



AMERICAN BORN CHINESE VOCABULARY

Please learn the following ten words. Practice using them in discussions and assignments! You will be tested on these words throughout the year. Vocabulary words never go away!

1. prerequisite (ABC page 10)

1. n. A thing that is required as a prior condition for something else to happen or exist; something that is required beforehand.

Spanish I is the prerequisite for Spanish II.

2. adj. Required before something else can exist or happen.

Art I is a prerequisite course for Art II.

Synonyms: 1. requirement, qualification 2. necessary, obligatory

Antonyms: --- 2. unnecessary

2. sovereign (ABC page 14)

1. n. A king or queen who is the supreme ruler of a country.

The sovereign ruled the kingdom with a heavy fist.

2. adj. Possessing supreme power. In terms of a country or government, fully independent.

Prince Caspian is the sovereign ruler of all of Narnia, as he shares the throne with no one.

Syn: 1. ruler, monarch 2. independent, absolute, autonomous

Ant: 1. --- 2. dependent, occupied

3. fervent (ABC page 56)

- adj. Intensely passionate; having or displaying a passionate intensity. You are fervent about something you are really "into."

Because she is a fervent believer in freedom of speech, she protested the censorship of the book.

Syn: impassioned, vehement, enthusiastic Ant: indifferent, apathetic

4. emissary (ABC page 67)

- n. A person sent as a diplomatic representative on a special mission.

The government sent two emissaries to the war-torn area to help negotiate a peace treaty.

Syn: delegate, ambassador, envoy Ant: ---

