

# 12 PEOPLE I KNOW

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### half- /hɑːf/ Prefix

*half-* is a prefix that you can add to the nouns 'brother' or 'sister' to show that two people share one of the same parents. *Half-* can also be added to words to give the meaning of 50 percent

*my dad remarried last year and now I have a half-brother | I still remember the day my half-sister was born | I'm half-dead this morning (very tired) | you can get half-price tickets*

### step- /step/ Prefix

*step-* is a prefix that you can add to words for family members to show you are related to someone through a second or a later marriage. For example, your *stepfather* is the man who has married your mother after the death or divorce of your natural father. A *stepbrother* is the child of your *stepparent*

*he had four stepbrothers and didn't get in with any of them | my mum remarried last year and my stepfather is great | a stepdaughter*

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### charming /ˈtʃɑː(r)mɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is *charming* has very good manners and always behaves in a way that makes other people like them

*he's a very charming man | she found him utterly fascinating and charming | she gave me a charming smile | she has such a charming personality*

Noun: *charm*

*he had great personal charm*

### criticism /ˈkrɪtɪsɪz(ə)m/ Noun

*criticism* is a statement that expresses disapproval of someone or of something they have done. *Criticism* is also the activity of making statements like this

Collocates: draw/attract criticism | come in for criticism  
*I got plenty of criticism for my first exhibition | she came in for some fierce criticism | Smith received severe press criticism for his action | her essays and speeches sometimes drew criticism*

Verb: *criticise* | Noun: *critic* | Adjective: *critical* | Adverb: *critically*

Collocates: criticise someone for (doing) something  
*the new theatre was criticised for being ugly | the decision was heavily criticised in the press | he refused to openly criticise the government | critics of the plan were quick to point out its weaknesses | she's always making critical comments about my piano playing | he spoke critically of the company's failure to recruit good staff*

### diplomatic /ˌdɪplə'mætɪk/ Adjective

someone who is *diplomatic* is always careful about what they say, making sure that they do not offend anyone

*she's always very diplomatic | he gave a diplomatic answer when he was challenged about it | try and be a bit more diplomatic next time you have to talk to her*

Adverb: *diplomatically*

*he answered all her questions diplomatically, if not truthfully*

### direct /dɪ'rekt/ Adjective

someone who is *direct* always says exactly what they think, even if it might upset or offend people

*she's always very direct and says what she means | she could be very direct when she needed to be | he was very direct about it: he wanted her to leave | you'll need to be pretty direct with him*

### go off /gəʊ 'ɒf/ Phrasal verb

if you *go off* somewhere, you leave where you are and go somewhere else for a while

*I could go off and have a coffee and she'd still be talking when I got back | he went off to get another book to show me | don't go off just yet – I haven't finished the story*

### intense /ɪn'tens/ Adjective

if someone is *intense*, they are very serious in the way they talk and behave

*she's very focused, very intense | he's very serious and quite intense | she can be a bit too intense sometimes | a very intense young man | a very intense relationship*

Noun: *intensity*

*she looked at me with real intensity*

### loyal /'lɔɪəl/ Adjective

someone who is *loyal* supports someone or something reliably and without changing

Collocates: fiercely loyal | loyal support | remain loyal (to someone or something)

*he's very loyal — always there for you when you need him | only a few remained loyal to the prime minister | you can be sure of our loyal support | 25 years' loyal service to the company | she is fiercely loyal to her family and her job*

Adverb: *loyally* | Noun: *loyalty* || Opposite – Adjective: *disloyal*

Collocates: fierce/great loyalty | blind loyalty | inspire loyalty | show loyalty | demand/expect loyalty

*the servants showed great loyalty even when times were difficult | he inspires extraordinary loyalty among his staff | despite the setbacks, they loyally supported him | after 20 years with the company, it felt disloyal to leave and work for a competitor*

### modest /'mɒdɪst/ Adjective

someone who is *modest* does not like to talk about their successes or abilities

Collocates: be modest about something

he's very successful, but also incredibly modest | Campbell is very modest about his achievements | when she said her paintings were all right, she was just being modest

