

UNIT 3: I JUST GOTTA KNOW!



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
mem	mindful, recall	Latin
ology	study	Greek
sci	to know	Latin



- memoir** (n) - a written account in which someone describes past experiences
*The explorer's **memoir** contained fascinating information about his discoveries, as well as his personal daily activities.*
- memorialize** (v) - to do or create something that causes people to remember an important person, thing, or event
*Mount Rushmore **memorializes** four of the greatest US presidents.*
- memorable** (adj) - very good or interesting and worth remembering
*My first time visiting New York City was my most **memorable** trip of my life.*
- memento** (n) - an object that is a reminder of a person, place, or event; a souvenir
*I kept the ticket stub to the first baseball game I ever went to as a **memento** to always remind me of the fun time I had.*
- geology** (n) - The scientific study of the history of Earth, especially as recorded by rocks
Geology has determined that the approximate age of Earth is 4.54 billion years old.
- anthropology** (n) - the study of human races, origins, societies, and cultures
*Because I am very interested in learning about humans and different cultures, I will major in **anthropology** when I go to college.*
- etymology** (n) - the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history
*One example of **etymology** is the study of Greek and Latin roots.*
- science** (n) - the study of the natural world based on facts learned through experiments and observations
*My favorite subject in school is **science** because I love learning about the world around us.*
- conscience** (n) - the part of the mind that tells you certain actions are right or wrong
*Even though I didn't want to fail the test, my **conscience** just wouldn't allow me to cheat.*
- conscientious** (adj) - very careful about doing what you are supposed to do; concerned with doing something correctly
*Tim is a very **conscientious** student, who works hard and takes pride in his work.*

3A: SENTENCE COMPLETION

DIRECTIONS: Complete the following sentences with the correct word from your list. Each word will be used only once.



memoir
memorialize
memorable
memento
geology
anthropology
etymology
science
conscience
conscientious

1. My _____ told me that it was important to be honest.
2. I enjoy studying _____ and how our language has changed over time.
3. Having my cousins in town for my birthday made it one of the most _____ events of the summer.
4. I brought home a ukulele as a _____ of my trip to Hawaii.
5. My mom suggested that I study _____ because of my fascination with rocks and Earth.
6. Corinne is very _____ when building model airplanes because she wants them to be as close to perfect as possible.
7. When my hamster died, I wrote a poem to _____ him and then we buried him in the backyard.
8. I have learned so much about the world and the universe in my _____ class.
9. I have read the _____ *The Diary of Anne Frank*.
10. We will study humankind in this _____ class.

3B: YES or NO?

DIRECTIONS: Respond to the following statements by circling "Yes" or "No."

1. **Yes No** A **memoir** is a type of fiction novel.
2. **Yes No** A **conscientious** person is very precise and careful.
3. **Yes No** **Geology** is the study of life, particularly plants and animals.
4. **Yes No** To **memorialize** something you must make a statue or monument of it.
5. **Yes No** An **etymologist** probably has a special interest in language and words.
6. **Yes No** Mount Rushmore is an example of a **memento**.
7. **Yes No** Listening to your **conscience** is very important.
8. **Yes No** An **anthropologist** knows a lot about human races and ethnicity.
9. **Yes No** **Science** is an important subject if you want to learn about magic and wizards.
10. **Yes No** A **memorable** experience is easily forgotten.