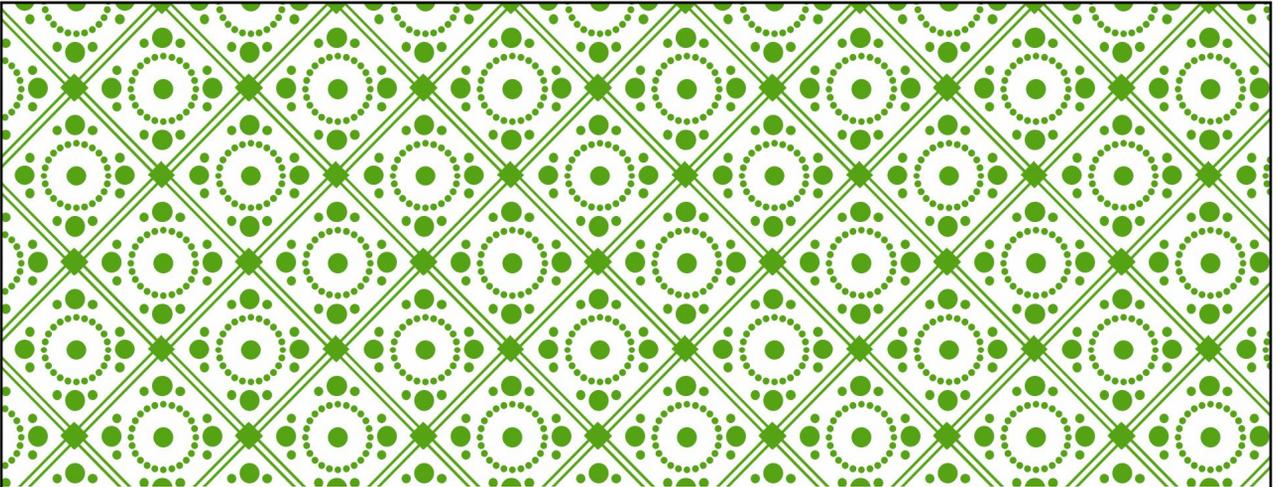


ROOT WORD OF THE WEEK | *Meaning of root word*



BIO | *Life*

8/1

BIOGRAPHY

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	A book or short story that tells the life story of a person other than the author.
Sentence	<u>The Miracle Worker</u> is the biography of Annie Sullivan, the woman who taught Helen Keller to speak.

8/2

BIOSPHERE

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	The part of the atmosphere where living things exist
Sentence	Living things exist in the biosphere.

8/3

BIODIVERSITY

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	The condition of nature where a wide variety of species live in a given area.
Sentence	The biodiversity of the rainforest is decreasing due to deforestation.

8/4

BIODEGRADABLE

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Able to be broken down by natural processes.
Sentence	You may put fruit and vegetable peels and other biodegradable material into a compost bin.

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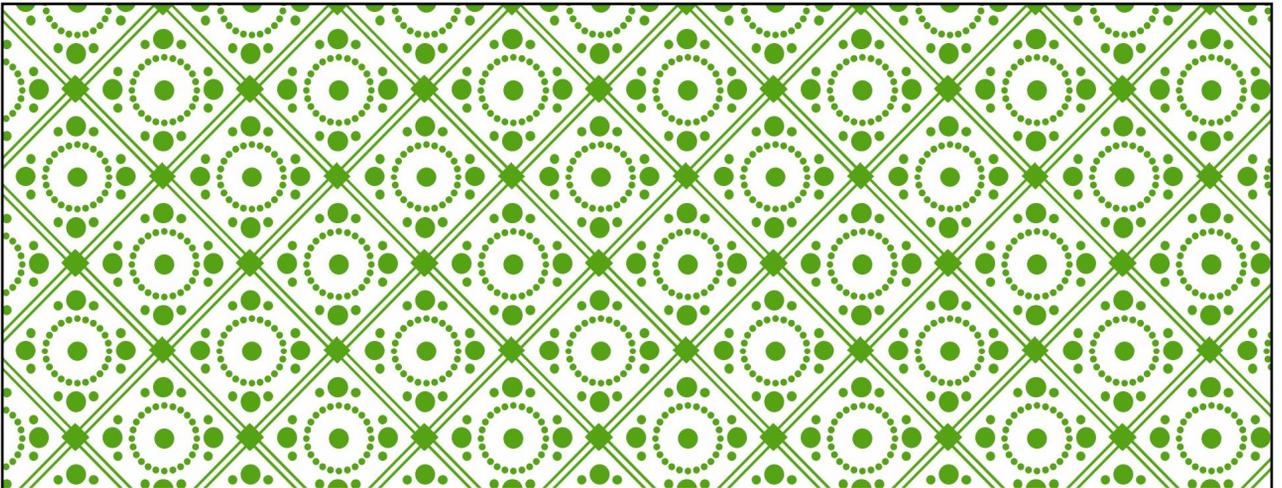
SYMBIOTIC

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Having an interdependent relationship.
Sentence	Many people claim that humans and dogs have a symbiotic relationship

QUIZ DAY!

Quickly review the following words:

1. bio
2. biography
3. biosphere
4. biodiversity
5. biodegradable
6. symbiotic



THERM | *heat*

8/22

THERMOMETER

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	A device used to measure temperature
Sentence	You may not wear your jackets unless the classroom thermometer is below 68 degree.

8/23

THERMOS

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	A container used to keep foods either hot or cold
Sentence	I was so glad my friend thought to bring a thermos of hot chocolate when we went ice skating at Steinberg.

8/24

THERMAL

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Of, pertaining to, or caused by heat; designed to retain body heat
Sentence	Wrapped in a thermal blanket, the group of kids waited for the St. Patrick's day parade to begin.

