Values

The word “value” comes from Latin “valere” which means “to be strong, to be well, and to be of value”. According to the Merriam Webster Dictionary, values are moral principles and beliefs or accepted standards of a person or social group. The following list of words may help in your analysis of a speaker or writer’s value. You should be able to support your value choice with evidence from the specified text.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Adventure | A stimulating, exciting life |
| Family | Being taken care of and taking care of loved ones |
| Power | Having control of others |
| Recognition | Being well-known and admired by others |
| Helpfulness | Working for the good of others |
| Integrity | Honest/ethical behavior |
| Friendship | Companionship |
| Knowledge | Love of learning, though, and the development of the mind |
| Beauty | Appreciation of the attractiveness of the arts and the environment |
| Freedom | Independence, free choice |
| Creativity | Use of one’s imagination |
| Wealth | Money and the things it can buy |
| Accomplishment | Sense of pride in the things one has done |
| Responsibility | Willingly fulfilling one’s obligations and duties |
| Security | Sense of continuity and protection from risk |
| Ambition | Getting ahead in life |
| Pleasure | Enjoying a leisurely life |
| Altruism | The practice of unselfish concern for or devotion to the welfare of others |
| Nature | The elements of the natural world, as mountains, trees, animals, insects, or rivers |
| Perceptiveness | Having or showing keenness of [insight](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/insight), understanding, or intuition |
| Realism | Interest in or concern for the actual or real, as distinguished from the abstract, speculative, etc. The tendency to view or represent things as they really are |
| Serenity | The state or quality of being [serene](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/serene), calm, or tranquil; sereneness |
| Wisdom | Scholarly knowledge or learning |
| Resilience | The power or ability to return to the original form, position, etc., after being bent, compressed, or stretched, or the ability to recover readily from illness, depression, adversity, or the like |