be remediated.

Mnemonic:

1. Re-Med as in Medication can help you improve a disease.

satisfy or sate
(verb)
SAY-she-ayt or SAYT
Also satiety (noun)

Definition: To fully satisfy; to go beyond satisfying to the point of excess (possibly inducing disgust, tiredness, etc.)

Usage: I usually just eat a tiny salad or something while I'm at work, but since I had a half day off, I went to the Indian buffet and stayed for a whole hour! I've never been more satiated (or sated) in my life. / To maintain a healthy weight, stop eating before you reach the point of satiety.

Related Words: Blasé (bored from overindulgence), Ennui (feeling of weariness, boredom, etc. often caused by satiety)

foreshadow
(verb)
for-SHAD-oh
Also foreshadowing (noun)

Definition: Indicate or suggest beforehand, presage

Usage: You didn't know this was a horror movie? I thought it was pretty clear that the children's ghost story around the campfire was meant to foreshadow the horrible things that would happen to them years later as teenagers at a motel in the middle of the woods.

Related Words: Prefigure is a synonym. Forerun means run before or foreshadow. Harbinger and Herald mean a person or thing that indicates what is to come (Herald can also mean "messenger,"

including about something in the past). Portentous and Ominous can mean “giving a bad sign about the future” (portentous can also mean “very significant, exciting wonder and awe”).

More Info: “Fore” means “before”—foreshadow literally comes from the idea that an object’s shadow sometimes arrives before the object does.

Mnemonic:

1. A 'shadow' of an assassin alerts you 'before' his arrival.

lampoon
(noun, verb)
lam-POON

Definition: A harsh satire (noun); ridicule or satirize (verb)

Usage: “As a Democrat,” said Bob, “I can’t say I appreciated watching that comedian in the Obama mask lampoon the State of the Union address.”

Related Words: To satirize is to use ridicule, sarcasm, etc. as a form of criticism. Parody is similar but often not as harsh—the key difference is that a parody is actually a copy (the Scary Movie series parodies the horror genre).

More Info: Lampoon comes from a French word for to lap up—as in, to guzzle beer, which is what you’d probably be doing while watching a lampoon.

Mnemonic:

1. LAMPOON- if you pour oil for a LAMP with a SPOON ppl will ridicule cos for a lamp you should pour a lot of oil!!!
2. ---kuch langoor jaisa lgta hai.
3. if a man behaves like BABOON, then he will be subjected to LAMPOON
4. Lampoon rhymes with Harpoon which is a spear used for hunting....so when somebody lampoons you they hunt you with harsh satire.
5. Instead of using a harpoon to impale the whale, the clown used a LAMP = he used a LAMPOON.
6. associate it wid lambu..which is used while makin satires...

capricious
(adj)
cap-REE-shuss
Also caprice (noun)

Definition: Acting on impulse, erratic

Usage: The headmaster’s punishments were capricious—break the rules one day, you get a warning; break them another day, you get expelled. / Who needs a plan? A date is more fun with a little caprice
—let’s just start driving and see what we find!

Related Words: Whimsical (fanciful, eccentric), Lark (merry adventure), Mercurial (changing moods), Arbitrary (based on one’s discretion; capricious)

More Info: Capricious is generally (but not always) meant in a negative way, as acting on impulse is inappropriate in most contexts. Whimsical is a near-synonym, although generally used in a positive way, to describe using one’s imagination.

Mnemonic:

1. ca(CAR) + PRIC(PRICE)...PRICE OF cars nowadays is becoming unpredictable with the launch of Tata's 1 lakh car.
2. CAPRCONS(SUN SIGN) ARE GENERALLY IMPULSIVE N UNPREDICTABLE PEOPLE
3. Capricorn the goat(zodiac symbol) is capricious

4. if u wear Capri(a dress, also called 3/4th) in place of formal dress, it will be UNPREDICTABLE, ERRATIC.
5. Wearing a ricious cap (cap full of cooked rice=capricious)? Angry?
6. CAPricious- CAP rounds (for entrance of medical or engg. courses) are so impredictable

extrapolate
(verb)
eck-STRAP-oh-layt

Definition: Conjecture about an unknown by projecting information about something known; predict by projecting past experience

Usage: No, I've never been to Bryn Mawr, but I've visited several small, private women's colleges in the Northeast, so I think I can extrapolate.

More Info: In math and science, to extrapolate is to infer values in an unobserved interval from values in an observed interval. For instance, from the points (1, 4) and (3, 8), you could extrapolate the point (5, 12), since it would be on the same line. The antonym of extrapolate is interpolate, to estimate between two known values, such as by using (1, 4) and (3, 8) to assume (2, 6). Interpolate can also mean "insert words or foreign material into a text or conversation."

Mnemonic:

1. from the EXTRA info that u have, u guess what might happen LATEly or in future
2. Extrapolation= EXTRA + Info + POL
3. extra+pol+ate--think as boy named pol ate extra,it is concluded tht he is likely to hv bad stomach.
4. Extrapolate=extra+ pol +ate. Paul ate extra to gain extra knowledge so that he could estimate even the unknown values.
5. using EXTRA POLLS we can ESTIMATE

chronological
(adj)
KRAH-noh-LODGE-ick-ull

Definition: Arranged in or relating to time order

Usage: Joey, I'm afraid you've done the assignment wrong--the point of making a timeline is to put the information in chronological order. You've made an alphabetical-order-line instead!

More Info: The root "chron," for "time," also occurs in chronicle (a historical account in time order), chronic (ongoing, usually of an illness), and anachronism (thing out of its own time period). Chronometer is just a fancy word for clock.

entitlement
(noun)
en-TIE-tull-ment

Definition: Having the right to certain privileges; believing, sometimes without cause, that one deserves or has a right to certain privileges

Usage: Many bosses complain about young people's sense of entitlement--raised on a steady diet of praise from parents and teachers, these young people are shocked to be expected to "pay their dues" at a new job.

More Info: Entitlement originally referred to investing a person with a title, as in "Charles Lennox was entitled Duke of Richmond in 1675." An entitlement can also mean a government benefit, as in "Social Security payments and other entitlements."

prospective
(adj)
proh-SPECK-tiv

Definition: Potential, in the future

Usage: Everyone had a hard time correctly saying the name of the seminar, "Perspectives for Prospective Doctors." Even the prospective doctors—college students hoping to be admitted to medical school—were a bit confused.

More Info: Don't confuse with perspective (point of view). Perspective is a noun, which is a good clue that you want prospective in phrases like "prospective student" (usually a person applying to a college but not yet accepted).

outstrip
(verb)
out-STRIP

Definition: Surpass, exceed; be larger or better than; leave behind

Usage: Our sales figures this quarter have outstripped those of any other quarter in the company's history.

Related Words: The expression "leave in the dust" has a similar meaning. Supersede means to replace or cause to be set aside (iPods have superseded portable CD players).

More Info: Other out- words can have the sense of "do better than"—for instance, outweigh, outsell, outshine. To outpace is to be faster than and to outwit or outfox is to be more clever than. Here's a weird one: to outbrave is to be more brave than.

Mnemonic:

1. getting stripped in a colloquial language means being insulted, which is also felt if ur defeated or outdone.. hence try relating outstrip it..
2. out+strip...consider a rubber strip,if u stretch out the rubber strip with some force it extends a lot
3. Demands for trips and outings outstrips in summer.
4. strip outside -be or do something to a greater degree

document
(verb)
DOCK-yoo-ment

Definition: Support with evidence, cite sources in a detailed way, create documentary evidence of

Usage: Journalists embedded with military units are able to document a war as it happens. / It's hard to deny her conclusion when her book is so well documented—she cites a relevant scientific study on practically every page.

Related Words: Corroborate, substantiate and verify can all mean to prove true or provide evidence in favor of.

More Info: Of course, document can also be a noun (a factual printed item); this card focuses on the less common definition.

proscribe
(verb)
proh-SCRIBE

Definition: Prohibit, outlaw; denounce; exile or banish

Usage: Plagiarism is proscribed by every college's code of conduct.

Related Words: Censure (strong disapproval or official reprimand), Circumscribe (encircle or confine, set limits)

More Info: The "scribe" in proscribe means "write" (as in script, scribble, scripture, etc.) The sense

is that to proscribe is to publish a record of someone's punishment—to condemn or sentence that person publicly. Don't confuse proscribe with prescribe, which means "order, set down as a rule" (like a doctor's prescription)—the two words are opposites!

Mnemonic:

1. When you want a magazine, you PREscribe(subscribe) it. Similarly when you want to stop it, you will have to PROSCRIBE.
2. A doctor Prescribes medicines and Proscribes unhealthy food...
3. it can be written like this pro means before + scribe means to write .SO A WRITER WHOSE WRITING ARE PROHIBITED TO BE PUBLISHED in that country.
4. Anyone know Salman Rushdie? (PRO)secute the (SCRIBE) if he writes derogatory remarks about Islam. derogatory
5. always getting confused b/w proscribe and transcribe so lets end it here and now. TRANS is through/across hence transcribe is to copy through some magazine, whereas proscribe is banning of noobs into game of cs by pros
6. opposite of prescribe

disperse
(verb)
diss-PERSS

Definition: Scatter, spread widely, cause to vanish

Usage: Because the demonstrators didn't have a permit, the police showed up with megaphones, demanding loudly that the crowd disperse. / Get the hose so I can disperse the dirt on our driveway.

Related Words: Disseminate (scatter, spread about, broadcast), Diffuse (spread widely, disseminate; dispersed; or wordy and going off-topic)

More Info: Use disperse for something that spreads out and disappears (the crowd dispersed and went their separate ways); use disseminate for something that spreads out and remains significant (writers want to disseminate their ideas; disseminating seeds grows new plants).

Mnemonic:

1. Things scattered from her purse.
2. Disburse money to the poor people from your purse .

abridge
(verb)
uh-BRIDGE
Also abridged (adj)

Definition: Reduce or lessen; shorten by omitting parts throughout while retaining the main idea

Usage: Our romantic vacation was abridged when the babysitter called to say that the kids were sick and we should come home. / Audio books are almost always abridged, since few people want to listen to a 200-hour book.

Related Words: Truncate (shorten by cutting off a part)

Memory Trick: When you abridge a book, you cut out sections from all over (hopefully without being too obvious)—that is, you create a bridge from the last part you kept in to the next part you kept in, so

people don't notice the missing bits. An abridged book still tells the whole story; a truncated book is missing the ending!

Mnemonic:

1. a+bridge..well bridges are meant to reduce the gap between something..so abridging..something means
reducing or shortening something.
2. a+bridge : bridges can shorten the transportation time..
3. there was a long path but due building of bridge path was shorten
4. ab-rid
5. The Abridged Dictionary, Yey! not 100,000 words, just 3,000.

 optimal or optimum
 (adj)
 AHP-tim-ull or AHP-tim-um
 Also optimize (verb)

Definition: Best, most desirable or favorable

Usage: Many believe that the U.S. Constitution's genius lies in its striking and optimal balance between freedom and order.

More Info: Since prime means "of first importance," Transformers hero Optimus Prime's name seems a bit redundant, but gets the message across—he's best and first!

 crescendo
 (noun)
 creh-SHEN-doh

Definition: Steady increase in force, intensity, or the loudness of a musical passage; a climactic moment or peak

Usage: Mrs. Higgins did love the symphony, but she was also coming down with a migraine—by the time the music reached its towering crescendo, her head was pounding. / The administration tried to ignore the protest, but finally had to address the issue when the demonstration reached a crescendo.

Related Words: Ascension (rising to the top), Culminate (reach a high point or final stage), Surge (strong forward movement, swelling wave)

More Info: Crescendo is originally a musical term; its antonym is decrescendo, although that word is less often used metaphorically.

Mnemonic:

1. divide it like cresc(sound like krish)+end..at the end of krish movie..when hrithik kills the villian..the intensity or the volume of music increses .which conveys the feeling.
2. crescent is moon...moon increases in size phase by phase..therefore crescendo is to increase in volume
3. CRESCENDO - CR + ESCENDO (ASCEND) - ascend means a gradual rising...here it refers to an increase in volume.
4. do u know the organisation red crescent? the shape of curved moon in red crescent's symbol? so this moon's shape will be full in days step by step. And crescendo means gradual increase in the intensity
5. The crescent moon fills in more and more reaching a crescendo of being full.
6. another mnemonic:the climax or end of the krish movie is very good.

 levy
 (verb, noun)
 LEVV-ee

Definition: Collect tax from, wage war on, or enlist for military service; (verb); act of collecting tax
or amount owed, or the drafting of troops into military service (noun)

Usage: When England levied yet another tax on the colonists, the colonists were pushed one further step towards levying war. Soon, the worried British began to levy troops.

Related Words: Do not confuse levy with levee (a slope or wall along a waterway, designed to stop flooding).

More Info: Levy has many definitions that seem somewhat unrelated; however, the root means “raise” or “lightness” (as in lever, elevate), so you can think of raising money through taxes, raising an army by drafting soldiers, or using that army to wage war.

Mnemonic:

1. Traffic Police catches you breaking signal and says LE(le)+VY(Bhai) chalaan. chal tax de. So he LEVIED the tax on you
2. sounds like 'Navy' a branch of Army. Imagine you are 'Recruiting' new soldiers in Navy.
3. A LEVER is used to apply force on an object. a LEVY is used to apply force through taxation, a fine,
or military enlistment.
4. when you kill a kiwi(levy) bird ,you will be imposed with heavy amount of fine
5. I cannot LEVY this HEAVY LEVY=I cannot "Collect/Demand" this heavy "TAX"

taciturn
(adj)
TASS-it-turn

Definition: Not talking much, reserved; silent, holding back in conversation

Usage: Because he felt self-conscious about his stutter, Mike had always been taciturn, but after some very good speech therapy, soon he was much more voluble.

Related Words: Reticent is a synonym. Laconic means “using few words, concise.”

More Info: Taciturn is related to tacit (understood without being said; implied, not stated directly; silent).

Mnemonic:

1. Taxi_turn
2. meaning of tacit = silent. so meaning of tacit + urn = taciturn = silent person , untalkative
3. akin to tacit which means "without words".
4. Taciturn and Reticent are somewhat similar in sound and they also have the same meaning, which is, someone who uses words sparingly, is reserved.
5. taciturn is uncommunicative;1 who talks little its anothym being garrulousness
- 6.

lucid
(adj)
LOO-sid

Definition: Clear, easy to understand; rational, sane

Usage: After surgery, it'll take at least an hour until she's lucid—it's nothing to worry about, but patients sometimes talk complete nonsense until the anesthesia wears off and their speech becomes lucid.

Related Words: Lucid can mean literally clear, but often means metaphorically clear or clearheaded —a lucid argument, a lucid person. The similar pellucid usually means literally transparent, as in pellucid waters.

More Info: The root “luc” for “light” also occurs in translucent, luminous, luminary, lucubrate (work or study, originally by candlelight), and elucidate (make clear, explain).

Mnemonic:

1. when u LOOK(luc) the ID of micorsoft employee...u will " clearly,tranparently understand,that he is clever n inteligent
2. lucid has root 'luc', means 'light'
3. LUCing(looking)In Day is very clear. we can see anybody clearly in day time. so LUCID is sth which is crystal clear
4. Language is as clear as acid...
5. 'LU' was Clear In his Diction
6. loose +id=even LOOSE people can EASILY UNDERSTAND it..

render
(verb)
REN-der

Definition: Give, submit, surrender; translate; declare formally; cause to become

Usage: When you render your past due payments, we will turn your phone back on. / Only in her second year of Japanese, she was unable to render the classic poem into English. / The judge rendered a verdict that rendered us speechless.

More Info: From an Old French word for “give back.” This word has so many definitions because it is so general. You can even render fat (by melting it); many definitions of render have to do with changing the state of something.

Mnemonic:

1. rhymes vendor who delivers ur goods
2. viRENDER Sehwa always performs well and delivers the required result.

burgeon
(verb)
BER-juhn

Definition: Grow or flourish rapidly; put forth buds or shoots (of a plant)

Usage: The dictator was concerned about the people’s burgeoning discontent and redoubled his personal security. / Spending an hour a day on vocabulary studies will soon cause your lexicon to burgeon.

More Info: From Old French “burjon,” a shoot or bud. Mushroom is used in a similar metaphorical way, meaning “to spread out in all directions,” as a mushroom grows.

Mnemonic:

1. Burge+on sounds like Bulge which means growing big
2. BARO(grow)+JIYO
3. burgeon ~ burger; If you eat a lot of burgers, you will gain weight (hence grow)
4. If you eat a lot of BURGers you will BrinG ON the weight!
5. Can be pronounced as -- > bur - grow - on, grow on meaning grow forth, ahead
6. bad jaana (bur+geon) in hindi .to increase in number

indifferent
(adj)
in-DIFF-er-ent

Definition: Not caring, having no interest; unbiased, impartial

Usage: Do whatever you want—I’m indifferent. I won’t even notice.

Related Words: Apathy (not caring; absence of feeling; lack of interest or concern)

More Info: The presence of “different” in indifferent comes from the sense of “not differing, neither good nor bad.”

Mnemonic:

1. A girl always looks for a guy who is different from the others, thus if he is in(not) different , he is MEDIOCRE hence she will be UNMOVED AND UNCONCERNED BY his proposals. :P
2. he showed "no difference" in his face...it means he is unmoved or unconcerned...!!!

undermine
(verb)
un-der-MINE

Definition: Weaken, cause to collapse by digging away at the foundation (of a building or an argument); injure or attack in a secretive or underhanded way

Usage: Rather than searching impartially for the truth, these pharmaceutical company “scientists” willfully ignored any evidence that undermined the conclusion they were being paid to produce. / You are nice to my face, but you are undermining me behind my back, suggesting to others in the office that I am making mistakes in my work and that you have been fixing them!

More Info: Don’t confuse with undergird (strengthen, add support) and underscore (emphasize). Undermine literally comes from the idea of “mining” underneath—certainly, mining under your house would be likely to make the house fall down.

Mnemonic:

1. UNDERMINEMining under the earth would GRADUALLY WEAKEN strength of soil and rock
2. undermine = under + mind(e). am loosin confidence or will (mind). so when am loosing confidence i ll work UNDER MY capacity. so undermine = gradually reducing
3. we say to somebody "you are UNDER MY (mine) control" infact we are weakening him...!!!
4. undermine+inside mine..the people going inside the mines become weaker as they have to travel long inside the earth
5. Undermine and mine... in both words, you are refering to ... caving in or making a hollow.
6. guys vivid meaning for this word has been given in <http://www.yourdictionary.com/fiasco#..do> refer this

emulate
(verb)
EM-yoo-layt

Definition: Copy in an attempt to equal or be better than

Usage: The ardent Star Trek fan emulated Captain Kirk in every way possible—his brash and confident leadership might have gotten him somewhere, but the women he tried to impress weren’t so impressed.

More Info: Imitate merely means to copy; emulate means to copy in a positive, admiring way. A word for “copy” that has a somewhat negative connotation is ape (based on the idea of a large primate trying to copy humans), as in “While he tried to ape Hemingway’s style, the truth is, he simply wasn’t a very good writer.”

Mnemonic:

1. Grandma gave me an 'Amulet' so that one day I can 'Emulate' Zidane.
2. He is like an EMU(a bird) when he eat(..ATE)...EMU+L+ATE..
3. we use emulator as to imitate our cell phone software in computer.
4. e(I) muulate(mutate means to change)...pepsi became coke's RIVAL so by IMITATING it
5. he was LATE to the college because he IMITATED the old man's walking style
6. emulate - simulate. simulate means imitate as it is. emulate means to do as it is or more better

incendiary

(adj)
in-SEND-ee-air-ee

Definition: Setting on fire, pertaining to arson; arousing strife, rebellion, etc.; “inflaming” the senses

Usage: The college suspended him for creating an incendiary website, encouraging sit-ins and protests, but the ACLU defended his right to freedom of speech. / It is illegal to bring incendiaries on a plane—there are many good reasons why you may not have a stick of dynamite in your carry-on.

Related Words: Kindle (ignite, cause to begin burning; incite, arouse, inflame), Rouse or Foment (incite, stir up)

More Info: The root “candere” (“to shine”) also appears in candle, incense, and incensed (furious, “on fire” with anger).

Mnemonic:

1. INSane person who sets his DIARY on fire.
2. INCENSE+DIA(hindi)
3. Incendiary sounds like Insane diary... a person who sets a building on fire(or arsonist) is an insane.
4. Think of incensed diary => with fire, and the person doing that is rebellious and going to overthrow the government
5. Remember word incentive. But this time it ignite the fire or anger.
6. manufacture

estimable
(adj)
ESS-tim-uh-bull

Definition: Worthy of esteem, admirable; able to be estimated

Usage: As the first Black president of the Harvard Law Review, Barack Obama presented an estimable resume when he ran for President in 2008. / Riding a roller coaster is safer than driving on the highway, but there is still an estimable risk.

Related Words: Calculable is a synonym for estimable as “able to be estimated.”

More Info: Inestimable generally means “so large it cannot be estimated,” as in “The Rosetta Stone was of inestimable value to scholars of Egyptian history.”

Mnemonic:

1. firstly... estimable -> estimate. able to calculate.
2. Estimable/Esteem= great respect, Just think in olden days if any one goes in Ford Esteem Car they will be respected, since they are Rich and helps others.....
3. estimable(stem +able) The stem of asparagus is able to cure heart disease so it is highly valuable, worthy and respectful

aggregate
(verb, adj)
AG-gruh-gayt (v), AG-gruh-git (n)

Definition: Gather together, amount to (verb); constituting a whole made up of constituent parts (adj)

Usage: While some of the company’s divisions did better than others, in aggregate, we made a profit. / Concrete is created when crushed rock or glass is aggregated with cement; in aggregate, concrete is stronger than cement alone.

Related Words: Agglomerate (collect into a mass), Consolidate (unite, combine, firm up—you can

consolidate loans or consolidate power)

More Info: Aggregate can be used in the same sense as a gross amount. Gross or aggregate sales are the total amount from all sources.

Mnemonic:

1. aggregate- a gre gate - all of us need gre "total" score to reach gate of university
2. What are your aggregate marks?... means what is your grand total marks
3. agree+gate, both should agree to mixed together or combined.
4. gre+gate for both these exams you have to gather material like books ,notes,audios

avid
(adj)
AV-id
Also avidity (noun)

Definition: Enthusiastic, dedicated, passionate; excessively desirous

Usage: An avid cyclist, she was on her bike every weekend, and even bought the same bike that Lance Armstrong last used in the Tour de France. / Avid of power, the young Senator compromised every principle to gain the support—and money—of large corporations.

Related Words: Ardent (very passionate), Zealous (full of fervor or dedicated enthusiasm for a cause, person, etc.)

Mnemonic:

1. a person is always eager to be in avid(a video)
2. drAVID (Rahul dravid) is greedy for runs
3. spell it backwards and it becomes DIVA, so one cn remember, diva (a young actress, young woman) is always avid
4. aVID is made up of words a+vid=a video. Think of a person who is eager to get a video player and is too enthusiastic for it. It has been his longing desire and he is too dedicated for the cause.
5. AVID==a person who bids. very enthusiastic person who bids for something he wants
6. avid = avi means now + d; demanding now arrogantly the child.

stymie or stymy
(verb, noun)
STY-mee

Definition: Block, hinder, or thwart (verb); an obstacle (noun)

Usage: Sara feared that her learning disability would stymie her success in college, but the support services offered were excellent and she was fine academically; the thing that really stymied her college career was poor time management.

