

Anthem

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Noun

Meaning A rousing or uplifting song identified with a group or cause

Example The national anthem was played before the game.

Sentence Everyone stood up when the anthem began.

Mnemonic Anthem = A theme song

Synonyms Hymn, Song

Antonyms — (no exact opposite)

Anthology

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Noun

Meaning	A published collection of poems, stories, or songs
Example	She published an anthology of love poems.
Sentence	The anthology included works from various authors.
Mnemonic	Anthology = Antho (flower) + logy (collection)
Synonyms	Collection, Compilation
Antonyms	— (no exact opposite)

Anthropogenic

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Adjective

Meaning	Caused or influenced by humans
Example	Anthropogenic emissions contribute to climate change.
Sentence	The city's pollution was largely anthropogenic.
Mnemonic	Anthropo (human) + genic (caused)
Synonyms	Man-made, Human-caused
Antonyms	Natural, Organic

Anthropology

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Noun

Meaning	The study of humans, their origins, societies, and cultures
Example	She majored in anthropology at university.
Sentence	Anthropology explores how societies evolve over time.
Mnemonic	Anthropology = Study of humans
Synonyms	Study of humans, Sociology
Antonyms	— (no exact opposite)

Antidote

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Noun

Meaning	A medicine that counteracts poison or a harmful condition
Example	The doctors gave him an antidote for the snake bite.
Sentence	Laughter is the best antidote for sadness.
Mnemonic	Antidote = Anti + Dote (remedy)
Synonyms	Cure, Remedy
Antonyms	Poison, Toxin

Antipathy

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Noun

Meaning	A deep-seated feeling of dislike
Example	He felt a strong antipathy toward his rival.
Sentence	Her antipathy to unfair treatment was obvious.
Mnemonic	Antipathy = Anti + Pathy (feeling)
Synonyms	Dislike, Aversion
Antonyms	Affection, Sympathy

Antiquated

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Adjective

Meaning Old-fashioned; outdated

Example His views on education are antiquated.

Sentence The typewriter is an antiquated machine today.

Mnemonic Antiquated = Antique + Outdated

Synonyms Outdated, Obsolete

Antonyms Modern, Current

Antiquity

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Noun

Meaning	Ancient times; great age
Example	Rome's ruins are remnants of antiquity.
Sentence	Artifacts from antiquity are displayed in museums.
Mnemonic	Antiquity = Ancient quality
Synonyms	Ancient times, Relic
Antonyms	Modernity, Newness

Antiseptic

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Noun/Adjective

Meaning	A substance that prevents infection; clean and sterile
Example	She applied antiseptic to the wound.
Sentence	The hospital was antiseptic and spotless.
Mnemonic	Antiseptic = Anti-infection
Synonyms	Disinfectant, Sterile
Antonyms	Contaminated, Infected

Antithesis

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Noun

Meaning	A direct opposite or contrast
Example	His lifestyle was the antithesis of mine.
Sentence	Freedom is the antithesis of tyranny.
Mnemonic	Antithesis = Anti-thesis (opposite idea)
Synonyms	Opposite, Contrast
Antonyms	Similarity, Same

Antithetical

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Adjective

Meaning	Directly opposed or contrasted; mutually incompatible
Example	His values are antithetical to mine.
Sentence	Love and hate are antithetical emotions.
Mnemonic	Antithetical = Anti + Thesis (opposite position)
Synonyms	Opposed, Contradictory
Antonyms	Similar, Alike

Apathetic

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Adjective

Meaning	Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern
Example	He was apathetic about politics.
Sentence	Many voters are apathetic during local elections.
Mnemonic	Apathetic = A-pathy (no feeling)
Synonyms	Indifferent, Uncaring
Antonyms	Enthusiastic, Concerned

Apathy

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Noun

Meaning	Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern
Example	Public apathy led to low voter turnout.
Sentence	The team's apathy showed in their performance.
Mnemonic	Apathy = Absence of Pathos (emotion)
Synonyms	Indifference, Lethargy
Antonyms	Passion, Interest

Aperitif

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Noun

Meaning	An alcoholic drink taken before a meal to stimulate the appetite
Example	He ordered an aperitif before dinner.
Sentence	Aperitifs are common in European dining traditions.
Mnemonic	Aperitif = Appetite booster
Synonyms	Pre-dinner drink
Antonyms	Digestif (after-dinner drink)

Aperture

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Noun

Meaning An opening, hole, or gap

Example Light entered through the small aperture in the wall.

Sentence The camera's aperture controls how much light enters.

