



AMERICAN BORN CHINESE VOCABULARY

Please learn the following ten words PLUS TWO WORDS OF YOUR CHOOSING. Practice using them in discussions and assignments! You will be tested on these words throughout the year. Vocab 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. n. requirement, qualification

2. adj. necessary, obligatory

Antonyms: 1. No real antonym for noun form.

2. adj. 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. n. ruler, monarch

2. adj. independent, absolute, autonomous

Ant: 1. n. servant, colony

2. adj. dependent, occupied, colonized

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, passionate

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, representative, diplomat

Ant: rebel, anarchist, traitor, spy (working against you)

5. **muster** (ABC page 71)

1. v. Achieve a feeling, attitude, or reaction.

He mustered all his courage and asked the person he liked to go to the dance with him.

2. v. To gather together.

We mustered up as many volunteers as we could to help with the clean-up project.

Syn: 1. raise, summon up, build up 2. collect, gather, amass, convene, congregate

Ant: 1. lose, release 2. disperse, disband

6. **antiquity** (ABC page 133)

n. The ancient past; an object, building, or work of art from the ancient past.

The museum curator has studied the antiquities of Ancient Egypt his entire career.

Syn: antique, relic, history

Ant: present, modernity, future

7. **repentance** (ABC page 134)

n. (noun form of the verb **repent**) Sincere regret or remorse about something bad or wrong that one has done.

She felt great repentance for having lied to her parents about her failing grades and truancy.

Syn: guilt, contrition, remorse, regret, shame

Ant: remorselessness, apathy, pride, satisfaction

8. **impudence** (ABC page 144)

n. (noun form of **impudent**) The act of not showing proper respect to someone; impertinence.

The movie-goers were disgusted by the impudence of the man who answered his cell phone and began talking loudly during the show.

Syn: insolence, rudeness, brazenness, disrespect

Ant: courtesy, decorum, respect

9. **unmitigated** (ABC page 206)

adj. Absolute; complete; complete and total.

The jury was convinced of the criminal's unmitigated guilt when he spontaneously confessed to the crime while on the witness stand.

Syn: total, downright, unequivocal, utter

Ant: partial, fractional

10. **pinnacle** (ABC page 218)

n. The most successful point. In terms of a mountain, the peak, the highest point.

Winning both the National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize for Literature in the same year was the pinnacle of the writer's career.

Syn: culmination, high point, summit, zenith, climax

Ant: low point, base, bottom