

Definitions

You were introduced to these words in the passage. Study the pronunciation, part of speech, definition, and example sentence for each word. Then read the synonyms and antonyms.

Remember

A **noun** (*n.*) is a word that names a person, place, or thing.

A **verb** (*v.*) is a word or words that express action or a state of being.

An **adjective** (*adj.*) is a word that describes a noun or pronoun.

1. abandon

(ə ban' dən)
(uh-BAN-duhn)

(v.) to give up on completely; to leave with no intention of returning

The captain gave the order to abandon ship.

SYNONYMS: to desert, forsake, cease, surrender

ANTONYMS: to continue, stay, remain, occupy

2. assault

(ə sôlt')
(uh-SAWLT)

(n.) a violent attack

The victim was injured in the assault.

(v.) to attack violently or suddenly

Dad dared us to assault his snow fort.

SYNONYMS: (n.) an invasion, raid, mugging, beating; (v.) to besiege, storm

ANTONYMS: (v.) to protect, defend, resist



3. convert

(v., kən vûrt')
(kuhn-VURT)
(n., kân' vûrt)
(KON-vert)

(v.) to change from one form to another

A drop in temperature to 32° F will convert water to ice.

(n.) a person who has changed from one opinion, belief, or religion to another

The new convert was introduced to the congregation.

SYNONYMS: (v.) to transform, turn, alter, switch

ANTONYMS: (v.) to maintain, conserve, remain

 Use each definition of **convert** in a sentence.

4. dispute

(di spyüt')
(di-SPYOOT)

(v.) to argue, debate, quarrel over; to question or doubt the truth of

The committee did not dispute the merits of the bill.

(n.) an argument, quarrel, debate

Why not try to resolve the dispute peacefully?

SYNONYMS: (v.) to differ, disagree; contest, challenge; (n.) a conflict, disagreement, controversy

ANTONYMS: (v.) to agree, harmonize; (n.) an agreement, understanding, accord

 Discuss with your partner a fair way to resolve a **dispute**.

5. impressive

(im pre' siv)
(im-PRE-siv)

(adj.) having a strong effect, commanding attention

The skater gave an impressive performance.

SYNONYMS: memorable, striking, stirring, thrilling, awesome, splendid

ANTONYMS: inferior, mediocre



- ✓ **6. justify** (v.) to show to be fair or right; to give good reasons for
 (jus' tə fī)
 (JUHSS-tuh-fye)
Be prepared to justify your behavior.
 SYNONYMS: to defend, explain, support, excuse
 ANTONYMS: to convict, blame, accuse

- 7. misleading** (adj.) tending to give a wrong idea, often on purpose
 (mis lē' dīŋ)
 (miss-LEE-ding)
The lawyer called the statement misleading.
 SYNONYMS: deceptive, false, tricky, inaccurate
 ANTONYMS: direct, honest, true, accurate, straightforward

- 8. numerous** (adj.) many or very many
 (nūm' rəs)
 (NOOM-ruhss)
Numerous aunts and uncles came to our family reunion.
 SYNONYMS: several, plenty, plentiful; ANTONYM: few

- 9. productive** (adj.) making or capable of making large amounts of; giving good results
 (prə duk' tiv)
 (pruh-DUHK-tiv)
With care, it may become a productive orchard.
 SYNONYMS: energetic, effective, fruitful, efficient, worthwhile
 ANTONYMS: unproductive, idle, useless, inactive

- 10. shrewd** (adj.) showing clever judgment and practical understanding
 (shrūd)
 (SHROOD)
My aunt is a shrewd businesswoman.
 SYNONYMS: artful, wise, sharp, crafty, wily, cunning
 ANTONYMS: slow, stupid, dull-witted

- ✓ **11. strategy** (n.) a carefully made plan or plot; a plan of military operations
 (strə' tə jē)
 (STRA-tuh-jee)
Our teacher suggested a test-taking strategy.
 SYNONYMS: an approach, design, method, scheme



Tell your partner about a **strategy** you use to remember things you need to do.

- 12. villain** (n.) an evil or wicked person or character, especially in a story or play
 (vi' lən)
 (VI-luhn)
In old movies, the villain often wore a black hat.
 SYNONYMS: a scoundrel, rascal, outlaw, criminal
 ANTONYMS: a hero, heroine, champion



In your opinion, who is the most evil film or television villain?

