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| **Buddhism- Vocabulary List** | | | |
| **Tier 2 Vocabulary** | | **Tier 3 Vocabulary** | |
| **Meditation** | The act of giving your attention to only one thing, either as a religious activity or as a way of becoming calm and relaxed: | **Enlightenment** | The state of being awakened to the truth about life |
| **Reality** | The state of things as they actually exist | **Buddha** | The awakened or enlightened one |
| **Awakened** | Make someone aware of (something) for the first time. | **Dhammapada** | A Buddhist scripture that contains the teachings and sayings of the Buddha |
| **Scriptures** | The sacred writings of a religion | **Karma** | The forces that influence peoples’ fortune and future rebirth. |
| **Orally** | By means of speech; verbally | **Parinirvana** | A state of complete bliss, entered into by souls that are not reborn. |
| **Calamity** | An event causing great and often sudden damage or distress; a disaster. | **Samsara** | The continual process of life, death and rebirth |
| **Afflicts** | (Of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely. | **Brahmins** | Priests in ancient India who interpreted Queen Maya’s dream about Siddhartha |
| **Impermanence** | The state or fact of lasting for only a limited period of time | **Pali Canon** | The main sacred text for many Buddhists which contains the teachings of the Buddha, rules for monks and nuns and the philosophy of Buddhism; also known as the Tipitaka |
| **Permanent** | Lasting or intended to last or remain unchanged indefinitely. | **The Four Sights** | Four things seen by Siddhartha when he left the palace- old age, sickness, death and a holy man |
| **Ascetic** | Someone who lives a life of simplicity and self-denial | **Bodhi** | Awakened- |
| **Asceticism** | Severe self-discipline and avoiding of all forms of indulgence, typically for religious reasons | **The Middle Way** | A lifestyle between luxury and having nothing at all |
| **Sermon** | A strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen | **Nirvana** | A state of bliss experienced by those who have found enlightenment |
| **Laity** | Religious people who are not ordained, monks or nuns. In Buddhism the laity is a Buddhist is not a monk or nun | **Bodh Gaya** | The holiest site in Buddhism, where Siddhartha meditated under a Bodhi tree and became the Buddha |
| **Suffering** | A talk on a religious or moral subject | **Dharma** | The Buddha’s teachings |
| **Desires** | A strong feeling of wanting to have something or wishing for something to happen | **Dukkha** | The suffering or dissatisfaction of all living beings |
| **Craving** | A powerful desire for something | **The Eightfold Paths** | Eight instructions taught by the Buddha to help people overcome suffering and reach enlightenment |
| **Material/ Materialistic** | Excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented | **The Four Noble Truths** | The basis of Buddha’s teachings: all creatures suffer; suffering is caused by selfish desires; suffering can be ended; the way to end suffering is to follow the Eightfold path |
| **Immortality** | The ability to live forever; eternal life. | **The Three Poisons** | Greed, hatred and delusion |
| **Greed** | Intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food. | **Bhikkhu** | A Buddhist monk; nuns are called bhikkunis |
| **Hatred** | Intense dislike; hate. | **Five Precepts** | Five rules that all Buddhists are expected to follow |
| **Delusion** | Make (someone) believe something that is not true. | **Sangha** | The community of Buddhist monks and nuns |
| **Analogy** | A comparison between one thing and another, typically for the purpose of explanation or clarification. | **Three Jewels/ Three Refuges** | Buddha, Dharma and Sangha |
| **Livelihood** | A means of securing the necessities of life. |  |  |
| **Mindfulness** | The quality or state of being conscious or aware of something. |  |  |
| **Refuge** | A place where people are safe from harm. |  |  |
| **Abstain** | Restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something. |  |  |
| **Suffering** | The state of undergoing pain, distress, or hardship. |  |  |