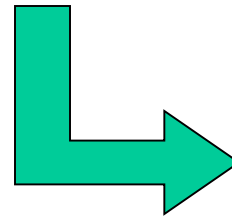
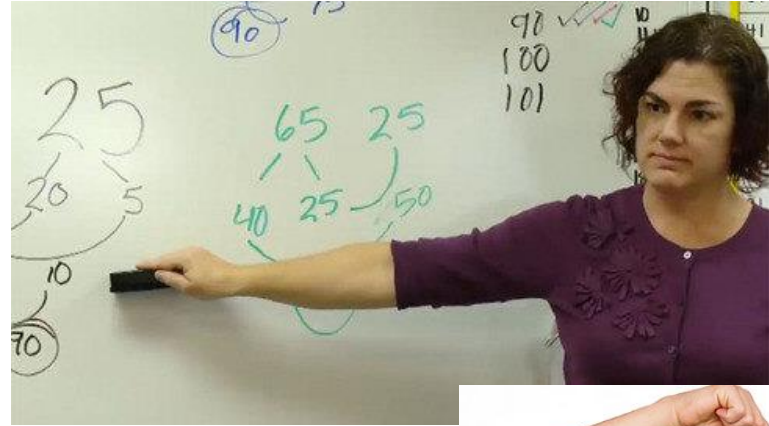


(verb)

# deviate

to stray from an established course, standard, or principle



The road construction forced me to deviate [stray] from my usual route home.

The math teacher deviated [strayed] from the original topic of her lesson by taking a minute to talk to her students about hygiene.

**deviate** = to stray from an established course, standard, or principle

## Sentence starters:

Today, the weather deviated from the rest of the week's weather, and so instead of \_\_\_\_\_, it \_\_\_\_\_.

While writing her essay, she accidentally deviated from the topic of the paper, and wrote about \_\_\_\_\_ instead of the theme of the short story.

The couple deviated from the norm, and got married in a \_\_\_\_\_ instead of a \_\_\_\_\_.

During the track meet, one of the runners deviated from the track and ran...

(noun)

# parameter

*Usage note:  
This word is usually  
used in the plural form,  
parameters.*

a limit that controls the way you can do something



My parents have set strict parameters [limits] regarding what I am allowed to watch on TV.

The parameters [limits] of a family's income and budget determine how much they can spend.

Estimated Household Budget \$50,000	
Household Income	
<b>www.mybudget360.com</b>	
Annual Wages	\$50,000
Monthly Gross Pay	\$4,166
Federal Withholdings	\$560.79
Social Security	\$258
Medicare	\$60.42
State	\$0.00
Net Pay	\$3,287.00
<b>Estimated Monthly Expenses</b>	
Rent	\$1,200
Gas	\$30
Electric	\$50
Phone - Cell	\$50
DSL	\$30
Car Insurance	\$110
Groceries	\$550
Car Payment	\$300
Auto Fuel	\$150
*Clothes	\$50
Household Maintenance	\$40
*Entertainment	\$100
*Personal Care (haircuts)	\$25
*Vacations	\$100
Emergency Fund	\$400
Misc	\$100
Total Expenses	\$3,285
<b>*If no health insurance with work eliminate these and this goes to insurance</b>	

**parameter** = a limit that controls the way you can do something

## **Sentence starters:**

Our teacher said we could choose any topic for our research paper within these parameters:

Our Constitution allows for freedom of speech; however, certain parameters guide citizens in exercising this right. For instance,...

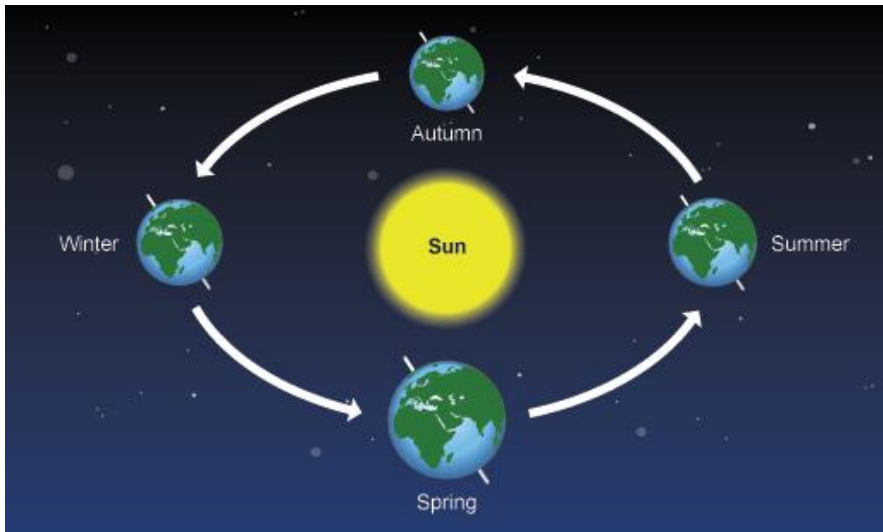
Children need consistent parameters (limits). For example,...

Teachers have to stay within certain parameters such as \_\_\_\_\_ when choosing which Hollywood movies to show their classes.

(verb)

# acknowledge

1. to accept or admit the existence or truth of
2. to recognize the fact, importance, or quality of



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It took a few centuries for people to finally acknowledge [accept] that the Earth revolves around the sun.



[http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/imagecache/embellished\\_img\\_full/image\\_image\\_file/P042910P5-0555.jpg?tok=wJrd9Gch](http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/imagecache/embellished_img_full/image_image_file/P042910P5-0555.jpg?tok=wJrd9Gch)

During the award ceremony, the high school English teacher was acknowledged [recognized] for her hard work and dedication.

**acknowledge** = accept or admit the existence or truth of;  
recognize the fact, importance, or quality of

## Sentence starters:

When giving a speech, it is important to acknowledge people who...

Sometimes we acknowledge people in the hallway by...

She blushed when the announcer acknowledged her great accomplishment of...

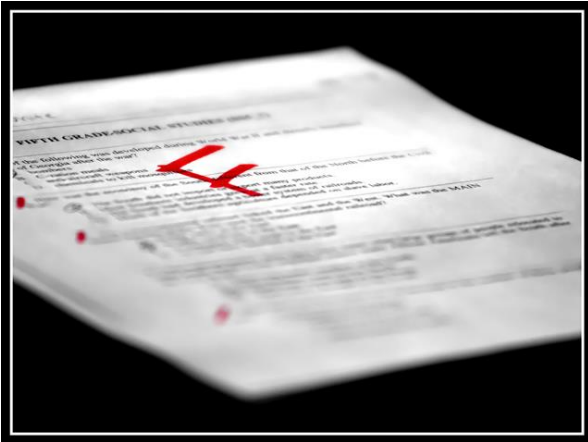
When people go out of their way to help, for example by \_\_\_\_\_-ing, it is important to acknowledge them, and show your appreciation.



