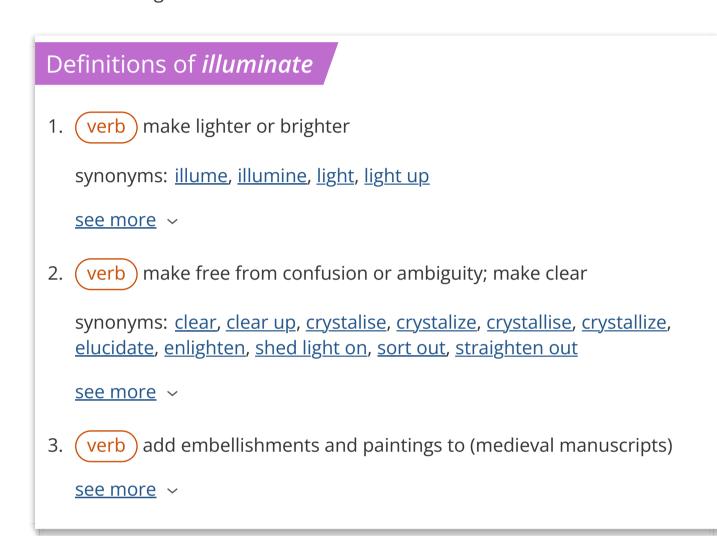


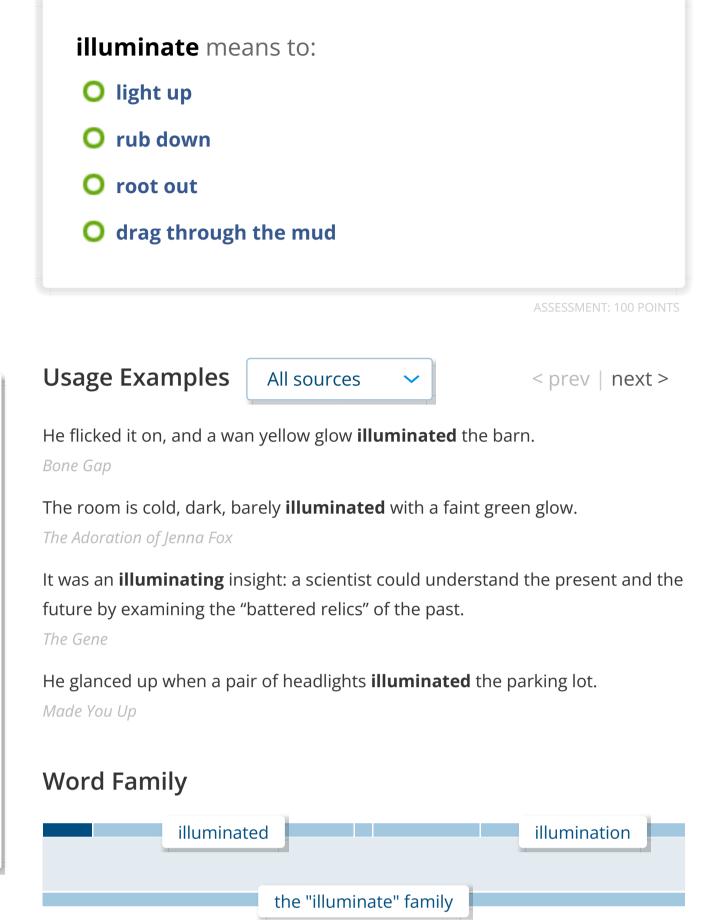
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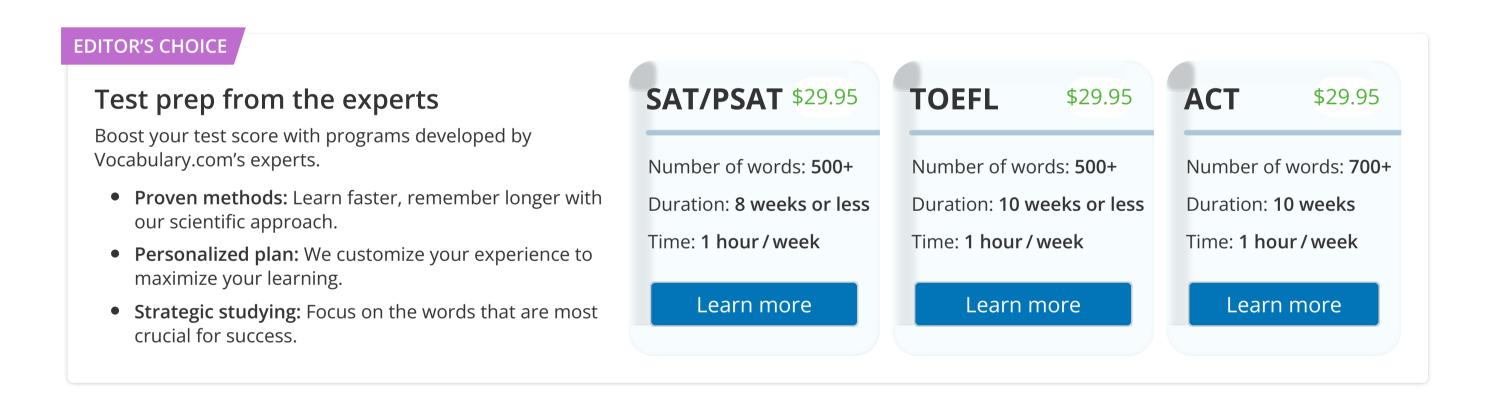
To *illuminate* is to light up — with physical light or with an idea. A spotlight might *illuminate* an actor on stage, and a good chemistry teacher might *illuminate* students with a lesson on the atomic structure of hydrogen.

Originally, the verb *illuminate* referred to decorating handwritten manuscripts with bright lettering or pictures. Monks illuminated manuscripts with colors like gold, silver, bright red, and blue. Nowadays you can illuminate anything in the dark — either literally or figuratively. If you are afraid of the dark, illuminate your bedroom. In the dark when it comes to organic chemistry? Get an illuminating tutor.



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