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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 exploit *noun/verb · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

to use selfishly for profit; a bold or daring achievement

Some companies **exploit** workers by paying unfairly low wages, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: To exploit can mean squeezing profit unfairly from someone or completing a daring feat.

002 impartial *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

treating all rivals or disputants equally; unbiased and fair

The judge remained **impartial** throughout the controversial trial, making the moral consequences of the decision difficult for the group to ignore.

MEMORY CUE: An impartial judge keeps both sides of the scale perfectly level.

003 justify *verb · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

to show or prove to be right or reasonable; to provide adequate grounds for

The results **justify** the investment we made in the project, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: Justify a claim by building solid reasons beneath it until it stands.

004 responsible *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

having an obligation to do something; being the primary cause of something

Parents are **responsible** for the well-being of their children, prompting others to judge whether the conduct met accepted ethical standards.

MEMORY CUE: A responsibility tag ties a person to an obligation or identifies the cause behind a result.

005 corrupt *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

willing to act dishonestly for personal gain

The **corrupt** official accepted bribes, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: A corrupt official trades honesty for a hidden bag of personal gain.

006 righteous *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

morally right or justifiable

His **righteous** anger was understandable, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: A righteous action stands upright on the morally just path.

007 ethical *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

relating to moral principles

The **ethical** dilemma troubled her conscience, prompting others to judge whether the conduct met accepted **ethical** standards.

MEMORY CUE: An ethical choice follows the compass of moral principles.

008 honorable *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

bringing credit or distinction

He chose the **honorable** course of action, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: An honorable act earns a clean medal of credit and distinction.

009 upright *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

strictly honorable or honest

The **upright** judge was respected by all, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: An upright column stands straight like a person who is strictly honest.

010 integrity *noun · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

Her **integrity** was never questioned, making the moral consequences of the decision difficult for the group to ignore.

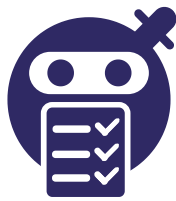
MEMORY CUE: Integrity is an unbroken moral compass joined to transparent honesty.

011 noble *adjective · Foundational***MORALITY & ETHICS**

having high moral qualities

His **noble** sacrifice inspired others, showing how principles influenced the choice made under challenging circumstances.

MEMORY CUE: A noble action rises above selfishness through high moral quality.



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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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