(adjective)

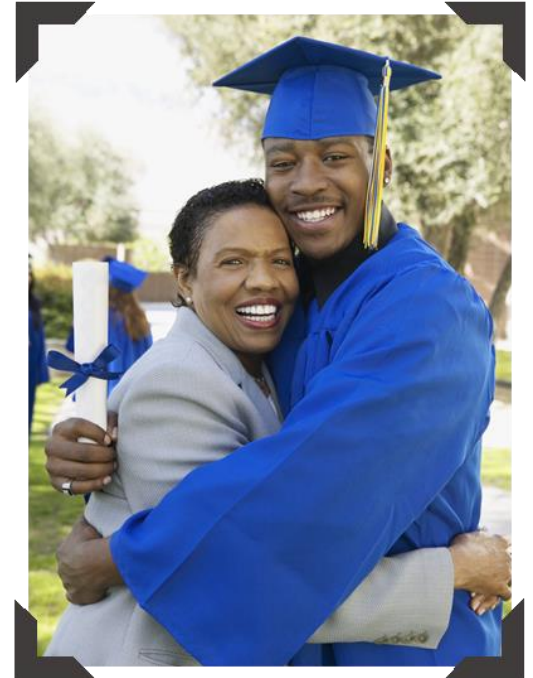
# inevitable

unable to be avoided, evaded, or escaped;  
unavoidable; certain to happen



<http://www.mindwafers.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/failed-test.jpg>

When he saw the F on his paper, he knew that summer school was inevitable [unavoidable].



<http://www.diplomaframe.com/Portals/0/Images/Content/Graduation%20Images/Graduation%20Photo%20-%20Mom%20and%20Son.png>

She had known it was inevitable [unavoidable] that her baby boy would grow up, but she still cried at his graduation ceremony because he had grown up so fast.

**inevitable** = unable to be avoided, evaded, or escaped; certain to happen

## **Sentence starters:**

Certain aspects of life are inevitable, like seasons changing every year, and...

I have lived in Michigan long enough to know that it is inevitable that summer weather will sometimes be....

No matter what I try, it seems inevitable that my cookies will always...

Given my lack of computer skills, it was inevitable that I would eventually break the computer by trying to...



# option

(noun) a choice; the power or right to choose



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In our school students have many special area or elective options [choices].

She had the option [choice] of getting a summer job or taking a vacation.

**option** = a choice; the power or right to choose

## Sentence starters:

Because she got into so many fights in school, the principal had no option but to...

I am very fortunate to be able to choose \_\_\_\_\_. Some people don't ever get that option.

Given the option, I'd rather \_\_\_\_ on the weekend than \_\_\_\_.

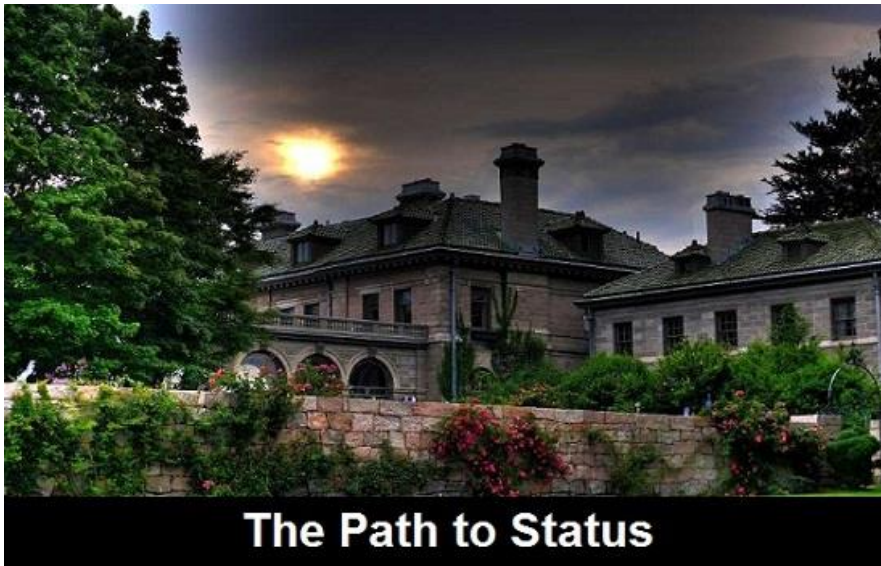
Menu options at \_\_\_\_ include...

*[Name a restaurant.]*

(noun)

# status

1. **rank:** the comparative position or standing of somebody or something in a society or other group
2. **condition:** a condition that is subject to [likely to] change



<http://www.futuristspeaker.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/04/8-status-symbol-684.jpg>



<http://medicalconnectivity.com/gems/Blog%20Photos/PatientOnVent.jpg>

Some people believe the richer a person is, the higher status [rank] he/she has.

A hospital reports the status [condition] of their patients telling how they are doing. This patient's status [condition] is critical, or very serious.

status = rank or condition

## Sentence starters:

Some people believe that wearing certain brands of clothing such as \_\_\_\_\_ gives them a higher status.



Person A: What is the status of the game?

Person B: It's the \_\_\_ quarter and the score is \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ .  
The \_\_\_\_\_s are winning!

One career many people associate with status is...

What is the marital status of \_\_\_\_? [Name someone.]  
He/She is married / single / divorced.

# withstand

(verb) not to be harmed or affected by (something); survive; to stand against; to oppose successfully



<http://www.blogcdn.com/shopping.aol.com/articles/media/2011/02/gshock.jpg>

G-Shock watches are designed to withstand [survive] hard knocks and vibrations.



<http://www.weirdlyodd.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/12/Golden-Gate-Bridge-USA.jpg>

The Golden Gate Bridge was built to withstand [survive] winds of more than 100 MPH and was designed to sway 27.7 feet to withstand [survive] earthquakes.



withstand = not to be harmed or affected by

## Sentence starters:

Her new camera can withstand...



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\_\_\_\_\_ could not withstand the attack of \_\_\_\_\_.



<http://voxcast.dedegames.com/images/battle-gear-2.jpg>

My \_\_\_\_\_ cannot withstand high temperatures, so I shouldn't leave it in the car on a hot day.

Ideally, a country's military defense system should be able to withstand...



# emerge

(verb)

- to become known or apparent;
- to come out; to rise or appear from a hidden or unknown place or condition



<http://www.allianceforwaterefficiency.org/assets/0/66/22/4462/70705c4d-1e55-45b4-833d-120bfca494c.jpg>

There is growing evidence that the economy is finally emerging [coming out] from recession.



<http://www.monarch-butterfly.com/graphics/monarch-emerging.jpg>

We watched as the butterfly emerged [came out] from its cocoon.