8/25

GEO THERMAL

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Of or pertaining to the internal heat of the earth
Sentence	Iceland has depleted its use of fossil fuels by turning its volcano's geothermal activity into electricity.

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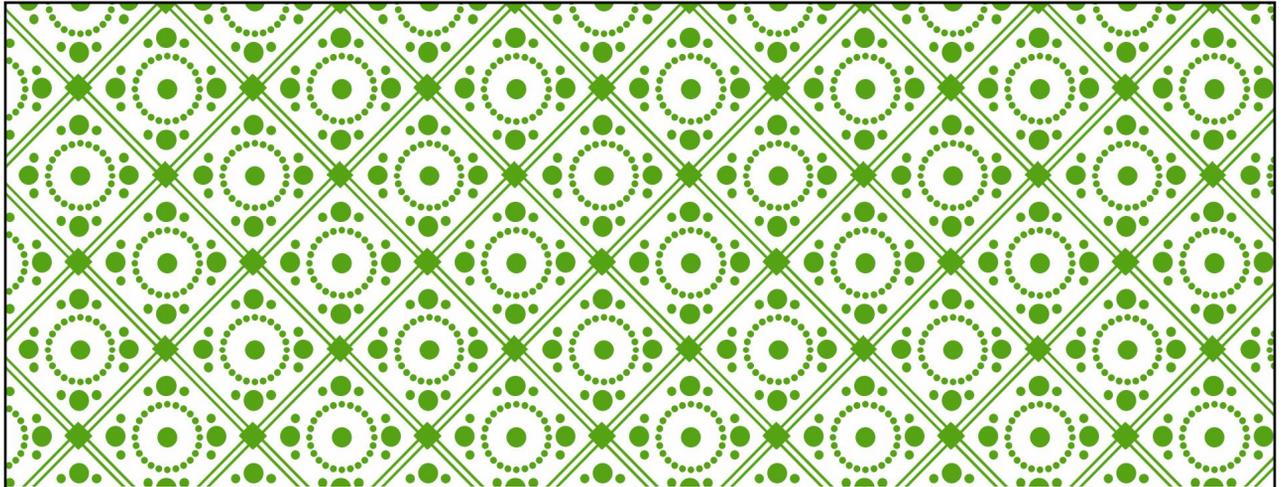
THERMOSTAT

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A device that controls a heating or cooling system
Sentence	I lowered the temperature on my thermostat before I left on my vacation.

QUIZ DAY!

Quickly review the following words:

1. therm
2. thermometer
3. thermos
4. thermal
5. geothermal
6. thermostat



TORT | *twist*

10/24

CONTORTION

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	Something twisted in position or meaning
Sentence	The acrobats at Cirque du Soleil practiced many acts of contortion.

10/25

TORTURE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To inflict severe pain (both physically and mentally)
Sentence	The military officials threatened to torture the terrorist if he did not reveal his leader's identity.

10/26

TORTUOUS

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Full of twists, turns, or bends; twisting, winding, or crooked
Sentence	The tortuous road was torturous with all of its twists and turns.

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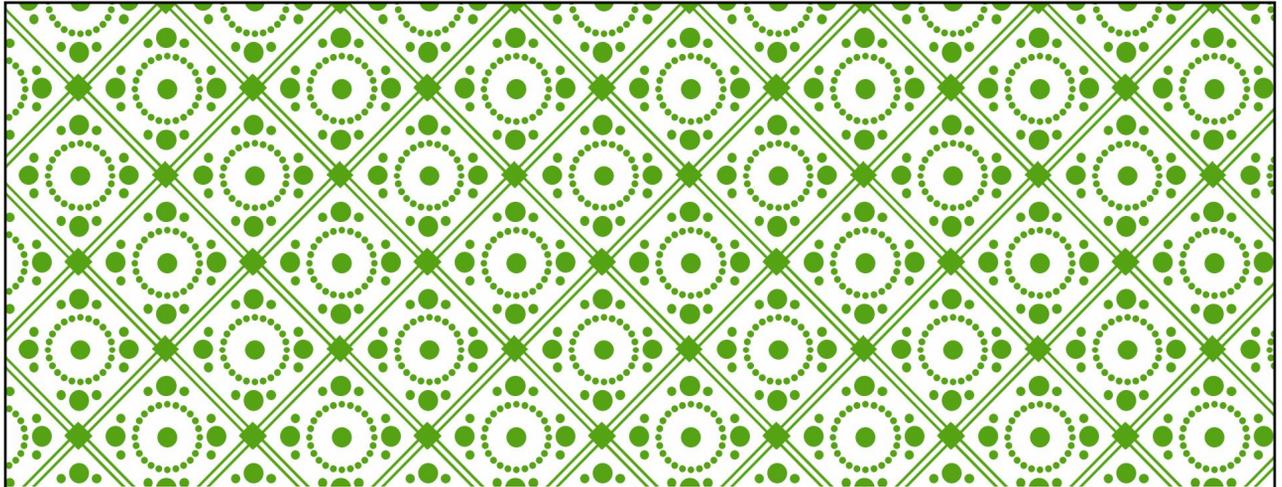
RETORT

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A reply, usually given in a sharp or retaliatory way
Sentence	The student had a witty, yet disrespectful, retort to being given the demerit.

10/28

DISTORT

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To twist out of shape; to make crooked or deformed
Sentence	Be careful not to distort the map when you enlarge it for your Powerpoint.



TERR | *Earth*

11/28

TERRITORY

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The land and waters belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a state or country;• The land an animal defends against intruders, especially of the same species
Sentence	Louis and Clark explored the newly acquired territory after the Louisiana Purchase.