Related Words: Impede, hamper (hold back, obstruct the progress of)

More Info: This word originates from golf. In golf, a stymie is when an opponent's ball lies in the way of getting your own ball into the cup.

sagacious
(adj)
suh-GAY-shuss
Also sage (noun)

Definition: Wise; showing good judgment and foresight

Usage: It's important to choose a mentor who is not only successful, but also sagacious—plenty of people are successful through luck and have little insight about how to attack someone else's situation.

Related Words: Sapiient (synonym), Prudent (wise in practical matters, carefully providing for the future), Circumspect (cautious, prudent; careful to consider the circumstances and consequences), Perspicacious (very perceptive, insightful)

More Info: A sage is a respected wise person. (Sage is also an herb).

Mnemonic:

1. sagacious look like suggest us.....and we always ASK WISE PEOPLE to suggest us, whenever we are in trouble.
2. sage-a-cious
3. saga+ciousâ€”SAGA means legend, so anything that is old/legend will have expierence and will be SKILLFULL IN MANAGEMENT AND JUDGEMENT
4. SAGACIOUS or INTELLIGENCE which sound somewhat similar refer to someone who is wise, perceptive.
5. sagacious means acutely wise,sharp,insightful,skillful.It has word 'saga'which means a narrative story(mytholpgical).In Mahabharat epic, u obeserved how Srikrishna delivered wise lectures,sharp suggestions,skilful arts to Arjuna.
6. saag(palak ka saag) khao sagacious ho jao.

onerous
(adj)
ONN-er-uss

Definition: Burdensome, oppressive, hard to endure

Usage: Doctors are often faced with the onerous task of telling waiting families that their loved one has died.

Related Words: Cumbersome also means burdensome (or clumsy or unwieldy), but usually in a physical way, whereas onerous is generally metaphorical. Arduous means difficult.

More Info: Onerous comes from onus, a modern-day word meaning “burden,” and is often used in the expression “put the onus on” (The committee put the onus on Joe to get everything turned in on time).

Mnemonic:

1. it sounds like on+er+us..that is ONUS.. when something is ON US ..we feel burdensome
2. Onerous= one+rous. If u assign much work on ONE person it will be ONERous for him
3. onerous....can be associated wid owners on us...who r trouble some
4. onerous = sound like owner = when they come to collect the rent you feel always burdensome.
5. one-rassi.. a lot of things hanging from one string.. so becomes burdensome..
6. This sounds like generous.... Which is not easy!!!

sound
(verb)
SOUND

Definition: Measure the depth of (usually of water) as with a sounding line; penetrate and discover the meaning of, understand (usually as sound the depths)

Usage: The psychiatrist appointed by the court felt he would need more time to sound the depths of the defendant’s tortured mind—clearly, she was mentally ill, but did she know on any level that what she was doing was wrong?

Related Words: Fathom and Plumb (used as verbs) are synonyms.

More Info: A sounding line or plumb line is a length of rope with a weight at the bottom; dropping it into water will allow the weight to sink and the depth of the water to be measured.

Mnemonic:

1. when some are rich(good condition) we say sound party

plausible
(noun)
PLAW-zib-ull
Also plausibility (noun)

Definition: Believable; having the appearance of truth

Usage: When three doctors treating crash victims were suddenly stricken with what looked like the effects of nerve gas, hospital officials posited "hysteria" as the culprit—hardly a plausible explanation, as emergency room doctors are accustomed to seeing horrific things every day.

Related Words: Credible (believable), Feasible (possible; logical or likely; suitable), Viable (able to live or develop; capable of success, practicable, workable)

More Info: Plausible shares a Latin root ("approve") with applause and plaudits.

Mnemonic:

1. Plausible rhymes with possible "Something that may or may not be possible" true, but open to doubt.
2. plausible(possible): something is possible to happen if its reasonable, valid, truthful. so something reasonable or valid or truthful is == plausible.
3. plausible sounds like (laugical)logical!!!
4. plausible = believable
5. when you are correct and truth full generally u will get applause which sounds like plausible
6. most of the politicians give APPLAUSIBLE speeches but they do nothing and their speech becomes PLAUSIBLE !!!!!!!

bolster
(verb)
BOHL-ster

Definition: Strengthen or support

Usage: The general requested reinforcements to bolster the defensive line set up at the border. / Many people use alcohol to bolster their confidence before approaching an attractive person in a bar.

Related Words: Buttress means a support against a building but can also be a verb meaning "strengthen or support." Fortify is most associated with protecting against military attack but also means "strengthen or support."

More Info: Bolster comes from an Old Norse noun for a long, supportive pillow, and can still mean this. Bolster has additional meanings in sailing, metalworking, and other fields, but in every case a bolster is some kind of specialized support.

Mnemonic:

1. RELATE TO BOLT>> USED TO SUPPORT OR REINFORCE
2. read bolster as booster which mean giving extra energy and hence to support and strengthen someone or something.
3. usually when there is a divan in the hall of a house...we place cushions and BOLSTERS (longer cushions) to sit comfortably and for back support
4. Make Something BOLDer
5. Bolster actually means , Raise physical or mental Strength
6. sounds like foster

prosaic
(adj)
proh-ZAY-ick

Definition: Dull, ordinary

Usage: Finding his friends' bar mitzvahs at the local synagogue a bit prosaic, Justin instead asked his

dad to rent out the local laser tag center.

Related Words: Pedestrian means commonplace, dull, or lacking imagination. Quotidian means daily or commonplace (as daily things tend to be). Middling comes from the idea of being in the “middle” and means medium, average, or mediocre. Something lackluster is unexciting. Humdrum means boring or dull.

More Info: Prosaic means “relating to prose” or “ordinary, dull, commonplace” –the idea being that prose is not as exciting or noble as poetry.

Mnemonic:

1. mosaic--->beautiful artistic work with full of vibrant colours.....prosaic ...opposite of that ...dull
2. divide it like pros(prose)+aic- prose consist of facts and facts do not produce any interest in you,
do not require any imagination so prose is dull and unimaginative and very boring in reading.
3. Prosaic - Prozac is a tablet given to depressed people. Depressed people are dull and unimaginative
4. prosaic=mosaic,stone which is dull
5. mere pados(neighbor)me kuch exciting nahi hota,so living here is prosaic
6. p+rosa+icâ€”ROSAna same khana dal roti, DULL, BORING

lull
(noun, verb)
LULL

Definition: Soothe or cause to fall asleep (as in a lullaby); quiet down; make to feel secure, sometimes falsely (verb); a period of calm or quiet (noun)

Usage: Tisha always tried to be polite—if she had to slip out of class to use the bathroom, she waited for a lull in the action so as not to attract too much attention. / Grandma’s singing lulled the baby to sleep—much as, in her work as a spy during World War II, Grandma used her beauty and charm to lull foreign dignitaries into giving up their secrets.

Related Words: Slack usually means loose, negligent, or lazy, but a slack can also be a calm spot in the water or a period of quiet or suspended activity. The holidays represent a lull or slack in work at many companies.

Mnemonic:

1. LULL -> DULL
2. Lull: Calm by deception: The witch sang LULLaby to me to make me fall asleep with a false sense of security
3. tu LULLoo hi hai---not speaking anything
4. think of SKULL. U will have calm when u die.
5. for 2nd meaning : Lalloo yadav gives us a false sense of security that notjhing bad will happen

antipathy
(noun)
an-TIP-uh-thee

Definition: Deep dislike, aversion, or repugnance, sometimes without reason

Usage: As an environmentalist, Mr. Subramanian had nothing but antipathy for the mining company drilling in and polluting his hometown.

Related Words: Loathing (strong aversion, dislike, or disgust)

More Info: Don’t confuse antipathy with apathy, which means “indifference, not caring.” Antipathy is the opposite of sympathy (note that the root “path” means “feeling”).

Mnemonic:

1. CAN REMEMBER IT AS OPPOSITE OF sympathy.
2. antipathy-- anti + path.. not on the same path due to a feeling of intense dislike.
3. if u can remember this like anti-pathy(desi),then a person who is anti to her pathy,is an opposition
in the house as she dislikes him..hehehe...
4. remember antipathy as anti party. in politics the people of anti-party are quite opposite in feeling
5. anti has aunty and pathy has husband...went aunty miz with husband der will b strong dislike ;)
6. anti to her pathi (means husband in telugu and hindi)

exacerbate
(verb)
egg-ZASS-er-bayt

Definition: Make worse (more violent, severe, etc.), inflame; irritate or embitter (a person)

Usage: Allowing your band to practice in our garage has greatly exacerbated my headache.

Related Words: Aggravate is a synonym.

More Info: Exacerbate shares a root with acerbic, meaning "sour; harsh or severe." The prefix "ex" means "out" but can also have the meaning of "thoroughly" or "utterly." To acerbate is to make more acerbic; to exacerbate is to make utterly acerbic.

Mnemonic:

1. Latin ex+acerb+ate; Latin acerb- means bitter, harsh; So exacerbate means to make bittter, to worsen.
2. if in an Exam u keep your hand on your head[ie SAR(in hindi)/CER]...you wil WORSEN your paper...
3. "Ex Her b Ate".. her ex came and ate with her family. which worsen the relation even more.
4. Mr.Ex(x) hit his old acer car with a bat now he worsened the condition of his car
5. exacerbate:ex wife sara did not cooperate,she made it worse.
6. Exacerbate: Ex(Ex means old,like ExGirlFriend)+Acer(Acer Laptop)+Bate(Bat):Just Imagine ur Ex(old)Acer Laptop is not working,so u got angry and bet with a Bat(BATE),then it became more worsen,completely worsen.....ExAcerBate

appease
(verb)
uh-PEEZ

Definition: Pacify, satisfy, relieve; concede to belligerent demands, sometimes at the expense of principles

Usage: My mother is so angry she wasn't the first person we called when the baby was born—I'm hoping to appease her by spending Christmas at her house this year.

Related Words: Placate, Mollify, and Assuage are near-synonyms

More Info: "Appeasement" is commonly associated with British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's policy towards Germany between 1937-1939—as it turned out, giving the Sudetenland to Hitler didn't actually create "Peace in Our Time." Today, appeasement is associated with cowardice and giving in to bullies.

Mnemonic:

1. appease...app(appeal)+pease(peace) appeal for peace....when war was going on in kasmir...our prime minister appealed people to maintain peace in the region.
2. ease is something to pacify, soothing,very ease.
3. when u drink appy(app) drink u feel ease and relieved..
4. appease == ap(appeal) + peasant(labor)..
5. app(appeal)+ease(easy)=appeal for easiness i.e.;peace or soothe
6. Appa(dad)+peace us always by giving something

erudite
(adj)
AIR-yoo-dite
Also erudition (noun)

Definition: Scholarly, knowledgeable; possessing deep, often systematic, knowledge

Usage: Some have said that Americans dislike erudite leaders; while German leaders frequently have Ph.D.'s, even speaking a foreign language is considered pretentious by many American voters.

Related Words: Learned is a synonym. Cerebral can mean "intellectual, esp. as opposed to instinctual or emotional." Esoteric, recondite, and abstruse all mean "pertaining to difficult or obscure knowledge; known to only a few."

More Info: Erudite comes from the Latin "erudire," meaning "to polish."

Mnemonic:

1. taken from rude+ite...in olden days people who were highly educated were basically very rude...as they were having profound knowledge of a subject they use to behave very rudely with less educated or illiterates people.
2. e+RUD(RUDE)+IT+e....now just concentrate on RUDE IT....NOW THINK OF rude IT PROFESSIONAL WHO IS BASICALLY CONSIDERED AS A LEARNED man..or scholarly.
3. R U DEITY? Are you a deity; deities are gods and know it all.
4. erudite has Latin root: eruditus = e + rudis = e + rude(untrained)
5. ER (Engineer)-U-di(did)-IT(it)-E you have gr8 knowledge if u becum an engineer.
6. the letters in the word are E-R-U-D-I-T-E...pull out the letters E-D-U

commensurate
(adj)
cuh-MEN-sheer-it

Definition: The same in size, extent, etc., equivalent; proportional

Usage: According to the course catalog, you may take Advanced Japanese following Japanese III or commensurate experience with the language.

Related Words: Tantamount (equivalent, as in "What he did is tantamount to murder.")

More Info: The Latin "mensuratus" means "measure"—so commensurate means "measure together."

Mnemonic:

1. SPLIT AS COMMON - ENSURED -RATE.
2. common measure?
3. think about mensuration which is a study of length, and angle
4. come and see the rate. it'll be equal to the rate of the cheapest product.
5. com-together, mensuro (latin)- measure.
6. common men always ensure rate,he always ensure that rates are according to products size weight n measurement.

gist
(noun)
JIST

Definition: Main idea, essence

Usage: I didn't read the whole book, but I read enough to get the gist.

Related Words: Pith (central part, essence), Precis (summary of the essentials of a text)

More Info: If you read enough to get the pith of something, you really deeply understand it to the core;
if you read enough to get the gist, you probably just skimmed, and might need to go back later to get more detail.

Mnemonic:

1. gist..sounds very similar to list.....SO your lecturer is asking you to LIST OUT THE MAIN POINTS of the paragraph.
2. tell me the - guts - of your idea

balk
(verb)
BALK

Definition: Refuse to proceed or to do something

Usage: At the company retreat, he reluctantly agreed to participate in the ropes course, but balked at walking over hot coals as a "trust exercise."

Related Words: Demur (show reluctance or object, especially for moral reasons, as in, "His colleagues wanted him to tell the client that their sales would double, but he demurred.")

More Info: Balk comes from a word for a beam or ridge—when a horse or mule balks, it stops short and refuses to proceed. Occasionally, balk is used as a noun for an impediment, much like a beam or ridge, or a defeat.

Mnemonic:

1. sound close to bulk...when u see a bulky thing on ur way u refuse to go ahead
2. When a dog barks, you balk.
3. balk sounds like a dog's bark; if you see a dog barking, you refuse to go ahead. hence, dog acts as obstacle (hindrance) in your walk.
4. Balk sounds like Block. ie is stops from doing something
5. consider...WALK-that means when u go ahead;now remove W it bcums BALK-which means not walking
6. Balk similar to bulk and also walk

defamatory
(adj)
deh-FAM-uh-tore-ee
Also defame (verb)

Definition: Slanderous, injurious to someone's reputation

Usage: One interesting issue in free speech law is defamation. / The political blogs are filled with defamatory language; it seems anyone with a computer and an opinion can destroy a politician's reputation these days.

Related Words: Slander and Traduce also mean "to speak maliciously and falsely of." Aspersions are damaging remarks or defamatory speech.

Memory Trick: Someone who made up vicious lies about Lady Gaga's hit album would have defamed "The Fame."

Mnemonic:

1. degrade somebody's fame

trifling
(adj)
TRIFE-ling
Also trifle (noun)

Definition: Trivial, not very important; so small as to be unimportant; frivolous, shallow

Usage: Luis broke up with Cara because she was always obsessed with some trifling matter—he tried to talk about foreign aid dependency, and she changed the subject to what the actress Katie

Holmes dressed her daughter Suri in for a shopping trip. / The young heiress was so wealthy that she considered the salary from her internship a mere trifle, and didn't even notice when her paycheck was days late.

Related Words: Frivolous (lacking seriousness, excessively carefree, as in The judge dismissed the lawsuit as frivolous—you can't sue the government for failing to protect you from birds). Nugatory also means "of little or no importance."

Mnemonic:

1. divide it like TRI(TRY)+FLING.(means to throw sb or something)..SO..you always TRY to throw SOMETHING UNIMPORTANT.
2. trifling :trivial+feeling .. you are felling its trivial i.e: that is of no value unimportant :D
3. Split as T(tea)+RIFLING (Re-Filling) work is not worth activity and takes time so its delaying also
4. TRIFLING refers to something unworthy of REGARDING, a small matter.
5. TRIFLING sounds like DRIBBLING, its like jst dribbling for time pass i.e. delaying any work and nt working

hackneyed
(adj)
HACK-need

Definition: So commonplace as to be stale; not fresh or original

Usage: This screenplay is so hackneyed—the leading lady has a quirky, artsy job in the city and has a minor problem early in the movie from which the male lead rescues her, and they get together but then break up due to a misunderstanding, and then they end up together anyway, all while the female lead's "sassy" friend gives advice. Ugh. I'll bet they're auditioning Jennifer Aniston right now.

Related Words: Banal, Hackneyed, Inane, Insipid and Trite all mean "lacking freshness and originality, shallow"

More Info: Hackney in London was once out in the countryside and was a place from which you could rent a horse, leading to the sense of an overworked, broken-down horse, and consequently to someone, such as a writer, who works for hire and has few fresh ideas left.

Mnemonic:

1. concentrate on hack !!! once a hacker is ALWAYS a hacker.. he overuses his techniques.
2. when a software is hacked, it becomes hackneyed because then all people are able to use that program without paying for
3. Think hack-knee which is what happens to athletes after many years of practice. Their knees go out
4. hackneyed:hacking the knee problems of elders has become a common thing for doctors...
5. Hacking of personal info occurs if censored web sites are overused/ visited too often.
6. New hacks become old very soon.

hardy
(adj)
HAR-dee

Definition: Bold, brave, capable of withstanding hardship, fatigue, cold, etc.

Usage: While the entire family enjoyed the trip to South America, only the hardier members even attempted to hike to the top of Ecuador's tallest volcano.

Related Words: Robust (strong, vigorous, full-bodied), Hale (vigorous, healthy)

More Info: Hardy, unsurprisingly, comes from "harden," in the sense of "make brave." Hardy is also an English last name; the adventurous Hardy Boys are the heroes of a series of young adult novels popular since their debut in 1927.

Mnemonic:

1. Remember Jeff Hardy and Matt Hardy..They seem 2 b robust,audacious guys

2. HARD-hardy is very hard
3. HARDY boys were very strong and robust...

convoluted
(adj)
CAHN-vuh-loo-tid

Definition: Twisted; very complicated

Usage: Your argument is so convoluted that I'm not even able to understand it enough to start critiquing it. / To get from the hotel room to the pool requires following a convoluted path up two staircases and down two others—to get to someplace on the same floor we started on!

Related Words: Tortuous (twisting, not direct, deceitful), Labyrinthine (tortuous, resembling a labyrinth), Byzantine (complex or intricate; relating to the Byzantine Empire and its highly intricate art and architecture style)

Mnemonic:

1. Convolution theorem was very hard to understand!!
2. volve is root which means to roll. con is prefix which means together. If you roll some thing completely (within it self) it becomes complicated!! and difficult to entangle it!
3. Convoluted sounds similar to convalescent; and a convalescent home would require intricate and complicated medical care for its patients
4. Breaking into a VAULT is COMPLICATED (convoluted)
5. Luti lidha badhane involve karine
6. LUT(loot)=> in hindi loot means stealing some thing, which is too complex & not easy

surfeit
(noun)
SURF-it

Definition: Excess, excessive amount, overindulgence

Usage: The soup kitchen would like to announce that it has a serious surfeit of those cans of jellied cranberries that no one seems to want, but it could still use at least ten Thanksgiving turkeys.

Related Words: Replete with (supplied in abundance, filled, gorged), Glut, Surplus and Plethora (excess, overabundance)

More Info: "Sur" means "over" and the rest of the word is related to the Latin "facere," meaning "to make." The literal meaning is overproduce.

Mnemonic:

1. break SURFEIT as SIRF(sirf in HINDI means only to) EAT. Bas khate hi rehta hai..so an excess of..
2. surfeit = SIR is FAT..as he eats a lot than required until he is full.
3. surfeit= sur+ feit(feet)..
4. splir surfeit into " sur" and "feit". now think that u have been filled from "sur , which means head in hindi" till your feet.
5. Think "surplus" to fit, or overfull
6. Hawaiians are a FAT bunch.. all they do is Surf and EAT,EAT,EAT.. a surfeited lifestyle.

pathological
(adj)
path-oh-LODGE-ick-ull

Definition: Relating to or caused by disease; relating to compulsive bad behavior

Usage: She thought her skin darkening was simply a result of the sun, but it was actually pathological, the result of a serious disease. / I can't believe you stole from the Make a Wish Foundation—you're

pathological!

More Info: "Pathos" means "disease." Pathological often occurs as "pathological liar." When pathological is used alone to describe a person, the meaning is that the person compulsively lies or hurts others.

Mnemonic:

1. This PATH of LOGICAL behaviour of the Harmoni™s will lead to new breakthrough of the disease
2. a PATHOLOGICAL LIAR has a lying addiction/disease.
3. pathology link this with the other common words which you have already heard like osteopathy , pathogen and recall that it is related to the disease

wary
(adj)
WAIR-ee

Definition: Watchful, motivated by caution, on guard against danger

Usage: Be wary of anyone who tells you that "anyone" can get rich with some special plan or scheme.

Related Words: Chary is a synonym (there are very few rhyming synonyms in English!), Leery (suspicious or wary), Vigilant (keenly watchful or alert in order to guard against danger)

Mnemonic:

1. Wary and worry sound the same... you become wary (cautious) if you have too many worries in life.
2. WAtch out caRyfully = WARY
3. WARY = WAR+ARmY - in case of WAR ARmY has to be on alert.
4. wary = chary
5. be WARY = BEWARE = cautious (think of WARY as BEWARE, meaning CAUTIOUS)
6. Don't worry too much, just be a little wary when you go into the street.

relegate
(verb)
RELL-igg-ayt

Definition: Send or commit to an inferior place, rank, condition, etc.; exile, banish; assign (a task) to someone else

Usage: After the legal associate offended one of the partners, he found himself relegated to working on minor—even unwinnable—cases. / This protest is occurring because we refuse to be relegated to the fringes of society—we demand full inclusion!

More Info: Relegate shares a root ("send") with legate, a deputy or emissary.

Mnemonic:

1. relegate..split it like rele(relatives+gate)your relatives are crying at THE GATE because you are not allowing them to enter your house, you have put them in a worse place i.e the GATE WHICH IS ALMOST LIKE A FOOTPATH.
2. divide it like rail+gate. Earlier station Master is now appointed as a watcher of rail gate. so, in worse position.
3. Being a delegate is an important position. Take care of it. Don't let anyone relegate you.
4. rele(relatives)+gateâ€¦!...Bad rank of your RELATIVE in GATE examination has PUTTED HIM INTO A LOWER PLACE(department) of study
5. relegate is the opposite of delegate(usually of higher position ex:foreign delegate)
6. basically this word is taken from Latin legare which means to send....so you send someone out of country...you put them in worse situation and place....you send people to inferior positions.

dubious

(adj)
DOO-bee-uss

Definition: Doubtful, questionable, suspect

Usage: This applicant's resume is filled with dubious qualifications—this is a marketing position, and this resume is mostly about whitewater rafting.

Related Words: Apocryphal (of questionable authenticity, false), Ersatz (artificial, synthetic, serving as a substitute), Faux (fake, imitation, as in “faux fur”), Specious (pleasing to the eye but deceptive)

More Info: Dubious is related to the Latin word for “two,” perhaps in the sense of there being two explanations for something—the one presented, and the true one being hidden.

Mnemonic:

1. dubious - opposite of obvious..i.e) in doubt or questionable
2. DUBIOUS - SOMETHING THAT IS DOUBTFUL, UNCERTAIN.
3. (dub+iste+us) dubbulu iste mem andaram cheptam nuvvu chepindi clear ga undani..students black mailing teacher...
4. double thinking, having doubts

craven
(adj)
CRAY-ven

Definition: Very cowardly, lacking courage

Usage: The nervous soldier feared he would turn craven in his first firefight, but he actually acted quite bravely.

