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abuse /ə'bjuz:/ Verb

to *abuse* someone means to deliberately say very insulting things to them

sections of the crowd began to abuse the referee | he was sacked for verbally abusing one of his pupils

Noun: *abuse* | Adjective: *abusive* | Adverb: *abusively*

Collocates: shout/scream/hurl abuse (at someone) | verbal abuse

the driver then started shouting abuse at me | she'd been subjected to physical and verbal abuse | foul and abusive language | people began posting abusive messages using the same hashtag | his comments were verbally abusive | they screamed abusively at the police officers who tried to arrest them

boo /bu:/ Verb

when people in a theatre or at a sporting event *boo*, they shout 'boo' or make other noises to show that they do not approve of something or do not like what is happening

the crowd started to boo him as soon as he came onto the field | instead of clapping, the audience booed loudly | the players were booed from the field by their own supporters

Noun: *boo*

the result was greeted with boos and hisses | loud boos rang out every time Rooney got the ball

chant /tʃɑ:nt/ Verb

if you *chant* something, you repeat it loudly again and again

the crowd started chanting his name after the second goal | the fans were chanting 'we're top of the league' | protesters made their way to Parliament Square chanting anti-capitalist slogans | we don't want supporters who chant racial abuse coming to England games

Noun: *chant*

the club's fans began a new chant

favourite /'feɪv(ə)rət/ Noun

in a sports competition, the *favourite* is the person or team who is expected to win

Barcelona are favourites to win the Champions League again this season | Djokovic starts the tournament as favourite

underdog /'ʌndə(r)dɒg/ Noun

in a sports competition, the *underdog* is the person or team who is not expected to win

it's more fun to support the underdog | I prefer being the underdog because there's less pressure | they started the game as underdogs, but were three goals ahead by half time

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absent-minded /,æbs(ə)nt'maɪndɪd/ Adjective

if someone is *absent-minded*, they often forget things, especially because they are thinking about something else *she's so absent-minded – today she forgot her keys, and yesterday it was her wallet | he's got much more absent-minded as he's got older | he picked up the newspaper in a rather absent-minded way*

Adverb: *absent-mindedly* | Noun: *absent-mindedness*

he picked up another biscuit and started eating it absent-mindedly | she sat there, absent-mindedly twisting her hair around her finger | his absent-mindedness was the object of several of our jokes | in a moment of absent-mindedness, he put his keys in the rubbish bin and the empty cigarette packet in his pocket

blow /bləʊ/ Verb

if you *blow* something such as a chance, you waste it by not doing the right thing that would take advantage of it. If you *blow* some money on something, you spend it carelessly and on something that is not very important or needed. If you *blow it*, you waste a good opportunity to achieve something

Liverpool came close to winning the league, but they blew it when they lost to Chelsea | you had your chance and you blew it | he blew his chances of winning the Tour de France by crashing on the way into Paris | I blew £300 on a new coat when I got my first pay packet

call /kɔ:l/ Noun

if a referee makes a *call* in a sports competition, he or she makes a decision about something that has just happened

Collocates: a good/bad/close call

the referee clearly made a bad call there | Murray challenged the call straight away

Verb: *call*

the line judge called it out (said the ball landed outside the playing area)

challenge /'tʃæləndʒ/ Verb

if a player *challenges* a decision by a referee or umpire, they ask the referee or umpire to change the decision

if you don't challenge the umpire's decision within 15 seconds, then it's too late | he kept wasting time by challenging every decision | the referee refused to change his decision even though all eleven Leeds players challenged it

Noun: *challenge*

in a tennis match, each player is allowed three challenges in every set

cramp /kræmp/ Noun

cramp is strong pain in a muscle which has become too tight and which makes it difficult to move. Cramp

sometimes happens when someone is doing a lot of physical activity

Collocates: get cramp | suffer (from) cramp

I got cramp ten minutes before the end of the match | he felt the cramp come on and had to stop running for a while | too much salt can give you stomach cramps | he suffered cramp in both legs

dirty /'dɜː(r)ti/ Adjective

in sport, a *dirty* match or a *dirty* player is one that involves a lot of cheating and breaking the rules

it was a dirty game right from the start when their captain punched our goalkeeper | lots of people thought Billy Bremner was a dirty player | it turned into a dirty match, with eight players getting a yellow card