Adverb: modestly | Noun: modesty

"I was just one of the team," he said modestly | he described the achievement with great modesty

**naughty** /'nɔ:ti/ Adjective

if children are *naughty*, they behave badly and do things they are not supposed to do

his children are really *naughty* | she can be quite *naughty* sometimes | you've been a very *naughty* boy | that was very *naughty* of you | my neighbour talks to me as if I were a *naughty* schoolchild

**personally** /'pɜ:(r)s(ə)nəli/ Adverb

if you take something *personally* that someone has said to you, you are offended by it because you feel they are criticising you and not anyone else. If you criticise someone *personally*, you deliberately say something critical about them

Collocates: take something personally

he gets upset easily and takes things very *personally* | I was making a general point about the team, but he took it *personally* | she talks like that to everyone; you shouldn't take it *personally* | I don't think he meant it *personally*

Adjective: *personal*

it's nothing *personal* – I just meant you need to practise more | in his speech, he launched a *personal* attack on the president

**push** /pʊʃ/ Verb

if you *push* yourself, you make yourself work hard because you want to achieve something important or significant. If you *push* someone else to do something, you make them do it by encouraging them very firmly or forcing them to do it

I just wanted a good time at college, but he really *pushed* himself | they really *push* pupils to achieve high marks | her parents *pushed* her so hard she nearly ran away from home

Noun: *push*

he's clever enough, but lazy. He needs a bit of a *push*

**scholarship** /'skɒlə(r)ʃɪp/ Noun

a *scholarship* is money that is given to someone by an organisation so that they can afford to go to school or university

Collocates: win a scholarship

he won a *scholarship* to study physics at Cambridge | she was awarded a *scholarship* to help her complete her degree | I'm here on a *scholarship*

**sensitive** /'sensətɪv/ Adjective

someone who is *sensitive* is easily affected by what other people say about them and gets offended very easily

he's very *sensitive* and gets upset very easily | he seems highly *sensitive* to criticism | a very *sensitive* and delicate child | you're too *sensitive* to last long in this office

Noun: *sensitivity*

you need to consider her *sensitivities* more

**show off** /'ʃəʊ ,pʃ/ Phrasal verb

if someone is *showing off*, they are trying to impress people by talking about their achievements or possessions in a very annoying way

he never *shows off* or *boasts* about anything | the teacher told him to stop *showing off* | as a child, he was always *showing off*

Noun: *show-off*

he was a *show-off* and worse, a liar | his sister was always a bit of a *show-off*

**WORD BUILDING: NOUNS MADE FROM PHRASAL VERBS**

Some phrasal verbs can be made into nouns with similar meanings.

Sometimes the nouns are one-word nouns, sometimes they are two words joined with a hyphen (-). Sometimes the words from the phrasal verb appear in the same order in the noun; sometimes they are the other way round.

**PHRASAL VERB**

**show off:** he's always showing off

**check in:** check your bags in

**fall out:** let's not fall out about money

**walk out:** she walked out on her husband

**rip off:** they tried to rip us off

**pour down:** it's pouring down

**bring up:** bring up kids on your own

**NOUN**

**show-off:** he's a terrible show-off

**check-in:** I'll meet you at the check-in

**falling-out:** they had a bad falling out

**walkout:** the union ordered a walkout

**rip-off:** it was such a rip-off

**downpour:** get caught in the downpour

**upbringing:** have a strict upbringing

**shy** /ʃaɪ/ Adjective

someone who is *shy* feels nervous when they are with other people and finds it difficult to talk, especially with people they do not know

she's very quiet and *shy* | he's painfully *shy* (extremely shy) | he's very *shy* with girls | I'm too *shy* to go and talk to her | she gave a *shy* smile

Adverb: *shyly*

the brothers looked *shyly* at their mother's friend

**sweet** /swi:t/ Adjective

if someone is *sweet*, they are pleasant, kind, and nice to other people

he's very *sweet* and affectionate | it was *sweet* of you to help | she's such a *sweet* little girl | he always gives me a big hug; it's so *sweet*

