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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 bold *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

showing courage and confidence; daring

Her **bold** decision to speak up changed the direction of the meeting, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A bold person steps into the spotlight with courage instead of shrinking back.

ALSO · ADJECTIVE: showing a willingness to take risks

002 dangerous *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

able or likely to cause harm or injury

The icy roads made driving conditions **dangerous** for commuters, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A dangerous path carries a warning sign because it is likely to cause harm.

003 risky *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

full of the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

Investing all your savings in one stock is **risky**, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A risky path crosses a cracked bridge above signs for danger, failure, and loss.

004 cowardly *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

lacking courage

The **cowardly** bully backed down, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A cowardly figure runs from a tiny danger and leaves courage behind.

005 courageous *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

not deterred by danger or pain

The **courageous** witness testified, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A courageous person moves toward danger despite pain or fear.

006 fearful *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

feeling afraid; showing fear

The **fearful** passengers gripped their seats, revealing how the person responded when the risks became immediate and difficult to ignore.

MEMORY CUE: A fearful person trembles beneath a danger sign.

007 heroic *adjective · Foundational***COURAGE & FEAR**

having the characteristics of a hero

His **heroic** efforts saved lives, showing whether fear or resolve guided the decision made under pressure.

MEMORY CUE: A heroic figure risks personal safety to protect or rescue others.

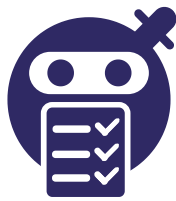
008 daring *adjective · Foundational*

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adventurous or audaciously bold

The **daring** rescue made headlines, giving observers a clear view of the person's response to genuine danger.

MEMORY CUE: A daring adventurer boldly crosses the risky gap.



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Keep building your edge.

Vocabulary grows through repeated exposure and deliberate use.
Revisit this list, write with the words, and practice recognizing their
meaning in context.

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