Adverb: *dirty*

Collocates: play *dirty* | fight *dirty*

they fought a clean election campaign, but their opponents played dirty and nearly won | they'll fight dirty if they think they'll lose otherwise

doping /dəʊpɪŋ/ Noun uncount

doping is the use of illegal or banned drugs by a sports person in an attempt to improve his or her performance

he had to undergo a blood doping test after the race (had to give a sample of his blood to be tested for drugs) | the 1998 Tour de France was ruined by a major doping scandal | there's been doping in cycling for over 100 years | she denied all charges of doping

drop /drɒp/ Verb

to *drop* a player from a sports team means to not include them in a team after they had played in the previous match

he was dropped for the match against Milan | it's the manager's job to inform the players that have been dropped | Bell was dropped from the England team after the series against Pakistan

fade /feɪd/ Verb

if you *fade*, you start to lose energy and cannot run as fast as you want to

he was in the lead after 300 metres but faded in the last 100 metres | after they faded against Aston Villa, the manager ordered extra fitness training

fault /fɔːlt/ Noun

in tennis, if a player hits a serve outside the playing area, it is called a *fault*, and they get another attempt to serve. If their second attempt also lands outside the playing area, it is called a *double fault*, and they lose the point

the umpire called a fault (said the ball landed outside the legal area) | Murray served three double faults in the first set, but none at all after that

Verb: *double-fault*

he double-faulted twice in the last game of the set

fix /fɪks/ Verb

to *fix* a contest such as a sports event or an election means to do something dishonest in order to get the result that you want instead of allowing the event to happen fairly

he was given £1,000 to fix the result of the match | everyone knew that the race was fixed | do you think they can fix the election?

Suffix: *-fixing*

he was banned for life after he was found guilty of match-fixing

go through /ˌgəʊ 'θruː/ Phrasal verb

if you *go through* in a sports competition, you win a match so you are able to continue to the next match, while your opponent can no longer take part

both London clubs went through to the fourth round | Taylor went through after a close match against van Gerwen

knock out /ˌnɒk 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *knock* someone *out* in a sports competition, you beat them and so you carry on in the competition while the person or team you beat can no longer take part

we were knocked out in the second round | Arsenal were knocked out by Spurs in the semi-final | who was the last person to knock Nadal out of a tennis tournament?

Noun: *knockout*

the winners of each group go through to the knockout stage of the tournament

one-sided /ˌwʌn 'saɪdɪd/ Adjective

if a contest is *one-sided*, one of the two people or teams is much stronger than the other and is able to win very easily

Spurs won a one-sided match by five goals to nil | in a one-sided contest, Sheffield won comfortably | everyone expected a rather one-sided game when Manchester United visited Tranmere Rovers

overrated /ˌəʊvə'reɪtɪd/ Adjective

if you say that something is *overrated*, you mean that a lot of people say that it is very good or important but that you do not agree with them

that player is so overrated – there's no way he was worth £60 million | the importance of social media as a marketing tool is overrated if you ask me | that must be the most overrated film of the year

overturn /ˌəʊvə(r)'tɜː(r)n/ Verb

to *overturn* a decision, for example a decision made by a judge or a referee in a sports competition, means to say it was wrong and to change it

the referee refused to overturn the decision | the case went to the court of appeal where the decision was overturned | there's a chance that they'll overturn the ruling

rally /'ræli/ Noun

in games such as tennis or badminton, a *rally* is a continuous series of shots that lasts until a point is won

we had some very long rallies early in the match | Murray won a spectacular point at the end of a rally of 32 shots | we never had a rally that lasted more than a few strokes

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scrape through /ˌskreɪp ˈθruː/ Phrasal verb

if you *scrape through* in a sports competition, you win a match by a very narrow margin and continue to the next match

they just scraped through with a one-nil win against Charlton | we scraped through to the final, where we were heavily beaten by Tottenham

send off /ˌsend ˈɒf/ Phrasal verb

when a referee *sends* a player *off* in a sports match, the referee tells the player to leave the pitch as a punishment for seriously breaking the rules

