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001 **accept** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to receive willingly or agree to something offered

She decided to **accept** the job offer after careful consideration, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Open hands accept a gift; they receive it willingly instead of pushing it away.

002 **acknowledged** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

recognized or accepted as true or valid

The scientist **acknowledged** the contributions of her research team, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A knowing nod acknowledges a fact: it recognizes and accepts that the fact is true.

003 **acknowledges** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

recognizes or accepts as true or valid

The company **acknowledges** that mistakes were made in the process, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: When she nods at the evidence, she acknowledges it as true and valid.

004 **adhere** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to stick firmly to a surface or to follow rules closely

All employees must **adhere** to the company's safety guidelines, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: ADHERE contains HERE: glue keeps a label stuck right here, and principles can hold just as firmly.

005 **agreements** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

arrangements or understandings between parties

Both countries signed trade **agreements** to boost economic cooperation, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Two signatures meet on one page; agreements record shared arrangements or understandings.

006 **approved** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

officially accepted or sanctioned

The committee **approved** the budget proposal unanimously, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A green APPROVED stamp means an authority has officially accepted it.

007 arguing *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

exchanging diverging views in a heated manner

They spent the afternoon **arguing** about which route to take, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Arguing looks like two speech arrows colliding as opposing views grow heated.

008 collaboration *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

working together with others to achieve a goal

The project was completed through **collaboration** between three departments, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Rowers must pull together to reach one finish line; collaboration is shared work toward a goal.

009 compliance *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

the act of conforming to rules or requirements

The company is in full **compliance** with federal regulations, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Compliance means every action receives a check beside the governing rule or requirement.

010 concede *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to admit that something is true; to surrender or yield

After reviewing the evidence, she had to **concede** the point, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: To concede, lower the argument flag, admit the point is true, or yield the contest.

011 conform *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to comply with rules or standards

All products must **conform** to strict safety regulations, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Cookie dough conforms to its cutter; people conform when they fit themselves to a standard.

012 consensus *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

general agreement among a group

The committee reached a **consensus** on the new policy, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Consensus is a circle of different hands all pointing to the same checked answer.

013 contentious *adjective***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

causing or likely to cause disagreement

The **contentious** debate lasted for several hours, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A contentious proposal becomes a tug-of-war rope because it is likely to provoke disagreement.

014 contradiction *noun***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

a situation where two things oppose each other

There was a clear **contradiction** between his words and actions, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A contradiction places two statements on arrows pointing in directly opposite directions.

015 controversial *adjective***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

causing public disagreement or debate

The **controversial** decision sparked protests across the city, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A controversial issue splits a public crowd into opposing, loudly debating sides.

016 controversy *noun***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

prolonged public disagreement or debate

The new law created significant **controversy** among citizens, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A controversy is a public argument that keeps a debate rope pulled tight for a long time.

017 denied *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

refused to admit the truth of; rejected a request

The company **denied** any involvement in the environmental scandal, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A request meets a locked NO door; a claim meets a head shaking against its truth.

018 denying *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

refusing to admit or acknowledge something; rejecting

Despite the evidence, he kept **denying** his involvement in the incident, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Denying looks like pushing away a claim and refusing to acknowledge it.

019 **disagreed** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

had a different opinion; failed to agree

The committee members **disagreed** about the best approach to solve the problem, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Two opinion arrows pointed opposite ways because the speakers disagreed.

020 **disagreement** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

a lack of consensus or approval; a dispute or argument

The **disagreement** between the partners led to the dissolution of their business, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A disagreement is a tug-of-war between opinions that cannot reach consensus.

021 **dispute** *noun/verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

a disagreement or argument; to argue or question the truth of something

The neighbors settled their property **dispute** through mediation, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A dispute pulls two sides into argument and places a question mark over the claim.

022 **embraced** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

accepted willingly or enthusiastically; held closely in arms

The community **embraced** the new initiative to reduce plastic waste, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Open arms embrace a person physically and welcome an idea enthusiastically.

023 **follow** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to go or come after; to act according to instructions

Please **follow** the instructions carefully to assemble the device, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Follow the footprints that go after the leader, or follow the written instructions.

024 **followed** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

went or came after; acted according to instructions

The success of the first book was **followed** by an equally popular sequel, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: A trail of footprints shows that one traveler followed after another.

025 **mediated** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

intervened between parties to bring about an agreement; acted as an intermediary

The diplomat **mediated** the negotiations between the two conflicting nations, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A mediator forms the middle bridge that helps opposing parties reach agreement.

026 **neutrality** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

the state of not supporting either side in a conflict or disagreement

Switzerland is famous for its policy of **neutrality** during wartime, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Neutrality stands exactly between two sides without wearing either team's color.

027 **partnership** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

a cooperative relationship between people or organizations

The two companies formed a **partnership** to develop new technology, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A partnership joins two hands to carry one shared project.

028 **rebutts** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

claims or proves that evidence or an accusation is false; refutes

The scientist **rebutts** the theory with new experimental data, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A rebuttal places evidence and a red X over a false accusation.

029 **recants** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

withdraws or renounces a former belief or statement, especially publicly

Under pressure, the witness **recants** his earlier testimony, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Someone who recants publicly pulls back and crosses out a former statement.

