

2 RELATIONSHIPS

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turn out /tʊ:(r)n 'aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if a situation *turns out* to be something, it becomes that thing or happens in that way, even if it was not expected to

he turned out to be successful after doing very badly at school | the weather forecast wasn't good, but it's turned out nice after all | children never turn out exactly how their parents think they will

- **resultar**

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approachable /ə'prəʊtʃəb(ə)/ Adjective

if someone in authority is *approachable*, they are friendly and always willing to talk to other people

he's not the most approachable person | our tutors were young and very approachable | it's important to be open and approachable in this job

- **proper**

arrogance /'ærəgəns/ Noun uncount

arrogance is proud and unpleasant behaviour in which someone thinks they are a lot more important than other people

Collocates: sheer arrogance

it was typical youthful arrogance | he had the arrogance to suggest that he was a better singer than Elvis

Adjective: *arrogant* | Adverb: *arrogantly*

he came across as rude and arrogant | she arrogantly declared that she didn't need lessons

- **arrogància**

back /bæk/ Noun

your *back* is the part of your body that is on the other side from your chest. If you do something *behind someone's back*, you deliberately do it without them knowing about it because you know they would not approve

you know I'd never go behind your back | they were saying rather unpleasant things behind her back

- **espatlla**

back down /bæk 'daʊn/ Phrasal verb

if someone *backs down*, they stop insisting on something, especially because other people have been opposed to them

once he's made up his mind he'll never back down | he backed down as soon as I challenged him | he knew he was wrong, but still refused to back down

- **canviar d'opinió**

barrier /'bæriə(r)/ Noun

a *barrier* is a physical object that blocks a road or path and stops you getting past. A *barrier* is also something that prevents people from speaking openly and honestly with each other

Collocates: put up a barrier | break down a barrier

he just gets defensive and puts up a great big barrier | we need to break down the barriers between the two families

- **obstacle**

bitchy /'bɪtʃi/ Adjective

bitchy comments or behaviour involve being unfairly critical of someone or something. A *bitchy* person often makes unkind remarks about other people. Be careful, as this word can cause offence

he hated all the criticism and bitchy comments | later, I realised I'd been really bitchy towards her

Noun: *bitch* | Verb: *bitch* | Noun: *bitchiness*

don't be such a bitch! | are you just going to sit there bitching and complaining, or are you going to help? | the article was a work of malicious bitchiness

- **malintencionat**

bothered /'bɒðə(r)d/ Adjective

if you are *bothered* about something, you don't like it and worry about it a lot

Collocates: bothered about something

he never seems that bothered by criticism | I don't think he's bothered about not having a car

Verb: *bother*

does it bother you that you might lose your job?

- **preocupat**

charm /tʃɑ:(r)m/ Noun

someone who has *charm* behaves in a way that is pleasant and attractive and that makes people like them

Collocates: use your charm | turn on the charm | a charm offensive

he has a lot of charm | he used his charm to get them to agree to the loan

Adjective: *charming* | Verb: *charm*

he could charm the birds from the trees (a saying, meaning he could get people to do what he wanted to by being nice to them) | she had such a charming personality

- **encant**

cynical /ˈsɪnɪk(ə)/ Adjective

someone who is *cynical* doesn't usually believe that other people are honest or sincere. If you have a *cynical* view of things, you think they are happening for dishonest or insincere reasons. A *cynical* action is one which is done without any care for morals or the possible bad effects on other people

Collocates: a cynical view | a cynical attempt

a lot of people here are very cynical about politicians | a cynical attempt to deceive the voters | he's always posting cynical comments on my blog

Adverb: *cynically* | Noun: *cynic* | Noun: *cynicism*

Collocates: cynically exploit someone or something
she cynically suggested that he got the job because his father was a director | I'm not a cynic, just a realist

• **cínic**

drag down /ˌdræɡ ˈdaʊn/ Phrasal verb

if someone *drags* you *down*, their actions put you in the same bad situation that they are in

he's not just messing up his own career, he's dragging us down with him | don't let them drag you down to their level. You're better than them

• **arrossegar**

fake /feɪk/ Adjective

someone who is *fake* is not sincere and pretends to be better or more educated than they really are. An object that is *fake* is a copy of a real, valuable object, that has been made in order to deceive people

How can you like him? He's so fake! | he was arrested for trying to enter the country on a fake passport

Noun: *fake* | Verb: *fake* | Adjective: *faked* || Opposite – Adjective: *genuine*

this driving licence is a fake | he faked a degree certificate to get the job | they entered the country on faked documents

