

# Essential Vocabulary

## 350 Must-Know Words with Mnemonics

A comprehensive guide for Year 4 students

### How to Use This Resource

- Definition:** A clear explanation of what the word means
- Example:** A sentence showing how the word is used
- Mnemonic:** A memory aid to help you remember the word

Practise these words regularly to improve your vocabulary and enhance your reading and writing skills!

### A

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| <b>abandon</b><br><b>Definition:</b> To leave and never return; to give up completely.<br><i>Example:</i> The sailors had to abandon the sinking ship.<br><b>Mnemonic:</b> Think "A-BAN-don" - like putting a ban on ever returning to something. |
| <b>abbreviate</b><br><b>Definition:</b> To shorten; to make brief.<br><i>Example:</i> Please abbreviate your response to fit on one page.<br><b>Mnemonic:</b> "A-BRIEF-iate" - to make something brief.   |
| <b>absent</b><br><b>Definition:</b> Not present or not existing.<br><i>Example:</i> Three students were absent from class today.<br><b>Mnemonic:</b> "AB-SENT" - as if someone was "sent" "away" from where they should be.                       |
| <b>absorb</b><br><b>Definition:</b> To take in or soak up.<br><i>Example:</i> A sponge can absorb a lot of water.<br><b>Mnemonic:</b> "AB-SORB" - think of "sorbet" being soaked up when it melts.  |
| <b>abrupt</b><br><b>Definition:</b> Sudden and unexpected; hasty.<br><i>Example:</i> The car came to an abrupt stop at the red light.<br><b>Mnemonic:</b> "A-BRUPT" sounds like "erupt" - volcanoes erupt suddenly and unexpectedly.              |

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#### absurd

**Definition:** Ridiculously unreasonable, unsound, or incongruous.

**Example:** *The idea of flying to the moon on a paper aeroplane is absurd.*

**Mnemonic:** "AB-SURD" sounds like "a bird" - a bird driving a car would be absurd.

#### abundant

**Definition:** Existing in large quantities; plentiful.

**Example:** *There was abundant food at the harvest festival.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-BUN-DANCE" - imagine many buns dancing around because there are so many of them.

#### accept

**Definition:** To receive or take willingly.

**Example:** *I was happy to accept the invitation to her party.*

**Mnemonic:** "AC-CEPT" - sounds like "except" but means the opposite - to take in rather than leave out.

#### access

**Definition:** The right or opportunity to use or benefit from something.

**Example:** *Students have access to the library during school hours.*

**Mnemonic:** "AC-CESS" - like asking "Can I access?" when you need to reach something.

#### accomplish

**Definition:** To complete successfully; to achieve.

**Example:** *She was able to accomplish all her goals for the school year.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-COMP-LISH" - when you complete your task, you get an "A" and can feel "accomplished".

#### accurate

**Definition:** Correct in all details; exact.

**Example:** *The scientist's measurements were very accurate.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-CURE-ate" - a cure must be accurate to work properly.

#### achieve

**Definition:** To successfully complete a task or reach a goal.

**Example:** *With hard work, you can achieve your dreams.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-CHIEVE" - Imagine a "chief" giving you an "A" when you succeed.

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### acknowledge

**Definition:** To accept or admit the existence or truth of something.

**Example:** *He acknowledged that he had made a mistake.*

**Mnemonic:** "AC-KNOW-LEDGE" - when you know something, you stand at the edge and admit it.

### acquaint

**Definition:** To make someone aware of or familiar with something.

**Example:** *The tour guide will acquaint you with the city's history.*

**Mnemonic:** "AC-QUAINT" - when you meet a quaint (charming) person, you become acquainted.

### active

**Definition:** Engaging in physical movement or activity.

**Example:** *Children should be active for at least one hour every day.*

**Mnemonic:** "ACT-IVE" - someone who likes to "act" and move around.

### actual

**Definition:** Existing in fact, not imaginary.

**Example:** *The actual size of the dinosaur was much larger than we thought.*

**Mnemonic:** "ACT-UAL" - think of "facts you all" know are real.

### adapt

**Definition:** To change to suit different conditions or purposes.

**Example:** *Animals adapt to their environment to survive.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-DAPT" - imagine "adopting" a new way of doing things.

