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apartment /əˈpɑː(r)tmənt/ Noun
an *apartment* is a set of rooms on one floor of a building, where someone lives or stays on holiday. The usual British word is *flat*

we shared an apartment in Gas Street | my dad rented an apartment in Paris for a week | a luxury city-centre apartment

aunt /ɑːnt/ Noun
your *aunt* is the sister of your mother or father, or the wife of your uncle

my aunt lives in Denver | aunt Mabel is my dad's sister, which is why she looks like him | all my aunts were there at the party

close /kləʊs/ Adjective
if two people are *close*, they know each other very well and are strong friends

there's a big gap between us, but we're very close | they've always been close, ever since they started school together | I was always closer to my mother than my father | I never made any close friends at university

closely /ˈkləʊsli/ Adverb
if you work *closely* with another person, you see them and talk to them a lot while you are doing a job together

we work closely together | I worked very closely with her at the beginning of the project

colleague /ˈkɒliːg/ Noun
a *colleague* is someone you work with

he was always bringing colleagues home to play chess | we're colleagues now, but we knew each other at school | I get on with most of my colleagues, but I wouldn't say we're friends

connection /kəˈnekʃ(ə)n/ Noun
a *connection* is a relationship between people or things

Collocates: a connection between things or people

there was some connection between our two schools | is there any connection between the two crimes? | scientists discovered a connection between smoking and cancer | I'd never met him before, but we discovered we had a family connection

cousin /ˈkʌz(ə)n/ Noun
your *cousin* is a child of your uncle and aunt

he's my cousin, but I didn't meet him till I was 20 | I'm going to stay with one of my cousins | she's a cousin on my mother's side (the daughter of my mother's brother or sister)

divorce /dɪˈvɔː(r)s/ Verb
if married people *divorce*, they stop being legally married to each other

she kept the house when we got divorced | she and her husband divorced in 2007 | he divorced his wife after just two years of marriage | he divorced and remarried in the same year

Noun: *divorce* | Adjective: *divorced*

she told me she wants a divorce | his wife obtained a divorce soon after | their divorce was finalised in August | he is a divorced father with a two-year-old daughter | the girl lived with her divorced mother in London

ex- /eks/ Prefix
someone's *ex*-wife is the woman they used to be married to. Someone's *ex*-husband is the man they used to be married to. When people talk about "my *ex*", they mean their former husband or wife

my ex-wife still lives in our old house | her ex-husband still sends her a card on her birthday

Noun: *ex*

was that your ex I saw in the car with you? | I haven't seen my ex since the day we divorced

gap /gæp/ Noun
a gap is an empty space between two things. If you talk about a *gap* in two people's ages, you mean that one of them is quite a lot older than the other one

in age, there's a big gap between me and my brother | there's a ten-year age gap between us | my older sister is 19 and I'm 17, then there's a gap of 10 years and my little brother is only seven

get on /get ˈɒn/ Phrasal verb
if you *get on* with someone, you like them and have a friendly relationship with them

Collocates: get on with someone

they moved next door last year and we immediately got on | do you get on with the people you work with? | I never got on with my boss | I don't get on with my brother-in-law | I get on well with the people in the office

get to know /get/ Verb
if you *get* to do something, you succeed in doing it over a period of time. If you *get to know* someone, you become friendly with them over a period of time

Collocates: get to do something | get to know someone

we got to know each other at university | I thought he was rude at first, but got to like him eventually | I'm getting to understand his accent, but it's taking a long time

immediately /ɪˈmiːdiətli/ Adverb
if something happens immediately, it happens quickly and with no delay

they moved next door last year and we immediately got on | come here immediately! | the restaurant was immediately closed after rats were found in the kitchen | the police immediately began a search of the area

Adjective: *immediate*

the change in the law has had an immediate effect

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in-law /ɪn lɔː/ Suffix
your mother-*in-law*, brother-*in-law*, etc. is the mother or brother of your husband or wife. All the relatives of your husband or wife are your *in-laws*

