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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 amount *noun · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

a quantity or sum of something

The **amount** of rainfall this year exceeded all expectations, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Pour everything into a measuring cup; the final quantity is the amount.

002 compound *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

made up of multiple parts; to make something worse

The **compound** interest on the loan added up quickly, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A compound joins multiple blocks; as a verb, it adds another block to make a problem worse.

003 counting *verb · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

determining the total number of something

The staff spent hours **counting** the ballots after the election, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Counting places one tally mark beside every object to determine the total.

004 expand *verb · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

to increase in size, number, or importance; to unfold or spread out

The company plans to **expand** its operations into new markets, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An accordion expands as its sides spread outward and its size increases.

005 extended *verb/adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

made longer in duration or scope; stretched out

The deadline was **extended** by two weeks due to unforeseen circumstances, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: An extended ruler or timeline stretches farther and lasts longer than before.

006 extensive *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

covering a large area; having a wide scope or range

The library has an **extensive** collection of rare manuscripts, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An extensive map unfolds across a huge area and covers a wide range.

007 his *pronoun · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

belonging to or associated with a male person or animal previously mentioned

He picked up **his** coat and headed toward the door, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Attach a HIS ownership tag to the object belonging to the male person already mentioned.

008 increases *verb · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

becomes or makes greater in size, amount, or degree

The demand for electric vehicles **increases** every year, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: An upward arrow shows that size, amount, or degree increases.

009 limited *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

restricted in size, amount, or extent; not unlimited

We have **limited** time to complete this project, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A limited supply stays inside a small fence marked ONLY THIS MUCH.

ALSO · ADJECTIVE: restricted in size or amount

010 moderate *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

average in amount, intensity, or degree; not extreme

She follows a **moderate** exercise routine to maintain her health, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: Moderate rests at the middle of a dial, away from either extreme.

011 reduce *verb · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

to make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size

We need to **reduce** our expenses to stay within budget, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: Turn the amount dial downward to reduce size, quantity, or degree.

012 reduced *verb/adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

made smaller or less in amount, degree, or size

The store offered items at **reduced** prices during the sale, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A downward arrow shows the amount was reduced and made smaller.

013 restricted *verb/adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

limited in extent, number, or scope; not open to everyone

Access to the building is **restricted** to authorized personnel, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A restricted area sits behind a fence marked LIMITED ACCESS.

014 scale *noun/verb · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

the relative size or extent of something; a system of measurement

The disaster was on a **scale** never seen before, giving observers a clearer basis for judging its extent or relation to the larger whole.

MEMORY CUE: A scale compares relative size and marks measured positions along a system.

015 substantial *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

of considerable importance, size, or worth; solidly built

The company made a **substantial** investment in new technology, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A substantial block is large, solid, valuable, and too important to ignore.

016 universal *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

relating to or affecting all people or things in the world; applicable everywhere

The desire for happiness seems to be a **universal** human trait, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A universal rule wraps around the entire globe and applies everywhere.

017 widespread *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

found or distributed over a large area or among many people

The disease caused **widespread** concern among health officials, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: A widespread color covers the whole map and reaches many people.

018 infinite *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

limitless or endless in space or time

The universe may be **infinite** in extent, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An infinite road continues beyond every horizon without limit.

019 immense *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely large or great

The **immense** desert stretched endlessly, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

MEMORY CUE: An immense ocean stretches beyond every visible edge.

022 compact *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

closely and neatly packed together

The **compact** design saved space, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A compact bundle packs every part tightly into little space.

020 vast *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

of very great extent or quantity

The **vast** ocean seemed endless, helping the audience recognize how much of the larger subject it represented.

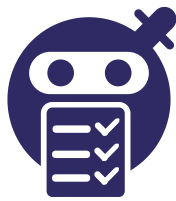
MEMORY CUE: A vast plain extends across an enormous distance and quantity.

021 minute *adjective · Foundational***SIZE & SCALE**

extremely small

Only **minute** traces were detected, making the scale or scope of the subject easier to understand through comparison.

MEMORY CUE: A minute detail is so tiny that a lens must enlarge it.



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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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