Mnemonic Aperture = A pure hole

Synonyms Opening, Gap

Antonyms Blockage, Closure

Apex

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Noun

Meaning The top or highest part of something; peak

Example He reached the apex of his career.

Sentence The mountain's apex was covered with snow.

Mnemonic Apex = A peak extreme

Synonyms Peak, Summit

Antonyms Bottom, Base

Aphorism

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Noun

Meaning A concise statement of a principle or truth

Example "Actions speak louder than words" is an aphorism.

Sentence Her speech was full of clever aphorisms.

Mnemonic Aphorism = A phrase of wisdom

Synonyms Saying, Proverb

Antonyms Long-winded explanation

Apiary

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Noun

Meaning	A place where bees are kept
Example	He tends bees at his apiary.
Sentence	The farm's apiary produces organic honey.
Mnemonic	Apiary = Bee paradise
Synonyms	Beehive, Bee-farm
Antonyms	— (no exact opposite)

Aplomb

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Noun

Meaning Self-confidence and assurance, especially in a demanding situation

Example She handled the crisis with aplomb.

Sentence He answered the tough questions with aplomb.

Mnemonic Aplomb = A plum (cool and steady)

Synonyms Confidence, Poise

Antonyms Panic, Awkwardness

Apocalyptic

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Adjective

Meaning Relating to the end of the world; catastrophic

Example The movie depicted an apocalyptic future.

Sentence The flood caused apocalyptic destruction.

Mnemonic Apocalyptic = Apocalypse-like devastation

Synonyms Catastrophic, Disastrous

Antonyms Peaceful, Calm

Apocryphal

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Adjective

Meaning Of doubtful authenticity, though widely circulated as true

Example The apocryphal story spread quickly online.

Sentence He told an apocryphal tale about meeting the president.

Mnemonic Apocryphal = A fake parable

Synonyms False, Fabricated

Antonyms Authentic, Genuine

Apogee

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Noun

Meaning The highest point or climax

Example The artist reached the apogee of her fame.

Sentence His career hit its apogee after the award.

Mnemonic Apogee = Apollo at his peak

Synonyms Peak, Zenith

Antonyms Nadir, Bottom

Apology

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Noun

Meaning A statement expressing regret for a fault or offense

Example He gave a sincere apology for being late.

Sentence She wrote an apology note to her friend.

Mnemonic Apology = A polite oops

Synonyms Regret, Confession

Antonyms Accusation, Insult

Apoplectic

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Adjective

Meaning	Overcome with extreme anger or rage
Example	He was apoplectic with fury at the news.
Sentence	The coach became apoplectic after the foul.
Mnemonic	Apoplectic = Exploding like a pop
Synonyms	Furious, Enraged
Antonyms	Calm, Peaceful

Apoplexy

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Noun

Meaning	Unconsciousness due to stroke; extreme anger
Example	He nearly had apoplexy from frustration.
Sentence	The shocking news left him in a state of apoplexy.
Mnemonic	Apoplexy = A pulse explodes
Synonyms	Stroke, Fury
Antonyms	Tranquility, Peace

Apostasy

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Noun

Meaning	The abandonment of a religious or political belief
Example	His apostasy shocked the religious community.
Sentence	Apostasy was considered a crime in some societies.
Mnemonic	Apostasy = A post-faith stand
Synonyms	Rejection, Defection
Antonyms	Loyalty, Faithfulness

Apostate

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Noun

Meaning	One who abandons a religious or political belief
Example	The apostate faced social exclusion.
Sentence	He was labeled an apostate by the group he left.
Mnemonic	Apostate = A post-state believer
Synonyms	Defector, Renegade
Antonyms	Believer, Devotee

Apothecary

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Noun

Meaning A person who prepared and sold medicines in past times

Example The apothecary mixed herbal remedies.

Sentence In old villages, the apothecary served as the pharmacist.

Mnemonic Apothecary = Ancient pharmacist

Synonyms Chemist, Druggist

Antonyms — (no direct antonym)

Apotheosis

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Noun

Meaning	The highest point in the development of something; elevation to divine status
Example	The actor's role was the apotheosis of his career.
Sentence	She achieved apotheosis in her profession.
Mnemonic	Apotheosis = A path to godhood
Synonyms	Pinnacle, Deification
Antonyms	Decline, Humiliation

Appall

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Verb

Meaning	To shock or horrify
Example	The violence in the movie appalled the viewers.
Sentence	I was appalled by his rude behavior.
Mnemonic	Appall = A pall of horror
Synonyms	Shock, Horrify
Antonyms	Delight, Please