11/29

EXTRATERRESTRIAL

Part of Speech	Adjective
Definition	Not from this planet
Sentence	Scientists expect any extraterrestrial life forms to be similar to bacteria.

11/30

TERRACE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A large platform, as projecting from the outside wall of an apartment or house; balcony or deck
Sentence	In the south, it is customary to spend your evenings sitting on the terrace and drinking sweet tea.

12/01

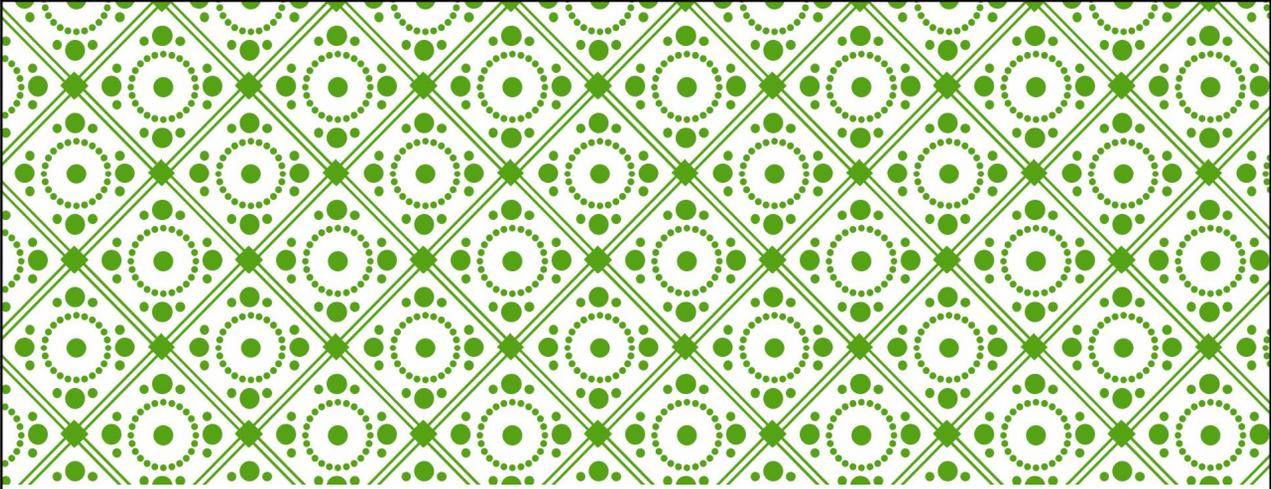
SUBTERRANEAN

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Beneath the surface of the Earth; underground
Sentence	Subways are a form of subterranean public transportation.

12/02

TERRAIN

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	An area of land, especially as described with reference to its natural features
Sentence	The rocky terrain prevented us from using our bikes to get to the campsite.



THEO | *God or religion*

1/9

THEOCRACY

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	A form of government where the religious leader is also the head of state
Sentence	The Vatican City and Iran are both modern theocracies.

1/10

THEOLOGY

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	The study of religion
Sentence	In college, religious classes are called theology classes.

1/11

POLYTHEISM

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	The practice of believing in and worshipping more than one god.
Sentence	The ancient Romans practiced polytheism; therefore, the Christians and their beliefs were a threat to the Roman way of life.

4/11

AMOROUS

Part of Speech	Noun
Definition	A form of government where the religious leader is also the head of state
Sentence	The Vatican City and Iran are both modern theocracies.

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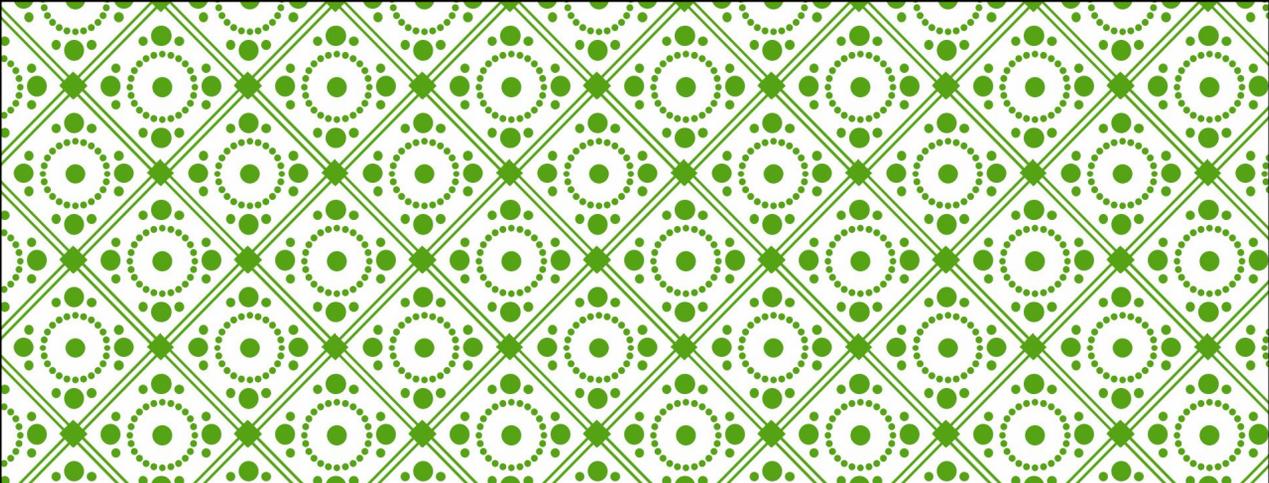
AMIABLE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	The study of religion
Sentence	In college, religious classes are called theology classes.

