



● **allow** [ə'laʊ] v.

To **allow** something to happen means to let it happen.

→ *Having a ticket will **allow** you to enter the show.*



● **announce** [ə'nəʊns] v.

To **announce** something is to make it known.

→ *He **announced** to everyone his new idea for the company.*



● **beside** [bɪ'saɪd] prep.

When someone or something is **beside** you, they are next to you.

→ *The two brothers stood **beside** each other.*



● **challenge** [tʃælɪndʒ] n.

A **challenge** is something difficult to complete.

→ *It was a **challenge** to climb to the top of the mountain.*



● **claim** [kleɪm] v.

To **claim** means to say that something is true.

→ *He **claimed** to know why the country's laws were weak.*



● **condition** [kən'dɪʃən] n.

The **condition** of someone or something is the state that they are in.

→ *The patient's **condition** was very good.*



● **contribute** [kən'trɪbjʊ:t] v.

To **contribute** to something means to do something to make it successful.

→ *We decided to **contribute** money to the new hospital.*



● **difference** [dɪfərəns] n.

A **difference** is a way that something is not like other things.

→ *The biggest **difference** between the birds is the color of their feathers.*



● **divide** [dɪvaɪd] v.

To **divide** something is to make it into smaller parts.

→ *We **divided** the pizza.*



● **expert** [ɛkspɜ:t] n.

An **expert** is someone who is very good at doing something.

→ *The wizard was an **expert** at magic.*



- **famous** [fəɪməs] *adj.*
If someone or something is **famous**, they are known to many people.
→ *The Eiffel Tower in Paris is very famous.*



- **force** [fɔːrs] *n.*
Force is a person's strength or power.
→ *He used all his force to try and open the door.*



- **harm** [hɑːrm] *n.*
Harm is hurt or problems caused to someone or something.
→ *A hot iron can cause great harm if you are not careful.*



- **lay** [leɪ] *v.*
To **lay** means to put or place in a horizontal or flat position.
→ *Don't lay your socks on the floor.*



- **peace** [piːs] *n.*
Peace is a time without war.
→ *A white dove is a symbol for peace.*



- **prince** [prɪns] *n.*
A **prince** is the son of a king.
→ *The prince and the princess were married.*



- **protect** [prə'tekt] *v.*
To **protect** someone is to stop them from getting hurt.
→ *Firemen protect us from fires.*



- **sense** [sens] *v.*
To **sense** something is to know about it without being told.
→ *I could sense that he was watching me.*



- **sudden** [sʌdn] *adj.*
When something is **sudden**, it happens very quickly.
→ *He felt a sudden pain in his chest.*



- **therefore** [ðeə'fɔːr] *adv.*
Therefore means for this reason.
→ *He is fat. Therefore, he will go on a diet.*

The Best Prince

King Minos was very sick. His **condition** was getting worse. He had three sons. He loved them all. He had to **announce** who would become king.

Two of the **princes** stood waiting outside the king's room. Theseus was the oldest and strongest. He thought his father would make him king. Pelias, the second son, thought differently. He was an **expert** with weapons. He thought the king would choose him.

"When I'm king," Theseus told Pelias, "I'll let you **contribute** to the defense of our country. You can lead the army."

Pelias became angry. "Father knows I'm **famous** for my sword skills. He'll make me king."

"You?" Theseus yelled. "He won't choose you!"

"The kingdom is mine!" Pelias **claimed**. "Father will give it to me—or I'll use **force** to take it!"

Theseus made a **sudden** move to take out his sword. Then Pelias did the same.

"Beating me will be a **challenge**," Theseus said. "Fight me now. The winner gets the kingdom!"

Pelias agreed.

King Minos could hear his sons fighting. The youngest son, Jason, stood **beside** him. He **sensed** his father's sadness. The king **laid** his hand flat on Jason's arm.

"Your brothers fight too much," the king told him. "I must **protect** my kingdom from all **harm**. They'll **divide** it between them. The people won't know what to do. There'll be war. I can't **allow** either of them to be king. **Therefore**, I'm making you king. Your kindness has always made you special. It's the **difference** between you and your brothers. You can bring **peace**. They can't."

Then the king died. Theseus and Pelias heard that their youngest brother was king. They were surprised. They realized that their fighting was wrong. It had kept them from saying goodbye to their father. They agreed to have Jason as their king. He was the best choice.