Lineker was never sent off in his entire career | in 1968, Alan Mullery became the first England player to be sent off in an international match | the referee had no choice but to send him off for violent conduct

Noun: *sending-off*

after the sending-off, Chelsea had to reorganise their defence | it was his third sending-off of the season

substitute /ˈsʌbstɪtjuːt/ Verb

to *substitute* a player in a sports match means to take one player off the pitch and replace him or her with another player

Walcott was substituted after 70 minutes | the manager substituted Terry at half time because of an injury scare

Noun: *substitution* | Noun: *substitute*

Collocates: make a substitution

you are allowed to make three substitutions in the course of a match | in a second substitution, Kane came on for Rooney | Alli came on as a substitute for the second half

suspend /səˈspend/ Verb

if a sports person is *suspended*, they cannot play any matches in their sport for a certain amount of time as a punishment

two of our defenders are suspended for this match | if he's sent off again this season he'll be suspended for three matches

Noun: *suspension*

he served a three-match suspension

thrash /θræʃ/ Verb

to *thrash* someone in a game means to beat them by a very wide margin

we got thrashed six-nil | Bale scored four goals as Real Madrid thrashed Rayo Vallecano by 10 goals to two

Noun: *thrashing*

they suffered a thrashing at the hands of Manchester City

uphold /ʌpˈhəʊld/ Verb

if a decision is *upheld*, someone in authority officially confirms that it was correct and refuses to change it
the decision was upheld after the fourth official watched several replays | the judge's ruling was later upheld in the appeal court

attentive /əˈtentɪv/ Adjective

if you are *attentive*, you are paying attention to what is happening and to what people are saying to you

they're less attentive than I'd like them to be | she was very attentive to what they were saying to her | he was considered an attentive student

Adverb: *attentively* | Noun: *attentiveness*

he listened attentively to the tour guide | the class sat attentively throughout the lesson | attentiveness to detail is very important in this job | Bryce watched him with increasing attentiveness

cement /səˈment/ Verb

if you *cement* something such as a friendship, a reputation, or a position, you make it stronger and more likely to last a long time

they cemented their friendship during those late-night sessions | if she plays well tomorrow, she'll cement her place in the team | the recording cemented his reputation as a world-class conductor | he married his boss's daughter, which cemented his position in the company

coding /ˈkəʊdɪŋ/ Noun uncount

coding is the activity of writing computer programs

I've started going to coding classes | she could never get enthusiastic about coding | the coding on the website was not very good | software development is 90% thinking and 10% coding

Verb: *code* | Noun: *coder* | Noun: *code*

kids should learn how to code when they're still at primary school | it took me three months to code the game | she works as a web designer and coder | a team of coders worked through the night to fix the problem | I started learning to write code when I was 12

drag /dræg/ Verb

if you *drag* someone somewhere, you make them go there with you, even though they do not want to go. If you *drag yourself* somewhere, you make yourself go there even though you would prefer not to go there

they stay up very late, then have to drag themselves into school the next day | they dragged me off to the cinema | I've managed to drag myself into the gym quite often | I had to drag him to the meeting

engrossed /ɪnˈgrəʊst/ Adjective

if someone is *engrossed*, they are very interested in something and paying so much attention to it that they do not notice what is happening around them

Collocates: *engrossed in/by something*

I was engrossed in the game and didn't hear her come in the room | he later became engrossed by politics | this book will keep you engrossed till the last page | she spent the afternoon engrossed in thought

