Vocabulary
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Apparatus
- Part of Speech: noun
- Definition: the technical equipment or machinery needed for a particular activity or purpose
- Example: The lawn mower was the farmer's most useful apparatus.

Cracklings
- Part of Speech: noun
- Definition: the crisp residue left after the rendering of lard from fat or the frying or roasting of the skin (as of pork)
- Example: Mike returned from the store with cracklings for the stew his mom was making.

Geegaw
- Part of Speech: noun
- Definition: a showy thing, especially one that is useless or worthless.
- Example: Mr. Trail's house was full of geegaws, mostly pez dispensers from his childhood.
Tentative

- **Part of Speech:** adjective
- **Definition:** not certain or fixed; provisional; unsure
- **Example:** The schedule for the assembly was tentative.

Zeal

- **Part of Speech:** noun
- **Definition:** great energy or enthusiasm in pursuit of a cause or an objective.
- **Example:** Mary was known for her zeal when it came to saving homeless animals.

Vocabulary

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Combine

- **Part of Speech:** noun
- **Definition:** an agricultural machine that harvests grain crops
- **Example:** Most successful farmers rely heavily on their combines for their harvests.
Guffaw

- **Part of Speech:** verb
- **Definition:** laugh in a loud or boisterous way
- **Example:** When Ms. Ellis told a joke, the students couldn't help but guffaw.

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Competent

- **Part of Speech:** adjective
- **Definition:** having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully
- **Example:** The 100% passing rate proved all of the students were competent in analogies.

Congeal

- **Part of Speech:** verb
- **Definition:** solidify or coagulate, especially by cooling
- **Example:** The cold congealed the water into ice.
Pristine

- **Part of Speech:** adjective
- **Definition:** in its original condition; unspoiled; clean and fresh as if new
- **Example:** Mike's car was in pristine condition, though he had already owned it for a few months.

Taboo

- **Part of Speech:** noun
- **Definition:** a practice that is prohibited or forbidden
- **Example:** Using phones in class is considered taboo at Akimel.

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Flippant

- **Part of Speech:** adjective
- **Definition:** not showing a serious or respectful attitude
- **Example:** Many of the students at lunch run around flippantly, ignoring administrators.
Infiltrator

- **Part of Speech:** noun
- **Definition:** a person who secretly becomes part of a group in order to get information or to influence the way the group thinks or behaves
- **Example:** The infiltrator was shunned once he was discovered.

Nonchalantly

- **Part of Speech:** adverb
- **Definition:** in a casually calm and relaxed manner
- **Example:** Teresa shrugged nonchalantly after she dropped her book.

Unfurl

- **Part of Speech:** verb
- **Definition:** unroll or unfold, becoming spread out
- **Example:** Samantha unfurled the banner and hung it in the gymnasium.

Vocabulary

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Adjudication

- **Part of Speech**: noun
- **Definition**: a formal judgment on a disputed matter
- **Example**: The adjudication meant that the defendant had lost.

Daunting

- **Part of Speech**: adjective
- **Definition**: seeming difficult to deal with in anticipation; intimidating
- **Example**: The old, dark house on the corner was daunting, especially at night.

Hydroponics

- **Part of Speech**: noun
- **Definition**: the process of growing plants in sand, gravel, or liquid
- **Example**: The farmer owed most of his success this harvest to the use of hydroponics.

Preponderance

- **Part of Speech**: noun
- **Definition**: the quality or fact of being greater in number, quantity, or importance
- **Example**: Rome, in its glory days, enjoyed such overwhelming military preponderance.
Revelation

- Part of Speech: noun
- Definition: a surprising and previously unknown fact, especially one that is made known in a dramatic way
- Example: Taylor gasped in the middle of class when she had a revelation during Mrs. Spears’ lesson.

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Deranged

- Part of Speech: adjective
- Definition: mad, insane
- Example: Mr. Carl was known for being deranged, always running around screaming something.

Totalitarian

- Part of Speech: noun
- Definition: of or relating to a system of government that is centralized, dictatorial, and requiring complete subservience
- Example: In the totalitarian regime, villagers had very little power.
Persona non grata

- **Part of Speech:** noun
- **Definition:** an unacceptable or unwelcome person
- **Example:** The solicitor was persona non grata in this house.