



Gateway Words of the Week

Academic Vocabulary Oct. 12 - 16



- **enhance** = to improve something
- **accumulate** = to gradually get more and more money, possessions, knowledge etc. over a period of time; to gradually increase in numbers or amount until there is a large quantity in one place
- **major** = very large or important, when compared to other things or people of a similar kind
- **layer** = an amount or piece of a material or substance that covers a surface or that is between two other things; one of several different levels in a complicated organization, system, set of ideas etc.
- **previous** = having happened or existed before the event, time, or thing that you are talking about
now

enhance

DEFINITIONS

to improve something

SENTENCES

- This image can be **enhanced** and electronically analyzed.
- You can **enhance** the flavor of most dishes with the careful use of herbs.

enhance



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accumulate

DEFINITIONS

to gradually get more and more money, possessions, knowledge etc. over a period of time;

to gradually increase in numbers or amount until there is a large quantity in one place

SENTENCES

- Martin had **accumulated** \$80,000 in debt.
- A thick layer of snow **accumulated** on the roof.

accumulate



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major

DEFINITIONS

very large or important,
when compared to other things or
people of a similar kind

specialize in a particular subject in
school or college

SENTENCES

There are two **major** political parties
in the U.S.

Smoking is one of the **major** causes
of lung cancer.

ROTC is a popular major at Gateway
STEM High School.

major



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layer

DEFINITIONS

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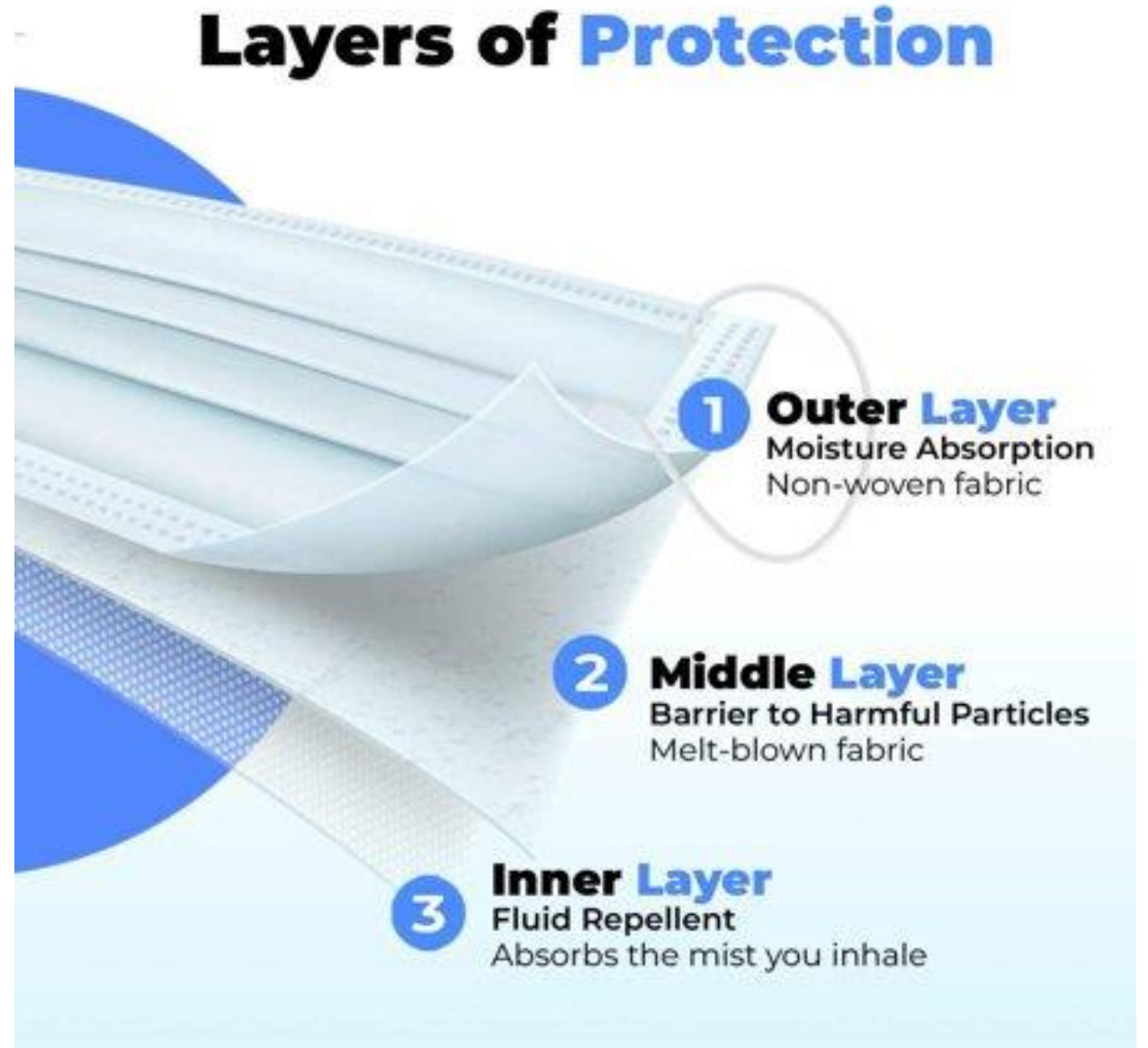
one of several different levels in a complicated organization, system, set of ideas etc.

SENTENCES

- A thick **layer** of dust lay on the furniture.
- He pulled off **layer** upon **layer** of clothing.
- The face mask offered three **layers** of protections.

layer

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previous

DEFINITIONS

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SENTENCES

- I've met him before on two **previous** occasions.
- She has two children from a **previous** marriage.

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