

Anathema

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Noun

Meaning	Something or someone intensely disliked or loathed
Example	Dishonesty was anathema to him.
Sentence	Corruption is anathema to good governance.
Mnemonic	Anathema = A negative theme
Synonyms	Abomination, Curse
Antonyms	Blessing, Approval

Ancestral

/æn'ses.trəl/

Adjective

Meaning Relating to ancestors or heritage

Example They live on their ancestral land.

Sentence She wore her ancestral jewelry at the wedding.

Mnemonic Ancestral = Ancestor-related

Synonyms Inherited, Traditional

Antonyms Modern, New

Ancestry

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Noun

Meaning	One's family or ethnic descent
Example	His ancestry can be traced back to medieval kings.
Sentence	DNA tests reveal a person's ancestry.
Mnemonic	Ancestry = Ancestor history
Synonyms	Lineage, Heritage
Antonyms	Offspring, Descendants

Anchor

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Noun/Verb

Meaning	A heavy object to keep something in place; to secure firmly
Example	The ship dropped anchor near the shore.
Sentence	Education served as an anchor in his life.
Mnemonic	Anchor = Fix firmly
Synonyms	Support, Secure
Antonyms	Release, Unfasten

Ancillary

/ˈæn.sɪ.lər.i/

Adjective/Noun

Meaning	Providing support to the primary activities or operation
Example	The hospital has an ancillary lab service.
Sentence	Ancillary staff assist doctors in hospitals.
Mnemonic	Ancillary = Aid + Necessary
Synonyms	Supplementary, Supportive
Antonyms	Main, Principal

Androgynous

/æn'drɒdʒ.ɪ.nəs/

Adjective

Meaning	Having both male and female characteristics
Example	The fashion line featured androgynous designs.
Sentence	The performer had an androgynous appearance.
Mnemonic	Androgynous = Andro (man) + Gynous (woman) = both traits
Synonyms	Gender-neutral, Unisex
Antonyms	Gender-specific

Anecdotal

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Adjective

Meaning	Based on personal accounts rather than facts or research
Example	The evidence was largely anecdotal.
Sentence	She shared anecdotal stories during the lecture.
Mnemonic	Anecdotal = Anecdotes instead of data
Synonyms	Personal, Informal
Antonyms	Scientific, Systematic

Anecdote

/ˈæn.ɪk.dəʊt/

Noun

Meaning	A short, amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
Example	He told a funny anecdote about his childhood.
Sentence	The speaker began with a humorous anecdote.
Mnemonic	Anecdote = A neat note (story)
Synonyms	Story, Tale
Antonyms	Lecture, Dissertation

Anemia

/ə'niː.mi.ə/

Noun

Meaning

A condition in which the blood lacks enough healthy red cells

Example

She was diagnosed with anemia after feeling weak.

Sentence

Iron supplements are often used to treat anemia.

Mnemonic

Anemia = Lack of blood energy

Synonyms

Blood deficiency, Weakness

Antonyms

Robustness, Strength

Anesthetic

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Noun/Adjective

Meaning	A drug that causes loss of sensation
Example	The patient was given a local anesthetic.
Sentence	General anesthetic is used for major surgeries.
Mnemonic	Anesthetic = Anti-sensation
Synonyms	Painkiller, Numbing agent
Antonyms	Sensitizer, Stimulant

Angst

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Noun

Meaning	A deep anxiety or dread, typically an unfocused one
Example	She felt angst about her career choices.
Sentence	Many teens experience angst during adolescence.
Mnemonic	Angst = Anxiety ghost
Synonyms	Anxiety, Dread
Antonyms	Calm, Confidence

Anguish

/'æŋ.gwɪʃ/

Noun/Verb

Meaning Severe mental or physical pain or suffering

Example The anguish of losing her child was unbearable.

Sentence His anguished cries echoed in the room.

Mnemonic Anguish = Angry pain

Synonyms Suffering, Distress

Antonyms Comfort, Relief

Angular

/'æŋ.gjə.lər/

Adjective

Meaning Having angles or sharp corners; lean and bony

Example His angular face made him look striking.

Sentence Modern architecture often has angular designs.

