Word Quest 1

List 17 · Thinking and ideas

Vocabulary and example	Write it

achieve v. /əˈtʃiːv/

to succeed in doing something after trying hard

Family: achieves · achieved · achievement (n.) **Use it with:** achieve a goal · achieve success

She **achieved** her dream of running a marathon.

choose v. /tʃuːz/

to pick one thing from several

Family: chooses · chose · chosen · choice (n.) **Use it with:** choose between · choose to do **Tip:** Past forms: choose, chose, have chosen.

You can **choose** any book from the shelf.

compare v. /kəmˈpeə/

to look at two or more things to see how they are the same or different

Family: compares · compared · comparison (n.) **Use it with:** compare with · compare to · compared with

If you **compare** the two photos, you can see the tree has grown.

decide v. /dɪˈsaɪd/

to make a choice after thinking

Family: decides · decided · decision (n.) **Use it with:** decide to do · decide on

We **decided** to go to the beach, not the museum.

expect v. /ekˈspekt/

to think that something will probably happen

Family: expects · expected · expectation (n.) **Use it with:** expect to do · as expected **Tip:** Expect is what you think will happen; "hope" is what you want to happen.

I **expect** it will rain later: look at those clouds.

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fact n. /fækt/

something that is true

Family: facts **Use it with:** in fact · a fun fact · the fact that **Tip:** In fact adds something surprising or more exact.

It's a **fact** that the earth goes round the sun.

fail v. /feɪl/

to not succeed; to not pass a test

Family: fails · failed · failure (n.) **Use it with:** fail an exam · fail to do

I **failed** my driving test because I forgot to stop at the red light.

goal n. /gəʊl/

something you want to achieve; or a point scored in football

Family: goals **Use it with:** set a goal · reach a goal · score a goal

My **goal** this year is to read twenty books.

imagine v. /ɪˈmædʒɪn/

to make a picture of something in your mind

Family: imagines · imagined · imagination (n.) **Use it with:** imagine doing · just imagine

Imagine you could fly. Where would you go?

memory n. /ˈmeməri/

the power to remember; or something you remember

Family: memories · memorise (v.) **Use it with:** a good memory · a happy memory · in memory of

My grandma has an amazing **memory** for phone numbers.

method n. /ˈmeθəd/

a way of doing something

Family: methods **Use it with:** a teaching method · a new method

My **method** for learning words is to write them on sticky notes.

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mistake n. /mɪˈsteɪk/

something that is wrong or not correct

Family: mistakes · mistaken (adj.) **Use it with:** make a mistake · by mistake **Tip:** You “make” a mistake, not “do” a mistake.

I made a **mistake**: I wrote 2025 instead of 2026.

2026 2025

notice v./n. /ˈnəʊtɪs/

to see or become aware of something

Family: notices · noticed **Use it with:** notice something · notice board **Tip:** A “notice” is also a written sign that gives information.

Did you **notice** that the teacher had a new haircut?

opinion n. /əˈpɪnɪən/

what you think about something

Family: opinions **Use it with:** in my opinion · give an opinion · ask for an opinion

In my **opinion**, cats are better than dogs.

plan n./v. /plæn/

an idea of what you are going to do and how

Family: plans · planned **Use it with:** make a plan · plan to do · plan ahead **Tip:** Spelling: plan → planned → planning.

What’s your **plan** for the summer holiday?

probably adv. /ˈprɒbəbli/

almost certainly

Family: probable (adj.) **Use it with:** most probably **Tip:** Comes before the main verb: “I’ll probably go”, not “I’ll go probably”.

It will **probably** snow tonight.

problem n. /ˈprɒbləm/

something that is difficult and needs to be dealt with

Family: problems **Use it with:** solve a problem · no problem · have a problem **Tip:** No problem is a friendly answer to “thank you”.

My computer has a **problem**: it won’t turn on.

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reason n. /ˈriːzn/

why something happens or why someone does something

Family: reasons · reasonable (adj.) **Use it with:** the reason for · the reason why · for this reason

What's the **reason** you were late?

solve v. /sɒlv/

to find the answer to a problem

Family: solves · solved · solution (n.) **Use it with:** solve a problem · solve a mystery

Can you **solve** this puzzle in one minute?

think v. /θɪŋk/

to use your mind; to have an opinion

Family: thinks · thought **Use it with:** think about · think of · I think so **Tip:** Past form: thought.

I **think** this is the best pizza in town.

understand v. /ˌʌndəˈstænd/

to know what something means

Family: understands · understood · understanding (n.) **Use it with:** understand what · I understand

I don't **understand** this maths question. Can you help?

wonder v. /ˈwʌndə/

to ask yourself about something; to want to know

Family: wonders · wondered · wonderful (adj.) **Use it with:** wonder why · wonder if **Tip:** Wonderful means very good, not "full of questions".

I **wonder** what's in that big box.

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