### adequate

**Definition:** Satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity.

**Example:** *The supplies were adequate for our camping trip.*

**Mnemonic:** "ADE-QUATE" - like drinking just enough "ade" (lemonade) to quench your thirst.

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#### adept

**Definition:** Very skilled or proficient at something.

**Example:** *He was adept at solving mathematical problems.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-DEPT" - a department store employee who is very good at their job is adept.

#### adjacent

**Definition:** Next to or adjoining something else.

**Example:** *Our house is adjacent to the park.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-JAY-SENT" - imagine your friend Jay was sent to sit next to you.

#### admire

**Definition:** To regard with respect or warm approval.

**Example:** *I admire your courage and determination.*

**Mnemonic:** "AD-MIRE" - when you look in a mirror at something wonderful, you admire it.

#### adventure

**Definition:** An exciting or daring experience.

**Example:** *Our camping trip turned into quite an adventure when we spotted a bear.*

**Mnemonic:** "AD-VENTURE" - venturing into the unknown adds excitement to life.

#### adversity

**Definition:** Difficulties or misfortune.

**Example:** *She overcame great adversity to become successful.*

**Mnemonic:** "AD-VERS-ITY" - when things are "adverse" to you, there's "intensity" in the challenge.

#### advocate

**Definition:** To publicly support or recommend a particular cause or policy.

**Example:** *She advocates for animal rights and environmental protection.*

**Mnemonic:** "AD-VO-CATE" - imagine a vocal cat speaking up for others.

#### affable

**Definition:** Friendly, good-natured, and easy to talk to.

**Example:** *The affable shopkeeper always greets customers with a smile.*

**Mnemonic:** "AFF-ABLE" - someone who is able to be your friend (affection) is affable.

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### agile

**Definition:** Able to move quickly and easily; nimble.

**Example:** *Cats are very agile animals that can jump and turn quickly.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-GILE" - think of "a gymnast" who is very agile.

### alert

**Definition:** Quick to notice any unusual and potentially dangerous situation.

**Example:** *The alert security guard noticed the suspicious package.*

**Mnemonic:** "A-LERT" - if you're alert, you've learned ("lert") about a situation quickly.

### alternate

**Definition:** To occur in turn repeatedly; to take turns.

**Example:** *The red and blue lights alternate on the police car.*

**Mnemonic:** "ALTER-NATE" - something that "alters" (changes) in a natural way.

## B (beginning)

### baffle

**Definition:** To completely confuse or perplex.

**Example:** *The complex puzzle baffled even the teacher.*

**Mnemonic:** "BAF-FLE" - if your brain feels "baffed" (bat + hit), you're baffled.

### balance

**Definition:** An even distribution of weight that allows someone or something to remain upright and steady.

**Example:** *The gymnast maintained her balance on the narrow beam.*

**Mnemonic:** "BAL-ANCE" - a ballet dancer must have perfect balance.

### barren

**Definition:** Too poor to produce much or any vegetation; unproductive.

**Example:** *Nothing could grow in the barren desert soil.*

**Mnemonic:** "BARR-EN" - like a "barrier" to growth; nothing grows.

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### beacon

**Definition:** A light or fire set up in a high position as a warning or signal.

*Example:* The lighthouse beacon guided ships safely to shore.

**Mnemonic:** "BEA-CON" - think of a "beam cone" of light coming from a lighthouse.

### benefit

**Definition:** An advantage or profit gained from something.

*Example:* Exercise has many benefits for your health.

**Mnemonic:** "BENE-FIT" - "being fit" is a benefit of exercise.

### benevolent

**Definition:** Well-meaning and kindly.

*Example:* The benevolent king was loved by all his people.

**Mnemonic:** "BENE-VOLENT" - "voluntary benny" - someone who voluntarily does good things.

### beverage

**Definition:** A drink of any type.

*Example:* Water is the healthiest beverage for children.

