

# Englist.me



## Vocabulary Builder Reference from...

*Dame Stephanie Shirley: Why do ambitious women have flat heads? | TED Talk*

[https://www.ted.com/talks/dame\\_stephanie\\_shirley\\_why\\_do\\_ambitious\\_women\\_have\\_flat\\_heads](https://www.ted.com/talks/dame_stephanie_shirley_why_do_ambitious_women_have_flat_heads)

### 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

### memoir

*n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

*synonym* : bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

### confuse

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

*synonym* : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

### philanthropy

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

*synonym* : altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

### Jewish

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

*synonym* : Judaic

(1) **Jewish** history, (2) **Jewish** culture

My friend is a **Jewish** woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

## doubly

*adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance

*synonym* : twice, twofold, in two ways

(1) **doubly** difficult, (2) **doubly** effective

The athlete faced a challenge that was **doubly** daunting because of her injury.

## reunite

*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation

*synonym* : reconcile, reunify, reconvene

(1) **reunite** after five years, (2) **reunite** with my friend

The band will **reunite** only for this show.

## opportune

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

*synonym* : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

## industrious

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

*synonym* : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

## intellect

*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

*synonym* : mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

## disguise

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

*synonym*: mask, misinterpret, cloak

(1) **disguise** my feelings, (2) **disguise** his voice

Later it turned out that the politician **disguised** the fact from the public.

## supersonic

*adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)

*synonym*: hypersonic, ultrasonic, transonic

(1) **supersonic** aircraft, (2) **supersonic** wind tunnel

The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at **supersonic** speeds.

## concord

*n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

*synonym*: agreement, harmony, unity

(1) **concord** agreement, (2) global **concord**

The negotiation resulted in a peaceful **concord** between the two nations.

## transgender

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

*synonym*: non-binary

(1) **transgender** person, (2) **transgender** rights

Many **transgender** individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

## unintended

*adj.* not planned or meant

*synonym*: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

## sizable

*adj.* large in size or amount

*synonym* : large, significant, considerable

(1) **sizable** portion, (2) **sizable** audience

He has a **sizable** fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.

## millionaire

*n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

## patronizing

*adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

*synonym* : condescending, superior

(1) **patronizing** remark, (2) **patronizing** behavior

The manager's attitude towards his employees was **patronizing**.

## profoundly

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

*synonym* : deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

## groundbreaking

*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques

*synonym* : innovative, revolutionary

(1) **groundbreaking** concept, (2) **groundbreaking** settlement

He has produced **groundbreaking** research on the subject.

## obsessive

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

*synonym* : compulsive, fixated, besetting

(1) **obsessive-compulsive** disorder, (2) **obsessive** thoughts

Her **obsessive** behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

### **workaholic**

*n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

*synonym*: workhorse, drudge

(1) **workaholic** habits, (2) self-proclaimed **workaholic**

The company's founder was a notorious **workaholic** who spent every waking hour building the business.

### **humility**

*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

*synonym*: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. Je\_\_\_h history *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
2. become a mil\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
3. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. enrich my in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
5. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
6. co\_\_\_\_\_e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
7. gro\_\_\_\_\_ing concept *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
8. di\_\_\_\_\_se my feelings *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
9. tra\_\_\_\_\_er rights *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
10. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. pat\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

ANSWERS: 1. Jewish, 2. millionaire, 3. opportune, 4. intellect, 5. unintended, 6. confuse, 7. groundbreaking, 8. disguise, 9. transgender, 10. opportune, 11. patronizing

12. private phi\_\_\_\_\_opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
13. si\_\_\_\_\_e audience *adj.* large in size or amount
14. phi\_\_\_\_\_opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
15. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve-compulsive disorder *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
16. re\_\_\_\_\_e with my friend *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
17. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. pro\_\_\_\_\_ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
19. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
20. uni\_\_\_\_\_ed misunderstanding *adj.* not planned or meant
21. tra\_\_\_\_\_er person *adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth
22. global co\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
23. pat\_\_\_\_\_ng remark *adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

ANSWERS: 12. philanthropy, 13. sizable, 14. philanthropy, 15. obsessive, 16. reunite, 17. industrious, 18. profoundly, 19. industrious, 20. unintended, 21. transgender, 22. concord, 23. patronizing

