

6 FAMILY AND FRIENDS

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apartment /ə'pɑ:(r)tment/ Noun

an *apartment* is a set of rooms on one floor of a building, where someone lives or stays on holiday. The usual British word is *flat*

we shared an apartment in Gas Street | my dad rented an apartment in Paris for a week

- appartement

aunt /ɑ:nt/ Noun

your *aunt* is the sister of your mother or father, or the wife of your uncle

aunt Mabel is my dad's sister, which is why she looks like him | all my aunts were there at the party

- tante

close /kləʊs/ Adjective

if two people are *close*, they know each other very well and are strong friends

there's a big gap between us, but we're very close | I was always closer to my mother than my father | I never made any close friends at university

- proche

closely /'kləʊsli/ Adverb

if you work *closely* with another person, you see them and talk to them a lot while you are doing a job together

we work closely together | I worked very closely with her at the beginning of the project

- étroitement

colleague /'kɒli:g/ Noun

a *colleague* is someone you work with

he was always bringing colleagues home to play chess | I get on with most of my colleagues, but I wouldn't say we're friends

- collègue

connection /kə'nekʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *connection* is a relationship between people or things

Collocates: a connection between things or people

is there any connection between the two crimes? | I'd never met him before, but we discovered we had a family connection

- lien

cousin /'kʌz(ə)n/ Noun

your *cousin* is a child of your uncle and aunt

I'm going to stay with one of my cousins | she's a cousin on my mother's side (the daughter of my mother's brother or sister)

- cousin(e)

divorce /dɪ'vɔ:(r)s/ Verb

if married people *divorce*, they stop being legally married to each other

she kept the house when we got divorced | he divorced his wife after just two years of marriage

Noun: *divorce* | Adjective: *divorced*

she told me she wants a divorce

- divorce

ex- /eks/ Prefix

someone's *ex-wife* is the woman they used to be married to. Someone's *ex-husband* is the man they used to be married to. When people talk about "my *ex*", they mean their former husband or wife

my ex-wife still lives in our old house | her ex-husband still sends her a card on her birthday

Noun: *ex*

I haven't seen my ex since the day we divorced

- ex-

gap /gæp/ Noun

a *gap* is an empty space between two things. If you talk about a *gap* in two people's ages, you mean that one of them is quite a lot older than the other one

in age, there's a big gap between me and my brother | there's a ten-year age gap between us

- fossé

get on /get 'ɒn/ Phrasal verb

if you *get on* with someone, you like them and have a friendly relationship with them

Collocates: get on with someone

do you get on with the people you work with? | I never got on with my boss

- s'entendre

get to know /get/ Verb

if you *get to do* something, you succeed in doing it over a period of time. If you *get to know* someone, you become friendly with them over a period of time

Collocates: get to do something | get to know someone

we got to know each other at university | I thought he was rude at first, but got to like him eventually

- faire la connaissance de

immediately /ɪ'mi:diətli/ Adverb

if something happens immediately, it happens quickly and with no delay

they moved next door last year and we immediately got on | come here immediately!

Adjective: *immediate*

• *immédiatement*

in-law /ɪn lɔ:/ Suffix

your mother-in-law, brother-in-law, etc. is the mother or brother of your husband or wife. All the relatives of your husband or wife are your in-laws

I get on really well with my mother-in-law | her brother-in-law moved to Australia last year

Noun: *in-laws*

• *beau-*

move /mu:v/ Verb

if you *move*, or *move house*, you go and live in a different place

I lived in Gas Street when I first moved here | we're moving house next week | I hate this house, but I can't afford to move

• *déménager*

neighbour /'neɪbə(r)/ Noun

your *neighbours* are the people who live very near you, in the same street. Your next-door *neighbour* is a person who lives in the house or flat that is next to yours

Collocates: a next-door neighbour

we're very lucky because our neighbours are lovely people | my next-door neighbour always plays loud music at the weekends

• *voisin*

partner /'pɑ:(r)tnə(r)/ Noun

someone's *partner* is the person they live with but are not married to

her partner works in a bank | my partner and I have been together for over 12 years

• *conjoint*

share /ʃeə(r)/ Verb

if you *share* something with someone, you both use it or have it. If you *share* a house or flat with someone, you both live in the same house or flat

I had to share a bedroom with my brother till I was 9 | I finally got a room to myself and no longer had to share

