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### spare /speə(r)/ Adjective

something that is *spare* is not used usually, but is available if it is needed

*you can sleep in the spare room | make sure you have a spare tyre in the boot*

- *disponible*

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### bin /bɪn/ Noun

a *bin* is a container where you put things that you don't want

Collocates: a rubbish bin | a litter bin

*just throw it in the bin | use the rubbish bin by the gate*

Verb: *bin*

*if you don't want it any more, just bin it*

- *poubelle*

### bucket /'bʌkɪt/ Noun

a *bucket* is a container with a handle and an open top that you use for carrying water. The amount that a *bucket* can contain is a *bucketful*

Collocates: a bucket of water

*a plastic bucket | as a joke, she threw a bucket of water over me*

Noun: *bucketful*

- *seau*

### dark /dɑː(r)k/ Adjective

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

*it's really dark in the garden now | the inside of the cinema was dark*

Noun: *dark* | Noun: *darkness*

Collocates: be in darkness

*I'm afraid of the dark*

- *sombre*

### deposit /dɪ'pɒzɪt/ Noun

a *deposit* is a sum of money you pay before you rent something. If the place or thing you rented is in good condition when you finish using it, the money is given back to you

Collocates: a refundable/returnable deposit

*the deposit will be 15% of the rental price | bike hire is £10 an hour, with a £50 returnable deposit (a deposit that will be given back to you)*

- *arrhes*

### fix /fɪks/ Verb

if you *fix* something somewhere, you put it there in such a way that it will stay there, for example by using nails or screws

*the shelves were fixed to the wall with metal brackets | I've been trying to fix a new handle on the door*

- *fixer*

### hammer /'hæmə(r)/ Noun

a *hammer* is a tool that consists of a handle and a heavy metal end which you use to knock nails into wood

*I dropped a hammer on my foot | you'll need a hammer and some nails*

Verb: *hammer*

- *marteau*

### handle /'hænd(ə)l/ Noun

a *handle* is a part of something that you hold on to when you are using it

*the handle of the frying pan was too hot to hold | the door handle was stuck*

- *poignée*

### join /dʒɔɪn/ Verb

if you *join* things together, you attach them to each other and fix them so that they stay together

*I need to join these bits of paper together | join the two pieces of plastic with glue*

- *attacher*

### mortgage /'mɔː(r)ɡɪdʒ/ Noun

if you have a *mortgage*, you have borrowed an amount of money to pay for a house or flat and you are paying the money back over a long period of time

Collocates: pay off a mortgage | take out a mortgage

*we had to take out a mortgage to buy the house | he won a lot of money and paid off his mortgage*

- *crédit immobilier*

### nail /neɪl/ Noun

a *nail* is a thin pointed piece of metal that you push into wood by hitting it with a hammer in order to fix something in place or hold things together

*hammer the nail into the wall here | I dropped a bag of nails on the floor*

Verb: *nail*

- *clou*

**needle** /'ni:d(ə)l/ Noun

a *needle* is a thin, pointed piece of metal with a small hole at one end for thread to go through. You use *needles* for sewing things

*My button's come off. Can I borrow a needle and some thread (long thin piece of cotton, wool, etc. for sewing)? | a sewing needle | I couldn't see well enough to thread the needle (push the thread through the small hole)*

• *aiguille*

**oven** /'ʌv(ə)n/ Noun

an *oven* is a piece of equipment in your kitchen that can get very hot, and which you use to cook food in

Collocates: a gas/electric oven | turn an oven on/off | a hot/low oven

*bake it in a hot oven for 40 minutes | did you remember to turn the oven off?*

• *four*

**pan** /pæn/ Noun

a *pan* is a metal container that you use for cooking food

*heat the milk in a small pan | a frying pan*

• *casserole*

**plaster** /'plɑ:stə(r)/ Noun

a *plaster* is a small piece of sticky material that you put over a cut on your skin in order to protect it

*put a plaster on the cut | you can take the plaster off now*

• *pansement*

**shelf** /ʃelf/ Noun

a *shelf* is a flat surface attached to a wall, which you can put things on

Collocates: the top shelf | the bottom shelf

*there's some toothpaste on the shelf in the bathroom | I spent the afternoon putting up shelves in the kitchen (fixing them to the wall)*