Adjective: *engrossing*

I found the film totally engrossing | a long and engrossing article about the early days of Hollywood

evangelical /iːvæŋ'dʒelɪk(ə)/ Adjective

evangelical Christians believe that it is their duty to tell other people about Christianity. You can refer to anyone who is very enthusiastic about something and who wants to share their enthusiasm with other people as *evangelical*

even the most evangelical game players admit it can have an effect on your life | Professor Dawkins talks about science with evangelical fervour (very enthusiastically)

fly /flaɪ/ Verb

if you want to say that time seems to be passing very quickly, you can say that *time flies*

time flies when you're having fun | then I started reading, and time flew by till the train arrived at Waterloo | the hours flew by, and before I knew it, it was time to go home

foster /'fɒstə(r)/ Verb

to *foster* a positive idea, feeling, or relationship means to help it develop and become stronger

gaming can actually help foster family relationships | art lessons foster creativity in young children | efforts to foster regional political cooperation | these books will foster a love for reading

graphics /'græfɪks/ Noun plural

graphics are pictures and images, especially ones that are created using a computer

Collocates: computer graphics

the graphics are incredibly realistic | the film used a lot of computer graphics | the game's graphics were praised by the users we spoke to | we did the graphics for their advertising campaign

Adjective: *graphical*

a graphical user interface (a computer screen that includes images as part of the information it provides) | the app gives you a clever graphical representation of the weather forecast

moderation /,mɒdə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

moderation is behaviour that is not extreme. If you do something *in moderation*, you do it a certain amount but not too much

Collocates: in moderation

that's all fine so long as it's done in moderation | moderation in everything is what he always advised | she showed the same moderation in politics as she did in her private life | he spoke with much greater moderation than many other opponents of the proposal

Adjective: *moderate* | Adverb: *moderately* |

Verb: *moderate*

you should take moderate exercise at least four times a week | eat fresh fruit in moderate amounts | summers here are moderately warm but rarely hot | she had a moderately successful singing career | he stopped shouting and moderated his tone (began to speak more reasonably and quietly)

nod off /,nɒd 'ɒf/ Phrasal verb

if you *nod off*, you fall asleep, usually while you are sitting somewhere

I nearly nodded off during the film | I felt myself nodding off and shook myself awake | he nodded off to sleep in the armchair | she was just nodding off when her phone rang

odd /ɒd/ Adjective

odd means occasional

Collocates: the odd something

I spend the odd evening playing online chess | at odd moments, he wrote some notes with ideas for his next film | I'm not a smoker, but I have the odd cigarette if I'm at a party | we had the odd argument, but mostly we got on very well together

realm /reɪlm/ Noun

a *realm* is any area of activity, knowledge, or thought

before too long, their evenings are lost to the virtual realm | she was highly respected in the political realm | a company that is trying to break into the social networking realm

roleplaying /'rɒlpleɪɪŋ/ Noun

roleplaying is an activity in which people pretend to be another person and behave and talk in the way that person would

a lot of online roleplaying games really stimulate the imagination | we do a lot of roleplaying in our English classes | a roleplaying exercise designed to help students understand the problems of climate change

Noun: *roleplay* | Verb: *roleplay*

I thought the roleplay exercise was particularly stimulating | you are going to roleplay a radio phone-in programme

shooter /'ʃu:tə(r)/ Noun

to *shoot* someone or something means to fire a gun at them. A person who does this can be called a *shooter*. A *first-person shooter* game is a video or computer game in which the person playing the game is the main character and has to shoot other characters in the game

first-person shooter games are a great way of letting off steam | I prefer roleplaying games to first-person shooters | this is a great game if you like third-person shooters (where the player's character is not the one who fires the guns)

simulation /,sɪmju'leɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

to *simulate* something means to make something else that looks exactly like it or behaves like it. *Simulation* is the process of doing this, or the result of doing it

a business simulation game | this had been predicted using a computer simulation | we need a lot of computer power to run this simulation

Verb: *simulate* | Adjective: *simulated* | Noun: *simulator*

the program is designed to simulate the weather conditions at sea | researchers simulated the effects of climate change | the analysis was repeated using simulated data | a simulated emergency planning exercise | a flight simulator (a machine that helps people learn how to fly and practise flying a plane)

strings /strɪŋz/ Noun plural

the *strings* are the thin wires that are used to control puppets. You can use the word *strings* when you are

talking about situations in which control is an important factor. For example, if there are *no strings attached* to an agreement or relationship, then you know that no one will interfere with it and expect anything extra in return. If you think someone is *pulling the strings*, you think they are controlling a situation