I get on really well with my mother-in-law | her brother-in-law moved to Australia last year

Noun: *in-laws*

I've got to visit my in-laws next weekend

move /muːv/ Verb
if you *move*, or *move house*, you go and live in a different place

I lived in Gas Street when I first moved here | we're moving house next week | my parents moved to Cornwall after I left home | I hate this house, but I can't afford to move

neighbour /ˈneɪbə(r)/ Noun
your *neighbours* are the people who live very near you, in the same street. Your next-door *neighbour* is a person who lives in the house or flat that is next to yours

Collocates: a next-door neighbour

we're very lucky because our neighbours are lovely people | one of my neighbours is an electrician and she fixed my lamp for me | we've got new neighbours moving in tomorrow | my next-door neighbour always plays loud music at the weekends

partner /ˈpɑː(r)tnə(r)/ Noun
someone's *partner* is the person they live with but are not married to

her partner works in a bank | this is Jenny, my partner | my partner and I have been together for over 12 years

share /ʃeə(r)/ Verb
if you *share* something with someone, you both use it or have it. If you *share* a house or flat with someone, you both live in the same house or flat

we shared a house in Maidstone for a while | I had to share a bedroom with my brother till I was 9 | I finally got a room to myself and no longer had to share

Noun: *share*

we've been in a house share for the last year with another couple

trip /trɪp/ Noun
a *trip* is a journey you make somewhere

Collocates: a business trip | a school trip

I met her on a business trip | we went on a trip down the river to Hampton Court | the round trip took 12 hours (a journey to somewhere and then back from there) | we're already planning our next trip to Scotland | we went on a day trip to Windsor (we went there to see it and came back in one day) | every year we go on a school trip to Stratford

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aspect /ˈæspekt/ Noun
an *aspect* of something is one of the different parts involved in it

I like the fashion and design aspect of the business | you have to consider the practical aspects of living on a boat | the book covers various aspects of political science

attitude /ˈætɪˌtjuːd/ Noun
your *attitude* is how you think and feel about something

I don't understand Sophie's attitude to taking over the business | it's important to have a positive attitude towards your exams | he has a really negative attitude to his job | this is a sign that social attitudes are changing | what I appreciated the most was their can-do attitude (their belief that they could succeed)

bright /braɪt/ Adjective
someone who is *bright* is very clever and intelligent

my sisters are both very bright | he's a very bright young man | she's the brightest kid in her class | he's not very bright, but he's brilliant at football

calm /kɑːm/ Adjective
someone who is *calm* is relaxed and not excited or upset

my brother's always very calm and confident | I was surprised at how calm she was when the fire started | I usually get nervous before an exam, but this time I was very calm | Dad and I are calm, quiet types

Adverb: *calmly*

he spoke calmly and quietly as he told her the sad news | she listened calmly to start with, but then burst into tears

character /ˈkærɪktə(r)/ Noun
your *character* is all the qualities that you have, which make you what you are and make you different from everyone else. If you say that a place has *character*, you mean that it has a lot of interesting parts

Collocates: out of character

daughters usually have their mother's character | my brother and I have quite similar characters | there's a nasty side to his character | the hotel we stayed in had real character | shouting at the children was totally out of character for him (not the way he normally behaves)

communication /kəˌmjuːnɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount
communication is the process of exchanging information with someone by talking to them or sending messages to them

the problems happened because of poor communication | you need good communication skills to work in TV | a breakdown in communication (communication did not happen properly) | effective communication is essential on this project | a lot of human communication depends on language

Verb: *communicate*

we communicated by email while I was away in Peru | we need to communicate directly with our customers

comparison /kəmˈpærɪs(ə)n/ Noun
if you compare two things or people, you look at them and decide what the differences are between them. The result is a *comparison* between them. If something seems true in *comparison* with something else, it is true, but different

Collocates: in comparison with something

I feel a bit stupid in comparison with my sisters | the comparison was unfair because my brother has always

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been taller than me | *a product comparison (comparing two different things that are for sale)* | *his second novel was a huge success by comparison*

