

Week 7 Vocabulary List

1. allege (v) – to declare to be true
He alleged that his car had been stolen.
2. binomial nomenclature (n) – the two-part naming system used to name species
Homo sapiens, meaning ‘wise person,’ is an example of binomial nomenclature, with the first name indicating the genus and the second being the specific epithet or characteristic.
3. botanist (n) – a person who studies plants
The scientist was a botanist who studied palm trees.
4. coercion (n) – the act of use of force or intimidation to obtain compliance or obedience
It wasn’t slavery because no coercion was used to make him work for free.
5. disparage (v) – to criticize someone or something
He never missed an opportunity to disparage his competitors.
6. entomologist (n) – a person who studies insects
The scientist studied butterflies.
7. genus (n) – the first part of a binomial name that groups together closely related species
The genus Felis includes all the species of small cats.
8. infringement (n) – violation
Making copies of books without the authors’ permission is an infringement of copyright laws.
9. mandate (v) – to require to be required to do something by law
The law mandated the release of all political prisoners.
10. microbe (n) – a minute (very small) life form that cannot be seen without the aid of a microscope; especially a bacterium that causes disease
Microbes include bacteria and archaeobacterial, protists, some fungi and even some very tiny animals that are too small to be seen without the aid of a microscope.
11. organism (n) – a living thing
Some fungi are unicellular organisms.
12. respite (n) – short break; relief
The refugee camps will provide some respite from the suffering.
13. subversion (n) – an act of ruin, destruction, or overthrowing
He was found guilty of subversion and imprisoned.