

Adorn

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Verb

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Meaning	To decorate or add beauty to something
Example	She adorned the hall with flowers and lights.
Sentence	The bride adorned herself with traditional jewelry.
Mnemonic	Adorn = Add + Ornament
Synonyms	Decorate, Beautify
Antonyms	Disfigure, Deface

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Adroit

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Adjective

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Meaning	Clever or skillful in using the hands or mind
Example	The magician was adroit at sleight of hand tricks.
Sentence	She is adroit in handling complex negotiations.
Mnemonic	Adroit = A-draw-it = skill with hands
Synonyms	Skillful, Dexterous
Antonyms	Clumsy, Inept

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Adulate

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Verb

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Meaning

To praise someone excessively or obsequiously

Example

The fans adulated the singer after the concert.

Sentence

He was adulated by his followers like a god.

Mnemonic

Adulate = Add + Applaud excessively

Synonyms

Flatter, Worship

Antonyms

Criticize, Insult

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Adulation

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Noun

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Meaning

Excessive praise or admiration

Example

The celebrity enjoyed the constant adulation.

Sentence

His speech was met with unnecessary adulation from his peers.

Mnemonic

Adulation = Adore + Ovation

Synonyms

Praise, Flattery

Antonyms

Criticism, Disdain

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Adulterate

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Verb

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Meaning

To make something poorer in quality by adding another substance

Example

The milk was found to be adulterated with water.

Sentence

Don't adulterate truth with lies.

Mnemonic

Adulterate = Adult + Rate — fake increase in value

Synonyms

Contaminate, Degrade

Antonyms

Purify, Refine

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Adumbrate

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Verb

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Meaning	To foreshadow or suggest partly; to outline vaguely
Example	The dark clouds adumbrated the coming storm.
Sentence	His speech adumbrated the policy changes ahead.
Mnemonic	Adumbrate = A dumb + rate — hint without full clarity
Synonyms	Foreshadow, Outline
Antonyms	Reveal, Illuminate

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Advent

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Noun

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Meaning	The arrival or beginning of something important
Example	The advent of the internet changed the world.
Sentence	With the advent of AI, industries are transforming.
Mnemonic	Advent = Arrival event
Synonyms	Arrival, Emergence
Antonyms	Departure, End

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Adventitious

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Adjective

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Meaning	Happening by chance or accident; not inherent or natural
Example	The discovery was purely adventitious.
Sentence	His success was adventitious rather than planned.
Mnemonic	Adventitious = Adventure-ish = unexpected
Synonyms	Accidental, Unplanned
Antonyms	Planned, Intentional

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Adversarial

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Adjective

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Meaning Involving conflict or opposition

Example The debate took on an adversarial tone.

Sentence Their relationship had become increasingly adversarial.

Mnemonic Adverse + Trial = Adversarial

Synonyms Hostile, Opposing

Antonyms Cooperative, Friendly

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Adverse

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Adjective

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Meaning Preventing success or development; harmful

Example The project was delayed due to adverse weather conditions.

Sentence He overcame many adverse circumstances in his career.

Mnemonic Adverse = Averse to progress

Synonyms Harmful, Unfavorable

Antonyms Favorable, Beneficial

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Adversity

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Noun

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Meaning

A difficult or unpleasant situation

Example

She showed courage in the face of adversity.

Sentence

He rose to success despite great adversity.

Mnemonic

Adversity = Adverse situation

Synonyms

Hardship, Misfortune

Antonyms

Prosperity, Ease

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Advocacy

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Noun

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Meaning

Public support for or recommendation of a particular cause or policy

Example

He is known for his advocacy of free speech.

Sentence

Her advocacy for education reform inspired many.

Mnemonic

Advocacy = Voice added to a cause

Synonyms

Support, Promotion

Antonyms

Opposition, Criticism

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Advocate

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Verb/Noun

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Meaning	To publicly support a cause or policy (v); a person who supports (n)
Example	She advocates for animal rights.
Sentence	The lawyer was a strong advocate of justice.
Mnemonic	Advocate = Add voice
Synonyms	Supporter, Champion
Antonyms	Opponent, Critic

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Aerie

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Noun

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Meaning

A nest of a bird of prey; a high, secluded dwelling

Example

The eagle built its aerie on the cliff's edge.