Verb: *compare*

you can't compare these clothes with ones you buy in a supermarket | *you can compare prices online*

confident /ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)nt/ Adjective
someone who is *confident* is sure of their own abilities and doesn't feel shy or nervous

my brother's always very calm and confident | *he was confident that he would pass his exam* | *she's always been very confident of her own ability* | *are you sure about this? You don't seem very confident*

Adverb: *confidently* | Noun: *confidence*

we confidently believed that we could succeed where others failed | *you should have more confidence in yourself*

control /kənˈtrəʊl/ Verb
if you *control* something or *control* how much someone can do something, you check and limit the amount or level of it

we need to control our costs more efficiently | *the government controls the oil industry very tightly* | *my parents control how much time I spend on my tablet* | *you should control how much you eat* | *it's not possible to control the Internet*

Noun: *control*

Collocates: keep control of something | be under control | be out of control

you need to keep control of your spending | *the situation was very bad for a while, but it's now under control* | *in 2008, the economy went completely out of control*

determined /dɪˈtɜː(r)mɪnd/ Adjective
if you are *determined*, you do not let anything stop you from achieving your goals and doing what you want to do

Collocates: be determined to do something

she and I are both very determined people | *he was determined to keep the news secret* | *he's a very determined young man* | *we made a determined effort to clean the place up*

Noun: *determination*

Collocates: great determination | determination to do something

she showed amazing strength and determination | *they played with great determination* | *they expressed their determination to finish the job by the end of the month*

figure /ˈfɪgə(r)/ Noun
figures are numbers that represent amounts of something

she has a good head for figures (she can do things like adding up numbers very well) | *last month's sales figures weren't very good* | *the latest crime figures show another increase in robbery* | *the figure on the left of the chart is the total number of cars manufactured last year*

finance /ˈfaɪnæns/ Noun
finance is the way money is used and managed in business or in government

he left his job to come and work with me as finance director | *a meeting of European finance ministers* | *the company's finances were steadily improving* | *she works in the finance department*

Adjective: *financial*

the financial crisis of 2008

frustrated /frʌˈstreɪtɪd/ Adjective
someone who is *frustrated* feels angry or upset because something is stopping them doing what they are trying to do

Collocates: frustrated about something | feel frustrated | become/get frustrated

he got frustrated and started shouting | *she gets frustrated when things go wrong*| *I feel very frustrated about this situation* | *frustrated customers have started to complain*

Adjective: *frustrating* | Verb: *frustrate* | Noun: *frustration*

Collocates: be frustrated by something | frustration at something

having to wait so long is incredibly frustrating | *this has been an extremely frustrating experience* | *his constant questions frustrated me* | *I understand your frustration at this situation* | *his unpleasant remark made her explode with frustration*

grade /greɪd/ Noun
a *grade* is a number or letter that you get showing how well you did in a test or exam

they always get top grades | *I got an A grade in maths* | *if you want to get a good grade, you'll have to work a lot harder than this*

grow /grəʊ/ Verb
when a company *grows*, it develops and gets bigger and produces more things and earns more money. If a country's economy *grows*, business activity in the country increases and the total value of everything produced increases

the company just grew and grew | *the economy grew for the fifth year running (every year for the last five years)* | *after he took charge, he grew the company to become the biggest producer of tractors in the country*

Noun: *growth*

the company's growth has slowed down | *the government has said economic growth is its main objective*

guest /gest/ Noun
a *guest* is a person who has been invited to a social event such as a party or wedding. People who are staying in someone's house or in a hotel for a short time are also called *guests*

he stood at the door ready to welcome the guests | *we're expecting over 200 guests at the wedding* | *one of the hotel guests complained about the food in the restaurant* | *guests are allowed to use the swimming pool between 7 in the morning and 10 at night*

hobby /ˈhɒbi/ Noun
someone's *hobby* is an activity that they do regularly for pleasure