**emerge** = to become known or apparent;  
to rise or appear *from* a hidden or unknown place or condition

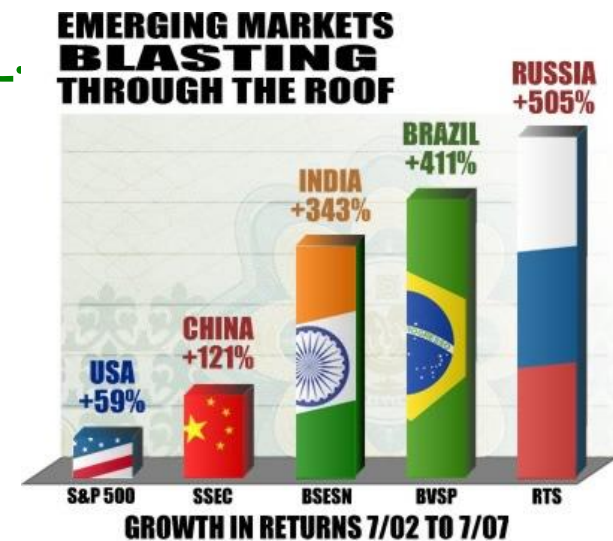
## Sentence starters:

After a thorough investigation, the true facts emerged regarding the candidate's \_\_\_\_ and he was removed from office.

Sea mammals such as \_\_\_\_\_s must emerge from the ocean from time to time to breathe.

The \_\_\_\_\_ emerged from behind the \_\_\_\_\_.

According to some analysts, the economy of \_\_\_\_\_ is rapidly emerging.



# coincide

(verb)

to correspond; to happen at the same time

to agree or be the same

October 2012						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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21	22	23	24	25		
28	29	30	31 Halloween Party My Birthday Party			



The event coincides [corresponds] with his birthday party.

They got along well because their viewpoints coincided [agreed].

**coincide** = happening at the same time or being the same

## **Sentence starters:**

My dentist appointment coincided with my science test; therefore,...

Their political views do not coincide; however, they...

Her appearance on the talk show coincided with the release of her new \_\_\_\_.

My mother usually schedules my doctor's checkups to coincide with days off from school because...

(verb)

# accommodate

1. to do what someone wants, often by providing them with something
2. to fit; to have enough space somewhere for a number of things or people
3. to provide someone with a place to live or stay



<http://www.courtesy.com/preview/2407434-384947-women-serving-meal-to-friend.jpg>



[http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/articles/20070926/a1554\\_5279.jpg](http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/articles/20070926/a1554_5279.jpg)



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Our houseguest does not eat meat, and we were happy to accommodate [provide for] her by cooking vegetarian meals.

To accommodate [fit] the large class size, we will need more desks in this classroom.

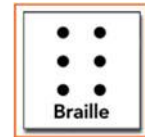
Olympic Villages are capable of accommodating [housing] about 3,000 athletes.

accommodate =

1. to do what someone wants, often by providing them with something
2. to fit; to have enough space somewhere for a number of things or people
3. to provide someone with a place to live or stay

**Sentence starters:**

Our school makes every effort to accommodate the needs of people with disabilities. For example,...



The banquet hall can accommodate \_\_\_\_\_ people and should be perfect for our wedding reception.



accommodate =

1. to do what someone wants, often by providing them with something
2. to fit; to have enough space somewhere for a number of things or people
3. to provide someone with a place to live or stay

**Sentence starters:**

My parents bought a large \_\_\_\_\_ to accommodate our \_\_\_\_\_.

Our accommodations at the fancy hotel included....



# comprehensive

(adjective) **covering completely; in-depth, full**



<http://www.nature.org/cs/groups/webcontent/@photopublic/documents/media/water-sample-in-az-490x250.jpg>



<http://www.nd.edu.au/images/current-students/exam.jpg>

She did a comprehensive [in-depth] study on the average water temperatures of the city's river in the summertime.

The state test will show the students' comprehensive [complete] abilities in math and language arts.

**comprehensive** = covering completely

## Sentence starters:

It is best to prepare a comprehensive list of school supplies before shopping; otherwise,...

Our teachers give us a comprehensive exam at the end of each semester. This means...

The School Board had a comprehensive discussion about \_\_\_\_\_ before deciding to...

The FBI did a comprehensive search for the missing girl which included...

# adapt

(verb) to change to fit a new situation



[www.washingtonpost.com/rf/image\\_606w/2010-2019/WashingtonPost/2011/09/01/Production/RealEstate/Images/ramp%20b.jpg](http://www.washingtonpost.com/rf/image_606w/2010-2019/WashingtonPost/2011/09/01/Production/RealEstate/Images/ramp%20b.jpg)



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Some homes must be adapted [changed] to allow access for people with disabilities.

Many animals adapt [change] their coloring to match their environment.

## Sentence starters:

I think I (could/couldn't) easily adapt to living in a very cold environment because...

If I traveled to Asia, it would probably be (easy/difficult) for me to adapt to the time change because...

I (could/couldn't) easily adapt to eating spicy food every day.

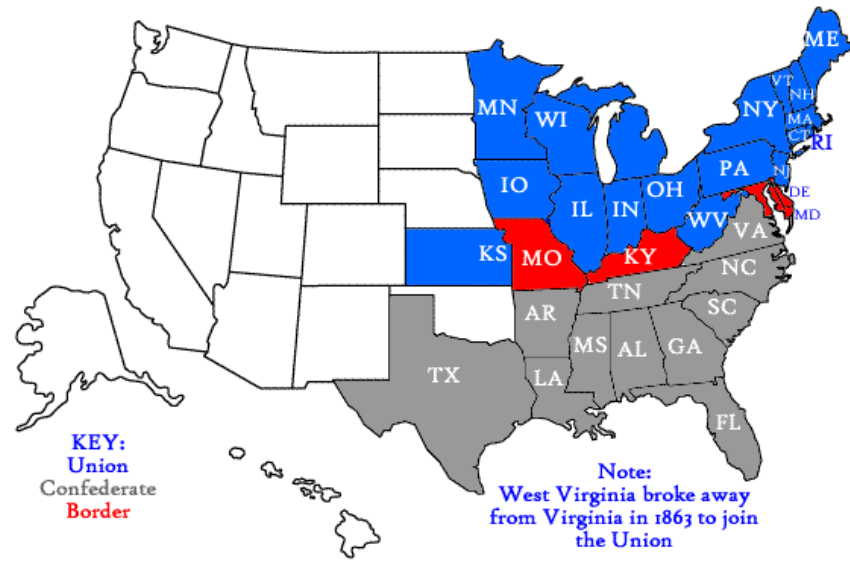
One animal that adapts to its surroundings is the \_\_\_\_\_, which... *[Explain the adaptation.]*

*[Name the animal.]*

(adjective)

# civil

1. adequately courteous and polite
2. having to do with the lives and problems of citizens



[http://www.civilwarinfo.com/images/american\\_civil\\_war\\_map.gif](http://www.civilwarinfo.com/images/american_civil_war_map.gif)

1. Even though the candidates were on opposing sides, they were very civil [polite] towards each other.

2. The Civil War got its name because it was between two groups of citizens of the same country.



**civil** = 1. adequately courteous and polite 2. having to do with the lives and problems of citizens

## **Sentence starters:**

Even though he didn't get along with a boy in his class, he was civil to him because...