Adverb: *sweetly*

she smiled *sweetly* and sat down

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**active** /'æktɪv/ Adjective

if someone is *active* in a role or organisation, they take part and do things rather than just saying they support it

*we can play an active role in helping with childcare | he is an active member of many organisations | he was never a very active MP | we value the active involvement of parents in the school sports*

Adverb: *actively*

*he is actively involved in his local church*

**childcare** /ˈtʃaɪld,keə(r)/ Noun uncount

*childcare is all the activity involved in looking after children. Childcare also refers to the arrangements that working people make for someone to look after their children while they are at work*

*we can play an active role in helping with childcare | trained childcare providers | the government promised to increase the number of free childcare places | finding affordable childcare is a big challenge | their childcare costs over £200 a week*

**complication** /ˌkɒmplɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

*complications are problems that make a situation or task more difficult to deal with*

*despite the complications, there are benefits to be had too | there were complications with her pregnancy and she had to go into hospital | one further complication was that my passport had expired | an added complication was the fact that he'd spent time in prison*

**contrary** /ˈkɒntrəri/ Adjective

*if something is true contrary to what people think, it really is true although most people do not realise it and think the situation is different*

*contrary to common belief, the average age of becoming a grandparent is 51 | contrary to public opinion, there is no such thing as "road tax"*

**contribute** /kənˈtrɪbjʊ:t/ Verb

*if you contribute to something, you provide something useful either by what you say or what you do*

Collocates: *contribute (something) to something*  
*grandchildren contribute to the relationship by helping their grandparents stay up-to-date | if you have nothing sensible to contribute to the discussion, you'd better keep quiet | her visits contributed greatly to my eventual recovery | thanks to everyone who has contributed their memories to the blog*

Noun: *contribution*

Collocates: *make a contribution*

*Birmingham made important contributions to the industrial revolution | his book was a valuable contribution to modern literature*

**estimate** /ˈestɪmeɪt/ Verb

*if you estimate something, you try to work out its approximate amount, value, or strength*

*it's estimated that 20% of grandparents spend 10 or more hours a week looking after their grandchildren | experts estimate it will take 1,000 tons of rock to fill the hole | we have no means of estimating accurately the population of ancient Rome | Cuban officials estimate roughly 1.6 million tourists visited Cuba in 1999*

Noun: *estimate* | Noun: *estimation* |

Adjective: *estimated*

Collocates: *a rough estimate*

*at a rough estimate, it will cost between two and three thousand pounds | initial estimates suggested over £1m of damage | a rough estimation of the Sun's temperature | an estimated 300 soldiers were killed or wounded | the estimated cost was £50m*

**fond** /fɒnd/ Adjective

*if you have fond memories of someone or something, it always gives you pleasure when you think about them or remember them*

*I have fond memories of my grandmother | she smiled as the fond memories flooded her thoughts | it brought back fond memories of my first trip to Cornwall*

Adverb: *fondly* | Noun: *fondness*

*I'll always fondly remember those summers spent in Ireland | she remembers her grandparents with fondness*

**interfere** /ˌɪntə(r)ˈfɪə(r)/ Verb

*if you interfere, you become involved in a situation when your help or advice is not wanted*

Collocates: *interfere in something*

*grandparents should not interfere with their children's parenting | stop interfering! | I wish you wouldn't interfere in my business*

Noun: *interference* | Adjective: *interfering*

Collocates: *interference in/with something*

*we cannot accept any interference in our internal procedures | try and ignore his interference | an interfering neighbour*

**leisure** /ˈleɪzə(r)/ Noun uncount

*leisure is time when people are not working and can do activities that they enjoy*

Collocates: *leisure time | leisure pursuits/activities*

*we'll have to spend less on leisure and travel | provision of better leisure facilities | my leisure time was spent reading crime novels | leisure pursuits such as golf or tennis | leisure facilities here include a gym and a swimming pool*

**notion** /ˈnəʊʃ(ə)n/ Noun

*a notion is an idea or belief or opinion about something*

*my notion of the role of grandparents is problematic | this notion may seem strange at first | he only had a vague notion of what to do next | the mistaken notion that governments can solve every social problem*

