Word Quest 4

List 11 · Thinking and ideas 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it

abstract adj. /ˈæbstrækt/

about ideas, not real physical things

Family: abstraction (n.) **Use it with:** abstract art

"Freedom" is an **abstract** idea.
"Freedom"

approve v. /əˈpruːv/

to think something is good; or to officially accept

Family: approves · approved · approval (n.) **Use it with:** approve of

My parents don't **approve** of my new haircut.

assess v. /əˈses/

to judge the quality or value of something

Family: assesses · assessed · assessment (n.)

Teachers **assess** our work every term.

assume v. /əˈsjuːm/

to think something is true without checking

Family: assumes · assumed · assumption (n.)

I **assumed** you were coming, so I bought two tickets.

classify v. /ˈklæsɪfaɪ/

to put things into groups by type

Family: classifies · classified · classification (n.)

Scientists **classify** animals into groups.

concept n. /ˈkɒnsept/

an idea

Family: concepts **Use it with:** a basic concept

The **concept** of zero changed mathematics.

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conclude v. /kənˈkluːd/

to decide after thinking; also, to end

Family: concludes · concluded · conclusion (n.)

The police **concluded** that it was an accident.

criteria n. /kraɪˈtɪərɪə/

the standards used to judge something

Family: criterion (sing.) **Tip:** Criteria is plural; one is a "criterion".

What are the **criteria** for the prize?

detect v. /dɪˈtekt/

to notice or discover something hard to see

Family: detects · detected · detective (n.)

The machine can **detect** metal under the sand.

dilemma n. /daɪˈlemə/

a difficult choice between two options

Family: dilemmas

I had a **dilemma**: go to the party or study?

dismiss v. /dɪˈsmɪs/

to refuse to think about something; also, to send away

Family: dismisses · dismissed

She **dismissed** the idea as silly.

distract v. /dɪˈstrækt/

to take someone's attention away

Family: distracts · distracted · distraction (n.)

Don't **distract** the driver.

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emphasis n. /ˈemfəsɪs/

special importance given to something

Family: emphasize (v.) **Use it with:** put emphasis on

Our school puts **emphasis** on sport.

ensure v. /enˈʃʊə/

to make certain that something happens

Family: ensures · ensured

Please **ensure** that all windows are closed.

estimate v./n. /ˈestɪmət/

to guess an amount using what you know

Family: estimates · estimated **Use it with:** a rough estimate

I **estimate** the trip will take three hours.

evaluate v. /ɪˈvæljuːeɪt/

to judge how good or useful something is

Family: evaluates · evaluated · evaluation (n.)

We need to **evaluate** the results.

fantasy n. /ˈfæntəsi/

something you imagine that is not real

Family: fantasies **Use it with:** fantasy novel

Flying like a bird is a **fantasy**.

fulfill v. /fʊlˈfɪl/

to make a wish or promise come true

Family: fulfills · fulfilled **Use it with:** fulfill a promise **Tip:** British English writes “fulfil”.

She **fulfilled** her dream of becoming a pilot.

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hesitate v. /ˈhezɪteɪt/

to stop for a moment before you do something because you’re not sure

Family: hesitates · hesitated · hesitation (n.)

Don’t **hesitate** to ask for help.

illusion n. /ɪˈluːʒn/

something that seems real but is not

Family: illusions **Use it with:** an optical illusion

The water on the road was an **illusion** caused by heat.