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assess /ə'ses/ Verb

if you *assess* something, you examine it carefully and say how good or bad it is. If a student's work is *assessed*, it is given a grade or mark

how is your degree assessed? | different subjects are taught and assessed separately | staff members assessed each model for comfort

Noun: *assessment*

the teacher made a quick assessment of the class | the school uses a system of continuous assessment | the students are preparing for their final assessment

assignment /ə'sainmənt/ Noun

an *assignment* is a piece of work you have to do as part of your job or your studies

Collocates: complete an assignment | submit an assignment | set an assignment

we had weekly assignments to do | assignments must be submitted through the course website | hand in your assignment by next Friday | he was given a difficult assignment | homework assignments are due in on Fridays

Verb: *assign*

many teachers also assign additional reading activities

counselling /'kaʊns(ə)lɪŋ/ Noun uncount

counselling is help and support you can get from someone who is trained to listen to people describing their problems

a counselling course for speech therapists | if you're having problems, contact the student counselling service | a lot of couples have marriage guidance counselling | he needed a lot of counselling after the divorce

Noun: *counsel* | Verb: *counsel*

she always offered us wise counsel | her job was to counsel people with money problems

coursework /'kɔː(r)s,wɜː(r)k/ Noun uncount

coursework is the work a student has to do during a course. The marks for *coursework* are combined with the marks for exams to provide the student's final grade

did you have much coursework? | assessment is by coursework plus a final exam | registration fees must be paid before coursework can commence | the Masters degree may be by coursework or by research

CV /ˌsiː 'viː/ Noun

your *CV* is a document which describes your education and work history, and which you show to people when you apply for a job. It is the initials of the Latin *curriculum vitae*. In American English, they say *résumé*

it will look good on your CV | send a CV with your letter of application | your CV should be short and clear | my full CV is available on request | you should never lie on your CV

encouraging /ɪn'kʌrɪdʒɪŋ/ Adjective

if someone or something is *encouraging*, they do or say things that help you believe you can succeed in what you are doing

our tutors were very encouraging and gave us lots of feedback | the doctor gave me an encouraging smile | her exam results were encouraging | I appreciate your encouraging comments

Verb: *encourage* | Noun: *encouragement*

we encourage students to follow their own interests in their research | my parents always encouraged me to work hard | my friends offered some encouragement | young children need quite a lot of encouragement

feedback /'fiːdbæk/ Noun uncount

if someone gives you *feedback*, they tell you how well or badly you did a piece of work, and tell you useful things about how you can improve

Collocates: give someone feedback

our tutors were very encouraging and gave us lots of feedback | your positive feedback was very important for me | we received great feedback from the people who attended the conference | her feedback really helped me before the exams

Verb: *feed back*

Collocates: feed back to someone

I'll feed back to you after I've read your other essay

IT /aɪ 'tiː/ Noun uncount

IT stands for Information Technology. *IT* is the use of computers for storing and distributing information

he works in the company's IT department | do an IT course | get some IT training | call the IT help desk

leadership /'liːdə(r)ʃɪp/ Noun uncount

leadership is all the qualities and skills that are needed to be a good leader

I'm doing a leadership training course | his leadership skills needed a lot of improvement | Eric has shown outstanding leadership in his position as headteacher

Noun: *leader* | Verb: *lead*

effective schools need effective leaders | political leaders spoke out against the attacks | she led a team of 12 research scientists

module /'mɒdjuːl/ Noun

a *module* is a single unit of study that is part of a university or college course

I failed my last module | the course was made up of 12 teaching modules | assessment for the module is based on an exam in the final week | in this module students learn to build accurate computer models

Adjective: *modular*

the modular course allows for great flexibility

overall /əʊvərɔ:l/ Adjective

overall means including and considering every aspect of something, not just individual parts of it

25% of the overall mark is from coursework | the overall area of the flat is 60 square metres | his overall score was 74% | the overall winner is the rider that finishes first in the final round

Adverb: overall

she finished second overall | overall, it was a disappointing match

progress /ˈprəʊɡres/ Noun uncount

progress is improvement that you make over time in something you are studying or trying to achieve

