

AWL

Aspect - Conduct

aspect

1. one part of a situation, idea, plan etc that has many parts

Dealing with people is the most important aspect of my work.



2. the appearance of someone or something

The dark clouds gave the sky a sinister aspect.



assist

1. to help someone to do something

His job is to assist customers.



2. to make it easier for someone to do something

They had no map to assist them.



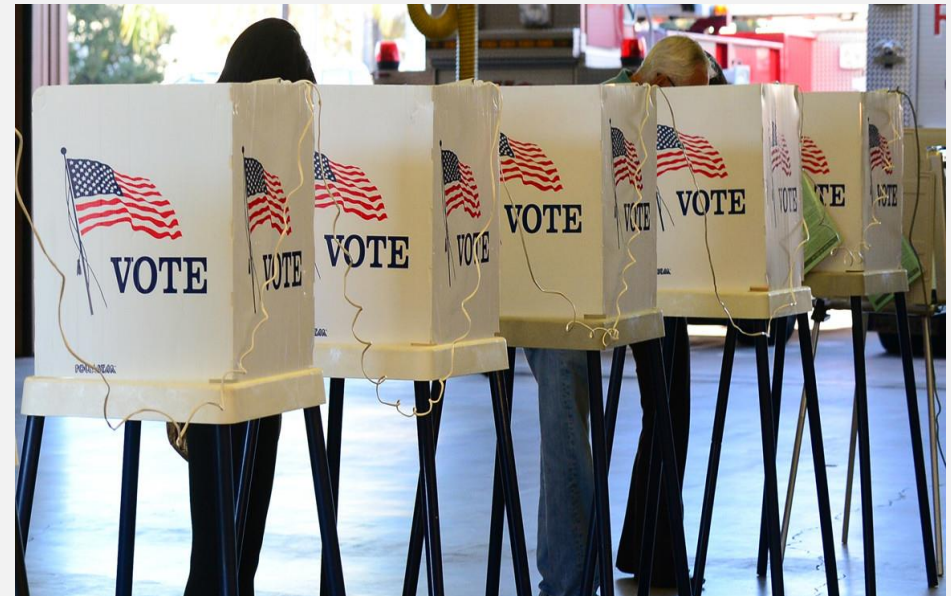
category

1. a group of people or things that are all of the same type

The survey asked people to describe their age category: young adult, middle-aged, older adult.

2. fall into, fit into

Voters fall into three main categories.



chapter

1. one of the parts into which a book is divided

Read Chapter 11 as your homework.

2. a particular period or event in someone's life or in history

The American Civil War was the most deadly chapter in American history.



commission

1. a group of people who have been given the official job of finding out about something or controlling something

The state government set up a commission to investigate low student achievement scores across the state.

2. to formally ask someone to write an official report, produce a work of art for you etc:

The report was commissioned by the city council.



community

1. the people who live in the same area, town etc.

The senior center serves the local community.

2. a group of people who have the same interests, religion, race etc.

San Diego contains many different ethnic communities.



complex

1. consisting of many different parts and often difficult to understand

The legal system contains a complex set of laws and precedents.



2. a group of buildings, or a large building with many parts, used for a particular purpose

I live in a three-story apartment complex.

