

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

/ˈæɪ.truː.ɪ.zəm/

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

Ambiguous

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Adjective

Meaning	Open to more than one interpretation; unclear
Example	His ambiguous answer confused the audience.
Sentence	The ending of the movie was ambiguous.
Mnemonic	Ambiguous = A big guess needed
Synonyms	Vague, Unclear
Antonyms	Clear, Definite

Ambivalence

/æm'brɪ.vəl.əns/

Noun

Meaning

The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas

Example

She felt ambivalence about leaving her hometown.

Sentence

His ambivalence was evident in his indecision.

Mnemonic

Ambivalence = Both feelings at once

Synonyms

Uncertainty, Conflict

Antonyms

Certainty, Resolution

Ambivalent

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Adjective

Meaning Having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas

Example He was ambivalent about accepting the promotion.

Sentence Her ambivalent attitude puzzled her friends.

Mnemonic Ambivalent = A mixture of emotions

Synonyms Conflicted, Torn

Antonyms Decisive, Sure

Amble

/ˈæm.bəl/

Verb

Meaning	To walk slowly and casually
Example	They ambled through the park enjoying the sunset.
Sentence	The dog ambled along the path lazily.
Mnemonic	Amble = A humble walk
Synonyms	Stroll, Saunter
Antonyms	Rush, Sprint

Ambulatory

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Adjective

Meaning	Able to walk; relating to or adapted for walking
Example	After surgery, he became ambulatory within a week.
Sentence	The hospital's ambulatory services help patients who can walk.
Mnemonic	Ambulatory = Ambulate = Move around
Synonyms	Mobile, Walking
Antonyms	Bedridden, Immobile

Ameliorate

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Verb

Meaning	To make something bad or unsatisfactory better
Example	Steps were taken to ameliorate living conditions.
Sentence	His apology ameliorated the tense situation.
Mnemonic	Ameliorate = Make "a million" times better
Synonyms	Improve, Enhance
Antonyms	Worsen, Deteriorate

Amenable

/ə'miː.nə.bəl/

Adjective

Meaning	Open and responsive to suggestion; easily persuaded or controlled
Example	She was amenable to the idea of moving abroad.
Sentence	The manager was amenable to feedback.
Mnemonic	Amenable = Amen + Able to agree
Synonyms	Agreeable, Cooperative
Antonyms	Stubborn, Inflexible

Amend

/ə'mend/

Verb

Meaning

To make changes to improve or correct something

Example

The constitution was amended to protect civil rights.

Sentence

He amended his statement after realizing the mistake.

Mnemonic

Amend = A mend = To fix or correct

Synonyms

Revise, Improve

Antonyms

Damage, Worsen

Amenity

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Noun

Meaning	A desirable or useful feature or facility
Example	The hotel offers great amenities such as a gym and spa.
Sentence	Parks and libraries are important public amenities.
Mnemonic	Amenity = A mini luxury
Synonyms	Facility, Comfort
Antonyms	Inconvenience, Discomfort

Amiable

/ˈeɪ.mi.ə.bəl/

Adjective

Meaning	Having a friendly and pleasant manner
Example	He is an amiable host who makes guests feel welcome.
Sentence	Her amiable smile charmed everyone she met.
Mnemonic	Amiable = A "me-able" — easy to be with
Synonyms	Friendly, Pleasant
Antonyms	Hostile, Unfriendly

Amicable

/ˈæm.ɪ.kə.bəl/

Adjective

Meaning	Characterized by friendliness and absence of discord
Example	They reached an amicable settlement in court.
Sentence	Their breakup was surprisingly amicable.
Mnemonic	Amicable = Amigo + Cable – friendly connection
Synonyms	Friendly, Peaceable
Antonyms	Hostile, Antagonistic

Amity

/ˈæm.ɪ.ti/

Noun

Meaning	A friendly relationship
Example	The treaty restored amity between the nations.
Sentence	Their amity lasted throughout their lives.
Mnemonic	Amity = Amigo + Unity
Synonyms	Friendship, Harmony
Antonyms	Hostility, Animosity

Amnesty

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Noun

Meaning	A general pardon for offenses, especially political ones
Example	The government granted amnesty to political prisoners.
Sentence	He was released under a general amnesty.
Mnemonic	Amnesty = Amnesia about past crimes
Synonyms	Pardon, Forgiveness
Antonyms	Punishment, Penalty

Amorphous

/ə'mɔːfəs/

Adjective

Meaning Without a clearly defined shape or form

Example The cloud had an amorphous shape.

