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app /æp/ Noun

an *app* is a piece of software that has a particular purpose, especially one used on a tablet computer or mobile phone. *App* is short for application

I've got over 40 apps on my phone | a company that develops apps for mobile phones

- aplicació

button /'bʌt(ə)n/ Noun

a *button* is a small round thing that you press in order to make a piece of electrical equipment start working or stop working

press the button to call the lift | the on/off button is on the side of the TV (the button you press to make the TV come on or go off)

- botó

design /dɪ'zaɪn/ Verb

if you *design* something, you have the idea for it and decide what it will look like and how it should be made

Jonathan Ive designed the iPhone | I design websites as a job

Noun: *design* | Noun: *designer*

- dissenyar

drop /drɒp/ Verb

if you *drop* something, you let go of it and it falls to the ground

I dropped my laptop and broke the screen | be careful you don't drop that plate

- fer caure

electricity /ɪˌlek'trɪsəti/ Noun uncount

electricity is a kind of energy that can travel down wires, and that is used to heat houses, give light, etc.

Collocates: *conduct electricity | generate electricity*
the room costs £500 a month with free electricity | gold conducts electricity very well (lets electricity pass along it easily)

Adjective: *electrical* | Adjective: *electric*

- electricitat

energy /'enə(r)dʒi/ Noun uncount

energy is things like electricity or gas that you use to make machines work

the clothes dryer uses a lot of energy | a new washing machine will help you save energy because it's more efficient

- energia

file /faɪl/ Noun

a *file* is a document (text, photo, video, or audio) that you have on a computer

I can't open the file | you'll have to rename the file (give it a different name)

- arxiu

heavy /'hevi/ Adjective

something that is *heavy* weighs a lot

it's a good laptop, and it's not very heavy | he was a heavy man and couldn't run very far | which is heavier – ice or water?

- pesat

install /ɪn'stɔ:l/ Verb

to *install* something means to put it in place and make it work

they've installed security cameras in the car park | the supermarket installed solar power

Noun: *installation*

- instal·lar

instructions /ɪn'strʌkʃ(ə)nz/ Noun plural

instructions are a detailed description of how to do something, for example, how to use a machine such as a dishwasher

Collocates: *follow instructions*

you should read the instructions before you plug it in | the instructions are very difficult to follow

- instruccions

plug in /ˌplʌg 'ɪn/ Phrasal verb

if you *plug something in*, you connect it to a supply of electricity or to another piece of equipment

I forgot to plug my phone in | can I plug in my computer here? | the TV isn't plugged in

- endollar

power /'paʊə(r)/ Noun uncount

power is energy such as electricity that is used to make machines work or to heat water, houses, etc.

solar power (power that we make by using the sun) | storms caused power cuts in the region

- potència / energia

press /pres/ Verb

if you *press* something, you push on it with your finger or hand

which button should I press? | she pressed the doorbell

- prémer

produce /prə'dju:z/ Verb

to *produce* something means to make it
we produce electricity at home with our solar panels | *the factory produces washing machines*

- fabricar

search /sɜ:(r)tʃ/ Noun

a *search* is an attempt to find something on the internet, which you do by putting words into a search engine such as Google or Bing

do a search for 'bike shop Cheltenham' | *the history button will show you the last searches you did*

Verb: *search*

- cerca

website /'web,sɑ:t/ Noun

a *website* is a set of pages on the internet where you can get information about a particular subject or organisation

this is a useful website for information about Australia | *our website gets 2,000 visits a day*

- lloc web

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 134–135**ages** /eɪdʒɪz/ Noun plural

if you say that something took *ages*, you mean it took a very long time

Collocates: take ages | for ages

it's taking me ages to find a birthday present for my brother | *the phone rang for ages before he answered*

- molt de temps

brand /brænd/ Noun

a *brand* is the name a company gives to its products
which brand of washing machine is the best? | *some brands are much more expensive than others*

- marca

digital /'dɪdʒɪt(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is *digital* involves computer technology, which holds information as a series of numbers

I've got a new digital camera | *we live in a digital world (where digital machines like computers and mobile phones are very important)*