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he thought it was just a hobby | *my hobbies are reading, photography, and cycling* | *do you have any hobbies?*

model /ˈmɒd(ə)l/ Noun
a *model* is someone whose job is to show off clothes by wearing them and being photographed, or by wearing them at a fashion show

Collocates: a fashion model

I was a model when I was younger | *she's a model, actress, and mother* | *communication between the photographer and the model is very important*

networking /ˈnetˌwɜː(r)kɪŋ/ Noun uncount
networking is the activity of talking to a lot of people who do the same sort of job as you and who might be useful for your work

I hate networking and managing people | *I was invited to a big networking event in London* | *the group encourages networking face to face as well as online* | *some people spend far too much time on social networking sites (websites where people exchange personal information about themselves)*

open /ˈəʊpən/ Adjective
people who are *open* are willing to speak honestly about what they think and how they feel, and do not hide things from other people

we're all very friendly and open in our family | *Dutch families are generally very open and talk about everything* | *we're always quite open with each other* | *we had an open discussion about it*

patient /ˈpeɪʃ(ə)nt/ Adjective
someone who is *patient* is able to stay calm when something takes a long time and does not become angry or upset

Collocates: be patient with someone or something

no one in my family is patient | *thanks for waiting, you've been very patient* | *the teacher was so patient and helpful* | *Jack is always very patient with the children* | *just be patient. It won't be much longer*

Noun: *patience* | Adverb: *patiently* || Opposites – Adjective: *impatient* | Adverb: *impatiently*

Collocates: lose your patience | have/require patience

sorry, but I'm beginning to lose my patience (become angry) | *learning to play piano requires a great deal of patience* | *they waited patiently until the judge arrived* | *he listened patiently while I explained what had happened* | *as time passed, he became more and more impatient* | *the captain shook his head impatiently*

poor /pɔː(r)/ Adjective
something that is *poor* is not very good

the problems happened because of poor communication | *I thought the food in the restaurant was very poor* | *his work was of very poor quality* | *a school with poor exam results*

practical /ˈpræktɪk(ə)l/ Adjective
a person who is *practical* is good at doing things with their hands, like mending things or making things

neither of us is very practical | *my brother's very practical, so I asked him to mend the lock on the door* | *it helps to have a few practical skills*

-run /rʌn/ Suffix
you add *-run* to the end of nouns and adverbs to describe the way something is organised. For example, a *family-run* business is owned and managed by members of the same family, and a *well-run* school is a good school that is managed very well

it's a family-run business | *we stayed in a very well-run hotel in the city centre* | *the state-run railways in France are very efficient*

shout /ʃaʊt/ Verb
if you *shout*, you say something in a very loud voice, for example, because you are angry

Collocates: shout at someone

he got frustrated and started shouting | *calm down! You don't have to shout* | *Dad got angry and started shouting at me* | *Tim shouted upstairs that it was time to go*

Noun: *shout*

we heard shouts of delight coming from the children's bedroom

sort out /ˌsɔː(r)t ˈaʊt/ Phrasal verb
if you *sort* something *out*, you deal with it so that it is no longer untidy or a problem

we need to sort out our differences (stop arguing and agree on something) | *you need to sort out your room. It's a mess* | *We had a big argument, but we've sorted it out now and we're friends again* | *I sorted out the papers on my desk*

strict /strɪkt/ Adjective
someone who is *strict* makes sure people obey rules all the time

Collocates: be strict with someone

my dad's very strict, whereas my mum's a bit soft | *a strict teacher* | *the school applies strict discipline* | *she's very strict with her children* | *I had a very strict upbringing (my parents were very strict when I was growing up)*

Adverb: *strictly*

children were brought up more strictly in those days

stupid /ˈstjuːpɪd/ Adjective
someone or something that is *stupid* is not very clever or sensible

I sometimes feel a bit stupid next to my sister | *that was a stupid question!* | *walking ten miles in this weather was a stupid idea* | *don't be so stupid* | *he spoiled the evening with his stupid behaviour* | *I didn't want to look stupid, so I kept quiet*

succeed /səkˈsiːd/ Verb
if you *succeed*, you do what you were trying to do

she doesn't stop until she succeeds at something | *we are determined to succeed* | *I succeeded in getting a job in advertising* | *if at first you don't succeed, try again*

