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Word	Example
independent variable /ˌɪndɪˈpendənt ˈveərɪəbl/	The amount of light is the **independent variable**: it is what you change.
dependent variable /dɪˈpendənt ˈveərɪəbl/	Plant height is the **dependent variable**: it is what you measure.
controlled comparison /kənˈtrəʊld kəmˈpærɪsn/	Change only the lamp's distance in this **controlled comparison**.
engineering design /ˌendʒɪˈnɪərɪŋ dɪˈzaɪn/	The **engineering design** must fit inside the space given.
constraint /kənˈstreɪnt/	The weight limit is a **constraint** on the design.
proposal /prəˈpəʊzl/	The writer compares the **proposal** with the method that was tested.

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