• **fals**

get ahead /ˌget əˈhed/ Phrasal verb

if someone *gets ahead*, they are very successful in what they are trying to achieve in their life

you need to pass your exams if you want to get ahead | a university degree will help you get ahead

• **tenir èxit**

go over someone's head /ɡəʊ ˌəʊvə(r) sʌmwʌnz ˈhed/ Phrase

if you do something *over someone's head*, you do it without discussing it with them, especially when it is someone who is your boss or who has authority over you

Collocates: go over someone's head | do something over someone's head

you need to go over his head and talk to his manager | Charles went over my head and signed the contract

• **saltar-se l'autoritat d'algú**

hit it off /ˌhɪt ɪt ˈɒf/ Phrase

if two people *hit it off*, they realise they have a lot of things in common and become very friendly with each other

we hit it off straight away | even though she was my cousin, we never hit it off

• **avenir-se**

incompetent /ɪnˈkɒmpɪt(ə)nt/ Adjective

if someone is *incompetent*, they are not able to do a job or a particular task properly

Collocates: totally/completely incompetent

whoever painted your kitchen was totally incompetent | incompetent officials lost my passport when I tried to renew it

Adverb: *incompetently* | Noun: *incompetence* ||

Opposites – Adjective: *competent* | Adverb: *competently* | Noun: *competence*

Collocates: very/highly competent

the company had been run incompetently for several years | she was a highly competent musician | she demonstrated a high degree of linguistic competence

• **incompetent**

intense /ɪnˈtens/ Adjective

if someone is *intense*, they are very serious in the way they talk and behave

she's incredibly intense and we end up having long, deep conversations | she can be a bit too intense sometimes | a very intense young man

Noun: *intensity*

he looked at me with real intensity | we could sense the intensity of her beliefs

• **intens**

laid-back /ˌleɪdˈbæk/ Adjective

if someone is *laid-back*, they are always very calm and relaxed and never seem to worry about anything

he's very laid-back and just seems to lie around all day | she was very laid-back about her exams | I enjoyed the laid-back atmosphere at my last school

• **relaxat**

lighten up /ˌlaɪt(ə)n ˈʌp/ Phrasal verb

if you *lighten up*, you start to become less serious about things

I wish he'd lighten up a little | lighten up and enjoy the party! | I think she needs to lighten up

• **posar-se menys seriós**

line manager /'laɪn məˌnɪdʒə(r)/ Noun

your *line manager* is the person who is one level above you at your work, and who is responsible for telling you what you must do and making sure that you do it

I have a weekly progress meeting with my line manager | you have to get your line manager's permission before you take a holiday

Noun: *line management*

she has line management responsibility for four people in her department

• **cap directe**

naïve /naɪˈiːv/ Adjective

someone who is *naïve* does not have much experience of life and believes that other people will be kind and generous to them and that things will be easy

you're just naïve if you think the election will make any difference | I wish I hadn't been so naïve when I went to university | she was naïve enough to think her father would give her the money

Adverb: *naïvely* | Noun: *naïvety*

he naïvely believed that she admired his writing

• **innocent**

pain /peɪn/ Noun

if someone or something is a *pain*, they are very annoying

Collocates: a pain in the neck

my little sister's such a pain, always complaining about me | it's a pain in the neck (extremely annoying) having to go through airport security

• **alguna cosa o algú pesat**

painful /'peɪnf(ə)/ Adjective

if part of your body is *painful*, it hurts a lot. A *painful* action is one that causes you a lot of pain

breaking my leg was the most painful experience of my life so far | your arms might feel painful for a while | a painful blow to the head

Noun: *pain* || Opposite – Adjective: *painless*

Collocates: be in pain

he was in a lot of pain after the operation | the dentist told me it would be painless, but it wasn't

• **dolorós**

principle /'prɪnsəp(ə)/ Noun

your *principles* are the set of moral rules that you believe are right and that you are not willing to break

Collocates: strong/strict principles | moral principles | stick to one's principles

she has very strong principles | it's against my principles to borrow money from my parents

Adjective: *principled*

we need a more principled approach to politics

• **principi**

prone /prəʊn/ Adjective

if someone or something is *prone* to something harmful, or *prone* to doing something, it often happens to them, or they often do it

Collocates: be prone to doing something | accident-prone | injury-prone

she's prone to forget things like that | some regions are more prone to thunderstorms than others | as a child, he was prone to illness

• **procliu**

slacker /'slækə(r)/ Noun

a *slacker* is someone who is rather lazy and does not make any effort to work hard or do their job properly

he's a right slacker – he just seems to lie around all day | he called us a bunch of slackers because we hadn't finished the job by 5 o'clock

Verb: *slack* | Noun: *slacking*

Collocates: slack off

everyone's trying really hard – no one's slacking off | there's too much slacking going on in this department

• **gandul**

snob /snɒb/ Noun

a *snob* is someone who thinks they are better than other people because they come from a higher social class or because they have better taste in literature, music, etc.

