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get-together /ˈget ˌtəˈgeðə(r)/ Noun

a *get-together* is a party you have with friends or family

Collocates: a small get-together | an informal get-together | a family get-together | an annual get-together

a family get-together at my brother's house | an informal get-together at her old school

Phrasal verb: *get together*

we must get together after Christmas

• *reunió*

bunch /bʌntʃ/ Noun

a *bunch* of people is a number of them who are all together

Collocates: a bunch of friends/colleagues/mates/friends/kids

a bunch of us met up for a meal at the weekend | they're a nice bunch of kids

• *grapat*

treat /tri:t/ Verb

if someone *treats* you, they give you something special or they do something especially nice for you as a present. If you *treat yourself*, you buy yourself something special or let yourself do something that you really enjoy

Collocates: treat someone/yourself to something

I think you should treat yourself to those earrings | they treated us to a weekend in New York!

Noun: *treat*

Collocates: a birthday/special treat | an occasional treat | a rare treat | a delicious/tasty treat

I'll pay the bill, I insist. It's my treat

• *regalar*

break /breɪk/ Noun

a *break* is a short holiday when you go away somewhere

Collocates: go on a break | have a break | a weekend/short break | a city break

we went on a weekend break to Paris | special offer short breaks available if you book today

• *pausa*

mad /mæd/ Adjective

if you go *mad*, you behave in a wild and uncontrolled way, doing things you do not normally let yourself do

let's go mad and order some champagne | the kids went mad with excitement when they heard you were coming

Adverb: *madly*

he grinned madly at me

• *boig*

up /ʌp/ Adverb

if you are *up* for something, you are very keen to do it

Collocates: be up for something

who's up for a trip to the river? | are you up for another game?

• *venir de gust fer alguna cosa*

booth /bu:ð/ Noun

a *booth* is an area in a restaurant, bar, or club which has sides on it so that you can have some privacy from the other people there

eight of us tried to squeeze into a booth for six | there were four karaoke booths upstairs

• *reservat*

do /du:/ Noun

a *do* is a special party or other social occasion

Collocates: a big do | a birthday do

it's her 30th birthday so she's planning a big do | are you going to the do at the club tonight?

• *celebració*

safe /seɪf/ Adjective

if you do something to *be on the safe side*, you do not take any risks because you want to be sure you will not fail or have any problems

take a torch to be on the safe side | take your credit card as well to be on the safe side | we'd better leave by ten to be on the safe side

• *segur*

renew /rɪˈnju:/ Verb

if you *renew* an official document such as a driving licence or passport, you extend the time during which it can be used

Collocates: renew a passport/licence/contract

you need to renew your driving licence before the end of the month | luckily my contract was renewed for another three years

Noun: *renewal* | Adjective: *renewable*

Collocates: a renewal date | a renewal fee | a renewal notice | a renewal application | renewable for 2/4/ etc years | be up for renewal

an annual renewal fee of £75 | the lease is for two years, renewable for a further two

• *renovar*

end-of-year /ˌend əv 'jɪə(r)/ Adjective

end-of-year activities happen at the end of a period of time such as a school year or a financial year

an end-of-year party | end-of-year exams | her end-of-year address to the nation

- final d'any

awkward /'ɔːkwə(r)d/ Adjective

something that is *awkward* is difficult to deal with. If somewhere is *awkward* to get to, it is difficult to find or involves taking several different sorts of transport

an isolated village that was very awkward to get to | it's an awkward place to find, so let me drive you there

- complicat

miles /maɪlz/ Noun plural

if you say that somewhere is *miles* away, you mean it is a very long way away

you'll never get there in time. It's miles away | I'm not walking home from here. It's miles!

- milles

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attendant /ə'tendənt/ Noun

on an aeroplane, the *attendants* are the people who help the passengers and serve their food

Collocates: a flight attendant | a cabin attendant

a job as a flight attendant | she works as a cabin attendant for Cathay Pacific

Verb: *attend*

Collocates: attend to someone

can you attend to the passenger in seat 14B, please?

