Word Quest 6

List 18 · Friends and relationships

Vocabulary and example	Write it

acquaint v. /əˈkweɪnt/

to make someone familiar with something or someone

Family: acquaints · acquainted · acquaintance (n.) **Use it with:** be acquainted with

Let me **acquaint** you with the rules.

avail n./v. /əˈveɪl/

use or help

Family: avails · availed **Use it with:** to no avail · avail yourself of **Tip:** Formal.

We searched for hours, but to no **avail**.

benefactor n. /ˈbenɪfæktə/

a person who gives money or help to others

Family: benefactors

An unknown **benefactor** paid for the new library.

concession n. /kənˈseʃn/

something you agree to give up in an argument; also, a lower price for some people

Family: concessions · concede (v.)

Both sides made **concessions**.

console v. /ˈkɒnsəʊl/

to comfort someone who is sad

Family: consoles · consoled · consolation (n.) **Tip:** The noun “console” (CON-sole) is a game machine.

She **consoled** her friend after the exam.

courtesy n. /ˈkɜːtəsi/

polite behaviour

Family: courtesies · courteous (adj.)

It’s common **courtesy** to say thank you.

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deceive v. /dɪˈsiːv/

to make someone believe something false

Family: deceives · deceived

He **deceived** his parents about his grades.

deception n. /dɪˈsepʃn/

the act of making someone believe something false

Family: deceptions · deceptive (adj.)

The magic trick was clever **deception**.

discord n. /ˈdɪskɔːd/

disagreement and arguing

There was **discord** in the team.

exclusion n. /eksˈkluːʒn/

keeping someone out of a group or place

Family: exclude (v.) **Tip:** Opposite: inclusion.

Exclusion from friends can hurt a lot.

foe n. /fəʊ/

an enemy

Family: foes **Use it with:** friend or foe

The two old **foes** finally shook hands.

intervene v. /ˌɪntəˈviːn/

to get involved to stop or change something

Family: intervenes · intervened · intervention (n.)

The teacher **intervened** in the fight.

nurture v./n. /ˈnɜːtʃə/

to care for and help to grow

Family: nurtures · nurtured **Use it with:** nature and nurture

Good teachers **nurture** their students’ talents.

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philanthropy n. /fɪ'lænθrəpi/

giving money to help others

Family: philanthropist (n.)

His **philanthropy** built ten schools.

provision n. /prə'vɪʒn/

providing something; also, a condition in an agreement

Family: provisions · provide (v.) **Tip:** Provisions (plural) also means food for a journey.

The **provision** of clean water is essential.

provoke v. /prə'vəʊk/

to cause a reaction, often anger, on purpose

Family: provokes · provoked · provocation (n.)

Don't **provoke** the dog.

reconcile v. /'rekənsaɪl/

to become friends again after an argument

Family: reconciles · reconciled · reconciliation (n.)

The brothers **reconciled** after ten years.

ridicule v./n. /'rɪdɪkjuːl/

to laugh at someone in an unkind way

Family: ridicules · ridiculed · ridiculous (adj.)

They **ridiculed** his strange clothes.

soothe v. /suːð/

to make someone calm; also, to make pain less

Family: soothes · soothed · soothing (adj.)

She sang to **soothe** the crying baby.

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torment v./n. /'tɔːment/

to make someone suffer, often on purpose

Family: torments · tormented **Tip:** Stress: verb tor-MENT; noun TOR-ment.

The older kids **tormented** him every day.

undermine v. /ˌʌndə'maɪn/

to make something weaker, slowly or secretly

Family: undermines · undermined

His jokes **undermined** her confidence.

validate v. /'vælɪdeɪt/

to show that someone's feelings or ideas are reasonable; also, to prove correct

Family: validates · validated · validation (n.)

A good friend **validates** your feelings.