

Lesson

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Vocabulary Strategy

Using MNEMONIC DEVICES:

- Techniques a person can use to help them improve their ability to remember something. In other words, it's a memory technique to help your brain better encode and recall important information.
- Example: **Every Good Boy Deserves Fudge**

Surreal (adjective)

Definition: having the disorienting, hallucinatory quality of a dream; unreal; fantastic.

Synonyms: unreal, dreamlike

Antonyms: real

Sentence: Mrs. LaFlamme felt surreal when all of her students came to class prepared and ready to discuss the novel!

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Surreal (adjective)

How about this?

A dream is like a movie.

Picture a movie **REEL** turning as the movie is shown.

OR

SURpassing the **REAL**; so it is out of ordinary

Jest (noun or verb)

Definition: a joke or witty remark; to joke

Synonyms: banter, joke, hoax

Antonyms:

Sentence: Mrs. LaFlamme assigned a ten page research paper in jest to see her student's reactions!

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Jest (noun or verb)

How about this?

JEST = **J**oke (make) **E**veryone **S**mile **T**ogether!

OR

Ever heard of a **jester**? What do they do?

Indiscriminately (adverb)

Definition: lacking in care, judgment, selectivity.

Synonyms: aimlessly, frantically

Antonyms: carefully, cautiously

Sentence: The student who indiscriminately wrote their responses to the discussions questions did not receive high marks.

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Indiscriminately (adverb)

How about this?

IN = not able to

DISCRIMINATE = being selective

INDISCRIMINATELY = doing something without being selective (or without care)

Hysteria (noun)

Definition: an uncontrollable outburst of emotion or fear, often characterized by irrationality, laughter, weeping, etc.

Synonyms: excitement, frenzy, madness

Antonyms: calm, peace

Sentence: There was mass hysteria as the students realized Mrs. LaFlamme's star jar was EMPTY!

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Hysteria (noun)

How about this?

Hysteria sounds like HISTORY, which always causes excessive fear for Mrs. LaFlamme!

OR...

If you LOVE history, it might cause excessive excitement...much like **HYSTERIA!**

Rescind (verb)

Definition: to invalidate by a later action or a higher authority.

Synonyms: cancel, revoke

Antonyms: allow, approve

Sentence: Mrs. LaFlamme decided to rescind the detention she had given to the disruptive student.

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Rescind (verb)

How about this?

Rescind sounds like RESEND...when an email gets **cancelled**, you have to resend it.

Farce (noun)

Definition: a comedy characterized by improbably situations

Synonyms: joke, comedy, parody

Antonyms: seriousness

Sentence:

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Farce (noun)

What is your BEST idea for a mnemonic device?

Pious (adjective)

Definition: having or showing or expressing reverence for a deity

Synonyms: devout, saintly

Antonyms: bad, sinful

Sentence:

*Can you think of a mnemonic device to help you recall this word?

Pious (adjective)

What is your BEST idea for a mnemonic device?