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FAMILIAR

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	The practice of believing in and worshipping more than one god.
Sentence	The ancient Romans practiced polytheism; therefore, the Christians and their beliefs were a threat to the Roman way of life.



TEL | *far or
distant*

4/16

TELEGRAPH

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A form of communication common during the 1800s that used Morse code to send short messages long distances
Sentence	Telegraphs were commonly sent to inform family members of urgent news during the 1800s.

4/22

TELESCOPE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A tool used to see far distances, commonly in studying space
Sentence	The amateur astronomer used a telescope to watch the comet every night.

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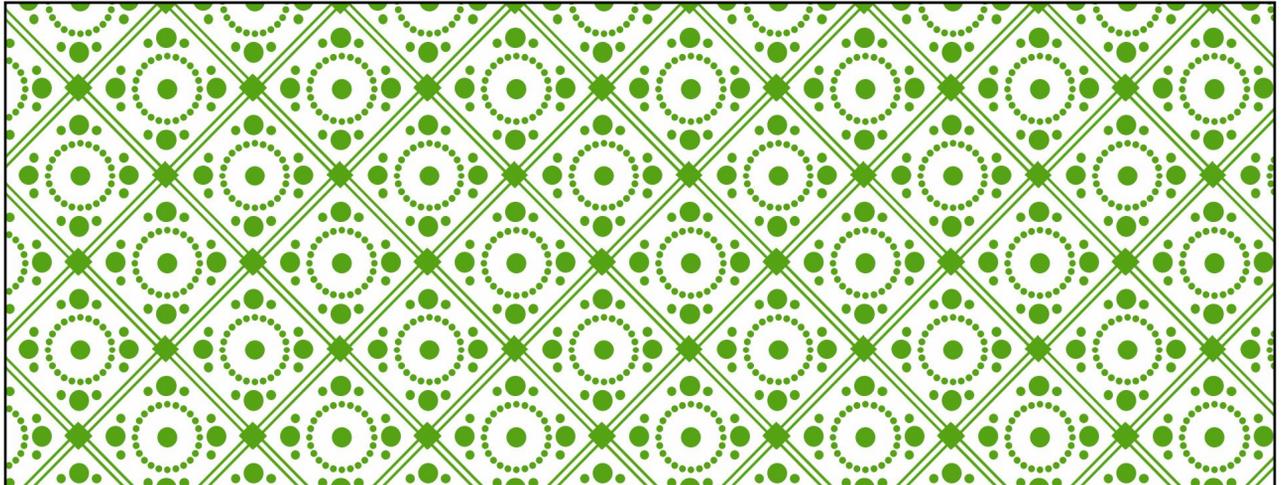
TELESCOPIC

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Capable of magnifying distant objects
Sentence	The computer's telescopic eye allowed us to see the properties of the distant planet.

4/24

TELEVISION

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To send or receive by television
Sentence	The President's speech about the situation in Ukraine was televised.



TERM | *end or limit*

4/25

TERMINATE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To end such as in a job or contract
Sentence	I am going to terminate the contract with my cable company because I never watch TV anymore.

4/28

EXTERMINATE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To get rid of by destroying; to destroy totally
Sentence	Mrs. K planned to exterminate the Hot Fry addicted rodents this summer.

4/29

DETERMINE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To conclude after reasoning, observation, etc; to come to a decision or resolution; to decide
Sentence	I determined the lack of completed homework was due to the disruption in study hall yesterday.

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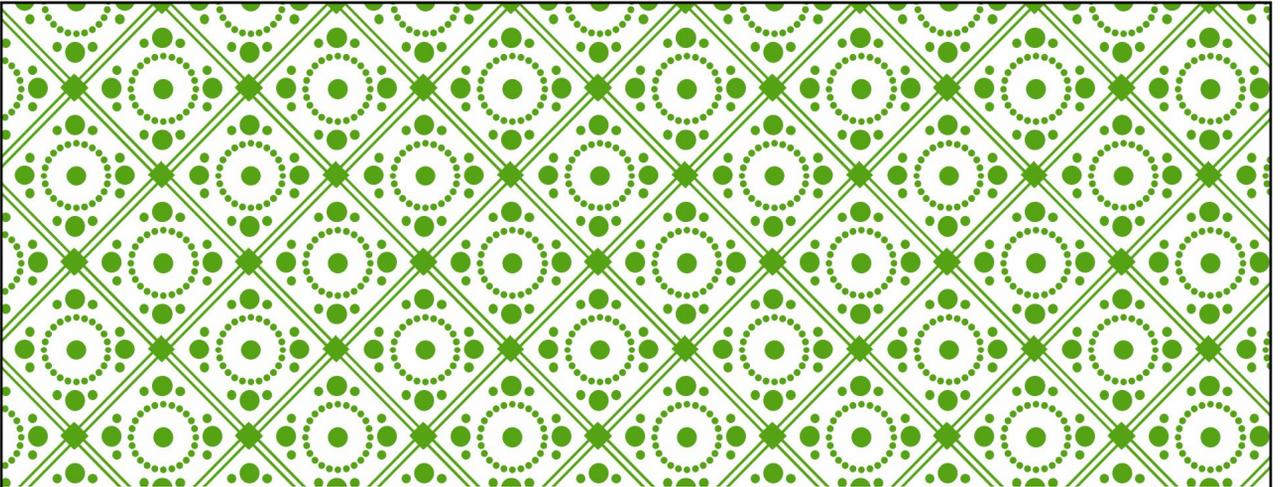
INDETERMINATE

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Not clear; vague; not established; not settled or decided
Sentence	We have an indeterminate number of students going on the field trip. mostholytrinity

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TERMINAL

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Pertaining to the end or limit of something
Sentence	Terminal illnesses are expected to cause death.



