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Attribute

Definition

1. **Verb** - to explain something as being caused by something else.
2. **Noun** - a quality or feature regarded as belonging to someone or something.

Example

1. He **attributes** the play's success to the efforts of the cast and crew.
2. Courtesy and integrity are the key **attributes** of Gordon's students.



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Benign

Definition

- Adjective** 1. gentle and kindly.
2. (in medicine) (of a disease) not harmful in effect.

Example

1. As she looked at me, I saw her **benign** smile.
2. The doctor said it was a **benign** condition.



Hierarchy

Definition

Noun - a system that organises or ranks things, often according to power, status or importance.

Example

1. At school, the headteacher is at the top of the **hierarchy**.
2. A **hierarchy** shows who is in charge.



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Imperative

Definition

1. **Adjective** - of vital importance
2. **Noun** – an essential or urgent thing.

Example

1. It is **imperative** that we do that now.
2. Freedom of speech is an **imperative**.



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Plausible

Definition

Adjective - apparently reasonable, valid, or truthful.

Example

1. The story was believably **plausible**.
2. The scientist will deem the theory **plausible**.



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Ambiguity

Definition

Noun - the quality of being open to more than one possible meaning or interpretation.

Example

- This instruction is full of *ambiguity*.
- The *ambiguity* of the text allows several interpretations.



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Conform

Definition

Verb - to comply with rules, standards, or laws.

Example

- The student felt the pressure to **conform**.
- This building doesn't **conform** to the necessary standards.



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Decipher

Definition

Verb. to find the meaning of something that is difficult to read or understand.

Example

- The exam paper was difficult to **decipher**.
 - Sam had to **decipher** the code.

