

Agrarian

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Adjective

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Meaning	Relating to land, farming, or rural matters
Example	The country's economy was largely agrarian.
Sentence	Agrarian societies depend on agriculture and farming.
Mnemonic	Agrarian = Agriculture-related
Synonyms	Agricultural, Rural
Antonyms	Urban, Industrial

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Alacrity

/ə'læk.rə.ti/

Noun

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Meaning

Brisk and cheerful readiness

Example

She accepted the invitation with alacrity.

Sentence

He completed the assignment with surprising alacrity.

Mnemonic

Alacrity = A-laughing-quickly

Synonyms

Eagerness, Willingness

Antonyms

Reluctance, Hesitation

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Albeit

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Conjunction

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Meaning Though; even though; although

Example He finally agreed, albeit reluctantly.

Sentence The journey was beautiful, albeit long and tiring.

Mnemonic Albeit = All be it — although it is

Synonyms Although, Though

Antonyms Because, Therefore

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Albino

/æɪˈbaɪ.nəʊ/

Noun

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Meaning	A person or animal with very pale skin, white hair, and pink eyes due to lack of pigment
Example	The zoo had a rare albino peacock.
Sentence	Albino animals are sensitive to sunlight due to lack of melanin.
Mnemonic	Albino = All white (appearance)
Synonyms	Pale-skinned, Pigmentless
Antonyms	Pigmented, Colored

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Alchemy

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Noun

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Meaning	A medieval chemical science aiming to transform metals into gold; a magical process of transformation
Example	Turning grief into art is a kind of emotional alchemy.
Sentence	Ancient alchemy was the root of modern chemistry.
Mnemonic	Alchemy = Magic + Chemistry
Synonyms	Magic, Transformation
Antonyms	Reality, Science

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Algorithm

/ˈæl.gə.rɪ.ðəm/

Noun

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Meaning

A step-by-step procedure for solving a problem or performing a task

Example

Google uses complex algorithms to rank pages.

Sentence

The math teacher explained a simple sorting algorithm.

Mnemonic

Algorithm = Logical rhythm for solving

Synonyms

Procedure, Formula

Antonyms

Chaos, Guesswork

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Alias

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Noun

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Meaning	A false or alternative name used to conceal identity
Example	The criminal was known by several aliases.
Sentence	He published under an alias to protect his identity.
Mnemonic	Alias = Also known as
Synonyms	Pseudonym, False name
Antonyms	Real name, Identity

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Alibi

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Noun

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Meaning	Proof that someone was elsewhere when a crime was committed
Example	He had a solid alibi for the night of the robbery.
Sentence	The witness confirmed the suspect's alibi.
Mnemonic	Alibi = All I be — elsewhere
Synonyms	Excuse, Defense
Antonyms	Confession, Admission

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Alien

/ˈeɪ.li.ən/

Noun / Adj

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Meaning A foreigner; someone from another place or planet

Example The film was about alien life on Mars.

Sentence She felt like an alien in the new city.

Mnemonic Alien = Not aligned — from elsewhere

Synonyms Foreigner, Outsider

Antonyms Native, Citizen

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Alienate

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Verb

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Meaning	To make someone feel isolated or hostile
Example	His rude behavior alienated his coworkers.
Sentence	Constant criticism will alienate your friends.
Mnemonic	Alienate = Make someone feel alien
Synonyms	Estrange, Isolate
Antonyms	Befriend, Unite

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Allegory

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Noun

Alight

/ə'laɪt/

Verb / Adjective

Meaning (v) To descend and settle; (adj) shining or illuminated

Example The bird alighted on the branch.

Sentence Her eyes were alight with excitement.

Mnemonic Alight = A light landing softly or glowing

Synonyms Land, Settle, Glowing

Antonyms Ascend, Dark

Align

/ə'laɪn/

Verb

Meaning	To place in a straight line; to bring into agreement
Example	The wheels must be properly aligned.
Sentence	His goals align with the company's vision.
Mnemonic	Align = A line in order
Synonyms	Arrange, Adjust
Antonyms	Misalign, Disorganize

Alike

/ə'laɪk/

Adjective / Adverb

Meaning	Similar or in the same manner
Example	The twins look very much alike.
Sentence	Their ideas are alike in many ways.
Mnemonic	Alike = A-like = similar
Synonyms	Similar, Identical
Antonyms	Different, Dissimilar

Aliment

/ˈæ.lɪ.mənt/

Noun

Meaning	Food; nourishment
Example	Rice is a common aliment in many cultures.
Sentence	Good aliment is necessary for maintaining health.
Mnemonic	Aliment = Think "aliment = alimentary = food"
Synonyms	Food, Nutriment
Antonyms	Starvation, Famine

Alimentary

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Adjective

Meaning	Relating to nourishment or food
Example	The alimentary canal is part of the digestive system.
Sentence	Proper alimentary habits are crucial for health.
Mnemonic	Alimentary = Related to aliment (food)
Synonyms	Nutritional, Digestive
Antonyms	Non-nutritional, Harmful

Alimony

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Noun

Meaning

Court-ordered payment to a spouse after divorce

Example

He was required to pay alimony after the divorce.

