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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 arbitrary *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

based on random choice rather than reason

The selection process seemed **arbitrary** and unfair to the applicants, affecting how easily the group could coordinate its work and determine the next step.

MEMORY CUE: A blindfolded dart chooses the answer arbitrarily: by chance rather than reason.

002 assemble *verb · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

to gather together or put parts together

Workers **assemble** the car parts on the factory floor, making the level of organization apparent to everyone involved in the effort.

MEMORY CUE: Assembly instructions gather separate parts and put them together into one machine.

003 catalog *noun · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

a complete list of items arranged systematically

The library's **catalog** contains over a million book entries, affecting how easily the group could coordinate its work and determine the next step.

MEMORY CUE: A catalog is a master list whose items sit in neat, systematic order.

004 organized *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

arranged in a systematic way; well-planned

Her **organized** approach to studying helped her ace the exam, making the level of organization apparent to everyone involved in the effort.

MEMORY CUE: An organized shelf places every labeled item in a planned, systematic position.

005 patterns *noun · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

repeated decorative designs; regular forms or sequences

Scientists studied the **patterns** in the data to find trends, affecting how easily the group could coordinate its work and determine the next step.

MEMORY CUE: Patterns repeat the same shapes, colors, or steps in a recognizable sequence.

006 scheme *noun/verb · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

a large-scale systematic plan; a secret or underhanded plan

The government announced a new **scheme** to reduce unemployment, making the level of organization apparent to everyone involved in the effort.

MEMORY CUE: A scheme is a connected plan diagram, sometimes hidden behind a secret curtain.

007 chaotic *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

in a state of complete confusion

The **chaotic** scene overwhelmed rescuers, showing whether a clear structure guided the activity as conditions became more demanding.

MEMORY CUE: A chaotic room spins objects through complete confusion.

010 rigorous *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

extremely thorough and careful

The **rigorous** testing ensured safety, making the level of organization apparent to everyone involved in the effort.

MEMORY CUE: A rigorous inspection tests every part thoroughly and carefully.

008 systematic *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

done according to a fixed plan

The **systematic** review took months, making the level of organization apparent to everyone involved in the effort.

MEMORY CUE: A systematic plan places every action on a fixed numbered path.

011 structured *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

planned or organized according to a framework

The **structured** program had clear goals, showing whether a clear structure guided the activity as conditions became more demanding.

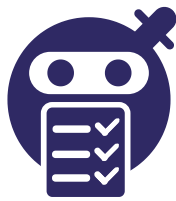
MEMORY CUE: A structured plan fits each part into an organized framework.

009 precise *adjective · Foundational***ORDER & CHAOS**

marked by exactness and accuracy

The surgeon's **precise** movements were impressive, showing whether a clear structure guided the activity as conditions became more demanding.

MEMORY CUE: A precise needle lands exactly on the ruler's thinnest mark.



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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
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