

UNIT 2: ALL EYES AND EARS



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
vis/vid	see, look	Latin
aud	hear	Latin
phon	sound	Greek



- visualize** (v) - form a mental image of something; imagine
*Even though I had never been there, I could **visualize** the crystal blue beaches of Hawaii in my mind.*
- vista** (n) - a pleasing view, especially one seen through a long, narrow opening
*We enjoyed the beautiful **vista** of the mountains through the front window of the cottage.*
- visionary** (n) - a person with original ideas about what the future will or could be like
*Steve Jobs's futuristic thinking and creativity made him the most well-known **visionary** of our time.*
- audible** (adj) - able to be heard
*I turned the volume of my phone up so that it would be **audible** over the loud music of the party.*
- audition** (n) - an interview for a particular role or job as a singer, actor, dancer, or musician, consisting of a performance
*Even though Megan rehearsed for the lead role in the school play, she was still very nervous before the **audition**.*
- audience** (n) - a group of people who have gathered to watch a performance or public event
*The **audience** gave a standing ovation to the orchestra.*
- auditorium** (n) - the part of a theater, concert hall, or other public building in which the audience sits
*The **auditorium** was packed with people an hour before the play began.*
- cacophony** (n) - a mixture of various unpleasant sounds; harsh sounds
*The barking dogs, car alarms, and sirens made up the **cacophony** of the city.*
- xylophone** (n) - a musical instrument played by striking a row of metal bars of different lengths with one or more small wooden or plastic mallets
*She could hear her baby sister banging away on her **xylophone**.*
- phonograph** (n) - A machine that reproduces sound (music) by placing a needle in contact with a grooved rotating disk; a record player
*We listened to some old records on the **phonograph**.*