Collocates: make progress

I wasn't making much progress at first | she's made huge progress this term | progress was slow but encouraging | her students were making steady progress | his tutor congratulated him on his remarkable progress | proof of satisfactory progress in school is required

Verb: progress

students progress at different speeds | things have been progressing slowly but steadily | in his studies, Charlie is progressing rapidly | as his career progressed, he moved into management

relevant /ˈreləv(ə)nt/ Adjective

if something is relevant, it has a direct connection to what is happening or what is being talked about

Collocates: be relevant to/for something

the course wasn't relevant to my current work | they learn skills that are relevant to a lot of jobs | that's not really relevant to the discussion | when you apply for the job, tell us if you have any relevant experience | these points are relevant for the current discussion | be sure to include dates and all relevant facts

Noun: relevance || Opposite – Adjective: irrelevant

Collocates: be of relevance to someone or something
pupils need to understand the relevance of politics to their life | all the lectures were of direct relevance to me | Andy kept making totally irrelevant remarks | that's just an irrelevant detail

seminar /ˈsemiːnɑ:(r)/ Noun

a seminar is a meeting where people discuss a particular subject in a lot of detail. At a university or college, a seminar is a class involving a small group of students and a teacher

the seminars involved a lot of reading beforehand | teaching is delivered by lectures, seminars and individual tutorials | a one-day seminar on the causes of the first world war | this seminar is taught in French | the course consists of a weekly lecture and a weekly seminar

supportive /səˈpɔ:(r)tɪv/ Adjective

if people are supportive, they understand your situation and help you

there were one or two guys who weren't so supportive | my colleagues are very supportive | luckily, I've got a supportive boss

Verb: support | Noun: support

Collocates: offer someone support

we'll support you whatever you decide to do | his parents offered him financial support

therapist /ˈθerəpɪst/ Noun

a therapist is someone who provides treatment for people with mental or physical illnesses, but without the use of drugs

a speech therapist | an occupational therapist (a therapist who helps people regain skills or abilities by making them do practical activities) | always consult a professional therapist before making your decision

Noun: therapy | Adjective: therapeutic

I don't know if her therapy actually helped her | studies show that therapy is as effective as medication for most people | swimming can be highly therapeutic

tutor /ˈtju:tə(r)/ Noun

a tutor is a teacher, especially at a university. A private tutor is a teacher who teaches one student or a small group of students in their homes

what were your tutors like at uni? | she has been senior tutor here since 2008 | every student is assigned a personal tutor | an online tutor (one who teaches over the Internet)

Verb: tutor

her brothers were privately tutored at home | we tutor students of all levels of ability

workload /ˈwɜ:(r)k,ləʊd/ Noun

your workload is the amount of work that you need to do

Collocates: a heavy workload

I don't have time for that on top of my current workload | I can't cope with the workload | he's shown he can handle a heavy workload | my workload has increased, but not my salary | we'll hire more staff to try and lessen your workload

workshop /ˈwɜ:(r)kʃɒp/ Noun

a workshop is an event where a group of people discuss and learn about a particular topic, especially by doing practical exercises

Collocates: a workshop on something

we attended a workshop on language teaching | the workshop is limited to 15 participants | a two-day workshop on the economy | workshop presenters came from as far away as Miami and Moscow | she conducts regular workshops in the college

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academic /ˌækəˈdemɪk/ Adjective

academic refers to subjects and activity connected to studying at school or university

the school has a good academic reputation | every university wants to achieve academic excellence | the academic performance of the students has been brilliant | schools, colleges, and other academic institutions | problems at home affected his academic work

Adverb: academically

a popular and academically gifted student (a very clever student) | students need strong writing skills to succeed academically

ambitious /æm'biʃəs/ Adjective

someone who is *ambitious* wants to be very successful and works hard to make sure that they succeed. A project that is *ambitious* is one that is difficult, but that people work hard to achieve

he's very bright, but not very ambitious | I was very ambitious at the start of my career | their business plan was very ambitious | the project was too ambitious and eventually they ran out of money