**Mnemonic:** "BEV-ERAGE" - "Bev" is thirsty at her "age," so she needs a beverage.

### bizarre

**Definition:** Very strange or unusual.

*Example:* The magician performed some bizarre tricks that amazed the audience.

**Mnemonic:** "BI-ZARRE" - "By far" the strangest thing you've ever seen!

### bleak

**Definition:** Not hopeful or encouraging; cold and miserable.

*Example:* The future looked bleak for the struggling company.

**Mnemonic:** "BLEAK" - sounds like "black" - imagine a dark, gloomy day.

### blemish

**Definition:** A small mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something.

*Example:* The apple had a small blemish but was otherwise perfect.

**Mnemonic:** "BLEM-ISH" - like saying "blame this" spot for not being perfect.

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### B (continued)

#### blend

**Definition:** To mix or combine smoothly and harmoniously.

**Example:** *The chef will blend the ingredients to make a smooth sauce.*

**Mnemonic:** "BL-END" - when things "blend," they come together at the "end".

#### blunder

**Definition:** A stupid or careless mistake.

**Example:** *He made a blunder by sending the email to the wrong person.*

**Mnemonic:** "BLUN-DER" - when you make a mistake, you go "under" with embarrassment.

#### bold

**Definition:** Showing a willingness to take risks; confident and courageous.

**Example:** *The bold explorer ventured into the unknown jungle.*

**Mnemonic:** "BOLD" - think of text in bold format that stands out confidently on a page.

#### boisterous

**Definition:** Noisy, energetic, and cheerful.

**Example:** *The boisterous children were having a wonderful time at the party.*

**Mnemonic:** "BOIS-TEROUS" - "Boys store us" away because they're so noisy and energetic.

#### bountiful

**Definition:** Large in quantity; abundant.

**Example:** *The harvest was bountiful after the summer rain.*

**Mnemonic:** "BOUNTI-FUL" - so "full" of "bounty" that it's overflowing with goodness.

#### brave

**Definition:** Ready to face danger or pain; showing courage.

**Example:** *The brave firefighter rescued the child from the burning building.*

**Mnemonic:** "B-RAVE" - to "brave" a "raving" danger without fear.

#### brilliant

**Definition:** Exceptionally clever or talented; very bright or radiant.

**Example:** *The brilliant student solved the difficult maths problem easily.*

**Mnemonic:** "BRILL-IANT" - as bright as a "brilliant" diamond that gleams with light.

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### B (final entries)

#### brevity

**Definition:** Concise and exact use of words; shortness of time.

*Example:* The speaker was known for his brevity - his speeches were always short.

**Mnemonic:** "BREV-ITY" - "brief" + "ity" - the quality of being brief.

#### brisk

**Definition:** Quick, active, and energetic.

*Example:* We took a brisk walk through the park in the cool morning air.

**Mnemonic:** "BR-ISK" - sounds like "risk" - when you're in a risky situation, you move briskly (quickly)!

#### buoyant

**Definition:** Able to float; cheerful and optimistic.

*Example:* She was feeling buoyant after receiving the good news.

**Mnemonic:** "BUOY-ANT" - like a buoy that floats on water, an ant that can float would be happy too!

### C (beginning)

#### calamity

**Definition:** An event causing great damage or distress.

*Example:* The flood was a calamity for the small village.

**Mnemonic:** "CAL-AMITY" - "Call a mighty" rescue team because this disaster is so bad!

#### calculate

**Definition:** To determine mathematically; to plan carefully.

*Example:* She calculated the cost of the trip before booking anything.

**Mnemonic:** "CAL-CU-LATE" - "Cal came late" because he was busy doing maths.

#### candid

**Definition:** Truthful and straightforward; frank.

*Example:* She gave her candid opinion about the new restaurant.

**Mnemonic:** "CAN-DID" - "Can did" tell the truth without hiding anything.

#### capable

**Definition:** Having the ability, fitness, or quality necessary to do something.

*Example:* She is capable of solving difficult problems on her own.