Collocates: an intellectual snob

he's a complete snob and only talks to people who went to the 'right' school | my brother's an intellectual snob who thinks Harry Potter books are only for children

Adjective: *snobbish* | Adverb: *snobbishly* |

Noun: *snobbishness* | Noun: *snobbery*

he was arrogant and snobbish | he admits to snobbishness when it comes to classical music | it's just snobbery to laugh at her accent

• **esnob**

stand up for /ˌstænd 'ʌp fɔː(r)/ Phrasal verb

if you *stand up for* something, you support it publicly and defend it against people who disagree with you

she stands up for what she believes in | my parents taught me to stand up for what is right | they stood up for equality and everyone's right to vote

• **donar suport**

streak /striːk/ Noun

if you say that someone has a particular *streak*, you are talking about a part of their character that is different from or more extreme than the rest of their character

he's got a real stubborn streak (he is very stubborn) and will never change his mind | there was a streak of mischief about him

• **tret**

stride /straɪd/ Noun

if you *take* everything in your *stride*, you always stay calm even in difficult situations

he's very calm and takes everything in his stride | I was far too hot there, but Jenny took the heat in her stride

- **calma** (*prendre's alguna cosa amb calma*)

suck up /sʌk 'ʌp/ Phrasal verb

to *suck up* to someone means to try and please them in order to get some benefit from them. You use the expression *suck up* to show that you disapprove of the way someone is doing this

Collocates: *suck up to someone*

he's always sucking up to the boss | the other kids thought I was sucking up to the teacher, but I wasn't

- **fer la pilota**

take over /ˌteɪk 'əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

if someone *takes over* a place, they move into it and use it for a particular purpose so that the people who usually use it are unable to use it for a while

she just takes over the bathroom every morning | we took over the gym for the afternoon and put on a concert

- **ocupar**

undermine /ˌʌndə(r)'maɪn/ Verb

to *undermine* something or someone means to weaken them or make them less powerful or effective

she's always trying to undermine me | criticising her will seriously undermine her confidence | senior ministers were undermined by lack of support from the president

- **soscavar**

wilful /'wɪlf(ə)/ Adjective

wilful actions are done deliberately, not by accident, and are often intended to cause harm. Someone who is *wilful* deliberately does things even though they might cause harm or they have been told not to

their wilful failure to deal with the problem | theft and wilful damage are crimes | she had been a wilful and stubborn child

Adverb: *wilfully*

he wilfully ignored the rules

- **per voluntat pròpia**

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collaborative /kə'læb(ə)rətɪv/ Adjective

if you *collaborate* with someone, you work together with them and share the results and successes of the work. *Collaborative* activity is carried out by people who are collaborating

Collocates: *highly collaborative*

it's the largest collaborative biology project in the world | the design process is highly collaborative | it was a collaborative effort by four composers

Adverb: *collaboratively* | Verb: *collaborate* |

Noun: *collaboration* | Noun: *collaborator*

Collocates: *collaborate on something | collaborate with someone | collaborate together*

when did you two start collaborating together? | social media helps encourage collaboration | they became firm friends and successful collaborators

- **col·laborador**

contested /kən'testɪd/ Adjective

if something is *contested*, people argue about it because they do not agree about it

researchers agree that it happens, but how it happens is highly contested | "code poetry" is another contested term and can have many meanings

- **disputat**

counterpart /ˈkaʊntə(r),pɑː(r)t/ Noun

the *counterpart* of something is another thing of the same kind in a different place or at a different time

the American critics were not as kind as their British counterparts | Soviet planners helped their Chinese counterparts with the design

- **homòleg**

determine /dɪ'tɜː(r)mɪn/ Verb

to *determine* the facts about something means to discover them and be sure that they are right

you need to determine the likely cost before you sign the contract | the investigation ended without determining the cause | it's difficult to determine the exact number of demonstrators

- **determinar**

draw /drɔː/ Verb

if you *draw* a lesson from something, you learn something useful as a result of it. If you *draw* a conclusion from something, you decide what is true about it based on what you have just learned