Related Words: Timorous (timid, fearful), Pusillanimous (cowardly), Dastardly (cowardly in a treacherous, sneaky way)

Mnemonic:

1. craven -- is the opposite of 'brave'.
2. Craven sounds like Cita + RAVana => Ravana was a coward man!!! he proved it by taking away Cita/Sita in absence of Ram.
3. craven - relate with cave + in. You hide in cave if your are coward (in a jungle)
4. one who keeps craving but doesn't do anything
5. cowards HAVE ALWAYS craven(LONGED FOR) FOR LOVE!
6. craven == crave sounds like grave .. grave makes you coward

din
(noun)
DIN

Definition: Loud, confused noise, esp. for a long period of time

Usage: This hotel was described as “near all the hot spots,” but I didn’t realize that I wouldn’t be able to sleep due to the all-night din from partygoers.

Related Words: Cacophony (harsh, discordant, or meaningless mixture of sounds), Dissonance (harsh, inharmonious sound), Clamor (noisy uproar, as from a crowd)

Mnemonic:

1. DIN (morning) mein you will hear the loud noises of the traffic etc, but at night its very quiet.
2. rhymes wit den... in the den you will hear the roar of the lion.... its a loud noise
3. din dina din din tah..!!! (hindi band music..)full of noise
4. Din -- dinning table; imagine the food is delayed, so you making noise with the plate and spoon at dinning table

5. "It is hard to hear anything over the DING dong of the church bell"
6. Ladkiyan continuously pura din irritating baatein karti rehti hain

abdicate
(verb)
AB-di-cayt
Also abdication (noun)

Definition: Formally give up the throne (or some other power or responsibility)

Usage: King Edward VIII of England famously abdicated the throne in order to marry an American divorcée. / Parents can be charged with neglect for abdicating their responsibilities towards their children.

Related Words: Don't confuse abdicate with dethrone and depose, which refer to forcing a leader from power. Abdication is voluntary.

More Info: Abdicate comes from the root "ab" (away) and "dic/dict" (proclaim), the latter of which also appears in dictator, dictionary, dictate, dictum, and indict.

Mnemonic:

1. ab+dicare
2. ab(अब...अब-) di (दि|दिई) CAT which means in Hindi "now given up the cat", imagine you have a powerful cat and you given her to some one.
3. ab (root ab means away as in abandon) + dic (dictatorship) + ate (to eat and hence reduce) : means to give away (or reduce) dictatorship and hence to give-up power.
4. "Ab nai dictate" means now u hav to giv up.
5. ab-di-ca-de
6. Lord Ram abdicated his kingdom for Bharath

heterogeneous
(adj)
het-er-oh-JEE-nee-uss

Definition: Different in type, incongruous; composed of different types of elements

Usage: Rather than build the wall with plain brick, we used a heterogeneous mixture of stones—they are not only different colors, but a variety of sizes as well.

Related Words: Homogeneous (of the same kind) is the opposite of heterogeneous.

More Info: The Latin root "gen" means "birth, produce, race" and appears in generate, genus, gender, genocide. "Hetero" means "different" and appears in heterodox (unorthodox).

Mnemonic:

1. If you have a group of people of various sexes and races, you have a HETERO GENUS group of people.
2. If you are HETEROsexual then you like people not of the same gender

peripheral
(adj)
puh-RIFF-er-ull

Definition: Relating to or making up an outer boundary or region; not of primary importance, fringe

Usage: My main goal is to get into a good grad school. Whether it has good fitness facilities is really a peripheral concern.

Related Words: Auxiliary (helping or supporting the main thing)

More Info: "Peri" means "around." Peripheral vision is what you can see "out of the corner of your eye."

Mnemonic:

1. Villages on the Periphery of any country are of less importance...i.e peripheral
2. Computer Peripherals do not come with the motherboard. eg: keyboard, mouse
3. remind from "periphery" which means at the edge of sth

objective
(adj)
ahb-JECT-iv

Definition: Factual, related to reality or physical objects; not influenced by emotions, unbiased

Usage: You cannot be forced to testify against your spouse in a court of law—it's pretty impossible for anyone to be objective about the guilt or innocence of a spouse. / Some philosophers argue that things like "love" and "guilt" don't exist, and that only objective reality—that is, physical matter—is of consequence.

Related Words: Impartial, Disinterested, Dispassionate, and Nonpartisan are all related to being fair and not having a bias or personal stake.

More Info: The opposite of objective is subjective (taking place only in the mind, personal).

Mnemonic:

1. u r not influenced by emotions when u need to fulfill ur objective

disjointed
(adj)
diss-JOIN-tid

Definition: Disconnected, not coherent, jerky; having the joints separated

Usage: The novel seemed disjointed, as though whole chunks of it were missing, or as though the author had tried to stitch together drafts of several different stories. / To begin the recipe, you'll need a whole chicken that has been disjointed.

More Info: In math, disjointed means having no common elements, as in "The set of all odd numbers and the set of all even numbers are disjointed."

Mnemonic:

1. DIS (not) + JOINED (connected)...so disjointed is disconnected or scattered.

alienate
(verb)
AY-lee-en-ayt
Also inalienable (adj)

Definition: Cause to become unfriendly, hostile, or distant

Usage: The talk-show host was trying to help, but only alienated her viewers when she suggested that they cope with a tough economy by checking themselves into a spa.

Related Words: Disaffect (cause to lose affection or loyalty), Estrange (make hostile or indifferent—"He hasn't spoken to his estranged son in a decade.")

More Info: In law, alienate means to transfer property to another owner. An inalienable right is one that you cannot give away or sell (for instance, it is not possible for a person to sell himself into slavery).

Mnemonic:

1. alian+ate...if a alian comes and eat all food on earth .we all become unfriendly and hostile to

it.

2. Alienate = A + lie + nate; When I tell 'A lie' it 'Alienates' my father.

3. Alien+ate. treat someone like an alien i.e. being unfriendly or getting separated.

4. Aliens may be hostile creatures living in a separate distance planet. To 'alienate' two friends mean

'To make them enemy or hostile' which in turn means 'To separate these two friends':D

5. Relate it with the movie 'How to lose friend and alienate people'

6. in alienate consider the nate as mate it becomes a+lie+mate when u lie with ur mate it will separate

ur friend ship

phony
(adj)
FOH-nee

Definition: Fake, counterfeit; insincere, not genuine

Usage: Phony Louis Vuitton bags are easily purchased in Chinatown, but they are illegal—selling them can land a vendor in jail, and the counterfeit bags are often made with child labor. / She's such a

phony person, pretending to befriend people and then talking about them behind their backs.

Related Words: Faux, apocryphal, and spurious all mean fake or counterfeit. A phony person may possess various affectations (fake behavior, such as in speech or dress, adopted to give a certain impression).

Mnemonic:

1. phone+money--think if someone calls u on phone and asks for money..surely is a fraud.

2. Imagine a person is pretending to phone lots of people every time...he is phony because he is showing pretense of being popular.....

skeptic
(adj)
SKEPP-tick

Definition: Person inclined to doubting or questioning generally accepted beliefs

Usage: I wish you'd be more of a skeptic—I can't believe you spent money on a pet psychic so we can "talk" to our dearly departed shih tzu. / Descartes was a great skeptic, famously declaring that we cannot truly be sure of anything except our own existence—hence, "I think, therefore I am."

More Info: Don't confuse skeptical and cynical (thinking the worst of others' motivations; bitterly pessimistic). In a GRE Reading Comprehension passage, an author might be skeptical (a very appropriate attitude for a scientist, for instance), but would never be cynical.

Mnemonic:

1. Skeptic-just remove 'K' -Septic-When a person is Wounded/Injured he always have doubt whether it is going to get septic or not.

2. can not "kept" things

3. break it as "skip for a tick"...tick means right answer..

4. SKEPTIC or SKEPTICAL or UNCONVINCIBLE - someone who is doubtful and cannot be easily convinced.

5. skeptic people usually were spectacles!

keen
(adj)
KEEN

Definition: Sharp, piercing; very perceptive or mentally sharp; intense (of a feeling)

Usage: Dogs have a keen sense of smell. / As homecoming queen, she had experienced the envy of others, but their jealousy only grew more keen when she was selected for a small role in a movie.

Related Words: Acumen (keen, quick, accurate insight or judgment), Astute (shrewd, very perceptive), Perspicacity (acuteness of perception)

More Info: Keen comes from the same root as "can" (to be able)—if there's a job to do, a keen person can probably get it done!

distill
(verb)
diss-TILL

Definition: Purify; extract the essential elements of

Usage: While traveling in certain countries, it is important to only drink distilled water so you don't get sick. / Bob, it's not necessary to read your entire Powerpoint presentation to us—can you just distill it down to the main point?

Related Words: Gist and Pith can both be used to mean "essence, main idea," as in, "This summary really distills the idea down to its pith, allowing me to get the gist without reading the whole book."

More Info: Water is distilled through a process of vaporization and then condensation (when the water evaporates, impurities are left behind).

Mnemonic:

1. distilled water...distilleries...
2. a fat person stay STILL to (dis->)avoid from sweating

erroneous
(adj)
er-ROH-nee-uss

Definition: Mistaken, in error; improper, morally incorrect

Usage: Hilda was completely unable to assemble her new desk chair after the instructions erroneously instructed her to screw the left armrest onto a small lever on the bottom of the seat.

Related Words: Fallible (liable to be in error, capable of making mistakes)

More Info: Erroneous contains the root "err," from a word for "stray or wander." The related word errant can mean "incorrect" but can also mean "journeying or roving adventurously," as in a medieval "knight-errant."

Mnemonic:

1. Sounds like: "Error in us"--> Something that is full of errors and mistakes.
2. the root err means to wander , so think some one is wandering and he is mistaken for a thief or something else
3. ERROR+in+urs; wife shouted ERROR IS IN YOU while you take a wrong decision

prudent
(adj)
PR00-dent
Also prudence (noun)

Definition: Wise in practical matters, carefully providing for the future

Usage: Katie's friends blew all kinds of money on spring break, but Katie prudently kept to her usual spending habits: she'd drink one of whatever was least expensive, and then watch her friends get stupid while she checked her bank balances on her phone and dreamed about the day she'd have a full-time job and a 401K.

Related Words: Circumspect (cautious, prudent; careful to consider the circumstances and consequences), Provident (showing foresight, being frugal or careful to provide for the future, thinking ahead in a wise way)

More Info: The antonym is imprudent.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like president; a president is always a wise or just person
2. we all know ICICI Prudential insurance.. so we can think of thoughtful decision taken by having a insurance policy...
3. germs are careful (prudent) of pepsodent(tooth paste)
4. sounds like student who should always be cautious about assignments and projects.
5. Prude people are very prudent .. They do not want to sound offensive to anybody ..
6. A student who is prudent will always be successful.

overshadow
(verb)
oh-ver-SHAD-oh

Definition: Cast a shadow over, darken; dominate, make to seem less important

Usage: She was a straight-A student who excelled at field hockey, but she still felt overshadowed by her older sister, who won a national science competition for her work on cancer in mice, and also had time to become a pole vaulting champion and model who walked in Fashion Week.

Related Words: Eclipse (the obscuring of one thing by another, such as the sun by the moon or a person by a more famous or talented person, or to obscure, darken, make less important)

impartial
(adj)
im-PAR-shull

Definition: Unbiased, fair

Usage: Judge Gonzales removed himself from the case because, having a personal connection to the school where the shooting took place, he did not think he could be appropriately impartial.

Related Words: Disinterested, Dispassionate, and Nonpartisan are all related to being fair and not having a bias or personal stake.

More Info: The root for "part" appears in partisan, partial, and party—just as a member of a political party is rooting for his own side, someone who is partial is on the side of only part of the group, not everyone equally.

Mnemonic:

1. There are two PARTS. You don't favor either PART. You are imPARTIAL.

oscillate
(verb)
AH-sill-ayt

Definition: Swing back and forth; waver, change one's mind

Usage: I wish we had air conditioning, but at least I replaced our old fan with this oscillating one that swings side to side and blows air on the whole room. / Stop oscillating and pick a restaurant! Seriously—Indian or Thai?

Related Words: Equivocate (use unclear language to deceive or avoid committing to a position), Ambivalent (uncertain; unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once),

Vacillate

and Waffle (waver, be indecisive), Dither (act irresolutely), Tergiversate (repeatedly change one's opinions, equivocate)

More Info: This word has a weird story—the Latin “oscillum” means “little face.” Masks of Bacchus, the god of wine, used to be hung in vineyards to oscillate in the breeze.

Mnemonic:

1. we always oscillate who will be the winner of next Oscar prize

divest
(verb)
die-VEST

Definition: Deprive or strip of a rank, title, etc., or of clothing or gear; to sell off holdings (opposite of invest)

Usage: When she found out that the most profitable stock in her portfolio was that of a company that tested products on animals, she immediately divested by telling her broker to sell the stock. / Once his deception was exposed, he was divested of his position on the Board.

Related Words: Arrogate (claim or take presumptuously or without right), Appropriate (as a verb, to set aside or authorize for a particular purpose; take for one's own use)

Mnemonic:

1. opposite to invest; di + vest; vest means an inner garment; divest is to remove it.
2. di + vest; (A vest is a type of collarless sleeveless upper-body garment.); divest is to remove it.
3. to see the vest's one need to strip the clothes..;)
4. DIVEST can be considered as the short form of DISinvest, meaning to STRIP
5. Divest: To deprive someone of something have quite similar meaning to 'Devastating': Causing extensive destruction or ruining
6. divest means not invest, i.e out of something.

counterpoint
(noun)
COUNT-er-point

Definition: Contrasting item, opposite; a complement; the use of contrast or interplay in a work of art

Usage: The play's lighthearted, witty narrator provides a welcome counterpoint to the seriousness and grief expressed by the other characters. / The hot peppers work in counterpoint to an otherwise sweet dish.

Related Words: Foil (a character in a drama, or any entity, that contrasts with another, as in “Fortinbras is a foil to Hamlet in that each wishes to avenge his father's death, but Fortinbras acts decisively, which only serves to point out Hamlet's weakness.”)

More Info: The humor publication The Onion is known for its amusing “Point/Counterpoint” articles in which two speakers disagree on a topic.

abhor
(verb)
ab-HORE

Definition: Detest, regard with disgust

Usage: “Go out with you?” she replied. “I abhor you! I would rather stab myself with a rusty bread knife than be your girlfriend!”

Related Words: Loathe, Abominate (synonyms), Antipathy (instinctive repugnance or aversion)

More Info: The prefix “ab” means “away”—if you abhor (or abominate) something, you want to get as far away from it as possible.

Mnemonic:

1. abhor sounds like "a whore" and we generally hate a whore....so to hate someone is abhorning that person
2. ab + hor (horror) -- that means we should always hate the horror.
3. Abhor - The last part sounds like HORror ppl hate horror films, they detest them. i.e they dont test them.
4. a + bhor = a (one) + bhor (sunrise in hindi) so i hate to ger up early i hate to get up at bhor
5. a + bhor (bore).. a bore person is always rejected. Many people generally abhor a bore person.
6. abhor = "ab" (away) + "hor" (prostitute)

resolution
(noun)
rezz-oh-L00-shun

Definition: The quality of being firmly determined; resolving to do something; a formal judgment, esp. decided by a vote

Usage: The city government passed a resolution to support the new monorail. / A few setbacks did not dampen her resolution to complete her Ph.D.—equipped with her new prosthetic leg, she made her way back into the lab and continued her research.

Related Words: Resolve shares the meaning “the quality of being firmly determined” and would also work in the second sentence above.

More Info: Of course, a New Year’s resolution is a decision to do something or make a change. Most people aren’t resolved enough to keep their resolutions past January.

Mnemonic:

1. resolution reminds me of revolution, so during American Revolution, America determined to win.
2. when prof. blame raju that he copied the solution..he gave a resolution....he said i am determined about my solution sir.....he is firm in his response
3. Wanna REconsider the SOLUTION?... NO,NO,NO... implies a determination...

peccadillo
(noun)
peck-uh-DILL-oh

Definition: Small sin or fault

Usage: I’m going to propose to Melinda tomorrow—sure, she has her peccadillos, like anyone, but she’s the perfect woman for me.

More Info: “Pecado” is Spanish for “sin.” Adding “-illo” to a Spanish word indicates “small” (a tomatillo resembles a small tomato, for instance). Thus, peccadillo means “small sin.” English speakers pronounce the word like “armadillo,” although of course Spanish speakers would use a “y” sound for the double l.

Mnemonic:

1. "pecc" (actually, pecado) refers to "mistake" as in impeccable. pecking others etc.,
2. no one is PUKKA . we tend to do small and petty mistakes
3. If you watch American pie 3 movie you can easily remember this word in this movie the heroin have this peccadillo (penis shape dildo) which girls use for the small offense or sexual satisfaction
4. pecc(mistake) + dillo(dhila)means loose,so small mistake..
5. peccadillo=penis-ca-dhorlo(bangla)..it means to hold penis..you can say it as handling..it is not a serious offense

6. pecca means drink beer and dillo means looseness so peeke offence kar diya

lavish
(adj, verb)
LAVV-ish

Definition: Abundant or giving in abundance; marked by excess (adj); give very generously (verb)

Usage: Anita wanted to live as she imagined Beyonce lived, and ran up huge credit card bills pursuing a lavish lifestyle she could scarcely afford. / Although her rich banker boyfriend lavished gifts on her, she didn't want to be with someone she didn't really love.

Related Words: Posh (luxurious, elegant), Tony (aristocratic)

More Info: From Middle French lavasse, a downpour of rain. To lavish someone with gifts is to "rain down" upon that person with gifts.

Mnemonic:

1. lavish(read it as love) in love boy spends money generously s0 generous in spending money
2. love + ishto be loved by ish u have to spend liberally.....
3. Love makes one lavish- it makes people spend generously on their mates.
4. After geeting female frnd in bus so much money spending on mobile bill ye love ish(lavish)

adverse
(adj)
AD-verss
Also adversity (noun)

Definition: Opposing, harmful

Usage: Pioneer women persevered despite adverse circumstances, even when fording a river—baby in one arm, leading a horse with the other—against an adverse current.

Related Words: Antagonistic (hostile, acting in opposition)

More Info: Adverse appears in "adverse criticism," although that expression is a bit redundant. Adverse is also related to adversary (an opponent, foe).

Mnemonic:

1. adverse = ad + verse (versus) versus means compilation/fight between two Opponents so, it is something which shows OPPOSITION
2. adverse ~ ad-worse, (adding worse) : something which is contrary to your interests or welfare can only make your situation worse.
3. SAD VERSE
4. verse sounds like versa car- versa car is nt favourable to buy
5. ADVERSE<===> àðµàð¿àðªàð°à¥€àðð (pr. \\viparit \\) [Adjective]

articulate
(adj, verb)
ar-TICK-yoo-lit (adj), ar-TICK-yoo-layt (v)

Definition: Using language in a clear, fluent way (adj); speak distinctly or give clarity to an idea (verb)

Usage: She's so articulate that I'm sure she'll make a good lawyer. / The group voted on who would be the best spokesperson, able to articulate their needs to the panel.

Related Words: Eloquent (speaking in a fluent, powerful, appropriate way)

More Info: As an adjective, the last syllable is pronounced "lit." As a verb, it is pronounced "late."

Mnemonic:

1. arti kyun late...? now she really has to explain clearly or she is GONE !~
2. articulate sounds like 'article + ate'. An article in a magazine or newspaper must be 'clear and fluent in what they say'
3. articulate speech is 'artistic'...it attracts attention of ppl..
4. articulate ~ art + calculate; if you are good in art of speaking as well as good in calculations (maths), you will be able to express yourself in a better way.
5. art+late....although art takes time(ate).....an art always conveys what the artist wanted to speak clearly
6. aarti(pooja) kyun late??coz the pundit wasnt articulate..

mercurial
(adj)
mer-CURE-ee-ull

Definition: Quickly and unpredictably changing moods; fickle, flighty

Usage: It's tough being married to someone so mercurial. I do pretty much the same thing every day—some days, she thinks I'm great, and other days, the exact same behaviors make her inexplicably angry.

Related Words: Erratic (inconsistent, wandering, having no fixed course)

More Info: Mercurial comes from the idea that people born under the planet Mercury are quick but volatile.

Mnemonic:

1. mercury level in the blood pressure testing device fickle a lot when measuring b.p
2. mercury liquid if left on a surface has high fluidity.. hence quick n fickle

presumptuous
(adj)
prizz-ZUMP-choo-uss

Definition: Too bold or forward; going beyond that which is proper

Usage: I would never date that presumptuous jerk! I mean, I thought he was attractive until he walked up to me and said, "We should go out—I looked up your address on Google and I'll pick you up at 8." The nerve!

More Info: Don't confuse presumptuous with presumptive, meaning "based on inference or assumption," as in a presumptive heir to the throne.

Mnemonic:

1. Focus on "Presum" (Presume)--> To overstep your boundaries by boldly PRESUMing/assuming something.
- 2.
3. Consider the word in bracket only :
4. one who pre-assume things is a forward, bold and arrogant person
5. Pre+assuming something means you are overly forward and arrogant..in thinking this way
- 6.

alacrity
(noun)
uh-LACK-rit-tee

Definition: Cheerful or speedy willingness

Usage: Any boss wants an employee to respond with alacrity to his or her requests, handling them promptly and with enthusiasm.

Related Words: Brisk (speedy, energetic, vigorous), Sprightly (lively, full of spirit)

More Info: Alacrity has an adjective form, alacritous, but phrases like “full of alacrity” or “with alacrity” are much more common.

Mnemonic:

1. take the suffix crity we can link it with creativity. creative people are so eager to learn n create things differently.
2. alacrity sounds like AT+LAST+IN+CITY..a person who is first time in a big city is excited n eager to c da city...
3. remember it as a la carte.. which means selecting food from the menu.. usually when ppl go to restaurants they are "eager" to get food!!
4. alacrity = Alag aakrity (a picture). when do you make alag aakrity?? = when you have GREAT WILLINGNESS & ENTHUSIASM. alag aakrity banane ke liye you should have Alacrity
5. One who does each activity (crity = kriti in hindi) according to 'Alarm' has 'Alacrity'.
6. Assume ALLah in CITY.

officious
(adj)
uh-FISH-uss

Definition: Excessively eager in giving unwanted advice or intruding where one is not wanted; meddlesome, pushy

Usage: Lisa's dinner parties are exhausting. She's an officious host who butts in and runs everyone's conversations, keeps an eye on what everyone is eating and makes sure you finish your vegetables, and even knocks on the bathroom door to make sure you're “okay in there.”

Related Words: In common speech, most of us would call an officious person “nosy” or a “busybody.”

Mnemonic:

1. OFFICIOUS, the first part of the word sounds similar to office. Imagine a government office where people poke their nose in other's affairs, they are INTERFERING.
2. Offi(in offices)+cious(curious)..
3. excessive eagerness to do OFFicial work of OFFering service or advice..
4. In an office, people are always poking into (meddling with) others affairs, in a irritating manner.
5. Imagine a police OFFICER that was so OFFICIOUS on the highway he made a car stop for several hours
6. Off-ish in the office = because they're pushy with their services to get a promotion

eccentric
(adj)
eck-SENT-rick

Definition: Peculiar, odd, deviating from the norm esp. in a whimsical way

Usage: The old woman was harmless but eccentric—not many senior citizens wear a train conductor's uniform and carry a boom box. / The eccentricity of a planet's orbit is the amount by which it deviates from a perfect circle; in general, comets are far more eccentric than known planets.