Certain civil rights, such as \_\_\_\_\_, are very important to the citizens of the United States.

Civil servants are people who work for the government. One example of a civil servant is a...



When my mom caught my sister and me fighting about \_\_\_\_\_, she told us that she would take away our cell phones if we weren't civil to each other for the rest of the night.

# prohibit

(verb)

to forbid (not allow) by law

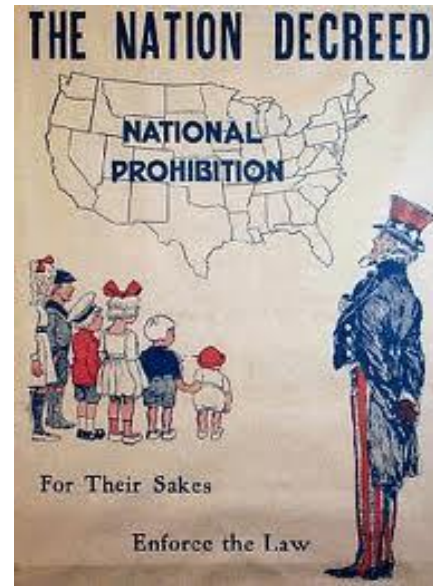
to hinder (stop) or prevent something from happening



**NO SMOKING**

**IT IS AGAINST THE  
LAW TO SMOKE IN  
THESE PREMISES**

Smoking is prohibited  
[not allowed] in  
restaurants in Michigan.



During Prohibition (1919-1933)  
the use or sale of alcohol was  
prohibited [not allowed] in the  
United States.

**prohibit** = to forbid by law; to hinder

## **Sentence starters:**

Copyright laws prohibit unauthorized persons to...

The Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Laws prohibit employment discrimination based on...

In school we are prohibited from....-ing...

In our city, we have rules prohibiting...

# adjust

(verb) to make a small change  
*Another form (noun): adjustment*



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I had to adjust [change] my schedule when my teacher gave me additional homework.

My body will have to make quite an adjustment [change] to adapt to the different time zone when I travel to China.

## Sentence starters:

Before driving my dad's car, I always have to adjust...

When I use a camera, I sometimes adjust the....

During my music lesson, I had to make an adjustment to...

The picture on the TV isn't quite right. I think we should adjust the...



(noun)

# phenomenon

something that exists or happens, usually something unusual  
[plural: *phenomena*]



[www.windsun.com](http://www.windsun.com) and [www.science.howstuffworks.com](http://www.science.howstuffworks.com)

[http://images.fanpop.com/images/image\\_uploads/Haunted-House-halloween-250818\\_1024\\_768.jpg](http://images.fanpop.com/images/image_uploads/Haunted-House-halloween-250818_1024_768.jpg)

The formation of lightning is a phenomenon [an event] still not completely understood.

After observing the odd phenomena [happenings] in the haunted house, the owner quickly moved out.



**phenomenon = something experienced**

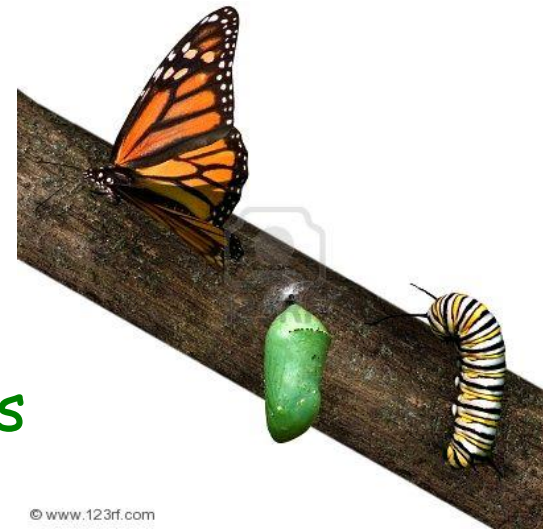
## Sentence starters:

A rare phenomenon in the night sky is...

We learned about the interesting phenomenon of the life cycle of the caterpillar. [Explain...]

An exciting phenomenon in science class occurred when...

The explorer observed several interesting phenomena of nature during her trip along the Amazon River. These included...



(verb)

# transform

to change appearance, character or situation  
*Another version: transformation (noun)*



< Before



After >



Before^



Today^

The old barn was transformed [changed] into a beautiful house when the new owners moved in and renovated it.

The map of Europe has undergone some major transformations [changes] in the past centuries because of wars and conquests.

## Sentence starters:

**transform** = to change appearance

In the morning, it was almost as if she went through a transformation! She woke up with her hair in knots and her clothes wrinkled, but when she showed up at school...

In some horror movies, on a full moon, people transform into...



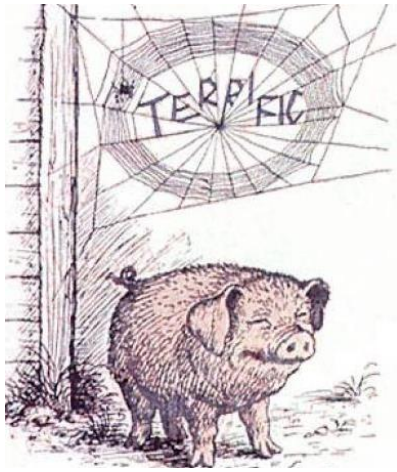
You can transform an ordinary school cafeteria into a beautiful ballroom by...

If I could transform myself into anything, it would be a...

# ambiguous

(adjective)

something that is unclear or uncertain; capable of being understood in multiple ways



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The book summary used an ambiguous [unclear] sentence when it said that, "Charlotte's Web is a book about a pig that is saved from being killed by a spider named Charlotte."

The invitation was ambiguous [unclear] about the time the party started, so a lot of the guests arrived too early or too late.

**ambiguous** = something that is unclear or uncertain; capable of being understood in multiple ways

The teacher's directions about how to do our science fair project were too ambiguous. I couldn't tell if he meant for us to \_\_\_\_\_ or to \_\_\_\_\_.

This picture is ambiguous because it can be seen as different things. When I look at it, I see...