Sentence

The court increased her monthly alimony payments.

Mnemonic

Alimony = "All my money" given after divorce

Synonyms

Support, Maintenance

Antonyms

Debt, Neglect

Allay

/ə'leɪ/

Verb

Meaning	To reduce or relieve (fear, worry, or pain)
Example	The doctor's reassurances allayed her fears.
Sentence	Efforts were made to allay public anxiety about the disease.
Mnemonic	Allay = "Allow to lay down worries"
Synonyms	Alleviate, Ease
Antonyms	Aggravate, Intensify

Allegation

/ˌæ.l.ɪˈɡeɪ.jən/

Noun

Meaning

A claim or assertion that someone has done something wrong, typically without proof

Example

He denied the allegations of fraud.

Sentence

The politician faced serious allegations during the campaign.

Mnemonic

Allegation = A legal accusation

Synonyms

Accusation, Claim

Antonyms

Denial, Vindication

Allege

/ə'ledʒ/

Verb

Meaning	To claim or assert that someone has done something illegal or wrong
Example	The newspaper alleged corruption among city officials.
Sentence	He is alleged to have committed fraud.
Mnemonic	Allege = "Alleging" before proving
Synonyms	Claim, Assert
Antonyms	Prove, Confirm

Allegiance

/ə'liː.dʒəns/

Noun

Meaning Loyalty or commitment to a group or cause

Example Soldiers must swear allegiance to their country.

Sentence Her allegiance to her principles was unwavering.

Mnemonic Allegiance = "Ally + Gents" — loyal men

Synonyms Loyalty, Devotion

Antonyms Betrayal, Treachery

Meaning

A story, poem, or picture that reveals a hidden moral or political meaning

Example

"Animal Farm" is an allegory of political events.

Sentence

The movie is an allegory about human greed and ambition.

Mnemonic

Allegory = A "story" with a deeper meaning

Synonyms

Parable, Fable, Symbolism

Antonyms

Literal Story

Alleviate

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Verb

Meaning	To make suffering, deficiency, or a problem less severe
Example	Medicine can alleviate the symptoms of the flu.
Sentence	Measures were taken to alleviate poverty in the city.
Mnemonic	Alleviate = A level lower pain
Synonyms	Relieve, Ease
Antonyms	Aggravate, Worsen

Allocate

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Verb

Meaning

To distribute resources or duties for a specific purpose

Example

Funds were allocated to improve public health.

Sentence

The manager allocated tasks among team members.

Mnemonic

Allocate = All + Locate = Assign spots

Synonyms

Assign, Distribute

Antonyms

Withhold, Retain

Allot

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Verb

Meaning

To give or assign as a share or portion

Example

Each speaker was allotted five minutes.

Sentence

They allotted a budget for the new project.

Mnemonic

Allot = A lot divided and shared

Synonyms

Assign, Distribute

Antonyms

Keep, Retain

Allowance

/ə'laʊ.əns/

Noun

Meaning	A set amount of money given regularly or a permitted amount
Example	Children receive a weekly allowance from their parents.
Sentence	His monthly allowance covers his basic expenses.
Mnemonic	Allowance = Amount you are allowed to spend
Synonyms	Stipend, Allocation
Antonyms	Withholding, Denial

Alloy

/ˈæl.ɔɪ/

Noun

Meaning	A mixture of two or more metals
Example	Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.
Sentence	Scientists created a new alloy stronger than steel.
Mnemonic	Alloy = All + Oy! = Mixing metals
Synonyms	Mixture, Blend
Antonyms	Pure Metal

Allude

/əˈluːd/

Verb

Meaning	To suggest or refer to something indirectly
Example	He alluded to the problem without stating it directly.
Sentence	She alluded to her achievements during the speech.
Mnemonic	Allude = A lewd hint, not direct
Synonyms	Hint, Suggest
Antonyms	Declare, Specify

Allure

/ə'luər/

Verb/Noun

Meaning

To attract or tempt; the quality of being attractive

Example

The beach town allures tourists every summer.

Sentence

The allure of adventure drove him to travel the world.

Mnemonic

Allure = All + Lure = Attract like bait

Synonyms

Attract, Entice

Antonyms

Repel, Deter

Ally

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Noun/Verb

Meaning	A person or country that cooperates with another; to join together
Example	France was an ally of America during the war.
Sentence	Smaller businesses allied to compete against the giant corporations.
Mnemonic	Ally = A lie together for support
Synonyms	Partner, Associate
Antonyms	Enemy, Opponent

Aloft

/ə'loʊft/

Adverb

Meaning	Up in or into the air; overhead
Example	The flag was flying aloft in the breeze.
Sentence	The helicopter hovered aloft above the field.
Mnemonic	Aloft = A lift to the air
Synonyms	Overhead, Above
Antonyms	Below, Beneath