Collocates: (no) strings attached | pull the strings | pull some strings (for someone)

the offer came with no strings attached | there were serious strings attached to the agreement | it was a simple invitation, with no strings attached | no one knows who's really pulling the strings in the government | my uncle pulled some strings and got me a job in his bank (used his influence)

texture /'tekstʃə(r)/ Noun

the texture of something is the way it feels when you touch it

some of the textures on the buildings could be improved | their clothes were of different textures and colours | it tastes like beef and has the same texture | it has the texture of the finest silk

traumatic /trɔ:'mætɪk/ Adjective

a traumatic event or experience is one that causes someone a lot of mental and emotional pain

the interview was a traumatic experience | losing his job was the beginning of a traumatic period in his life | she suffered a number of emotionally traumatic events in her childhood | this traumatic incident led to her campaign against possession of guns

Adverb: *traumatically* | Noun: *trauma* | Verb: *traumatise* | Adjective: *traumatised* | Adjective: *traumatising*

their lives were traumatically affected by the war | the evening ended traumatically when his father left home for good | children from violent homes suffer many emotional traumas | he found it difficult to talk about his experience of trauma | Alex had been traumatised by the death of her mother | these are traumatised children who need a lot of help | his experiences in hospital were traumatising

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exception /ɪk'sepʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an *exception* to a statement or rule is something that is not included in it

Collocates: without exception | with the exception of someone or something | a notable exception

everyone, without exception, believed I was guilty | all parties, with the exception of the Scottish Nationalists, voted in favour of the proposal | most British Prime Ministers went to university, although John Major is a notable exception (he was a prime minister, but he hadn't been to university) | a nervous patient with a good appetite is the exception that proves the rule (the fact that it is unusual makes you realise that most nervous patients have no appetite)

hybrid /'haɪbrɪd/ Adjective

a *hybrid* is something that is a mixture of two other things
hybrid cattle | a hybrid electric vehicle (that can use petrol or electricity) | most Canadian corn is produced using hybrid seed

Noun: *hybrid*

they sell electric vehicles and hybrids | it's a hybrid of fiction and serious journalism

oral /'ɔ:rəl/ Adjective

something that is *oral* uses speech and not writing

the Carrier language has an oral tradition | oral history interviews (interviews asking people about things they experienced a long time ago to try and learn about the past) | the competition involved a written report and an oral presentation | I had an oral agreement with him, so there are no documents we can refer to

Adverb: *orally*

these stories are passed down orally through the generations | I was informed of the decision orally on Monday, and in writing on Wednesday

pun /pʌn/ Noun

a *pun* is a joke that depends on using two different meanings of the same word, or using a word that sounds like another word. For example, a restaurant called 'A Nice Plaice to Eat' uses the word for a kind of fish, 'plaice', but when you say it, it sounds like 'place'
my grandfather likes making puns | it's difficult to translate puns from one language to another | newspapers are becoming yesterday's news – if you'll pardon the pun | plus-size clothing is becoming big business – pun intended!

Noun: *punning*

she shared her father's dislike of punning

sanctuary /'sæŋktʃuəri/ Noun

sanctuary is a place where someone can be protected from danger

Collocates: seek sanctuary

they're seeking sanctuary from the war | a wildlife sanctuary (where animals are protected) | he sought sanctuary in a nearby church

sexist /'seksɪst/ Adjective

sexist people or attitudes believe that one sex, usually men, are stronger, cleverer, or better than the other sex
it wasn't meant to be a sexist remark | he held incredibly sexist views | after yet another sexist joke, she walked out of the theatre | it was the usual sexist assumption that a doctor would be a man

Noun: *sexist* | Noun: *sexism*

her dad is such a sexist! | he denied being a sexist | just because you're a woman doesn't mean you can't be a sexist | some women often find themselves fighting racism and sexism at the same time | sexism in the workplace is still a problem here

ship-shape /'ʃɪpʃeɪp/ Adjective

something that is *ship-shape* is clean and tidy and in good condition

we need to make sure everything's ship-shape before the inspection | with some help from the neighbours we got the place ship-shape after the flood | he spent some time putting the office into ship-shape order

spin off /ˌspɪn ˈɒf/ Phrasal verb

if something *spins off* from another thing, it starts to develop from it without being planned

the exercise was fun, and it then spun off into a discussion about what we found difficult in Spanish | the protest march spun off into rioting in the capital