- assistent / encarregat

charity event /'tʃærəti ɪvent/ Noun

a *charity event* is an occasion such as a dinner, a party, or a sports event which people pay to attend, often because there are famous people taking part. The purpose of *charity events* is to raise money for a charity

a series of charity events including a football match and a celebrity golf tournament | they raised over £40,000 through the two charity events

- acte de beneficència

harm /hɑː(r)m/ Noun uncount

harm is the bad effect of an action or damage caused by the action

Collocates: cause/do/inflict harm | significant/serious/irreparable/untold harm

I didn't mean any harm | you risk untold harm to your liver (extremely serious harm)

Adjective: *harmful* | Adjective: *harmless*

Collocates: deeply/positively/extremely harmful | potentially harmful | environmentally harmful | a harmful substance/effect | harmful emissions | completely/perfectly/relatively harmless | seemingly harmless

alcohol is a potentially harmful substance | he looks very fierce but he's quite harmless

- dany

unfortunate /ʌn'fɔː(r)tʃ(ə)nət/ Adjective

if you say that someone is *unfortunate*, you mean that something bad has happened to them, although it was not their fault

Collocates: unfortunate for someone

he was unfortunate enough to miss the first week of the training course through illness | it was unfortunate for us all when the factory closed

Adverb: *unfortunately* | Adjective: *fortunate* |

Adverb: *fortunately* | Noun: *fortune* | Noun: *misfortune*

Collocates: personal misfortune | individual misfortune | great misfortune

Ray was unfortunately overlooked for the top job | we are fortunate that it's such a good school | fortunately for us, the next train arrived almost immediately | the worst film it's been my misfortune to see

- desafortunat

sympathy /'sɪmpəθi/ Noun uncount

if you feel *sympathy* for someone, you feel sorry for them because they are sad or in a bad situation

Collocates: feel/have/show/express sympathy (for/towards someone) | deepest/heartfelt sympathy

we would like to pass on our deepest sympathy to Jeff's widow, Kath | do you have any sympathy for her?

Verb: *sympathise* | Adjective: *sympathetic* |

Adverb: *sympathetically*

the neighbours came round to sympathise when they heard the news | Albert had been very sympathetic, but he could do nothing to make the situation better | "Poor old you", he said sympathetically

- compassió

impact /'ɪmpækt/ Noun

the *impact* of an event is the sudden and serious effect it has on a situation

Collocates: a major/enormous/significant impact | a negative/serious/disastrous impact | have an impact | an impact on something

the environmental impact of heavy traffic in city centres | unemployment is known to have a negative impact on health

Verb: *impact*

Collocates: impact on something | impact something

the cuts will certainly impact on service delivery

- *impacte*

burst out /'bɜː(r)st ,aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *burst out* laughing or crying, you suddenly start laughing or crying. You can also say that you *burst into* laughter or tears.

Collocates: burst out laughing/crying/singing

Donna couldn't help it – she just burst out laughing | she kept bursting into tears | he burst into loud laughter

- *esclatar*

copy in /'kɒpi ,ɪn/ Phrasal verb

to *copy* someone *in* on an email means to send it to them as well as to the person it is written to

Collocates: copy someone in on/to something

when you reply to the client, copy me in, please | my manager wants to be copied in on all the team emails | I would be grateful if you would copy me in to any communication you have with them

- *posar en còpia*

meant /ment/ Adjective

if something was *meant* to happen or *meant* to be a particular thing, it happened or it was that thing on purpose and not by accident

Collocates: be meant to do something | be meant to be something

the sugar is meant to be added just before the end of the cooking time | it was meant to make you laugh

Verb: *mean*

Collocates: mean to do something | mean something to be something

she meant it to be a surprise

- *destinat a*

casually /'kæʒuəli/ Adverb

if people dress *casually*, they wear comfortable clothes that are suitable for informal occasions

Collocates: dress casually | casually dressed

he was casually dressed in trainers, jeans and a sweatshirt | more and more employees are dressing casually for work

Adjective: *casual*

Collocates: casual wear/clothes/clothing/style

smart casual wear is acceptable in the club

- *de manera informal*

side /saɪd/ Noun

a particular *side* of a situation is a particular aspect of it that is being described

Collocates: the funny/bright side of something/someone | a positive/negative side | a gentle/nasty side

there's a dark side to his personality (he is unhappy or does bad things sometimes) | on the plus side, we'll have a whole weekend together

- *vessant*

on air /ɒn 'eə(r)/ Phrase

if someone is *on air* or *on the air*, they are being broadcast on radio or television. If a radio or television station goes *on air*, it starts broadcasting. If a programme is *on air*, it is being broadcast

Collocates: live on (the) air | go/come on (the) air

he was sacked for swearing on air | I thought I'd be nervous, but I was fine as soon as I was on air

