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About this study guide

This vocabulary guide was prepared and published by Test Ninjas as an independent study resource. It is designed to help students build the precise word knowledge needed for demanding academic reading and reasoning.

How to use this guide

Study in short, repeated sessions. Read each definition, say the word aloud, and use the example to understand how the word functions in context. Return to unfamiliar words until you can explain them without looking at the definition.

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001 carrying *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

transporting or holding something while moving

He was **carrying** a heavy box up the stairs, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: Picture arms carrying a box across the room: holding it while moving it.

002 come *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

to move toward or arrive at a place

Please **come** to my office when you have a moment, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: An arrow labeled COME points toward the speaker and ends at the destination.

003 dynamic *adjective · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

characterized by constant change or activity; energetic and forceful

The **dynamic** speaker captivated the audience with her passionate presentation, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: Dynamic gears never stop changing and moving with forceful energy.

004 entering *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

coming or going into a place; beginning to be involved in

Students **entering** the examination hall must show their identification, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: An arrow crossing a doorway shows entering a place or becoming involved.

005 existence *noun · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

the fact or state of living or being; continued survival

Scientists continue to search for evidence of life's **existence** on other planets, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: A steady heartbeat and a lit presence sign represent existence: the state of being.

006 get *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

to obtain, receive, or come to have something

I need to **get** some groceries before the store closes, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: An open hand gets the key when it receives and comes to possess it.

007 held *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

past tense of hold; kept in one's grasp or possession

She **held** the fragile vase carefully as she walked across the room, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: A closed hand held the key and kept it in its grasp.

008 involved *adjective · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

connected or participating in something; complicated

Many volunteers were **involved** in organizing the charity event, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: A linked chain shows participation; a tangled chain shows the second meaning, complicated.

009 joining *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

connecting or linking together; becoming a member of

She is considering **joining** the local book club, showing whether something was functioning, changing, or remaining inactive under the circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: Two open links click together when joining into one chain.

010 offered *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

presented or proposed for acceptance or rejection

The company **offered** her a generous salary package, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: An offered object rests on an open palm, ready to be accepted or rejected.

011 prepared *adjective · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

made ready for use or action; expecting something to happen

She came to the meeting **prepared** with all the necessary documents, showing whether something was functioning, changing, or remaining inactive under the circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: A packed tool kit and checked plan show someone is prepared and ready.

012 provide *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

to make available for use; to supply

The scholarship will **provide** funding for her education, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: Provide supplies by placing what is needed into open, waiting hands.

013 providing *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

making available or supplying; on the condition that

The organization is **providing** meals to families in need, helping observers judge what action occurred and how it affected the surrounding situation.

MEMORY CUE: Providing fills an empty shelf; in IF language, it sets the condition that must be met.

014 pulled *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

exerted force to move something toward oneself; withdrew

He **pulled** the door open and stepped inside the building, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: A rope under force moved the object closer; it was pulled.

015 receive *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

to be given, presented with, or paid something; to accept delivery of

Did you **receive** my email about the schedule change, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: Open hands receive what is delivered, given, or paid.

016 released *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

allowed to move or act freely; made available to the public

The band **released** their new album last Friday, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: An opened cage and public launch show something has been released.

017 running *noun/verb/adjective · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

moving at a speed faster than walking; the action of managing or operating

She enjoys **running** in the park every morning, showing whether something was functioning, changing, or remaining inactive under the circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: Running feet move faster than walking; running a system means keeping it operating.

018 take *verb · Foundational***ACTIVITY & INACTIVITY**

to get into one's hands or possession; to grasp or seize

Please **take** this book and return it to the library, showing whether something was functioning, changing, or remaining inactive under the circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: A hand closes around an object to take it into possession.

019 toward *preposition · Foundational*

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in the direction of; approaching

She walked **toward** the exit when she heard the fire alarm, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: An arrow pointing toward the door moves in that direction and approaches it.

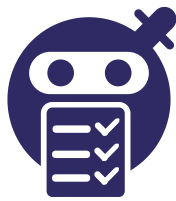
020 static *adjective · Foundational*

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lacking movement, action, or change

Wages remained **static** for years, clarifying the kind and degree of activity taking place in the situation.

MEMORY CUE: A static object is frozen while movement passes around it.



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Revisit this list, write with the words, and practice recognizing their
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