

# UNIT 3: I JUST GOTTA KNOW!



Root Word	Meaning	Origin
mem	mindful, recall	Latin
ology	study	Greek
sci	to know	Latin



## memoir

(n) - a written account in which someone describes past experiences  
*The explorer's **memoir** contained fascinating information about his discoveries, as well as his personal daily activities.*

## memorialize

(v) - to do or create something that causes people to remember an important person, thing, or event  
*Mount Rushmore **memorializes** four of the greatest US presidents.*

## memorable

(adj) - very good or interesting and worth remembering  
*My first time visiting New York City was my most **memorable** trip of my life.*

## memento

(n) - an object that is a reminder of a person, place, or event; a souvenir  
*I kept the ticket stub to the first baseball game I ever went to as a **memento** to always remind me of the fun time I had.*

## geology

(n) - The scientific study of the history of Earth, especially as recorded by rocks  
***Geology** has determined that the approximate age of Earth is 4.54 billion years old.*

## anthropology

(n) - the study of human races, origins, societies, and cultures  
*Because I am very interested in learning about humans and different cultures, I will major in **anthropology** when I go to college.*

## etymology

(n) - the study of the origin of words and the way in which their meanings have changed throughout history  
*One example of **etymology** is the study of Greek and Latin roots.*

## science

(n) - the study of the natural world based on facts learned through experiments and observations  
*My favorite subject in school is **science** because I love learning about the world around us.*

## conscience

(n) - the part of the mind that tells you certain actions are right or wrong  
*Even though I didn't want to fail the test, my **conscience** just wouldn't allow me to cheat.*

## conscientious

(adj) - very careful about doing what you are supposed to do; concerned with doing something correctly  
*Tim is a very **conscientious** student, who works hard and takes pride in his work.*