Verb: *air* | Opposite: *off (the) air*

the interview with Obama aired last Friday | luckily, the remarks were made off the air

- *en l'aire / en antena*

slap /slæp/ Verb

if you *slap* someone, you hit them with your open hand

Collocates: slap someone in/across the face | slap someone on the head/bottom/cheek

a teacher who used to slap me on the back of my head | if you weren't so far away I'd slap you across the face | he slapped me on the back (hit me in a friendly way on the back)

Noun: *slap*

Collocates: a hard/sharp slap | a slap on the hand/wrist/cheek | give someone a slap

I fully expected a slap on my cheek

- *donar una bufetada*

moan /məʊn/ Verb

if you *moan* about someone or something, you complain about them in a very unhappy way

Collocates: moan about someone/something

she's always moaning about the buses | "I hate you! You never let me stay out late," he moaned

Noun: *moaner* | Noun: *moan*

don't be such a moaner | he had a moan about the referee after the match

- **gemegar / queixar-se**

interrupt /ɪntə'rʌpt/ Verb

if you *interrupt* someone, you start talking while they are saying something so that they cannot finish what they were saying

Collocates: be rudely interrupted | be constantly/repeatedly interrupted

I'm sorry to interrupt, but could you take a look at this? | can I just briefly interrupt? | I hate being interrupted when I'm working

Noun: *interruption*

Collocates: constant/frequent/repeated interruptions
there were constant interruptions

- **interrompre**

fellow /'feləʊ/ Adjective

your *fellow* students or workers are the people you study with or work with

I get on well with my fellow students | he was talking to some fellow passengers | his fellow countrymen

Noun: *fellow*

he was admired by his fellows in the medical profession

- **company**

share /ʃeə(r)/ Noun

the *shares* in a company are the parts into which its ownership is divided and which can be bought and sold. The *share price* is the price you have to pay to buy a share

Collocates: buy/sell shares

now is not a good time to buy shares in the company | she decided to sell her shares to pay off her debts

Noun: *shareholder*

shareholders objected to the chairman's pay rise

- **acció**

resign /rɪ'zaɪn/ Verb

if you *resign*, you say officially that you are leaving your job

Collocates: resign from something | resign as something | resign something

I'm going to try and persuade her not to resign | he's resigning from his job | he resigned his post as ambassador to the United Nations

Noun: *resignation*

Collocates: hand in/submit/tender your resignation | demand/accept someone's resignation | call for someone's resignation

I've handed in my resignation

- **dimitir**

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

half the directors left as soon as the firm was taken over | it was their third attempt to take over the rival company | we were taken over by the largest mining company in the world

Noun: *takeover*

Collocates: a takeover bid | a hostile takeover

Murdoch launched a takeover bid in early December

- **fusionar-se**

rival /'raɪv(ə)l/ Noun

a *rival* is a person or organisation who is competing with you to achieve the same things

Collocates: someone's main/nearest/chief/closest/fiercest rival | a bitter/deadly rival

they'd been bitter rivals for 20 years, but now they've found friendship | Radcliffe finished nearly two minutes ahead of her nearest rival

Noun: *rivalry*

Collocates: fierce/bitter rivalry | sibling rivalry | rivalry between people

sibling rivalry (rivalry between brothers or sisters)

- **rival**

ease /i:z/ Noun uncount

ease is a feeling of being relaxed and comfortable. If you are *at ease* in a situation, you are relaxed and do not feel threatened

Collocates: put someone at ease | feel at ease

I felt completely at ease | he seemed ill at ease (not relaxed)

- **calma / comoditat**

catch out /'kætʃ ˌaʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you get *caught out* by something, you get into a difficult situation because you were not able to stop it developing

Collocates: be/get caught out by something

investors risk getting caught out by another recession | be careful on the beach; the tide comes in very fast and it can catch you out

• enxampar

boundary /'baʊnd(ə)ri/ Noun

the *boundary* of a physical area is the edge, where one area stops and another starts. A *boundary* is also the point at which one thing starts to become another

Collocates: a boundary between things

the remains of the 14th-century wall mark the old city boundary | a clear boundary between reality and fantasy

• limit

fail /feɪl/ Verb

when something such as a machine or an important part of your body *fails*, it stops working properly

both engines failed within an hour of taking off | she was only 11 when her kidneys failed