**Mnemonic:** "CAP-ABLE" - someone who wears a "cap" is "able" to keep the sun off their head.



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## C (continued)

### captivate

**Definition:** To attract and hold the interest and attention of.

**Example:** *The magician's performance captivated the audience.*

**Mnemonic:** "CAPTIV-ATE" - when something "captures" you, it "ate" your attention.

### catastrophe

**Definition:** An event causing great and usually sudden damage or suffering.

**Example:** *The earthquake was a catastrophe for the coastal city.*

**Mnemonic:** "CAT-ASTROPHE" - imagine a cat causing such chaos that it's a disaster!

### cautious

**Definition:** Careful to avoid potential problems or dangers.

**Example:** *Be cautious when crossing the busy road.*

**Mnemonic:** "CAUT-IOUS" - "caught" + "ious" - you don't want to get "caught" in danger.

### cease

**Definition:** To stop or discontinue.

**Example:** *The rain ceased and the sun came out.*

**Mnemonic:** "CEASE" - sounds like "seize" - when you seize (grab) something firmly, it stops moving.

### celebrate

**Definition:** To acknowledge a significant day or event with festivities.

**Example:** *We will celebrate your birthday with a special dinner.*

**Mnemonic:** "CELE-BRATE" - "sell a bright" smile because you're so happy during a celebration.

### century

**Definition:** A period of one hundred years.

**Example:** *The ancient castle has stood for more than a century.*

**Mnemonic:** "CENT-URY" - "cent" means one hundred, like 100 pennies make one dollar.

### ceremony

**Definition:** A formal event performed on important social or religious occasions.

**Example:** *The awards ceremony will be held in the school hall.*

**Mnemonic:** "CERE-MONY" - when things are done in a "serious money" way, with formality.

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#### challenge

**Definition:** A task or situation that tests someone's abilities.

**Example:** *Learning a new language is a challenge that requires practice.*

**Mnemonic:** "CHALL-ENGE" - you need to "change" your usual effort level to meet a challenge.

#### champion

**Definition:** A person who has defeated all opponents in a competition.

**Example:** *She became the swimming champion after winning the race.*

**Mnemonic:** "CHAMP-ION" - a "champ" with the strength of a "lion".

#### character

**Definition:** The mental and moral qualities distinctive to an individual.

**Example:** *She has a kind and generous character.*

**Mnemonic:** "CHAR-ACTER" - your "character" is what "acts" as the core of who you are.

#### cherish

**Definition:** To hold something or someone dear; to care for lovingly.

**Example:** *She will always cherish the memories of her childhood.*

**Mnemonic:** "CHER-ISH" - think of cherries as sweet and special, things you "cherish" are sweet to you too.

#### clever

**Definition:** Quick to understand, learn, and devise solutions.

**Example:** *The clever student solved the puzzle quickly.*

**Mnemonic:** "CLE-VER" - someone who can "clearly" "verify" solutions to problems.

#### climate

**Definition:** The weather conditions in an area over a long period of time.

**Example:** *The climate in tropical countries is usually hot and humid.*

**Mnemonic:** "CLI-MATE" - the "climate" is your region's weather "mate" - always with you.

#### colossal

**Definition:** Extremely large or great.

**Example:** *The ancient pyramid was of colossal size.*

**Mnemonic:** "CO-LOSS-AL" - so big you could "lose all" sense of scale.

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#### compassion

**Definition:** Sympathetic concern for the sufferings of others.

**Example:** *The nurse showed great compassion when caring for the sick child.*

**Mnemonic:** "COM-PASSION" - "come with passion" to help others who are suffering.

#### conclude

**Definition:** To bring to an end; to reach a judgment based on reasoning.

**Example:** *We can conclude that plants need water based on our experiment.*

**Mnemonic:** "CON-CLUDE" - "come close" to the end or finish.

#### confident

**Definition:** Feeling or showing certainty and trust in oneself.

**Example:** *She felt confident about passing the test because she had studied hard.*

**Mnemonic:** "CON-FI-DENT" - with confidence, you can "con" a "fiend" (difficult challenge).

#### consider

**Definition:** To think carefully about something before making a decision.

**Example:** *Please consider all options before choosing your school subjects.