

Definitions

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Accurate	Free from error or defect; consistent with a standard, rule, or model; precise; exact.
Acquire	To gain for oneself through one's actions or efforts.
Aggressive	Making an all-out effort to win or succeed; competitive.
Analytical	Studies something by breaking it down and examining the parts and their meanings (words in a sentence, tones of a tune, solutions to a problem).
Blueprints	Architectural and mechanical drawings.
Business Law	Laws that apply to business entities, such as partnerships and corporations.
Certain	Free from doubt; confident or sure.
Chemistry	The science that deals with the composition and properties of substances and various elementary forms of matter.
Civic-Minded	Concerned with the well-being of the community.
Compassionate	A feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.
Competitive	Having a strong desire to compete or to succeed.
Complex	Complicated or intricate.
Confident	Sure of oneself; having little or no uncertainty about one's own abilities, correctness, successfulness.
Conscientious	Taking or showing extreme care about details; careful; particular.
Consistent	Constantly following the same principles (order of conduct), course or form.
Creativity	The ability to transcend traditional ideas, rules, patterns, relationships, or the like, and to create meaningful new ideas, forms, methods, interpretations, etc.
Decisive	Having the quality or power of deciding. Displaying no or little hesitation; determined.
Diagrams	A chart, plan or drawing that explains the parts.
Diplomatic	Skilled in dealing with sensitive matters or people.
Drafting	A drawing, sketch, or design.
Earth Sciences	Sciences such as geography, geology, or meteorology, that deal with the earth, its composition, or any of its changing aspects.
Economics	The science that deals with the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services, or the material welfare of humankind.
Efficient	Performing or functioning in the best possible manner with the least waste of time and effort.

Enthusiastic	Eagerness, devotion, excitement.
Family and Consumer Sciences	Academic discipline that combines aspects of social and natural science. Family and Consumer Sciences deals with the relationship between individuals, families, and communities, and the environment in which they live.
Impartial	Not favoring one idea or person; fair.
Independent	Not influenced or controlled by others in matters of opinion, conduct, etc.; thinking or acting for oneself
Influential	A person who can produce effects or change on actions, behaviors or opinions of others.
Innovative	The act of innovating; introduction of new things or methods.
Inquisitive	Asks questions; eager for knowledge; intellectually curious.
Inspired	Moved to do something; positively influenced.
Intuitive	Knowing, or perceiving, by intuition; capable of knowing without deduction or reasoning.
Journalism	The occupation of reporting, writing, editing, photographing, or broadcasting news or of conducting any news organization as a business.
Keen	Having or showing great mental insight, sharp in practical matters.
Language Arts	The subjects, including reading, spelling, and composition, aimed at developing reading and writing skills.
Life Sciences	Any of several branches of science, such as biology, medicine, anthropology, or ecology, that deal with living organisms and their organization, life processes, and relationships to each other and their environment.
Marketing	The activities of a company associated with buying and selling a product or service, including advertising, selling and delivering products to people.
Mechanical	Having to do with the operation or maintenance of machinery, motors, tools, equipment.
Methodical	Acted in an orderly way; careful; deliberate
Non-Judgmental	Not judged or judging on the basis of one's personal standards or opinions.
Non-Materialistic	Not concerned with material things.
Objective	Not influenced by personal feelings, interpretations, or prejudice; based on facts; unbiased.
Observant	Quick to notice or perceive; alert.
Optimistic	To take a favorable view of events or conditions and to expect the most favorable outcome.
Perceptive	Having an ability to recognize, become aware of, understand and identify ideas, problems or behaviors.
Persistent	Persisting, especially in spite of opposition, obstacles, discouragement, etc.
Persuasive	Convincing, compelling, forceful.
Physical Sciences	Any of several branches of science, such as physics, chemistry, and astronomy that study the nature and properties of energy and nonliving matter.
Precise	Exact in measuring, recording, etc.

Psychology	The science that deals with mental processes and behavior.
Rational	Using good judgment, or good sense.
Rational Thinker	Checks the facts carefully and doesn't rely on uncertain facts, open and flexible.
Realistic	Interested in, concerned with, or based on what is real or practical.
Reliable	Dependable in achievement, accuracy, honesty, etc.
Self-Confident	Realistic confidence in one's own judgment, ability, power, etc.
Self-Reliant	Independent, relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.
Sensible	Having, using, or showing good sense or sound judgment
Service-Minded	An attitude or interest in providing a service of some sort to the general public.
Sociable	Friendly or agreeable in company; companionable.
Social Studies	A course of study including geography, history, government, and sociology, taught in secondary and elementary schools.
Sociology	The study of human social behavior, especially the study of the origins, organization, institutions, and development of human society.
Tactful	A keen sense of what to say or do to avoid giving offense; skill in dealing with difficult or delicate situations, what is appropriate.
Tenacious	Holding or tending to hold persistently to something, such as a point of view.
Tolerant	A fair, objective, and permissive attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality, etc., differ from one's own.
Trustworthy	Deserving of confidence; dependable; reliable.
Visualizing	Forming a mental image.
Well-Ordered	Arranged, planned, or occurring in a desirable way or sequence.