

# Lesson 3: PAVE—Predict, Associate, Verify, Evaluate

## Word of the WEEK

**hackneyed** (hak' nēd)  
*adj.*, lacking in freshness or originality.

*"Awesome" became a hackneyed adjective in the 1980s when it was overused by teenagers.*

After English borrowed the Old French word *haquené* ("an ambling horse") in the fourteenth century, it came to refer to a horse for hire. In 1664, Samuel Pepys used *hackney* in his diary to refer to a hired carriage. The adjective *hackneyed* probably originated because it was common knowledge that hacks, the drivers, became tired when overworked.

### UNDERSTAND THE CONCEPT

PAVE is a good way to help yourself remember the meaning of a new word. PAVE stands for **P**redict, **A**ssociate, **V**erify, and **E**valuate. When you encounter a new word, try the following process:

- Predict** Try to predict the meaning of the word based on context and on your prior knowledge of the word or its parts.
- Associate** Then, write a sentence using the word.
- Verify** Next, check the meaning of the word by using a dictionary or glossary. If you find more than one definition, write down the most appropriate definition.
- Evaluate** Finally, assess the sentence you wrote using the word. If necessary, rewrite the sentence to reflect the meaning you found.

### Try It Yourself

Use PAVE to learn the underlined words in the sentences below.

1. Michela took umbrage with Trevor's suggestion that her ideas were unoriginal.

Predict \_\_\_\_\_

Associate \_\_\_\_\_

Verify \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_

2. The sun had a soporific effect on Raoul, and he soon found himself dozing.

Predict \_\_\_\_\_

Associate \_\_\_\_\_

Verify \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_

### Tip

Use this process to remember new words:

words:

**Predict**

**Associate**

**Verify**

**Evaluate**

**Tip** Use context clues or your knowledge of word parts to predict the meaning of the word. **Context clues** are words and phrases in the surrounding text that hint at the meaning of a word. **Comparison clues** help show the meaning of the word through **restatement**, **apposition** (the use of a noun or noun phrase to rename the noun that comes just before it), and **examples**. **Contrast clues** help show the meaning of a word through giving its opposite, or antonym. (Hint: Question 4 contains a contrast clue.)

**Tip** Use your knowledge of word parts to predict the meaning of the word. (Hint: *fallac-* is a word root from the Latin *fallere*, meaning “deceitful.”)

**Just for Fun**  
 What is the weirdest word you know? Write a sentence using the word. Switch sentences with a partner and try PAVE on your partner’s word.

3. “Grow up!” Olu shouted, sick of Ren’s puerile behavior.  
 Predict \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verify \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_
4. Many of Luke’s statements are fallacious, although they sound true.  
 Predict \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verify \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_
5. “You’ve got me. I’m flummoxed,” Carl said, looking puzzled.  
 Predict \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Verify \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_

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### WHAT DID YOU LEARN?

Find an unfamiliar word in a magazine or newspaper. Use PAVE to learn the word.

- Word \_\_\_\_\_  
 Predict \_\_\_\_\_  
 Associate \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Verify \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evaluate \_\_\_\_\_