*

**Mnemonic:** "CON-SIDER" - sitting "side" by "side" with options to think about them.

#### courteous

**Definition:** Polite, respectful, and considerate.

**Example:** *The courteous waiter helped the elderly woman to her seat.*

**Mnemonic:** "COURT-EOUS" - in a royal "court," you must be polite and respectful.

#### creative

**Definition:** Having or showing an ability to make new things or think of new ideas.

**Example:** *The creative artist painted an imaginative underwater scene.*

**Mnemonic:** "CRE-ATIVE" - you "create" things that are "native" (natural) to your imagination.

#### crucial

**Definition:** Decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something.

**Example:** *Getting enough sleep is crucial for good health.*

**Mnemonic:** "CRU-CIAL" - at the "crux" (crossroads) of something very important.

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### D (beginning)

#### dazzle

**Definition:** To blind temporarily with too much light; to impress deeply.

**Example:** *The bright lights on the stage dazzled the performers.*

**Mnemonic:** "DAZZ-LE" - makes you feel "dazed" by something amazing or bright.

#### debate

**Definition:** A formal discussion on a particular topic where different opinions are put forward.

**Example:** *Our class had a debate about whether school uniforms should be required.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-BATE" - different sides "beat" each other with words and ideas.

#### debris

**Definition:** Scattered fragments, typically of something destroyed.

**Example:** *After the storm, debris was scattered across the garden.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-BRIS" - pieces that have "been broken" (de-bris).

#### decade

**Definition:** A period of ten years.

**Example:** *She has lived in the same house for more than a decade.*

**Mnemonic:** "DEC-ADE" - "dec" means ten, like how December was once the tenth month.

#### deceptive

**Definition:** Giving an appearance that is different from reality; misleading.

**Example:** *The calm surface of the water was deceptive, as strong currents ran beneath.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-CEPT-IVE" - "to accept" something as true when it isn't.

#### decline

**Definition:** To gradually grow smaller, fewer, or less; to refuse politely.

**Example:** *She had to decline the invitation because she was already busy.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-CLINE" - going down a "line" or slope, decreasing gradually.

#### decrease

**Definition:** To make or become smaller in size, amount, intensity, or degree.

**Example:** *The noise decreased as we moved away from the busy road.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-CREASE" - removing a "crease" makes something smaller or less noticeable.

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#### dedicate

**Definition:** To devote time, effort, or oneself to a particular task or purpose.

**Example:** *She decided to dedicate her life to helping others.*

**Mnemonic:** "DEDI-CATE" - to "dedi-cate" yourself is to be like a dedicated cat who focuses intently on one thing.

#### definite

**Definition:** Clearly stated or decided; not vague or doubtful.

**Example:** *We need a definite answer by tomorrow.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-FINITE" - something with clear "finite" boundaries, not endless possibilities.

#### delicate

**Definition:** Very fine in texture or structure; easily broken or damaged.

**Example:** *The delicate glass vase must be handled with care.*

**Mnemonic:** "DELI-CATE" - treats at a "deli" that a "cat" might easily damage if not careful.

#### delight

**Definition:** Great pleasure or joy.

**Example:** *The children squealed with delight when they saw the puppies.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-LIGHT" - feeling "light" with happiness inside.

#### demonstrate

**Definition:** To clearly show the existence or truth of something by giving proof or evidence.

**Example:** *The science teacher will demonstrate how a volcano erupts.*

**Mnemonic:** "DEMON-STRATE" - "demons straight" up show you how something works.

#### dense

**Definition:** Closely compacted in substance or containing many parts or items in a small area.

**Example:** *The dense forest made it difficult to see very far ahead.*

**Mnemonic:** "DENSE" - sounds like "fence" - imagine a fence with the pickets so close together you can't see through it.

