Aggrandize

/əˈgræn.daɪz/

Verb

Meaning To increase the power, wealth, or reputation

of someone/something

Example He tried to aggrandize himself by

exaggerating his role.

Sentence The politician aggrandized his achievements

during the speech.

Mnemonic Aggrandize = Add grandness

Synonyms Exaggerate, Elevate

Antonyms Belittle, Diminish

Aggravate

/ˈæg.rə.veɪt/

Verb

Meaning To make worse or more severe

Example Scratching the rash will only aggravate it.

Sentence His rude behavior aggravated the tense

situation.

Mnemonic Aggravate = Add gravity to the problem

Synonyms Worsen, Intensify

Antonyms Alleviate, Improve

Aggregate

/'æg.rɪ.gət/

Noun/Adj/Verb

Meaning A whole formed by combining several

elements; to collect into one

Example The aggregate score of both teams was 5–3.

Sentence The data was aggregated from various

sources.

Mnemonic Aggregate = All + Great — grouped into one

Synonyms Total, Collection

Antonyms Individual, Fragment

Aggrieve

/əˈgriːv/

Verb

Meaning To oppress or wrong someone; to cause

distress

Example The unjust law aggrieved many citizens.

Sentence He felt aggrieved by the manager's decision.

Mnemonic Aggrieve = Give grief

Synonyms Distress, Wrong

Antonyms Soothe, Please

Aghast

/əˈgɑːst/

Adjective

Meaning Filled with shock or horror

Example She was aghast at the news of the accident.

Sentence The audience stood aghast at the gruesome

scene.

Mnemonic Aghast = A ghost — shock or horror

Synonyms Shocked, Appalled

Antonyms Unfazed, Calm