TACT or TANG | *touch*

5/2

CONTACT

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A touching or meeting of two things or people
Sentence	Football is a full contact sport; therefore, it can be very dangerous.

5/5

TANGIBLE

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Capable of being touched
Sentence	Nouns can be any tangible object or an idea.

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TACTILE

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Perceptible to the touch
Sentence	I enjoy making tactile quilts with lots of interesting textures.

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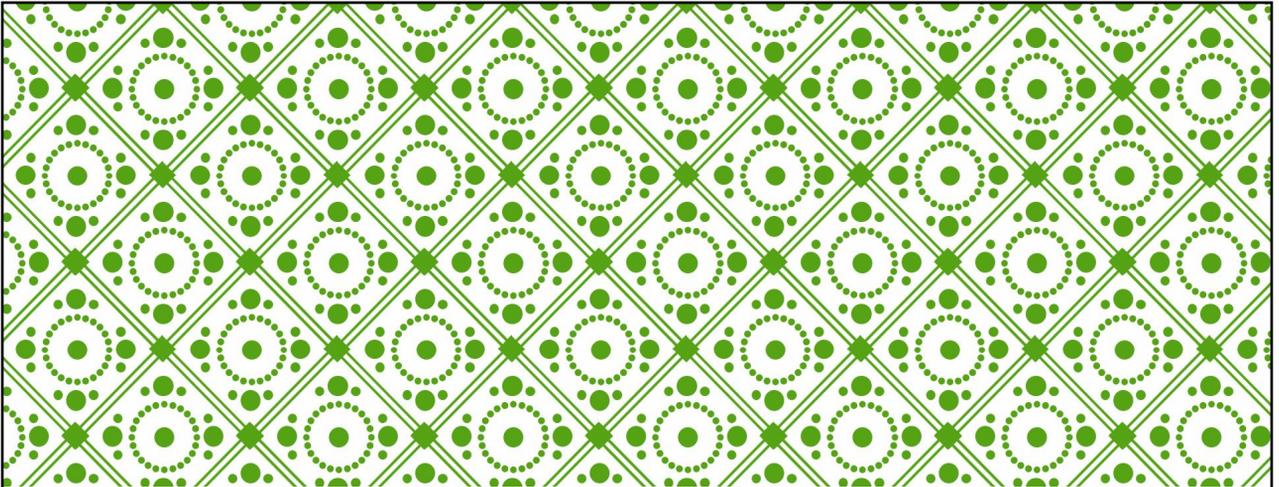
TACTIC

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A plan or procedure for promoting a desired end or result; strategy
Sentence	The team used tactics rather than ball handling skills to win the game.

5/8

INTACT

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Not broken, altered, or impaired; remaining uninjured, sound, or whole; untouched, unblemished
Sentence	Stanley was grateful his project made it to school intact.



VOR | *eat*

5/2

VORACIOUS

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A touching or meeting of two things or people
Sentence	Football is a full contact sport; therefore, it can be very dangerous.

5/5

DEVOUR

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Capable of being touched
Sentence	Nouns can be any tangible object or an idea.

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SAVORY

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Perceptible to the touch
Sentence	I enjoy making tactile quilts with lots of interesting textures.

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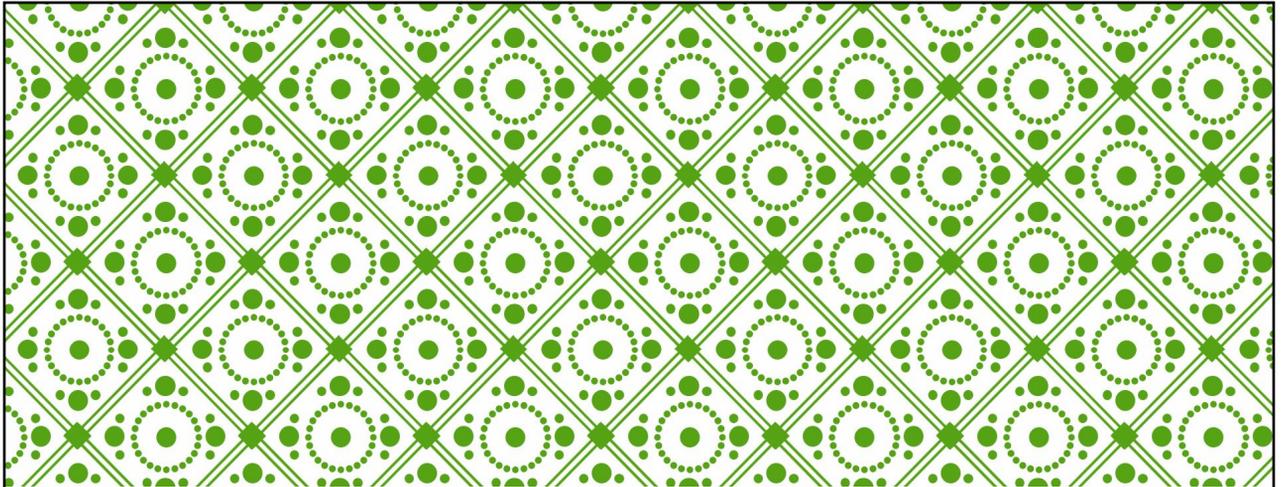
OMNIVORE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A plan or procedure for promoting a desired end or result; strategy
Sentence	The team used tactics rather than ball handling skills to win the game.

5/8

CARNIVOROUS

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Not broken, altered, or impaired; remaining uninjured, sound, or whole; untouched, unblemished
Sentence	Stanley was grateful his project made it to school intact.



