

Week 2 Vocabulary List

1. **assistance** (noun) – to aid; to help in doing something
This chair is very heavy, so I need your assistance to move it.
2. **available** (adjective) – able to be used or can be easily bought or found
The university is trying to make more parking spaces available for students.
3. **benefit** (verb) – to bring advantage to someone or improve his or her life in some way; to be helped by something.
I can see advantages for you, but how will I benefit?
4. **culminate** (verb) – to reach the highest or final point
A series of small skirmishes culminated in a full-scale war.
5. **epochal** (adjective) – extremely important, significant or influential
Cinco de Mayo celebrates an epochal event in Mexico's history.
6. **foment** (verb) – to instigate or foster; to promote the growth or development of something
They were accused of fomenting rebellion.
7. **identify** (verb) – to recognize and correctly name something or someone
I can't identify any of the people in this photograph.
8. **reparation** (noun) – payment for damages
No reparation has been made to African countries for the damage of the slave trade.
9. **resilience** (noun) – the ability to recover from setbacks
Her resilience helped her recover from losing all her possessions in a fire.
10. **subservience** (noun) – the state of being inferior or submissive
Subservience is one way that slaves keep from being beat by their masters.
11. **temerity** (noun) – boldness or excessive confidence; audacity
No one at the meeting had the temerity to ask the CEO a question.