Collocates: *draw a lesson | draw a conclusion*

what lesson did you draw from the experience? | I can tell you what to read, but you have to draw your own conclusions | I've given it a lot of thought but haven't drawn any firm conclusions yet

- **extreure**

filtering /'fɪltə(r)ɪŋ/ Noun uncount

filtering is the process of examining a large number of things in order to select the ones that are wanted and the ones that need to be thrown away or not used

an email filtering program | without filtering, you'd simply have too much to handle

Verb: *filter* | Noun: *filter*

a program to filter out unwanted email | you need to install a spam filter (software to identify and delete unwanted messages)

• **filtrat**

give away /ˌɡɪv əˈweɪ/ Phrasal verb

if you *give* something *away*, you let someone else have it for free

they're giving away a free litre of milk with every loaf of bread you buy | I didn't have room for all those paintings so I gave some of them away | the puppies were given away to a local family

• **donar gratis**

narrow down /ˌnærəʊ ˈdaʊn/ Phrasal verb

to *narrow down* a range of things means to reduce them to a smaller number

police are trying to narrow down their list of suspects | I've been thinking hard about how I can narrow down my university options | we narrowed down the candidates and interviewed the best four of them

• **reduir**

perseverance /ˌpɜː(r)sɪˈvɪərəns/ Noun

perseverance is the determination to continue doing something until you have finished it, even when it is difficult and might feel impossible

Collocates: show perseverance

her courage and perseverance were admirable | she showed unusual perseverance, turning up for extra lessons three times a week

Verb: *persevere* | Adjective: *persevering*

I thought it was hopeless and gave up, but he persevered for another two hours

• **perseverància**

premises /ˈpremɪsɪz/ Noun plural

the *premises* of a company or organisation are the buildings and land which it uses

Collocates: on the premises

the company is moving into new premises next month | firefighters had to be sure that no one was left on the premises

• **instal·lacions**

prove /pruːv/ Verb

if something *proves* difficult, effective, a success, etc., it becomes difficult, effective, successful

Collocates: prove to be something

the employer proved to be right in the dispute | it has proved difficult to confirm the effectiveness of this method | members of his own party warned him that the proposal would prove unpopular

• **resultar**

sound out /saʊnd ˈaʊt/ Phrasal verb

to *sound* someone *out* means to talk to them in order to find out what their opinion is about a plan or course of action

have you sounded out the other board members? | we sounded out students from the other college about joining us in a demonstration | Alec wanted to sound out my views on the new proposal

• **tantejar**

subject to /səbˈdʒekt tuː/ Phrasal verb

if someone *is subjected* to something, often something unpleasant, they are forced to experience it

at the airport we were subjected to a thorough examination | his father subjected him to a miserable childhood | all our planes are subjected to regular safety checks

• **sotmetre**

subscriber /səbˈskraɪbə(r)/ Noun

a *subscriber* is someone who pays to be able to use a service such as a TV channel, a telephone network, an online newspaper, etc.

a cable TV network with nearly 30 million subscribers | new subscribers get the first month free

Verb: *subscribe* | Noun: *subscription*

Collocates: subscribe to something | take out a subscription | renew/cancel a subscription | a monthly/annual subscription

We subscribe to Netflix | subscription is free for the first three months

• **subscriber**

thorough /ˈθʌrə/ Adjective

something that is done in a *thorough* way is done very carefully and with a lot of attention to detail so that no aspect is forgotten

Collocates: a thorough search | a thorough investigation/examination/analysis

it's vital that we carry out thorough research | police made a thorough search of the area

Adverb: *thoroughly* | Noun: *thoroughness*

the data will be thoroughly analysed by a team of experts | the work was done with great thoroughness and care

• **exhaustiu / metòdic**

wealth /welθ/ Noun singular

a *wealth* of something useful or interesting is a very large amount of it

Collocates: a *wealth* of something

she has a wealth of knowledge about the Russian Revolution | the website is a wealth of information about the Beatles

• *gran quantitat*

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aid /eɪd/ Noun

aid is help that someone gives to someone else

Collocates: come/go to someone's *aid*

who came to his aid? | he got no encouragement or aid from his own family

• *ajuda*

answer back /ˌɑːnsə(r) 'bæk/ Phrasal verb

if you *answer back*, or *answer* someone *back*, you reply rudely to someone in authority after they have told you something or asked you to do something

he's a bright lad, but I wish he wouldn't answer back | prisoners who answered back were punished | sometimes I couldn't stop myself answering back