Noun: *shelving*

• *étagère*

**sort out** /sɔ:(r)t 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *sort a place out*, you organise the things there so that everything is in order

*we'll have to give everything a good clean and sort the place out | you're not getting any more pocket money till you've sorted out your bedroom*

• *ranger*

**spill** /spɪl/ Verb

if you *spill* a liquid, you accidentally let it fall out of its container

*I've spilt milk all over the chair | she spilled some hot tea on her hand | don't spill your coffee*

• *renverser*

**stapler** /'steɪplə(r)/ Noun

a *stapler* is a small machine which pushes thin pieces of stiff metal through sheets of paper in order to hold them together

*can I borrow a stapler? | I've got two staplers and I can never find either of them*

Noun: *staple* | Verb: *staple*

• *agrafeuse*

**store** /stɔ:(r)/ Verb

if you *store* something somewhere, you keep it there until you need it

*we store our camping gear in the spare room | my parents stored our furniture for us when we were waiting to move into our new flat*

Noun: *storage* | Noun: *store*

Collocates: in store

*our furniture was in store for three weeks*

• *ranger*

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**bar** /bɑ:(r)/ Noun

a *bar* is a solid piece of something that is longer than it is wide

Collocates: a bar of something

*a bar of chocolate | a bar of soap*

• *barre*

**burn** /bɜ:(r)n/ Verb

if you *burn* something, you destroy it by making it catch fire

*they recycle 50% of their waste, and burn the rest | lots of houses burned down in the Great Fire of London*

• *brûler*

**can** /kæn/ Noun

a *can* is a metal container, especially for drinks or food. A *can* is also the amount of drink or food inside it

Collocates: a can of something

*she drank two cans of lemonade | can you buy a can of beans for lunch?*

Adjective: *canned*

• *boîte de conserve / canette*

**carton** /'kɑ:(r)t(ə)n/ Noun

a *carton* is a container for liquid, especially food liquids such as milk. A *carton* is also the amount of liquid inside it

Collocates: a carton of something

*a carton of orange juice | an empty milk carton*

• *brique*

### consume /kən'sju:m/ Verb

if you *consume* food, you eat it or drink it. If you *consume* other things, you use them and then have to throw them away. Economists refer to people who buy and use things as *consumers*

*everything we produce and consume leads to waste | he consumed a huge plate of pasta*

Noun: *consumer* | Noun: *consumption*

*energy consumption has been reduced this year*

#### • consommer

### convince /kən'vins/ Verb

if you *convince* someone, you succeed in making them believe something that they did not believe to start with  
Collocates: convince someone of something | convince someone that

*the professor is trying to convince me that I could waste less | the article wouldn't convince all its readers, but it was well written*

Adjective: *convincing* | Adjective: *convinced*

*it was a very convincing article*

#### • convaincre

### dispose of /dɪ'spəʊz ,v/ Phrasal verb

if you *dispose of* something, you succeed in throwing it away because you no longer need it or use it

*what's the best way to dispose of old batteries? | the company is disposing of all its old computer screens*

Noun: *disposal* | Adjective: *disposable*

Collocates: disposal of something

*once a year they organise the disposal of broken furniture*

#### • se débarrasser de

### efficiency /ɪ'fɪ(ə)nsi/ Noun

the *efficiency* of a machine is how well it works, and how little energy it wastes. A person's *efficiency* is their ability to do something well without wasting any time or effort

*100% efficiency is impossible | we need to improve our efficiency in this office*

Adjective: *efficient* | Adverb: *efficiently* || Opposites –

Noun: *inefficiency* | Adjective: *inefficient* |

Adverb: *inefficiently*

#### • efficacité

### estimate /'estimeɪt/ Verb

if you *estimate* something, you guess how much it is using the information you have available, although you know you cannot say what the exact amount is

*let's try and estimate the cost of the holiday | I estimated that there were over 200 people there*

Noun: *estimate* | Adjective: *estimated*

Collocates: a rough estimate

*at a rough estimate it will cost between two and three thousand pounds*

#### • estimer

### gas /gæs/ Noun

*gas* is any substance such as air which is not solid and not liquid. Some kinds of gas are used in homes and factories for energy or cooking

*cows and sheep produce a lot of gas which causes global warming | natural gas is lighter than air*

#### • gaz

### get rid of /get 'rɪd ɒv/ Phrase

if you *get rid of* something, you throw it away or destroy it because you no longer need it or use it