Noun: *success* | Adjective: *successful*

there are several reasons for the team's success | *the party was a great success* | *a successful film director*

supportive /səˈpɔː(r)tɪv/ Adjective
if people are *supportive*, they understand your situation and help you

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my husband was very supportive when I decided to start the company | *my colleagues are very supportive* | *luckily, I've got a supportive boss*

Noun: *support* | Verb: *support*

he was always there, offering support and encouragement | *you know I'll support you whatever you choose to do*

-IVE

Some adjectives are formed from verbs by adding *–ive*.

a ***supportive*** family	***support*** me in whatever I do
a ***creative*** person	***create*** a work of art
a ***competitive*** industry	***compete*** for the post of CEO
an ***imaginative*** idea	I can ***imagine***
an ***impressive*** result	***impress*** your boss

take over /ˌteɪk ˈəʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb
when one company *takes over* another company, it becomes the new owner and the two companies combine to become one company

who do you think will take over the business? | *half the directors left as soon as the firm was taken over* | *it was their third attempt to take over the rival company* | *we were taken over by the largest mining company in the world*

Noun: *takeover*

Collocates: a takeover bid | a hostile takeover

Murdoch launched a takeover bid in early December (an attempt to take over a company) | *a hostile takeover (when a company is taken over but didn't want that to happen)*

tidy /ˈtaɪdi/ Adjective
if a room is *tidy*, the things in it are in their place and it is very neat. If a person is *tidy*, they are good at keeping their things neat and well organised

Nick's office is always very tidy | *I'm not a very tidy person* | *make sure your room is tidy before you go out*

Adverb: *tidily* | Verb: *tidy* || Opposite – Adjective: *untidy*

put your things away tidily before you go upstairs | *Mum's always telling me to tidy my bedroom* | *just look how untidy the kitchen is!*

wedding /ˈwedɪŋ/ Noun
a *wedding* is a ceremony at which two people get married

Collocates: a wedding reception | a wedding guest | a wedding ceremony

I worked for several wedding magazines | *my sister's wedding was a fantastic occasion* | *the wedding guests started arriving at 12* | *we spent months preparing for the wedding* | *a wedding reception (a party for all the guests after the ceremony)* | *my dad offered to pay for the wedding* | *the wedding ceremony will start at 3 o'clock*

welcome /ˈwelkəm/ Verb
if you *welcome* someone, you greet them in a friendly way when they arrive

we're always happy to welcome people into our home | *they welcomed us with open arms when we arrived there (they were very friendly towards us)* | *firstly, let me welcome you to our hotel* | *we look forward to welcoming you to our home next month*

Noun: *welcome*

Collocates: a warm welcome

you're sure to receive a warm welcome there (a very friendly welcome)

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accept /əkˈsept/ Verb
if you *accept* an invitation, you say yes to it

I accepted her friend request because I like to make new contacts | *they've accepted our invitation to the party* | *I had an offer of free membership of the club, which I accepted*

block /blɒk/ Verb
to *block* something means to put an object across or in it in which stops something else from moving through or along it. If you *block* someone on the Internet, you change your settings so that you do not see any messages from that person

I deleted his request and blocked him | *she blocked all messages from her ex-husband* | *a fallen tree was blocking the road*

Noun: *block*

I want to put a block on all his emails

comment /ˈkɒment/ Verb
if you *comment* or *comment* on something, you say what you think about it. If you *comment* on something on the Internet, you write what you think about it on the site where it appeared

lots of people commented on the photos | *anyone can comment on my blog posts* | *you have to register for the site before you are allowed to comment*

Noun: *comment*

Collocates: post a comment | submit a comment

you must be registered to post comments here | *click here to submit your comment* | *does anyone at the company read the comments?*

delete /dɪˈliːt/ Verb
if you *delete* something that is on your computer, you remove it.