Related Words: Idiosyncrasy (a peculiarity specific to a particular person)

More Info: Some have observed that only the rich are called eccentric; regular people are just weird.

Mnemonic:

1. ec(x)-centric(normal): going away from the center that is departing from the norms
2. eccentric- resembles x-centric..assume x centric as before centric, like x-wife. anything b4 centric is x centric, and b4 centric ,it is irregular and odd in shape.
3. eccentric- ex-center>> It's ODD to see your ex being the center of attraction among your pals.
4. ec(ex) center .. its odd/irregular to see an ex(or one more) center for circle..

5. eccentric:One(EC) cent rick from rice centre is called eccentric.

timely
(adj)
TIME-lee

Definition: Well-timed, happening at a suitable time

Usage: Your arrival is quite timely—we were just mulling over a question we're sure you can answer! / His timely departure prevented him from having to do any work.

Related Words: Opportune can be a synonym for timely, or can mean "favorable, appropriate."

More Info: While timely ends in -ly, it is NOT an adverb. You therefore cannot "do something timely"—you must instead "do it in a timely manner."

augment
(verb)
awg-MENT

Definition: Make larger

Usage: If you memorize the definitions on all of these flashcards, you will have notably augmented your vocabulary!

Related Words: Aggrandize (make greater; exaggerate)

More Info: Augment shares a root ("augere," to increase) with august, meaning "majestic, inspiring reverence."

Mnemonic:

1. you can remember it as opposite of segment..... segment means to make less.... augment to add
2. breast augmentation...do i need to explain further ??? :D
3. say"augment"- ur mouth,opens in such a way that,somone or somthing is in ur mouth,and it is full and increasing.Ex- while ur rnds, keep birthday cake in ur mouth,wen u cut it..
4. "augment" sounds bit like INCREMENT which means to increase....
5. AAG+MINT- if u put MINT in AAG then aag's intensity increases.
6. when kahi AAG(FIRE)cathches.vo ek minute me bohot fel(INCREASE)jati hai.

censure
(noun, verb)
SEN-sher

Definition: Strong disapproval or official reprimand (noun); to issue such disapproval or reprimand (verb)

Usage: The Senator was censured by the Senate for campaign fund improprieties—in fact, he narrowly avoided being expelled from office.

Related Words: Don't confuse censure with censor (to delete objectionable portions of a work).

More Info: In 1834, Andrew Jackson became the only U.S. President to ever be censured by the Senate. Since 1789, nine Senators have been censured; this act of formal disapproval does not remove them from office.

Mnemonic:

1. Try to link the meaning of this word with the censor board which always criticizes every inch of the film and also disapproves of some of the parts.
2. the ppl who r very sure,they always criticise others..

3. censure...sounds similar to censor...and when is something censored? When people are disapprove of something, something which gets criticism from all over.
4. Cent-%-SURE: I was cent percent sure, but it got disapproved
5. someone is saying you have made a mess go 'C(see) and ensure' what's the fault in this.
6. ensure energy drink is not good in taste, smell and disapprove to have it. (blame; criticize; express strong disapproval)

conversant
(adj)
cuhn-VER-sint

Definition: Knowledgeable about or experienced with

Usage: For an opera singer, she is unusually conversant in physics—she just explained to everyone the purpose of the Large Hadron Collider.

Related Words: Abreast (keeping up with, staying aware of, or remaining equal in progress with)

More Info: Conversant does NOT mean talkative—it means having enough knowledge to be able to carry on an intelligent conversation about a topic.

Mnemonic:

1. Through conversations you can gain more knowledge and thus become conversant.
2. you can have a conversation on a topic you are familiar with
3. CONVERSANT....you do conversation with people who are familiar to you.....
4. conversant = converse only if ur familiar with it (conversant) else keep ur mouth shut
5. you can do conversation on a topic if u r conversant bout dat topic
6. conversant: convert-saInt; a well informed saint

sporadic
(adj)
spore-AD-ick

Definition: Occasional, happening irregularly or in scattered locations

Usage: Her attendance was sporadic at best, so when she flounced into class after a two-session absence, she discovered that not only was everyone working on group projects, but that the professor hadn't even thought to assign her to a group.

Related Words: Erratic (inconsistent, wandering, having no fixed course), Desultory (lacking consistency or order, disconnected, sporadic; going off topic)

More Info: Sporadic is related to the idea of spores, reproductive structures that come off of plants, mushrooms, etc. and are spread, such as by the wind.

Mnemonic:

1. sporadic== opposite of periodic, we know periodic things occur regularly.
2. Take the first half of the word, i.e SPOR which sounds like pores. Pimples which OCCUR IRREGULARLY create pores in the skin.
3. sporadic..spora(spores). spores are cells which grow irregularly, like a media plate when exposed to fungi spores, next day you will see an irregular growth.
4. SPORES on DICK occurs occasionally and at scattered instances.
5. we can say sporadic as
6. sporadic

enervate
(verb)
EN-er-vayt

Definition: Weaken, tire

Usage: After taking the SAT in the morning and playing in a soccer game in the afternoon, Trina was truly enervated before the prom even began. "You dance like a grandmother with osteoporosis," said her date.

Related Words: Sap (weaken, undermine, destroy in an underhanded way), Enfeeble (weaken, make feeble)

More Info: The "e" in enervate is a variant of the prefix "ex" and means "out," while "nerv" means "nerve, sinew." Today, the word doesn't exactly mean "remove the nerves from," although that certainly does sound like something that would weaken a person.

Mnemonic:

1. ENERV(w)asTE whwn you waste you energy you become weak
2. break it as e + nerve(nerv) + ate... what happens when our pulse reduces; we WEAKEN.
3. can also be broken as ener(energy) + vate (wait) when energy is waiting somewhere else....you have less energy left in yourself
4. enervate ~ evaporate
5. E=emergency
6. Enervate: ener(ENERGY) + vate(evaporate) Ur energy is evaportaed, so u feel weak

empirical
(adj)
em-PEER-ick-ull

Definition: Coming from, based on, or able to be verified by experience or experimentation; not purely based on theory

Usage: The Ancient Greeks philosophized about the nature of matter (concluding, for instance, that everything was made of earth, water, air, and fire) without any empirical evidence—that is, the very idea of conducting experiments hadn't been invented yet. / People always knew empirically that when something is dropped, it falls to the ground; the theory of gravity later explained why.

More Info: In Ancient Greece, practitioners of medicine who relied on experience rather than theory were of the Empiric School; in contrast, the Dogmatic school followed the teachings of Hippocrates above all. In philosophy, a priori knowledge is that which can be deduced from logic alone, and a posteriori knowledge is empirical.

Mnemonic:

1. Empire...maintaining an empire requires much practical experiences and workouts....
2. empirical sounds like "inspired frm practicals"...and dats the meaning..
3. "Empirical" college of london is so famous becoz its professors are so "EXPERIENCED "
4. emperical formula-a formula can b stated after experiencin the validity of its results.
5. Marco Polo knew about China because he saw the EMPIRE with his own eyes.
6. woh aam pi rai thi kal so i can seay that usee aam pasand hai(means i m deriving this from a previous exerieence)

rudimentary
(adj)
roo-dim-MENT-uh-ree

Definition: Elementary, relating to the basics; undeveloped, primitive

Usage: My knowledge of Chinese is quite rudimentary—I get the idea of characters and I can order food, but I really can't read this document you've just given me.

Related Words: Inchoate (just begun, undeveloped, unorganized), Nascent and Incipient (just beginning to exist, or in a very early stage of development)

More Info: Rudimentary shares a root with rude. Rude originally meant crude or unlearned—that is,

lacking rudiments (first principles or early training).

Mnemonic:

1. sedimentary=rudimentary.....sedimentary rock are used in the base or foundation of a building...hence rudimentary means basic or fundamental !!!!!!!
2. kids in elementary schools are rudimentary
3. CRUDE-i-mentary. somethin rudimentary is crude and elementary
4. sound like RUDE+MEN so rude men never developed becoz they are lacking of elementary or fundamental principals.....hope it helps...
5. rudimentary=crude+fundamental.
6. rudimentary(rude+mentaring):there is a person who was always rude and people had dislike towards him, after i had started mentoring him,has improved,so now he is in his INITIAL DEVELOPMENTAL STAGE of learning,behaving with manners

zenith
(noun)
ZEE-nith

Definition: High point, culmination

Usage: At the zenith of her career, the actress could command \$5 million per film. Now, she is mostly seen in made-for-TV movies.

Related Words: Acme, Summit, Pinnacle (synonyms), Apex (vertix, tip, point), Apogee (high point, point at which the moon is furthest from the Earth)

More Info: The opposite of the zenith is the nadir, or lowest point. Both words are terms from astronomy, referring to points directly above and below the observer on an imaginary sphere on which celestial bodies appear to be projected. On the GRE, these words will be used metaphorically –the nadir of one’s struggles, the zenith of one’s success.

Mnemonic:

1. Word sounds like 'Jannat' which is in highest point
2. there is a popluar comoputer parts brand named as zeneath that considers itself as one of teh top sellers of computer spare parts
3. zen+ithâ€”sounds like zenthâ€”In maths we use nth for the last or HIGHEST TERM,
4. Zenith, is the opposite of beneath which means something below, while zenith means the highest point or pinnacle beneath refers to something on the ground
5. Those who practice Zen stands in high position in spirituality.

reticent
(adj)
RET-iss-sent

Definition: Not talking much; private (of a person), restrained, reserved

Usage: She figured that, to rise to the top, it was best to be reticent about her personal life; thus, even her closest colleagues were left speculating at the water cooler about whether her growing belly actually indicated a pregnancy she simply declined to mention to anyone.

Related Words: Laconic (using few words, concise)

More Info: Taciturn also means not talking much. The Latin root “tacere” (to be silent) appears in both words.

Mnemonic:

1. Cent (Saint) is stereotypically reluctant to speak or draw attention to themselves.
2. 50Cent -> talks too much..
3. REHTA+SHANT....shant rehne waal i.e a person who doesn't talk or who is reserved in speech....

4. RET+ICENT=RET(RAT)+ICENT(INOCENT)=RAT IS INNOCENT SO HE SPAKS LESS,i.e REMAINS SILENT
 5. REserved and sILENT
 6. reticent~reti(return) + cent (imagine cent,currency, to be a big amount)...so if you aren't able to
 return a cent to whom you owe you remain reserved,without communication

diatribe
 (noun)
 DIE-uh-TRIBE

Definition: Bitter, abusive attack or criticism; rant

Usage: I'd stay out of the living room for awhile—Grandpa's on another one of his diatribes about how it's un-American to call a large coffee a "venti." You can hear him ranting from here!

Related Words: Tirade, Harangue, and Fulmination are all words for bitter, angry speeches or attacks.

Mnemonic:

1. diatribe = di-tribe = two tribes fighting...criticize
2. dia+tribe:the lower ranked tribe(in caste division) always face thunderous verbal attack from upper caste people.
3. Diabolic Tribute
4. Denounced In an Abusive manner by TRIBE.
5. Think of the prefix "Dia" as Dynamite! A dynamite verbal attack against a tribe of crazy Indians. [note to whoever wrote this: u sound dumb and racist. the end.]
6. tribute = respecting dead ppl

spearhead
 (verb)
 SPEER-hedd

Definition: Be the leader of

Usage: Lisa agreed to spearhead the "healthy office" initiative, and was instrumental in installing two treadmills and getting healthy food stocked in the vending machines.

Related Words: Avant-garde or vanguard originally referred to the soldiers at the front of an army, and now can mean anyone who innovates or is on the forefront (as in the expression "ahead of their time").

More Info: A spearhead can, of course, be the sharp head of a spear. It can also be a person at the front of a military attack, or a leader of anything.

egalitarian
 (adj)
 ee-gal-it-TAIR-ee-uhn

Definition: Related to belief in the equality of all people, esp. in political, economic, or social spheres

Usage: After moving to a more liberal part of the country, the couple was pleased to have neighbors who shared their views of egalitarian marriage—for instance, men and women could be found in equal proportions downshifting to part-time work to make time for childcare.

More Info: Egalitarian, of course, contains a root for "equal," but comes into English through French, which explains the spelling (égal is French for "equal").

Mnemonic:

1. for EAGLES, it does not matter which person's meat is that, ultimately they have to fill their stomach being scavengers. EAGLES are EGALitarians.
2. egalitarian=equal+literate that is equality of people
3. EGALITARIAN=e+gal+literate+ian,a person who advocates that not only boys,but gals shld also be literate.therefore he is one who BELIEVES IN EQUALITY OF PPL.
4. eagle in amaranican symbol means equal opportunity for all students
- 5.
6. e+gal+litarianâ€”one who says GAL(girls) should also be LITARIAN(literate) BELIEVES IN EQUALITY OF PEOPLE

proliferate
(verb)
proh-LIFF-er-ayt
Also prolific (adj)

Definition: Increase or spread rapidly or excessively

Usage: The book alleged that terrorist cells are proliferating across the United States faster than law enforcement can keep up.

Related Words: Prolific means producing a lot of something - generally either offspring (rabbits are prolific) or creative work (a prolific songwriter).

More Info: A phrase associated with the Cold War was nuclear proliferation, the rapid buildup of nuclear weapons. Proliferate shares a Latin root (“offspring, progeny”) with proletariat, meaning the working class, manual laborers, or the poor.

Mnemonic:

1. life rate=its always increasing
2. PRO+LIFE+RATE-->
3. pro + life + rate : increase in rate of production (pro) of life (living organisms) causes population to increase rapidly
4. (PROLI)petrol (RATE)rate increase rapidly and quickly these days!!
5. pro + life + rate : in our professional (pro) life, we should work at faster rate to grow rapidly.
6. rapidly+lift+rate

incongruous
(adj)
in-CON-groo-uss

Definition: Out of place, inappropriate, not harmonious

Usage: Among the student artwork posted in the halls, Angelina’s submission was incongruous, a dark, gruesome, and even worldly work amidst the happy family portraits and other childish drawings.

Related Words: Heterogeneous (different in type, incongruous), Conspicuous (standing out)

More Info: Incongruous is, of course, related to congruent, as in “congruent triangles” (those that are identical).

Mnemonic:

1. in + congruence...wen 2 things are in congruence they are in harmony so in+congruence means lack of harmony
2. In+congress there is no place for outsiders. Therefore they feel out of place.

libertine
(noun)
LIBB-er-teen

Definition: Morally or sexually unrestrained person; freethinker (regarding religion)

Usage: A famed libertine, the sitcom star was constantly in the news for cavorting with women of dubious occupations and overdosing on drugs often enough to regularly hold up production of his popular television show.

Related Words: Hedonists, sybarites, and voluptuaries are people devoted to pleasure. Debauchery is excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures.

More Info: Libertine certainly is related to "liberty"—think of a libertine as someone who has a little too much liberty. You can also use libertine as an adjective (as in libertine attitudes).

Mnemonic:

1. LIBERTINE=liberti+ne=LIBERTY IN Excess can make you
2. Libertine = Liberal Teens...you know how morally unrestrained they are
3. libertine is related to liberty(having rights to do something... its usually with politicians.. so they majatata), a libertine person is carefree and has no restrictions regarding moral values.
4. Girls beat a libertine with liberty chappals.

imminent
(adj)
IMM-in-ent

Definition: Ready to occur, impending

Usage: In the face of imminent war, the nation looked to FDR for reassurance. / Everyone was excited and nervous; Madonna's arrival was imminent!

Related Words: Imminent can carry the sense of something bad on the horizon, but can also just mean "about to happen." Ominous means "giving a bad sign about the future." Portentous can mean "ominous" or simply "very significant, exciting wonder and awe."

More Info: Don't confuse imminent with eminent, which means "highly respected."

Mnemonic:

1. imminent sounds similar to immediate. so imminent means about to occur immediately.
2. im(min)ent , min is time.. relate this..
3. Im MIN(ute) END(ent)..in the Minute end..meanin Las minute..!
4. Imminent sounds like Eminent.
5. imminent means something which is coming to nearer or close. Now split it as i'm coming in a minute(coming close)
6. Imminent sounds like in-minute. So something is going to happen in a minute immediately.

contextualize
(verb)
cuhn-TEKS-tchoo-ah-lize

Definition: Place in context, such as by giving the background or circumstances

Usage: Virginia Woolf's feminism is hard to truly understand unless contextualized within the mores of the highly restrained, upper-class English society of her time.

More Info: Context, from the Latin, can simply be thought of as "the text that comes with." The root "text" itself is the same in both "textbook" and "textile"—it means "weave," just as we would weave either cloth or a story.

hearken
(verb)
HAR-ken
Also hark (verb)

Definition: Listen, pay attention to

Usage: "Hearken, students!" said the old-fashioned music teacher. "We are going to practice 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.'" / The simple lifestyle and anachronistic dress of the Amish hearken back to an earlier era.

More Info: Hark is a variant of hearken and has the same meaning. The expression hearken back or hark back is much more common in modern usage than hearken alone, and means to turn back to something earlier or return to a source.

 converge
 (verb)
 cuhn-VERGE

Definition: Move towards one another or towards a point; unite

Usage: I know we're driving to the wedding from different states, but our routes ought to converge when each of us hits I-95—maybe we could converge at a Cracker Barrel for lunch!

More Info: The antonym of converge is diverge.

Mnemonic:

1. Co- together
2. : in a CONVEx lens, light rays meet at a common point, and CONVERGEance is a property of meeting at a common point
3. Converge (Sounds like COme aNd mERGE)
4. co + verge similar to merge.. merge can happen if things come together

 admonish
 (verb)
 ad-MAHN-ish
 Also admonition (noun)

Definition: Mildly scold; caution, advise, or remind to do something

Usage: She was an exacting boss who upbraided an employee for jamming the copier, yet she merely admonished her five-year-old for the same offense.

Related Words: Reprove, upbraid, reprimand, and rebuke are all harsher forms of criticism than admonish.

More Info: You can also admonish someone to do something, as in "The GRE instructor admonished her students to study vocabulary every day."

Mnemonic:

1. in the add of "eak choti si love story" monisha koiralla on orkut and she shall admonish u/warn u for doing so
2. adm(in)+on(e)+(pun)ish : (net)admin in the company is one step away (Giving strong warning now) from punishing you.bcoz you are accessing prohibited network sites.
3. to avoid A DEMON-ish act, a mother Warns her naughty child
4. Admonish--->Ad(Advertisement)+Monish(person's name)--Direct Monish was warned by Censored board for making Uncensored Advertisement.
5. admonish ~ ADD MANISH -- Add Manish in the list of guys whom we will WARN to stay away from her.
6. Admonish spounds similar to Admission Before giving admission into bar guards admonish (warn)youth

 prodigious

(adj)
pruh-DID-juss

Definition: Extraordinarily large, impressive, etc.

Usage: The Great Wall of China consists of a prodigious series of fortifications stretching over 5,000 miles! / If we don't double our sales with this new product, we will have to declare bankruptcy—we have a prodigious task ahead.

Related Words: Prodigious can be good or bad, but Titanic and Olympian specifically mean large or majestic in a manner suitable for the gods.

More Info: Prodigious shares an origin with prodigy (very gifted child).

Mnemonic:

1. The root PRO- means 'in favor of'. The root DIGI- (e.g., digit) refers to numbers or quantity. So, PRODIGIOUS refers to a favorable (or great) number.
2. pro+Dj=> professional DJ is extra ordinary
3. Pro+Digious= Professional Diggaj
4. prod refers to production and gious sounds as genius so someone genius in production we say him as marvelous, great.
5. Asadharan
6. prodigy is very talent person, so prodigious means talented person who is GREAT IN SIZE

idiosyncrasy
(noun)
id-dee-oh-SINK-rah-see
Also idiosyncratic (adj)

Definition: Characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual; peculiar quality, quirk

Usage: Sometimes, the richer people get, the more idiosyncratic they become. After he made his first billion, he began traveling with a pet iguana, sleeping in an oxygen chamber, and, oddly, speaking with a slight Dutch accent.

Related Words: Eccentric (peculiar, odd, deviating from the norm esp. in a whimsical way)

More Info: The root "idio" means "referring to one person, peculiar" (an idiolect is a speech pattern spoken by only one person).

Mnemonic:

1. Idiot in sync with the crazy ppl are idiosyncratic.
2. idiosyncracy - idio (idiot)...and idiot's ideas (idio) are never in sync [or are crazy (crasy)] with that of a normal person..thus eccentric, odd in nature !
3. idio(idea)syn(synchronize)..when ideas syn with each other the people r eccentric(of the same kind..or have the same center)
4. Ideal people have got crazy ideas that are peculiar to them...
5. AN IDIOT IS NOT IN SYNCRONISM WITH THE OTHES HENCE HE IS ODD IN NATURE AND CRAZY
6. àµà¥^àµ`àµ%àµà¥àµàµàµ;àµ• àµ²àµ•àµ¬ ...àµ@àµ°àµ%àµ àµ€ àµ...àµ°àµàµ¥!!

gainsay
(verb)
gayn-SAY

Definition: Declare false, deny; oppose

Usage: The professor is quite doctrinaire—she's been known to lower the grade of any student who dares gainsay her.

Related Words: Dissent (disagree or take an opposing view, esp. in relation to a formal body such as

a government)

More Info: In Old English, “gain” actually meant “against,” although most other words formed from this word part are now obsolete (as in “gainclap,” a counterstroke, such as in battle).

Mnemonic:

1. she has (Gain)ed weight but is not (say)ing it which means, she is denying the fact.
2. A(gain)st-(say)
3. GAINSAY~ GHANTE SEY...we say ghante sey when we want to deny something..so GAINSAY=GHANTE SEY= DENY
4. to "GAIN"(say profit) you have to "SAY" something(challenge something)
5. Those opposed to dishonest GAIN SAY it is unethical.
6. u have something to gain by saying lies.

malleable
(adj)
MAL-ee-uh-bull

Definition: Able to be bent, shaped, or adapted

Usage: The more malleable the material, the easier it is to bend into jewelry—and the easier it is to damage that jewelry. / My mother is a little too malleable—she said she liked all the things her first husband liked, and now she says she likes all the things her second husband likes.

Related Words: Tractable, pliable, and plastic can also mean physically bendable, or metaphorically bendable, as in “easily influenced or shaped by others.” Mutable means changeable.

More Info: Malleable comes from a Latin word for “hammer” and thus shares a root with mallet.

Mnemonic:

1. relate with malleable; so possible to reshape
2. Many women believe they can mold their MALE (malle) partners into ABLE-bodied husbands.
3. malleability is the capability of stretching to a wire
4. Malleable: Malle(Male=Boys)+Able(capable),so Males only able/capable to build their body(shape) to 6Pack or 8Pack by doing exercise.So MalleAble=capable of being shaped
5. Sounds like mouldable
6. mallet is a hammer, we use a hammer to hit sth into another shape -> they are malleable

notoriety
(noun)
noh-ter-RY-et-ee
Also notorious (adj)

Definition: Ill fame; the state of being well-known for a disgraceful reason

Usage: Bill was notorious for being late to everything—after awhile, his friends just stopped inviting him to the movies. / Some countries ban convicted criminals from capitalizing on their notoriety by writing books from prison or selling rights to movies about their lives.

