



basis ['beɪsɪs] 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 ['kɒliːg] n. 🔊

A colleague is somebody you work with.
→ My **colleague** helped me finish the job.



colony ['kɒləni] 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 [ˈfæktʃuəl] adj. 🔊

When something is **factual**, it is true.

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



fascinate [ˈfæseɪn] v. 🔊

To fascinate someone is to make them really like something.

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



mission [ˈmɪʃən] n. 🔊

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

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



nevertheless [ˌnevəðəˈles] adv. 🔊

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

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



occupation [ˌɒkjʊˈpeɪʃən] n. 🔊

An occupation is a person's job.

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



overseas [ˌəʊvəˈsiːz] adv. 🔊

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

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



persuade [pəˈsweɪd] v. 🔊

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

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



route [ruːt] 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.