Adverb: *ambitiously* | Noun: *ambition*

he ambitiously attempted to translate War and Peace within three months | the budget set an ambitiously high target for growth | he finally realised his ambition when he became CEO of the company | my ambition is to be a top designer

approach /ə'prəʊtʃ/ Noun

your *approach* to a task or problem is the particular way you deal with it

Collocates: adopt an approach | take an approach | an approach to something

they adopted an alternative approach to teaching English | other governments took a different approach to the crisis | our approach relies on a strong partnership with local business leaders | this approach encourages more effective planning

Verb: *approach*

as a teacher, I would approach the issue very differently | eight speakers approached the subject from different angles

attention /ə'tenʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

attention is the thought or interest you give to something you are listening to or watching

Collocates: pay attention | have/get someone's attention
she never pays attention in class | his speech attracted little attention in the newspapers | can I have your attention please? | he loves being the centre of attention (with everyone watching him) | I would like to direct your attention to paragraph 4

basis /'beɪsɪs/ Noun

to do something on a particular *basis* means to do it in the way described

a lot of kids skip school on a regular basis (regularly) | the website is updated on a monthly basis (every month) | she ran the gallery on a voluntary basis (as a volunteer, and not as an employee or owner) | she moved to the New York office on a temporary basis

bright /braɪt/ Adjective

someone who is *bright* is very clever and intelligent

he's very bright – always top of his class | a very bright young man | the brightest girl in her class | an exceptionally bright student | he was slow at learning compared to his much brighter sister

certificate /sə(r)'tɪfɪkət/ Noun

a *certificate* is an official document which states that particular facts are actually true

Collocates: a birth/death/marriage certificate

you need to produce a doctor's certificate within two days | you need to show your passport and your birth

certificate | you'll get an attendance certificate at the end of the conference (a certificate saying that you attended the conference)

Verb: *certify* | Adjective: *certified*

I need a document certifying that I have registered for the course | classes are taught by certified instructors

detention /dɪ'tenʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *detention* is a school punishment in which a student has to stay at school for some time after the other students have gone home

Collocates: give someone a detention | get a detention | be in detention

if they break the rules, give them a detention | I was always getting detentions at school | he's had five detentions this term | he was late home again because he was in detention

discipline /'dɪsəplɪn/ Noun uncount

discipline is making people follow rules and punishing them if they break the rules

the school believes in strict discipline | it's important to maintain classroom discipline | she lacks self-discipline (the ability to control her own behaviour)

Verb: *discipline*

if you break the rules, you will be disciplined (punished)

enthusiastic /ɪnθju:zi'æstɪk/ Adjective

someone who is *enthusiastic* shows their interest in something in a very lively way

Collocates: be enthusiastic about (doing) something | wildly enthusiastic

the audience was wildly enthusiastic | she was an enthusiastic admirer of the president | he was very enthusiastic about going swimming | it was hard to feel enthusiastic about the election | my son is an excited and enthusiastic student who loves going to school

Adverb: *enthusiastically* | Noun: *enthusiasm*

Collocates: arouse/rouse enthusiasm | enthusiasm for something

her classmates have enthusiastically welcomed her back | the idea was enthusiastically accepted by everyone at the meeting | his speech aroused a new enthusiasm among the citizens | a skilled pianist, with a genuine enthusiasm for music

fee /fi:/ Noun

fees are the money you have to pay for a particular service

the fees are so high that I couldn't afford to study there | university tuition fees | my solicitor charges a fee of £150 an hour | you have to pay an annual fee for membership | she left university after a year as she couldn't afford the fees

get into /get 'ɪntu:/ Phrasal verb

if you *get into* a school or university, you succeed in being accepted there as a student

it's really difficult to get into Oxford or Cambridge | she got into university when she was just 17

lecturer /ˈlektʃərə(r)/ Noun

a *lecturer* is someone who teaches at a college or university

the college has 1,000 students and 75 lecturers | lecturers are expected to carry out research on top of their teaching duties | he was promoted to senior lecturer last year | a highly experienced university lecturer

