

Aloof

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Adjective

Meaning	Distant, not friendly or forthcoming
Example	She remained aloof during the discussion.
Sentence	He stood aloof from the noisy crowd.
Mnemonic	Aloof = Alone on the roof
Synonyms	Distant, Reserved
Antonyms	Sociable, Approachable

Altercation

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Noun

Meaning	A noisy argument or confrontation
Example	A loud altercation broke out in the street.
Sentence	Their altercation disturbed the entire neighborhood.
Mnemonic	Altercation = Alter (change) + Situation = heated exchange
Synonyms	Argument, Quarrel
Antonyms	Agreement, Harmony

Altruism

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Noun

Meaning Selfless concern for the well-being of others

Example Her life was devoted to altruism and charity.

Sentence Acts of altruism are vital for a compassionate society.

Mnemonic Altruism = All true giving

Synonyms Selflessness, Kindness

Antonyms Selfishness, Greed

Amalgamate

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Verb

Meaning	To combine or unite to form one entity
Example	The two firms amalgamated into a larger company.
Sentence	They decided to amalgamate their efforts for a greater cause.
Mnemonic	Amalgamate = A mall gate merges shops
Synonyms	Merge, Combine
Antonyms	Separate, Split

Ambidextrous

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Adjective

Meaning	Able to use both hands equally well
Example	He's ambidextrous and can write with both hands.
Sentence	Few people are truly ambidextrous.
Mnemonic	Ambidextrous = Both dexterous hands
Synonyms	Versatile, Two-handed
Antonyms	Clumsy, Unhanded