MEDI | *middle*

10/1

MEDIATE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	to help settle disputes between two parties by reconciliation, compromise, or to clarify a misunderstanding
Sentence	The boy mediated his friends' argument and helped them respectfully work out their problem.

10/2

MEDIEVAL

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	pertaining to or belonging to the Middle Ages
Sentence	Leonardo Da Vinci designed several medieval siege machines.

10/2

MEDIOCRE

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	of only medium quality; inferior
Sentence	Lunch today was only mediocre because Ms. Donna forgot to give us ranch.

10/2

MEDIA

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	the means of communication, as radio and television, newspapers, and magazines, that reach or influence people widely
Sentence	The president of the company avoided the media during the scandal.

10/2

MEDIAN

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	midpoint in a set of data or numbers
Sentence	The median age of the Academy is 12 years old.

TEMP | *Time*

10/8

TEMPORARY

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	For a limited time; not permanent
Sentence	Fortunately, the hot and humid weather was temporary.

10/8

CONTEMPLATE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	to consider thoroughly; think fully or deeply about
Sentence	Don't contemplate the future too much, or you will lose track of what is going on today.

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EXTEMPORANEOUSLY

Part of Speech	adverb
Definition	Speaking or performing with little or no preparation
Sentence	It was obvious many of the book talks were give extemporaneously.

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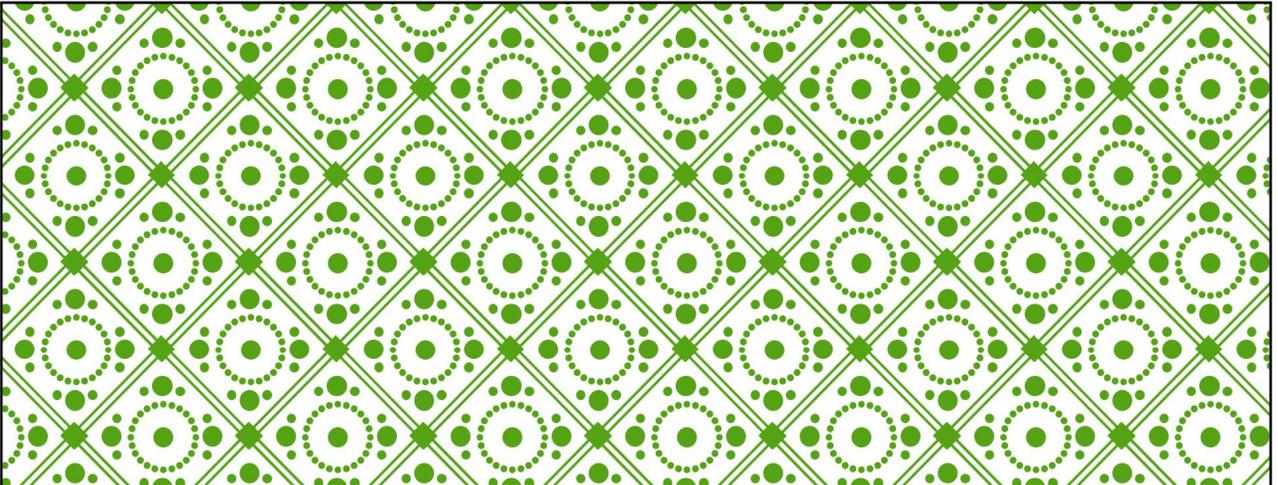
CONTEMPORARY (1)

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A person belonging to the same time or period with another or others.
Sentence	Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, and Zora Neale Hurston were all contemporaries of the Harlem Renaissance.

10/8

CONTEMPORARY (2)

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	At the present time; modern
Sentence	Contemporary English varies greatly from the English language Shakespeare used.



VOL

Wish or Will

11/11

VOLUNTEERISM

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	the practice of donating one's time to charitable activities
Sentence	Our religion classes have taught us that volunteerism is a part of our faith and a way to serve our Lord.

11/11

MALEVOLENT

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Wishing evil or harm to others; malicious; evil
Sentence	The malevolent villain made Batman choose between saving his girlfriend or rescuing the group of kindergarteners stuck in the falling elevator.

11/11

BENEVOLENT

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Expressing goodwill or kindness; desiring to help others; charitable
Sentence	The aliens in the movie appeared to be benevolent, but the main character was still suspicious of their motives.

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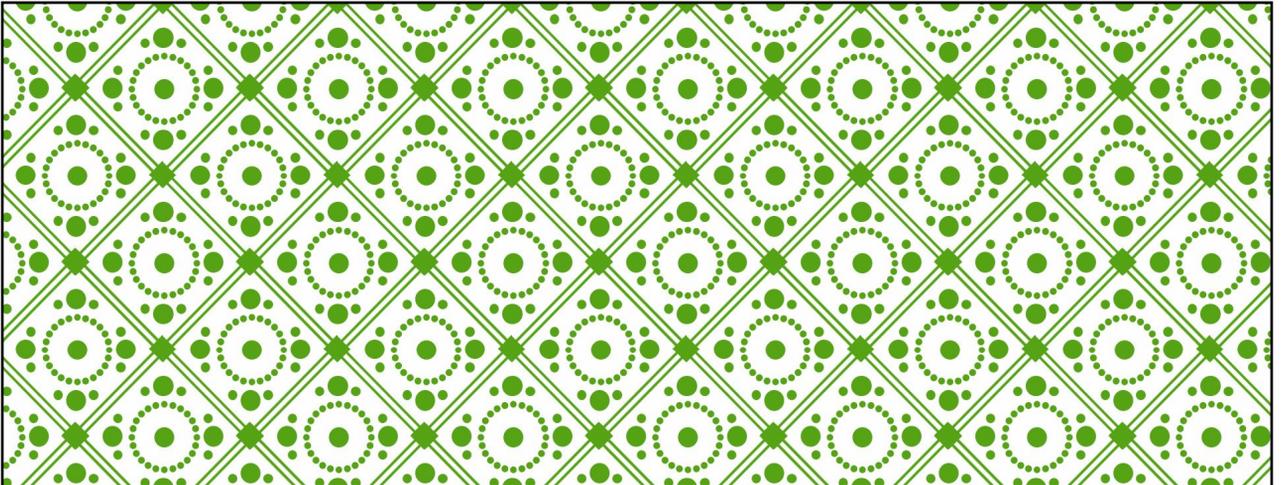
VOLITION