Noun: *lecture*

Collocates: deliver a lecture | attend a lecture

in four years there, he delivered over 500 lectures | he attended several lectures given by Professor Ayer

overseas /ˈəʊvə(r)siːz/ Adjective

you use *overseas* to describe people, places, or things that come from a foreign country

we welcome overseas students here | it was my first overseas trip | 18 million overseas visitors came to Britain last year | overseas buyers are pushing up house prices in London

Adverb: *overseas*

he often travels overseas for work | they live overseas | the company has moved production overseas

produce /prəˈdjuːs/ Verb

if you have to *produce* a document, you have to prove that you have it by showing it to someone in authority
you need to produce a doctor's certificate within two days | if you can't produce a valid passport, you will be asked to leave the country | I had to produce my driving licence before they'd let me hire the car

Noun: *production*

you are permitted to drive in Zimbabwe on production of a full UK driving licence

push /pʊʃ/ Verb

if you *push* someone to do something, you make them do it by encouraging them very firmly or forcing them to do it

Collocates: push someone to do something | push someone into doing something

they really push pupils to achieve high marks | her parents pushed her so hard she nearly ran away from home | they pushed me into applying for university

reputation /ˌrepjʊˈteɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

the *reputation* of a person, place, or organisation is how good or bad people say it is

Collocates: have a reputation for something

the school has a good academic reputation | the restaurant has a reputation for bad service | the company earned its reputation through the quality of its products | his reputation suffered considerably as a result of the defeat | IBM built its reputation on customer service

requirement /rɪˈkwaɪə(r)mənt/ Noun

a *requirement* is something that is needed in order for something else to happen, or for someone to be allowed to do something

Collocates: meet/satisfy/fulfil a requirement

entry requirements to study medicine are very high | the minimum requirement to enter the profession is a degree | you must meet all legal requirements for opening a bank account | there is no foreign language requirement for students of chemistry

Verb: *require*

the law requires employers to provide paid holidays to its staff | these tasks required instant decisions

respect /rɪˈspekt/ Noun uncount

respect for someone is a belief that they are important and that they should be treated well and politely

Collocates: gain someone's respect | have respect for someone | show respect | a lack of respect

if you're strict from the start, you'll gain their respect | she never had any respect for her father | you should show more respect to your teachers | his behaviour at the funeral showed a lack of respect

Verb: *respect* | Adjective: *respected* |

Adjective: *respectful* | Adverb: *respectfully*

Collocates: be respectful of/towards someone or something

we were taught to respect our parents | he was a highly respected journalist | he was always very respectful towards my parents | the audience listened respectfully to all the speeches

reverse /rɪˈvɜː(r)s/ Verb

to *reverse* a decision or rule means to make the opposite decision or to say that the rule is no longer a rule

do you think the rules should be reversed? | he was found guilty, but the appeal courts reversed the decision | the previous government's policies on the economy were reversed | our roles reversed after my mother fell ill and I had to look after her

Noun: *reversal*

this policy reversal was completely unexpected | the economy suffered a dramatic reversal from 2008

rough /rʌf/ Adjective

a *rough* place or district is not very safe because there is a lot of violence or crime there

the school is in quite a rough area | he was brought up in a rough district of New York | he came from quite a rough background | we lived on the rough side of town

skip /skɪp/ Verb

if you *skip* something, you deliberately do not do it or have it

a lot of kids skip school at least once a week | you shouldn't skip breakfast | let's skip the next exercise | Claire skipped class to go shopping

uniform /ˈjuːnɪfɔː(r)m/ Noun

a *uniform* is a set of clothes that is worn by all the people in a particular group, for example by the police, by soldiers in the army, or by pupils in some schools

Collocates: school uniform | wear a uniform

pupils have to wear uniform | my school uniform was bright green in colour | some of them were wearing military uniforms | all four officers were dressed in uniform

Adjective: *uniformed*

drivers must stop when a uniformed police officer asks them to | there were two uniformed guards outside the building