Related Words: Infamous is a synonym for notorious.

More Info: Not only did rapper The Notorious B.I.G. adopt the word notorious for his name, actress Tori Spelling has starred in a reality show entitled “So NoTORIous.” We guess it’s cool to be famous in a bad way?

Mnemonic:

1. root word is notorious means mischievous. so "notor" in the word specify defamity..illfame
2. note(money) became cause of a riot in a city is bad publicity for that city
3. notoriety -> not to write about sarathi famous story because he is famous for kissing aunty

sedulous

(adj)
SEDD-joo-luss

Definition: Persevering, persistent, diligent in one's efforts

Usage: Sedulous effort is necessary to improve your GRE verbal score—you need to study vocab in a serious way, nearly every day.

Related Words: Assiduous is a synonym.

Mnemonic:

1. to seduce a woman, man needs to be diligent and persistent and off course Hardworking ;)
2. The sedulous young woman received promotion not for her seducing looks but for her sedulous work.
3. se(SAY) + dulous(dulux).. dulux paints adv. SAY dulux dulux dulux... painting a home is a sedulous task
4. se+dul+lous...to SEEK knowledge you have to PAY ATTENTION i.e. have to be LESS DULL
5. se+dullous..sounds like..seek ..dolas(dollars)we should do lot of hardwork..
6. SEDULOUS, CAREFULNESS and ASSIDUOUS which are rhyming words, mean, to work with care and effort.

reap
(verb)
REEP

Definition: Harvest, such as by cutting; gather; get as a result of one's effort

Usage: He worked night and day in the strange new country, never stopping to rest, for he knew he would reap his reward when his family greeted him as a hero for all the money he had sent back home.

Related Words: Reap and sow are used together or separately as metaphors related to farming, and specifically the idea that the seeds that you plant (or sow) determine what you will later harvest (or reap). A common expression is You reap what you sow.

More Info: The "Grim Reaper" is a fictional figure who uses a scythe (curved blade on a handle) to "cut down" lives as one would cut down grain.

garrulous
(adj)
GAIR-ull-uss

Definition: Talkative, wordy, rambling

Usage: Uncle Bill is so garrulous that our dinner conversation lasted three hours—and the only person who said more than ten words was Uncle Bill.

Related Words: Prolix, Verbose, and Loquacious all mean talkative or wordy. Garrulous adds the sense of going off-topic or being tiresome. For instance, a very long-winded but informative academic paper would be prolix or verbose, but not garrulous.

Mnemonic:

1. (garrulous can be related to girls when pronounced)and girls talk more than boys
2. "Girls, rule us!" They rule us in their ability to talk non-stop about nonsensical matter...
3. sounds like careless... means careless chatter
4. GARbage-like and unRULy non-stop chatter.
5. garrulous... think of a "gorilla".. and now think of a fat gorilla like person who chats a lot.!!!and sucks a lot
- 6.

eminent
(adj)

EM-in-ent

Definition: Prominent, distinguished, of high rank

Usage: The undergraduate shocked everyone by asking the eminent old professor, "Really? What makes you such an expert?" / "Your Eminence!" said the bishop to the Pope, "Don't forget this copy of your speech!"

Related Words: Venerable (worthy of deep respect, hallowed, dignified)

More Info: Eminent domain is the law allowing the government to appropriate private property, such as forcing people to move so a new highway can be built. And, while supposedly Marshall Mathers selected the pseudonym "Eminem" based on his initials (M&M), we like to think he was aware of the name's strong resemblance to eminent.

Mnemonic:

1. Like the real slim and shady "EMINEM" who is STANDING ABOVE OTHER rap artists IN QUALITY AND POSITION
2. pro+(e)minent-position is high position
3. think about eminem who is always above others
4. e m ninty yrs.. so defintely standout

incorporate
(verb)
in-CORE-per-ayt

Definition: Combine, unite; form a legal corporation; embody, give physical form to

Usage: When a business incorporates, it becomes a separate legal entity—for instance, the business can declare bankruptcy without the owners doing so. / Local legend has it that ghosts can incorporate on one night of the year and walk among the living.

Related Words: Incarnate (embodied, personified; put into concrete form, embody, take on a human body)

More Info: Incorporate contains the Latin "corpus" (body), also found in corpse (dead body), corpulent (fat), and even "Marine Corps."

Mnemonic:

1. IN CORPORATE life you have to integrate and to become united to have greater profits

nuance
(noun)
NOO-ahnss

Definition: A subtle difference in tone, meaning, expression, etc.

Usage: People with certain cognitive disabilities cannot understand the nuances of non-literal speech. For instance, "You can come if you want to, but it's really going to be mostly family" means that you shouldn't try to come.

Related Words: Usually occurring in the plural, nuances has the synonym subtleties.

More Info: Nuance can be important in negotiating, social situations, and flirting. Nuance comes from a root for "cloud" and describes that which is "cloudy" in the sense of being hard to discern. Incidentally, nubilous means cloudy.

Mnemonic:

1. nuance = new + ounce.. and ounce is a very small unit for weight.. hence a very small difference..
2. Once checking the company with no special nuance after a disaster, the manager proceeds a business conti-nuance plan
3. nuance=new+anci c(book).....no much difference between old and new editions...
4. sounds like nuisance. Nuisance is something spoken unrelated to the subject. nuance is much more

subtle, it is spoken relevant to the subject but with little difference.

5. Nuance = Nu + an + ce; A New an ceo is little different from

cosmopolitan
(adj)
cahz-moh-PAH-lit-uhn
Also cosmopolite (noun)

Definition: Belonging to the entire world, at home globally; free from local or national prejudices or attachments

Usage: Trapped in a small town, he dreamed of a more cosmopolitan existence filled with world travel, exotic cuisine, and scintillating parties where he would meet famous authors and other cosmopolites.

Related Words: Urbane (elegant, sophisticated, suave; suitable to social life in major cities)

More Info: The magazine Cosmopolitan was originally named to evoke the image of a worldly, sophisticated woman. A "cosmopolitan" is also a cocktail popularized by the show Sex and the City. Most New Yorkers do not think that drinking "cosmos" is cosmopolitan.

Mnemonic:

1. cosmos has variety

log
(verb, noun)
LAHG

Definition: Keep a record of, write down; travel for or at a certain distance or speed (verb); a written record (noun)

Usage: Lawyers who bill by the hour have to be sure to log all the time they spend on every client's case. / You cannot get your pilot's license until you have logged 40 hours of flight time.

Related Words: Chronicle (a historical account in time order)

More Info: Of course, a log is a piece of a tree, and to log can also mean to cut down trees (what loggers do).

Mnemonic:

1. every mobile has a LOG FILE, in which all your call RECORDS are stored...

debase
(verb)
deh-BASE
Also debased (adj)

Definition: Degrade; lower in quality, value, rank, etc.; lower in moral quality

Usage: You have debased yourself by accepting bribes. / Members of the mainstream church argued that the fringe sect was practicing a debased version of the religion, twisting around its precepts and missing the point. / I can tell from the weight that this isn't pure gold, but rather some debased mixed metal.

Related Words: Base (morally low, of little value, crude or fake), Adulterate (make impure), Debauch (corrupt morally), Vitiate (ruin, make faulty, corrupt)

More Info: To "debase a currency" is to lower its value, such as by a government wishing to print more money for its own ends, thereby lowering the value of the money held by citizens.

Mnemonic:

1. de(means without)+base..so think of someone /something without having any base or value.
2. imagine a building having no base will be lower in quality
3. very similar to abase
4. debase=In this base if the person not having basics he is always in lower position in class so
....debase=to lower
5. Debase - sounds like "Thebase" remember the non-existent process of "The basing" which is process to
take objects to a lower value.

timorous
(adj)
TIM-er-uss

Definition: Fearful, timid

Usage: An expression describing a timorous person is "quaking in his boots"—that is, a scared person would shake or shiver from fear.

Related Words: Intrepid means fearless and did, in fact, come from the rare word trepid, meaning fearful. Craven and pusillanimous mean cowardly.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like TIME + OVER: imagine you are giving your GRE exam, and your time gets over, you will get
frightened.. = fear = demonstrate fear. :)
2. timorous=timor+ous , think of timor ..we become fearful hearing the East timor+ USA war..
3. timorous means showing or suffering from nervousness or a lack of confidence...TUMOURous...if you come to know that you have a tumour, you will be TIMOROUS....
4. timorous = timid
5. Timorous and Nervous are rhyming words with the same meaning. They refer to someone who is faint-hearted or afraid.
6. Pronounced similar to Amorous; So Gunnu is fearful of amorous conquests

occult
(noun, adj, verb)
uh-CULT

Definition: The supernatural (noun); pertaining to magic, astrology, etc.; mysterious, secret or hidden
(adj); to hide, to shut off from view (verb)

Usage: A group of religious parents demanded that a popular series of young adult vampire novels be banned in schools because it promoted the occult. / During a solar eclipse, the moon occults the sun and it is momentarily dark in the middle of the day.

Related Words: Eclipse (the obscuring of one thing by another, such as the sun by the moon or a person by a more famous or talented person, or to obscure, darken, make less important)

Mnemonic:

1. diffiCULT to understand
2. in slang.. cult means to flick.. or rob.. and the person who cults is always mysterious, secret..
3. The occult is of the supernatural, which is always hard to understand or see.
4. can be related to CULTs - which believe in strange supernaturals
5. Occult is the past tense of occur, so the ugly things which happens in the longest past is always darken in memory no body favor it to remind.
6. our culture is secret and mysterious.

preempt or
pre-empt
(verb)

pree-EMPT

Definition: Prevent; take the place of, supplant; take before someone else can

Usage: The speaker attempted to preempt an excessively long Q&A session by handing out a "Frequently Asked Questions" packet at the beginning of the seminar.

Related Words: Obviate (prevent, eliminate, or make unnecessary)

More Info: The "empty" part of preempt comes from a rare word for "purchase"—to preempt can also mean to settle on public land in order to establish the right to purchase that land before anyone else.

abstain
(verb)
ab-STAIN
Also abstemious (adj.)

Definition: Hold back, refrain (especially from something bad or unhealthy); decline to vote

Usage: The church board voted on whether to hold an abstinence rally to encourage young people not to become sexually active; while most members voted in favor, one voted against and two abstained, with one abstainer commenting that, as far as she knew, the church's teens were pretty abstemious already.

Related Words: Temperance (moderation, holding back), Teetotaler (a person who abstains from alcohol), Forbear (hold back or abstain from)

More Info: Abstain is usually followed by "from" (vegetarians forbear meat or abstain from meat).

Mnemonic:

1. ab+stain...we tend to stay away from stain....
2. this can be written as "ab+stai.....and stai.....sounds like stay.... and .. stay out of something
means not involving in sth that doesn't concern to one.
3. ab+stain ... Dell Steyn is a dangerous bowler .. batsman normally dont want to cm in front of him
4. Focus on stain mom will scold us if we have some ud or ink stains on our dress .So,promise to mom i
wont play in mud again(choose not to do something")
5. like in above case intentionally not using one's vote.means one knows that even if he/she uses thier
votes politicians will never change hence they are concern about it and staying out of the voting process
6. ab (away) + stain = Mom asked me to be away from or not participate in the party due to stain

plastic
(adj)
PLASS-tick

Definition: Able to be shaped or formed; easily influenced

Usage: A young child's mind is quite plastic, and exposure to violent movies and video games can have a much greater effect on children than they typically do on adults.

Related Words: Tractable, pliable, and malleable can also mean physically bendable, or metaphorically bendable, as in "easily influenced or shaped by others." Mutable means changeable.

More Info: The word plastic is much older than the substance we call "plastic." Plastic surgery is so called because it reshapes parts of the body, not because the substance plastic is involved.

ephemeral
(adj)
ee-FEM-er-ull

Definition: Lasting only a short time, fleeting

Usage: "Thank you for this jacket that says 'Eugene's Girl,'" said Marie, "but I fear that your love will prove to be ephemeral—over the last two years, I've seen four other girls in school with the same jacket. Do you buy them in six-packs?"

Related Words: Evanescent and Fugacious are synonyms. Transient can mean "lasting only a short time, temporary" or "staying only a short time," or can be a noun referring to homeless people, temporary workers, or others who move often.

More Info: Ephemeral comes from a Greek word for "day." It originally meant—and sometimes still means—lasting only one day.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like e-funeral. Electric funeral is SHORT
2. 'fermi' is a very small scientific unit [10^{-15}]
3. elephant+marela hai..he lived short! :|
4. sounds similar to epidural, which would make giving birth go by much quicker
5. epHEMeral contains the word HEMI, which means half. (It takes half or a shorter time)
6. apheme (which is a drug) ka nasha bahut hi ephemeral hota hai

salubrious
(adj)
suh-LOO-bree-uss

Definition: Healthful, promoting health

Usage: After spending her twenties smoking and drinking, Jessica recognized the necessity of adopting a more salubrious lifestyle, but found it difficult to cut back.

Related Words: Salutary is a synonym.

More Info: Spanish speakers probably recognized this one – it's very similar to the Spanish "salud."

Mnemonic:

1. (related to bollywood)remember salman khan.....all health and all.....
2. SALUBRIOUS and NUTRITIOUS are rhyming words which describe something that is healthy or health-giving.
3. SALory+U+BRing+US
4. SALLU and BRIOUS(brothers)....sallu and his brothers are healthy....
5. SALUbrious
6. Salubrious sound like salud, so: Los médicos en el televisor dicen que salud es buen por nos. The doctors on the TV said that health is good for us.

illiberality
(noun)
il-lib-er-AL-ih-tee
Also illiberal (adj)

Definition: Narrow-mindedness, bigotry; strictness or lack of generosity

Usage: Students protested the illiberality of an admissions policy that made no allowances for those from disadvantaged areas or backgrounds who may not have had access to advanced classes and tutors.

Related Words: Chauvinism (fanatical patriotism or blind enthusiasm for military glory; undue or biased devotion to any group, cause, etc.), Bigot (obstinately prejudiced person), Xenophobia (fear of foreigners), Jingoism (extreme chauvinism plus warlike foreign policy), Insular (pertaining to an

island; isolated; illiberal)

More Info: Illiberal can also mean lacking a liberal arts education (as a person), or not requiring such an education (as a profession).

quibble
(verb)
KWIBB-ull

Definition: Make trivial arguments or criticisms, find faults in a petty way, esp. to evade something more important

Usage: Look, I am telling you some of the serious consequences of global warming, as predicted by the scientific establishment—I think you’re just quibbling to complain that I said “carbon monoxide” when I meant “carbon dioxide.”

Related Words: Cavil (synonym), Carp (constantly complain, fret, and find fault), Peevish (annoyed, in a bad mood, stubborn)

More Info: This word is often associated with lawyers.

Mnemonic:

1. mnemonic in hindi.. read it as qui(kyun)+bble(bill)..KYUN BILL ITNA ZYADA HAI?, you OBJECT to reading of meter & COMPLAIN to the authorities..
2. Query + babble (minor objection/murmuring).
3. Remember, the magazine by Luna LoveGod's father - "The quibbler", it was called so because it carried petty criticism of people.
4. QUIBBle->quib->rhymes with crib(cribbing) means complain, raise petty objections
5. pebble...small piece of rock..
6. Quibble is to Squabble..

hyperbole
(noun)
high-PER-boh-lee

Definition: Deliberate exaggeration for effect

Usage: Oh, come on. Saying “That movie was so bad it made me puke” was surely hyperbole. I strongly doubt that you actually vomited during or following The Back-Up Plan.

Related Words: Overstatement is similar in meaning.

More Info: Hyperbole shares a root (meaning “throw”) with ballistics—think of it as throwing your statement quite a bit past the mark.

laconic
(adj)
luh-CON-ick

Definition: Using few words, concise

Usage: The boss was famously laconic; after allowing his employees to present their new plan for an entire hour, he finally responded, “Confirmed.”

Related Words: Reticent and Taciturn (not talking much) are often used to describe shy people and do not have the sense of “getting the point across efficiently” that laconic does. Pithy, however, takes this idea even further—it means getting the point across in just a few, cleverly-chosen words.

More Info: Laconic comes from the Greek place named Laconia, the region in which Sparta (which of course gives us spartan) was located. A famous story has an invading general threatening, "If I enter Laconia, I will raze Sparta to the ground." The Spartans laconically replied, "If."

Mnemonic:

1. LAC..LACK, SO LACK OF WORDS in her speech, specify that she used very few words to portray her ideas.
2. Laconic = Lacking in sonic.
3. La - conic There is a LACK of words in the COMIC book. (lack-comic)
4. LACONIC: it ends with conic... which looks like CONCISE-- using few words
5. LA+CONE....I asked my friend to bring a cone so that I can underline the important lines and make a speech that is laconic and to the point
6. La-CONIC

warranted
(adj)
WAR-en-ted
Also warrant (verb, noun)

Definition: Justified, authorized (warrant can mean to justify or a justification, but can also mean to vouch for or guarantee)

Usage: The pundit's comments don't even warrant a response from our organization—they were mere name-calling, not suitable for public discourse. / Your criticism of Anne is unwarranted—as your assistant, she has done everything you've asked her to do. / He doesn't have his documents with him, but I'll warrant that he is indeed a certified forklift operator.

More Info: A warrant can, of course, be a legal justification (as in every cop movie ever)—such as permission given to police by a judge to enter and search a suspect's home.

net
(adj, verb)
NET

Definition: Remaining after expenses or other factors have been deducted; ultimate (adj); to bring in as profit, or to catch as in a net (verb)

Usage: In one day of trading, my portfolio went up \$10,000 and down \$8,000, for a net gain of \$2,000. / All those weeks of working weekends and playing golf with the boss ought to net her a promotion.

Related Words: The opposite of net is gross. Your gross income is what your company pays you, and your net income is what you actually get to take home. If you sell merchandise, all the money you collect is the gross, but very little of that (or even none of it) may be profit—you have to subtract expenses to calculate the net.

More Info: A related idea is tare. If you go to a pay-by-the-pound salad bar and get your salad in a heavy dish, the person weighing the salad will often deduct the tare—the weight of the dish—prior to calculating what you pay.

temperance
(noun)
TEMP-er-enss
Also temper (verb)

Definition: Moderation, self-control, esp. regarding alcohol or other desires or pleasures; total abstinence from alcohol

Usage: After the end of the Civil War, economic change led to an increase in alcohol problems and the birth of the Temperance

Movement, which ultimately led to Prohibition. / Grandma is a model of temperance—she drinks red wine every night, but only the 1/3 of a glass that she read was conducive to preventing heart attacks.

Related Words: Teetotaler (person who doesn't drink alcohol at all), Abstain (hold back, refrain, esp. from something bad or unhealthy), Sobriety (temperance or the state of being sober; seriousness)

More Info: To temper is to moderate, soften, or tone down, or to make less intense. Something untempered is not controlled or moderated. Of course, temper as a noun means a person's state of mind or tendency to anger.

Mnemonic:

1. TEMPORARY..temperance is temporary ,transient as no one can abstain from eating good and delicious food
2. temporarily avoid so that u dont exceed
- 3.

disseminate
(verb)
diss-EM-in-ayt

Definition: Scatter, spread about, broadcast

Usage: Many plants use attractive fruits to disseminate their seeds—animals eat the fruit and excrete the seeds, allowing new plants to grow. / In the 1760s, revolutionary ideas were disseminated via pamphlets such as Thomas Paine's "Common Sense."

Related Words: Disperse (scatter, spread widely, cause to vanish), Diffuse (spread widely, disseminate; dispersed; or wordy and going off-topic)

More Info: Disseminate contains the Latin root for "seed." Use disperse for something that spreads out and disappears (the crowd dispersed); use disseminate for something that spreads out and remains significant (writers disseminate ideas; disseminating seeds grows new plants).

Mnemonic:

1. dis + seminate
2. Dis+seminate -Think of seminate as "semen". You use your semen to spread and disperse your genes to many random woman, especially when intoxicated
3. dis+sem+i+n+ate:
4. sounds this emit >> scatter..
5. semminate means comes to something conclusion, disseminate means to scatter the idea.

requite
(verb)
rick-WHITE

Definition: Reciprocate, repay, or revenge

Usage: Ashley felt that her unrequited love for George would surely kill her. George barely noticed her—he cared about nothing but requiting his father's death.

Related Words: Redress (setting something right after a misdeed; compensation or relief for injury or wrongdoing), Recompense (repay, reward, compensate)

More Info: Most people only know this word in the phrase unrequited love. But anything you can "get someone back for," you can requite—kindness, murder, etc.

Mnemonic:

1. re+QUITE one would be quiet only after taking his REVENGE.

2. when a person is looking quite means he is going to take revenge on his
3. acquit is to pardon, while requite is to take revenge
4. NOW NOW ...All of us remember UNREQUITED LOVEDONT WE??
5. once you borrow, you can only quit from its burden by requiting

arcane
(adj)
ar-CANE
Also arcanum (noun)

Definition: Known or understood by only a few; obscure, secret

Usage: To win at Jeopardy, you must be full of arcane knowledge. / The wizard's shop was full of arcanum, from Latin-to-Ancient Greek dictionaries to entire books on magic spells relating only to elephants.

Related Words: Esoteric, Abstruse

More Info: Arcane comes from the Latin "arca," for "box"—arcanum is information that is metaphorically shut up in a box.

Mnemonic:

1. improvising the first mnemonic.., Ar + Kane - Kane's face always remains secret, as he uses a mask.
2. Arcane=ar+cane(Kane).... this is for WWF watchers...Kane (undertaker brother) he has really mysterious behavior...as he many times fought with his brother also.
3. To change a sugarCANE into ARC needs a mysterious knowledge.
4. CRANE(Bird) stands on one leg is a mysterious feature
5. sugARCANE.....sugarcane fields are always mysterious as you can find any couple doing romance....remember the hindi song Ganne ke khet mein
6. Cain's (cane) behavior in killing his brother Abel is a mystery - what drove him to do it? This type of behavior led God to build the ARC and start over.

tenuous
(adj)
TEN-yoo-uss

Definition: Long and thin, slender; flimsy, having little substance

Usage: Your argument is quite tenuous—it depends on our accepting the results of a 1955 study published in an obscure medical journal not subject to peer review.

More Info: The related attenuate means "weaken or thin out" (for instance, a general who sends too few troops over too large an area has attenuated his army). The related tensile means "relating to tension" or "capable of being stretched."

Mnemonic:

1. this word sound very close to TENNIS....and most of the female TENNIS PLAYERS ARE VERY SLIM AND THIN...
2. TENUOUS can be split as TEN+US,so TEN of us goin to USa together,the chances are very SLIM and it'll be a RARITY
3. Tenuous comes from Attenuate. Attenuate means to make thin.
4. tenous...this word it extracted from Latin tenuis means...thin, slight...
5. split it "Ten+of+us". It is a rare possiblity that ten of us will accomodate in car
6. this word is deliberately mispronounced some times as tenyeas....tenyears....so your ten years daughter is very thin.....and slim.....

didactic
(adj)
die-DACK-tick

Definition: Intended to instruct; teaching, or teaching a moral lesson

Usage: She might have been Teacher of the Year at work, but at home, her husband wished she would turn off her didactic personality. "Honey," he said, "I really don't need you to use everything as a learning opportunity." / The child was disappointed when the storybook turned didactic in the end, with the teddy bears—and the reader—being admonished never to lie.

