

Core Nonfiction Reading_3_Word List

Unit	WORD	POS	Eng. Definitions	Sample Sentence
1	mate	noun	to pair a male and a female in order to produce a baby	Some birds sing in order to attract a mate.
	elaborate	adjective	complicated and detailed in design	Male bowerbirds create elaborate bowers to impress females.
	offspring	noun	a child or animal born to a particular parent	Animals mate in order to produce offspring that pass their genes on.
	romantic	adjective	of, relating to, or involving love; showing love	Male bowerbirds are fairly romantic, creating a colorful bower, or an attractive shelter, for their future mate.
	scream	verb	to cry out in a loud and high voice because of pain, surprise, anger, etc.	"Look out!" she screamed.
	ritual	noun	a series of acts that is always performed in the same way	Single people are lucky because they do not have to endure strange courting rituals.
	endure	verb	to deal with something unpleasant, often for a long time	I can endure her rudeness no longer.
2	networking	noun	the act of sharing information and communicating	Facebook and Twitter are examples of social networking sites.
	sole	adjective	only; single	Companies should not use viral marketing as their sole strategy.
	virus	noun	software that spreads from one computer to another, making bad things happen to them	People fear computer viruses because of how harmful they can be.
	pioneer	noun	a person or organization that does something first	Hotmail is seen as a pioneer of viral marketing.
	registered	adjective	having a person's name entered in an official list	Hotmail grew from 500,000 registered users to over twelve million in less than a year.
	classic	adjective	standard or very typical	Social networking sites are classic examples of how quickly ideas can spread.
	core	noun	the most important part of a system or principle	At its core, viral marketing is the spreading of an idea.
	strategy	noun	a plan or method for achieving a particular goal	Companies should not use viral marketing as their sole strategy.
	lottery	noun	a contest in which winners of prizes, often money, are chosen by chance	They held a public lottery to raise money for charity.
	viral	adjective	spreading, or causing something to spread, like a virus	Hotmail is seen as a pioneer of viral marketing.
3	candidate	verb	a person applying for a job	A job candidate should research the company that he or she wants to work for.
	conservative	adjective	traditional in taste; not likely to draw attention	Older people tend to be conservative in their attitudes.
	eventually	adverb	at some later time	I thought he would never ask her to marry him, but he did eventually.
	prior	adjective	before	Job applicants often find out about a company prior to applying for a job.
	prospective	adjective	likely to be or become something in the future	Prospective employees might talk to friends about the company they apply to.
	tip	noun	small pieces of helpful information	He gave me some good tips on gardening.
	jewelry	noun	decorative items usually worn on the hands, ears, or neck	Do you prefer wearing silver or gold jewelry?
	résumé	noun	a short document that lists work history and education	A person looking for a job might spend hours working on a résumé.
	impression	noun	the influence or effect that a person or thing has on a person's feelings or thoughts	The film made a great impression on me.
	atmosphere	noun	the way a place feels; the general mood in a place	There was a friendly atmosphere in the village.
4	cardboard	noun	thick, stiff paper that is used for making boxes	Some modern structures utilize cardboard tubes and wood.
	architect	noun	someone who designs buildings	One Japanese architect has designed structures that use lighter materials.
	centimeter	noun	a unit for measuring length, equal to 1/100 of a meter	Some buildings can be lifted three centimeters off the ground if necessary.
	foundation	noun	the part of a building, road, bridge, etc. that is under the ground and supports it	First they laid the foundations, and then they built the walls.
	concrete	noun	a hard material that is made by mixing sand, water, small stones, and cement	Some new building materials are lighter than concrete.
	devise	verb	to invent or plan something complicated; to come up with	A shelter was hurriedly devised.
	diverse	adjective	including many different types	More diverse materials are being considered to make buildings more earthquake-proof.