*I need to get rid of some of my old clothes | I can't get rid of the smell of fish in the kitchen*

#### • se débarrasser de

### guilty /'gɪlti/ Adjective

if you feel *guilty* about something, you feel bad because you think you have done something wrong or unhelpful. In a court, if a judge or jury says someone is *guilty*, they are saying that person committed a crime

Collocates: guilty about (doing) something | guilty of something

*I feel really guilty about leaving you to finish the work | he gave me a guilty look when I asked him where the money was*

Noun: *guilt*

*his feelings of guilt kept him awake that night*

#### • coupable

### jar /dʒɑ:(r)/ Noun

a *jar* is a glass container for food such as jam or honey

Collocates: a jar of something

*a jar of honey | you can recycle your old bottles and jars*

#### • pot

**lead to** /'li:d tə/ Phrasal verb

if one thing *leads to* another, it is the reason for the other thing happening

Collocates: lead to someone doing something

*can watching too much television lead to bad behaviour in children?* | *his exam results led to him getting a place at Oxford University*

- mener à

**mine** /main/ Verb

to *mine* coal, gold, salt, etc. means to dig it out of the ground

*China mines over 47% of the world's coal* | *diamonds have been mined here for over 40 years*

Noun: *mine* | Noun: *mining* | Noun: *miner*

Collocates: a coal/gold/salt, etc. mine

*her father worked in the coal mine*

- exploiter une mine

**pick up** /ˌpɪk 'ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if you *pick something up*, you lift it up from the place where it is with your hands

*he picked up a carton from my shopping basket* | *I bent down to pick the money up from the floor*

- ramasser

**pot** /pɒt/ Noun

a *pot* is a container that is used for cooking, keeping food in, or growing plants in

Collocates: a pot of something

*a pot of yoghurt* | *we keep the pots and pans in a cupboard next to the cooker*

- pot

**preserve** /prɪ'zɜ:(r)v/ Verb

if you *preserve* something, you keep it fresh and in good condition, or you stop it from going bad or being destroyed

*they use chemicals to preserve the food* | *experts are working to preserve the painting*

Noun: *preservation*

Collocates: the preservation of something

*the preservation of the old bus station will be very expensive*

- conserver

**record** /'rekɔ:(r)d/ Noun

your *record* in a particular activity is how well or badly you have done in it

Collocates: a record in doing something | a record on something

*Estonia has the best record on rubbish in the EU* | *she has a good record in finishing projects on time*

- réputation

**recycle** /ri:'saɪk(ə)/ Verb

if you *recycle* things that you no longer need or use, you send them away so that they can be treated in special factories and used again somehow

*you can recycle those plastic bottles* | *we've been recycling our old newspapers for years*

Noun: *recycling*

*we should do more to encourage recycling*

- recycler

**sack** /sæk/ Noun

a *sack* is a large bag made of a rough material used for keeping things in or carrying things

Collocates: a sack of something

*a sack of potatoes* | *three sacks of coal*

- sac

**site** /saɪt/ Noun

a *site* is a place where something is or where something happens. On the internet, a *site* (also a website) is a particular set of connected pages

Collocates: a building site

*they looked at sites where rubbish had been burned* | *it's on the site of a much older church*

- site

**slightly** /'slaitli/ Adverb

*slightly* means a little but not very much

*I felt slightly sick* | *the cost of rail travel has gone up slightly this year*

Adjective: *slight*

- légèrement

**sticker** /'stɪkə(r)/ Noun

a *sticker* is a piece of paper, usually with writing or a picture on it, that you can attach to something

*you have to put a sticker on the bag to show that you have paid* | *a sticker on the sofa said it was reduced to £750*

- autocollant

**throw away** /ˌθrəʊ ə'weɪ/ Phrasal verb

if you *throw something away*, you put it somewhere where it will be taken away because you do not want it or need it any more

*in Switzerland, people have to pay to throw things away* | *I threw away two pairs of shoes because they didn't fit me any more*

- jeter

**tin** /tɪn/ Noun

a *tin* is a metal container, especially for drinks or food. A *tin* is also the amount of drink or food inside it