Noun: *share*

we've been in a house share for the last year with another couple

• *partager*

trip /trɪp/ Noun

a *trip* is a journey you make somewhere

Collocates: a business trip | a school trip

I met her on a business trip | we went on a trip down the river to Hampton Court

• *voyage*

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aspect /'æspekt/ Noun

an *aspect* of something is one of the different parts involved in it

I like the fashion and design aspect of the business |

you have to consider the practical aspects of living on a boat

• *aspect*

attitude /'ætɪtju:d/ Noun

your *attitude* is how you think and feel about something

it's important to have a positive attitude towards your exams | what I appreciated the most was their can-do attitude (their belief that they could succeed)

• *attitude*

bright /braɪt/ Adjective

someone who is *bright* is very clever and intelligent

my sisters are both very bright | she's the brightest kid in her class | he's not very bright, but he's brilliant at football

• *intelligent*

calm /kɑ:m/ Adjective

someone who is *calm* is relaxed and not excited or upset

my brother's always very calm and confident | I was surprised at how calm she was when the fire started

Adverb: *calmly*

he spoke calmly and quietly as he told her the sad news

• *calme*

character /'kærɪktə(r)/ Noun

your *character* is all the qualities that you have, which make you what you are and make you different from everyone else. If you say that a place has *character*, you mean that it has a lot of interesting parts

Collocates: out of character

my brother and I have quite similar characters | there's a nasty side to his character | the hotel we stayed in had real character

• *caractère*

communication /kəˈmjʊːnɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount
communication is the process of exchanging information with someone by talking to them or sending messages to them
the problems happened because of poor communication | *you need good communication skills to work in TV*
 Verb: *communicate*
we communicated by email while I was away in Peru

• communication

comparison /kəmˈpærɪs(ə)n/ Noun
 if you compare two things or people, you look at them and decide what the differences are between them. The result is a *comparison* between them. If something seems true in *comparison* with something else, it is true, but different
 Collocates: in comparison with something
I feel a bit stupid in comparison with my sisters | *the comparison was unfair because my brother has always been taller than me*
 Verb: *compare*
you can compare prices online

• comparaison

confident /ˈkɒnfɪd(ə)nt/ Adjective
 someone who is *confident* is sure of their own abilities and doesn't feel shy or nervous
he was confident that he would pass his exam | *are you sure about this? You don't seem very confident*
 Adverb: *confidently* | Noun: *confidence*
you should have more confidence in yourself

• confiant

control /kənˈtrəʊl/ Verb
 if you *control* something or *control* how much someone can do something, you check and limit the amount or level of it
we need to control our costs more efficiently | *the government controls the oil industry very tightly*
 Noun: *control*
 Collocates: keep control of something | be under control | be out of control
you need to keep control of your spending

• contrôler

determined /dɪˈtɜː(r)mɪnd/ Adjective
 if you are *determined*, you do not let anything stop you from achieving your goals and doing what you want to do
 Collocates: be determined to do something
she and I are both very determined people | *he was determined to keep the news secret*
 Noun: *determination*
 Collocates: great determination | determination to do something
they played with great determination

• déterminé

figure /ˈfɪɡə(r)/ Noun
figures are numbers that represent amounts of something
she has a good head for figures (she can do things like adding up numbers very well) | *last month's sales figures weren't very good*

• chiffre

finance /ˈfaɪnæns/ Noun
finance is the way money is used and managed in business or in government
he left his job to come and work with me as finance director | *the company's finances were steadily improving*
 Adjective: *financial*
the financial crisis of 2008

• finance

frustrated /frʌˈstreɪtɪd/ Adjective
 someone who is *frustrated* feels angry or upset because something is stopping them doing what they are trying to do
 Collocates: frustrated about something | feel frustrated | become/get frustrated
I feel very frustrated about this situation | *frustrated customers have started to complain*
 Adjective: *frustrating* | Verb: *frustrate* | Noun: *frustration*
 Collocates: be frustrated by something | frustration at something
having to wait so long is incredibly frustrating

• frustré

grade /ɡreɪd/ Noun
 a *grade* is a number or letter that you get showing how well you did in a test or exam
they always get top grades | *if you want to get a good grade, you'll have to work a lot harder than this*

