

Accomplice

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Noun

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Meaning	A person who helps another commit a crime or wrongdoing
Example	The robber's accomplice was caught by the police.
Sentence	She was arrested as an accomplice to the bank heist.
Mnemonic	"A company in crime" = accomplice
Synonyms	Partner-in-crime, Associate
Antonyms	Victim, Opponent

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Accord

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Noun / Verb

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Meaning (n) Agreement or harmony; (v) To grant or give

Example The two countries signed a peace accord.

Sentence The prize was accorded to the most deserving student.

Mnemonic “In one chord” — in harmony

Synonyms Agreement, Harmony

Antonyms Disagreement, Discord

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Accost

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Verb

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Meaning To approach and speak to someone boldly or aggressively

Example He was accosted by a stranger in the alley.

Sentence Reporters accosted the celebrity outside the court.

Mnemonic “A cost” of attention = unwanted approach

Synonyms Confront, Approach

Antonyms Avoid, Evade

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Accretion

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Noun

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Meaning	A gradual increase or growth by accumulation
Example	The accretion of dirt on the pipes caused blockage.
Sentence	Coral reefs form through the slow accretion of calcium.
Mnemonic	“Creep in slowly” – something that builds up over time
Synonyms	Accumulation, Buildup
Antonyms	Reduction, Decrease

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Accrue

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Verb

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Meaning

To accumulate or receive over time
(especially money or benefits)

Example

Interest will accrue on your savings account.

Sentence

Over time, experience accrues in a job.

Mnemonic

Think “crew” grows over time — accumulate

Synonyms

Accumulate, Gather

Antonyms

Diminish, Deplete

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Acerbic

/ə'sɜːbɪk/

Adjective

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Meaning	Sharp, harsh, or biting in tone, temper, or taste
Example	His acerbic wit offended some guests at the dinner.
Sentence	The critic's acerbic review devastated the filmmaker.
Mnemonic	"Acidic tone" = Acerbic
Synonyms	Sharp, Bitter, Caustic
Antonyms	Mild, Gentle

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Acme

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Noun

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Meaning	The highest point or peak of achievement or excellence
Example	He reached the acme of his career with that award.
Sentence	The company was at the acme of its success last year.
Mnemonic	"Acme = Apex" — think of a mountain peak
Synonyms	Peak, Zenith, Pinnacle
Antonyms	Bottom, Nadir

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Acquiesce

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Verb

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Meaning

To accept or agree silently or without protest

Example

She acquiesced to her parents' decision.

Sentence

Without argument, he acquiesced to the new policy.

Mnemonic

Sounds like "agree-ess" — to agree quietly

Synonyms

Agree, Consent, Submit

Antonyms

Protest, Resist

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Acquisitive

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Adjective

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Meaning	Excessively interested in acquiring money or material things
Example	The acquisitive firm kept buying smaller companies.
Sentence	His acquisitive nature led him to hoard wealth.
Mnemonic	“Acquire + obsessive” = Acquisitive
Synonyms	Greedy, Materialistic
Antonyms	Generous, Content

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Acrid

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Adjective

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Meaning Having a strong and unpleasantly sharp smell or taste; harsh in tone

Example The acrid smoke made everyone cough.

Sentence His acrid remarks hurt her feelings.

Mnemonic Acrid = Acid — sharp and biting

Synonyms Pungent, Bitter, Harsh

Antonyms Pleasant, Sweet

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Acrimonious

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Adjective

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Meaning Angry and bitter in speech, behavior, or tone

Example The debate became increasingly acrimonious.

Sentence Their divorce ended in an acrimonious legal battle.

Mnemonic "A crime on us" – filled with bitterness

Synonyms Bitter, Hostile, Rancorous

Antonyms Friendly, Peaceful

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Acrimony

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Noun

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Meaning

Bitterness or ill feeling

Example

The meeting ended with acrimony between both sides.

Sentence

There was a tone of acrimony in his response.

Mnemonic

Acrimony = Angry ceremony

Synonyms

Bitterness, Resentment

Antonyms

Harmony, Kindness

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Actuate

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Verb

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Meaning	To cause someone to act in a particular way; to put into motion
Example	He was actuated by a sense of duty.
Sentence	Hunger actuated the bear to search for food.
Mnemonic	"Act you ate" — trigger an action
Synonyms	Trigger, Activate
Antonyms	Hinder, Stop

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Acuity

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Noun

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Meaning Sharpness or keenness of thought, vision, or hearing

Example Her visual acuity is exceptional for her age.

Sentence The surgeon's mental acuity was remarkable under pressure.

Mnemonic Acuity = Acute + Clarity

Synonyms Sharpness, Perception

Antonyms Dullness, Insensitivity

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Acumen

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Noun

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Meaning	The ability to make good judgments and quick decisions
Example	Her business acumen is widely respected.
Sentence	He demonstrated strong financial acumen during the crisis.
Mnemonic	Acumen = Accurate Men – sharp decision-making
Synonyms	Insight, Shrewdness
Antonyms	Ignorance, Ineptitude

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Acute

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Adjective

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Meaning Very severe, intense, or sharp; having a keen insight

Example She felt an acute pain in her side.

