

Cultivate

Definition:

to grow and care for

Parts of Speech:

Verb

Synonym:

To develop, care for

Antonym:

Neglect

Dad cultivated my love of music by playing new CDs for me.

Deteriorate

Definition:

to fall apart, usually gradually or over time

Parts of Speech:

verb

Synonym:

Decay

Antonym:

Grow

Sounds Like:

Edgar loved sugary soda, but knew it would deteriorate his teeth

Exclude

Definition:

to purposefully leave something out

Parts of Speech:

Verb

Synonym:

Reject

Antonym:

Welcome

Sounds Like:

The unpopular girl hated it when they excluded her from the lunch table.

Evolve

Definition:

to grow or change over time

Parts of Speech:

verb

Synonym:

develop

Antonym:

Decrease

Sounds Like:

He hoped his cousin would evolve into someone much cooler in his teenage years.

Idiom

Definition: a phrase or saying, usually unique to a particular language

Parts of Speech:

Noun

Synonym:

expression

Antonym:

Sounds Like:

“Raining cats and dogs” was my mom’s favorite idiom, even though it didn’t make much sense to me.”