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recent

[a short time ago]

These are recent pictures of my family.

recession

[a temporary reduction in economic activity, when industries produce less and many workers lose their jobs]

Will a big tax cut prevent a recession?

recognize

[(1) to know or remember something or someone that was known, known about or seen before; (2) to accept another nation as independent and establish diplomatic ties with its government]

He recognized his friend of many years ago. (1)

Most nations recognized the newly independent country. (2)

record

[(1) to write something in order to have it for future use; (2) to put sound or pictures in a form that can be kept and heard or seen again; (3) a writing that shows proof or facts about something]

He records each day what his teachers expect him to study at home. (1)

VOA Special English feature programs are recorded before they are broadcast. (2)

A public record is kept of all home sales in this county. (3)

recover

[(1) to get again something that was lost, stolen or taken away; (2) to return to normal health or normal conditions]

The police recovered the stolen money. (1)

She is expected to recover from the operation. (2)

red

[having the color like that of blood]

Those red flowers are roses.

reduce

[(1) to make less or smaller in number, size or amount; (2) to cut]

She reduced her picture so it would fit in her passport. (1)

Congress voted to reduce taxes. (2)

reform

[(1) to make better by changing; (2) to improve; (3) a change to a better condition]

The Congress reformed the way candidates pay for political campaigns. (1)

He reformed his life by ending all use of tobacco and alcohol. (2)

The voters approved reforms that will reduce air and water pollution. (3)

refugee

[a person who has been forced to flee because of unjust treatment, danger or war]

His family came to the United States as refugees.

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refuse

[(1) to reject; (2) to not accept, give or do something]

She refused his apology. (1)

He refused to fight in the Vietnam War. (2)

regret

[a feeling of sadness or sorrow about something that is done or that happens]

The President expressed regret that so many lives were lost.

reject

[to refuse to accept, use or believe]

Colonel Travis rejected the General's demand.

relations

[(1) understandings or ties between nations; (2) members of the same family; (3) people connected by marriage or family ties]

The United States does not have diplomatic relations with Cuba. (1)

Most of his relations live in California. (2)

He sees his wife's relations almost every week. (3)

release

[(1) to free; (2) to permit to go; (3) to permit to be known or made public]

The terrorists released their hostages. (1)

The child released his balloon. (2)

The spokesman released details of the President's trip. (3)

religion

[a belief in, or the honoring of, a god or gods]

The Constitution says the United States cannot establish an official religion.

remain

[(1) to stay in a place after others leave; (2) to stay the same]

She remained in the town after most of her friends left. (1)

He has remained my friend for almost 50 years. (2)

remains

[a dead body]

The soldier's remains were buried in the National Cemetery.

remember

[(1) to think about the past; (2) opposite forget]

I still remember stories that my grandfather told me. (1)

She told him to remember to call when he got home. (2)

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remove

[(1) to take away or take off; (2) to put an end to; (3) to take out of a position or office]

She removed her shoes as soon as she sat down. (1)

Doctors removed his gall bladder. (2)

The dishonest judge was removed from office. (3)

repair

[work done to fix something]

His car is being repaired.