• note

grow /grəʊ/ Verb

when a company *grows*, it develops and gets bigger and produces more things and earns more money. If a country's economy *grows*, business activity in the country increases and the total value of everything produced increases

the company just grew and grew | after he took charge, he grew the company to become the biggest producer of tractors in the country

Noun: *growth*

the company's growth has slowed down

- *se développer*

guest /gest/ Noun

a *guest* is a person who has been invited to a social event such as a party or wedding. People who are staying in someone's house or in a hotel for a short time are also called *guests*

we're expecting over 200 guests at the wedding | one of the hotel guests complained about the food in the restaurant

- *invité*

hobby /'hɒbi/ Noun

someone's *hobby* is an activity that they do regularly for pleasure

he thought it was just a hobby | do you have any hobbies?

- *hobby*

model /'mɒd(ə)l/ Noun

a *model* is someone whose job is to show off clothes by wearing them and being photographed, or by wearing them at a fashion show

Collocates: a fashion model

she's a model, actress, and mother | communication between the photographer and the model is very important

- *mannequin*

networking /'net,wɜ:(r)kiŋ/ Noun uncount

networking is the activity of talking to a lot of people who do the same sort of job as you and who might be useful for your work

I hate networking and managing people | the group encourages networking face to face as well as online

- *travail en réseau*

open /'əʊpən/ 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

we're always quite open with each other | we had an open discussion about it

- *ouvert*

patient /'peɪʃ(ə)nt/ Adjective

someone who is *patient* is able to stay calm when something takes a long time and does not become angry or upset

Collocates: be patient with someone or something

thanks for waiting, you've been very patient | Jack is always very patient with the children

Noun: *patience* | Adverb: *patiently* || Opposites – Adjective: *impatient* | Adverb: *impatiently*

Collocates: lose your patience | have/require patience

sorry, but I'm beginning to lose my patience (become angry)

- *patient*

poor /pɔ:(r)/ Adjective

something that is *poor* is not very good

I thought the food in the restaurant was very poor | his work was of very poor quality | a school with poor exam results

- *médiocre*

practical /'præktɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

a person who is *practical* is good at doing things with their hands, like mending things or making things

my brother's very practical, so I asked him to mend the lock on the door | it helps to have a few practical skills

- *pratique*

-run /rʌn/ Suffix

you add *-run* to the end of nouns and adverbs to describe the way something is organised. For example, a *family-run* business is owned and managed by members of the same family, and a *well-run* school is a good school that is managed very well

we stayed in a very well-run hotel in the city centre | the state-run railways in France are very efficient

- *géré*

shout /ʃaʊt/ Verb

if you *shout*, you say something in a very loud voice, for example, because you are angry

Collocates: shout at someone

calm down! You don't have to shout | Tim shouted upstairs that it was time to go

Noun: *shout*

we heard shouts of delight coming from the children's bedroom

- *crier*

sort out /,sɔ:(r)t 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *sort* something *out*, you deal with it so that it is no longer untidy or a problem

you need to sort out your room. It's a mess | We had a big argument, but we've sorted it out now and we're friends again

- *ranger*

strict /strikt/ Adjective

someone who is *strict* makes sure people obey rules all the time

Collocates: be strict with someone

the school applies strict discipline | she's very strict with her children

Adverb: *strictly*

children were brought up more strictly in those days

- *strict*

stupid /'stju:pid/ Adjective

someone or something that is *stupid* is not very clever or sensible

that was a stupid question! | don't be so stupid | I didn't want to look stupid, so I kept quiet

- *stupide*

succeed /sək'si:d/ Verb

if you *succeed*, you do what you were trying to do

she doesn't stop until she succeeds at something | I succeeded in getting a job in advertising

Noun: *success* | Adjective: *successful*

there are several reasons for the team's success

- *réussir*

supportive /sə'pɔ:(r)tɪv/ Adjective

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

my husband was very supportive when I decided to start the company | luckily, I've got a supportive boss

Noun: *support* | Verb: *support*

he was always there, offering support and encouragement

- *qui est d'un grand soutien*

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Some adjectives are formed from verbs by adding <i>-ive</i> .	
a supportive family	support me in whatever I do
a creative person	create a work of art
a competitive industry	compete for the post of CEO
an imaginative idea	I can imagine
an impressive result	impress your boss

take over /,teɪk 'əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

when one company *takes over* another company, it becomes the new owner and the two companies combine to become one company

who do you think will take over the business? | half the directors left as soon as the firm was taken over