Collocates: a tin of something

*a tin of tomatoes | she drank two tins of cola*

Adjective: *tinned*

- *boîte de conserve / canette*

**ton** /tʌn/ Noun

In Britain, a *ton* is a unit of weight that is equal to 1,016 kilos. In the USA, a *ton* is a unit of weight equal to 907 kilos. In Europe and other parts of the world, 1,000 kilos is a *tonne*, which is also called a *metric ton*

*the car weighed just over a ton | about 30,000 tons of steel were used in the building*

- *tonne*

**tray** /treɪ/ Noun

a *tray* is a flat piece of plastic, wood, or metal which you use to carry things on, such as glasses of drink or plates of food

Collocates: a tray of drinks/coffee/tea

*a tray of sandwiches | she brought out the drinks on a tray*

- *plateau*

**waste** /weɪst/ Noun uncount

*waste* is things that are no longer needed and that people want to get rid of

*they recycle 50% of their waste, and burn the rest | household waste is collected once a week*

- *déchets*

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**blow** /bləʊ/ Verb

if something *blows* somewhere, it moves there because of the wind

Collocates: blow away | blow open | blow shut | blow down | blow in

*I use it to stop papers on my desk blowing away | the door blew shut*

- *s'envoler / souffler*

**break up** /'breɪk ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if two people *break up*, they decide to stop having a romantic relationship with each other

*a couple of weeks after that, we broke up | I broke up with Jennifer last week*

Noun: *breakup*

*she's still recovering from her recent breakup*

- *se séparer*

**click** /kɪk/ Verb

if you *click* on something on a computer screen, you press a button on the mouse to make the computer do something, for example to open a new document or page on a website

Collocates: right-click | left-click | double-click

*click on the link to see a video of the event | double-click the file name to open the document (click twice)*

Noun: *click*

*it takes about six clicks to get to the right page on the website*

- *cliquer*

**clue** /kluː/ Noun

a *clue* is a small piece of information that helps you discover the truth about something

Collocates: give someone a clue | look/search for clues | find a clue

*she gave me some clues about what my present was going to be | the police are searching the car for clues*

- *indice*

**embarrassing** /ɪm'bærəsɪŋ/ Adjective

if something is *embarrassing*, it makes you feel a little ashamed and worried about what people will think of you  
*it was a bit embarrassing, because I couldn't remember his name | can you stop asking embarrassing questions?*

Adverb: *embarrassingly* | Adjective: *embarrassed* |

Verb: *embarrass* | Noun: *embarrassment*

Collocates: embarrassed by/about something  
*his exam results were embarrassingly bad*

- *génant*

**exhausted** /ɪg'zɔːstɪd/ Adjective

if you are *exhausted*, you are very tired

*sit down – you must be exhausted | I got home exhausted after walking from the station*

Adjective: *exhausting* | Noun: *exhaustion*

*I just want to sleep. It's been an exhausting day*

- *épuisé*

**hand** /hænd/ Verb

if you *hand* something to someone, you give it to them by putting it in their hand

Collocates: hand someone something | hand something to someone

*she handed me a rock from the beach | he handed the letter to me*

- *tendre*

**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

*click on the link to see a video of the event | I found it from the link on the BBC website*

- *lien*

**rock** /rɒk/ Noun

a *rock* is a large, heavy stone

*we climbed over the rocks to get to the sea | a huge piece of rock*

- *rocher*

**shame** /ʃeɪm/ Noun

if you say that something is a *shame*, you mean it is unfortunate or disappointing

Collocates: a shame that | a shame to do something

*can't you come to the party? Oh, what a shame | it's a real shame that they closed the factory*

- *honte*

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**base** /beɪs/ Verb

if a writer *bases* a story on certain things, he or she uses those things as the main part of the story

Collocates: base something on something or someone

*Dodgson based the stories on places that they knew about | Liddell's daughter was the girl that Alice was based on | he based his first novel on his own experience of growing up in Blackburn*

- *baser*

**hometown** /'həʊmtaʊn/ Noun

your *hometown* is the place where you live or the place where you grew up

*she's my best friend from my hometown | she had to leave her hometown and move to New York*

- *ville natale*

**influence** /'ɪnfluəns/ Verb

if you *influence* someone, you have an effect on the way they behave or develop

*the city has also influenced a number of other writers | Foster was heavily influenced by classical music*

Noun: *influence* | Adjective: *influential*

Collocates: have influence on/over someone or something

*he has a lot of influence in the school*

- *influencer*