Mnemonic Angular = Angle + Sharp

Synonyms Pointed, Sharp

Antonyms Rounded, Smooth

Animosity

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Noun

Meaning	Strong hostility or active hatred
Example	There was animosity between the rival teams.
Sentence	He harbored animosity toward his former boss.
Mnemonic	Animosity = Animal hostility
Synonyms	Hatred, Hostility
Antonyms	Friendship, Goodwill

Annex

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Verb/Noun

Meaning	To add or attach, especially territory; an addition
Example	The country annexed the neighboring land.
Sentence	The school added an annex for science labs.
Mnemonic	Annex = Add next
Synonyms	Add, Append
Antonyms	Remove, Separate

Annihilate

/ə'naɪ.ə.leɪt/

Verb

Meaning	To destroy completely
Example	The bomb annihilated the entire city block.
Sentence	Their forces were annihilated in the battle.
Mnemonic	Annihilate = A "night" of total destruction
Synonyms	Destroy, Obliterate
Antonyms	Build, Create

Annotate

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Verb

Meaning	To add notes or comments to a text
Example	Students were asked to annotate the poem.
Sentence	I annotated my textbook with important notes.
Mnemonic	Annotate = Add notes
Synonyms	Comment, Explain
Antonyms	Ignore, Overlook

Announce

/əˈnaʊns/

Verb

Meaning To make a public declaration or statement

Example She announced her resignation yesterday.

Sentence The company will announce the new product next week.

Mnemonic Announce = Announce loudly

Synonyms Declare, Proclaim

Antonyms Conceal, Hide

Annoy

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Verb

Meaning	To irritate or disturb someone
Example	His constant tapping annoyed everyone.
Sentence	Noisy neighbors often annoy the residents.
Mnemonic	Annoy = A noise that irritates
Synonyms	Irritate, Bother
Antonyms	Please, Soothe

Annul

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Verb

Meaning	To declare invalid; to cancel officially
Example	The court annulled the unfair contract.
Sentence	They annulled their marriage after a year.
Mnemonic	Annul = Nullify
Synonyms	Cancel, Invalidate
Antonyms	Confirm, Approve

Anodyne

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Adjective/Noun

Meaning	Something that soothes or relieves pain; inoffensive
Example	The conversation remained anodyne to avoid conflict.
Sentence	The doctor prescribed an anodyne for her headache.
Mnemonic	Anodyne = No-dying from pain
Synonyms	Soothing, Bland
Antonyms	Harsh, Aggravating

Anomalous

/ə'nom.ə.ləs/

Adjective

Meaning Deviating from the normal or expected

Example His anomalous test results puzzled the doctors.

Sentence Anomalous behavior was noted in the experiment.

Mnemonic Anomalous = Not normal

Synonyms Irregular, Unusual

Antonyms Normal, Typical

Anomaly

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Noun

Meaning	Something different from the norm; an irregularity
Example	There was an anomaly in the data collection.
Sentence	Snow in summer is an anomaly.
Mnemonic	Anomaly = A nomad idea
Synonyms	Abnormality, Irregularity
Antonyms	Regularity, Normalcy

Anonymity

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Noun

Meaning	The condition of being unknown or unnamed
Example	The donor requested complete anonymity.
Sentence	Online anonymity can encourage honesty— or hostility.
Mnemonic	Anonymity = No-name identity
Synonyms	Namelessness, Obscurity
Antonyms	Fame, Recognition

Anonymous

/ə'non.ɪ.məs/

Adjective

Meaning	Without a known or acknowledged name
Example	The letter was sent by an anonymous source.
Sentence	An anonymous caller reported the incident.
Mnemonic	Anonymous = No-name
Synonyms	Unnamed, Incognito
Antonyms	Known, Identified

Antagonism

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Noun

Meaning	Active hostility or opposition
Example	There was clear antagonism between the two rivals.
Sentence	His antagonism toward authority was evident.
Mnemonic	Antagonism = Against energy
Synonyms	Hostility, Opposition
Antonyms	Friendship, Cooperation

Antagonize

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Verb

Meaning	To provoke someone to hostility
Example	He antagonized his teammates with his arrogance.
Sentence	Don't antagonize the boss if you want a promotion.
Mnemonic	Antagonize = Tagging anger
Synonyms	Provoke, Offend
Antonyms	Soothe, Appease

Antecedent

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Noun

Meaning	Something that existed before or precedes another
Example	A bad antecedent can hurt your job application.
Sentence	The storm was an antecedent to the flood.
Mnemonic	Antecedent = Before-seed
Synonyms	Predecessor, Forerunner
Antonyms	Result, Consequence

Antecedents

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Noun

Meaning

Ancestors or prior events

Example

He was proud of his noble antecedents.

Sentence

Knowing your antecedents can help trace medical history.

Mnemonic

Antecedents = Ancestor evidence

Synonyms

Ancestors, Origins

Antonyms

Descendants

Antediluvian

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Adjective

Meaning Extremely old-fashioned; before the biblical flood

Example His ideas seemed almost antediluvian.

Sentence She collects antediluvian farming tools.

Mnemonic Antediluvian = Anti-dilute-old (pre-flood)

Synonyms Ancient, Outdated

Antonyms Modern, Contemporary