Adverb: *digitally*

- digital

keyboard /'ki:bdɔ:(r)d/ Noun

a *keyboard* is a piece of equipment that is used to put information into a computer. The letters and numbers that you press on a *keyboard* are the keys

be careful not to spill coffee over the keyboard | *plug the keyboard into the side of the computer*

Verb: *key*

- teclat

model /'mɒd(ə)l/ Noun

a *model* is a particular type of machine or vehicle that a company makes

I just want a basic model (ordinary, and without any extra things) | *this model sells at £9,700*

- model

plug /plʌg/ Noun

a *plug* is the part of a machine that you put into a wall so that the machine can take the electricity it needs

the plug had fallen out | *put the plug in the socket (the place on a wall where a plug can go)*

Phrasal verb: *plug in*

- endoll

screen /skri:n/ Noun

a *screen* is the flat part of a TV or computer where you see the pictures and text. A *screen* is also the flat wall at the front of a cinema where the pictures are shown

she cleaned her computer screen | *I dropped my laptop and broke the screen*

- pantalla

tablet /'tæblət/ Noun

a *tablet* is a small, flat computer that you can carry around easily, and you touch the screen to make it work rather than using a separate keyboard

I paid £400 for a new tablet | *what sort of tablet is it – an iPad or a Samsung?*

- tauleta

washing machine /'wɒʃɪŋ məʃi:n/ Noun

a *washing machine* is a piece of equipment that washes clothes for you automatically. It uses electricity for its power

our washing machine is broken | *the engineer came to repair the washing machine*

- rentadora

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 136–137**accident** /'æksɪd(ə)nt/ Noun

if you do something *by accident*, you do it although you did not mean to do it

I deleted the email by accident | *we found the hotel almost by accident*

- accident

address /'ædres/ Noun

on the Internet, an email *address* is the series of letters you need to use to send an email to someone, for example 'john.brown99@garglemail.com'. A web *address* is the series of letters you need to use to find a particular web page, for example 'www.ngl.cengage.com'. A web *address* is usually called a URL

what's your email address? | *the address is 'www.bbc.co.uk'*

- adreça

article /'ɑ:(r)tɪk(ə)/ Noun

an *article* is a piece of writing about a particular subject, especially in a newspaper or magazine

I read an interesting article about Madonna on the Slate website yesterday | he writes articles for the New York Times

- article

basic /'beɪsɪk/ Adjective

something that is *basic* includes the most important things but not smaller or more complicated details

a basic pay-as-you-go phone | the basic idea is very simple | basic skills such as reading and writing

- bàsic

complicated /'kɒmplɪˌkeɪtɪd/ Adjective

something that is *complicated* is difficult to understand or use because it has a lot of different parts

it's really complicated to use and the instructions aren't very helpful | the situation is quite complicated

- complicat

copy /'kɒpi/ Noun

a *copy* of something is another thing that is exactly the same

I keep copies of my photos online and on a memory stick | she sent me a copy of her essay about Beethoven

Verb: *copy*

- còpia

delete /dɪ'li:t/ Verb

if you *delete* something that is on your computer, you remove it so that it is no longer there

I deleted the photos by accident | make sure you don't delete the latest version

Noun: *delete*

- esborrar

detailed /'di:teɪld/ Adjective

something that is *detailed* has a lot of individual parts

some designs are very detailed and complicated | a detailed description of the robber | I took detailed notes of the speech

- detallat

download /'daʊnləʊd/ Verb

if you *download* something, you take it from the Internet and put it on your computer

it took an hour to download the film | he's been downloading music all evening

Noun: *download* || Opposite – Verb: *upload*

- descarregar

link /lɪŋk/ Noun

a *link* is a place on a computer screen that connects to a different page or different information if you click on it

Collocates: *click on a link | a link to something | follow a link*

can you send me the link to the article? | click on the link to see a video of the event

Verb: *link*

- enllaç

list /lɪst/ Verb

if you *list* things, you put them onto a list

I can't list all the things I do with my phone | he listed the seven reasons why he wanted to become a singer | the company phone numbers are listed on the next page

