



EXAM STUDY
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Words of the Week

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Academic Vocabulary



Words of the Week #12

Academic Vocabulary



Year 3

exemplary = excellent and providing a good example for people to follow

confer = to discuss something with other people, so that everyone can express their opinions and decide on something

internal = inside something

neutral = not expressing any strong opinion or feeling; not supporting any of the people or groups involved in an argument or disagreement

mental = relating to the state or health of someone's mind; relating to the mind and thinking

exemplary

DEFINITION:

- excellent and providing a good example for people to follow

SAMPLE SENTENCES:

- The staff provides **exemplary** service for their customers.
- The child's father showed **exemplary** patience.
- An **exemplary** leader cares for his people.

confer

DEFINITION:

- to discuss something with other people, so that everyone can express their opinions and decide on something

SENTENCES

- The principal **conferred** with the students about the new safety rules.
- The doctors will **confer** to figure out why the patient is sick.
- At the Yalta Conference, President Roosevelt **conferred** with the leaders of England and Russia about their plans for Germany.

internal

DEFINITION:

inside something;
inside the body;
within a company or
country rather than outside
of it

SENTENCES

- In Biology class, we dissected a frog to examine its **internal** organs.
- In Geology class, we studied the **internal** structure of the earth.

neutral

DEFINITION:

not expressing any strong opinion or feeling;

not supporting any of the people or groups involved in an argument or disagreement;

a country that is neutral does not support any of the countries involved in a war

SENTENCES

- Bob tried to remain **neutral** when Betty and Bert argued.
- Switzerland was **neutral** during World War 2 and did not support either side.

mental

DEFINITION:

- relating to the health or state of someone's mind

SENTENCES

- A **mental** illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feeling, or mood.
- A counselor can help you understand how to improve your **mental** health.

Words of the Week

#13

Academic Vocabulary



Words of the Week #13

Academic Vocabulary



Year 3

evanescent = Something that is evanescent does not last very long and gradually fades from memory

decline = a decrease in the quality, quantity, or importance of something; to politely refuse to accept something or to do something

license = to give official permission for someone to do or produce something, or for an activity to take place; a document that indicates that official permission or authorization has been given

phenomenon = something that happens or exists in society, science, or nature; something that is studied because it is difficult to understand

fee = an amount of money that you pay to do something or that you pay to a professional person for their work

evanescent

DEFINITION:

- Something that is evanescent does not last very long and gradually fades from memory.

SAMPLE SENTENCES:

- Rainbows are **evanescent** because they do not stay around for a long time.
- The life of the adult mayfly is **evanescent** as they only live for 24 hours.

decline

DEFINITION:

- a decrease in the quality, quantity, or importance of something
- to politely refuse to accept something or to do something

SENTENCES

- With more people vaccinated, there has been a **decline** in new COVID cases.
- Bert was offered a new job, but he **declined** to take it.

license

DEFINITION:

- to give official permission for someone to do or produce something, or for an activity to take place;
- a document that indicates that official authorization or permission has been given

SENTENCES

- The vaccine has been **licensed** by the US Food and Drug Administration.
- Bert was happy to get his driver's **license**.

phenomenon

DEFINITION:

- something that happens or exists in society, science, or nature;
- something that is studied because it is difficult to understand

SENTENCES

- Many science fiction stories have been written about the UFO **phenomenon**.
- The **phenomenon** of the Bermuda Triangle has caused many to wonder why so many ships and airplanes have disappeared there.



DEFINITION:

- an amount of money that you pay to do something or that you pay to a professional person for their work

SENTENCES

- Residents can use the fitness center for a **fee** of \$15 per month.
- Admission to the Zoo is free; however, there are **fees** for some attractions.

Words of the Week

#14

Academic Vocabulary



Words of the Week #14

Academic Vocabulary

Year 3



exasperation = when you feel annoyed because someone continues to do something that upsets you

acknowledge = to admit or accept that something is true; to show someone that you have noticed them or heard what they have said

exceed = to be more than a particular number or amount; to go beyond what the rules or laws say you are allowed to do

tension = a nervous or worried feeling that makes it impossible for you to relax; the amount of force that stretches something

reveal = to make known something that was previously secret or unknown; to show something that was previously hidden

exasperation

DEFINITION:

- when you feel annoyed because someone continues to do something that upsets you

SAMPLE SENTENCES:

- After waiting forever at the drive-thru window, Betty threw up her hands in **exasperation** and drove away.
- Many people express **exasperation** with the always changing Covid guidelines.

acknowledge

DEFINITION:

- to admit or accept that something is true;
- to show someone that you have noticed them or heard what they have said

SENTENCES

- When the teacher caught him, Bert **acknowledged** that he had cheated on the test.
- The queen **acknowledged** the crowd of people with a wave and a smile.

exceed

DEFINITION:

- to be more than a particular number or amount;
- to go beyond what the rules or laws say you are allowed to do

SENTENCES

- He was fined for **exceeding** the speed limit.
- Working hours should not **exceed** 40 hours per week.

tension

DEFINITION:

- a nervous or worried feeling that makes it impossible for you to relax;
- the amount of force that stretches something

SENTENCES

- **Tension** in the neck muscles can cause headaches.
- There was a lot of **tension** in the rope before it broke.

reveal

DEFINITION:

- to make known something that was previously secret or unknown;
- to show something that was previously hidden

SENTENCES

- The truth was **revealed** when the curtain was opened.
- Doctors are not allowed to **reveal** confidential medical information.



15

Words of the Week #15

Academic Vocabulary



adversity = a situation in which you have a lot of problems that seem to be caused by bad luck

manual = work done by hand or physical strength or your hands rather than with your mind; operated by hand and not with motors or electricity; a book that gives instructions especially about how to use a machine or device

consequence = something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions

bulk = the size of something or someone

insight = sudden clear understanding of something; the ability to understand and realize what people or situations are really like

adversity

DEFINITIONS

- a situation in which you have a lot of problems that seem to be caused by bad luck

SENTENCES

- During the Great Depression, many workers and farmers faced a long period of **adversity**.
- After losing his legs in the war, Andy has overcome **adversity** through sports.

manual

DEFINITIONS

- work done by hand or physical strength or your hands rather than with your mind;
- operated by hand and not with motors or electricity;
- a book that gives instructions especially about how to use a machine or device

SENTENCES

- Before the Industrial Revolution, most workers performed **manual** labor.
- Now that we have computers, nobody uses **manual** typewriters anymore.
- It is a good idea to read the **manual** before operating new devices.

consequence

DEFINITIONS

- something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions

SENTENCES

- If river levels continue to rise, it will cause serious **consequences** for many homeowners.
- The **consequences** of smoking can be very harmful to your health.



DEFINITIONS

- the size of something or someone

SENTENCES

- Let the dough rise until it is double in **bulk**.
- For its **bulk**, the whale is a graceful swimmer.

insight

DEFINITIONS

- sudden clear understanding of something;
- the ability to understand and realize what people or situations are really like

SENTENCES

- Bob had a sudden **insight** into how to solve the problem.
- The research will provide direct **insight** into molecular mechanisms.