**pose** /pəʊz/ Verb

*if something poses some kind of danger or problem, it causes it*

*all of this poses a problem for women like me | terrorism still poses a serious threat | bare wires pose a risk of electric shock | climate change poses a major challenge to the world's governments*

**potentially** /pəˈtenʃəli/ Adverb

*you use potentially to say that something might happen or become possible in the future*

*we can potentially play a more active role in helping with childcare | a potentially lucrative (well-paid) contract | his injuries are potentially fatal (he might die because of them)*

Noun: *potential* | Adjective: *potential*

he has the potential to become a great golfer | the website can attract potential customers

**reluctant** /rɪ'lʌktənt/ Adjective

if you are *reluctant* to do something, you do not really want to do it

Collocates: be reluctant to do something

*I was reluctant to give up my job | I was a bit reluctant to talk about it | she felt reluctant to ask for more money | he was initially reluctant, but finally agreed to do it*

Adverb: *reluctantly* | Noun: *reluctance*

Collocates: reluctantly agree (to do something) | reluctantly accept something | with reluctance

*he came with us rather reluctantly | the driver reluctantly admitted that he'd been going too fast | I couldn't understand his reluctance to go on the trip | with great reluctance he handed over the money*

**role** /rəʊl/ Noun

your *role* is the purpose or position that you have in a particular situation

Collocates: play a role | a major role | an important role

*we can potentially play a more active role in helping with childcare | horses have played an important role in the country's history | what's your role in the company? | money played a major role in my decision | the monthly parties have an important social role*

**rule** /ru:l/ Verb

if someone *rules* in a situation, their influence and power is greater than anyone else's, and they control what happens

*a lack of discipline can produce spoilt children who rule the house | it's my house, and I rule here | she looked weak, but at home she ruled the roost (she was the most powerful person in the family)*

**sacrifice** /'sækrɪfaɪs/ Noun

if you make a *sacrifice*, you give something up in order to be able to do or have something else instead

*we lent them some money, but that meant making sacrifices ourselves | being president demands a lot of sacrifice | many volunteers went out there, often at great personal sacrifice*

Verb: *sacrifice*

*we need to increase productivity without sacrificing quality | I sacrificed another night's sleep to go and pick him up from the airport*

**spoil** /spɔɪl/ Verb

if parents *spoil* a child, they always allow the child to have whatever he or she wants, which can have a bad effect on the way the child behaves and develops

*my grandmother would spoil us the whole time we were there | her parents spoiled her rotten (spoiled her very much) for the first six years of her life | I always thought my mother spoiled my brother and was cruel to me*

Adjective: *spoilt* or *spoiled*

*she acted like a spoiled child, doing whatever she wanted | a spoiled brat (a spoiled child)*

**status** /'steɪtəs/ Noun

someone's *status* is the role or position that they have in society, as seen by other people

*I'm not yet comfortable with my new status as a grandmother | what is your marital status? (are you married or not married?)*

**stereotype** /'steriə,taɪp/ Noun

a *stereotype* is something that people think is typical of a particular person, place, or thing, especially when this belief is unfair or untrue

*the stereotype of a granny is an old lady with white hair and glasses | changing stereotypes about computer programmers isn't easy | she broke the stereotype of cyclists as bearded old men*

Adjective: *stereotypical* | Adverb: *stereotypically* | Verb: *stereotype*

*she spoke with a stereotypical Liverpool accent | women are stereotypically more emotional than men | the police are often stereotyped as slow and stupid in films*

**turn** /tɜ:(r)n/ Verb

if you *turn* a particular age, you become that old

*I only recently turned 50 | she turned 40 last year | I'll be turning 60 in December*

**typical** /'tɪpɪk(ə)/ Adjective

something that is *typical* is normal and has all the same features as most of the other things of the same sort

*she looked like my idea of a typical granny | the house was built in typical Tudor style | this is a typical example of Picasso's early work | in typical English fashion, I apologised when she trod on my foot*

Adverb: *typically*

*typically, each exam is taken by about 2,000 students | my working day typically involves three or four really boring meetings*

