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acting /ˈæktɪŋ/ Noun uncount
acting is the activity of performing in a play or a film
the acting in the film was really bad | acting is much harder than you think
Verb: *act* | Noun: *actor*

- *interprétation / profession d'acteur*

advert /ˈædvɜː(r)t/ Noun
an *advert* is a short piece of text, often with a picture, or a short film on TV that tries to make people want to buy a particular product
I saw an advert for it on TV | there are too many adverts on TV
Verb: *advertise*

- *publicité*

border /ˈbɔː(r)də(r)/ Noun
the *border* between two countries is the line that marks where one country stops and the other begins
Collocates: the border between somewhere and somewhere
we arrived at the border at midnight | we crossed the border between Poland and Slovakia

- *frontière*

efficient /ɪˈfɪʃ(ə)nt/ Adjective
if something is *efficient*, it works well, without any problems, and without wasting any money or energy
the buses here are very efficient | the new washing machine is more efficient (it uses less energy)
Adverb: *efficiently* | Noun: *efficiency*

- *efficace*

election /ɪˈlekʃ(ə)n/ Noun
an *election* is an event when people choose their members of parliament by voting (selecting the person they want from a list of candidates)
Collocates: call an election | a general election
there'll be an election in May | who did you vote for in the election? | Tony Blair won three general elections
Verb: *elect*

- *élection*

injure /ˈɪndʒə(r)/ Verb
if you *injure* yourself or if you get *injured*, part of your body gets damaged, for example in an accident
she injured herself playing football | he got injured and couldn't work for three weeks
Noun: *injury* | Adjective: *injured*

- *blesser*

insurance /ɪnˈʃʊərəns/ Noun uncount
insurance is an arrangement in which you pay money regularly to a company, and they will pay the costs if something bad happens to you
Collocates: an insurance policy | take out insurance
do you have insurance for your car? | private health insurance
Verb: *insure*
Collocates: insure someone or something against something | be insured for something

- *assurance*

leader /ˈliːdə(r)/ Noun
a *leader* is a person who is in charge of an organisation or country and who is responsible for all the big decisions
Churchill was a strong leader | she'll be a good leader
Verb: *lead* | Noun: *leadership*

- *dirigeant*

murder /ˈmɜː(r)də(r)/ Noun
murder is the deliberate and illegal killing of someone
there's been a murder in the village | he's been arrested for murder
Verb: *murder* | Noun: *murderer*

- *meurtre*

musical /ˈmjuːzɪk(ə)l/ Noun
a *musical* is a play or film in which the actors sing a lot as well as talk
we went to see a musical last night | there are always lots of musicals in London

- *comédie musicale*

peace /piːs/ Noun uncount
peace is a time when there is no war
Collocates: keep the peace | be at peace
we have had peace for over 50 years | the two countries are now at peace

- *paix*

play /pleɪ/ Noun

a *play* is a story that is performed on a stage by actors who speak the words of the people who are in the story and who behave as if they are the people

Collocates: write a play | act in a play | see a play

shall we go and see a play? | she's acting in the school play this term

- _pièce_

strong /strɒŋ/ Adjective

something that is *strong* is not going to break or have problems

the economy is strong at the moment | this bag isn't strong enough to carry all my shopping | we need a strong president

Opposite – Adjective: *weak*

- _fort_

support /səˈpɔː(r)t/ Verb

if you *support* someone, you help them, especially when they are having a difficult time

they supported each other during the war | my neighbour supports me a lot

Noun: *support* | Adjective: *supportive*

- _soutenir_

talks /tɔːks/ Noun plural

talks are a series of conversations between people who have different views in order to try to reach an agreement

Collocates: hold talks

they are holding peace talks to try and end the war | the government agreed to hold talks with the unions

- _négociations_

treatment /ˈtriːtmənt/ Noun

when a doctor *treats* a patient or an illness, he or she gives someone medicine or other things to make them better. This activity is *treatment*

she needed treatment for her broken leg | medical treatment is very expensive here