Sentence Their ideas were still amorphous and unorganized.

Mnemonic Amorphous = A + Morph = No shape

Synonyms Shapeless, Formless

Antonyms Structured, Definite

Ampere

/ˈæm.peər/

Noun

Meaning

The basic unit of electric current in the International System of Units (SI)

Example

The bulb requires two amperes to operate.

Sentence

The engineer measured the current in amperes.

Mnemonic

Ampere = Amp for electric current

Synonyms

Unit of current

Antonyms

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Amphibian

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Noun

Meaning	An animal that can live both on land and in water
Example	A frog is a common amphibian.
Sentence	Amphibians like salamanders thrive in moist environments.
Mnemonic	Amphibian = Amphibious = Both land and water
Synonyms	Dual-living animal
Antonyms	Land-only/Sea-only creatures

Ample

/ˈæm.pəl/

Adjective

Meaning More than enough; abundant

Example There was ample food for everyone at the feast.

Sentence He left ample space between the tables.

Mnemonic Ample = Example = Plenty

Synonyms Abundant, Plentiful

Antonyms Meager, Insufficient

Amplify

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Verb

Meaning	To increase in size, strength, or intensity
Example	Speakers amplify the sound of the music.
Sentence	His actions amplified the crisis instead of calming it.
Mnemonic	Amplify = Amp up the sound
Synonyms	Increase, Boost
Antonyms	Diminish, Reduce

Amputate

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Verb

Meaning	To cut off a limb or part of the body
Example	The surgeon had to amputate his leg to save his life.
Sentence	Severe frostbite forced doctors to amputate his fingers.
Mnemonic	Amputate = Cut away
Synonyms	Sever, Remove
Antonyms	Attach, Mend

Amuse

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Verb

Meaning To entertain or make someone laugh

Example The clown amused the children with his tricks.

Sentence He amused himself by watching comedy shows.

Mnemonic Amuse = A muse = Inspire joy

Synonyms Entertain, Delight

Antonyms Bore, Depress

Anachronism

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Noun

Meaning	Something out of place in time
Example	The movie showed a car in ancient Rome, a clear anachronism.
Sentence	His use of a typewriter today is an anachronism.
Mnemonic	Anachronism = Ana (against) + Chronos (time)
Synonyms	Misplacement, Outdated item
Antonyms	Timely object

Anachronistic

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Adjective

Meaning	Belonging to a period other than the present
Example	His anachronistic views made him seem old-fashioned.
Sentence	Wearing armor to work would be anachronistic today.
Mnemonic	Anachronistic = Against chronological order
Synonyms	Outdated, Old-fashioned
Antonyms	Modern, Contemporary

Analgesic

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Noun/Adjective

Meaning	A medicine or substance that relieves pain
Example	He took an analgesic for his back pain.
Sentence	Analgesic drugs are essential in post-surgical care.
Mnemonic	Analgesic = "Anti-pain" remedy
Synonyms	Painkiller, Anesthetic
Antonyms	Pain-inducing agent

Analogous

/ə'næl.ə.gəs/

Adjective

Meaning

Comparable in certain respects

Example

The wings of bats and birds are analogous structures.

Sentence

Their situation is analogous to ours.

Mnemonic

Analogous = Analogy-like, comparable

Synonyms

Similar, Comparable

Antonyms

Different, Unrelated

Anarchy

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Noun

Meaning

Absence of government and order

Example

The country descended into anarchy after the revolution.

Sentence

Without rules, the classroom slipped into anarchy.

Mnemonic

Anarchy = No hierarchy

Synonyms

Chaos, Lawlessness

Antonyms

Order, Government