I deleted the file by mistake | *she read the message, then deleted it* | *he deleted the request and blocked further messages*

expect /ɪkˈspekt/ Verb
if you *expect* something, you think it will happen or arrive

Collocates: expect someone or something to do something

they don't always do what we expect them to do | *I didn't expect you till this evening (you arrived early)* | *I didn't expect him to get so angry* | *I'm here to see Mr Edwards. He's expecting me*

Noun: *expectation*

the restaurant met all our expectations (it was as good as we hoped it would be)

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face to face /ˌfeɪs tə ˈfeɪs/ Adverb
if you do something with someone *face to face*, you are both in the same place at the same time, rather than talking by email or on the phone

we arranged to meet face to face | *both armies stood face to face, about 500 metres apart* | *they came face to face outside the station*

Adjective: *face-to-face*

I wanted a face-to-face meeting with him | *exchanging text messages is not as effective as a face-to-face conversation*

for instance /fə(r) ˈɪnstəns/ Noun
you use *for instance* when you are beginning to give an example of what you are talking about

for instance, I recently read about a girl who posted pictures of her friend on the web | *there are several questions we need to ask. For instance, how did he get into the building?*

hide /haɪd/ Verb
if you *hide* something, you put it somewhere where people cannot see it or find it. If you *hide* something on the Internet, you deliberately make sure that it does not appear on your social media pages

I hide all his posts | *you can hide comments from people you don't like*

ignore /ɪgˈnɔː(r)/ Verb
if you *ignore* something, you do not pay any attention to it. If you *ignore* a question or request, you deliberately do not reply to it

I usually ignore online quizzes | *I had a request to friend someone I've never heard of, so I ignored it* | *I ignore most of the friend requests that I get*

in touch /ɪn ˈtʌtʃ/ Phrase
if you are *in touch* with someone, you still see them and talk to them or write to them sometimes. If you *lose touch*, you stop seeing them or talking to them, especially when they move to a different town

Collocates: keep/stay in touch (with someone) | lose touch (with someone) | get in touch (with someone)

how do you keep in touch with your friends? | *we still keep in touch on Facebook* | *are you in touch with Edward?* | *after I moved to Bratislava, we lost touch* | *get in touch next time you're in Paris*

inappropriate /ˌɪnəˈprəʊpriət/ Adjective
something that is *inappropriate* is not suitable in a particular situation

she'd posted inappropriate photos of a schoolfriend on a social networking site | *inappropriate behaviour can lead to a student being sent home early* | *several comments on the blog post were considered to be inappropriate and were removed* | *it was totally inappropriate to mention his illness* | *short skirts and torn jeans were considered inappropriate for the school concert*

Opposite – Adjective: *appropriate*

shouting at your teacher is not an appropriate way to show you disagree | *the only appropriate response is to say you're sorry*

inspiring /ɪnˈspaɪərɪŋ/ Adjective
something that is *inspiring* makes you believe in something very strongly, especially in your own ability to achieve things

my cousin often posts inspiring quotes | *the headmistress delivered an inspiring speech* | *I thought the film was really inspiring* | *under her inspiring leadership we won the competition easily*

Verb: *inspire* | Noun: *inspiration* |
Adjective: *inspirational* || Opposite –
Adjective: *uninspiring*

Collocates: inspire someone to do something

he inspired a lot of his students to go on to study Greek | *her example inspired thousands of girls to take up football* | *Beckham was an inspiration to me in my childhood* | *he got his inspiration from a trip he made to Tunisia* | *an inspirational teacher* | *she is an inspirational speaker, unlike any others you have heard* | *the book had a rather uninspiring cover* | *for the first month, they gave me some rather uninspiring jobs to do*

message /ˈmesɪdʒ/ Noun
a *message* is something you send to someone containing information, a question, etc.