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	The act of will; choice or decision made by will
Sentence	She left of her own volition; no one forced her to leave.

11/11

INVOLUNTARY

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Unintentional; unconscious
Sentence	Reflexes are an involuntary response to certain stimulus, such as closing your eyes when an object flies towards your face.



VINCE | *Conquer*

11/11

VICTOR

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	the winner in any struggle or contest
Sentence	The victors of the basketball game will go on to the championship.

11/11

VICTIM

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	a person who is deceived or cheated; a person who suffers from a destructive action
Sentence	The police could not identify the suspects in the robbery without the victims' statements.

11/11

CONVINCE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	to persuade; to overcome by argument or evidence to belief, agreement, consent, or a course of action
Sentence	Student council must convince Mrs. Kilmade that each event they propose is beneficial to the school community.

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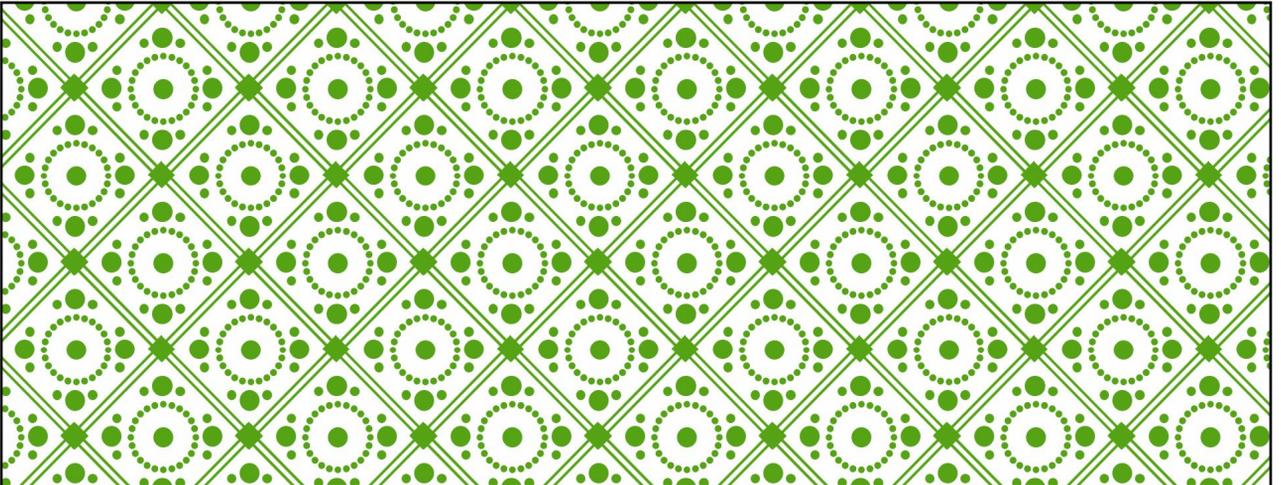
CONVICT

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	to prove or declare guilty of an offense, especially after a legal trial
Sentence	Saturday, the 8 th grade had to decide whether to convict the defendant of the mock trial.

11/11

CONVICTION

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	a fixed or firm belief
Sentence	As Christians, we must ask ourselves if our convictions are in line with the teachings of Christ.



VERS OR VERT | *turn*

5/9

REVERSE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	opposite in direction
Sentence	We put the car in the reverse gear to back down the driveway.

5/9

INTROVERT

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	a shy person; a person characterized by primary concern with his or her own thoughts and feelings
Sentence	Many introverts enjoy reading or running as opposed to team sports.

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EXTROVERT

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	an outgoing person
Sentence	Many stand-up comedians were described as extroverts by their teachers.

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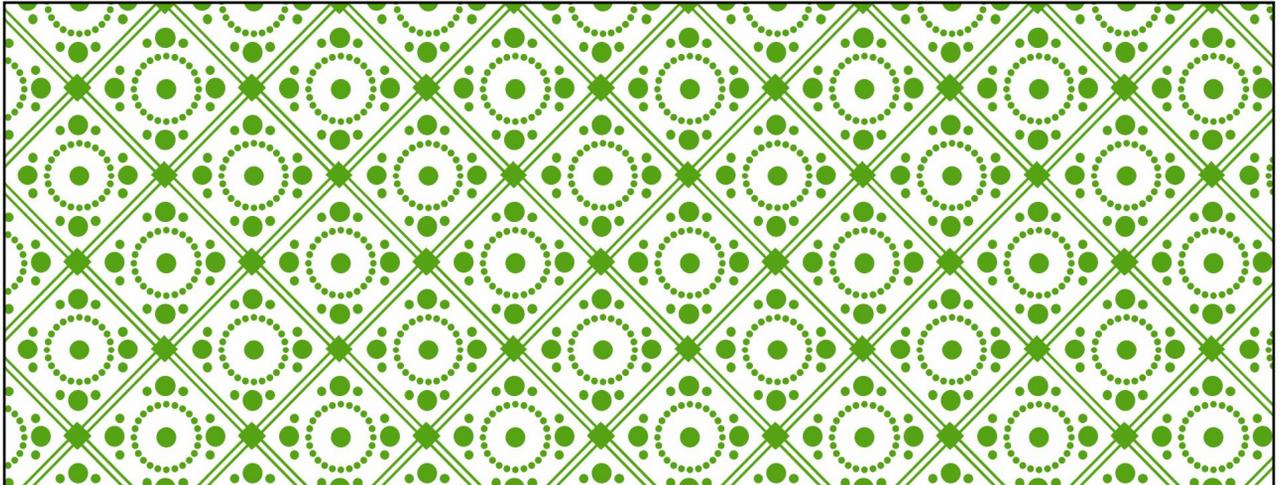
CONTROVERSIAL