• *contestar malament*

blow over /ˌbləʊ 'əʊvə(r)/ Phrasal verb

if an unpleasant or difficult situation *blows over*, it finishes and things are back to normal

they had a terrible row this morning, but it's all blown over now | he's in a really bad mood today, but it will soon blow over

• *acabar*

come /kʌm/ Verb

if something *comes* as a surprise, shock, relief, etc., it makes you feel surprised, shocked, relieved

the incident came as a shock to his coach | the news came as no surprise to us | my promotion came as a welcome surprise

• *sorgir*

confide /kən'faɪd/ Verb

if you *confide* in someone, you tell them something personal about yourself that you do not want other people to know about, because you trust that person and want to share it with them

Collocates: *confide* that | *confide* something to someone | *confide* in someone

what did Toby confide to his coach? | he confided everything to me when we were children | I didn't know her well and was surprised she wanted to confide in me

• *confiar*

conserve /kən'sɜː(r)v/ Verb

to *conserve* something valuable or useful such as energy or water means to use as little of it as possible and to make sure that none of it is wasted or lost

Collocates: *conserve* energy/water

I have to conserve my energy for the game tomorrow | take a shower instead of a bath to conserve water | the gentle temperature in the oven conserves moisture

Noun: *conservation*

a new government policy to promote energy conservation

• *preservar*

discharge /dɪs'tʃɑː(r)dʒ/ Verb

to *discharge* someone from an institution such as a hospital or prison means to officially allow them to leave

Collocates: *discharge* someone from somewhere

we'll probably discharge him next week | the doctor wants to discharge my father, but I don't think he's well enough to come home | he was discharged from the army in disgrace

Noun: *discharge*

Collocates: an honourable *discharge* | a dishonourable *discharge*

he rose to the rank of corporal and was granted an honourable discharge two years later

• *donar l'alta / acomiadar*

frail /freɪl/ Adjective

someone who is *frail* is thin and not very strong

he saw clearly how frail she had become | he was physically frail but mentally very active | becoming old and frail can be quite distressing

Noun: *frailty*

I hadn't seen him for years and was shocked at his frailty

• *fràgil*

instil /ɪn'stɪl/ Verb

if you *instil* a particular feeling or way of behaving in someone, you teach them or encourage them to have that feeling or behave in that way

Collocates: *instil* something into someone | *instil* loyalty | *instil* confidence | *instil* discipline

I did try and instil a bit of discipline into him | parents need to instil respect in kids and teach them right from wrong | if the website looks cheap, it won't instil visitor confidence

• *inculcar*

nerves /nɜː(r)vz/ Noun plural

if someone or something *gets on* your *nerves*, they make you very angry by doing something that really annoys you, especially over a long period of time

they get on each other's nerves all the time | it gets on my nerves the way he's always asking what the time is

• *nervis (posar nerviós)*

pace /peɪs/ Noun

if someone *goes through their paces*, they show how well they can do something, especially in a sports activity

Collocates: go through your paces | put someone through their paces | show your paces

the coach wants to put us through our paces | fans were able to watch the players going through their paces

• **donar el màxim**

patch /pætʃ/ Noun

a *rough patch*, *difficult patch*, *sticky patch*, etc. is a period of time when someone has a lot of problems or difficulties in their life

their marriage is going through a bit of a rough patch | I went through a bad patch in my first term at university

• **ratxa**

point blank /ˌpɔɪnt 'blæŋk/ Adverb

if you say something *point blank*, you say it very forcefully, with no explanation or apology

Collocates: refuse point blank

she told me point blank that she wasn't going to pay | he accused me point blank of stealing his wallet

Adjective: *point blank*

her request was met with a point blank refusal

• **a boca de canó**

prospect /'prɒspekt/ Noun

someone's *prospects* are the chances that they will be successful in something

hopefully this is just a setback rather than an end to his career prospects | my grandmother married a man with no prospects but it all turned out well

• **perspectiva**

rough /rʌf/ Adjective

a *rough* period of time is one when life has become very difficult for someone

Collocates: a rough patch | a rough day/week | rough times

I've had a really rough day at work | it was rough having to change schools halfway through the school year | we had some rough times, but we came out of them stronger and wiser

Verb: *rough*

Collocates: rough it

we had to rough it with no electricity or gas for several weeks

• **difícil**

scene /si:n/ Noun

a *scene* is a loud or angry argument, especially one in front of other people, which causes embarrassment to the people involved and the people who see it

Collocates: make a scene

he was very aggressive, and there was a bit of a scene | don't make a scene here, please

