How to Make a KIM Chart

1. To make a KIM Chart, take a sheet of paper and draw three columns.
2. At the top of the first column write “Key Word.”
3. At the top of the second column write “Information.” Beneath that write “Definition of the Word” in parentheses.
4. At the top of the third column write “Memory Cue.” Beneath that write “sentence or picture” in parentheses.
5. Draw lines from left to right to indicate rows.
6. Fill in the columns with any new words you encounter, along with their definition and a memory cue, or sentence, to help you remember them.

What can it help you do?
- Improve reading comprehension
- Keep track of new terms

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Key Word: Prevaricate
Information: To speak or act in an evasive way
Memory Cue: The diplomat was a master of prevarication; he never said what he meant, and he hardly meant what he said.

Key Word: Disposition
Information: Your usual mood
Memory Cue: His depression was beginning to weigh on his previously upbeat disposition.

Key Word: Ascertain
Information: Learn or discover with confidence
Memory Cue: The investigators could not ascertain the motives of the crime.

Key Word: Decree
Information: A legally binding command or decision
Memory Cue: The judge approved our proposed decree of custody.