*Can you see an old lady? A young lady?*



**ambiguous** = something that is unclear or uncertain; capable of being understood in multiple ways

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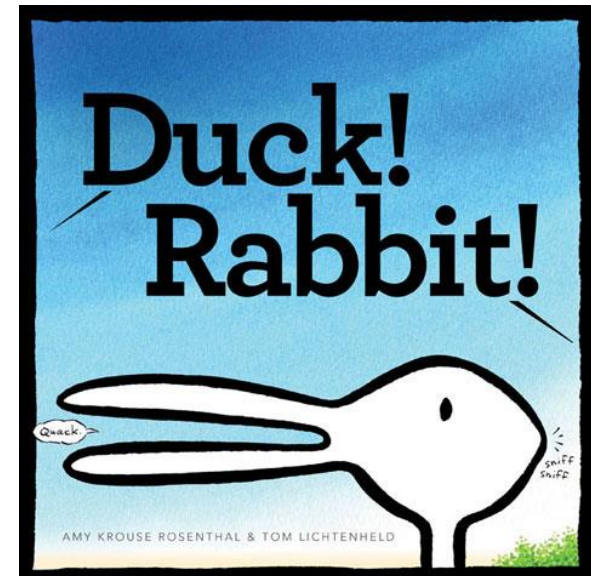
Some street signs can be very ambiguous.  
For example...



<http://www.thedetroitbureau.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Confusing-Sign-in-Gearnut.jpg>



There is a popular children's book that has an ambiguous picture on the cover of a rabbit or a duck. I think it's a \_\_\_\_\_ because...



<http://wordsofthemom.com/wp-content/uploads/2010/05/DuckRabbit-781648.jpg>



# implement

(noun) **tool**: a useful piece of equipment, usually a specially shaped object designed to do a particular task

(verb) **carry out or fulfill something**: to put something into effect or action



My mother has a large collection of gardening implements [tools].

Should our school implement [carry out] an anti-bullying program?

**implement** = tool; to carry out or fulfill

## Sentence starters:

Here is one example of a way I have implemented what I have learned in school in my everyday life...

During prehistoric times, tool users made hunting implements out of...

One helpful learning strategy I have implemented this year is...

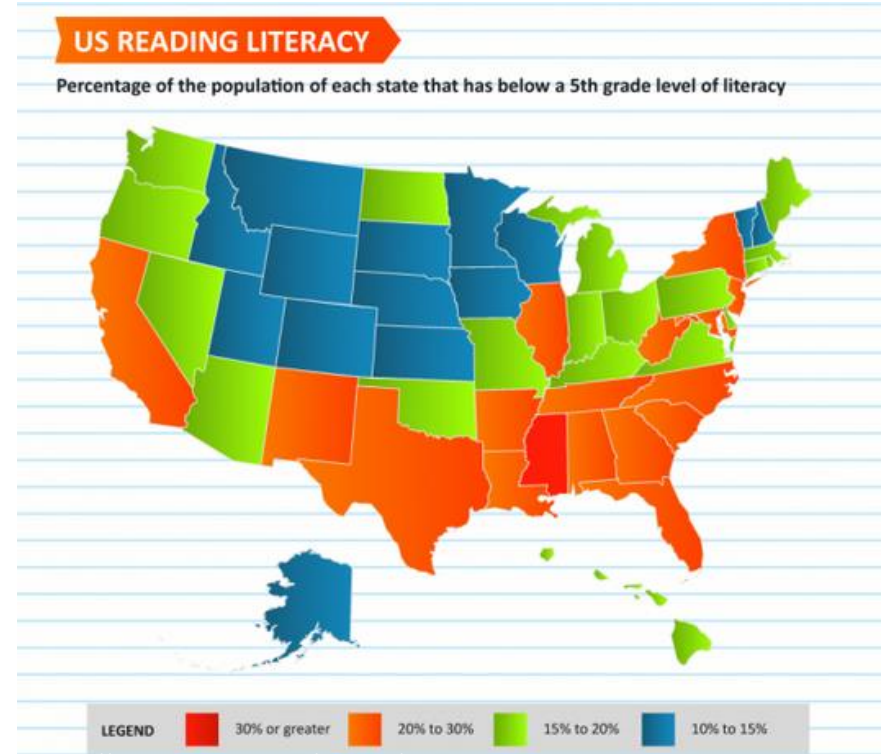
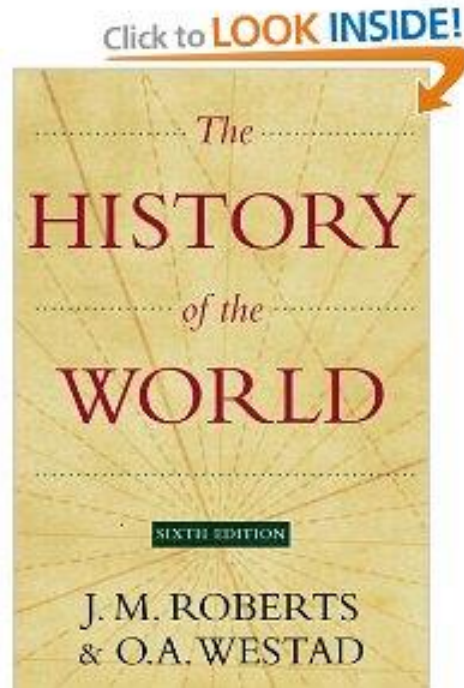
Mechanics need certain implements, such as... in order to fix cars.



(noun)

# scope

The scope of an activity, topic, or piece of work is the **whole area that it deals with or includes** or its extent.



The scope [extent] of the material covered in this book is quite extensive [**very** large].

This graphic illustrates the scope [extent] of the problem of illiteracy in America.

(noun) The scope of an activity, topic, or piece of work is the whole area that it deals with or includes.

## Sentence Starters:

The daycare center decided to expand the scope of its services to include not only weekday childcare but also \_\_\_\_\_.

My teacher suggested I narrow the scope of my research paper. I guess \_\_\_\_\_ is too broad a topic for one paper.

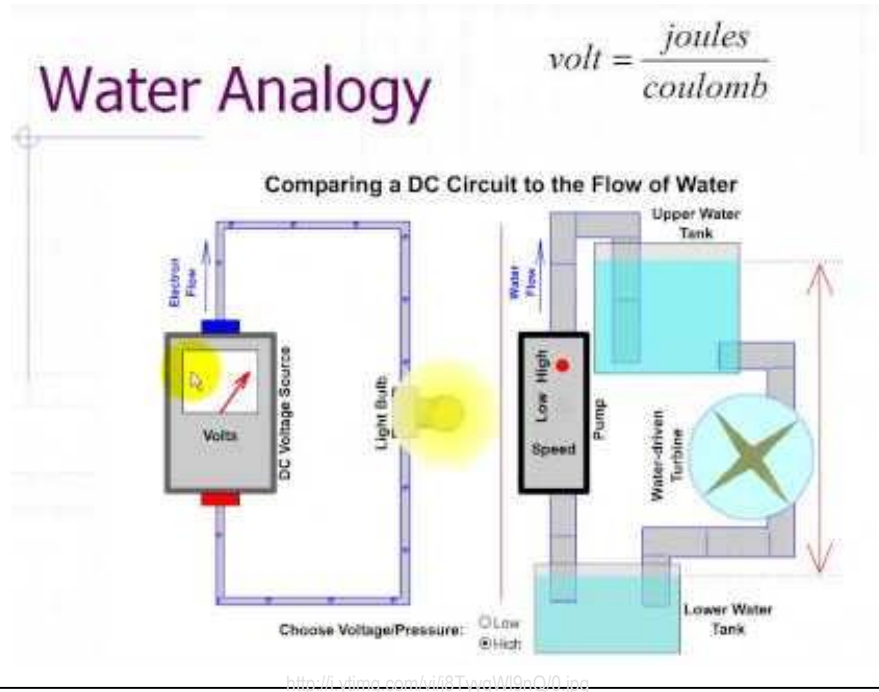
"Performing \_\_\_\_\_ surgery is not within the scope of my medical training and practice," said the \_\_\_\_\_ doctor.

