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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 arrogant *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

having an exaggerated sense of one's importance

His **arrogant** attitude alienated his colleagues, revealing whether confidence or modesty guided the person's response to recognition.

MEMORY CUE: An arrogant figure wears an oversized crown above everyone else.

002 humble *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

having a modest view of one's importance

Despite her success, she remained **humble**, influencing how others interpreted the person's sense of importance and accomplishment.

MEMORY CUE: A humble person steps off the pedestal and carries no oversized crown.

003 modest *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

unassuming about one's abilities

Despite her achievements, she remained **modest**, revealing whether confidence or modesty guided the person's response to recognition.

MEMORY CUE: A modest achiever steps away from the spotlight and keeps the trophy low.

004 vain *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

having excessive pride in one's appearance

She was too **vain** to admit her mistakes, showing how the speaker viewed personal success in relation to the contributions of others.

MEMORY CUE: A vain person stares proudly into a mirror framed by appearance medals.

005 meek *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

quiet, gentle, and easily imposed on

The **meek** assistant never questioned orders, revealing whether confidence or modesty guided the person's response to recognition.

MEMORY CUE: A meek figure speaks gently and yields space when others push forward.

006 pompous *adjective · Foundational***PRIDE & HUMILITY**

affectedly grand or self-important

The **pompous** official lectured everyone condescendingly, showing how the speaker viewed personal success in relation to the contributions of others.

MEMORY CUE: A pompous speaker stands on a grand pedestal built from self-importance.

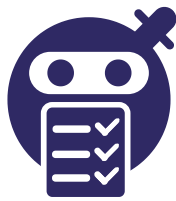
007 **smug** *adjective · Foundational*

PRIDE & HUMILITY

having excessive pride in oneself

His **smug** expression irritated everyone, influencing how others interpreted the person's sense of importance and accomplishment.

MEMORY CUE: A smug smile rests above folded arms and an oversized self-satisfaction medal.



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