

Flashcard Notebook

English Vocabulary Examples

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Words and Phrases

serendipity (serendipity)

/sərənɪdɪpi/ [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

ephemeral

Meaning: lasting for a very short time; transitory

ubiquitous (ubiquitous)

/juˈbɪkwiətəs/ [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

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)

/ə'miːlɪəreɪt/ [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