	convert	verb	to change from one thing into another	This sofa converts into a bed.
5	decay	verb	to be destroyed slowly by natural processes	Sugar makes your teeth decay.
	speculate	verb	to form a theory with little information	There's no point in speculating about what's going to happen.
	skeleton	noun	the structure of bones that supports the body	The archaeologists dug up the skeleton of a dinosaur.
	skull	noun	the structure of bones that form the head and face	He's fractured his skull.
	bury	verb	to put in the ground and cover with dirt	Some people had been killed and then buried in the bogs.
	dump	verb	to put (something) somewhere in a quick and careless way	She dumped the heavy shopping bag on the table.
	naked	adjective	not covered by clothing	Some bog bodies have been found naked, with only rope around their necks.
	estimate	verb	to guess at a number or amount based on some information	He estimated that the journey would take two hours.
6	participate	verb	to take part in an activity or event with others	Did you participate in the discussion?
	peninsula	noun	a piece of land that is surrounded by water on three sides	Singapore is located near the Malay Peninsula.
	rights	noun	things a person is legally allowed to do	You must fight for your rights.
	bilingual	adjective	able to speak two languages	Most children in Singapore are raised bilingual.
	ethnic	adjective	relating to a specific race of people who have the same practices, religion, origins, etc.	Singapore has four major ethnic groups.
	fusion	noun	prepared using two or more styles combined	People can find a lot of fusion cuisine in Singapore.
	integration	noun	the process of becoming part of a group	Diverse practices came together in one society due to integration.
	immigrant	noun	someone who comes to a different country to live there	The eastern part of the city is inhabited by immigrants.
7	organism	noun	a living thing	A pond is full of organisms.
	steal	verb	to take something that does not belong to you	Thieves broke into the house and stole money and jewellery.
	infect	verb	to cause (someone or something) to carry or become sick with a disease	She had a bad cold last week and has infected the rest of the class.
	pork	noun	meat from pigs used for food	Parasites are often found in undercooked meat, such as pork.
	influenza	noun	an illness that causes fever, aches and pains, and breathing problems	Some parasites can cause influenza-like symptoms in healthy people.
	liver	noun	a large organ of the body that cleans the blood	Parasites found in meat can cause heart, liver, and eye problems.
	immune	adjective	having to do with resistance to disease	Medicine does not always help people who have poor immune systems.
	thoroughly	adjective	in a complete, careful way	He's thoroughly bored by romantic movies.
	prescription	noun	a note from a doctor that allows a patient to use a medicine	He gave me a prescription to give to the pharmacist.
	contaminate	verb	to mix with something and make it dirty or dangerous	The town's water-supply has been contaminated by chemicals from the factory.
8	prey	noun	an animal that is hunted as food by another animal	The lion tore at its prey.
	era	noun	a period of time that is associated with a specific event, person, etc.	Some deep-sea fish look like they are from the era of dinosaurs.
	shark	noun	a medium-sized or large ocean fish known for its sharp teeth	The frilled shark lives thousands of feet under the surface of the ocean.
	await	verb	to be ready and waiting for someone or something	We await your arrival with expectation.
	inhabit	verb	to live in a place	That house is now inhabited by a Polish family.
	tempt	verb	to cause someone to do or want to do something	The sunshine tempted them to go out.
	proportion	noun	rate or ratio; size or amount of a thing in relation to the size or amount of another thing	For this dish, the butter and flour should be in the proportion of three to four.
	submarine	noun	a ship that can operate underwater	Some creatures have been found only recently with the help of deep-sea submarines.
	gracefully	adverb	moving in a smooth and attractive way	This propulsion system helps it move gracefully over very long distances.
		artificial	adjective	created by people, not nature
imitate		verb	to make or do something the same way as another person or thing does it	He could imitate the song of many different birds.
intelligent		adjective	having or showing the ability to learn or understand things	That dog is so intelligent.
logic		adjective	the step-by-step processes used in reasoning	Some situations require not just logic, but awareness.