Verb: *treat*

Collocates: *treat someone for something*

- _traitement_

wage /weɪdʒ/ Noun

your *wage*, or your *wages*, is the amount of money you earn every week for your job. If you are paid every month, you usually talk about your salary

he earns a good wage | they've always paid low wages at that factory

- _salaire_

brilliant /ˈbrɪljənt/ Adjective

something that is *brilliant* is very good

it was a brilliant film | the party was brilliant

- _brillant_

definitely /ˈdef(ə)nətli/ Adverb

something that is *definite* is certain or sure to be true. If something is *definitely* true, then you are absolutely sure that it is true

that's definitely not a film I want to see | it's definitely going to rain

Adjective: *definite*

- _définitivement_

depressing /dɪˈpresɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *depressing* makes you feel sad or unhappy

it was such a depressing film | it was so depressing trying to find a job and having no luck

Adjective: *depressed* | Verb: *depress* | Noun: *depression*

- _déprimant_

ending /ˈendɪŋ/ Noun

the *ending* of a film or story is the way it ends

Collocates: a happy/sad ending

the film had a very sad ending | the story had a happy ending

Verb: *end*

- _fin_

entertaining /ˌentə(r)ˈteɪnɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *entertaining* is interesting and gives people pleasure, like a good film or book

he tried to make his lessons entertaining | we had an entertaining evening at the theatre

Noun: *entertainment* | Verb: *entertain* | Noun: *entertainer*

- _divertissant_

hide /haɪd/ Verb

if you *hide*, you go somewhere where no one can see you or find you. If you *hide* something, you put it somewhere secret so that no one will be able to find it

I spent the afternoon hiding in my bedroom | he hid from the police in the woods | I know a good place to hide

- _cacher_

killing /ˈkɪlɪŋ/ Noun

a *killing* is when someone is killed

there were three killings in the city last month | police don't know who was responsible for the killing

Verb: *kill* | Noun: *killer*

- _assassinat_

predictable /prɪˈdɪktəb(ə)l/ Adjective

if something is *predictable*, it happens in exactly the way you think it will. If a film or story is *predictable*, it is not very interesting because you can easily guess how it will finish

it was so predictable – after 10 minutes you knew how the film was going to end | his response was quite predictable

Verb: *predict* | Noun: *prediction* || Opposite – Adjective: *unpredictable*

- *prévisible*

role /rəʊl/ Noun

a *role* is a particular character in a play or film that is played by an actor

Collocates: play a role

the actors played their roles very well | the lead role (the most important character)

- *rôle*

wonderful /ˈwʌndə(r)f(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is *wonderful* is very good and you enjoy it very much

we had a wonderful holiday | the food was wonderful | that's wonderful news!

- *merveilleux*

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clear /klɪə(r)/ Adjective

you use *clear* to say that there is no doubt about a particular situation

there was no clear winner of the election | his clothes gave a clear sign that he was rich

- *net*

community /kəˈmjuːnəti/ Noun

a *community* is all the people who live and work together in a particular area

we are a small village community here | the new road will affect everyone in the community

- *communauté*

depend /dɪˈpend/ Verb

if one thing *depends* on another thing, the second thing has a very strong influence on it

Collocates: depend on something

we'll try to arrive by four, but it depends on the traffic | my university place depends on my exam results

- *dépendre*

difference /ˈdɪfrəns/ Noun

if something makes a *difference*, it causes a situation to change

Collocates: make a difference

the extra money will definitely make a difference | I tried talking to her again, but it made no difference (did not change the situation)

- *différence*

effect /ɪˈfekt/ Noun

an *effect* is something that happens because of something else

Collocates: have an effect (on something)

smoking has a bad effect on your health | we don't know how quickly the effects of climate change will happen

- *effet*

expect /ɪkˈspekt/ Verb

if you *expect* something, or expect it to happen, you think that it will happen or arrive

Collocates: expect someone or something to do something

they expect to win the election | I didn't expect him to get so angry | I'm here to see Mr Edwards. He's expecting me

Noun: *expectation*

Collocates: meet expectations

- *attendre*

final /ˈfaɪn(ə)l/ Adjective

a *final* thing or action is one that comes at the end of an event or is the last thing to happen

the final result of the election | what was the final score?