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analyse /'ænəlaɪz/ Verb

if you *analyse* something, you examine it in a lot of detail so that you can understand and explain everything about it
he analysed over 60,000 studies into student achievement | I have only just started to analyse the data from the research | scientists analysed samples of soil from the area | the results have not yet been thoroughly analysed

Noun: *analysis*

Collocates: an analysis of something | conduct an analysis

the company conducted a detailed analysis of the situation | a market analysis

analysis /ə'næləsis/ Noun

an *analysis* is a detailed examination of something which you do in order to understand and explain everything about it

Collocates: an analysis of something | conduct an analysis

the company conducted a detailed analysis of the situation | a market analysis | an in-depth analysis (a very thorough analysis) of the election results | our analysis of the situation is that the problem is spreading

Verb: *analyse*

he analysed over 60,000 studies into student achievement | I have only just started to analyse the data from the research | the results have not yet been thoroughly analysed

carry out /,kæri 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *carry out* a particular activity, you do it
similar experiments were carried out in France | the studies were carried out in schools across three continents | he carried out a review of the company strategy | the survey was carried out last month | his government carried out a number of important reforms

debate /dɪ'beɪt/ Noun

debate is serious discussion about an important topic or decision

Collocates: a debate on/about something

there is a debate about how to achieve better results | we need a public debate on this subject | a heated debate (in which people become angry) | there has been much debate about immigration | the issue has deeply divided France and debate has raged ever since | the shooting provoked fierce debate about police methods | a very lively debate about climate change

Verb: *debate*

the most hotly debated subject is Scottish independence

differ /'dɪfə(r)/ Verb

if two things *differ*, they are not the same as each other.

If two people *differ*, they do not agree about something

the effects of the drug differ from person to person | accounts differ as to what happened next | reading speeds differed significantly | he couldn't persuade me, and we agreed to differ

Adjective: *different* | Noun: *difference*

Collocates: a difference between things

there are different ways we can approach the problem | a different report said that three men were involved | there's only a small difference between the two | the difference is most noticeable from the side

effective /ɪ'fektɪv/ Adjective

if something is *effective*, it succeeds in doing what it is meant to do

this approach encourages more effective planning | this method was less effective at preventing the disease | our marketing strategy was very effective | a highly effective tool in the fight against crime

Adverb: *effectively*

how do you effectively manage a team? | the police did not enforce the law effectively

exceed /ɪk'si:d/ Verb

if something *exceeds* another thing, it is bigger, better, or more impressive than the other thing

Collocates: exceed expectations

the film exceeded all our expectations | your essay should not exceed 750 words | the number of downloads exceeded 2 million last month | the temperature rarely exceeds 20 degrees, even in summer

Noun: *excess* | Adjective: *excess*

Collocates: in excess of something

the novel sold in excess of 5 million copies | if they produce too much, they sell the excess to local shops | I'm trying to lose excess weight

expectation /,ekspek'teɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an *expectation* is a situation that you think or hope will happen

Collocates: exceed/surpass expectations | fulfil/meet expectations

the film exceeded all our expectations | the meal surpassed my expectations (was much better than I thought it would be) | unfortunately, the hotel did not meet our expectations | if you keep your expectations reasonable, you won't be disappointed

Verb: *expect*

I didn't expect to get such a high mark | she was expecting a new bike for Christmas

failure /'feɪljə(r)/ Noun

a *failure* is someone or something that has not been successful

Collocates: failure to do something

the whole project ended in failure | I felt I was a complete failure | the meeting was a total failure | I was blamed for our failure to win the contract | his first novel was a total failure

Verb: *fail*

Collocates: fail to do something

his attempt to become an MP failed at the election | she failed her exams | the bomb failed to explode

impact /'ɪmpækt/ Noun

if something has an *impact* on a situation, it has a strong effect on it

Collocates: have an impact (on something)

the campaign had little impact on the way people voted | it seemed important, but it had a relatively small impact | exercise can reduce the impact of the disease | cleaning the water supply will have a significant impact on public health

