



basis [ˈbeɪsɪs] n. 🔊

To do something on time's **basis** is how often you do it.

→ *My grandfather gets his hearing checked on a yearly **basis**.*



biology [baɪˈɒlədʒi] n. 🔊

Biology is the study of living things.

→ *We learned about **the human heart** in **biology** class.*



cage [keɪdʒ] n. 🔊

A cage is something that holds an animal so it cannot leave.

→ *We put the parrots in their **cage** at night.*



colleague [ˈkɒliːg] n. 🔊

A colleague is somebody you work with.

→ *My **colleague** helped me finish the job.*



colony [ˈkɒləni] n. 🔊

A colony is a country controlled by another country.

→ *The USA was at one time a **colony** of Great Britain.*



debate [dɪˈbeɪt] v. 🔊

To debate is to seriously discuss something with someone.

→ *The husband and wife **debated** over which TV to buy.*



depart [dɪˈpɑːrt] v. 🔊

To depart is to leave some place so you can go to another place.

→ *The plane **departed** for Italy at 3:00 this afternoon.*



depress [dɪˈpres] v. 🔊

To depress someone is to make them sad.

→ *The bad news from work **depressed** the man.*



factual [fæktʃuəl] adj.

When something is factual, it is true.

→ John learns about history from **factual** books.



fascinate [fæseɪ,neɪt] v.

To fascinate someone is to make them really like something.

→ The kitten was **fascinated** by the ball of yarn.



mission [mɪʃən] n.

A mission is an important job that is sometimes far away.

→ The woman's **mission** was to help sick people.



nevertheless [nevəðə'les] adv.

You use nevertheless to show that something goes against a fact.

→ He is usually friendly. **Nevertheless**, he wasn't this afternoon.



occupation [ɒkjʊ'peɪʃən] n.

An occupation is a person's job.

→ My father's **occupation** is a dentist.



overseas [əʊvə'si:z] adv.

If you go overseas, you go to a country on the other side of an ocean.

→ John often goes **overseas** for vacations.



persuade [pe'sweɪd] v.

To persuade someone is to make them agree to do something.

→ The children **persuaded** their parents to buy them gifts.



route [ru:t] n.

A route is the way you go from one place to another.

→ I saw many new houses along the **route** to the city.



ruins [ˈruːnz] n. 🔊

Ruins are old buildings that are not used anymore.
→ I visited some interesting **ruins** in Greece.



scholar [ˈskɒləːr] n. 🔊

A scholar is a person who studies something and knows much about it.
→ The **scholar** knew much about art history.



significant [sɪɡˈnɪfɪkənt] adj. 🔊

When someone or something is significant, they are important.
→ I read many **significant** novels as a literature major in university.



volcano [vɒlˈkeɪnəʊ] n. 🔊

A volcano is a mountain with a hole on top where hot liquid comes out.
→ When the **volcano** erupted, smoke and heat filled the air.