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Council, Counsel, and Consul

Word	Council	Counsel	Consul
<b>Definition</b>	a group of people that come together to consult, give advice on, or deliberate a certain matter	advice given	an official appointed by a government to reside in a foreign country to represent the commercial interests of citizens of the appointing country

**Council** is a group of people appointed to make decisions.

- Example: The **council** hereby denies your request for additional funding.
- Example: We have appointed a **council** to oversee important matters.

**Counsel** is another word for advice.

- Example: He assisted me with good **counsel** and encouragement.
- Example: Seek **counsel** from those who are wiser than you.

**Consul** is an ambassador or representative in a foreign land.

- Example: The British **consul** in Spain had held the post for many years.
- Example: We have no ambassador in Paraguay, but we have a **consul**.

Conscious and Conscience

Word	Conscious	Conscience
<b>Definition</b>	to perceive or notice with a degree of controlled thought or observation	an inner feeling or voice viewed as a guide to the rightness or wrongness of one's behavior

**Conscious** is an adjective that means characterized by or having an awareness of one's environment. (Mental Awareness)

- Example: We are unaware of any **conscious** life on other planets.
- Example: They were worried they might faint at the sight of the blood, but they remained **conscious**.

**Conscience** is a noun defined as an awareness of morality in regard to one's behavior. (Moral Awareness)

- Example: The burglar must have had a turn of **conscience** because he returned all of the stolen goods.
- Example: They had a guilty **conscience** because they cheated on the test.

- Hint: To be **conscious** is to be aware of your **surroundings**. Both of these words have "ou's" in them.

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