Word Quest 6

List 13 · Thinking and ideas 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it

outlook n. /ˈaʊtlʊk/

your general attitude to life; also, what is likely to happen

Family: outlooks

She has a positive **outlook** on life.

paradox n. /ˈpærədɒks/

a statement or situation that seems impossible but may be true

Family: paradoxes · paradoxical (adj.)

It's a **paradox**: the more you rest, the more tired you feel.

partiality n. /ˌpɑːʃiˈælɪti/

unfair support for one side; also, a liking for something

Family: partial (adj.) **Tip:** Opposite: impartiality.

The referee was accused of **partiality**.

perception n. /pəˈsepʃn/

the way you see or understand something

Family: perceptions · perceive (v.)

Our **perception** of time changes as we grow older.

pinpoint v. /ˈpɪnpɔɪnt/

to find or describe something exactly

Family: pinpoints · pinpointed

Doctors couldn't **pinpoint** the cause of the pain.

premise n. /ˈpremɪs/

an idea that an argument is based on

Family: premises **Tip:** Premises (plural) also means a building and its land.

The film's **premise** is that dogs can talk.

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profound adj. /prəˈfaʊnd/

very deep or strong; also, showing deep understanding

Family: profoundly (adv.)

Her words had a **profound** effect on me.

resort n./v. /rɪˈzɔːt/

a place for holidays; also, a choice used when others fail

Family: resorts · resorted **Use it with:** as a last resort **Tip:** Resort to means use something bad because nothing else works.

We stayed at a beach **resort**.

revolve v. /rɪˈvɒlv/

to move in a circle around something

Family: revolves · revolved **Use it with:** revolve around

The Earth **revolves** around the sun.

scrutiny n. /ˈskruːtɪni/

careful examination

Family: scrutinize (v.)

The plan came under close **scrutiny**.

skeptic n. /ˈskeptɪk/

a person who doubts that things are true

Family: skeptics · skeptical (adj.) **Tip:** British English writes "sceptic".

He's a **skeptic** about ghosts.

stance n. /stæns/

an opinion or attitude; also, a way of standing

Family: stances

What's your **stance** on school uniforms?

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subconscious adj./n. /sʌb'kɒnʃəs/

in the part of your mind you're not aware of

Family: subconsciously (adv.)

Dreams come from the **subconscious** mind.

subscribe v. /səb'skraɪb/

to pay regularly for a service; also, to agree with an idea

Family: subscribes · subscribed · subscription (n.) **Use it with:** subscribe to

I **subscribe** to a science magazine.

synthesis n. /'sɪnθəsɪs/

combining different ideas or things into one

Family: syntheses

Her music is a **synthesis** of jazz and Chinese folk.

testament n. /'testəmənt/

proof of something good

Family: testaments

The new hospital is a **testament** to the town's hard work.

theorize v. /'θɪəraɪz/

to suggest an idea to explain something, before it is proved

Family: theorizes · theorized **Tip:** British English also writes "theorise".

Scientists **theorize** that life began in the sea.

thesis n. /'θi:sɪs/

a long piece of writing for a university degree; also, a main idea

Family: theses (pl.)

She wrote her **thesis** on climate change.

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trance n. /træns/

a state like sleep, where you're not aware of what's around you

Family: trances

The music put him in a **trance**.

underlying adj. /ˌʌndə'laɪɪŋ/

real but not obvious

Family: underlie (v.)

The **underlying** problem was lack of sleep.