



○ **accept** [æksəpt] *v.*

To **accept** something that is offered is to take it.
→ *I **accepted** the girl's very nice gift.*



○ **arrange** [ə'reɪndʒ] *v.*

To **arrange** things is to put them in the right place.
→ *Please **arrange** the bowling pins in order so we can play.*



○ **attend** [ətənd] *v.*

To **attend** something is to go to it.
→ *My sister and I **attend** the same school.*



○ **balance** [bæləns] *v.*

To **balance** something is to keep it from falling.
→ *We saw an elephant **balance** itself on a ball.*



○ **contrast** [kɒntræst] *n.*

A **contrast** is the sharp difference between two things.
→ *The **contrast** between my parents is very noticeable.*



○ **encourage** [ɪnkə'reɪdʒ] *v.*

To **encourage** someone is to make them want to do something.
→ *My football coach will **encourage** us when we are losing.*



○ **familiar** [fə'mɪljər] *adj.*

If someone or something is **familiar** to you, you know them well.
→ *The two friends were very **familiar** with each other.*



○ **grab** [græb] *v.*

To **grab** is to take a hold of someone or something suddenly.
→ *I **grabbed** a pear from the tree.*



○ **hang** [hæŋ] *v.*

To **hang** something is to keep it above the ground.
→ *I drew a picture of my family, and my mother **hung** it on the wall.*



○ **huge** [hju:dʒ] *adj.*

If something is **huge**, it is very big.
→ *At work, my father drives a **huge** truck.*



○ **necessary** [né:səsə̀ri] *adj.*

If something is **necessary**, you must do it.

→ *It is **necessary** to have a passport when you travel to a foreign country.*



○ **pattern** [pæ̀tə̀rn] *n.*

A **pattern** is a way in which something is done or organized.

→ *My **pattern** of brushing my teeth is the same as most people's.*



○ **propose** [prəpə̀uz] *v.*

To **propose** something is to say that it should be done.

→ *Santa Claus **proposed** that I try to be a good boy all year.*



○ **purpose** [pə̀r:ps] *n.*

A **purpose** is the reason that you do something.

→ *The **purpose** of exercising is to get into shape.*



○ **release** [ri:li:s] *v.*

To **release** something is to stop holding it.

→ *She **released** the bird from her hands.*



○ **require** [rikwə̀iə:r] *v.*

To **require** something is to say that it is necessary.

→ *We **require** teachers to have a university degree.*



○ **single** [sɪŋgəl] *adj.*

If something is **single**, then there is only one.

→ *I have a **single** key in my hand.*



○ **success** [səksəs] *n.*

Success is doing something well that you choose to do.

→ *My daughter was a big **success** at school.*



○ **tear** [tiə] *v.*

To **tear** something means to pull it apart.

→ *It is easy to **tear** paper.*



○ **theory** [θi:əri] *n.*

A **theory** is an idea about how something works.

→ *We talked about Einstein's **theory** of relativity in class.*

How the Sun and the Moon Were Made

Do you ever wonder where the moon and the sun came from? The Inuit people of Alaska have a **theory**.

They tell a story about a beautiful girl. She was very nice. In **contrast**, her brother was a mean little boy. One day he **proposed** something. "We should go to a party," he said. The girl **accepted**. First, it was **necessary** for her to prepare. She **arranged** her hair and put on nice clothes. This **required** a lot of time. But the girl worked hard, and soon she had **success**. She looked perfect.

They **attended** the party together. The girl was having fun. Later, she walked into the bathroom. Suddenly, the lights were turned off! Someone **grabbed** her hair and **tore** her clothes. She ran out of the bathroom. She wanted to know who did this to her.

Then she had an idea. She fixed her hair again. This time it was even more beautiful. She even **balanced** beautiful jewels in it. She wanted to **encourage** the person to grab it again. She put black dirt in her hair. The **purpose** of this was to catch the person.

She went to the bathroom again, and it was the same **pattern**. The lights went off, and someone grabbed her hair. When he **released** it, his hand was black. The girl returned to the party. She knew there was only a **single** person with a black hand. When she saw that person, he was very **familiar**. It was her brother!

He ran into the woods. The girl ran after him. They both carried fire so they could see in the dark. The smoke went into the air. As they ran, they grew. They became **huge**. Then they went into space. When the girl's fire went out, she **hung** in the sky. She became the moon, and her brother became the sun. They chase each other forever.