Noun: *list*

Collocates: *a list of something | shopping list*

- fer una llista

memory stick /'mem(ə)rɪ stɪk/ Noun

a *memory stick* is a small object that can connect to a computer, and that you use to store and copy information

a 64GB memory stick | I'll put the photos onto a memory stick for you

- llapis de memòria

piece /pi:s/ Noun

a *piece* of something is an object of that kind

how often do you buy a new piece of technology | it's a lovely piece of furniture

- peça

restart /,rɪ:'stɑ:(r)t/ Verb

if you *restart* a computer, you turn it off and then back on again straight away

to finish installing the software, you need to restart the computer | delete the files then restart your machine

- reiniciar

slowly /'sləʊli/ Adverb

if something happens *slowly*, it takes a long time and does not happen quickly

my computer is working really slowly at the moment | he walked slowly up the stairs

Adjective: *slow*

- a poc a poc

software /'sɒf(t),weə(r)/ Noun uncount

software are programs used by computers. Computer equipment is called hardware

Collocates: *download/install/update software | a software engineer | computer software*

have you got the latest version of the software? | it takes a few minutes to download the software

- programari

version /vɜː(r)(ə)n/ Noun

a *version* of something is a form of it which is different from other forms

you need the latest version of their software | which version of the song do you like best?

- versió

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bright /braɪt/ Adjective

bright colours or lights are strong and easy to see

LED lights are very bright | a bright red jumper

Adverb: *brightly* | Noun: *brightness*

- brillant

cell /sel/ Noun

a *cell* is a device that can make and store electricity, for example by mixing particular chemicals or by using light from the sun

a very small solar cell (one that uses light from the sun) | these cells are very expensive to produce

- cel·la

control /kən'trəʊl/ Verb

if you *control* something, especially a machine, you decide when it should start to work, how fast it should work, when it should stop, etc.

we can control everything in the house from the phone | this switch controls the heating

- controlar

develop /dɪ'veləp/ Verb

to *develop* something means to have a new idea and make it into a new product over a period of time

you can develop your own apps with this software | scientists are developing a new medicine for cancer | they developed a new sort of mobile phone

Noun: *development*

Collocates: *be under development*

- desenvolupar

efficiently /ɪ'fɪ(ə)ntli/ Adverb

if something happens or works *efficiently*, it happens or works well and without wasting any energy or time or money

if we can get them to work more efficiently, we can use them to make electricity in people's homes | the problem was dealt with quickly and efficiently

Adjective: *efficient* | Noun: *efficiency* || Opposite – Adverb: *inefficiently* | Adjective: *inefficient*

- de manera eficient

heart rate /'hɑː(r)t reɪt/ Noun

your *heart rate* is the speed at which your heart beats

an app to help you check your heart rate | the doctor said my heart rate was fine

- ritme cardíac

insect /'ɪnsɛkt/ Noun

an *insect* is a small animal that has six legs

farmers use chemicals to kill insects | spiders like to eat flies and other insects

- insecte

paint /peɪnt/ Noun

paint is a coloured liquid that you put onto surfaces such as walls or ceilings or doors

a tin of red paint | we need more paint for the ceiling

Verb: *paint*

- pintura

successfully /sək'sesf(ə)li/ Adverb

if something happens *successfully*, it does what it was meant to do

a bridge was successfully built in 2007 | this type of advertising can work successfully

Adjective: *successful* | Noun: *success* | Verb: *succeed* ||

Opposite – Adverb: *unsuccessfully* | Adjective: *unsuccessful*

Collocates: *succeed in doing something*

- amb èxit

SET (SET, SETTING)

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

make a machine ready to work: *what time shall I set the alarm clock for? / set the air conditioning at 20°*

decide something: *set a date for the next meeting / set the price at € 8 / parents need to set limits for their children*

prepare a table for a meal: *it's my turn to set the table for dinner / will you help me set the table?*

become solid: *the cement hasn't set / the dessert didn't set*

give work: *the teacher sets too much homework / he set a Maths test*

a story's time / place: *the film's set in Brazil / the book's set in the 17th century*