

DAY 6 ARTICLE – WORDLIST

synchronize (UK usually synchronise) – to (cause to) happen at the same time:

- *The show was designed so that the lights synchronized with the music.*

agreeable – able to be accepted by everyone:

- *The talks are aimed at finding a mutually agreeable solution.*
- *We must find a compromise that is agreeable to both sides of the party.*

trial – C1 a test, usually over a limited period of time, to discover how effective or suitable something or someone is:

- *They're doing clinical trials on a new drug.*

emit – C2 to send out a beam, noise, smell, or gas:

- *The alarm emits infra-red rays which are used to detect any intruder.*

slam – B2 to (cause to) move against a hard surface with force and usually a loud noise:

- *The wind made the door/window slam (shut).*

be reconciled – When two people are reconciled, they become friendly again after they have argued:

- *They were finally reconciled with each other, after not speaking for nearly five years.*

purr – to make a quiet, continuous, soft sound:

- *The cat purred as I stroked its fur.*

cast/shed/throw light on sth – C2 Something or someone that casts/sheds/throws light on a situation provides an explanation for it or information that makes it easier to understand:

- *As an economist, he was able to shed some light on the problem.*

screech – to make an unpleasant, loud, high noise:

- *She was screeching at him at the top of her voice.*
- *He was screeching with pain/laughter.*

euthanize – put (an animal) to death humanely.

- *Older dogs may find loving homes instead of being euthanized.*

rule sth out – to prevent something from happening:

- *This recent wave of terrorism has ruled out any chance of peace talks.*

augment (formal) – to increase the size or value of something by adding something to it:

- *He would have to find work to augment his income.*

content – B2 pleased with your situation and not hoping for change or improvement: He seems fairly content with (his) life.

contentment (ALSO content):

- *His face wore a look of pure contentment.*

soothing – C2 making you feel calm:

- *I put on some nice soothing music.*

soothing – making something less painful:

- *a soothing ointment*

flask – a glass container for liquids with a wide base and a narrow neck, used in scientific work

picture – describe in a certain way:

- *Biographers have pictured him as a St Francis*

interlock – to fit together firmly:

- *The edges interlock to form a tight seal.*

digestion – C1 the process in which your body digests food, or your ability to digest food:

- *a poor/good/strong digestion*

incisor – one of the sharp teeth at the front of the mouth that cut food when you bite into it

flap – to wave something, especially wings when or as if flying:

- *A small bird flapped its wings furiously and flew off.*
- *Flags flapped in the breeze above their tents.*

asynchronous (formal) – not happening or done at the same time or speed:

- *an asynchronous online course that can be followed from anywhere in the world*