24. human in\_\_\_\_\_ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
25. Je\_\_\_h culture *adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism
26. self-proclaimed wor\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
27. develop an attitude of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
28. gro\_\_\_\_\_ing settlement *adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
29. mil\_\_\_\_\_re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
30. do\_\_\_y effective *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
31. re\_\_\_\_\_e after five years *v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
32. ob\_\_\_\_\_ve thoughts *adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors
33. di\_\_\_\_\_se his voice *v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others
34. publish a me\_\_\_\_r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

ANSWERS: 24. intellect, 25. Jewish, 26. workaholic, 27. humility, 28. groundbreaking, 29. millionaire, 30. doubly, 31. reunite, 32. obsessive, 33. disguise, 34. memoir



35. wor\_\_\_\_\_ic habits *n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively
36. co\_\_\_\_\_d agreement *n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions
37. lack of hu\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
38. sup\_\_\_\_\_ic aircraft *adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
39. do\_\_\_\_\_y difficult *adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
40. sleep pro\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
41. sup\_\_\_\_\_ic wind tunnel *adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
42. si\_\_\_\_\_e portion *adj.* large in size or amount
43. co\_\_\_\_\_e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
44. family me\_\_\_\_r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

ANSWERS: 35. workaholic, 36. concord, 37. humility, 38. supersonic, 39. doubly, 40. profoundly, 41. supersonic, 42. sizable, 43. confuse, 44. memoir

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_ individuals face discrimination and marginalization in society.

*adj.* relating to or denoting a person whose gender identity does not correspond to that person's biological sex assigned at birth

2. The manager's attitude towards his employees was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* displaying an air of condescension or superiority towards others, often in a way that comes across as insincere or manipulative; demonstrating a condescending or dismissive attitude

3. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ fortune and is one of the wealthiest people in the city.

*adj.* large in size or amount

4. Her \_\_\_\_\_ behavior towards perfectionism often led to burnout.

*adj.* relating to or characterized by an obsession or excessive interest in a particular thing or activity; tending to dwell on or repeat certain thoughts or behaviors

5. The novel affected her \_\_\_\_\_ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

*adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply

6. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

7. The company's founder was a notorious \_\_\_\_\_ who spent every waking hour building the business.

*n.* a person who is addicted to work; a person who works excessively

ANSWERS: 1. transgender, 2. patronizing, 3. sizable, 4. obsessive, 5. profoundly, 6. philanthropy, 7. workaholic

8. The spacecraft reentered the Earth's atmosphere at \_\_\_\_\_ speeds.  
*adj.* relating to or having a speed above the speed of sound (roughly 767 miles per hour or 1,235 kilometers per hour at sea level)
9. The band will \_\_\_\_\_ only for this show.  
*v.* to bring two or more people together again after a period of separation
10. The athlete faced a challenge that was \_\_\_\_\_ daunting because of her injury.  
*adv.* to twice the extent or degree; in a way that involves two things at once; with twice as much force, effect, or significance
11. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring \_\_\_\_\_ consequences.  
*adj.* not planned or meant
12. We were filled with \_\_\_\_\_ at the sight of the Queen.  
*n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
13. Your \_\_\_\_\_ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.  
*n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
14. He has produced \_\_\_\_\_ research on the subject.  
*adj.* producing fresh findings; using novel techniques
15. The negotiation resulted in a peaceful \_\_\_\_\_ between the two nations.  
*n.* a state of agreement, harmony, or mutual understanding; a formal agreement or treaty; a musical chord that is in harmony; unity or compatibility in thoughts, opinions, or actions

ANSWERS: 8. supersonic, 9. reunite, 10. doubly, 11. unintended, 12. humility, 13. intellect, 14. groundbreaking, 15. concord

16. Her remarks \_\_\_\_\_ the debate.

*v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

17. Later it turned out that the politician \_\_\_\_\_ the fact from the public.

*v.* to hide or alter someone's appearance to deceive or mislead others

18. He wrote his \_\_\_\_\_ while awaiting trial.

*n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

19. The Internet \_\_\_\_\_ was captivated by the artist's paintings.

*n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

20. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.

*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

21. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

22. My friend is a \_\_\_\_\_ woman who celebrates Hanukkah every year.

*adj.* of or relating to people whose traditional religion is Judaism

ANSWERS: 16. confused, 17. disguised, 18. memoirs, 19. millionaire, 20. industrious, 21. opportune, 22. Jewish