

Cross-Curricular Versatile Vocabulary Y7

Exploring patterns and making connections within and between subjects

Something <i>concrete</i> is definite, solid and real.	concrete	abstract	Something <i>abstract</i> is not physical; based on ideas.
If something increases or you increase it, it becomes greater in number, level, or amount.	increase	decrease	When something decreases or when you decrease it, it becomes less in quantity, size, or intensity.
Contemporary things are modern and relate to the present time. Contemporary people or things were alive or happened at the same time as something else you are talking about.	contemporary	traditional	Traditional customs, beliefs, or methods are ones that have existed for a long time without changing.
If something confirms what you believe, suspect, or fear, it shows that it is definitely true.	confirm	refute	If you refute an argument, accusation, or theory, you prove that it is wrong or untrue.
If you describe an activity as frenetic , you mean that it is fast and energetic, but rather uncontrolled.	frenetic	tranquil	Something that is tranquil is calm and peaceful.
Something <i>intermittent</i> happens every so often.	intermittent	perpetual	Something <i>perpetual</i> never ends or changes.
If something catalyses a thing or a situation, it makes it active.	catalyse	impede	If you impede someone or something, you make their movement, development, or progress difficult.
An abundance of something is a large quantity of it.	abundance	lack	If there is a lack of something, there is not enough of it or it does not exist at all.
Something that is detrimental to something else has a harmful or damaging effect on it.	detrimental	beneficial	Something that is beneficial helps or improves a person or situation.
Something that is innocuous is not at all harmful or offensive.	innocuous	toxic	A toxic substance is poisonous.
If you describe someone as fickle , you disapprove of them because they keep changing their mind about what they like or want.	fickle	steadfast	If someone is steadfast in something that they are doing, they are convinced that what they are doing is right and they refuse to change it or to give up.
If you malign someone, you say unpleasant and untrue things about them.	malign	venerate	If you venerate someone or something, you value them or feel great respect for them.
Something <i>permanent</i> lasts forever.	permanent	ephemeral	Something <i>ephemeral</i> lasts for a short time; it is temporary.
If someone or something <i>reinforces</i> a feeling or situation, it makes it stronger.	reinforce	transgress	If someone <i>transgresses</i> , they break or go against a moral law or a rule of behaviour.
A <i>moral</i> person behaves in a way that is believed by most people to be good and right.	moral	immoral	If you describe someone or their behaviour as <i>immoral</i> , their behaviour is wrong.
If two lines, two objects, or two lines of movement are parallel , they are the same distance apart along their whole length.	parallel	perpendicular	A perpendicular line or surface points straight up, rather than being sloping or horizontal.
If you describe someone as <i>credulous</i> , they believe what people tell them and are gullible.	credulous	duplicitous	Someone who is <i>duplicitous</i> lies and is two-faced.
The <i>interior</i> of something or someone is its inside.	interior	exterior	The <i>exterior</i> of someone or something is its outside.
Someone <i>innocent</i> has no knowledge of the more unpleasant aspects of life.	innocent	corrupt	Someone who is <i>corrupt</i> behaves in a way that is wrong, often in return for power
Something that is <i>inferior</i> is not as good as something else.	inferior to	superior to	Something that is <i>superior</i> is better or more important than something else.
To oppress people means to treat them cruelly, or to prevent them from having the same opportunities, freedom, and benefits as others.	oppress	liberate	To liberate someone from something means to help them escape from it or overcome it, and lead a better way of life.
If you say that someone trivialises something important, you disapprove of them because they make it seem less important, serious, and complex than it is.	trivialise	exaggerate	If you exaggerate , you indicate that something is, for example, worse or more important than it really is.
A taciturn person does not say very much and can seem unfriendly.	taciturn	verbose	If you describe a person or a piece of writing as verbose , you are critical of them because they use more words than are necessary, and so make you feel bored or annoyed.
Compassion is a feeling of pity, sympathy, and understanding for someone who is suffering.	compassion	callousness	A callous person or action is very cruel and shows no concern for other people or their feelings.
If you say that someone is fastidious , you mean that they pay great attention to	fastidious	blasé	If you describe someone as blasé , you mean that they are

detail because they like everything to be very neat, accurate, and in good order.			not easily impressed, excited, or worried by things, usually because they have seen or experienced them before.
If you describe an action, rule, or decision as arbitrary , you think that it is not based on any principle, plan, or system.	arbitrary	rational	Rational decisions and thoughts are based on reason rather than on emotion.
If you describe an action or decision as judicious , you approve of it because you think that it shows good judgment and sense.	judicious	rash	. If someone is rash or does rash things, they act without thinking carefully first, and therefore make mistakes or behave foolishly.
If you describe something as <i>banal</i> , you do not like it because you think that that it is dull and boring.	banal	idiosyncratic	If you describe someone or something as <i>idiosyncratic</i> , you mean that it is unusual.
<i>Homogeneous</i> is used to describe a group or thing which has members or parts that are all the same.	homogeneous	heterogeneous	A <i>heterogeneous</i> group consists of many different types of things or people.
Something that is <i>finite</i> has a fixed size or end.	finite	infinite	Something that is <i>infinite</i> lasts forever; it has no end.