



VOCABULARY: "AI" WORDS

Directions: Read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using context clues from the sentence or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you figure out the word's meaning.

- ✓ **Abstain** During the school's annual fundraising event, many people chose to **abstain** from bidding on the items because they were saving money for other things.

Definition: _____

Clue _____

- ✓ **Campaign** The candidates for the student council election started their **campaign** early, handing out flyers and posters to promote their plans for the school year.

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Detain

The police had to **detain** the suspect at the station while they gathered more information to make sure he was the right person.

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Entertain

The clown tried to **entertain** the children at the party by performing silly tricks and making balloon animals.

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- ✓ **Maintain** It's important to **maintain** a clean and organized workspace so that you can be productive and focused.

Definition: _____

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- ✓ **Refrain** Please **refrain** from using your phone during class, as it can be distracting to others.

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- ✓ **Attain** After years of practicing and studying, she was able to attain her goal of becoming the top scorer on the team.

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- ✓ **Constrain** The small size of the room seemed to constrain their ability to move freely and comfortably during the group activities.

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- ✓ **Complain** He began to complain about the long wait at the restaurant, saying that it was taking too long to get a table.

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- ✓ **Explain** The teacher asked the students to explain their reasoning for choosing that answer to the math problem.

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- ✓ **Disdain** She looked at the dirty dishes with disdain, turning her nose up and shaking her head in frustration.

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- ✓ **Retain** The company decided to retain all of their experienced workers, offering them better salaries to keep them on the team

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- ✓ **Sustain** The community worked hard to sustain the local park by organizing clean-up events and planting new trees.

Definition: _____

Clue _____

- ✓ **Attainment** Winning the championship was a huge attainment for the team, as they had trained for months to prepare.

Definition: _____

Clue _____

Definitions

1. Abstain: To choose not to do or participate in something, especially something enjoyable or tempting.
2. Campaign: A series of actions or efforts aimed at achieving a particular goal, often related to political, social, or commercial objectives.
3. Detain: To keep someone in custody or under restraint, often temporarily.
4. Entertain: To provide enjoyment, amusement, or hospitality to others, or to engage someone's attention.
5. Maintain: To keep something in a particular state or condition, or to support and preserve it over time.
6. Refrain: To hold oneself back from doing something, especially something that may be tempting or inappropriate.
7. Attain: To achieve or reach a desired goal or level, often through effort or ability.
8. Constrain: To restrict or limit the movement, action, or freedom of someone or something.
9. Complain: To express dissatisfaction or annoyance about something, often in an ongoing or repeated manner.
10. Explain: To make something clear by providing details, reasons, or descriptions to ensure understanding.
11. Disdain: A feeling or expression of contempt or scorn for something or someone considered unworthy or inferior.
12. Retain: To keep or hold onto something, especially information, an object, or a position.
13. Sustain: To support or maintain something, often over a period of time, or to endure through challenges.
14. Attainment: The act of achieving or reaching a particular goal, often a significant accomplishment or success.