

significant /sɪg' nɪfɪk(ə)nt/

: Sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy.

: Having a particular meaning; indicative of something.

'in times of stress her dreams seemed to her especially significant'

: Suggesting a meaning or message that is not explicitly stated.

'she gave him a significant look'

: (statistics) Relating to or having significance.

Late 16th c. from L *significant* - 'indicating', from the verb *significare*

important /ɪm' pɔ:t(ə)nt/

: Of great significance or value.

(of a person) having high rank or status.

(of an artist or artistic work) significantly original and influential.

Late ME: from medieval L *important* - 'being of consequence', from the verb *importare*.

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: having or likely to have influence or effect (=important) *a significant piece of legislation*

also : of a noticeably or measurably large amount

a significant number of layoffs, producing significant profits

: having meaning - especially: suggestive *a significant glance*

: (statistics) probably caused by something other than mere chance

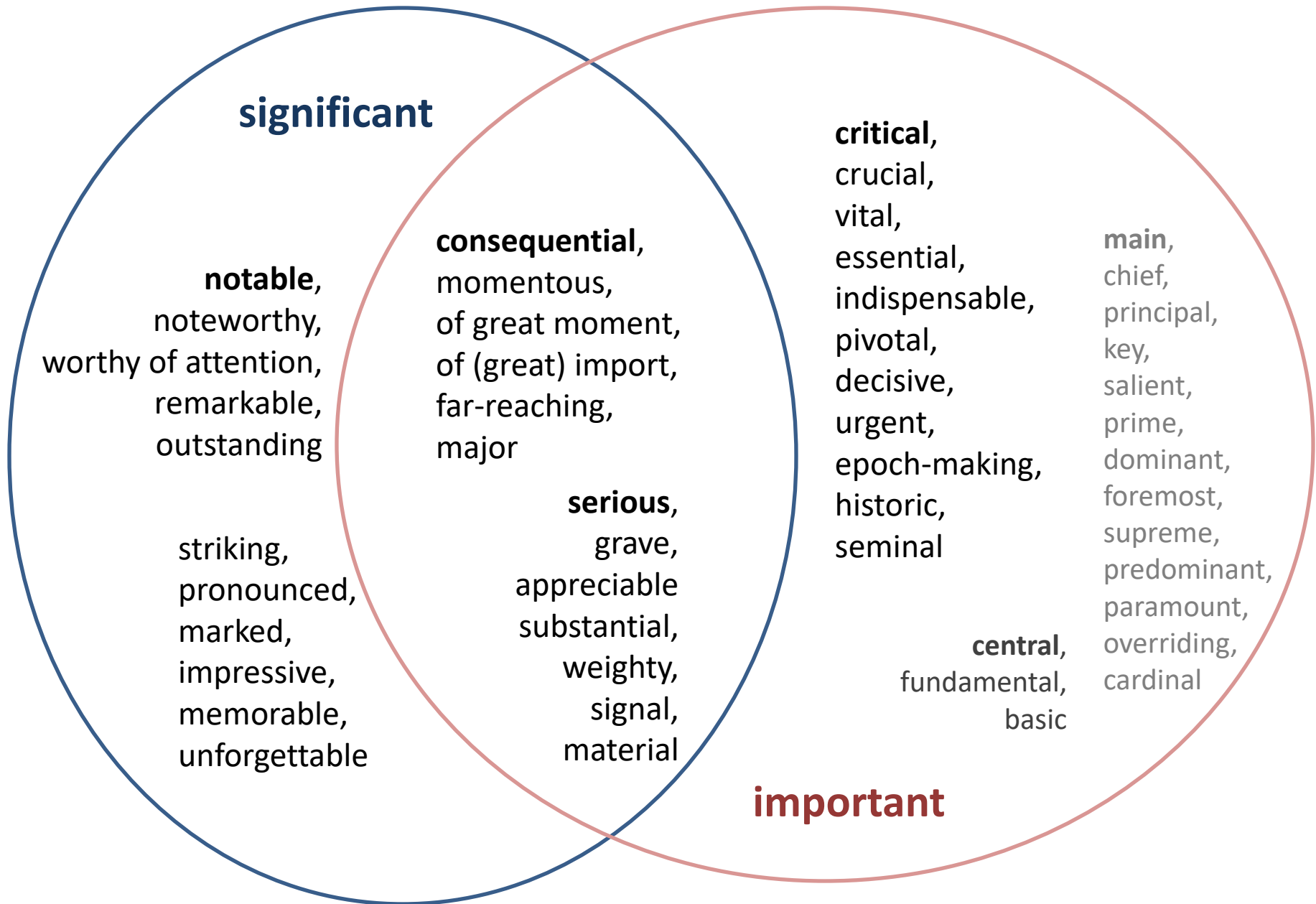
statistically significant correlation between vitamin deficiency and disease

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: marked by or indicative of significant worth or consequence : valuable in content or relationship

Importantly vs. Important:

A number of commentators have objected to *importantly* as a sentence modifier and have recommended *important* instead. Actually, both the adverb and the adjective are in reputable standard use in this function. **Important** is always used with *more* or *most*. // had bronze weapons and composite bows; more important, they utilized the horse and war chariot // second and most *important*, the book contains no important woman character // **Importantly** is commonly used in similar contexts, but it is somewhat more flexible in not requiring *more* or *most*. // sticks and, just as importantly, unsticks easily // importantly, the leaven in the mixture is quality



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