Related Words: Pedagogical (pertaining to teaching), Pedantic (showy about learning, excessively concerned with details, as in "He's so pedantic he corrects his friends' grammar.")

More Info: Didactic can be positive or negative. Any teacher is didactic, but a person who is lecturing or moralizing in an unwanted manner can also be called didactic.

Mnemonic:

1. didi always acts in a way she is teaching something...'didi-act'ic
2. diactic=did+act
3. did + tactic or someone teach tactic
4. Did + Attic.
5. Dida (Grandmother) Teaches us many thing in childhood specially moral lesson
6. Dictators act in a way that their teaching something

disabuse
(verb)
diss-ah-BY00Z

Definition: Free someone from a mistake in thinking

Usage: Do you really believe that toilets flush one way in the Northern hemisphere and another way in the Southern? Any physicist would be happy to disabuse you of that silly notion.

More Info: Disabuse is almost always used in the pattern "to disabuse (person) of (idea)."

Memory Trick: When someone disabuses you of a belief, they both "dis" and "abuse" your false ideas.

Mnemonic:

1. story: like a girl fall in love with a rascal, and her father comes to know. what he will do is abuse the boy and disabuse the girl about the boy. simple naa.
2. REMEMBER AS the opposite of abuse(use harsh words or create wrong impression).
3. correcting a false impression without abusing so disabuse ;)
4. 'dis a bus' not a car. (This is a bus not a car) "To set right."
5. If someone was abusive but felt bad about it, they might try dis-abuse or undo the wrongs they had done
6. "dis" means No Longer. Thus, No longer abuse. When a person No Longer abuses another person, they give them freedom.

pervasive
(adj)
per-VAY-siv

Definition: Tending to spread throughout

Usage: Poverty is pervasive in our school system; 65% of students receive free or reduced-price lunch.

Related Words: Omnipresent and ubiquitous mean existing everywhere.

Mnemonic:

1. look the word carefully..PERVASI+VE....and doesn't it sound like PRAVASI BHARTIYA DIVAS.....an initiative by the Indian government to attract NON RESIDENT INDIANS who are SPREAD WIDELY ACROSS THE WORLD.....
2. perva(means festival in hindi) festivals are spread thoroughout

3. sounds like persuasive, if u are persuasive youre ideas will be pervasive
4. (per)+(vas)ive.here per:throughout and vas:to go so to go or spread every where..
5. Sounds like ""Param Shiv" so god is spread throughout...
6. pervasive sounds like expansive

debunk
(verb)
deh-BUNK

Definition: Expose, ridicule, or disprove false or exaggerated claims

Usage: Galileo spent his last years under house arrest for debunking the widely held idea that the Sun revolved around the Earth. / The show MythBusters debunks pseudoscientific claims.

More Info: Debunk is an Americanism, deriving from bunkum, an old-fashioned word for nonsense or meaningless talk.

Mnemonic:

1. DE+BUNK..so when you bunked your college, and got caught by your teacher... your teacher exaggerated this fact and ridiculed you in front of the class.
2. it can b like ...despite of not bunking the class i was ridiculed and exposed exxageratedly by teacher in front of class.
3. DEBUNK: THE BUNK(petrol bunk) gives the cheapest petrol in india...now thats exaggeration cos rate of petrol is same everywhere
4. Call someone a punk means u ridicule him.

mundane
(adj)
mun-DAYN

Definition: Common, ordinary, everyday

Usage: Dominique had been excited to visit France for the first time, but she was soon disappointed at how mundane the stay with her relatives was: they shopped at the market, cooked dinner, chatted with one another, and occasionally went shopping.

Related Words: Quotidian can simply mean daily, or can have the more negative meaning of mundane.

More Info: Mundane comes from a root for "world" (the same root that gives us the Spanish el mundo and French le monde), the idea being that "earthly" things are below spiritual things.

Mnemonic:

1. monday, tuesday, wednesday....everyday
2. Mundane sounds like Monday. After an exciting weekend, Monday is just another mundane day.
3. mundane=(monday)
4. u can raed this as "Munda ka din (dane)" was ordinary or pretty boring.....
5. MUNDAN in marathi or hindi means remove hairs from head and become bald...when someone dies, we go bald...and that day we LACK EXCITEMENT AND BECOME DULL....
6. There is nothing quite as mundane as MONDAY morning.

placid
(adj)
PLASS-id

Definition: Peaceful, calm, tranquil

Usage: Famed Spanish tenor Placido Domingo has an unusual name—literally, "Peaceful Sunday." It's certainly not a coincidence that Placido looks so much like placid.

Related Words: Quiescent (quiet, still)

More Info: The movie Lake Placid is about a lake containing a man-eating crocodile, which is really NOT placid. Lake Placid is a real place in New York, though, and seems to have been named with much the same thought in mind as the Pacific Ocean (pacific also means peaceful).

Mnemonic:

1. a student well PLACED in his college will sit calmly and peacefully...as compared to those who did not get placed.
2. if a student gets PLACED in a company as soon as he finishes his study, then his life will be calm without any disturbances
3. play CID you need to be calm and composed
4. PLACE+ID(recognition, you are famous)....when yo get a good house to live and people IDentify you because you are popular, then you will be very calm.....what else you want????
- 5.
6. PLACID= place i sit

denote
(verb)
deh-NOTE
Also denotation (noun)

Definition: Be a name or symbol for

Usage: The company's brand denotes quality; the marketing team has done a fantastic job of associating the company's image with fine service. / There's nothing in the denotation of "crotchety" (grumpy, having strong and irrational preferences) that indicates any particular group of people, but due to the expression "crotchety old man," the word connotes, for many people, an image of an especially unpleasant male senior citizen.

More Info: A denotation is the literal meaning of a word; a connotation is the feeling that accompanies that word. For instance, many special color words, such as "lilac" or "cerulean" have a positive connotation.

profligate
(adj)
PRAH-fligg-it

Definition: Completely and shamelessly immoral, or extremely wasteful

Usage: The billionaire software developer was so disgusted with his profligate daughter's spending that he cut her off—she had bought champagne for an entire nightclub full of strangers one too many times.

Related Words: Prodigal (wasteful, extravagant), Debauched (corrupted morally), Dissolution (sinking into extreme hedonism, vice, and degradation)

Mnemonic:

1. Profligate= spend Profusely like bill Gates
2. split it like prof(professor)+li(lee)+g+ate(past f. of eat).. your Professor whose son Lee spent all of his father's money .. eating at all five stars hotels...what a wasteful use of your Professor's money....
3. PROperty FLY through GATE - because you spend like crazy
4. profli(profli)+gate...so think f candidate whose profile reveals about his hand in some immoral activities..such a candidate is even not allowed to even enter to the GATE OF some colleges and organizations....
5. PROFLIGATE: DIVIDE IT INTO 3 PARTS, PROF+LEE+GATE. think that PROFessor had thrown LEE out of GATE bcoz he was extravagant.
6. Pro fil(fli) gate .. The proletarians filed the gate of their boss with sweets just before the appraisal day .. Wasteful and def wildly immoral

hedonist
(noun)
HEE-dun-ist
Also hedonism (noun), hedonistic (adj)

Definition: Person devoted to pleasure

Usage: A vacation is a fine time to practice hedonism, letting your troubles go and pursuing massages and cocktails as though it's your life mission.

Related Words: Sybarite (synonym). Voluptuary is also very similar, but adds the idea of seeking luxury. Licentious (sexually unrestrained; immoral; ignoring the rules), Libertine (morally or sexually unrestrained person; freethinker)

More Info: The original Hedonists were Greek philosophers who held that pleasure is the highest moral good, so whatever policy causes the most pleasure (and least pain) to the most people is the most moral policy.

Mnemonic:

1. hey..don... is.. hedonist...don enjoys all the pleasures of life so he believes in pleasure as the aim of life
2. hedonist="He"(reference to God)+"Don't"
3. I dont heed G0d.
4. hedonist = head + on + his; i.e. some one taking pleasure by putting head on his arm.

replete
(adj)
rip-PLEET

Definition: Supplied in abundance, filled, gorged (used with with)

Usage: This essay is replete with errors—I don't think you even bothered to use spellcheck, much less carefully edit your work.

Related Words: Surfeit, surplus, plethora (excess, overabundance)

More Info: Replete shares a root ("plenus" for "full") with plenty and plenary (entire, complete).

Mnemonic:

1. deplete, complete, replete all relate to the quantity of something.
2. replete(like comPLETE)..SO ANYTHING which is COMPLETE is always FULLY FILLED
3. replete = repeatedly eat
4. Replete has a close meaning to replenish.
5. REplete is the opposite of DEplete.
6. Replete-(re+plate);when someone asks for re(again) plate and eats that all than he is full.

nevertheless or nonetheless
(adverb)
NEV-er-the-less or NUN-the-less

Definition: However, even so, despite that

Usage: While losing the P&G account was a serious blow, we nevertheless were able to achieve a new sales goal this month due to the tireless efforts of the sales team in bringing in three new clients. /

I really can't stand working with you. Nonetheless, we're stuck on this project together and we're going to have to get along.

Related Words: Notwithstanding means "in spite of" or "all the same," as in "The ballerina kept dancing, notwithstanding her injuries."

efficacy
(noun)
EFF-ih-cuh-see

Definition: The quality of being able to produce the intended effect

Usage: Extensive trials will be necessary to determine whether the drug's efficacy outweighs the side effects. / I am having trouble cutting my steak with this butter knife; I'm going to ask the waiter for a more efficacious implement.

More Info: Don't confuse efficacy with efficiency. Something efficacious gets the job done; something efficient gets the job done without wasting time or effort. Efficacy is a variant on efficacy and is identical in meaning.

Mnemonic:

1. effic(EFFICIENT)+AC(Y)..so just check out if your AC has the efficiency to PRODUCE DESIRED cooling .
2. EFFICACY = EFFI + CACY
3. efficient+accuracy = efficacy;if sth is efficient and accurate,it does produce desire result
4. efficacy==> efficiency :))
5. efficacy resmebles or reminds us of the popular word delicacy.A delicacy has a power to produce any desired effects wen u treat them to ur girlfrnd...lol...!!
6. peculiar

dismiss
(verb)
diss-MISS

Definition: Allow to disperse or leave; fire from a job; put aside or reject, especially after only a brief consideration

Usage: "Before I dismiss class," said the teacher, "I want to remind you of the importance of dismissing biases in your research by ruling out or adjusting for factors other than the variable you are testing that may have led to your results."

Related Words: Discount as a verb can mean "disregard, ignore, or downgrade so as to compensate for exaggeration."

More Info: To dismiss an idea is generally to choose to ignore it without having considered it seriously.

Mnemonic:

1. DIS(these)-MISS(girls) are careless drivers , they ELIMINATE FROM CONSIDERATION the traffic around & so are REJECTED @ licence interview...!!

concur
(verb)
cuhn-KER

Definition: Approve, agree

Usage: John Locke wrote that justice is based on the social contract, and I concur—in fact, my latest book is all about contractual justice.

Related Words: Assent (approval, agreement)

More Info: Concur is related to concurrent, meaning "occurring at the same time or acting over the same area; coordinating actions," as in "We recommend that you take calculus before college physics,

but it is possible to take them concurrently.”

Mnemonic:

1. when a king conquers(concur) a state then the people in the state hav to agree with it
2. You can see concur as concurrent....
3. concur ..sounds like conquer...wen u want 2 conquer girls heart she must agree ...
4. concur sounds like occur that is to happen.
5. con-kar i.e kar together by agreement
6. Two concurrent lines concurred to meet at a point

gregarious
(adj)
greh-GAIR-ee-uss

Definition: Sociable, pertaining to a flock or crowd

Usage: “We need to be a little more productive and a little less gregarious,” said the chemistry teacher when he saw that the two-person lab groups had devolved into clusters of five and six students standing around talking and laughing.

Related Words: Genial, Congenial, Convivial are all words for sociable, friendly.

More Info: Don’t confuse with garrulous, which means “talkative.” If it helps, think of a guy named Greg who’s the life of the party and a guy named Gary who never shuts up.

Mnemonic:

1. remember AGGREGATION means gathering something together...
2. for gre we attend classes in groups
3. GRE-garious.
4. Picture GREG, GARY, and RUSS all being GREGARIOUS
5. Being Gregar-ious is like being hilar-ious with a group-of-friends...
6. Gregory Peck , the hollywood actor was a very sociable outgoing person !

forfeit
(verb)
FOR-fit
Also forfeiture (noun)

Definition: Surrender or lose as a result of an error, crime, or failure to fulfill an obligation

Usage: “The rules are clear,” said the umpire. “This is a co-ed league, and if your team doesn’t have at least three women, you forfeit. Sorry, everybody, no game today!” / If you are found guilty of defrauding this casino, the forfeiture of your winnings will be only the first of the consequences coming your way.

More Info: Forfeit comes from the Middle English “forfet,” for “crime” (people often have to give up, or forfeit, rights or property as punishment for a crime). A forfeit, as a noun, simply means the property, right, etc. that was forfeited.

Mnemonic:

1. forfeited == fore (before) + feet , that is when u have done some mistake u fall on some ones feet for excuse..
2. You have made some counterfeit coins so now you have to forfeit actual money(As a punishment).
3. If you have four feet or you pretend to have four feet, you will have to pay penalty....
4. fore(before)+feet that is before you get kicked by feet,pay the penalty

aver
(verb)
uh-VER

Definition: Declare or affirm with confidence

Usage: "Despite your insistence that ethics are completely situational," said the philosophy professor,
"I aver that the existence of natural rights inevitably leads to certain immutable ethical boundaries."

More Info: Aver contains the root "ver" (truth), which also appears in verify, veracious, and verisimilitude.

Mnemonic:

1. A VERy confident statement!
2. A(affirmative) version
3. aver: I Sveal! (I swear)
4. AVER : Girl Says To DAD Mujhe Yahi VAR A-Ver(PATI-HUSBAND) Chahiye... So She Asserted or Declared Her Decision.
5. AVER: VER in the word comes from the word veracity which means truthfulness..so it also means to state a truth or fact..
6. Aver- A Verification... A(to) Ver(verify)

discerning
(adj)
diss-ER-ning

Definition: Having good judgment or insight; able to distinguish mentally

Usage: In an age in which we are bombarded with advertising, it's important to be a discerning consumer. For instance, the term "all natural" is not federally regulated and doesn't have to mean anything at all, so a smart shopper still reads ingredients.

Related Words: Keen, Perceptive, and Perspicacious are all related to having good judgment or perception. Descry means to discover or see by looking carefully.

Mnemonic:

1. READ IT AS di-screening. A DUAL SCREENING PERSON, WHO KEEPS ON SCREENING EVERYTHING AROUND TWICE(VERY OBSERVANT, ALERT)
2. Discerning is similar to "Discovering". When you discover something you reveal something
3. disCERNing thus, to go to CERN you should be discerning. be a quick perceiver and have good insight
4. wen u see the person after a long time,amy be ur buddy.ur mind is quick and observant to make good judgement regarding the change in him.
5.this word when splited ..dis(dish)+cern.(CERTain)....so you are very certain to get dish a TV at home....well thats a good judgement because...dish tv offers you much more than..normal cable...as SRK says..DISH HAI TO SAB HAI.....ENJOY!!!!!!!
6. TAKEN FROM DISCERNERE,WHICH FURTHER dis-apart+ cernere- to perceiveSO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO PERCEIVE THINGS WHICH ARE APART..shows a keen insight or reveals a good judging ability in you.

ranks
(noun)
RANKS

Definition: Personnel; a group of people considered all together

Usage: Among the ranks of our alumni are two Senators and many famous authors.

More Info: Many people know the word rank as "a level or grade," as in A general has a higher rank than a sergeant. The other use of ranks is also originally related to the military: the ranks or sometimes the rank and file means all the regular soldiers (not the officers). Ranks also refers to soldiers standing in a particular formation, so the expression to break rank means to rebel, disagree, or disrupt a situation in which everyone is doing the same thing, as in The author broke rank with her colleagues in the field of personal development by suggesting that "positive thinking" may be doing more damage than good.

concede
(verb)
cuhn-SEED
Also concession (noun)

Definition: Give in, admit, yield; acknowledge reluctantly; grant or give up (such as giving up land after losing a war)

Usage: The negotiations were pointless, with each side's representatives instructed by their home countries to make no concessions whatsoever. / Quebec was a French concession to Britain in the Treaty of Paris in 1763. / I suppose I will have to concede the argument now that you've looked up evidence on Wikipedia.

More Info: The Latin "cedere" means "yield, go, withdraw" and also gives us cede (to yield, especially to give up land after losing a war), precede, and succeed.

Mnemonic:

1. Concede = Cede.
2. sounds like "convince". If you convince someone about something, he admits it.
3. con+cede---surrender(cede)
- 4.
5. pathan CONCEDED many runs in the match!
6. concede is sounding like kaunsi ,so your friend may ask about a particular girl and u may pretend or
not admit and say kaunsi girl

coalesce
(verb)
coh-uh-LESS

Definition: Come together, unite; fuse together

Usage: While at first everyone on the team was jockeying for power and recognition, eventually, the group coalesced and everyone was happy to share credit for a job well-done. / East and West Germany coalesced into a single country in 1990.

Related Words: Agglomerate (collect into a mass), Aggregate (gather together), Consolidate (unite, combine, firm up--you can consolidate loans or consolidate power)

More Info: A coalition is a group that has coalesced (at least in theory).

Mnemonic:

1. coal- combination of wood and charcoal.
2. coalesce: coa+LACE: lace is used to tie things together or mix things together
3. COALESCE =
4. coalesce-->collition
5. Think of two koalas hanging together on a tree.

liberal
(adj, noun)
LIBB-er-ull

Definition: Favorable to progress or reform; believing in maximum possible individual freedom; tolerant, open-minded; generous (adj); a person with such beliefs or practices (noun)

Usage: Split pea soup benefits from a liberal application of pepper. / Liberal reformers in Egypt pushed for freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of assembly.

Related Words: "Liberal" in modern American politics isn't quite the same as the dictionary definition. For instance, liberal Democrats tend to favor social programs that require a larger

government to administer, while some conservatives say that liberalism means having the smallest government possible in order to maximize freedom. For the GRE, liberal means generous, freely-flowing, open-minded, or pertaining to values like freedom of speech.

abjure
(verb)
ab-JOOR

Definition: Give up, renounce; repudiate, recant, or shun (especially formally or under oath)

Usage: To become a citizen of the United States, you must abjure loyalty to the nation of your birth. / Since enrolling in that nutrition class, she has abjured sugar and saturated fats.

Related Words: Forswear (reject or renounce under oath; swear falsely in court), Eschew (shun, avoid, abstain from)

More Info: Abjure can be used in the same way as renounce. You renounce worldly pleasures, a religion or family member, membership in a group, etc. It can also be used in the same way as repudiate, which is more often used with ideas, as in "Galileo repudiated the belief that the Sun revolves around the Earth."

Mnemonic:

1. Abjure think it like injure. so once you are injured you will give up.
2. ab+jure...jure- jor (in Hindi) Jor lagao chodoo mat....(Don't Give up) (this mnemonic is in Hindi Language)
3. abjure ~ ab (away) + jure (jury). He abjured (rejected, moved away from) her earlier statements in front of jury.
4. ab jury ke saamne kasam khaata hoon, i'll not do this again
5. ab+jaanede+yaar (abjure) am renouncing
6. ABJURE = the prefix AB- means against. -JURE means rule (like JURY)

eclectic
(adj)
ick-CLECK-tick

Definition: Selecting the best of everything or from many diverse sources

Usage: Eclectic taste is helpful in being a DJ—crowds love to hear the latest hip-hop mixed with '80s classics and other unexpected genres of music. / The restaurant features an eclectic menu—if you don't like artisanal pasta or steak frites, try the chow mein!

Related Words: Heterogeneous means "made up of diverse elements." Hodgepodge, Medley, Farrago, Potpourri, Pastiche and Olio are all words for mixtures of diverse things.

More Info: The original Eclectics were Greek philosophers who chose what they thought were the best of other philosophers' doctrines.

Mnemonic:

1. eclectic or elect means, choosing the best from many sources which is the meaning of the word eclectic
2. nowadays even after the elections the governments formed are generally eclectic.composed of many parties
3. sounds like election, and in election only the best candidates are chosen !!
4. SELECTive
5. ECLECTIC: EC(ek) LAC TICKet....
6. eclectic sounds like election; during election time - only SELECTIVE candidates can compete.

delineate
(verb)
deh-LINN-ee-ayt

Definition: Mark the outline of; sketch; describe in detail

Usage: I do need the cash, but I'm not signing up for this psychological experiment unless you delineate what's going to happen.

Related Words: Adumbrate (give a rough outline of)

More Info: Delineate, of course, shares a root with linear.

Mnemonic:

1. Delineate = (Diligently and neatly) portrayed painting.
2. FOCUS ON line IN DElineATE & RELATE WITH OUTLINE N PORTRAY
3. delineate sounds like alienate, and if you are attacked by aliens, you would describe the event in vivid detail in order to make people believe you!
4. concentrate upon de+LINE+ate....d stands for draw ,line for sketch and ate for appropriately.it may help you
5. Read as De + line + ate. You describe every word line by line to make ur child ate beet root.
6. de"LINEA"te.... when we spot a linea car we try to sketch the car because of its design!!!...

intelligible
(adj)
in-TELL-ih-juh-bull

Definition: Able to be understood, clear

Usage: You are doing a disservice to all music by listening through those horrible speakers! None of the lyrics are even intelligible! I'll bet you have no idea what this song is even about!

Related Words: Legible applies to handwriting and means "able to be read." Intelligible can be used for speech, writing, or ideas. Lucid means clear and applies to people as well as ideas. As in, "After

brain surgery, it will take awhile for the anesthesia to wear off and for her to become lucid. Then we can test whether her handwriting is intelligible, which will help pinpoint any loss of functioning."

Mnemonic:

1. like if u done something by intelligency, it would be intelligible that is clear and easily understood...

elated
(adj)
ee-LAY-tid

Definition: Very happy, in high spirits

Usage: I am elated that you flew my twin brother in from Australia to surprise me at my birthday party!

Related Words: Ebullient (very enthusiastic, lively, excited), Blithe (joyous, merry; excessively carefree), Exultant (joyful, celebratory)

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like elevated...if you are promoted you will definitely be in high spirits
2. seems like 'elected'; so if you are elected by a good university surely you will be overjoyed and excited.

laudable
(adj)
LAW-dib-bull
Also laud (verb)

Definition: worthy of praise

Usage: When a major discount mart fired several employees for subduing a gunman, most people considered the action a laudable act of heroism, but the discount chain fired the employees for "violating company policies." Nevertheless, the mayor lauded the former employees in a medal-granting ceremony.

Related Words: Encomium (warm, glowing praise, esp. a formal expression of praise), Panegyric (formal, lofty, or elaborate praise), Paeon (song of praise, triumph, or thanks)

More Info: Laud shares a root with applaud and plaudits (applause, approval).

Mnemonic:

1. Manhattan residents were ABLE to show their LOUD (noisy) demonstration when they saw the Joker instead of LAUDABLE Batman.
2. This Girl is laudable because really one can laud
3. think of "appLAUDABLE"

implication
(noun)
im-plick-CAY-shun

Definition: Act of implying or that which is implied; close connection, esp. in an incriminating way

Usage: When the boss said, "Times are tight around here, I just think you should know," the implication was that maybe we should start looking for new jobs. / She implicated her boyfriend in the robbery after less than 20 minutes of interrogation.