**vague** /veɪg/ Adjective

something that is *vague* is not clear or definite

Collocates: a vague idea/memory | a vague impression | a vague feeling

*I had only vague memories of my own grandparents | his description of the robber was rather vague | I got the vague impression he was Japanese | I had a vague feeling that we were in danger*

Adverb: *vaguely*

*I can vaguely remember my first day at school*

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**apologise** /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/ Verb

if you *apologise*, you say that you are sorry for something bad or wrong that have done or said

Collocates: apologise for (doing) something | apologise to someone

*we're both very stubborn and I didn't want to be the first to apologise | I apologise for my rudeness earlier | Katie later deleted the tweet and apologised | she apologised to me once she realised what she had done | if I offended you, then I apologise*

Noun: *apology* | Adjective: *apologetic* |

Adverb: *apologetically*

Collocates: an apology for something | demand an apology | owe someone an apology | accept an apology



*please accept my sincere apology for not replying earlier | she wrote to the editor demanding an apology for the article | I think you owe me an apology | he was very apologetic and said he would never drink again | "I'm sorry," he said, with an apologetic smile | the waiter apologetically explained that they had no more steak*

**awkward** /'ɔ:kwə(r)d/ Adjective

an *awkward* situation is one in which people feel slightly embarrassed

*it was quite awkward meeting her again after all that time | it was rather awkward having his ex-wife at the wedding | she thought it would be too awkward if all her friends were there too | there was a bit of an awkward silence*

Adverb: *awkwardly*

*we shook hands a little awkwardly, then left*

**bump into** /bʌmp 'ɪntu:/ Phrasal verb

if you *bump into* someone you know, you meet them unexpectedly somewhere because you are both there at the same time

*a few years later, I bumped into her at a conference | we bumped into each other outside the station | you'll never guess who I bumped into in the supermarket!*

**date** /deɪt/ Verb

if you are *dating* someone, you see them regularly because you are starting a romantic relationship with them

*then he started dating his best friend's sister | we dated for two years before we got engaged | we'd been dating for five months when he broke it off*

Noun: *date*

*they went to the cinema on their first date*

**drift** /drɪft/ Verb

if things are *drifting*, no one is controlling events or planning what should happen. If two people *drift apart*, they gradually become less friendly or their relationship gradually ends because neither of them does anything to keep the friendship alive

*I made new friends, and Dan and I slowly drifted apart | people drift apart because they don't have enough in common | it will only make things worse if you just let things drift | she drifted into a job as a waitress*

**fall out** /fɔ:l 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *fall out* with someone, you have an argument with them and you both stop talking to each other

Collocates: *fall out with someone | fall out over something*

*we fell out over a girl | look – I don't want to fall out with you about this | have those two fallen out or something?*

Noun: *falling-out*

*we had a big falling-out a few years ago | the incident caused a major falling-out between the two men*

**glad** /glæd/ Adjective

if you are *glad* about something, you are happy about it. If you are *glad* to do something, you are very willing to do it

Collocates: *glad that | be glad to do something*

*I'm glad we split up | he was glad that she remembered him | I felt glad to be starting a new job | I'm really glad you enjoyed my poems | I saw you'd passed your exams. I'm glad about that*

Adverb: *gladly*

*our support team will gladly help you*

**hang out** /hæŋ 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *hang out* with someone, you spend a lot of your free time with them. If you *hang out* somewhere, you spend a lot of your free time there

*we used to hang out together all the time | they hang out behind the bus station | she started hanging out with Ellie and Jay*

**idiot** /'ɪdiət/ Noun

if you say that someone is an *idiot*, you mean they are very foolish or stupid

*our boss was a bit of an idiot | you can be such an idiot sometimes | he drives like an idiot | he'd be a complete idiot to agree to it*

Adjective: *idiotic*

*that was an idiotic thing to do*

**in touch** /ɪn 'tʌtʃ/ Phrase

if you are *in touch* with someone, you still see them and talk 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 in touch | stay in touch | lose touch*  
*we still keep in touch via Facebook | are you in touch with Edward? | she was the only one of my classmates I stayed in touch with | after I moved to Bratislava, we lost touch*