- *final*

loss /lɒs/ Noun

a *loss* is when you lose something, or when it is no longer available. It could be a game that you lose, or money that a company loses, for example

Collocates: the loss of something

the loss of our best player was a blow | he suffers from hearing loss (he is losing his ability to hear)

- *perte*

planet /ˈplænɪt/ Noun

a *planet* is one of the objects in space, like the Earth, that goes round the sun

do you think there is life on other planets? | scientists say they have discovered a new planet

- *planète*

player /ˈpleɪə(r)/ Noun

a *player* is someone who plays a sport

he was the captain of the team and its star player | two of our players got injured last week

Verb: *play*

- *joueur*

power /ˈpaʊə(r)/ Noun uncount

political *power* is the fact of being a government and making the laws

Collocates: be in power | seize power

the two parties had to share power after the election | Tony Blair was in power for ten years (was the leader of a government)

- *pouvoir*

push /pʊʃ/ Verb

if you *push* for something to happen, you try to persuade people that it should happen or that they should do it

Collocates: push for something

the president was pushing for talks about the border issue | he was pushing his ideas for a new road

- *forcer*

relationship /rɪˈleɪʃ(ə)nʃɪp/ Noun

the *relationship* between two people or groups is the way they feel about each other, for example whether they like each other or not

she had a very difficult relationship with her music teacher | we have a good relationship with our neighbours

- *relation*

rest /rest/ Noun singular

the *rest* of something is what is left after some has been used or taken away

he won't be able to play in the rest of the competition | I'll do the rest of my homework later

- *repos*

result /rɪˈzʌlt/ Noun

the *result* of a competition or election is the score at the end

did you hear the election result? | we got a good result against Chelsea (we won)

- *résultat*

situation /ˌsɪtʃuˈeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *situation* is the way things are and everything that is happening at a particular time

the situation got worse after it started raining again | we're in a difficult situation

- *situation*

star /stɑː(r)/ Noun

a *star* is a famous person who is one of the best at their job, for example as a singer, actor, or sportsperson

Collocates: a film/movie star | a pop/rock star | a sports star

stars arrived in Hollywood for the Oscars ceremony | a famous film star

- *star*

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climate /ˈklaɪmət/ Noun

the *climate* of an area is the sort of weather it typically has over a year

Collocates: a wet/dry climate | a hot/warm/cold/cool climate | climate change

what's the climate like in Bulgaria? | a place on the coast with a warm climate

- *climat*

computing /kəmˈpjuːtɪŋ/ Noun uncount

computing is the activity of using and looking after computers, especially as a job

she got a job in computing | he studied computing at university

- *informatique*

dark /dɑː(r)k/ Adjective

if somewhere is *dark*, there is no light there or only very little light

we have long, dark winters in Norway | you won't be able to see the stars until it gets dark outside

Noun: *dark* | Noun: *darkness*

Collocates: be in darkness

- *sombre*

open /ˈəʊpən/ Adjective

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

my schoolmates are very relaxed and open | we had an open discussion about it

- *ouvert*

quality /ˈkwɒləti/ Noun

the *quality* of something is how good it is or how well it is made

their shoes are excellent quality | you can feel the quality of this wool

- *qualité*

system /ˈsɪstəm/ Noun

a *system* is all the related parts of a process or machine that work together to produce a result or provide a service

the health system in America is very expensive | the heating system has broken down

