

# Flashcard Notebook

## English Vocabulary Examples

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### Words and Phrases

#### serendipity (serendipity)

/ˈɛsərɛndɛpɛnti/ [noun]

Meaning: the occurrence and development of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way

Examples: - It was pure serendipity that we met at the coffee shop that day. - The discovery of penicillin was a famous example of serendipity in science.

Origin: coined by Horace Walpole in 1754, from the Persian fairy tale 'The Three Princes of Serendip'

Synonyms: chance, luck, fortune, happenstance

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#### ephemeral

Meaning: lasting for a very short time; transitory

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#### ubiquitous (ubiquitous)

/juˈbɪkwɛtɪs/ [adjective]

Meaning: present, appearing, or found everywhere

Examples: - Smartphones have become ubiquitous in modern society. - Coffee shops are ubiquitous in this city.

Synonyms: omnipresent, pervasive, universal

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#### juxtapose (juxtapose)

[verb]

Meaning: to place or deal with close together for contrasting effect

Examples: - The artist juxtaposed modern technology with traditional farming in the painting.

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## ameliorate (ameliorate)

/É™É^miÉ•liÉ™reÉ^t/[verb]

Meaning: to make something bad or unsatisfactory better; to improve

Examples: - The new policies were designed to ameliorate working conditions. - We need to ameliorate the situation before it gets worse.

Origin: from Latin 'melior' meaning 'better'

Synonyms: improve, enhance, better, upgrade

Antonyms: worsen, deteriorate, aggravate

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