

Vocabulary Activity

E.G.O.T. Sentences

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acronym (noun) — a word formed from the initial letters of other words, like *scuba* (self-contained underwater breathing apparatus)

In small groups can you try and guess what the acronym E.G.O.T might stand for?

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- modern day acronym
- created by the people in showbiz
- a special recognition given to people involved in show-business who earn all four of the biggest awards in entertainment.

Can you name those four awards based on the name of the honor:
E.G.O.T.? Click for a hint.



Emma



Grammy



Oscar



Tony

E.G.O.T. sentences

E.G.O.T. (*noun*) — an honor bestowed on only 12 entertainers in history who have won all four major entertainment awards: an Emmy (for television), a Grammy (for music or recordings), an Oscar (for films), and Tony (for live theater).

E.G.O.T. Winners:	Job:	Year:
Richard Rodgers	Composer	1962
Helen Hayes	Actress	1976
Rita Moreno	Actress	1977
John Gielgud	Actor	1991
Audrey Hepburn	Actress	1994
Marvin Hamlisch	Composer	1995
Jonathon Tunick	Composer	1997
Mel Brooks	Actor/director/writer	2001
Mike Nichols	Director	2001
Whoopi Goldberg	Actress	2002
Scott Rudin	Producer	2011
Robert Lopez	Lyricist	2014

Making Vocabulary E.G.O.T.s

Not every word out there—just like not every performer—can earn an E.G.O.T., but happily there are a lot more vocabulary E.G.O.T.s out there than there are artistic E.G.O.T.s.

To be a vocabulary E.G.O.T., the same word has to come in all **4** major forms/parts of speech:

- ***Noun***
- ***Verb***
- ***Adjective***
- ***Adverb***

Let's Practice!

Noun form	Verb form	Adjective form	Adverb form
compliance	(to) comply	compliant	compliantly
creation	(to) create	creative	creatively
beauty	(to) beautify	beautiful	beautifully
purity (or pureness)	purify	pure	purely

Try-G.O.T.s?

- There a lot of good vocabulary words out there but you might find that they only have three of the forms
- More often than not, it is the verb that was missing

Here are some examples:

Noun form	Verb form	Adjective form	Adverb form
ardor	☹	arduous	arduously
confinement	(to) confine	confinable	☹
pessimism	☹	pessimistic	pessimistically

Making Vocabulary E.G.O.T.s

Try to make E.G.O.T.s without consulting the dictionary:

Noun suffixes		Verb suffixes	Adjective suffixes		Adverb suffixes
-tion	-ship	-ify	-ous	-ible	-ly
-ity	-age	-ize	-al	-ful	-ily
-ness	-ism	-ate	-y	-less	
-er	-age	-en	-ive	-ish	
-dom	-ment	-ate	-able	-ic	

How to complete a E.G.O.T Entry:

- You must pick at least 5 words that you think might be an E.G.O.T
- Create a chart like the one we just used
- And see if you can find any TRUE E.G.O.T.s
- Then, pick the word with the most amount of parts of speech and make a sentence using all of those words. Your sentence must make sense!

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Noun form	Verb form	Adjective form	Adverb form
divergence	(to) diverge	divergent	divergently

...you need to put all four forms of the word into one repetitive and redundant-sounding sentence:

Bad sentence: His divergent divergence helped him divergently diverge.

Good sentence: His divergent interpretations of the poem diverged from mine, and the teacher divergently appreciated his divergence.

Examples

Check out the following student samples.

Decide if they should earn a 3 or a 4:

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