Noun: *failure*

he pulled out of the race with engine failure

• fallar / espatllar-se

sack /sæk/ Verb

if someone *sacks* you or if you *get sacked*, you are officially told by your employer that you no longer have a job, usually because you did something wrong or because you did not work well enough

Collocates: sack someone from something | sack someone for (doing) something

he was sacked for stealing from the kitchens | the company sacked him for passing secrets to a rival

Noun: *sack* | Noun: *sacking*

Collocates: give someone the sack | get the sack

getting the sack was the start of his troubles | a sacking offence (an action that is so seriously wrong that it can result in someone getting the sack)

• acomiar

publicise /'pʌblɪsaɪz/ Verb

when something *is publicised*, information about it is released so that people get to know about it

Collocates: be widely/highly/heavily publicised

she was in Liverpool, publicising her latest book | news of the Royal visit was widely publicised | a highly publicised speech by the prime minister

Noun: *publicity*

Collocates: a publicity campaign | a publicity stunt | favourable/good publicity | bad/negative/unfavourable/unwelcome publicity

the advance publicity for the show was very effective

• fer publicitat

outrage /'aʊtˌreɪdʒ/ Noun uncount

outrage is a feeling of very strong anger

Collocates: cause/spark/trigger outrage | moral outrage | public outrage | express outrage

news of the ban caused outrage across the country | I felt a deep sense of outrage

Verb: *outrage* | Adjective: *outrageous* |

Adverb: *outrageously*

a lot of people were outraged by the idea | that's an outrageous suggestion! | you've been behaving outrageously all evening (you've been behaving very badly)

• indignació

rally /'ræli/ Noun

a *rally* is a big public event that is held in support of a political party or of an organisation such as a charity

Collocates: attend/join a rally | a mass rally | hold/stage/organise a rally | a campaign rally | a protest rally | an election rally

mass rallies were held across the country | a rally in support of the miners

• míting

display /dɪ'spleɪ/ Noun

a *display* of something is an occasion when someone publicly shows a particular feeling or emotion

Collocates: an open/public display | a display of emotion/anger/grief/affection | a display of wealth/power/strength

it was an unexpected display of emotion from him | the public display of grief that followed the death of the princess

Verb: *display*

Collocates: openly/publicly display something

the English try hard not to display their emotions

• mostra

affection /ə'fekʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

affection is the feeling you have for someone when you like them very much

Collocates: great/deep/genuine/mutual affection | affection for someone | hold someone in affection | a show of affection
he never felt any great affection for her | he spoke of his mother with affection and respect

Adjective: *affectionate* | Adverb: *affectionately*

Collocates: affectionate towards someone | affectionately known as something | affectionately called something
she is very affectionate towards my aunt | Mr Wilkins, or Wilko as he was affectionately known

• **afecte**

frown on /'fraʊn ˌɒn/ Phrasal verb

to *frown on* something or to *frown upon* it means to disapprove of it

such displays of affection are frowned on here | some people still frown on divorce | smoking in the park is frowned upon

• **desaprovar**

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sneak /sni:k/ Verb

if you *sneak* somewhere, you go there quietly and secretly, hoping that no one will see you

Collocates: sneak in/out/away/off

I got bored and decided to sneak out | we sneaked in through the back door | let's sneak round the back

• **reptar / sortir d'amagat**

bore /bɔ:(r)/ Noun

if you refer to someone as a *bore*, you mean that they talk in a very dull and uninteresting way

Collocates: a terrible/crashing bore

you're becoming a terrible bore, Boris | his uncle was a crashing bore (extremely boring)

Adjective: *boring* | Verb: *bore* | Adjective: *bored* |

Noun: *boredom*

Collocates: excruciatingly/incredibly boring | be bored stiff/rigid | sheer boredom

such a boring meeting | am I boring you? | the film was two hours of sheer boredom

• **avorriment**

versatile /'vɜ:(r)sətaɪl/ Adjective

something that is *versatile* can be used in a lot of different ways

Collocates: highly/extremely versatile

aubergines are so versatile | there are few materials as versatile as plastic | an incredibly versatile actor (able to play a lot of different roles)

Noun: *versatility*

Collocates: remarkable/considerable versatility

she was amazed at his versatility in the kitchen

• **versàtil**

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Some nouns are formed by adding *-ity* to adjectives.