030 **refuse** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to indicate that one is not willing to do something; to decline to accept

She will **refuse** to compromise on her principles, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A firm NO hand pushes the offer away to refuse it.

031 refusing *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

declining to accept or do something

He kept **refusing** their offers despite the generous terms, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Refusing means keeping the NO barrier raised against an offer or action.

032 refute *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to prove a statement or theory to be wrong or false; to disprove

The evidence was sufficient to **refute** the defendant's alibi, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Refute a false claim by striking it with decisive contrary evidence.

033 rejecting *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

dismissing as inadequate, unacceptable, or faulty; refusing to accept

The committee is **rejecting** proposals that don't meet the criteria, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Rejecting places an unacceptable item outside the gate beneath a red X.

034 rejection *noun***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

the act of dismissing or refusing a proposal, idea, or person

The **rejection** of her application was a major disappointment, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Rejection is the closed door and red X that refuse a proposal, idea, or person.

035 renounce *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to formally declare one's abandonment of a claim, right, or possession

He decided to **renounce** his citizenship and move abroad, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Renounce a claim by tearing up its ownership paper in a formal declaration.

036 renunciation *noun***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

the formal rejection of something, typically a belief, claim, or course of action

Her **renunciation** of material wealth surprised her family, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Renunciation is the formal ceremony of rejecting and abandoning a former claim or belief.

037 **repudiates** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

refuses to accept or be associated with; denies the truth or validity of

The organization **repudiates** any connection to extremist groups, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Whoever repudiates a claim pushes it away and publicly denies its validity.

038 **settled** *verb/adjective*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

resolved or reached an agreement; established residence in a place

They finally **settled** the dispute out of court, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A settled dispute receives a handshake; a settled person plants a home location pin.

039 **uncontroversial** *adjective*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

not likely to cause disagreement or dispute; generally accepted

The proposal was relatively **uncontroversial** and passed unanimously, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: An uncontroversial proposal receives calm agreement from both sides.

040 **waive** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to refrain from insisting on or using a right or claim; to forgo

The company agreed to **waive** the late fee due to the circumstances, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Waive a right by waving it away and choosing not to insist on it.

041 **acquiesce** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to accept or comply without protest

After much debate, she finally **acquiesced** to her parents' wishes, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Acquiesce by lowering resistance and quietly agreeing without protest.

042 **concur** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to agree or have the same opinion

The judges **concurred** that the defendant was guilty, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: Two thought bubbles with the same check mark show that the speakers concur.

043 **assent** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to express agreement or approval

The board members **assented** to the proposed changes, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: A clear nod and YES signature express assent.

046 **ratify** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to formally approve or confirm

Congress voted to **ratify** the international treaty, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Official signatures ratify an agreement by giving it final approval.

044 **dissent** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to hold or express opinions contrary to the majority

Several judges chose to **dissent** from the majority opinion, clarifying where the people involved stood on the disputed issue.

MEMORY CUE: One opinion arrow pointing away from the majority shows dissent.

047 **repudiate** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to reject or refuse to accept

The scientist **repudiated** the flawed methodology of the study, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Repudiate a claim by pushing it away and refusing association with it.

045 **affirm** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to state as true or to confirm

The witness **affirmed** that her testimony was accurate, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: Affirm a statement by standing it upright beneath a TRUE stamp.

048 **sanction** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to give official permission or approval

The committee **sanctioned** the use of additional funds, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: An official green seal grants sanction and permission.

049 **veto** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to reject or prohibit authoritatively

The president decided to **veto** the controversial bill, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A powerful red VETO stamp stops the proposal despite other approval.

050 **discord** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

disagreement or conflict between people

Discord among team members hindered the project's progress, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Discord is a musical chord whose notes clash like people in conflict.

051 **accord** *noun*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

an official agreement or harmony

The two nations signed an **accord** to end hostilities, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: An accord joins signatures in agreement and notes in harmony.

052 **reconcile** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to restore friendly relations; to make compatible

The siblings finally **reconciled** after years of estrangement, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Reconcile two former rivals by repairing their broken handshake.

053 **contend** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to assert or argue in opposition

The lawyer **contended** that her client was innocent, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

MEMORY CUE: Contending speakers pull opposite sides of an argument rope.

054 **contradict** *verb*

AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT

to assert the opposite of a statement

The witness's testimony **contradicted** his earlier statement, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A contradiction arrow points directly opposite the original statement.

055 recant *verb***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

to formally withdraw or reject a belief

Under pressure, he **recanted** his controversial views, shaping whether the group could reach a decision acceptable to everyone involved.

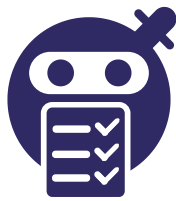
MEMORY CUE: Recant a belief by publicly crossing out and withdrawing the former claim.

056 consensual *adjective***AGREEMENT & DISAGREEMENT**

relating to consent by all parties

The **consensual** agreement satisfied everyone, making the relationship between the competing positions easier for observers to understand.

MEMORY CUE: A consensual agreement shows a clear YES from every party.



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