Related Words: Implicit and Tacit (implied, unspoken)

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like INDICATION which has a similar meaning.
2. We write IMPLY symbol to show something is true. Here, we are imply for suggesting someone is guilty.

paradox
(noun)
PAIR-uh-docks

Definition: Contradiction, or seeming contradiction that is actually true

Usage: Kayla was always bothering the youth minister with her paradoxes, like "If God is all-powerful, can He make a burrito so big He can't eat it?"

Related Words: Conundrum (a riddle, the answer to which involves a play on words; any mystery), Enigma (puzzle, mystery, riddle; mysterious or contradictory person)

More Info: The root "doct/dox" means "opinion" or "teach, know" and occurs in doctrine, doctor, and doctrinaire (person who applies doctrine in an impractical or rigid and close-minded way).

Mnemonic:

1. looks like parad(parade) of ox. which is contradict in nature but can be true.
2. you are unique but "everybody is unique" .this is a paradox
3. paradox sounds like hoax (afwaah) >> may b true may b not
4. imagine a para having two(dox) or in hindi do(2) meaning.would be contradictory.
5. "All husbands are not married" is a paradox
- 6.

facetious
(adj)
fuh-SEE-shuss

Definition: Joking, humorous, esp. inappropriately; not serious, concerned with frivolous things

Usage: When I said, "Sure, you can take anything in my house as a souvenir of this study session," I was being facetious! I would like my nightgown back now. / He's a facetious person—I doubt he will take your offer of a spiritual quest very seriously.

Related Words: Waggish (merry, roguish), Risible (laughable, related to laughing), Jocular, Jocund, or Jocose (jesting, jolly), Droll (funny in an odd way)

More Info: Don't confuse facetious with fatuous, meaning "foolish, silly, inane." Facetious people can be smartly sarcastic; fatuous people are dull and dim-witted. Facetious comes from a Latin word for clever; fatuous comes from a word for gaping—as in, having one's mouth hang open like a very stupid person.

Mnemonic:

1. someone who makes funny faces
2. Face-tease, tease by making funny faces
3. FACE....SO THINK OF someone who never give serious look on his face.
4. take facetious remarks in a facetious manner and enjoy life
5. Sarcasm can be both positive and negative; facetiousness is only the positive form. Facial expressions are typically only used during sarcasm to add humor. So if the FACE is involved, its amusing. Think: Sarcastic Face.
6. mnemonic (memory aid) : FACETIOUS ~ face + t + (ser) ious; if you ever face any facetious remarks, you should not take them seriously.

glib
(adj)
GLIB

Definition: Fluent and easy in a way that suggests superficiality or insincerity

Usage: She was the worst teacher he had ever encountered, giving glib responses to every question. "Can you help me with this algebra problem?" he asked. "Oh, just solve for x," she said, and walked away.

Related Words: Flippant (disrespectfully casual or light in manner), Impertinent (inappropriately bold), Saucy (disrespectful or irrepressible, esp. in an entertaining way)

More Info: Glib comes from a Germanic root for "slippery." A glib comment "slips" right out of your mouth—when you should have spent more time thinking up something more meaningful.

Mnemonic:

1. glib sounds like Ghalib..his shayeri was slick and fluent.
2. someone who doesn't go to lib(glib) lacks intellectual depth
3. GLIB -> GLABROUS. GLABROUS means smooth. GLIB means smooth-tongued.
4. g:gafadi ; lib:lip;a person who is gafadi can speak well and fluent but lacks sincerity
- 5.
6. in general we say...

antagonize
(verb)
an-TAG-uh-nize
Also antagonistic (adj)

Definition: Make hostile or unfriendly

Usage: "Josie! Stop antagonizing your little brother! Give him back that firetruck and tell him you're sorry for pulling his hair!"

Related Words: Provoke (anger, enrage, stir up, incite to action)

More Info: When discussing literature or films, the protagonist is the main character and the antagonist is the main adversary (The Joker is Batman's antagonist).

Mnemonic:

1. go anti to someone that is antagonize for you
2. just take 2 first characters: an -> annoy
3. AUNTY+GONE(goes)+ON+ICE....when an aunty goes on ice bare footed,it provokes her hostility....

innocuous
(adj)
in-NOCK-yoo-uss

Definition: Harmless, inoffensive

Usage: While it's quite acrid in here, fortunately the fumes that come from our factory are completely innocuous—you don't need a face mask unless you'd like one.

Related Words: Benign (harmless, favorable)

More Info: The rare word nocuous means "harmful." Innocuous can also have the sense of "boring, insignificant," as in something so harmless as to lack interest.

Mnemonic:

1. in(not)+nocuous(noxious).....
2. innocuous ~ innocent
3. Although some spiders are POISONOUS, most of them are INNOCUOUS (harmless)
4. Nokia+Us- Amongst 'fell' phones, Nokia is the most harmless to Us.
5. He is locked IN the box and he KNOCKS TO US, but we ignore him because he is now harmless.
6. INjury NO COW to US ...no injury is given to us by cow

reproach
(noun, verb)
rip-PROH'ch

Definition: Blame, disgrace (noun); criticize, express disappointment in (verb)

Usage: I'm not really enjoying my foreign study program. My host mom reproached me in Spanish—it sounded really harsh, but I couldn't really understand her and I have no idea what I did wrong!

Related Words: Admonish means scold or mildly criticize. Reprove, upbraid, reprimand, rebuke, excoriate, and castigate are all words for criticizing or scolding more harshly.

More Info: The expression beyond reproach means "not able to be reproached"—due to being good or perfect.

Mnemonic:

1. divide it as re(again..)+proach(..approach).. you ask someone to APPROACH AGAIN & AGAIN since you DISAPPROVE OF HIS WORK..(eg during submissions)
2. If u see a cockRROACH, u express disapproval!
3. RE + POACH (killing animals).. Sallu (Salman Khan) is killing Chinkara again and again. You express DISAPPROVAL and DISSAPOINTMENT.
4. you REPrimand someone for bringing a ROACH into the house
5. when you are rejected by a gal., and you approach again and again, she'll disapprove oly. gals are head weighted.
6. re(AGAIN..)+proach(..APPROACH).. we APPROACH our project professor AGAIN & AGAIN..to get valuable suggestions so that nobody EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT or BLAME our project during project's presentation

deride
(verb)
deh-RIDE

Definition: Mock, scoff at, laugh at contemptuously

Usage: The manager really thought that deriding his employees as “stupid” or “lazy” would motivate them to work harder; instead, it motivated them to constantly hide his office supplies as an act of revenge.

Related Words: Denigrate (belittle, attack the reputation of)

More Info: Deride contains the Latin root “ridere” for “laughter,” which also appears in risible, meaning “laughable.”

Mnemonic:

1. de -ride -- riding a horse upside down.. ppl will make fun of you (ridicule)
2. RIDE = RIDicule
3. DE(lower)RIDE(ride a cycle) if u ride a cycle of low quality people will REDICULE u
4. DE(not)+RIDE...if you are NOT able to RIDE a bicycle, you friends will laugh at you and some may show contempt.....
5. De-ride - De in Hindi is sister. De ride - Sisters ride. If you ride your sister's pink cycle, people will make fun of you.
6. de + ride (take it for granted to take u 4 a ride...so ridiculing is common in such a case

artifact
(noun)
AR-ti-fact

Definition: Any object made by humans, especially those from an earlier time, such as those excavated by archaeologists

Usage: The archaeologists dug up countless artifacts, from simple pottery shards and coins to complex written tablets. / The girl's room was full of the artifacts of modern teenage life: Justin Bieber posters, Twilight books, and a laptop open to Facebook.

More Info: Artifact contains the same root (“fact,” meaning “to make”) as in factory and manufacture.

Mnemonic:

1. art +factory--man made factory of art
2. "anything made by human skill," from arte "by skill" + factum "thing made"

eloquent
(adj)
ELL-oh-kwent

Definition: Marked by forceful, fluid, apt speech; expressive, emotionally moving

Usage: Wow, he's such an eloquent speaker, he could sell snow to Antarticans! / When Mom suggested that everyone might enjoy a museum instead of the beach, she was met with the children's eloquent looks of disgust.

Related Words: Rhetorical and oratorical are words related to the art of public speaking. While a lawyer needs good rhetorical skills, sometimes rhetorical and oratorical mean only related to style and effect, and lacking substance. Eloquent, however, is always positive—even in the latter sentence above, the eloquent looks of disgust are very effective in expressing the children's feelings.

More Info: The root “loq” means “speech” and also appears in loquacious (talkative) and interlocutor (participant in a dialogue; interrogator).

Mnemonic:

1. E+LOG+FLUENT hain..these people are fluent
2. eloquent sounds like fluence
3. ELO (is) quite fluent...wow..!

autonomous

(adj)

aw-TAH-nuh-muss

Also autonomy (noun)

Definition: Self-governing, independent

Usage: As leader of an autonomous region, the newly-elected president was received as a peer by some world leaders, although he was not entitled to send a representative to the United Nations. / It is normal for young people to desire greater autonomy as they grow up.

Related Words: Fiat (dictate or authoritative order, as in "The king rules by fiat."), Hegemony (domination, authority; influence by one country over others socially, culturally, economically, etc.)

More Info: An autonomous region, such as Iraqi Kurdistan, is independent, but not considered its own country.

Mnemonic:

1. Autonomous resembles automatic..somethin thats self governing doesn need or require help..
2. You are in control driving you AUTO ON A MOUSE.

frugal

(adj)

FROO-gull

Also frugality (noun)

Definition: Economical, thrifty, not wasteful with money; inexpensive

Usage: It wasn't terribly surprising when Lea—who was so frugal in restaurants that she always drank water, ate salad, and requested a separate check—said she had never tried lobster.

Related Words: Provident (showing foresight, providing for the future, frugal), Stinting (frugal, acting sparingly or with restraint)

More Info: Frugal comes from the Latin word for "fruit." By the way, don't confuse these two adjectives: economical means not spending too much money; economic means pertaining to the science of economics.

Mnemonic:

1. sounds like fru(threw) gal(girls)=>if no girl friends . no wastage of money
2. frugal..that is opposite to prodigal...which means wasteful
3. frugal sounds like free girl. girls generally dont pay bill. .eat for free. they dont waste their money
4. Seeing that there are a small quantity of fruits at the table, he gulped down the fruits in a meager quantity.
5. Girls (gal) having fragile (sounds like frugal) hearts if Avoided by boys Waste their whole day grieving.

unequivocal

(adj)

un-ee-KWIH-vuh-cull

Definition: Unambiguous, clear, absolute; having only one possible meaning

Usage: Although Chuck denied he had a problem, his family was unequivocal in demanding that he check into rehab. Chuck knew there was no getting around it this time. / Mark equivocated, going back and forth on the issue, but his brother Ben was unequivocal—he knew what he wanted and went and got it.

Related Words: Resolute or Unambivalent (firmly determined), Resolution (the quality of being

firmly determined; resolving to do something; a formal judgment, esp. decided by a vote), Patent (obvious, apparent, plain to see), Explicit (direct, clear, fully revealed)

More Info: The base word equivocal contains the roots for “equal” and “voice”—giving equal voice to all of the options would make it really hard to decide.

Mnemonic:

1. equivocate- using ambiguous lang i.e. unclear
2. un equip vocal waves heard plain, clear and obvious
3. Unequivocal (clear) is the same as Explicable (something that can be explained).
4. The singer's VOCALS were unequal to any other. The message in her lyrics was spread clearly without a doubt
- 5.
6. Undoubtedly Equivocal -- Having one clear voice, conclusion etc.

offset
(verb, noun)
off-SET (v), OFF-set (n)

Definition: Counteract, compensate for (verb); a counterbalance (noun)

Usage: Property taxes did go up this year, but the hit to our finances was offset by a reduction in fees paid to our homeowners association.

More Info: Something offset is “set off” against something else, such as by acting as a counterweight.

A carbon offset is a reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases that can be applied to compensate for emissions made someplace else. That is, a company that sends out a lot of carbon dioxide can compensate for polluting by financially supporting energy efficiency or wind turbine projects.

Mnemonic:

1. OFFSET AND COMPENSATE rhyme...

obstinate
(adj)
AHB-stinn-it

Definition: Stubborn or hard to control

Usage: It's difficult to get an obstinate child to eat food he doesn't want to eat. When Toby realized that his son would rather sit and starve than eat mahi-mahi, he gave in and made him a peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Related Words: Intractable is a synonym. Obdurate (stubborn, hardhearted, hardened in wrongdoing) can mean obstinate but is often more negative.

More Info: From the Latin “stinare,” meaning “to stand.” Obstinate people certainly do stand their ground.

Mnemonic:

1. obs+tin+ate he ate tin so he is stubborn fellow as he is hard to control
2. ob+stin+ate.. stin means to stand.. and a stubborn person will always stand by his view..
3. obs+tin(ate), obsessive teens, they are stubborn, hard to control
4. ob-steyn-ate.. remember dale steyn.. he's a very stubborn bowler. keeps staring and taunting at batsmen
5. un - abstain (unable to control)
6. A tin is hard so obs 'tin' ate .. hard headed

nascent

(adj)
NA-sent or NAY-sent

Definition: Coming into existence, still developing

Usage: The violin teacher was always very encouraging with children. All children sound terrible the first couple of years, so she offered plenty of praise to encourage nascent talents.

Related Words: Inchoate and incipient also mean just beginning, not yet completed, although inchoate can also have the sense of chaotic or disordered.

More Info: Nascent contains a Latin root ("born") that also occurs in prenatal and neonate (a newborn baby).

Mnemonic:

1. "new soul sent".....to earth
2. it has the word SCENT in it, SCENT daalo to smell comes into existence
3. this word is derived from the latin word nasci- which means being born
4. nascent = new + existent
5. nai(new) scent...which comes new into existence
6. Nascent-NASC-NASA. Thus NASA came in existence in 2008 or so having problems in the beginning.

benign
(adj)
bih-NINE
Also benignant (adj)

Definition: Harmless; favorable; kindly, gentle, or beneficial; not cancerous

Usage: He was relieved when the biopsy results came back, informing him that the growth was benign. / He's a benign fellow. I'm sure having him assigned to your team at work will be perfectly pleasant, without changing the way you do things.

Related Words: Innocuous (harmless, inoffensive)

More Info: Benign contains the root "bene," meaning "good." Its antonym is malign ("mal" means "bad"), which as an adjective means "evil, harmful, or malicious" (as a verb, it can also mean "slander or defame"). The variant benignant is used the same way as benign.

Mnemonic:

1. benign- bene(good) + sign
2. opposite of malign
3. Cloud number nine (BY Bryan adams) . so nign or nine is good. Benign is to be pleasant, good etc.
4. Benign sounds like B9 ~ BNice .. Therefore kind
5. read it as BEGIN: u begin something when its favorable/good..or when a tumor is in the beginning stage, its not dangerous
6. rhymes after Quinine--the panacea for Malaria-->+ve in all sense

artless
(adj)
ART-less

Definition: Free of deceit or craftiness, natural, genuine; lacking skill or knowledge, crude, uncultured

Usage: Children can be so artless that, when you try to explain war to them, they say things like, "But isn't that mean?"/ His artless attempt at negotiating a raise began with "I need more money, please" and ended with "Okay, sorry I asked."

Related Words: Guileless, Ingenuous (synonyms)

More Info: Don't think of artless as a lack of art--think of it as a lack of artifice, or

artificiality.

Artless can be either positive (free of deceit) or negative (lacking skill).

Mnemonic:

1. without the art of deception
2. art + less, without having any art(skill)
3. artful is cunning artless is opposite of artful not cunning OR HONEST
4. art+less means not having many arts to understand very simple and natural.
5. Heart+ness=heartness, full of heart.
6. decieving, tricking, fooling, all require ome kinda art..so antonym becums ATLESS

egregious
(adj)
igg-GREE-juss

Definition: Extraordinarily or conspicuously bad; glaring

Usage: Your conduct is an egregious violation of our Honor Code—not only did you steal your roommate’s paper off his computer and turn it in as your own, you also sold his work to a plagiarism website so other cheaters could purchase it!

Related Words: Flagrant (shamelessly bad or offensive, obvious, notorious)

More Info: Egregious shares a root with gregarious (sociable)—“greg” comes from a word for “herd, flock.” Think of egregious in the sense of standing out from the herd (in a bad way).

Mnemonic:

1. scores we get in GRE is outrageously bad (egregious)
2. egregious is similer to aggressive.aggressive pepole are very bad in manner.this may help you pepole
3. EGREGIOUS (extremely bad). During one of our stage performance, we made such a huge mistake that people started throwing eggs at us and a rotten 'EGG REACHes US' (sounds like egregious)
4. egregious has the word GRE in it. so GRE is notorious in the sense that it 'might' ruin the money we paid for the exam if we dont study properly , which is conspicuously bad and shocking :)
5. Kids threw EGGS at my car: JESUS! -- EGGS JESUS!
6. a grudge at us is egregious

default
(noun, verb)
DEE-fault (n), diff-FAULT (v)

Definition: Failure to act, neglect (noun); fail to fulfill an obligation, especially a financial one (verb)

Usage: The government is cracking down on for-profit colleges where a large percentage of the graduates cannot use their degrees to gain employment and end up defaulting on their student loans. / You must elect a new health plan by December 31st or by default you will be re-enrolled in the plan you selected last year.

More Info: In law, a “judgment by default” is when someone loses a case for failing to show up in court.

Mnemonic:

1. Separate FAULT : Fault is a mistake and due to a mistake the person looses by default.
2. When you forget to fill up the reuired parts the defalt settings are set.

conciliatory
(adj)
cuhn-SILL-ee-uh-tore-ee

Definition: Reconciling, appeasing, attempting to make the peace

Usage: The hotel manager was horrified at how the guest had been treated, and approached him in a conciliatory manner, offering him numerous freebies and apologizing repeatedly.

Related Words: Placate, Mollify, Appease, Pacify and Assuage are all verbs for attempting to calm or make peace.

Mnemonic:

1. Heyy thz sounds like CONSOLING...which means soothing...
2. concil is pronouncing like council, in council elections the standing candidate wants to win the feelings of others
3. Can remember this with the word reconcile.
4. ConCILIAtory.
5. you can conciliate by counseling.
6. In India always for a dispute a council is elected, so as at least to solve a dispute with peace n goodwill.. Such things are called conciliatory... ;)

lassitude
(noun)
LASS-it-tood

Definition: Tiredness, weariness; lazy indifference

Usage: It's so difficult to get anything done in the dead heat of August! I can't seem to shake my lassitude enough to get out of this hammock, much less study for the GRE.

Related Words: Languid (drooping from exhaustion, sluggish, slow; lacking in spirit). Torpid and slothful mean slow and lazy. Indolent means habitually lazy, such as a person who chooses never to work.

Mnemonic:

1. After a heavy lunch, if you drink a glass of LASSI, you will go into a lassitude i.e. weariness, lethargy and ultimately go to sleep.
2. lassitude
3. we drink LASSI(.. buttermilk in hindi..) when we are tired or WEARED DOWN..
4. LAST+ALTITUDE...when we reach the highest altitude, we are in lassitude
5. lassitude sounds like "lets sit dude" .. means the guy is tired ..
6. a sitting attitude, as in weariness, langour

complementary
(adj)
cahm-pleh-MENT-uh-ree

Definition: Completing; fitting together well; filling mutual needs

Usage: "That scarf really complements your outfit," said Elle. "Thanks for the compliment," said Danica. / The couple had complementary personalities—when Mark got overwhelmed with the details, Lee took care of everything, and when Lee got too introspective, Mark cheered him up with an insatiable zest for life.

More Info: Complementary angles (for instance, 35° and 55°) add to 90 degrees.

Mnemonic:

1. Husband and Wife are complementary ie. they both try to make life complement

discredit
(adj)
diss-CREH-dit

Definition: Injure the reputation of, destroy credibility of or confidence in

Usage: Congresswoman Huffman's opponent tried to use her friendship with a certain radical

extremist to discredit her, even though the Congresswoman hadn't seen this so-called "extremist" since sixth grade summer camp.

Related Words: Slander, Traduce, and Defame all mean "to speak maliciously and falsely of." Note, however, that slander is always wrong (slandorous statements are, by definition, lies), whereas it is possible (and sometimes for the greater good) to discredit someone by exposing the truth about that person—for instance, a lying political candidate, or a fake "expert" giving damaging advice.

More Info: The root "cred" means "belief" and also appears in credit, credible, creed, credo, credulous, incredulous, and accreditation.

Mnemonic:

1. U will give the credit card to that person whom u have confidence. Dis means not having confidence
2. REMEMBER this word means, not to give credit, as opposed to credit (TO GIVE FAME OR CREDIT).
3. to reduce the credit's of some one!..
4. the person who takes things on credit (udhar) is always defamed or discredited
5. when u dont get credit to ur work ull destroy ur confidence...
6. read as opposite of credit. Credit means to acknowledge, so when you don't give credit to others you
defame him/her, or when your confidence in him/her is destroyed

whereas
(conjunction)
wair-AZZ

Definition: While on the contrary, considering that

Usage: Mr. Katsoulas had always assumed his son would take over the family business, whereas his son had always assumed he would go away to college and never come back. / Whereas peppers and squash are technically fruits, they are typically considered vegetables for culinary purposes.

More Info: Legal statements often begin with whereas, as in "Whereas the plaintiff was living with the defendant, and whereas she had lent him her car..."

table
(verb)
TAY-bull

Definition: Lay aside to discuss later, often as a way to postpone discussion indefinitely

Usage: I see we're not going to agree on whether to scrap our entire curriculum and develop a new one, so let's table that discussion and move on to voting on the budget.

More Info: In American English, to table something means to postpone discussion of it until later, but
in British English, to table a bill is the opposite—to submit it for consideration.

Mnemonic:

1. Ruk ja thode din(delay in hindi)...samsung TAB LEna(karid lena)..

wily
(adj)
WHILE-ee
Also wiles (plural noun)

Definition: Crafty, cunning, characterized by tricks or artifice

Usage: The wily criminal stole eight laptops by simply walking into a branch of a large company, introducing himself as the laptop repairman, and waiting for people to hand him their computers. / She was quite offended when her coworker suggested that she use her "feminine wiles" to make the sale.

Related Words: Artifice (trickery, especially as part of a strategy), Finesse (use tact or diplomacy; employ a deceptive strategy), Duplicity (deceit, double-dealing, acting in two different ways for the purpose of deception)

More Info: “Feminine wiles” refers to artful or beguiling behavior that a typically attractive woman uses to get what she wants—which could be as innocent as a romance, or something more devious.

Mnemonic:

1. wily - à@µà@{à@²à~à@²à@{... in tamil...villy means villain, artful, cunning
2. sounds like willy which means someone who wants to fulfill his will by any means. He has to be clever to do so.
3. Wiley Coyote tried to trick Road Runner. (cartoon)
4. WILY=WILLing to trick people what anyone wants to have
5. WILLY(a lot of will)...WILY people are cunning
6. Pronounced opposite..it is 'evil'

ambivalent
(adj)
am-BIV-uh-lent
Also ambivalence (noun)

Definition: Uncertain; unable to decide, or wanting to do two contradictory things at once

Usage: I’ve been accepted to two amazing graduate programs, one inexpensive and close to home, and one in a big, exciting city. I’m ambivalent—I don’t know how I’m going to decide. / When I asked you if you thought we’d get married some day, your ambivalence hurt my feelings.