Noun: *takeover*

Collocates: a takeover bid | a hostile takeover

Murdoch launched a takeover bid in early December (an attempt to take over a company)

- *absorber*

tidy /'taɪdi/ Adjective

if a room is *tidy*, the things in it are in their place and it is very neat. If a person is *tidy*, they are good at keeping their things neat and well organised

Nick's office is always very tidy | I'm not a very tidy person

Adverb: *tidily* | Verb: *tidy* || Opposite – Adjective: *untidy*

put your things away tidily before you go upstairs

- *bien rangé*

wedding /'wedɪŋ/ Noun

a *wedding* is a ceremony at which two people get married

Collocates: a wedding reception | a wedding guest | a wedding ceremony

my sister's wedding was a fantastic occasion | we spent months preparing for the wedding

- *mariage*

welcome /'welkəm/ Verb

if you *welcome* someone, you greet them in a friendly way when they arrive

we're always happy to welcome people into our home | they welcomed us with open arms when we arrived

Noun: *welcome*

Collocates: a warm welcome

you're sure to receive a warm welcome there (a very friendly welcome)

- *accueillir*

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accept /ək'sept/ Verb

if you *accept* an invitation, you say yes to it

I accepted her friend request because I like to make new contacts | they've accepted our invitation to the party

- *accepter*

block /blɒk/ Verb

to *block* something means to put an object across or in it in which stops something else from moving through or along it. If you *block* someone on the Internet, you change your settings so that you do not see any messages from that person

I deleted his request and blocked him | a fallen tree was blocking the road

Noun: *block*

I want to put a block on all his emails

- *bloquer*

comment /'kɒment/ Verb

if you *comment* or *comment* on something, you say what you think about it. If you *comment* on something on the Internet, you write what you think about it on the site where it appeared

lots of people commented on the photos | anyone can comment on my blog posts

Noun: *comment*

Collocates: post a comment | submit a comment

you must be registered to post comments here

- *commenter*

delete /dɪ'li:t/ Verb

if you *delete* something that is on your computer, you remove it.

I deleted the file by mistake | she read the message, then deleted it

- *supprimer*

expect /ɪk'spekt/ Verb

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

Collocates: expect someone or something to do something

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

Noun: *expectation*

the restaurant met all our expectations (it was as good as we hoped it would be)

- *attendre*

face to face /,feɪs tə 'feɪs/ Adverb

if you do something with someone *face to face*, you are both in the same place at the same time, rather than talking by email or on the phone

we arranged to meet face to face | they came face to face outside the station

Adjective: *face-to-face*

I wanted a face-to-face meeting with him

- *face à face*

for instance /fə(r) 'ɪnstəns/ Noun

you use *for instance* when you are beginning to give an example of what you are talking about

for instance, I recently read about a girl who posted pictures of her friend on the web | there are several questions we need to ask. For instance, how did he get into the building?

- *par exemple*

hide /haɪd/ Verb

if you *hide* something, you put it somewhere where people cannot see it or find it. If you *hide* something on the Internet, you deliberately make sure that it does not appear on your social media pages

I hide all his posts | you can hide comments from people you don't like

- *dissimuler*

ignore /ɪg'nɔ:(r)/ Verb

if you *ignore* something, you do not pay any attention to it. If you *ignore* a question or request, you deliberately do not reply to it

I usually ignore online quizzes | I had a request to friend someone I've never heard of, so I ignored it

- *ignorer*

in touch /ɪn 'tʌtʃ/ Phrase

if you are *in touch* with someone, you still see them and talk to them or write 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/stay in touch (with someone) | lose touch (with someone) | get in touch (with someone)

how do you keep in touch with your friends? | we still keep in touch on Facebook

- *en contact*

inappropriate /,ɪnə'prəʊpriət/ Adjective

something that is *inappropriate* is not suitable in a particular situation

inappropriate behaviour can lead to a student being sent home early | several comments on the blog post were considered to be inappropriate and were removed

Opposite – Adjective: *appropriate*

the only appropriate response is to say you're sorry

- *déplacé*

inspiring /ɪn'spaɪərɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *inspiring* makes you believe in something very strongly, especially in your own ability to achieve things

my cousin often posts inspiring quotes | I thought the film was really inspiring

Verb: *inspire* | Noun: *inspiration* | Adjective: *inspirational* ||

Opposite – Adjective: *uninspiring*

Collocates: inspire someone to do something
her example inspired thousands of girls to take up football

- *exaltabt*

message /'mesɪdʒ/ Noun

a *message* is something you send to someone containing information, a question, etc.