• **escena**

setback /'set.bæk/ Noun

a *setback* is a sudden problem that temporarily stops you making progress in what you are trying to achieve

Collocates: suffer a setback | overcome a setback

I wouldn't say it's a disaster – just a slight setback | her preparations for the World Cup suffered a serious setback when she broke her leg in training

Phrasal verb: *set back*

it won't stop progress altogether, but it will set them back slightly

• **revés**

terms /tɜ:(r)mz/ Noun plural

if you are *on speaking terms* with someone, you are able to talk to them in a friendly way. If two people are *not on speaking terms*, they are angry with each other and refuse to speak to each other. If you say you are *on first name terms* with someone, you mean that you know them quite well and use their first name when you speak to them

they're not on speaking terms at the moment | I don't want to boast, but I'm on first name terms with Paul McCartney

• **relacions (parlar-se amb algú, tenir confiança amb algú)**

the straight and narrow /ðə 'streɪt ən 'nærəʊ/ Phrase

some people talk about *the straight and narrow* to mean a morally good and honest way of life

I hope they get him back on the straight and narrow | a few of my schoolfriends strayed from the straight and narrow for a while

• **el bon camí**

toddler /'tɒdlə(r)/ Noun

if small children *toddle* somewhere, they walk there in a rather unsteady way taking short steps. Young children who are just starting to walk are called *toddlers* because of the unsteady way in which they walk

when Jack was a toddler, I did the childcare most days | I go to a mother and toddler group on Tuesday mornings

Verb: *toddle*

she's only 14 months old and she's already started toddling

• **nen petit (sobretot el que comença a caminar)**

unsteady /ʌn'stedi/ Adjective

someone who is *unsteady* has difficulty keeping their balance when they walk. An *unsteady* action is one that is done uncertainly because someone has difficulty in controlling their movements

Collocates: be unsteady on your feet

as I've got older I've become a bit unsteady on my feet | his father was very frail and unsteady | he poured the tea with a rather unsteady hand

Adverb: *unsteadily* || Opposite – Adjective: *steady* |

Adverb: *steadily*

Collocates: a steady hand

he was very pale and walked rather unsteadily | she walked steadily towards the door

• **inestable**

weight /wert/ Noun uncount

your *weight* is how heavy you are. If you say that someone isn't *pulling* their *weight*, you mean that they are not making as much effort as they should and are therefore not contributing properly to the work of a team

he doesn't tend to pull his weight, which causes some friction in the office | you'll have to pull your weight if you want to stay in the team | the whole project will fail unless everyone pulls their weight

• **pes**

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adjacent /ə'dʒeɪs(ə)nt/ Adjective

if something is *adjacent* to something else, it is next to or very close to the other thing

the village consists of 40 houses closely adjacent to the church | parking is available adjacent to the old cinema building | plenty of the adjacent land is available for building houses

• **adjacent**

assemble /ə'semb(ə)l/ Verb

to *assemble* people or things means to bring them together in one place. To *assemble* a building, machine, or other object means to build it by putting lots of different parts together

they assemble the parts in a central plant | the family assembled at the front door to greet the visitors | I want you to assemble your best singers in the hall this evening

Noun: *assembly*

Collocates: an assembly line

the company has assembly plants in 12 countries

• **reunir**

blast /bla:st/ Verb

to *blast* something means to use explosives to make holes in rock or to break rock into pieces, usually as part of the work involved in building something there

large areas of rock were blasted away with explosives | more than 200 labourers worked on the tunnel, drilling and blasting through rock

• **fer explotar**

foundations /faʊn'deɪf(ə)nz/ Noun plural

the *foundations* of a building are the layer of concrete, bricks or other solid material that sits under the building and supports it

Collocates: lay the foundations

they will start to lay the foundations next week | the shed was built on concrete foundations

• **fonaments**

PHRASES WITH EYE(S)

keep an eye on: if you *keep your eye on* someone or on a situation, you make sure you know what is happening so that you can provide help when it is needed

I keep an eye on her as she's quite frail and has no relatives nearby | can you keep an eye on the baby while I go and have a shower?

see eye to eye: people who *see eye to eye* or *see eye to eye on* something agree with each other

my sister and I see eye to eye on most things / we just couldn't see eye to eye on political issues / they're not talking to each other as they just can't see eye to eye

in the public eye: someone who is *in the public eye* is famous and is often seen on television or in the newspapers and on the internet

as a popular actor, he is always in the public eye / the princess lived her whole life in the public eye