**meet up** /mi:t 'ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if two or more people *meet up*, they go somewhere they have arranged to go to in order to do something together socially

*I can't remember the last time we met up | let's meet up in the main square at 7 tonight | we meet up twice a year for a meal | the next morning they met up for coffee at Luba's Bistro*

**move** /mu:v/ Noun

a *move* is something that you do as part of an attempt to achieve something

Collocates: *make a move | a wise move*

*she made the first move in their relationship | it was a wise move to sell the caravan | leaving the local newspaper to go to work for the BBC was a good career move*

**outgoing** /'aʊtgəʊɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is *outgoing* is friendly and lively, and likes meeting new people

*Sandra remembers him as a very outgoing person | he's very funny and outgoing | we're both quite chatty and outgoing | she has a very outgoing personality*

**personality** /pɜ:(r)sə'næləti/ Noun

someone's *personality* is their character and how they usually appear to other people

*she has a very outgoing personality | they got on very well, despite having very different personalities | her personality is more similar to her father's than her mother's | James was a forceful personality but fair, and everyone liked working for him*

**regret** /rɪ'ɡret/ Verb

if you *regret* something you have done, you feel bad about it and wish you hadn't done it

Collocates: bitterly/deeply regret something | regret doing something | regret that

*Franck regrets he's no longer friends with Jef | she sometimes regrets the decisions she has made | I deeply regret what happened that day in Rome | you should never regret telling the truth | she regrets never having married*

Noun: *regret*

Collocates: regret for something

*he has finally expressed regret for his unacceptable behaviour | I would like to express my sincere regret for what I have done*

**remain** /rɪ'meɪn/ Verb

to *remain* in a particular state or condition means to stay that way without changing

*we've remained friends ever since primary school | he remained silent all through the trial | she remained loyal to the Labour Party all her life*

**stubborn** /'stʌbə(r)n/ Adjective

someone who is *stubborn* does not like to change their mind about anything and does not listen to people who try to persuade them to change

*we're both very stubborn and I didn't want to be the first to apologise | I've had to be stubborn and selfish in my pursuit of my career | Charles's stubborn attitude has only made matters worse | after a week of stubborn resistance, he finally gave in*

Adverb: *stubbornly* | Noun: *stubbornness*

*Patrick shook his head stubbornly | she fought stubbornly to get her daughter back | my father used to get so angry at her stubbornness*

**via** /'vaɪə/ Preposition

*via* something means by using that thing or by going through that place

*we kept in touch via email and social media | the pictures are sent via satellite | we flew to Sydney via Hong Kong*

**wish** /wɪʃ/ Verb

if you *wish* something, you want it to be true although you know it is impossible

*we talked about the things we wished we'd said to him | I wish I hadn't left school when I was still so young | she really wished she'd studied harder for the exams*

*these plants are highly adaptable to most environments | the recipe is very adaptable; for example you could use carrot instead of celery | you need to hire someone who is more adaptable*

Verb: *adapt* | Noun: *adaptation*

*we need to adapt to living with climate change | the novel was adapted for television in 1998 | plants have evolved many adaptations to cope with fire*

**ancestor** /'ænsəstə(r)/ Noun

your *ancestors* are all the members of your family who lived before you, your grandparents, their parents, and so on into the past

*my ancestors came over with William the Conqueror in 1066 | Ibsen's ancestors had mostly lived in Norway for several generations | his ancestors had emigrated to America in the sixteenth century*

Noun: *ancestry*

*I'm English, but I have some Spanish ancestry through my great-grandfather*

**blade** /bleɪd/ Noun

on a knife, sword, axe etc the *blade* is the flat part with a sharp edge

*make sure you keep the blade sharp and clean | he was sharpening the axe blade in the workshop | a razor blade*

**cultivation** /ˌkʌltɪ'veɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

*cultivation* is the preparation of land and the growing of plants on it, usually for food

Collocates: be under cultivation

*cultivation of crops has been going on here for three thousand years | we have 60 hectares under cultivation (being used for crops) | cotton cultivation was a very profitable business then | the region supports intensive rice cultivation*

