



Daily Word Power Series

Day 23



Incessant (adjective): uninterrupted in time and indefinitely long continuing

Synonym: ceaseless, unceasing, etc.

Antonym: occasional, intermittent, etc.

Example: The incessant crying of a baby drives me nuts!

Learning Tricks: In (means not) + Cessa sounds like Cease (means To Stop); which does not stop, and continues forever, hence uninterrupted and Unceasing.

Ascendancy (noun): the state that exists when one person or group has power over another

Synonym: dominance, supremacy, etc.

Antonym: subordination

Example: The position of president comes with an ascendancy that has the authority to speak on behalf of an entire nation.

Learning Tricks: Ascend means to rise, so as you rise you gain power and then you dance. This is Ascendancy.

Disenfranchise (verb): deprive of voting rights

Synonym: abstain

Antonym:

Example: They disenfranchised poor people by making property ownership a requirement for registering to vote.

Learning Tricks: Franchise means right to freedom. disenfranchise means restricted freedom; deprived of voting.

Discriminate (verb): recognize or perceive the difference

Synonym: differentiate, distinguish

Antonym: confound, mingle, etc.

Example: My employer is a fair man who does not discriminate and treats everyone as his equal.

Learning Tricks: Descri+minate= 'describe' in one minute. When someone can describe something in one minute he can distinguish that.

Ingenuity (noun): the power of creative imagination

Synonym: inventiveness, creativity

Antonym: uncreativity

Example: When Jack fixed the jeep, his friends were impressed with his mechanical ingenuity.

Learning Tricks: 'Ingen' can be related to an 'engine' which is clever or skillful work

Obdurate (adjective): unable to be persuaded or moved emotionally; stubborn; unyielding.

Synonym: stubborn, unbending, etc.

Antonym: amenable, compliant

Example: Sometimes, you are too obdurate for your own good!

Learning Tricks: Ob+durate (Relate it to word durability) so anything which has durability; has the resisting power and something which can resist, is stubborn.

Respite (noun): a pause from doing something (as work)

Synonym: rest, break

Antonym: activity, change

Example: The land prospered rapidly during this respite from the horrors of war.

Learning Tricks: It's like Tarik pe Tarik which is Respite pe Respite.



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Avid (adjective): marked by active interest and enthusiasm

Synonym: keen, eager, etc.

Antonym: apathetic

Example: Just a short drive from town there is a wetland area that is a haven for avid bird watchers.

Learning Tricks: A person is always eager to be in avid (a video).

Elusive (adjective): difficult to capture or difficult to remember

Synonym: evasive

Antonym: available

Example: She wanted something as **elusive** as the scent.

Learning Tricks: Illusive things are always difficult to understand.

Degrade (verb): reduce in worth or character, usually verbally

Synonym: debase, devalue

Antonym: dignify, proud, etc

Example: He felt **degraded** by their remarks.

Learning Tricks: de(belittle)+grade means reduce the word of something





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