Collocates: send someone a message | get/receive a message

I sent him a message asking him to remove the photo | *I've had a message from Guy saying he's coming to London next week* | *I thought you'd be expecting me. Didn't you get my message?* | *Alec isn't in the office today. Do you want to leave a message?*

post /pəʊst/ Verb
if you post a *letter*, you send it to someone in an envelope with a stamp on it so that it will be delivered to them. When you *post* something on the Internet, you put it on a website so that lots of people can see it if they want to

she posted lots of photos of her holiday on Facebook | *he's always posting comments on newspaper stories on the web* | *pictures of the demonstration were posted online while it was happening* | *can you post this letter for me if you're going out?*

Noun: *post*

there was an interesting post on her blog last week | *I read your post, and I have to say I don't agree with you*

quiz /kwɪz/ Noun
a *quiz* is a set of questions that you have to answer in a competition or a game

my sister often takes online quizzes | *did you see that quiz about capital cities of the world?* | *an interactive quiz (one which changes depending on the answers you give)* | *a general knowledge quiz* | *take our free quiz now to discover what sort of personality you have*

quote /kwəʊt/ Verb
a *quote* is a sentence or saying that someone said or wrote that gets repeated by a lot of people

one of my cousins is always posting inspiring quotes, like "Follow your dreams" | *"To be, or not to be" is a famous*

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quote from Shakespeare | *there is a quote that "age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter"* | *a website that collects hundreds of funny quotes*

Verb: *quote*

we're expected to quote from the poems in the exam | *our English teacher can quote whole speeches from Shakespeare*

remind /rɪˈmaɪnd/ Verb
to *remind* someone of something means to make them remember it

Collocates: remind someone about something | remind someone of someone or something | remind someone to do something

does this story remind you of anything? | *can you remind me to buy petrol* | *she reminded me about my doctor's appointment* | *he reminds me of my brother (he looks like my brother)* | *that song reminds me of my wedding (it makes me think about my wedding)*

remove /rɪˈmuːv/ Verb
if you *remove* something, you take it away from where it is

I asked him to remove the photo | *it's difficult to remove the smell* | *the police removed some cars from the main shopping street* | *he had an operation to remove a lump from his leg* | *you should remove the curtains before painting the window*

Noun: *removal*

removal of the seat cover is quite easy

reply /rɪˈplaɪ/ Verb
if you *reply* to someone, you give them an answer

Collocates: reply to someone | reply that

the girl replied that six of the people were real friends | *he became cross and replied angrily that he'd never been there before* | *did she ever reply to your question about the summer holiday?* | *her mother just smiled and replied, "Of course you can".*

Noun: *reply*

I asked him three times but never got a reply | *the president made no immediate reply to the question*

smile /smaɪl/ Verb
if you *smile*, the ends of your mouth go up slightly to show that you are pleased or happy about something

Collocates: smile at someone

she smiled to herself when she heard the news | *I couldn't stop smiling when I got my exam results* | *he smiled at me when I came into the room* | *she smiled broadly and accepted his offer* | *Connor looked up and smiled pleasantly*

Noun: *smile*

she greeted us at the door us with a smile | *a faint smile crossed her face*

status /ˈsteɪtəs/ Noun
on a social networking site, someone's *status* is their description of themselves, saying what they are doing or thinking about at the time

I've blocked him from seeing my status updates | *her status says "in a relationship" (she has a boyfriend or girlfriend)*

stream /striːm/ Verb
a *stream* is a broadcast of a TV programme over the Internet

we found a live stream and watched the game online | *because of technical problems, the stream ended early* | *you can watch a stream of the ceremony starting at 8 this evening*

Verb: *stream* | Noun: *streaming*

the concert will be streamed live from Wembley | *you are not allowed to stream music videos from this site* | *a device that streams web content through TV sets* | *online video streaming is now very common* | *a streaming audio site*

update /ˈʌpdeɪt/ Noun
an *update* is information about a situation or process, describing what has happened recently. When people post *updates* about themselves on a social media site, they say what has changed in their lives recently

one of my friends is always posting funny status updates | *I read his updates on Facebook every week* | *I've blocked him from seeing my status updates*

