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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 delayed *verb · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

made late or slow; postponed

The flight was **delayed** by three hours due to severe weather conditions, helping observers compare the actual pace with what they had originally expected.

MEMORY CUE: A delayed event has its clock pushed later along the timeline.

002 steadily *adverb · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

in a regular and even manner; gradually and consistently

The company has grown **steadily** over the past decade, showing how quickly the situation developed once the activity had begun.

MEMORY CUE: A steady metronome advances at one even, consistent pace.

003 swift *adjective · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

happening quickly or promptly

The **swift** response prevented disaster, making the rate of progress noticeable to everyone monitoring the process.

MEMORY CUE: A swift arrow crosses the distance almost immediately.

004 rapid *adjective · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

happening in a short time

The **rapid** growth surprised analysts, making the rate of progress noticeable to everyone monitoring the process.

MEMORY CUE: A rapid sequence races through many steps in little time.

005 measured *adjective · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

having a slow, regular rhythm

She spoke in **measured** tones, helping observers compare the actual pace with what they had originally expected.

MEMORY CUE: A measured pace follows the slow, regular beat of a metronome.

006 immediate *adjective · Foundational***SPEED & PACE**

occurring or done at once

The situation required **immediate** action, making the rate of progress noticeable to everyone monitoring the process.

MEMORY CUE: An immediate response follows the signal with no gap.

007 prompt *adjective · Foundational*

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done without delay

Your **prompt** reply is appreciated, helping observers compare the actual pace with what they had originally expected.

MEMORY CUE: A prompt action begins the instant the start bell rings.

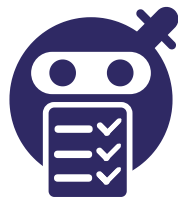
008 fleet *adjective · Foundational*

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fast and nimble in movement

The **fleet** runner won the race, making the rate of progress noticeable to everyone monitoring the process.

MEMORY CUE: A fleet-footed animal moves quickly and nimbly.



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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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