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IPA guide

Other forms: **schematics**

Use the adjective *schematic* to describe a drawing that's very simple and symbolic. That drawing your cousin made of a house with a pointy roof, smiling stick figures, and a round yellow sun? Very *schematic*.

The word *schematic* can apply to ideas as well as drawings. In this case, *schematic* describes an overly simple interpretation of something complex, like a work of literature or a detailed plan for social change. Think of it like the drawing of a boxy house and stick figures, only applied to ideas — it's an outline of something that may not capture all the important details.

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**a professional tennis player**

**a dentist**

**an electrical engineer**

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## Examples from Books and Articles

All sources

The little professor stands at the chalkboard drawing a wiring **schematic** for a simple Morse-code practice circuit.

*All the Light We Cannot See*

Also, unlike my Pathfinder hatchet job, I had the full **schematics** of the drill.

*The Martian*

## Definitions of *schematic*

- adjective** represented in simplified or symbolic form

synonyms: [conventional](#), [formal](#)

[nonrepresentational](#)

of or relating to a style of art in which objects do not resemble those known in physical nature

2. **noun** diagram of an electrical or mechanical system

synonyms: [schematic drawing](#)

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Dad had a contract to build a milking barn in Oneida County, about twenty miles from Buck's Peak, so Shawn pattered around the yard, adjusting **schematics** and measuring I-beams.

*Educated*

Or creating a **schematic** for an invention that would've shifted the world.

*Fast Pitch*

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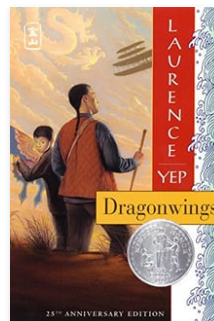
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## Vocabulary lists containing *schematic*



### Dragonwings

Laurence Yep

In the early 1900s, a young boy leaves China to join his father in San Francisco, where they work to build a flying machine.



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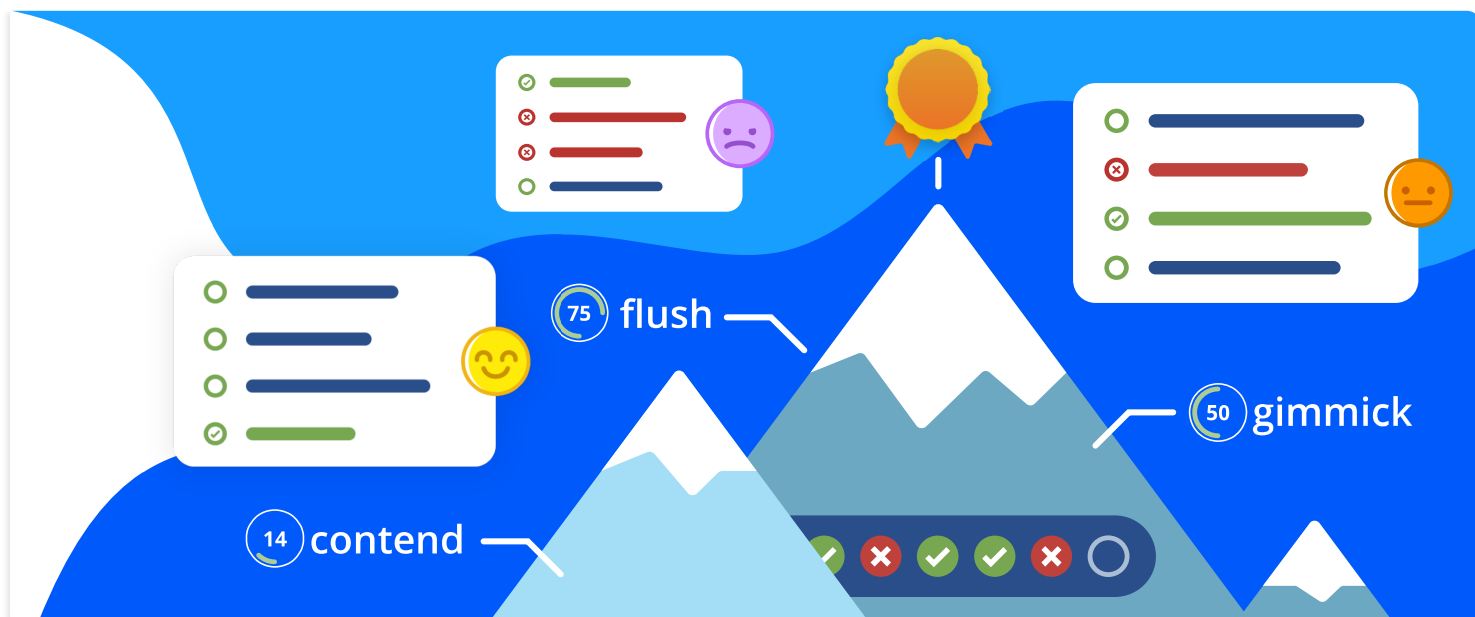
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