For example: a very versatile vegetable / show amazing versatility.

a secure environment / improve security; lead an active life / avoid physical activity; get very humid / 90% humidity; a very responsible job / take on more responsibility; a special person / a local speciality; obese people / combat obesity; in public / attract a lot of publicity

polish /'pɒlɪʃ/ Verb

to *polish* something means to rub it with a cloth or a special substance to make it shine

Collocates: polish shoes/boots | polish a surface/mirror

I need to polish my shoes before I go out | to polish the floor | the brightly polished surface of her desk

Noun: *polish*

Collocates: boot/shoe polish | furniture/floor polish | metal/wood polish

spray the mirror with polish, then wipe it clean

• **polir**

grab /græb/ Verb

if you *grab* something such as food or a drink, you take it from somewhere very quickly, especially because you are in a hurry

there's no time for lunch; I'll grab a sandwich at the station | can you grab me a coffee while I make a call? | she grabbed a can of cola on her way into the lecture

• **agafar**

drag /dræg/ Verb

if you *drag* someone somewhere, you make them go there with you, even though they do not want to go

my friend dragged me along to the party | trying to drag him away from the pub | we managed to drag him out of bed

• **arrossegar**

moan /məʊn/ Verb

if you *moan* about someone or something, you complain about them in a very unhappy way

Collocates: moan about someone/something

she's always moaning about the buses | "I hate you! You never let me stay out late" he moaned

Noun: *moaner* | Noun: *moan*

don't be such a moaner | he had a moan about the referee after the match

- *queixar-se*

overhear /ˌəʊvə(r)'hiə(r)/ Verb

if you *overhear* what someone is saying, you accidentally hear it and they do not know that you could hear

I couldn't help overhearing | I overheard them talking about it | I don't want anyone to overhear this

- *sentir per casualitat*

inward /'ɪnwə(r)d/ Adjective

inward actions or movements are directed towards the centre of something. *Inward investment* is investment made in one country by people and companies from other countries

Collocates: inward migration | inward investment

Over that period, inward migration to the UK fell by 42,000 to 536,00 | the government lowered taxes in an attempt to attract inward investment

- *interior / intern*

light /laɪt/ Noun

if someone asks you for a *light*, they are asking you for a match or a cigarette lighter because they don't have one but they want to start smoking a cigarette

Collocates: give someone a light | ask someone for a light
have you got a light? | here, let me give you a light

- *foc*

chat up /'tʃæt ʌp/ Phrasal verb

to *chat* someone *up* means to talk to them in a very friendly way because you want to start a romantic relationship with them. A *chat-up line* is something someone says in order to start a conversation like this

he kept trying to chat me up | he spent the evening chatting her up | what's the most successful chat-up line you've ever used?

- *xerrar*

get lost /,get 'lɒst/ Phrase

if you tell someone to *get lost*, you are telling them forcefully to go away

I had to tell him to get lost | go on – get lost!

- *engegar algú / demanar algú que marxi*

marquee /mɑː(r)'kiː/ Noun

a *marquee* is a large tent that you use for a party outdoors

Collocates: hire/rent a marquee | put up/erect a marquee

we're going to hire a marquee | the reception was held in a marquee on the lawn

- *envelat*

break up /'breɪk ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if someone *breaks up* a party, a meeting, or a demonstration, they make everyone leave because there has been violence or wild behaviour. If a party, meeting, or demonstration *breaks up*, it comes to an end and everyone goes away

once the demonstration turned violent, the police moved in to break it up | trying to break up the fight | the party finally broke up at midnight

- *dissoldre*

out of hand /ˌaʊt əv 'hænd/ Phrase

if something gets *out of hand*, it becomes difficult to control

Collocates: get out of hand | completely out of hand

the party got a bit out of hand | matters are clearly out of hand

- *fora de control*

burst into /'bɜː(r)st ɪntə/ Phrasal verb

if you *burst into* tears, laughter, or song, you suddenly start crying, laughing, or singing

Collocates: burst into tears/laughter/song/applause

she kept bursting into tears | the audience burst into wild applause

- *trencar a*

turn up /'tɜː(r)n ʌp/ Phrasal verb

to *turn up* somewhere means to arrive there

Collocates: turn up for/to something | turn up late

hardly anyone turned up | you don't have to book – you can just turn up and buy a ticket at the door | she didn't turn up for work yesterday

- *aparèixer*

leave out /'liːv ʌʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *leave* someone or something *out* of an activity or group, you do not include them in it

Collocates: leave someone/something out of something

I feel a bit left out | we tried not to leave anyone out | she left out a few important details

- *deixar fora*