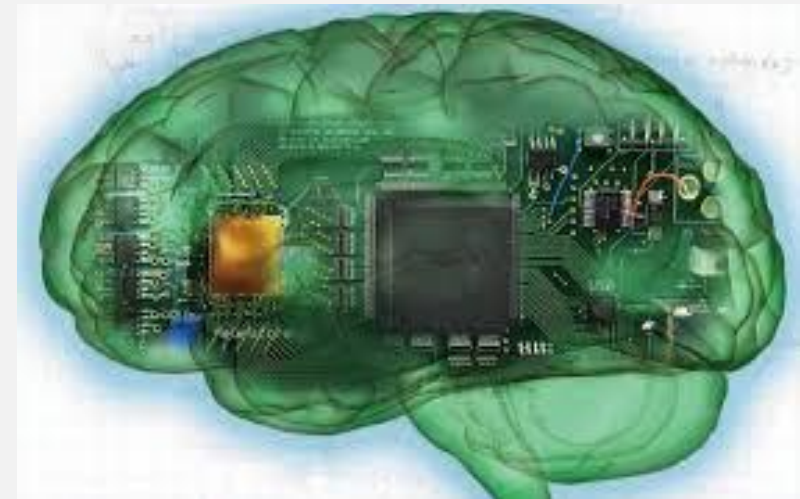
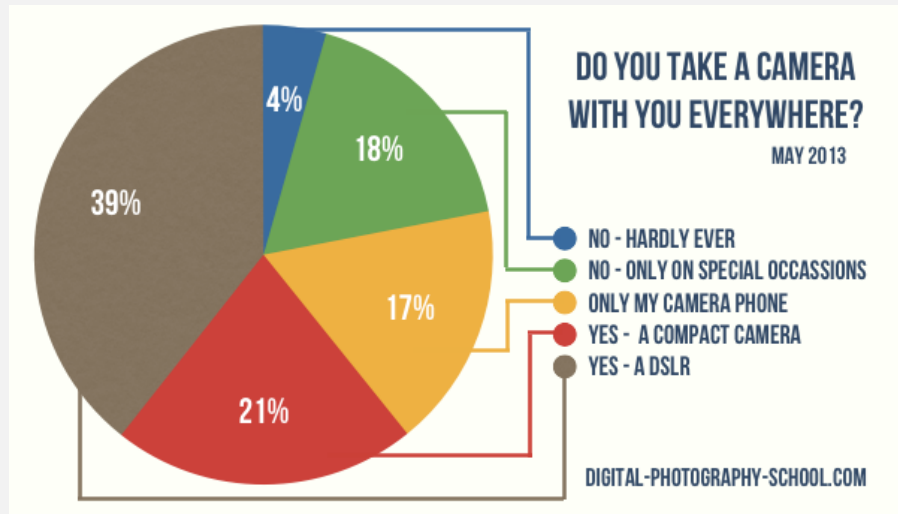


compute

1. to calculate a result, answer, sum etc.

The results of the poll have now been computed.

Our brain computes millions of bits of information every second of every day.



conclude

1. to decide that something is true after considering all the information you have

The jury concluded that the defendant was guilty of murder.



2. to end something such as a meeting, book, event, or speech by doing or saying one final thing

Each chapter concludes with a short summary.

Chapters 1 - 2 

Plot Summary

Ponyboy Curtis lives with his two older brothers, Sodapop and Darry. Ever since their parents died, Darry has worked hard to keep the remaining family together. They all belong to a gang of tough kids from the East Side known as greasers.

The novel opens as Ponyboy is walking home from the movies alone. He is suddenly attacked by a gang of Socs (West Side rich kids). His brothers and greaser friends are quick to answer his cries for help and chase the Socs off. Steve, Two-Bit, Dally, and Johnny are the other members of the greaser gang. Ponyboy and Johnny agree to go to the drive-in movies with Dally the following night.

After Ponyboy finishes his homework, Soda secretly tells Pony that he plans to marry Sandy.

The next evening, Dally, Ponyboy, and Johnny sneak into the drive-in on foot. Dally begins harassing two Soc girls sitting in front of them and gets a Coke thrown in his face in return. Then the girls, Cherry Valance and Marcia, invite Ponyboy and Johnny to sit with them. Later, Two-Bit joins the group.

Pony and Cherry go to get some popcorn. While standing in the concession line, Pony recounts the story of the Soc attack on Johnny. Cherry is appalled, but she tells Pony that the Socs have plenty of troubles too.

Pre-Reading Focus Activities

1. Outsiders in Society
Ask students to brainstorm about types of people that might be classified as "outsiders" in our society. Write the student responses on the board. Give a few examples and briefly discuss what keeps these people "on the outside."

2. Formal and Informal Writing
Ask students in what cases they feel it is appropriate to write the way they speak. For what audiences might they choose the formal over the informal? Have them explain their answers.

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conduct

1. to carry out a particular activity or process, especially in order to get information or prove facts

They conducted a survey to discover the front-runner in the presidential election.



2. the way someone behaves, especially in public, in their job etc.

She was given a reprimand for her rude conduct at the meeting.