The lawyer for the accused declared that the police exceeded the scope of their authority when they...

(noun)

# analogy

a **comparison** of two unrelated things based on their being alike in some way(s)



Author is  
to write as  
chef is to...

...cook!

The science teacher used the analogy [comparison] of an aquarium's water circuit to explain the electric circuit which students were studying.

An analogy [a comparison] can show the relationship between two pairs of words.



**analogy** = a comparison of two unrelated things based on their being alike in some way(s)

## Sentence starters:

Some US History teachers use the analogy of how neighbors get along (or don't) to explain relationships between countries. For example,...



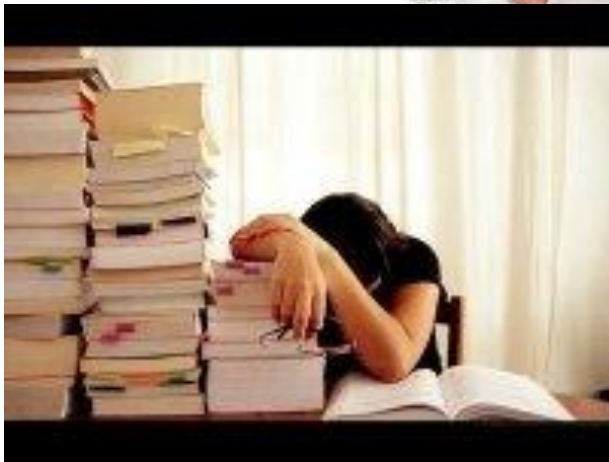
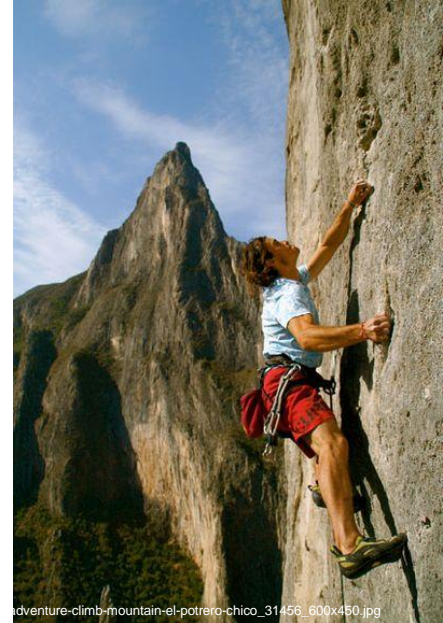
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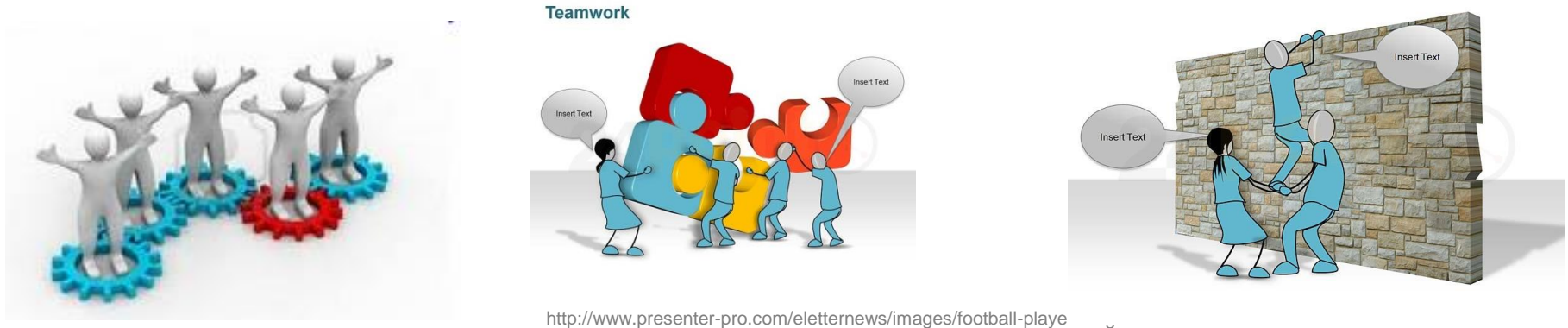
**analogy** = a comparison of two unrelated things based on their being alike in some way(s)

"Sometimes doing your homework can feel like climbing a mountain." This analogy makes sense because both homework and climbing a mountain...



**analogy** = a comparison of two unrelated things based on their being alike in some way

In her speech to the workers, the boss used the analogy of \_\_\_\_\_ to discuss the concept of teamwork because...



<http://www.presenter-pro.com/eletternews/images/football-playe>

I can figure out this word relationship analogy. (Choose one.)

1. Cry is to sob as giggle is to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Knife is to cut as ruler is to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Inch is to yard as centimeter is to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Nucleus is to cell as yolk is to \_\_\_\_\_.



(adjective)

# consistent

always behaving or happening in a similar, especially positive, way; regular

*Another form (adverb): consistently*



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The Dallas Cowboys won the Super Bowl consistently [regularly] for five years in a row.

With consistent [regular] exercise, and a better diet, I lost 100 pounds!

**consistent** = always behaving or happening in a similar, especially positive, way

## Sentence starters:

Over winter break, I plan to finish the Percy Jackson novel series by consistently reading for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes a day.

His parents rewarded him with \_\_\_\_\_ for his consistent good grades and positive behavior.

If I attend my karate classes consistently, soon I will be able to...