9	situation	noun	all of the things that affect someone or something at a particular time	Humans excel in situations that require awareness, while machines are useless in these situations.
	excel	verb	to be or do better than (others)	Good teachers do everything possible to help their students excel.
	linguistics	noun	the study of language and how it works	The study of linguistics is more important to AI development than early researchers thought.
	disagree	verb	to have a different opinion about something than someone else	We don't get along because we disagree about everything.
10	accomplish	verb	to succeed in doing something	Have you accomplished your task?
	accent	noun	the way someone pronounces words, influenced by where he or she comes from or his or her first language	The accent is on the second syllable.
	noun	noun	a type of word that identifies a person, place, thing, or idea	The words "boy," "James" and "happiness" are all nouns.
	barrier	noun	anything that causes difficulty for people trying to understand each other	There should be a barrier between the playground and the busy road.
	politics	noun	ideas and activities relating to government	English is unpopular in many countries because of history or politics.
	obvious	adjective	easy to understand or see	It was obvious from her pale face that she was ill.
	minor	adjective	small; not very important	Always stop when driving from a minor road on to a major road.
	primary	adjective	most important; main	When children begin to speak a primary language that their elders do not, people from different generations cannot communicate.
	elder	noun	a person who is older	Take the advice of your elders.
11	solar	adjective	of or relating to the Sun	Due to solar winds, the particles are blown into the atmosphere.
	explode	verb	to break apart suddenly and violently, with pieces flying outward	The police caused the bomb to explode where it could cause no damage.
	further	adverb	far away; more distant	I cannot go any further.
	fascinate	verb	to cause (someone) to be very interested	She was fascinated by the strange clothes and customs of the country people.
	intense	adjective	very strong; requiring a lot of energy	Intense solar activity must occur for some colors to be seen.
	rotate	verb	to move or turn in a circular pattern	Particles are thrown from the surface of the Sun as it rotates.
	grasp	noun	an understanding of something (usually complicated)	I can't grasp what he's getting at.
	collide	verb	to hit something or each other with strong force	The cars collided in the fog.
	particle	noun	in science, one of the smallest pieces that make up larger things	Particles from the Sun and the Earth play a major role in the formation of the northern lights.
12	cell	noun	the smallest living part of an animal or plant	The human body is made up of cells.
	fortunately	adverb	luckily; something you say when you are talking about a good thing that happened	Fortunately, a lot of brain injuries heal over time.
	function	noun	the purpose for which a thing is used	The function of the brakes is to stop the car.
	permanent	adjective	lasting forever	They made a permanent home in England.
	recall	verb	to remember	He had been recalled to his former post.
	injury	noun	damage to someone's body caused by an accident or attack	The motorcyclist suffered severe injuries in the crash.
	stem	verb	to come from or originate	Hate sometimes stems from envy.
	nerve	noun	a thin thread in the body that carries messages between the brain and other parts of the body	Damaged nerve cells cannot send information the way they need to.
temporary	adjective	continuing for a limited amount of time; not permanent	He made a temporary repair.	
13	drug	noun	medicine; something that helps a person heal or feel better	She has been prescribed a new drug for her stomach pains.
	property	noun	a quality, trait, or characteristic	Hardness is a property of diamonds.
	welfare	noun	well-being; the state of being happy, healthy, or successful	Who is looking after the child's welfare?
	reside	verb	to live in a place	He now resides abroad.
	translator	noun	someone whose job is to change information from one language into another	Translators are available to help with communication between researchers and tribal
	pharmacy	noun	a store that prepares and sells medicines	The Amazon might be the world's largest natural pharmacy.
	tropical	adjective	from or in the hot, humid area near the Equator	No tropical rainforest in the world is larger than the Amazon.
nurture	verb	to take care of and support something, especially to help it grow	The Amazon's plants and people should be nurtured.	

	potential	adjective	possible; capable of becoming real in the future	That hole in the road is a potential danger.
14	alert	noun	a warning or a notification	Owners can get instant alerts when motion sensors are set off.
	science fiction	noun	a type of story about life in the future or in outer space	Smart home technology may sound like science fiction, but it is not.
	grocery	noun	items bought at the supermarket, like food and cleaning supplies	A smart refrigerator can order groceries as they are used up.
	portable	adjective	able to be carried	Smart homes can be controlled through portable computers.
	automatically	adverb	happening independently or starting on its own	He answered automatically.
	priority	noun	a very important thing, compared to other things	An ambulance must have priority over other traffic.
	remotely	adverb	from a distance	Smart homes can be controlled remotely through smartphones.
	control panel	noun	an electrical device with a flat surface that controls other electrical devices	Smart homes often have computerized control panels on one or more walls.
	usage	noun	the amount that something is used	A smart home can reduce energy usage.
	equip	verb	to provide (something) with a particular feature or ability	The school is equipped with four computers.