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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 discover *verb · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

to find or learn something for the first time

Scientists hope to **discover** new species in the unexplored rainforest, helping observers distinguish informed judgment from a conclusion based on limited knowledge.

MEMORY CUE: Lift the cover from a hidden chest to discover what was unknown.

002 discovered *verb · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

found or learned something for the first time

The archaeologists **discovered** ancient artifacts buried beneath the temple, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: The lifted cover revealed what had been discovered for the first time.

003 discovery *noun · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

the act of finding or learning something new;
something that has been found

The **discovery** of penicillin revolutionized modern medicine, showing how access to accurate information changed the quality of the response.

MEMORY CUE: A discovery is the bright object revealed when a cover is removed from the unknown.

004 evidence *noun · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

information indicating whether something is true or valid; proof

The detective gathered **evidence** at the crime scene, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: Evidence is a trail of facts leading a detective toward TRUE or FALSE.

005 experiment *noun/verb · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

a scientific test to discover something unknown; to try something new

The laboratory **experiment** yielded unexpected but promising results, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: An experiment puts a new idea into a test tube to discover what happens.

006 forgotten *verb/adjective · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

no longer remembered; neglected or overlooked

The abandoned town has been largely **forgotten** by the outside world, helping observers distinguish informed judgment from a conclusion based on limited knowledge.

MEMORY CUE: A forgotten photograph fades until no one remembers the face.

007 remember *verb · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

to have in or be able to bring to one's mind an awareness of past events

I can still **remember** the day we first met, helping observers distinguish informed judgment from a conclusion based on limited knowledge.

MEMORY CUE: Pull an old photograph from the mind's archive to remember the past.

008 remembered *verb · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

brought to mind; recalled from memory

She suddenly **remembered** where she had left her keys, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: The faded photograph lit up again when the event was remembered.

009 theory *noun · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

a supposition or system of ideas intended to explain something based on general principles

Darwin's **theory** of evolution revolutionized our understanding of biology, helping observers distinguish informed judgment from a conclusion based on limited knowledge.

MEMORY CUE: A theory organizes connected ideas into a possible general explanation.

010 unknown *adjective · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

not known or familiar; not discovered or identified

The artist remained **unknown** during her lifetime but gained fame posthumously, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: An unknown object remains behind a question-mark curtain without a name.

011 ignorant *adjective · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

lacking knowledge or awareness

He was **ignorant** of the local customs, helping observers distinguish informed judgment from a conclusion based on limited knowledge.

MEMORY CUE: An ignorant figure wears a blindfold beside an unopened knowledge book.

012 learned *adjective · Foundational***KNOWLEDGE & IGNORANCE**

having much knowledge acquired by study

The **learned** scholar published many papers, showing how access to accurate information changed the quality of the response.

MEMORY CUE: A learned person stands on a staircase built from years of study.

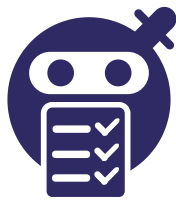
013 informed *adjective · Foundational*

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having knowledge of a subject

Voters should be **informed** about the issues, revealing how much the participants understood about the subject before making their decision.

MEMORY CUE: An informed mind has the subject's facts filed and ready.



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