#### deny

**Definition:** To state that something is not true; to refuse to give or grant something.

**Example:** *The suspect continued to deny any involvement in the crime.*

**Mnemonic:** "DE-NY" - saying "nay" (no) to something.

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#### depend

**Definition:** To rely on; to be controlled or determined by.

*Example:* Children depend on their parents for guidance and support.

**Mnemonic:** "DE-PEND" - like a "pendant" hanging from a chain, relying on the chain to hold it up.

#### describe

**Definition:** To give a detailed account in words of.

*Example:* Can you describe the person who took your bag?

**Mnemonic:** "DE-SCRIBE" - to "scribe" (write) details about something.

#### desperate

**Definition:** Feeling or showing a hopeless sense that a situation is so bad as to be impossible to deal with.

*Example:* The team made a desperate attempt to score in the final minutes.

**Mnemonic:** "DES-PERATE" - "separate" from all hope, willing to try anything.

#### determine

**Definition:** To cause something to occur in a particular way; to find out or establish precisely.

*Example:* The judge will determine the winner of the contest.

**Mnemonic:** "DE-TERMINE" - to "terminate" all other possibilities and decide on one.

#### develop

**Definition:** To grow or cause to grow and become more mature, advanced, or elaborate.

*Example:* Children develop many skills as they grow older.

**Mnemonic:** "DE-VELOP" - to "un-envelope" or unwrap your potential over time.

#### devour

**Definition:** To eat hungrily or quickly; to consume eagerly.

*Example:* The hungry lion devoured its prey.

**Mnemonic:** "DE-VOUR" - with "power" to eat everything completely.

### E (beginning)

#### eager

**Definition:** Wanting to do or have something very much.

*Example:* The eager students raised their hands to answer the question.

**Mnemonic:** "EA-GER" - like an "eagle" ready to swoop down on what it wants.

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### earnest

**Definition:** Resulting from or showing sincere and intense conviction.

*Example:* She made an earnest request for everyone to help clean the playground.

**Mnemonic:** "EAR-NEST" - someone who listens (with ears) intensely because they truly care.

### economical

**Definition:** Providing good value in relation to the amount of money, time, or effort spent.

*Example:* It is more economical to buy the larger bottle of juice.

**Mnemonic:** "ECO-NOMICAL" - "eco" (home) + "nomical" - managing your home resources carefully.

### educate

**Definition:** To provide schooling or training for someone.

*Example:* Schools exist to educate children and prepare them for life.

**Mnemonic:** "EDU-CATE" - helping to "eat" up knowledge like a hungry "cat."

### efficient

**Definition:** Achieving maximum productivity with minimum wasted effort or expense.

*Example:* The new computer system is more efficient than the old one.

**Mnemonic:** "EF-FICIENT" - when you work efficiently, you "fish" out the best way to do something.

### elaborate

**Definition:** Involving many carefully arranged parts or details; detailed and complicated in design.

*Example:* She created an elaborate model of the solar system for her science project.

**Mnemonic:** "E-LABOR-ATE" - you need to "labor" (work) a lot to create something with so many details.

### elegant

**Definition:** Graceful and stylish in appearance or manner.

*Example:* The elegant dancer moved gracefully across the stage.

**Mnemonic:** "ELE-GANT" - like an "elephant" wearing a tuxedo - surprisingly stylish!

### elevate

**Definition:** To raise or lift something up; to raise to a more important level.

*Example:* Hard work and practice can elevate your performance in sports.

**Mnemonic:** "ELE-VATE" - taking the "elevator" to go up higher.

### eliminate

**Definition:** To completely remove or get rid of something.

*Example:* We need to eliminate errors from our writing.

**Mnemonic:** "E-LIMIN-ATE" - you "ate" a "lemon" that was so sour it removed all other tastes.



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#### emerge

**Definition:** To move out of or away from something and become visible.

*Example:* Butterflies emerge from their cocoons in spring.

**Mnemonic:** "E-MERGE" - to "merge" from being hidden to being seen.

#### emphasise

**Definition:** To give special importance or value to something in speaking or writing.

*Example:* The teacher will emphasise the important points before the test.

