

Englist.me



Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

Clint Smith: "Ode to the Only Black Kid in the Class" |
TED Talk

https://www.ted.com/talks/clint_smith_ode_to_the_only_black_kid_in_the_class

Advanced Words Only

IMPORTANT

This material is a commentary and does not contain any copyrighted material of the reference source. We strongly recommend accessing/buying the reference source at the same time.

Session 1: Word List

- ode**
- n.* a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
- synonym* : poem, song, verse
- (1) nature **ode**, (2) an **ode** to love
- The poet composed a beautiful **ode** to nature and its wonders.
- manifestation**
- n.* a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
- synonym* : expression, embodiment, presentation
- (1) **manifestation** of a deeper problem, (2) **manifestation** of psychological stress
- The **manifestation** of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
- toil**
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
- synonym* : struggle, labor, work hard
- (1) **toil** to make a living, (2) **toil** up the mountain
- The farmers **toiled** in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.

antechamber

n. a smaller room or space that leads to a larger room, often used as a waiting area or a transitional space

synonym: ante-room, vestibule, waiting room

(1) **antechamber** entrance, (2) royal **antechamber**

I waited nervously in the **antechamber** before my big job interview.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym: believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

lyricology

n. the study or analysis of lyrics, especially about popular music

(1) **lyricology** analysis, (2) **lyricology** research

The university's music department offers a course on **lyricology**, focusing on analyzing the themes and structures in popular music.

sideshow

n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment

synonym: side attraction

(1) **sideshow** performer, (2) carnival **sideshow**

The circus **sideshow** featured a bearded lady and a human cannonball.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

asteroid

n. a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym: minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

Session 2: Spelling

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. si_____ow performer | <i>n.</i> a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment |
| 2. royal ant_____er | <i>n.</i> a smaller room or space that leads to a larger room, often used as a waiting area or a transitional space |
| 3. t__l up the mountain | <i>v.</i> to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time |
| 4. be de_____ed to become a great artist | <i>v.</i> to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |
| 5. de_____e us to meet again | <i>v.</i> to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome |
| 6. carnival si_____ow | <i>n.</i> a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment |
| 7. lyr_____gy analysis | <i>n.</i> the study or analysis of lyrics, especially about popular music |

ANSWERS: 1. sideshow, 2. antechamber, 3. toil, 4. destine, 5. destine, 6. sideshow, 7. lyricology

- | | |
|---|--|
| 8. as_____id explorer | <i>n.</i> a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter |
| 9. ant_____er entrance | <i>n.</i> a smaller room or space that leads to a larger room, often used as a waiting area or a transitional space |
| 10. man_____ion of psychological stress | <i>n.</i> a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition |
| 11. d__m socially responsible | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 12. lyr_____gy research | <i>n.</i> the study or analysis of lyrics, especially about popular music |
| 13. t__l to make a living | <i>v.</i> to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time |
| 14. an o_e to love | <i>n.</i> a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone |
| 15. as_____id mining | <i>n.</i> a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter |
| 16. d__m wrong or inappropriate | <i>v.</i> to consider or decide something in a particular way |
| 17. nature o_e | <i>n.</i> a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone |

ANSWERS: 8. asteroid, 9. antechamber, 10. manifestation, 11. deem, 12. lyricology, 13. toil, 14. ode, 15. asteroid, 16. deem, 17. ode

18. man_____ion of a deeper
problem

n. a visible or tangible form of something,
especially a particular sign of a disease
or condition

ANSWERS: 18. manifestation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ of his anxiety was evident in his shaking hands.
n. a visible or tangible form of something, especially a particular sign of a disease or condition
2. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
3. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
4. I waited nervously in the _____ before my big job interview.
n. a smaller room or space that leads to a larger room, often used as a waiting area or a transitional space
5. The poet composed a beautiful ____ to nature and its wonders.
n. a lyrical poem that expresses feelings or praise for a person, place, or thing; a poem that is marked by a prominent theme or tone
6. The circus _____ featured a bearded lady and a human cannonball.
n. a minor attraction or exhibit in a circus, fair, or amusement park that supplements the main entertainment
7. The university's music department offers a course on _____ focusing on analyzing the themes and structures in popular music.
n. the study or analysis of lyrics, especially about popular music

ANSWERS: 1. manifestation, 2. deemed, 3. destined, 4. antechamber, 5. ode, 6. sideshow, 7. lyricology,

8. The farmers _____ in the fields, harvesting the crops before the start of the rainy season.
- v.* to work hard and persistently; to engage in physically or mentally demanding tasks or activities for extended periods of time
9. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.
- n.* a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

ANSWERS: 8. toiled, 9. asteroid