Sentence

The mountain cabin sat like an aerie above the valley.

Mnemonic

Aerie = Airy home above the ground

Synonyms

Nest, Roost

Antonyms

Ground, Burrow

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Aesthetic

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Adjective

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Meaning Concerned with beauty or the appreciation of beauty

Example The painting had great aesthetic value.

Sentence Her room was decorated with aesthetic appeal.

Mnemonic Aesthetic = Artistic style or beauty

Synonyms Artistic, Tasteful

Antonyms Unattractive, Unappealing

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Aestheticism

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Noun

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Meaning	Devotion to or emphasis on beauty or artistic expression
Example	Aestheticism values art for its beauty rather than message.
Sentence	The movement of aestheticism flourished in 19th-century Europe.
Mnemonic	Aestheticism = Belief in beauty as central
Synonyms	Artistic idealism, Beauty-worship
Antonyms	Utilitarianism, Plainness

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Affable

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Adjective

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Meaning	Friendly, good-natured, and easy to talk to
Example	He had an affable manner that made everyone comfortable.
Sentence	The host was affable and greeted everyone with a smile.
Mnemonic	Affable = Laughable + Friendly smile
Synonyms	Friendly, Amiable
Antonyms	Hostile, Aloof

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Affectation

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Noun

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Meaning

Behavior or speech that is artificial and intended to impress others

Example

His British accent is just an affectation.

Sentence

She wore pearls as an affectation of upper-class elegance.

Mnemonic

Affectation = Fake affection or behavior

Synonyms

Pretension, Insincerity

Antonyms

Sincerity, Naturalness

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Affinity

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Noun

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Meaning A natural liking or attraction to someone or something

Example She has an affinity for classical music.

Sentence There's a strong affinity between the two cultures.

Mnemonic Affinity = You "fit in" naturally

Synonyms Attraction, Liking

Antonyms Aversion, Dislike

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Affluent

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Adjective

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Meaning

Wealthy; having a great deal of money or resources

Example

They live in an affluent neighborhood.

Sentence

The country became more affluent after the oil boom.

Mnemonic

Affluent = Flow of riches

Synonyms

Wealthy, Prosperous

Antonyms

Poor, Needy

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Aggrandize

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Verb

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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

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Aggravate

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Verb

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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

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Aggregate

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Noun/Adj/Verb

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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

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Aggrieve

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Verb

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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

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Aghast

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Adjective

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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

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Agile

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Adjective

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Meaning	Able to move quickly and easily; mentally quick and adaptable
Example	The cat was agile, leaping from roof to roof.
Sentence	She's agile in solving complex problems.
Mnemonic	Agile = Add + I move – quick to react
Synonyms	Nimble, Flexible
Antonyms	Slow, Rigid

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Agitate

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Verb

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Meaning	To stir up or disturb; to cause public concern or excitement
Example	The news of the strike agitated the workers.
Sentence	His speech agitated the crowd, creating a sense of unrest.
Mnemonic	Agitate = Add + Motion — cause movement or change
Synonyms	Disturb, Stir, Rattle
Antonyms	Calm, Soothe

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Agnostic

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Noun/Adjective

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Meaning	A person who believes that the existence of God, the divine, or the supernatural is unknown or unknowable
Example	He identifies as agnostic, unsure of religious beliefs.
Sentence	Many scientists remain agnostic about the possibility of extraterrestrial life.
Mnemonic	A-gnosis = No knowledge
Synonyms	Skeptic, Uncertain
Antonyms	Believer, Theist

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Agog

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Adjective

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Meaning

Very eager or excited, especially about something that is going to happen

Example

The fans were agog to see their favorite band perform live.

Sentence

The students were agog with anticipation before the announcement.

Mnemonic

Agog = A + Go — excited to go or start

Synonyms

Eager, Enthusiastic

Antonyms

Uninterested, Indifferent

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Agonize

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Verb

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Meaning

To suffer great physical or mental pain or anxiety

Example

He agonized over the decision for days.

Sentence

She agonized at the thought of losing her job.

Mnemonic

Agonize = A + Gasp = intense pain or worry

Synonyms

Suffer, Worry, Fret

Antonyms

Relax, Calm

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