

Cross-Curricular Versatile Vocabulary Y8

Exploring patterns and making connections within and between subjects

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| If an event is inevitable, it is definitely going to happen. | inevitable | preventable | If something is preventable, it can be stopped. |
| Discord is disagreement (Discordant – adjective) | discord | harmony | If people are living in harmony with each other, they are living together peacefully rather than fighting or Arguing with each other. Harmony is the pleasant combination of different notes of music played at the same time. |
| Ruled or controlled by men (Patriarchy – noun) | patriarchal | matriarchal | Ruled or controlled by women (Matriarchy – noun) |
| If you describe something as vulgar , you think it is in bad taste or of poor artistic quality. | vulgar | inoffensive | If you describe someone or something as inoffensive , you mean that they are not unpleasant or unacceptable in any way, but are perhaps rather dull.. |
| Something, especially something bad, that is pervasive is present or felt throughout a place or thing. | pervasive | incomprehensible | Something that is incomprehensible is impossible to understand. |
| To be in turmoil is to be in a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty. (Tumultuous – adjective) | turmoil | tranquillity | A state of quietness and calm. |
| If you say that someone is sincere , you approve of them because they really mean the things they say. You can also describe someone's behaviour and beliefs as sincere . | sincere | duplicitous | Someone who is duplicitous is deceitful. |
| A duality is a situation in which two opposite ideas or feelings exist at the same time. | duality | constancy | Constancy is the quality of staying the same even though other things change. |
| To objectify someone or something is to treat it like an object. | objectify | respect | If you respect someone, you have a good opinion of their character or ideas. |
| If you say that someone is defiant , you mean they show aggression or independence by refusing to obey someone. | defiant | compliant | If you say that someone is compliant , you mean they willingly do what they are asked to do. |
| Potency is the power and influence that a person, action, idea or substance has to affect or change something else. | potency | impotency | If someone feels impotent , they feel that they have no power to influence people or events. |
| If you describe something as idyllic , you mean that it is extremely pleasant, simple, and peaceful without any difficulties or dangers. | idyllic | traumatic | A traumatic experience is very shocking and upsetting, and may cause psychological damage. |
| Something permanent lasts forever. | permanent | ephemeral | Something ephemeral lasts for a short time; it is temporary. |
| If someone or something reinforces a feeling or situation, it makes it stronger. | reinforce | transgress | If someone transgresses , they break or go against a moral law or a rule of behaviour. |
| A moral 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 immoral , their behaviour is wrong. |
| If you are enchanted by something, it is like you are under a spell; transfixed. | enchanted | repulsed | If you are repulsed by something, you think that it is horrible and disgusting and you want to avoid it. |
| If you preserve a situation or condition, you make sure that it remains as it is, and does not change or end. | preserve | destroy | To destroy something means to cause so much damage to it that it is completely ruined or does not exist any more. |
| A sanctuary is a place where people who are in danger from other people can go to be safe. | sanctuary | penance | If you do penance for something wrong that you have done, you do something that you find unpleasant to show that you are sorry.. |
| Something that is auspicious indicates that success is likely. | auspicious | inauspicious | An inauspicious event is one that gives signs that success is unlikely. |
| Visceral feelings are feelings that you feel very deeply and find it difficult to control or ignore, and that are not the result of thought. | visceral | considered | A considered opinion or act is the result of careful thought. |
| Reverence for someone or something is a feeling of great respect for them. | reverence | scorn | If you treat someone or something with scorn , you show contempt or hatred for them. |
| If you conserve a supply of something, you use it carefully so that it lasts for a long time. To conserve something means to protect it from harm, loss, or change. | conserve | deplete | To deplete a stock or amount of something means to reduce it. |
| You use constant to describe something that happens all the time or is always there. | constant | variable | Something that is variable changes quite often, and there usually seems to be no fixed pattern to these changes. |
| If you are sceptical about something, you have doubts about it. | sceptical | assured | Someone who is assured is very confident and relaxed. If something is assured , it is certain to happen. |
| If you can discern something, you are aware of it and know what it is. If you describe someone as discerning , you mean that they are able to judge which things of a particular kind are good and which are bad. | Discern[ing] | ignorant | If you describe someone as ignorant , you mean that they do not know things they should know. If someone is ignorant of a fact, they do not know it. |
| 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. |
| Something that is finite has a fixed size or end. | finite | infinite | Something that is infinite lasts forever; it has no end. |