- *système*

tech /tek/ Noun uncount

tech is short for technology, and is used especially to refer to activities that use modern computers

there are a lot of tech companies in California | a tech reporter (a journalist who writes about computers) | the tech industry

- *technologie*

unemployment /ˌʌnɪmˈplɔɪmənt/ Noun uncount

when there is *unemployment* somewhere, a lot of people there do not have a job

Collocates: high unemployment

there's a lot of unemployment in the area | the early 1980s was a time of high unemployment

Adjective: *unemployed* | Noun: *the unemployed*

- *chômage*

weak /wiːk/ Adjective

something that is *weak* is not very strong

the economy is very weak | I can't use my phone because the signal is too weak | I was too weak to get out of bed

Opposite – Adjective: *strong*

- *faible*

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bird /bɜː(r)d/ Noun

a *bird* is an animal that has wings and can fly

the birds start singing at 5 in the morning | the ostrich is a bird that cannot fly

- *oiseau*

cloth /klɒθ/ Noun

cloth is material that is used for making clothes, curtains, bed sheets, etc.

his suit was made of a heavy blue cloth | the towel was made of very soft cloth

- *tissu*

enter /ˈentə(r)/ Verb

if you *enter* somewhere, you go in

they were trying to enter the country quietly | he entered the room before I could stop him | he stopped for a moment before entering

Noun: *entry*

- *entrer*

fight /faɪt/ Noun

a *fight* is an event where people use violence against each other, especially by hitting each other

the Scottish soldiers won the fight | he died in a street fight (when people fight in the street)

Verb: *fight*

- *bagarre*

loudly /ˈlaʊdli/ Adverb

something that is *loud* makes a lot of noise. If someone makes a lot of noise when they do something, they are doing it *loudly*

he screamed loudly | you need to speak more loudly – I can't hear you

Adjective: *loud*

- *bruyamment*

medicine /ˈmed(ə)s(ə)n/ Noun

medicine is stuff that doctors give to people who are ill to make them better

a bottle of medicine | he had to take his medicine every morning

- *médicament*

quiz /kwɪz/ Noun

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

my sister often takes online quizzes | did you see that quiz about capital cities of the world?

- *quiz*

scream /skriːm/ Verb

if someone *screams*, they shout in a very loud, high voice because they are suddenly afraid, in pain, or very excited

he screamed loudly | the baby started screaming in the middle of the night | the girls were screaming and laughing

Noun: *scream*

- *hurler*

soldier /ˈsəʊldʒə(r)/ Noun

a *soldier* is a member of an army, who has to fight when there is a war

six soldiers were killed in the attack | a soldier in uniform

- *soldat*

statue /ˈstætʃuː/ Noun

a *statue* is a large copy of a person or animal made of wood, metal, or stone

there are statues of lions in Trafalgar Square | the Statue of Liberty is 46 m high

- *statue*

step /step/ Verb

if you *step* somewhere, you put your foot on the ground as you are walking there

Collocates: step on something

she stepped on my foot by accident | the young man stepped forward

Noun: *step*

- *marcher*

symbol /ˈsɪmb(ə)l/ Noun

a *symbol* is a picture or object that is used to represent a particular idea or feeling

Collocates: a symbol of something

the national symbol of England is a lion | a uniform with the national symbol on the sleeve

- *symbole*

wear /weə(r)/ Verb

if you *wear* clothes, they are covering your body. If you *wear* something like a flower or a badge, it is fixed to your clothes so that people can see it

Welsh soldiers wore leeks to show who they were | what was he wearing? | you need to wear warm clothes today

- *porter*

WORK (WORKED, WORKING)

Work can mean different things. Look at the examples below. Translate them. How many different verbs in your language do you use?

do a job: *I work in an office / he's not working today*

machines and tools: *the TV's not working – I think it's broken / does this pen work?*

be a success: *I tried that but it didn't work / some new drugs against cancer work well*