Verb: *cultivate*

*rice and other crops are cultivated in the valleys | for centuries these farmers have cultivated this land with amazing skill | coffee is cultivated commercially on five continents*

**reveal** /rɪ'vi:l/ Verb

to *reveal* something means to make it known, especially when it was something that was previously unknown or secret

*the analysis revealed the shared genes in our DNA | the minister revealed plans to limit immigration | this newspaper can exclusively reveal the date of the next election | the investigation revealed the causes of the accident*

Noun: *revelation*

*the newspaper published more revelations of wrongdoing in Whitehall | the revelation came as a surprise to his friends, and even to his family*

**sample** /'sɑ:mp(ə)/ Noun

a *sample* of something is a small piece of it which can be used to provide information about the whole thing

*using DNA samples, they could prove he had been at the scene | water samples were analysed to see if it*

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**adaptable** /ə'dæptəb(ə)/ Adjective

someone or something that is *adaptable* can change when necessary in order to succeed at something

*had been polluted | he was sent a sample issue of the magazine | blood samples are collected and sent to the laboratory*

**trace** /treɪs/ Verb

if you *trace* the beginning and development of something, you find out how it started and what happened as it developed through time

*the project aims to trace the route taken by our ancestors from Africa | I've traced my ancestry back to the start of the fifteenth century | the article traces the history of cricket from its origins to the present day*

## EXERCISES

### PREPOSITIONS

#### A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 She is fiercely loyal ..... her family and her job.
- 2 Campbell is very modest ..... his achievements.
- 3 It was very sweet ..... him to help us.
- 4 Contrary ..... public opinion, "road tax" doesn't exist.
- 5 What's your role ..... the company?
- 6 He's quite shy ..... girls.
- 7 I wish you wouldn't interfere ..... my business.
- 8 Thank you for contributing ..... my blog.

### WORD FAMILIES

#### B Complete the expressions with the correct form of the word in bold.

- 1 **apologise** for your behaviour    owe someone an .....
- 2 **reveal** the truth    .....  
about his private life
- 3 **fall out** with someone    have a big  
.....
- 4 behave like an **idiot**    an .....  
way to behave
- 5 the **stereotype** of a granny    a .....  
granny
- 6 an **intense** young man    look at someone with  
great .....
- 7 **spoil** a child    like a .....  
child
- 8 fiercely **loyal** support    fierce .....

#### C Tick the words which are both a noun and a verb.

- 1 push .....
- 2 sacrifice .....
- 3 interfere .....
- 4 estimate .....
- 5 regret .....
- 6 reveal .....
- 7 date .....

### COLLOCATIONS

#### D Match the nouns to the verbs. Look up the nouns if you need help.

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1 come in for | a) an idiot      |
| 2 drive like  | b) a role        |
| 3 win         | c) a move        |
| 4 play        | d) a scholarship |
| 5 make        | e) criticism     |

#### E Complete the collocations with nouns from the unit.

- 1 be on a s.....p
- 2 attract a lot of c.....m
- 3 a great personal s.....e
- 4 keep in t\_ \_ \_h with someone
- 5 your marital s\_ \_ \_ \_s

#### F Complete the sentences with the correct adjective from the box.

shy	loyal	sensitive	intense
naughty	outgoing	direct	stubborn

- 1 He's very ..... — always there for you when you need him.
- 2 She's very ..... and gets upset very easily.
- 3 Those children behave so badly — they're really .....
- 4 I'm too ..... to go and talk to her.
- 5 He's very ..... — he's always involved in deep conversations.
- 6 She's always very ..... and says what she means.
- 7 He never changes his mind — he's incredibly .....
- 8 I love meeting new people — I'm very .....

### PHRASAL VERBS

#### G Choose the correct phrasal verb.

- 1 They used to *hang out* / *go off* in the park together.
- 2 I *bumped into* / *met up* her at a conference.
- 3 I don't remember the last time we *showed off* / *met up*.
- 4 They're always *showing off* / *going off* about their achievements.
- 5 She *fell out* / *went off* to look for a bookshop.
- 6 He told me he *fell out* / *bumped into* with her.