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Device and Devise

Word	device	devise
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a thing created or modified for a specific purpose, especially mechanical or electronic equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (v) plan or invent by careful thought • (n) leave property to someone through a will

Device is a noun referring to a tool, machine, or piece of equipment designed for a specific purpose, often used in technology and engineering.

- Example: The new fitness tracker is a helpful **device** for monitoring your daily activity.
- Example: Engineers created a portable **device** that purifies water using solar energy.
- Example: My smartphone is a versatile **device**.

Devise is a verb meaning to plan or invent a method, procedure, or system by careful thought; to create or formulate.

- Example: The team will **devise** a detailed plan for the product launch next month.
- Example: After much research, the scientists **devised** a new method to improve crop yields.
- Example: She needs to **devise** a more effective schedule to balance work and personal life.

Discreet and Discrete

Word	discreet	discrete
Definition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • careful and circumspect in speech or actions to avoid offense or gain advantage • intentionally unobtrusive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • individually separate and distinct • not connected or continuous

Discreet is an adjective used to describe a noun that is careful in prudent in speech or actions, especially to avoid causing offense or attracting attention.

- Example: The **discreet** employee kept the company's confidential information private.
- Example: The doctor was **discreet** when discussing the patient's medical history, ensuring that privacy was maintained in front of the family.

Discrete is an adjective meaning separate or distinct; not continuous or connected.

- Example: The research study analyzed three **discrete** groups of participants based on their age.
- Example: In mathematics, **discrete** numbers can only take certain values, such as whole numbers.
- *How to remember:*
 - Discreet has an "e," which can remind you of "ethics" or "elegance"
 - Discrete has "ete," similar to "separate,"

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