**Mnemonic:** "EM-PHA-SISE" - to "seize" attention with extra "emphasis."

#### encourage

**Definition:** To give someone support, confidence, or hope.

*Example:* Parents should encourage their children to try new things.

**Mnemonic:** "EN-COURAGE" - to put "courage" into someone.

#### enhance

**Definition:** To increase or improve the quality, value, or extent of something.

*Example:* Adding spices will enhance the flavour of the soup.

**Mnemonic:** "EN-HANCE" - to "enhance" is to hold your "hands" up higher, improving something.

#### enormous

**Definition:** Very large in size, quantity, or extent.

*Example:* The elephant is an enormous animal.

**Mnemonic:** "E-NORMOUS" - more than "normal" sized - much bigger!

### F (beginning)

#### fabulous

**Definition:** Amazingly good; wonderful.

*Example:* We had a fabulous time at the amusement park.

**Mnemonic:** "FAB-ULOUS" - so "fab" (fabulous) that it makes you say "ooh-lous"!

#### faint

**Definition:** Barely perceptible; very weak or slight.

*Example:* We could hear the faint sound of music in the distance.

**Mnemonic:** "FAINT" - so light you might "faint" trying to notice it.



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| <p><b>faithful</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Loyal, constant, and steadfast.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>The faithful dog waited for its owner to return home.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FAITH-FUL" - full of faith and trust in someone.</p>   |
| <p><b>familiar</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Well known from long or close association.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>I took a familiar route to school today.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FAMIL-IAR" - things from your "family" are familiar to you.</p>  |
| <p><b>famous</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Known about by many people.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>The famous actress signed autographs for her fans.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FAM-OUS" - when "fame" is "on us," we become famous.</p>  |
| <p><b>fantastic</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Extraordinarily good or attractive.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>We had a fantastic view of the mountains from our hotel room.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FAN-TASTIC" - so amazing that people become "fans" who are "ecstatic"!</p>                      |
| <p><b>fascinate</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To attract and hold the interest and attention of.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Outer space continues to fascinate young children.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FASCIN-ATE" - when something "fascinates" you, it "ate" your attention.</p>                 |
| <p><b>fierce</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>The fierce winds blew the tree branches down.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FIERCE" - sounds like "pierce" - something so strong it can pierce through obstacles.</p> |
| <p><b>fragment</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> A small part broken off or separated from something.</p> <p><b>Example:</b> <i>Fragments of the broken vase were scattered across the floor.</i></p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "FRAG-MENT" - a "fragile" piece that "went" away from the whole.</p>             |

