

Word of the week

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Appendix A.

Sample word of the week

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- To underpin

Type of word

- Verb (transitive)

Pronunciation

- 3 syllables

Other information

- 2 word stems under + pin

Definitions

- To support from below (often with props or masonry).
- To support (often a theory/policy) with evidence or authority.

Examples

- We are trying to build the public awareness that must underpin a sustained development effort for Africa.
- Research by The University of Texas suggests that religious beliefs often underpin opposition to homosexuality.

Translation

- 日本語
v. - つっかいをする, 補強する, 支持する

Where I found this word

- In several academic articles and abstracts.

Why I think it is useful

- It seems useful for describing the relationship between theory and practice.

How I remember this word

- I imagine two pins propping up a table, with the pins under the table like table legs.

Appendix B

Sample summary handout

Word of the week

Each week, one or two members of the class will make a very brief presentation on a word (or phrase) they have learned in the past week or two. It can be a word that you deliberately tried to learn, or one that you came across by chance, but it must be a new word that you learned recently. It cannot be a word that you already know. Try to pick a word that will be interesting or useful for the other members of the class.

Your presentation should include:

- The word/phrase, with correct spelling
- What type of word it is (verb, noun, etc.)
- A definition
- An example sentence if possible
- Information about the pronunciation (how to say it, how many syllables it has)
- Where you found it
- Why you think it is worth learning
- How you remember it

At the end of your presentation, the class will ask you questions.

The presentation should be a maximum of 5 minutes long and should utilize the whiteboard or OHP.