Related Words: Equivocal (allowing for several different meanings; undecided or having mixed feelings), Vacillate (waver in decision or opinion, be indecisive)

More Info: The prefix “ambi-“ means “both” or “all” and also occurs in ambiance and ambidextrous. Don’t confuse ambivalent with ambiguous, which means “vague, open to multiple meanings.”

Mnemonic:

1. 'ambi' means both in greek. eg : ambidextrous means ability to write with both hands equally.
2. ambi means both in greek...relate valent with various...so it is various/mixed feelings for someone
3. as ambiguity is to uncertainty ambivalent is to uncertainty
4. when confused, you have a VALE of AMBIGuity on your mind.

futile
(adj)
FY00-tull or FY00-tile

Definition: Producing no useful result, ineffective; trivial or unimportant

Usage: She spent months trying to coax Fluffy to fetch and sit, but it was futile –cats just can’t be trained to perform tricks.

Related Words: Bootless (useless), Otiose (lazy, idle; ineffective or useless)

More Info: Futile comes from a Latin word for “pouring out easily,” as in a water jug that is full of unfortunate cracks or holes.

Mnemonic:

1. futile is not fertile.. hence not fruitful
2. futile sounds like foot oil ..spending 1000\$ on foot oil is WASTE..and UNPRODUCTIVE bcoz even then hair will not grow on your foot ..haha seems funny but works..
3. futile is opposite of fruition
4. futile sounds like few tall.....The town only has few tall tress left- what a Hopeless(without effect or futile) city for the young generation to live.
5. few tile :why? because the kiln is ineffective to produce the desire result,it is useless and

ineffective

6. Fruit fell on the TILE(floor tiles)....so it became fruitless...or ineffective

fleeting
(adj)
FLEE-ting

Definition: Passing quickly, transitory

Usage: I had assumed our summer romance would be fleeting, so I was very surprised when you proposed marriage!

Related Words: Ephemeral, Evanescent and Fugacious are synonyms. Fugitive is best known as meaning "running from the law," but can also mean fleeting.

More Info: A fleet is a group of ships controlled together. The connection is the root word, "to float"—a fleet of boats floats on the water, and a fleeting romance, for instance, is one that simply seems to float away.

Mnemonic:

1. fleet is usually used for a group of airplanes/ship/cars which can be seen for short period of time,
so shot lived
2. fleeting is somewhat like flirting that lasts for time being

gauche
(adj)
GOH'sh

Definition: Tactless, lacking social grace, awkward, crude

Usage: It is terribly gauche to put ketchup on your steak and then talk with your mouth full as you eat it. That's the last time I ever bring you to a nice place.

Related Words: Boorish (rude, ill-mannered, insensitive), Meretricious (attractive in a vulgar way, specious), Uncouth (having bad manners, awkward)

More Info: Sadly, nearly all cultures are biased against left-handed people. Gauche is simply the French word for left (similarly, the word sinister comes from the Latin word for left). The French word for right gives us the English word adroit, which means "skilled."

Mnemonic:

1. Ghochu
2. it is pronounced 'gosh'
3. gauchy sounds like gochy(dothy weared by old people)in modern days wearing gochy is clumsy or awkward
4. South American GAUCHOS (cowboys) lack grace.
5. Sound like Gosh.. somewon who eat GOSHT lacks social values
6. GAUCHE=GAUV+CHE. CHE, he is from GAAV, he is tactless/dont have the grace.

fanciful
(adj)
FAN-sih-full

Definition: Whimsical, capricious; imaginary; freely imaginative rather than based on reason or reality

Usage: The play was set in a fanciful version of New York City, one where all the cab drivers spoke perfect English and the Statue of Liberty seemed to be in the middle of the island.

Related Words: Whimsical (fanciful, eccentric) is a near-synonym. Capricious (acting on impulse,

erratic) is also close, but is sometimes used negatively.

Mnemonic:

1. fanciful is full of fancies.

torpor
(noun)
TORE-pore
Also torpid (adj)

Definition: Sluggishness, lethargy, or apathy; a period of inactivity

Usage: Sam had hoped to be able to play in the game after having his wisdom teeth out, but the anesthesia left him in such torpor that he obviously couldn't play soccer.

Related Words: Listless (spiritless, lacking interest or energy), Inertia (inactivity, lack of motion or progress), Loafing (idling away the time, lounging)

More Info: Don't confuse torpid with turbid (turbulent), tepid (lukewarm), or turgid or tumid (swollen, bombastic).

Mnemonic:

1. Well its quite opposite to what is a topper who is naturally
2. tor-por....TORRENT PAR.....TORRENT PAR most of the seeders were INACTIVE due to which downloading the movie becomes a SLUGGISH task....
3. RAJ THAKERY TO MNS PEOPLE.."aaj tum sab itne LATHARGIC,SLUGGISH kyu lag rahe ho? hume kal THOD PHOD karne jana hai...yaad hai na?",",,,,,,,:)
4. Torpedo is fast and speedy...while torpor is opposite to torpedo
5. sounds like tapori, who is very lazy
6. Suppose you are very much disturbed with something and then you go back to your room and cause destruction i.e tod phod(in hindi language).. After you are finished with your destrtuction you feel tired and lack in energy,

underscore
(verb)
un-der-SCORE

Definition: Emphasize (or, literally, to underline text)

Usage: "You're not going to mess with Joey anymore," said Joey. His new bodyguards stepped forward threatening, as though to underscore Joey's point.

Related Words: Undergird means strengthen, support.

More Info: Underscore literally can mean to underline, as in a word processing program—of course, we do this for emphasis. Don't confuse underscore with the antonym undermine, "to weaken or remove the support for; to injure or attack in a sneaky way."

Mnemonic:

1. underscore means the special character '_' which we use to EMPHASIZE special words.
2. my teacher use to say....UNDERline the important terms in your answer(since it indicates the EMPHASIS of ur answer) if u wanna SCORE better marks in the final xam.....:)
3. Low score underscores the need of more effort for more score.

pretentious
(adj)
prit-TENT-chuss

Definition: Claiming or demanding a position of importance or dignity, esp. when unjustified; showing off, creating a deceptive, false show of worth

Usage: Josie found her date's habit of constantly dropping French phrases into conversation to be incredibly pretentious, especially since he knew she didn't speak French. He sure did sound fancy, though.

Related Words: Ostentatious (pretentious, boastfully showy in order to impress others)

More Info: Pretentious shares an origin with pretend and pretense (pretending or making a false show of something).

Mnemonic:

1. Pretentious is someone who is Pretending
2. PRETENTIOUS = ATTENTION-ous
3. She is pretending to be rich to gain everyone's attention.
4. pretentious sounds similar to ostentatious

canonical
(adj)
can-NON-ick-ull
Also "the canon" (noun)

Definition: Authorized, recognized; pertaining to the canon, or body of accepted rules, standards or artistic works

Usage: School boards often start controversies when replacing canonical books in the curriculum with modern literature; while many people think students should read works more relevant to their lives, others point out that Moby Dick is part of the canon for a reason.

More Info: Canon comes from a Greek word similar to "measuring rod" and which also gives us cane.

Mnemonic:

1. canonical--look at the word canon+ical-....something that resembles or like the biblical canon.
2. The canon shoots with traditional accuracy under law.
3. Say it running together: Canonical+law+biblical

supplicate
(verb)
SUPP-lick-ayt

Definition: Pray humbly; ask, beg, or seek in a humble way

Usage: She had been estranged from her wealthy father for years, but when she needed money for her daughter's medical care, she supplicated the old man for assistance.

Related Words: Entreat, Beseech, and Implore are synonyms.

More Info: Supplicate is related to supple (pliant, flexible). To supplicate is to attempt to "soften" another person or get that person to "bend" to your request.

Mnemonic:

1. if u SUPPLICATE God will SUPPLY
2. supplicate, suppliant, supple, supplicant are all related terms.
3. You have to write an 'Application' to ask something humbly.
4. imagine u go and ask some officer that the supply of goods is very late in an humble way
5. supplicate~supply+C+ate ; If you have eaten up all the supply of Chocolate you had at home you supplicate your mother to get some more from the market !
6. supplicate, suppliant, supplicant = want supply, so ask humbly for it

unearth
(verb)

un-EARTH

Definition: Dig up, uncover, expose

Usage: The ACLU's Prison Project works tirelessly to unearth evidence from old cases that might exonerate innocent people who have spent years or even decades in prison. / The archaeologist unearthed what appears to be the world's oldest known gravesite, showing that the earliest humans cared for their deceased loved ones.

Related Words: Debunk (expose, ridicule, or disprove false or exaggerated claims), Disabuse (free someone from a mistake in thinking)

Mnemonic:

1. un(not)+earth the minerals which are not present in surface of earth is find BY DIGGING
2. unearth- under earth - for learning what is under earth researcher dig up
3. Unearth... The Archeologists UNEARTHED articles WORTH a million from the excavation site.

profuse
(adj)
proh-FY00SS

Definition: Abundant, extravagant, giving or given freely

Usage: It didn't mean anything at all to me, giving my old microwave to the family next door, but the woman's profuse thanks made me think that maybe the family was having some financial troubles. / She came home on Valentine's Day to an apartment decorated with a profusion of flowers.

Related Words: Copious (abundant, plentiful), Lavish (abundant or giving in abundance; marked by excess)

More Info: Here, "pro" means "forth" and "fuse" comes from the Latin "fundere," meaning "pour or melt." "Fuse" is also found in fusion, suffuse, diffusion, transfusion, and effusive.

Mnemonic:

1. to PRODUCE an abundance of energy from nuclear FUSion, you need to join two atomic nuclei.
2. Prof+ use PROFessors use ABUNDANT resources to teach students
3. when there will be excess pro(gram)this will blow the fuse...
4. after an road accident , profuse bleeding of victims may take place; in which a lot of bleeding takes place. From this we can remember 'profuse' as "a lot of ; extreme "....
5. Professor John..yes? you said you dont have a pen? yep..Please USE my pen PROF..I have a lot..yes PROF USE it, I have a lot.. take it PROF USE it.. I have abundant supply..PROFUSE it I HAVE ALOT...PROFUSE : having in abundant....
6. remember in dbz after (pro)fusion goku n vegita had abundant power..

reverent
(adj)
REV-er-ent

Definition: Feeling or expressing very deep respect and awe

Usage: Ayn Rand is a controversial figure, but critical views are not welcome at the local Objectivist Club meeting, where everyone expresses a reverent view of the author.

Related Words: Pious (devout; religiously reverent and dutiful)

More Info: This word comes from the same place as reverend (a minister, as in a church).

Mnemonic:

1. reverent-divide as river end i.e we bath in the rivr end as a part of worship
2. Reverent sounds like Reverend(Priest) now think of the feeling most people have for them.
3. RE-> Real + VE-> Veneration ie. Real Veneration or "great respect"
4. itâ€™s a rare event to find a reverent reverend

soporific
(adj, noun)
sah-per-RIFF-ick

Definition: Causing sleep; sleepy, drowsy (adj); something that causes sleep (noun)

Usage: I was excited to take a class with Professor Baria because I had enjoyed her books, but sadly, she is a better writer than speaker—her lectures are soporific. / I was so distressed after the crash that the doctor gave me a soporific—and, sure enough, I was able to think more clearly after sleeping.

Related Words: Somnolent is a synonym.

More Info: Sopor is a rare word meaning an abnormally deep sleep. A much more common word is the similar sounding stupor, meaning a state of numbness or not making sense (for instance, a drunken stupor).

Mnemonic:

1. (in hindi) 100(soo) puri kha kar I felt soporific.
2. watching "SOaP Operas" makes u sleepy
3. so poor fiction makes u sleepy
4. So+Boring ..make you feel sleepy
5. Watching daily soaps(serials) on TV makes u sleepy
6. SO(sleep) + PORIFIC(which pores)... SO anything Which PORES sleep... SLEEP CAUSING.. SOPORIFIC

digress
(verb)
die-GRESS
Also digression (noun)

Definition: Go off-topic when speaking or writing

Usage: Grandpa digressed quite a bit while you were in the kitchen—he was telling us an old war story, but somehow now he's ranting about how nobody celebrates Arbor Day anymore. That digression could take awhile.

Related Words: Divagate is a synonym. Diffuse as an adjective can mean off-topic (a diffuse speech).

Mnemonic:

1. tiger goes for hunting but in way sees a tigress..... so hi goes after the tigress.....nd deviates from his aim... :)
2. "DIScussion eGRESS" if you egress of the main topic of a discussion, you digress of it.
3. their is a DIG RACE and if you get SIDE-TRACK you might not win it

culminate
(verb)
CULL-minn-ayt
Also culmination (noun)

Definition: Reach the highest point or final stage

Usage: A Ph.D. program generally culminates in a written dissertation and its defense to a committee.

Related Words: Acme, Summit, Pinnacle, and Apex are all words for a high point or peak. Denouement means conclusion or ending, such as of a literary work, esp. one that "wraps up all the loose ends."

Mnemonic:

1. culminate = break up cal min ate.. my dinner is almost climax.. i will call you in minute..

2. culminate = break up like this.. cal(cul) min ate.. i'm having by food it is almost over or almost at climax .. i will call you in minute
3. The journey ended in a CULdesack where the MEN ATE lunch
4. culminate-in meeting conclusion is written in minate

rife
(adj)
RIFE

Definition: Happening frequently, abundant, currently being reported

Usage: Reports of financial corruption are rife.

Related Words: Replete (supplied in abundance, filled, gorged), Ridden (dominated or burdened by), Teeming (swarming, as in teeming with people)

More Info: From an Old Norse word for "river"—thus the idea of "flowing freely."

Mnemonic:

1. rife is like wife...which is common one hence ABUNDANT and PLENTIFUL.
2. rife==> rifle which has abundant
3. rife can be taken as rifle which needs abundant courage to handle it.
- 4.
5. rife~ interchange the position of 'e' n 'i'. refi = mohammad rafi(gr8 musician) has a WIDESPREAD popularity here, with ABUNDANT fan following and the CURRENT generation loves him too!
6. Life: Life is abundant in the universe.

rustic
(adj, noun)
RUSS-tick

Definition: Relating to country life, unsophisticated; primitive; made of rough wood (adj); a rural or uncultured person (noun)

Usage: For their honeymoon, they eschewed fancy hotels and instead chose a rustic cabin in the woods. / Grandpa was a true rustic—I was happy to have him visit, but not so happy to find him urinating outside in a bucket when we have several perfectly nice bathrooms.

Related Words: Bumpkin and yokel are also words for an awkward, uncultured, simple person, generally from the country.

Mnemonic:

1. Think of RUST, which reminds us of something which is old or has worn out, hence country people are old fashioned, rural or slightly backwards
2. rustic=ruralistic
3. Picture an old RUSTING tractor.
4. # àṙ-àṙàṙàṙàṙàṙàṙ°

spartan
(adj)
SPAR-tin

Definition: Very disciplined and stern; frugal, living simply, austere; suggestive of the ancient Spartans

Usage: A young soldier in the spartan environment of boot camp can really long for a home-cooked meal or even just a comfortable couch to sit on. / Her apartment was so spartan that she couldn't even serve us both soup—she only had one bowl and one spoon. Instead, we sat in hard-backed chairs and drank water.

Related Words: Ascetic (pertaining to a simple life with no luxuries, such as that of a monk), Austere (severe in manner or appearance; very self-disciplined)

More Info: The Spartans (ancient Greeks from Sparta) were portrayed in the 2006 movie 300, starring Gerard Butler. The movie isn't very historically accurate, but the Spartans certainly were fierce warriors known for their harsh training methods.

Mnemonic:

1. watched '300'? Those spartans were highly disciplined but Sparta as such led an austere life.
2. Remember the movie Troy . The movie showed Spartans who were always fighting and never had any comfort or luxury.
3. spartan - a person who is spare in material pursuits
4. Spartan=Spare transient or divine spark=Ascetic(believes in god the permanent)
5. spartan- spare partner, there by we lack luxury and comfort.
6. spare bartan--lacking luxury and comfort

quotidian
(adj)
kwoh-TIDD-ee-un

Definition: Daily; everyday, ordinary

Usage: He was so involved in his quest for spiritual enlightenment that he regularly forgot more quotidian concerns—sure, he meditated for six hours today, but he hasn't done laundry in weeks.

Related Words: Mundane is a synonym. Pedestrian and prosaic mean commonplace, dull, or lacking imagination. Diurnal means occurring every day or happening in the daytime.

Mnemonic:

1. split it as "quote+indian".QUOTE AN INDIAN every day.
2. akin to quote. A quote is told repeatedly - i.e., a cliché.
3. Qoutidian=Quoted every day
4. Thought of the day or the quote is a regular mundane thing
5. Remember the movie 3 idiots in which the QUOTE OF DEAN is always REPEATING
6. A <U>common</U> feature of the Shadowmoon Valley Zone is the continual bombarded by chat messages of what Illidan Stormrage is saying. Think: Quote Illidan.

inchoate
(adj)
in-COH-it

Definition: Just begun, undeveloped, unorganized

Usage: The first few weeks of language class went well, but her inchoate French was all but useless when she found herself at an academic conference in Quebec.

Related Words: Nascent and Incipient mean “just beginning to exist, or in a very early stage of development.” Inchoate has more of a sense of vagueness. An inchoate idea for a novel probably means you don't know where to start writing; a nascent project, although just beginning, might be right on track.

More Info: Inchoate comes from the Latin “cohūm,” a strap attached to an ox's yoke; the sense here is “to begin work.”

Mnemonic:

1. choate seems like "chote"..for example "chote bachche" means not fully grown up or in the initial stage of life.
2. inch(o)+ate i've "just begun" to eat an inch
3. inchoate ~ in + [ch]aos + st[ate]
4. IN the PROCESS OF MAKING CHOCKLATE,meaning a process that has jus begun
5. inch+ ateif he ate like inch so not fully developed

6. in chocolate age, immature, incipient

tangential
(adj)
tan-JEN-chull

Definition: Only slightly relevant, going off-topic

Usage: It's hard to get a quick answer out of Noah—ask him any question, and you'll get a wide range of tangential remarks before you can find a polite way to move on.

Related Words: Penumbra (outer part of a shadow from an eclipse; any surrounding region, fringe, periphery; any area where something "sort of" exists), Digress or Divagate (go off-topic when speaking or writing)

More Info: In math, a tangent line touches a curve and then continues on, forever—much like many people we wish would stop talking.

Mnemonic:

1. Word Tangent(ial) taken from maths. A tangent is a line that touches a circle with a 90° degree angle. So the meaning comes from there only slightly connected, not central, peripheral.
2. Tangential - Take it as Tangent which is Divergent, meaning, scattered or dispersed.
3. : a TANGENT touches a circle at exactly 1 pt, so meaning is SLIGHTLY CONNECTED, after touching circle it moves AWAY FROM NORMAL (PERPENDICULAR i.e., radius), so AWAY FROM NORMAL OR CORRECT PATH
4. tangent also deviates from centre point of circle
5. recluse sounds like reckless. because of reckless character withdrawn from society

respectively
(adverb)
ree-SPECK-tiv-lee

Definition: In the order given

Usage: His poems "An Ode to the Blossoms of Sheffield" and "An Entreaty to Ladies All Too Prim" were written in 1756 and 1758, respectively.

More Info: Respectively is important in making the meaning clear in some sentences. Lisa and John have a cat and a dog sounds as though the couple jointly owns the pets, whereas Lisa and John have a cat and a dog, respectively makes it clear that the cat is Lisa's and the dog is John's.

vintage
(adj, noun)
VIN-tij

Definition: Related to items of high quality from a previous era, old-fashioned, antique (adj); the wine of a particular year (noun)

Usage: He didn't want just any vintage Darth Vader action figure—he wanted a particular vintage, the 1978 telescoping lightsaber one. / She special-ordered her favorite vintage of the Côtes du Rhône, then turned to her George Clooney-lookalike husband and joked that she liked men of a certain vintage as well.

Related Words: Retro is an informal word used to describe the best of earlier times (often related to fashion, design, etc.)

More Info: Vintage originated in relation to wine, and the same root appears in vine and vintner (winemaker).

Mnemonic:

1. when a wine (vinegar) is very old(aged) it becomes vintage.:P

fallacious
(adj)
fuh-LAY-shuss
Also fallacy (noun)

Definition: Containing a fallacy, or mistake in logic; logically unsound; deceptive

Usage: The formal study of logic can enable a student to more easily identify fallacious reasoning and, furthermore, to point out its fallacies.

Related Words: That which is fallacious definitely embodies a logical mistake, while that which is fallible is capable of being wrong (but may not actually be).

More Info: Among the logical fallacies are the Ad Hominem Attack (attacking the person rather than the argument) and the Post Hoc fallacy (confusing correlation with causation).

Mnemonic:

1. fallacious.split it like fallac+ious...if you just concentrate on fallac..it look like FALSE,.....so THINK that SOMETHING is based on a FALSE OR incorrect notion....
2. basically this word is taken from... fallacia..means deceitful.....so something which is deceitful
is always based on misleading and incorrect notion.
3. the root fall means to deceive,if u remember this root it will in other words like infallible-not prone to error
4. It sounds like malicious ,,, malicious software "misleads" us , its "harmful"
5. fall ante padeshi so some thing harmful
6. fal(falthu in hindi) =>means waste which is not correct(lie)

exacting
(adj)
egg-ZACK-ting

Definition: Very severe in making demands; requiring precise attention

Usage: The boxing coach was exacting, analyzing Joey's footwork down to the millimeter and forcing him to repeat movements hundreds of times until they were correct.

Related Words: Meticulous (taking extreme care with details; fussy), Fastidious (excessively particular, hard to please)

More Info: Exaction is a word for extortion, or demanding money under threat. To exact as a verb can mean to extort money, or simply to demand, as in "to exact obedience from the soldiers."

Mnemonic:

1. Exacting.....he wants thing too be too exact and precise...hence he is making great demands!!!!
2. an EXTREMELY DEMANDING person wants everything to be EXACTly as he wants it to be. EXACT = EXTREMELY DEMANDING.
3. when you are acting you will be in demand or acting is an extremely demanding profession

whimsical
(adj)
WIM-zick-ull

Definition: Marked or motivated by whims (odd, fanciful ideas); erratic, unpredictable

Usage: Alice in Wonderland is a famously whimsical story in which a little girl falls down a rabbit hole and finds a strange and at times absurd world. / She enjoyed a whimsical day at the seashore—no plan, just wandering around and making sand castles as the mood struck.

Related Words: Capricious (synonym), Arbitrary (based entirely on one's discretion; capricious, unreasonable, or having no basis), Lark (merry adventure), Mercurial (changing moods)

More Info: Whimsical is generally positive, but it depends on context—fanciful behavior that's fun on a date would not be so fun coming from your boss (Do this! No, that! Let's have office yoga! Why aren't you working harder?)

Mnemonic:

1. Whimsical sounds like comical...whimsical is , impulsive, playful...comical is amusing and funny.
2. whim sounds like vim bar for washing dishes , vim used for changing dirty dishes to new .so
3. Whimsical = WHISTLE.. when u c a gal u whistle.. dats behave with impulse rather den reasoning.
4. (WH)en (I) (M) (SIC)k for (CAL)cium, i behave like WHIMSICAL
5. whimsical...looks like we+him+musical...we have selected him for his extraordinary,a impulsive performance.A musician never perform because of necessity or reason.This is their passion which forced him2give impulsive performance
6. we selected him a changing musical tune.From old to new generation.