# Essential Vocabulary

## 350 Must-Know Words with Mnemonics

### G (beginning)

#### gallant

**Definition:** Brave, heroic, and determined.

**Example:** *The gallant knight saved the princess from the dragon.*

**Mnemonic:** "GALL-ANT" - having the "gall" (courage) of a brave "ant" that carries many times its weight.

#### gather

**Definition:** To bring together or collect.

**Example:** *We will gather berries from the garden.*

**Mnemonic:** "GA-THER" - "go there" and collect things together.

#### generous

**Definition:** Ready to give more of something than is expected or needed.

**Example:** *My generous aunt always gives me wonderful birthday presents.*

**Mnemonic:** "GEN-EROUS" - giving "general" amounts that are "enormous".

#### genuine

**Definition:** Truly what something is said to be; authentic.

**Example:** *Her smile was genuine when she received the award.*

**Mnemonic:** "GEN-U-INE" - "generally, you, in essence" - really being yourself.

#### gigantic

**Definition:** Of very great size or extent; enormous.

**Example:** *The gigantic whale swam alongside our boat.*

**Mnemonic:** "GIG-ANTIC" - think of a "giant ant" - it would be gigantic!

#### gleam

**Definition:** A brief beam or flash of light.

**Example:** *We could see the gleam of distant car headlights.*

**Mnemonic:** "G-LEAM" - a "glint" that makes you "lean" to look at it.

#### glorious

**Definition:** Having, worthy of, or bringing fame or admiration.

**Example:** *The sunset over the ocean was glorious.*

**Mnemonic:** "GLO-RIOUS" - something that "glows" and is "seriously" amazing.

# Essential Vocabulary

350 Must-Know Words with Mnemonics

## T-U

### tackle

**Definition:** To make a determined effort to deal with a difficult problem or situation.

**Example:** *We need to tackle the issue of pollution in our oceans.*

**Mnemonic:** "TACK-LE" - like pinning something down with a "tack" so you can handle it.

### tenacious

**Definition:** Tending to keep a firm hold of something; clinging or adhering closely; persistent.

**Example:** *She is tenacious and never gives up on her goals.*

**Mnemonic:** "TEN-ACIOUS" - imagine holding on with "ten" hands, that's how "acious" (anxious) you are to keep grip.

### tranquil

**Definition:** Free from disturbance; calm and peaceful.

**Example:** *The lake was tranquil in the early morning light.*

**Mnemonic:** "TRAN-QUIL" - think "train" + "quiet" - even a train would be quiet in this peaceful place.

### transparent

**Definition:** Allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen.

**Example:** *The transparent glass allowed us to see the fish in the aquarium.*

**Mnemonic:** "TRANS-PARENT" - "trans" (across) + "parent" - like being able to see your parents across the room through clear glass.

### tremendous

**Definition:** Very great in amount, scale, or intensity.

**Example:** *The concert was a tremendous success with thousands of attendees.*

**Mnemonic:** "TRE-MENDOUS" - so big it makes you "tremble" + "enormous".

### triumph

**Definition:** A great victory or achievement.

**Example:** *Winning the championship was a triumph for the team.*

**Mnemonic:** "TRI-UMPH" - imagine going on a "trip" with "Uncle Mike's" help to achieve victory.

### unanimous

**Definition:** Being, indicating, or done by complete agreement.

**Example:** *The decision to have a class party was unanimous.*

**Mnemonic:** "UNA-NIMOUS" - "one" + "animus" (mind) - everyone having one mind about something.

### unique

**Definition:** Being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else.

**Example:** *Every snowflake has a unique pattern.*

**Mnemonic:** "U-NIQUE" - "you" are "unique" - one of a kind, just like the word itself.

# Essential Vocabulary

## 350 Must-Know Words with Mnemonics

### V-Z (final entries)

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| <p><b>valuable</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> Worth a great deal of money; very useful or important.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> The museum contains many valuable paintings.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "VALU-ABLE" - if something has "value," you're "able" to benefit from it.</p>  |
| <p><b>vanish</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To disappear suddenly and completely.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> The magician made the rabbit vanish from the hat.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "VAN-ISH" - like a "van" that "is" gone in a flash.</p>  |
| <p><b>wander</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To walk slowly around or to a place, often without any particular sense of purpose or direction.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> We wandered through the park enjoying the flowers.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "WAN-DER" - when you "wonder" where to go, you just "wander" around.</p>   |
| <p><b>xylophone</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> A musical instrument played by striking a row of wooden bars of different lengths with small wooden hammers.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> She played a simple tune on the xylophone.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "XY-LO-PHONE" - when you hit the "wooden" ("xylo") bars, it makes a "phone" call of beautiful sounds.</p> |
| <p><b>yield</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> To produce or provide; to give way to another vehicle, person, or thing.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> Our apple tree yields a lot of fruit each autumn.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "YI-ELD" - "I'll yield" when I'm held back by something stronger.</p>  |
| <p><b>zenith</b></p> <p><b>Definition:</b> The time at which something is most powerful or successful.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> The team was at the zenith of their success when they won the championship.</p> <p><b>Mnemonic:</b> "ZEN-ITH" - at the "top" of your "zen" meditation, you reach the highest point of calmness.</p>                              |

### Congratulations!

You've completed all 350 essential vocabulary words! Regular practice with these words will help you:

- Expand your vocabulary knowledge
- Improve your reading comprehension
- Enhance your writing skills
- Build confidence for exams and assessments

Remember to use the mnemonics to help you recall each word's meaning, and try to use these words in your everyday conversations and writing!