Verb: *impact*

the strike severely impacted the company's profits | several countries were impacted by the crisis

improvement /ɪm'pru:vmənt/ Noun

if there is an *improvement* in something, it has become better

Collocates: a big/dramatic improvement | an improvement in something

he needed to assess the scale of the improvements | there has been a big improvement in your work | she noticed a dramatic improvement in his behaviour | science is always making wonderful improvements in things

Verb: *improve*

my English is really improving | the economy is slowly improving | he was very ill, but he's slowly improving (becoming healthy again) | pollution control has not improved overall air quality

interpretation /ɪn,tɜ:(r)pri'teɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

your *interpretation* of something is how you understand it and what you think it means

Collocates: an interpretation of something

Hattie's interpretation is that passionate teachers make a difference | my interpretation of his speech is that he

is about to resign | what's your interpretation of the report? | if your interpretation is right, then there's a serious risk of war

Verb: *interpret*

the lack of objection was interpreted as agreement | I had trouble interpreting the diagram

passionate /'pæʃ(ə)nət/ Adjective

someone who is *passionate* is very enthusiastic about what they are doing, and believes in it very strongly
passionate teachers make a difference | people here are passionate about football | we are extremely passionate about social media | a passionate critic of the government

Adverb: *passionately* | Noun: *passion*

he passionately believed in the freedom of the individual | she spoke passionately about the need to change the law | his great passion in life is cricket

score /skɔ:(r)/ Verb

if something *scores*, or *scores well*, it is successful in what it is trying to achieve

what factors score best in improving performance | with his second film, he scored a notable success

specialise /'speʃəlaɪz/ Verb

if you *specialise* in something, you spend most of your working time or studying time on it, and know a lot about it

Collocates: specialise in something

he specialised in economics at university | a journalist who specialises in business reporting | the gallery specialises in Australian art

Noun: *specialist*

a specialist in data analysis | it's better to employ a specialist than try and fix it yourself | I suggest you see an eye specialist

EXERCISES

PREPOSITIONS

A Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

- 1 The course wasn't relevant my current work.
- 2 I'm organising a workshop counselling.
- 3 They were very enthusiastic visiting us.
- 4 The college has a good reputation music.
- 5 I have great respect my teachers.
- 6 There is a lot of debate who should attend the seminar.

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

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| 1 encouraging results | offer a lot of |
| 2 speech therapy | a treatment |
| 3 enthusiastic about painting | arouse someone's |
| 4 the guards wore uniforms | guards |
| 5 analyse the data | data |
| 6 specialise in counselling | a counselling |

COLLOCATIONS

C Complete the sentences with the verbs from the box. Look up the verbs if you need help.

differ	skip	analyse	produce	exceed
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- 1 Children often school if they are unhappy.
- 2 If you can't a ticket, they won't let you in.
- 3 He sent the results to the hospital to be
- 4 Twins may look the same, but their characters often
- 5 You will lose marks if your essay the word limit.

D Match the two halves of the collocations.

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| 1 live in a rough | a) workload |
| 2 be a complete | b) failure |
| 3 believe in strict | c) discipline in schools |
| 4 a dramatic | d) area |
| 5 have a heavy | e) improvement |

E Choose the correct verbs to complete the collocations. Look up the nouns if you need help.

- 1 She sent him her essay and he *gave / did* her feedback.
- 2 The school *has / shows* a reputation for the arts.
- 3 Working too hard *does / has* an impact on your health.
- 4 Please *give / pay* attention!
- 5 If he does that again, he'll *get / do* a detention.

F Complete the missing adjectives.

- 1 he was the o_ _ _ _ _ I winner
- 2 include all the r_ _ _ _ _ t facts
- 3 make e_ _ _ _ r_ _ _ _ g comments
- 4 a school in a r_ _ g h area
- 5 lucky to have such s_ _ _ _ _ _ _ e friends

PATTERNS

G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in the list. Use *to + infinitive* or *-ing*.

achieve	pass	meet	apply	play
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- 1 She lost her job because she failed the deadline.
- 2 They pushed her into for the job.
- 3 The teachers push the students good exam results.
- 4 He was enthusiastic about basketball.
- 5 She didn't expect the exam.