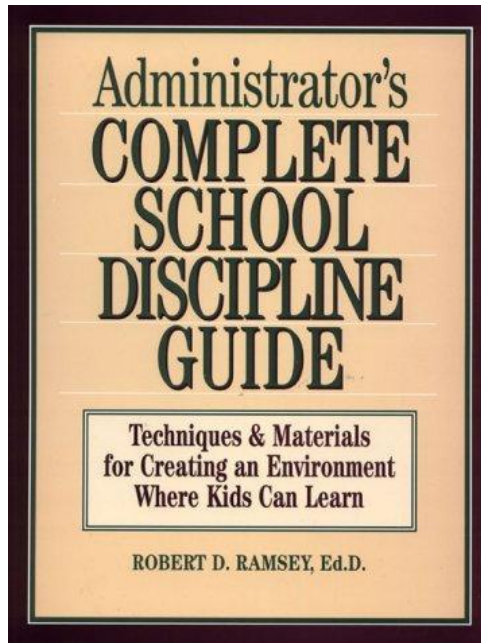
The teacher told her class that if they watered and fed their sprouts consistently, they would grow into...



# protocol

(noun)

a system of rules about the correct way to act in formal situations; a written agreement



The school has to follow proper protocol [written agreement] when handling discipline issues.

There is a specific protocol [system of rules] that must be followed when the president is inaugurated [sworn into office].

**protocol** = a system of rules about the correct way to act in formal situations

## Sentence starters:

An example of proper protocol when meeting the queen of England would be...



The reason we need clear protocol in certain circumstances is so that...

According to expected protocol, during the playing of the national anthem, everyone should...



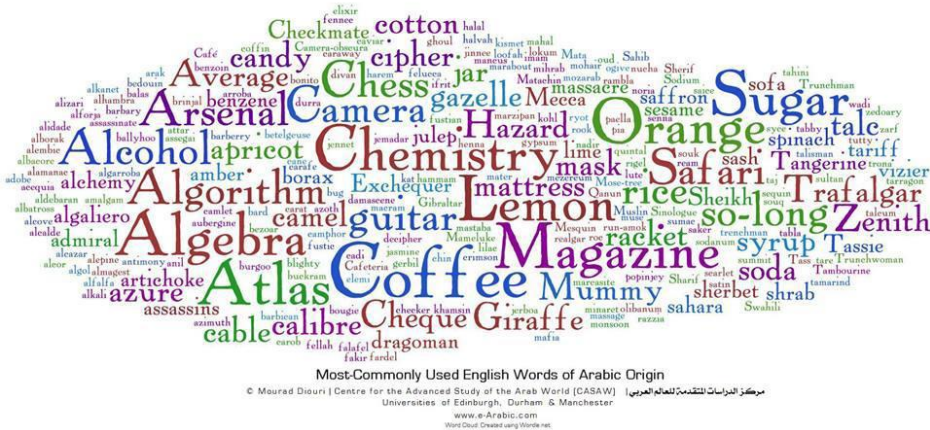
According to military protocol, ...



integrate

(verb)

to combine one thing with another; to unite  
to combine parts to make a whole



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Many foreign words such as *magazine*, from Arabic, have been integrated [combined] into the English language.

In the 1950's and 60's civil rights leaders and the American Civil Liberties Union worked tirelessly to integrate [combine] black and white students in public schools.



**integrate** = to combine one thing with another

## Sentence starters:

Magnet schools focus on combining different classes into one. So two classes that might be integrated are \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_.

Some restaurants integrate ingredients from two different countries. For example, taco pizza integrates Mexican and Italian. Another example would be...

Small schools will integrate services to save money. One example is combined sports teams, another would be...

If all grade levels (K-12) were integrated into one building,...

# verify

(verb)

**to prove** that something is true; to check whether or not something is true by examination, investigation, or comparison

*Another form: verification*



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The teacher checked our math problems to verify [check] that we did them correctly.



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The scientists researched the chemicals to verify [prove] that they were the right ones for their experiment.



**verify** = to prove something is true

## Sentence starters:

My mother will call the school to verify that...

I will check PowerSchool to verify that...

You sometimes have to show your ID card as verification that...

Your doctor can provide verification that you...

# assert

(verb)

1. behave forcefully: to exercise your power and influence in an obvious way
2. to state clearly and strongly that something is true

*Other forms: assertiveness & assertion (nouns)*



*I'm  
innocent.*



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He reached out to shake hands before the job interview. This showed his assertiveness [confidence].

The prisoner asserted [declared] his innocence even though the evidence suggested he was guilty.

**assert** = behave forcefully; speak clearly

## Sentence starters:

An assertive person often gets what he/she wants or makes his/her position clear by...

She asserted her independence from her parents by...

The coach told the players to be more assertive.  
What he meant was...

The student was taken to the principal's office but asserted that he had not...

(verb)

# differentiate

1. to form or mark differently from other such things; distinguish
2. to change; alter



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<http://www.byrdseed.com/wp-content/uploads/diff.jpg>

1. She wanted to differentiate [distinguish] her iPhone from everyone else's, so she bought a case that looked like bamboo.

2. The photographer differentiated [changed] the images by using different filters to create a colorful effect.

**differentiate** = 1. to form or mark differently from other such things; distinguish 2. to change; alter.

## Sentence starters:

One way to differentiate yourself from all the other students in middle school is to...

In science class we have been learning how to differentiate among different types of \_\_\_\_\_.

Some people say that \_\_\_\_\_ is what differentiates people from animals.

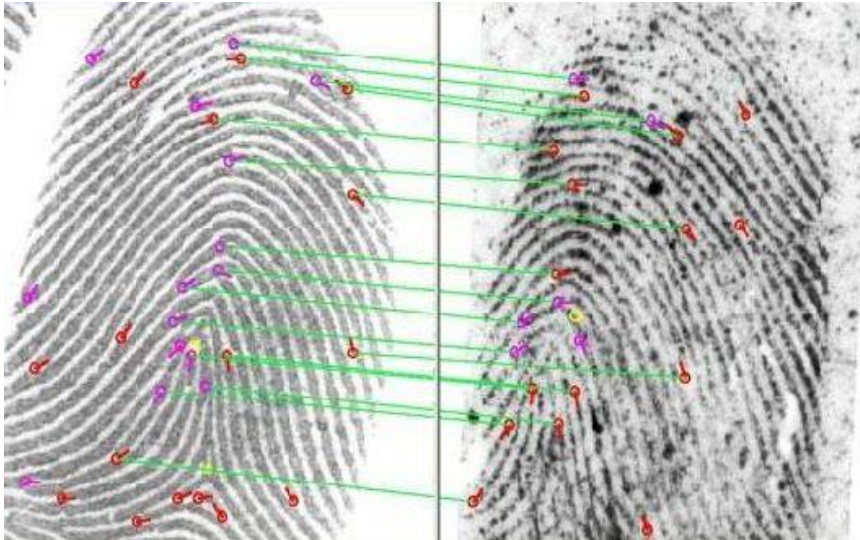
In movies and novels, the hero of the story is always differentiated from other characters by his/her ability to \_\_\_\_\_.



(adjective)

# sufficient

adequate for the purpose; enough



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The fingerprint found on the drinking glass was sufficient [enough] to match the prints with a known criminal and solve the case.