Verb: *update*

if you get married, you'll have to update your status on Facebook

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combination /ˌkɒmbɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun
a *combination* of things is a number of different things all mixed together

the show was a combination of music and dance | *there's a combination of reasons for the decision* | *the doctor recommended a combination of drugs for her illness*

Verb: *combine*

the show combines music and drama | *a busy city which successfully combines the ancient and the modern*

found /faʊnd/ Verb
to *found* an institution or a regular event means to start it and provide the money it needs to continue

Michael Eavis founded the Glastonbury Festival | *the RSPCA was founded in 1824* | *the company was originally founded in 1923* | *my grandfather founded the company in 1957*

Noun: *founder*

the founders wanted the school to take both boys and girls

neighbourhood /ˈneɪbə(r)ˌhʊd/ Noun
your *neighbourhood* is the area of the town or city around where you live

we live in a nice neighbourhood | *it's a dangerous neighbourhood after dark* | *it's a very quiet neighbourhood* | *everyone in the neighbourhood knows my dad*

personal /ˈpɜː(r)s(ə)nəl/ Adjective
something that is *personal* relates to just one single individual and is not shared with anyone else

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my personal view is that we should wait another year | my personal finances | they asked for my personal details (how old I am, where I live, etc.) | that's a very personal question (one that asks for information that people don't usually tell to strangers)

Adverb: *personally*

the concert was good, though personally I prefer Lady GaGa to Madonna | the prime minister personally visited the survivors in hospital

stand for /ˈstænd fɔː(r)/ Phrasal verb

letters that *stand for* something are the first letters of words and are used as an abbreviation

what does WOMAD stand for? | NATO stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation | in ATM, the "M" stands for "machine"

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EXERCISES

PREPOSITIONS

A **Complete the sentences with the correct preposition. Look up the words in bold if you need help.**

1 Are you **close** ..... your sister?
2 I have three **cousins** ..... my father's side.
3 I'm not really **patient** ..... small children.
4 Do you **get on** ..... the people you work with?
5 Is there any **connection** ..... the two crimes?
6 She's very **strict** ..... her children.

B **Choose the correct preposition.**

1 She doesn't have a lot of confidence *to* / *in* herself.
2 He smiled *at* / *to* me when I came into the room.
3 Did she ever reply *to* / *at* your question about the summer holiday?
4 I feel a bit stupid in comparison *with* / *of* my sisters.
5 He got angry and started shouting *on* / *at* me.

WORD FAMILIES

C **Complete the expressions with the correct form of the word in bold.**

1 My brother often **frustrates** me.	He makes me feel .....
2 A **combination** of music and drama.	The show ..... music and drama.
3 He **founded** the festival.	He was the festival's .....
4 She gave an **inspiring** speech.	The speech ..... us.
5 Nick's office is always **tidy**.	He arranges his desk .....

D **Tick the words which are both a noun and a verb.**

1 remove .....
2 shout .....
3 welcome .....
4 compare .....
5 control .....
6 expect .....
7 post .....
8 comment .....

WORD BUILDING

E **Complete the sentences with nouns formed from the words in the box. Look up the words if you need help.**

succeed	patient	confident
remove	determined	expect

1 They expressed their ..... to finish the job.
2 The party was a great .....
3 Learning to play piano requires a lot of .....
4 You should have more ..... in yourself.
5 The restaurant met all our .....
6 The ..... of the seat cover was quite easy.

COLLOCATIONS

F **Complete the collocations with the correct word from the unit.**

1 s_ _ _ _t a comment
2 a w_ _m welcome
3 a n_ _ _ -_ _ _r neighbour
4 a wedding c_ _ _ _ _ _y
5 a h_ _ _ _ _e takeover
6 a s_ _ _ _l trip

G **Match the two halves of the sentences.**

1 You need to keep	a) me to buy petrol.
2 I've got to visit	b) with her children.
3 I'm determined	c) my in-laws next weekend.
4 She's very strict	d) to keep the news a secret.
5 Can you remind	e) control of your dog.

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