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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 accept *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to receive willingly or agree to something offered

She decided to **accept** the job offer after careful consideration, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Open hands accept a gift; they receive it willingly instead of pushing it away.

004 approved *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

officially accepted or sanctioned

The committee **approved** the budget proposal unanimously, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A green APPROVED stamp means an authority has officially accepted it.

002 acknowledged *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

recognized or accepted as true or valid

The scientist **acknowledged** the contributions of her research team, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A knowing nod acknowledges a fact: it recognizes and accepts that the fact is true.

005 arguing *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

exchanging diverging views in a heated manner

They spent the afternoon **arguing** about which route to take, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Arguing looks like two speech arrows colliding as opposing views grow heated.

003 agreements *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

arrangements or understandings between parties

Both countries signed trade **agreements** to boost economic cooperation, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Two signatures meet on one page; agreements record shared arrangements or understandings.

006 collaboration *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

working together with others to achieve a goal

The project was completed through **collaboration** between three departments, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Rowers must pull together to reach one finish line; collaboration is shared work toward a goal.

007 compliance *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

the act of conforming to rules or requirements

The company is in full **compliance** with federal regulations, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Compliance means every action receives a check beside the governing rule or requirement.

008 consensus *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

general agreement among a group

The committee reached a **consensus** on the new policy, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Consensus is a circle of different hands all pointing to the same checked answer.

009 controversial *adjective · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

causing public disagreement or debate

The **controversial** decision sparked protests across the city, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A controversial issue splits a public crowd into opposing, loudly debating sides.

010 controversy *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

prolonged public disagreement or debate

The new law created significant **controversy** among citizens, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A controversy is a public argument that keeps a debate rope pulled tight for a long time.

011 denied *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

refused to admit the truth of; rejected a request

The company **denied** any involvement in the environmental scandal, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A request meets a locked NO door; a claim meets a head shaking against its truth.

012 denying *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

refusing to admit or acknowledge something; rejecting

Despite the evidence, he kept **denying** his involvement in the incident, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Denying looks like pushing away a claim and refusing to acknowledge it.

013 dispute *noun/verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

a disagreement or argument; to argue or question the truth of something

The neighbors settled their property **dispute** through mediation, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A dispute pulls two sides into argument and places a question mark over the claim.

014 follow *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to go or come after; to act according to instructions

Please **follow** the instructions carefully to assemble the device, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Follow the footprints that go after the leader, or follow the written instructions.

015 followed *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

went or came after; acted according to instructions

The success of the first book was **followed** by an equally popular sequel, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A trail of footprints shows that one traveler followed after another.

016 partnership *noun · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

a cooperative relationship between people or organizations

The two companies formed a **partnership** to develop new technology, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A partnership joins two hands to carry one shared project.

017 refuse *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to indicate that one is not willing to do something; to decline to accept

She will **refuse** to compromise on her principles, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A firm NO hand pushes the offer away to refuse it.

018 refusing *verb · Foundational***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

declining to accept or do something

He kept **refusing** their offers despite the generous terms, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Refusing means keeping the NO barrier raised against an offer or action.

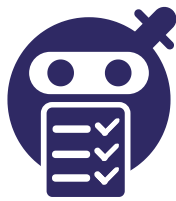
019 settled *verb/adjective · Foundational*

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resolved or reached an agreement; established
residence in a place

They finally **settled** the dispute out of court, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A settled dispute receives a handshake; a settled person plants a home location pin.



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