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Ramen noodles don't make a great dinner, but sometimes they're sufficient [enough] when you don't have much time to cook.

**sufficient** = adequate for the purpose; enough

## Sentence starters:

I felt unprepared for my big presentation because I didn't have sufficient time to...

When I have to clean my room, sometimes just \_\_\_\_\_ is sufficient.

We prefer to fly to a tropical location for vacation; however, sometimes when we don't have sufficient time or money, we just...

After school there was still sufficient time for me to do my homework, make myself dinner, and...

# facilitate

(verb)

1. to make something easy or possible
2. to assist the progress of



<http://www.linkbizpro.com/images/recycle-money.jpg>

1. The funding [\$] will help facilitate [make possible] the development of green technologies.



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2. His tutoring helped facilitate [assist the progress of] my entrance in to college.

**facilitate** = to make something easy or possible

## Sentence starters:

Teachers facilitate student learning by...

To facilitate access to a building by people with disabilities, some businesses...



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Careful planning facilitates any work. For example,

A discussion leader can facilitate a class discussion by...



# utilize

(verb)

to use (something) for a particular purpose



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<http://www.eco-pros.com/images/Planets/EarthsResources.jpg>

Parents expect their children to utilize [use] their brains for studying and learning.

We must be cautious about how we utilize [use] our natural resources.



utilize = to use (something) for a particular purpose

## Sentence starters:

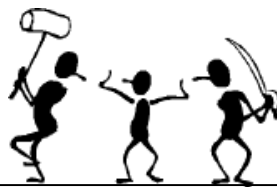
The poet utilized a/an \_\_\_\_\_  
to make the poem more  
descriptive.

East Lansing residents can  
utilize the library's many  
resources such as...

Teachers can utilize technology in their classrooms by...

I could utilize my time better by...

simile  
oxymoron  
idiom  
hyperbole  
personification  
alliteration  
pun  
onomatopoeia  
metaphor



(verb)

# resolve

1. to find an answer or solution to differing positions
2. to decide to do something and be determined to do it

*Another form: resolution (n.)*



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<http://www.justkickitnow.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/Quit-Smoking-Cigarettes-300x200.jpeg>

The referee attempted to resolve [solve] the argument between the two players.

After suffering from many health issues, he resolved [decided] to quit smoking.

**resolve** = 1. to find an answer or solution to differing positions  
2. to decide to do something and be determined to do it

## **Sentence starters:**

I think people should resolve their differences by...

On New Year's Day many people resolve to make changes in their habits. One resolution people make is to...

We have to resolve a problem with our landlord. He thinks..., and we think...

A good job for someone who is good at helping people to resolve their differences would be...

# bias

(noun)

an opinion about whether a person, group, or idea is good or bad which influences how you deal with it

*Other forms (adj) biased/unbiased*



<http://blog.gotoagile.com/wp-content/uploads/negotiate.jpg>

It is not uncommon for gender bias [prejudice] to result in more men than women being promoted to higher-paying positions.



## Study Sees Racial Bias In NBA Refs

Refs call more fouls against players with different skin color

<http://img2-cdn.newser.com/square-image/1841-20110401035254/study-sees-racial-bias-in-nba-refs.jpeg>

Studies indicate that racial bias [prejudice] causes some NBA referees to call more fouls on players with different skin color.

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**bias** = an opinion about a person, group, or idea that influences how you deal with it

## Sentence starters:

The newspaper was accused of not being objective because it showed bias towards...

A judge must make every effort to make unbiased decisions because...

If a boss shows bias toward a few workers over the others, feelings of \_\_\_\_\_ would begin to surface among the workers.

Ethnic and racial biases have caused many problems including...



(adjective)

# mutual

shared by each of two or more people or things



<http://www.whatapps.com/wp-content/uploads/2007/11/facebook-mutual-friends.png>

My brother and I have several mutual [shared] friends on Facebook.



<http://miraimages.photoshelter.com/img/pixel.gif>

These scientists have a mutual [shared] interest in paleontology.

**mutual** = shared by each of two or more people or things

## **Sentence starters:**

My friend and I have a mutual interest in ...

It is good for teachers and students to have mutual respect for each other because...

For the mutual benefit (good/advantage) of each, I think the countries of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ should get along together much better than they do.

Learning each other's language and \_\_\_\_\_ can help to promote mutual understanding among people from different countries.

# access

(noun) an entry or an approach  
(verb) to find a way to enter or  
approach a place;  
to get information  
*Another form: accessible (adj)*



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The robber gained access [entry] into the building by breaking a window.



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Landlocked countries cannot access [approach] other countries by sea and have more difficulty trading.

**access** = entry or approach; to get information

## Sentence starters:

If a family doesn't have Internet access at home, they can access the world wide web by...

The door was locked so I could not access...

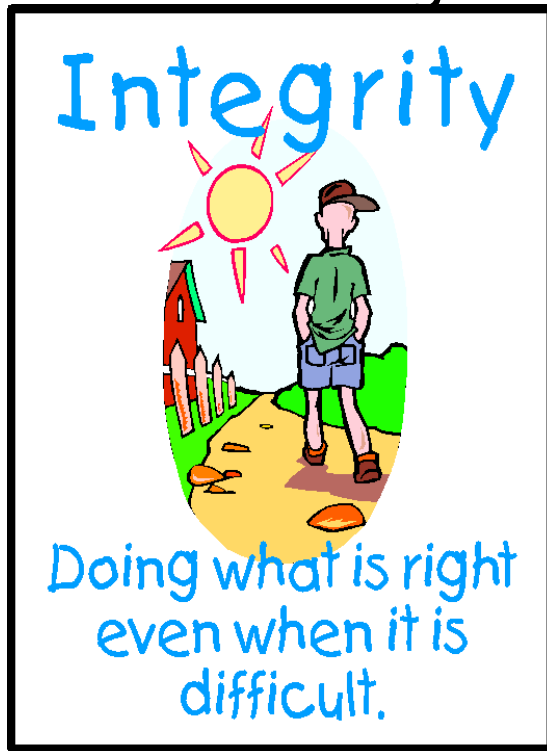
To access a teacher's website, you have to...

Some of the people who have access to my grades in PowerSchool include...

(noun)

# integrity

1. the quality of being honest and fair
2. the state of being complete, or undivided



<http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/maryshadd/CharacterDevelopment/Integrity.aspx>

1. A person who acts with integrity [honesty and fairness] does what is honest and fair even when it is difficult.



2. Students at MSU held a multicultural festival to celebrate and preserve their cultural integrity [unity].



**integrity** = 1. the quality of being honest and fair  
2. the state of being complete

## Sentence starters:

He has too much integrity to do something dishonest such as...

Because the integrity of the election is essential [very important], election officials make sure that...

If a politician has integrity, we would never expect him/her to...

A moviemaker attempts to maintain the integrity of the setting of an historical film by paying attention to details such as...