Word Quest 6

List 12 · Thinking and ideas 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it

accustom v. /əˈkʌstəm/

to make yourself or someone used to something

Family: accustoms · accustomed **Use it with:** be accustomed to

It took weeks to **accustom** myself to the cold.

analytic adj. /ˌænəˈlɪtɪk/

using careful, logical thinking

Family: analytical (adj.) · analyze (v.)

She has an **analytic** mind.

aptitude n. /ˈæptɪtjuːd/

a natural ability to learn something

Family: aptitudes

He has an **aptitude** for languages.

cognitive adj. /ˈkɒgnɪtɪv/

about thinking, learning and remembering

Family: cognition (n.)

Sleep improves **cognitive** skills.

comparative adj. /kəmˈpærətɪv/

comparing; also, measured by comparing

Family: comparatively (adv.)

We did a **comparative** study of two cities.

comprehend v. /ˌkɒmprɪˈhend/

to understand fully

Family: comprehends · comprehended · comprehension (n.)

I couldn't **comprehend** the size of the universe.

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conceive v. /kənˈsiːv/

to form an idea or plan; also, to imagine

Family: conceives · conceived · concept (n.)

She **conceived** the idea for the app in a café.

conscience n. /ˈkɒnʃəns/

the inner sense of right and wrong

Family: consciences **Use it with:** a guilty conscience **Tip:** Pronounced KON-shuns.

My **conscience** told me to return the wallet.

contemplate v. /ˈkɒntəmpleɪt/

to think about something carefully for a long time

Family: contemplates · contemplated

He **contemplated** leaving his job.

differentiate v. /ˌdɪfəˈrenʃɪeɪt/

to see or show the difference between things

Family: differentiates · differentiated **Use it with:** differentiate between

Can you **differentiate** between the twins?

err v. /ɜː/

to make a mistake

Family: errs · erred · error (n.) **Tip:** Formal.

It's better to **err** on the side of caution.

ethical adj. /ˈeθɪkl/

about what is morally right

Family: ethically (adv.) · ethics (n.)

Is it **ethical** to test medicine on animals?

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framework n. /ˈfreɪmwɜːk/

a basic structure or set of ideas

Family: frameworks

The plan gives us a **framework** for action.

improvise v. /ˈɪmprəvaɪz/

to do something without preparation, using what you have

Family: improvises · improvised · improvisation (n.)

The actor forgot his lines and **improvised**.

impulse n. /ˈɪmpʌls/

a sudden strong wish to do something

Family: impulses · impulsive (adj.) **Use it with:** on impulse

I bought the shoes on **impulse**.

inadvertent adj. /ɪnədˈvɜːtənt/

not done on purpose

Family: inadvertently (adv.)

It was an **inadvertent** mistake.

incentive n. /ɪnˈsentɪv/

something that encourages you to do something

Family: incentives

The bonus is an **incentive** to work harder.

insight n. /ˈɪnsaɪt/

a deep understanding

Family: insights

Her book gives real **insight** into teenage life.

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intellect n. /ˈɪntəlekt/

the ability to think and understand

Family: intellectual (adj.)

He was a man of great **intellect**.

intuitive adj. /ɪnˈtjuːɪtɪv/

based on feelings, not on reasoning; also, easy to use

Family: intuitively (adv.) · intuition (n.)

The app is very **intuitive**.

misguided adj. /mɪsˈgaɪdɪd/

based on wrong ideas

It was a **misguided** attempt to help.