Sentence His acute sense of hearing helped him detect faint sounds.

Mnemonic Acute = A cute sharp angle – very pointed

Synonyms Sharp, Intense, Keen

Antonyms Dull, Mild

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Adage

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Noun

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Meaning	A short, wise saying that expresses a general truth
Example	"A penny saved is a penny earned" is a common adage.
Sentence	The old adage still holds true in today's world.
Mnemonic	Ad + age = wisdom added with age
Synonyms	Proverb, Saying, Maxim
Antonyms	Novelty, Absurdity

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Adamant

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Adjective

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Meaning	Refusing to change one's mind or position
Example	She was adamant about not quitting her job.
Sentence	Despite criticism, he remained adamant in his beliefs.
Mnemonic	Adam + ant — hard like a rock
Synonyms	Unyielding, Stubborn
Antonyms	Flexible, Yielding

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Adapt

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Verb

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Meaning	To adjust or modify to fit new conditions or environments
Example	Animals adapt to their surroundings over time.
Sentence	She had to adapt quickly to the new software.
Mnemonic	Think “add apt” skills — to change and fit
Synonyms	Adjust, Modify
Antonyms	Resist, Neglect

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Addendum

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Noun

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Meaning

An additional item added at the end of a document or book

Example

The book includes an addendum with recent updates.

Sentence

An addendum was added to clarify the last chapter.

Mnemonic

Addendum = Add to the end

Synonyms

Appendix, Supplement

Antonyms

Omission, Subtraction

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Addle

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Verb

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Meaning	To confuse or muddle; to make unable to think clearly
Example	The heat addled his brain.
Sentence	Too much information can addle a beginner.
Mnemonic	Addle = Add + muddle — mix up the brain
Synonyms	Confuse, Muddle
Antonyms	Clarify, Enlighten

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Addled

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Adjective

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Meaning	Confused or unable to think clearly
Example	She gave an addled response during the interview.
Sentence	His addled mind couldn't focus after the accident.
Mnemonic	Addled = Scrambled like eggs
Synonyms	Confused, Disoriented
Antonyms	Clearheaded, Rational

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Adept

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Adjective

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Meaning	Very skilled or proficient at something
Example	She is adept at solving complex problems.
Sentence	He is an adept negotiator during business deals.
Mnemonic	Adept = A + depth — deep skill
Synonyms	Skilled, Proficient
Antonyms	Incompetent, Clumsy

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Adequate

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Adjective

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Meaning	Sufficient or acceptable in quality or quantity
Example	His performance was adequate but not exceptional.
Sentence	They had adequate food for the entire group.
Mnemonic	Adequate = Add enough quantity
Synonyms	Sufficient, Acceptable
Antonyms	Inadequate, Insufficient

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Adherent

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Noun

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Meaning

A supporter or follower of a person, belief, or cause

Example

He's a firm adherent of non-violence.

Sentence

The political leader had many loyal adherents.

Mnemonic

Adhere = stick to something → adherent

Synonyms

Follower, Supporter

Antonyms

Opponent, Detractor

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Adhesive

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Adjective / Noun

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Meaning	Able to stick fast to a surface or object; a substance used for sticking
Example	The adhesive tape held the pieces together.
Sentence	Use a strong adhesive to fix the broken vase.
Mnemonic	Adhesive = Adhere + Substance
Synonyms	Sticky, Glue
Antonyms	Non-stick, Loose

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Adjudicate

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Verb

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Meaning

To make a formal judgment or decision about a problem or dispute

Example

The court adjudicated the matter swiftly.

Sentence

A panel was formed to adjudicate the case fairly.

Mnemonic

Judge = Adjudicate

Synonyms

Judge, Decide, Settle

Antonyms

Hesitate, Defer

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Adjunct

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Noun

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Meaning

A thing added to something else as a supplementary rather than essential part

Example

Online resources are a helpful adjunct to textbooks.

Sentence

The lab manual is an adjunct to the main course materials.

Mnemonic

Adjunct = Add + Function

Synonyms

Supplement, Addition

Antonyms

Core, Essential

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Admonish

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Verb

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Meaning	To warn or reprimand someone firmly
Example	The teacher admonished the student for being late.
Sentence	He was admonished for his careless driving.
Mnemonic	Admonish = Add + Warning
Synonyms	Warn, Reprimand, Scold
Antonyms	Praise, Approve

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Admonitory

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Adjective

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Meaning Giving or conveying a warning or reprimand

Example Her tone was admonitory during the meeting.

Sentence He received an admonitory letter from the dean.

Mnemonic Admonitory = Admonish in tone

Synonyms Cautionary, Warning

Antonyms Encouraging, Reassuring

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