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	pertaining to a matter of public dispute
Sentence	Controversial topics are not good topics for essays; the grader may have a bias when they grade your paper.

5/9

UNIVERSE

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	all currently known matter
Sentence	Our galaxy is one of millions in the universe.



AMBI | *both, on both sides, around*

5/9

AMBIGUOUS

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Open to or having multiple meanings; lacking clearness or definiteness in nature.
Sentence	Poetry can be ambiguous making it difficult to understand.

5/9

AMBIDEXTROUS

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	able to use both hands equally
Sentence	The ambidextrous artist used a two-handed technique to create the distinct texture in his paintings.

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AMBIVALENT

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Having no opinion
Sentence	The 8th grader was ambivalent about where he was going to apply to high school.

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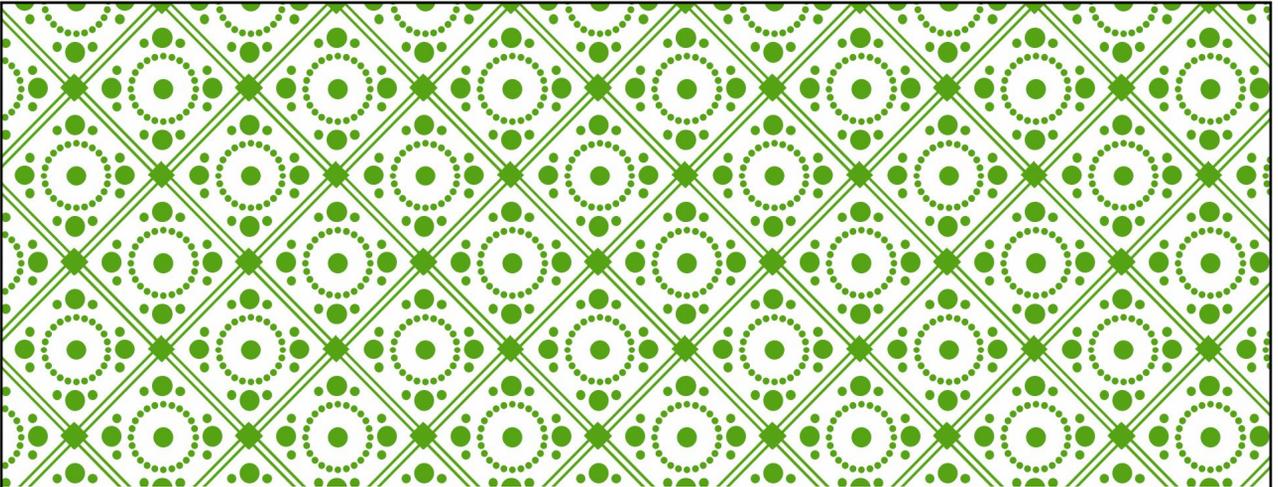
AMBIANCE

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	mood or atmosphere of a place
Sentence	The cafeteria has a loud and raucous ambiance.

5/9

AMBITIOUS

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	having the desire to succeed or achieve
Sentence	The 6th grader had an ambitious reading goal of 100 books.



SYM OR SYN | *same*

5/9

SYNONYM

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A word or phrase that has the same definition or meaning as another word.
Sentence	Typically, when a student asks me for a quick definition, I give them a synonym that he would know.

5/13

SYMMETRY

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	Having a sense of proportion; one side matches the other side
Sentence	We were asked to find the line of symmetry in math class; it was the line where we could fold the shape and it would be the same.

5/14

SYNCHRONIZE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To cause to indicate the same time; to cause to go on, move, work, etc at the same rate and exactly together
Sentence	The cheerleaders lost their competition because they did not synchronize their dance.

5/15

SYNTHETIC

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Man made rather than made by nature
Sentence	Animal activists appreciate clothing made of synthetic leather because it does not come from animals.

5/16

SYMBOL

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	Something used for or representing something else
Sentence	In <u>A Raisin in the Sun</u> , Mama's plant is a symbol of the family and her love for them.

5/19

SYMPATHETIC

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	Characterized by or exhibiting agreement in feeling; compassionate
Sentence	During World War II, many Germans were sympathetic to the predicament of the Jews, but were afraid to say anything.

5/20

SYMBOLIZE

Part of Speech	verb
Definition	To be a representation of another thing; to act as a symbol
Sentence	In <u>The Giver</u> , light colored eyes symbolize a special perception or sight.

5/21

SYMBIOTIC

Part of Speech	adjective
Definition	To have an interdependent relationship
Sentence	We have many symbiotic bacteria in our gut that are necessary for digestion.

5/22

SYMPHONY

Part of Speech	noun
Definition	A large grouping of people playing different instruments (typically classical) that play together
Sentence	The music class wanted to go to the symphony to see what professional musicians do when they work.