Collocates: send someone a message | get/receive a message

I sent him a message asking him to remove the photo | I thought you'd be expecting me. Didn't you get my message?

- *message*

post /pəʊst/ Verb

if you *post* a *letter*, you send it to someone in an envelope with a stamp on it so that it will be delivered to them. When you *post* something on the Internet, you put it on a website so that lots of people can see it if they want to

she posted lots of photos of her holiday on Facebook | can you post this letter for me if you're going out?

Noun: *post*

there was an interesting post on her blog last week

- *publier*

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*

quote /kwəʊt/ Verb

a *quote* is a sentence or saying that someone said or wrote that gets repeated by a lot of people

one of my cousins is always posting inspiring quotes, like "Follow your dreams" | "To be, or not to be" is a famous quote from Shakespeare

Verb: *quote*

we're expected to quote from the poems in the exam

- *citation*

remind /rɪ'maɪnd/ Verb

to *remind* someone of something means to make them remember it

Collocates: *remind someone about something | remind someone of someone or something | remind someone to do something*

can you remind me to buy petrol | she reminded me about my doctor's appointment | he reminds me of my brother (he looks like my brother)

- *rappeler*

remove /rɪ'mu:v/ Verb

if you *remove* something, you take it away from where it is

I asked him to remove the photo | the police removed some cars from the main shopping street

Noun: *removal*

removal of the seat cover is quite easy

- *retirer*

reply /rɪ'plai/ Verb

if you *reply* to someone, you give them an answer

Collocates: *reply to someone | reply that*

he became cross and replied angrily that he'd never been there before | did she ever reply to your question about the summer holiday?

Noun: *reply*

I asked him three times but never got a reply

- *répondre*

smile /smaɪl/ Verb

if you *smile*, the ends of your mouth go up slightly to show that you are pleased or happy about something

Collocates: *smile at someone*

she smiled to herself when she heard the news | I couldn't stop smiling when I got my exam results

Noun: *smile*

she greeted us at the door us with a smile

- *sourire*

status /'stetəs/ Noun

on a social networking site, someone's *status* is their description of themselves, saying what they are doing or thinking about at the time

I've blocked him from seeing my status updates | her status says "in a relationship" (she has a boyfriend or girlfriend)

- *statut*

stream /stri:m/ Verb

a *stream* is a broadcast of a TV programme over the Internet

we found a live stream and watched the game online | because of technical problems, the stream ended early

Verb: *stream* | Noun: *streaming*

the concert will be streamed live from Wembley

- *retransmettre*

update /'ʌpdeɪt/ Noun

an *update* is information about a situation or process, describing what has happened recently. When people post *updates* about themselves on a social media site, they say what has changed in their lives recently

one of my friends is always posting funny status updates | I read his updates on Facebook every week

Verb: *update*

if you get married, you'll have to update your status on Facebook

- *mise à jour*

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combination /ˌkɒmbɪˈneɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *combination* of things is a number of different things all mixed together

the show was a combination of music and dance | there's a combination of reasons for the decision

Verb: *combine*

- *combinaison*

found /faʊnd/ Verb

to *found* an institution or a regular event means to start it and provide the money it needs to continue

Michael Eavis founded the Glastonbury Festival | the RSPCA was founded in 1824

Noun: *founder*

the founders wanted the school to take both boys and girls

- *fonder*

neighbourhood /ˈneɪbə(r)hʊd/ Noun

your *neighbourhood* is the area of the town or city around where you live

we live in a nice neighbourhood | everyone in the neighbourhood knows my dad

- *quartier*

personal /ˈpɜː(r)s(ə)nəl/ Adjective

something that is *personal* relates to just one single individual and is not shared with anyone else

my personal view is that we should wait another year | my personal finances

Adverb: *personally*

- *personnel*

stand for /ˈstænd fɔː(r)/ Phrasal verb

letters that *stand for* something are the first letters of words and are used as an abbreviation

what does WOMAD stand for? | NATO stands for North Atlantic Treaty Organisation

- *signifier*