PHRASES**bite the bullet:**

if you *bite the bullet*, you take the decision to do something that you need to do, which will be difficult, unpleasant, or expensive

repairs to the car were expensive, but we just had to bite the bullet and pay

call it a day:

if you *call it a day*, you decide to stop doing whatever you were doing because it has become too difficult, or it is not working properly, or you have become tired

we decided to call it a day once it got too dark to see what we were doing

doom and gloom:

doom and gloom is a feeling that things are bad and that there is not much hope that they can improve

it's not all doom and gloom – I've still got a family that loves me

give as good as you get:

if you *give as good as you get*, you respond to being attacked or insulted by behaving in the same way

he was trying to annoy her, but she can give as good as she gets

jump the gun:

if you *jump the gun*, you start doing something before you are meant to

dinner's at 8 so don't jump the gun and start eating now

lap of luxury:

if someone is living in *the lap of luxury*, they have a very comfortable and easy life, with a lot of money and possessions

she grew up in a palace, in the lap of luxury

reserve the right:

if you *reserve the right* to do something, you say that you might do it if or when you think it is necessary to do so

the company reserves the right to change the prices

stop the rot:

to *stop the rot* means to stop a bad situation getting worse and start making improvements

why has it all gone wrong, and why can't we stop the rot?

EXERCISES

PREPOSITIONS

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

- The fans shouted **abuse** the players.
- She was very **attentive** what they were saying to her.
- I was **engrossed** my book and didn't notice how late it was.
- The game is basically a **hybrid** rugby and football.
- The players were **booed** the field by their own supporters.

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

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 abuse the referee | send |
| | messages |
| 2 substitute a player | make a |
| 3 engrossed in a book | an book |
| 4 make a pun | enjoy |
| 5 a traumatic experience | an emotional |
| 6 enjoy coding | an expert |

C Tick the words in the unit that are both a verb and a noun.

- boo
- chant
- challenge
- suspend
- thrash
- code
- foster
- substitute

PHRASES

D Complete the phrases from the unit with the correct word from the box.

good	lap	day	gun
rot	right	bullet	doom

- I knew the exam would be hard, but I just had to bite the and try.
- He was trying to annoy her, but she can give as as she gets.
- They reserve the to refuse entry to people who are late.
- We'll need to make some changes fast if we want to stop the

- They live in the of luxury surrounded by servants.
- He should have waited to be invited, but he jumped the and asked if he could come.
- It was getting dark so we decided to call it a and go home.
- Their news wasn't all and gloom. They said they had a lovely holiday.

COLLOCATIONS

E Complete the missing adjectives from the unit.

- It was a very d _ _ _ y game. Three players were sent off.
- That band is seriously o _ _ _ _ _ d. Their music is not at all original.
- He is an a _ _ _ _ _ e student in class, but he never listens to his parents.
- Moving to a new school can be a t _ _ _ _ _ c experience for a child.
- You should do m _ _ _ _ _ e exercise until you have recovered fully.
- I'm reading an e _ _ _ _ _ g article about match fixing in football.

F Match the verbs (1–6) with the words (a–f) to make collocations from the unit. Look up a–f if you need help.

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|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 seek | a) cramp |
| 2 pull | b) dirty |
| 3 make | c) abuse |
| 4 play | d) strings |
| 5 suffer from | e) sanctuary |
| 6 hurl | f) a substitution |

PHRASAL VERBS

G Complete the sentences with the correct form of the phrasal verbs in the box.

spin off	nod off	send off
scrape through	knock out	go through

- I passed my exams, but I only just
- Germany was in the semi-finals of the World Cup.
- Both London clubs to the fourth round.
- Lineker was never in his entire career.
- She was just when her phone rang.
- The protest march into rioting in the capital.