

## Word Book E-3

### **ethnic**

[of or concerning people belonging to a large group because of their race, religion, language, tribe or where their ancestors lived]

Jay and Cindy enjoy eating ethnic food as often as possible.

### **evaporate**

[to change from a liquid into a gas]

Water evaporates more quickly during dry weather.

### **even**

[in a way not thought possible]

They survived, even though the building was destroyed.

### **event**

[that which happens, especially something of importance]

Swearing in a new President is a big event in Washington.

### **ever**

[at any time]

Did you ever meet Joseph's wife?

### **every**

[(1) each one; (2) all]

Every winner gets a different prize. (1)

She has read every book in the library. (2)

### **evidence**

[(1) material or facts that prove something; (2) a reason for believing]

The evidence proves the suspect is guilty. (1)

Children do not need evidence to believe in Santa Claus. (2)

### **evil**

[(1) not good; (2) extremely bad]

He had an evil plan. (1)

Only a truly evil person would treat a child so badly. (2)

### **exact**

[(1) having no mistakes; (2) correct in every detail]

That is the exact number of students present. (1)

His reports were exact in every way. (2)

### **examine**

[to study closely]

The judge examined the evidence carefully.

### **example**

[a part that shows what the rest of a thing or group is like]

Her success is an example of the results of a good education.

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### **excellent**

[extremely good]

George is excellent at cooking French food.

### **except**

[but for]

Except for Joe, everyone wanted to help.

### **exchange**

[(1) to trade; (2) to give or receive one thing for another]

He exchanged his shares of stock for a cash payment. (1)

The two sides exchanged ideas on a peace agreement. (2)

### **excuse**

[(1) to take away blame; (2) to pardon; (3) to forgive; (4) a reason (sometimes false) for an action]

He excused himself for lying to her. (1)

A governor's pardon excuses the prisoner's criminal act. (2)

Please excuse me for speaking your language so poorly. (3)

Missus Warner refused to accept her husband's excuse for what he did. (4)

### **execute**

[to kill]

What is the state's argument for executing murderers?

### **exercise**

[an activity or effort for the purpose of improving the body or to stay in good health]

Doctors say a half hour of exercise several times a week can prevent heart attacks.

### **exile**

[(1) to force a person to leave his or her country; (2) to expel; (3) a person who is forced to leave his or her country]

The writer was exiled because his book criticized the government. (1)

The new government exiled the former dictator. (2)

After the fall of the communist government, exiles were able to return home. (3)

### **exist**

[(1) to be; (2) to live]

Many of the documents needed by the court no longer exist. (1)

How long has life existed on Earth? (2)

### **expand**

[(1) to make larger; (2) to grow larger]

The mayor expanded the police force to stop an increase in crimes. (1)

This economy is expanding at a rate of four percent a year. (2)