Word Quest 3

List 5 · School and learning

Vocabulary and example	Write it

academic adj. /ˌækəˈdemɪk/

about school, university and studying

Family: academically (adv.) · academy (n.) **Use it with:** the academic year · academic skills

Her **academic** results are excellent.

alter v. /ˈɒltə/

to change something a little

Family: alters · altered **Use it with:** alter a dress · alter plans

We had to **alter** our plans because of the rain.

assignment n. /əˈsaɪnmənt/

a piece of work given to a student

Family: assignments · assign (v.) **Use it with:** hand in an assignment

The history **assignment** is due next Monday.

calculate v. /ˈkælkjʊleɪt/

to find an answer using numbers

Family: calculates · calculated · calculator (n.) · calculation (n.) **Use it with:** calculate the cost

Calculate the area of the triangle.

certificate n. /səˈtɪfɪkət/

an official paper that shows you did something

Family: certificates **Use it with:** a birth certificate

I got a **certificate** for finishing the swimming course.

demonstrate v. /ˈdemənstreɪt/

to show how something works; also, to protest in public

Family: demonstrates · demonstrated · demonstration (n.) **Use it with:** demonstrate how to

The teacher **demonstrated** how to use the microscope.

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despite prep. /dɪˈspaɪt/

even though something is true

Use it with: despite the fact that **Tip:** No “of”: “despite the rain”, not “despite of the rain”.

Despite the rain, we played football.

diagram n. /ˈdaɪəgræm/

a simple drawing that explains something

Family: diagrams **Use it with:** draw a diagram

Look at the **diagram** of the heart on page 12.

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diploma n. /dɪˈpləʊmə/

a paper you get when you finish a course or school

Family: diplomas **Use it with:** a high school diploma

She received her high school **diploma** last June.

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draft n./v. /dræft/

a first version of a piece of writing

Family: drafts · drafted **Use it with:** a first draft · a rough draft

This is only my first **draft**; I’ll improve it.

geometry n. /dʒiˈɒmətri/

the part of maths about shapes, lines and angles

Family: geometric (adj.)

We learned about circles in **geometry**.

graduate v./n. /ˈgrædjuːət/

to finish school or university successfully

Family: graduates · graduated · graduation (n.) **Use it with:** graduate from

My sister **graduated** from university last year.

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highlight v./n. /ˈhaɪlaɪt/

to mark important words with a bright pen; also, the best part

Family: highlights · highlighted · highlighter (n.) **Use it with:** the highlight of

Highlight the key words in the text.

index n. /ˈɪndeks/

a list at the back of a book that shows where to find things

Family: indexes · indices

Look up “volcano” in the **index**.
“volcano”

lecture n./v. /ˈlektʃə/

a talk to teach a group, especially at university

Family: lectures · lecturer (n.) **Use it with:** give a lecture · attend a lecture

The professor gave a **lecture** on black holes.

neither det./pron./adv. /ˈnaɪðə/

not one and not the other of two

Use it with: neither… nor · me neither **Tip:** Neither do I / “Me neither” agree with a negative.

Neither answer is correct.

omit v. /əʊˈmɪt/

to leave something out

Family: omits · omitted · omission (n.)

Don’t **omit** your name from the form.

prevent v. /prɪˈvent/

to stop something from happening

Family: prevents · prevented · prevention (n.) **Use it with:** prevent someone from doing

Washing your hands **prevents** illness.

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principal n./adj. /ˈprɪnsɪpl/

the head of a school; also, most important

Family: principals **Use it with:** the principal reason **Tip:** Don't confuse with "principle" (a rule or belief).

The **principal** gave a speech on the first day.

semester n. /səˈmestə/

one of the two halves of a school year

Family: semesters **Use it with:** first semester · next semester **Tip:** Mostly American English; British English says "term".

The second **semester** starts in February.

summary n. /ˈsʌməri/

a short report of the main points

Family: summaries · summarize (v.) **Use it with:** in summary · write a summary

Write a **summary** of the story in five sentences.

therefore adv. /ˈðeəfɔː/

for that reason

Tip: More formal than "so".

It was raining; **therefore**, the match was cancelled.

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