

## Example Sentences for Nouns Set Three

Listen to the accompanying MP3 and read these sentences. This will train your brain to master these words.

**Alacrity** = with speed and enthusiasm

**Anecdote** = a short, interesting or funny story about something someone has done

**Conjecture** = a guess about something without any evidence

**Skirmish** = a small fight or argument

**Zeal** = great energy, effort and enthusiasm

The gun sounded and the runners began the race with **alacrity**.

After Sam asked his girlfriend to marry him, she accepted with **alacrity** and began to cry with tears of happiness.

Employee: Why aren't you extending my contract? What did I do wrong?

Boss: This is a fast-moving industry, but unfortunately you have shown no **alacrity** in how you work.

As the final whistle blew, the supporters ran onto the field with **alacrity** to celebrate their team's Super Bowl win.

Our university professor, Mr Simon, is fascinating to listen to. His lectures are full of interesting **anecdotes**.

Katie has a real talent for telling **anecdotes**. Once she starts, anyone who's in the room listens to her every word.

I highly recommend Winston Churchill's autobiography about his early life. It's full of fascinating **anecdotes**.

Michael's wedding speech was full of lovely **anecdotes** about his wife, his family and his friends.

The story about Ken being appointed the CEO of the company isn't simply **conjecture**. I'm absolutely certain it's going to happen over the next few days.

At the moment, the cause of the accident is **conjecture**. We are waiting for further details to be certain of what happened.

The damaging stories that were printed in the paper about the celebrity were pure **conjecture**, not fact.

Experts made various **conjectures** about the result of the game, but none of them was close to predicting what actually happened.

Even though there is a minor **skirmish** every now and then, the country has remained relatively peaceful since the end of the war.

Lee: What happened between you and Harry last night? He seemed really angry.

Fred: Oh, it was just a little **skirmish**. We said sorry afterwards and made up.

After the controversial leader took over, **skirmishes** broke out around the country between rival groups.

There was a short **skirmish** between the rival coaches before the highly-anticipated match began.

We quaffed down the drinks with **zeal** after we found out that we had won the jackpot on the lottery.

In his **zeal** for making money, George lost all his integrity and became a very different man.

This company prides itself on the **zeal** and passion of its workers. Everyone's role is vital to its success.

Mum: My son is an avid tennis player. He says he wants to become the best player in the world one day.

Friend: You have to admire his **zeal** and determination.