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Abbreviations

I
Culturally Sensitive Word

+ two objects
A verb that has two objects.

C
Countable noun: a noun that has both singular and plural forms.

C usually no plural or U
Countable noun which usually has no plural or uncountable noun.

I
Intransitive verb: a verb that has no object.

T
Transitive verb: a verb that has an object.

U
Uncountable noun: noun with no plural form. Cannot be used with 'a', 'an', or 'one'.

UK
British English

US
American English

abbreviation
A short form of a word or phrase.

adjective
A word that describes a noun or pronoun.
adverb
A word that describes or gives more information about a verb, adjective or other adverb.

approving
Used in a positive way, to show that you have a good opinion of someone or something.

auxiliary verb
The verbs 'be', 'have' and 'do' when combined with other verbs to make different forms.

before noun
An adjective that always comes before a noun.

corverjunction
A word used to join parts of a phrase or sentence.

determiner
Word used before noun or adj to show which person or thing is being referred to.

disapproving
Used in a negative way, to show that you have a bad opinion of someone or something.

disclamation
A word or phrase that you say loudly or suddenly to express strong feelings.

formal
Used in serious writing, or for communicating with people in a serious or polite way.

informal
Used in relaxed situations, for example with friends and family. Used more in speech.

literary
Used in books and poems, and not in ordinary conversation.
modal verb
Verb such as can, might, must. With another verb, shows an idea such as possibility.

noun
A word that refers to a person, place, idea, event or thing.

often passive
In a passive verb/sentence, the subject does not do the action but is affected by it.

often plural
Refers to more than one person or thing.

phrasal verb
Verb with an adverb or preposition, with meaning different from meaning of its parts.

plural
Refers to more than one person or thing.

preposition
Word used before noun, pronoun or –ing form of verb to show place, direction, etc.

pronoun
A word used instead of a noun, which has usually already been talked about.

specialized
Used in connection with a particular area of work or study.

symbol
A sign, shape or object used to represent something else.

verb
A word that describes an action, condition or experience.

written abbreviation
A short form of a word or phrase only used in writing
abandon /əˈbæn.dən/

Word family:
Verbs: abandon
Adjectives: abandoned

VERB [T]

LEAVE
[B2] to leave someone or something somewhere, sometimes not returning to get them

Dictionary examples:
They were forced to abandon the car.
As a baby, he'd been abandoned by his mother.
We were sinking fast, and the captain gave the order to abandon ship.

Learner example:
I lived with my mother and brother but my father was never there. I knew that he had abandoned us for another woman.

STOP DOING
[C1] to stop doing something before it is finished, or to stop following a plan, idea, etc.

Dictionary example:
The match was abandoned because of rain.

Learner example:
How would you feel if you establish[ed] a long–time plan for your career and then you ha[d] to abandon it?

abandoned /əˈbæn.dənd/

Word family:
Verbs: abandon
Adjectives: abandoned
ADJECTIVE

EMPTY
[B2] left empty or not working

Dictionary example:
an abandoned factory/village

Learner example:
Arriving [at] an altitude of 2000m, people can visit the abandoned salt-mines.

LEFT SOMEWHERE
[B2] having been left somewhere, intentionally

Dictionary example:
An abandoned baby was found in a box on the hospital steps.

Learner example:
Please, just have a look [at] your wife Margaret and her eyes will tell you that she is this abandoned princess of your childhood fairy-tale.

abnormal /æbˈnɔːməl/

Word family:
Nouns: norm, normality
Adjectives: normal, abnormal
Adverbs: normally

ADJECTIVE
[C1] different from what is normal or usual, in a way which is strange or dangerous

Dictionary examples:
abnormal behaviour/weather
They found abnormal levels of lead in the water.

Learner example:
The cost of it for the Chinese population is an abnormal level of pollution, that causes many deaths every year.

aboard /əˈbɔːd/

ADVERB; PREPOSITION
[C1] on or onto a plane, ship, bus, or train

Dictionary example:
Welcome aboard flight BA109 to Paris.
Learner example:
Competition entry "Welcome aboard on the flight to ancient Rome..." Please fasten your seatbelts...

abolish /əˈbɒl.ɪʃ/

VERB [T]
[B2] to officially end something, especially a law or system

Dictionary examples:
I think bullfighting should be abolished.
National Service was abolished in Britain in 1962.

Learner example:
Therefore, I suggest you should not change or abolish any event for any reason.

abortion /əˈbɔː.ʃən/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a medical operation to end a pregnancy when the baby is still too small to live

Dictionary example:
She had an abortion.

Learner example:
Some of these problems are serious and should be eliminated, such as abortion and domestic violence.

about /əˈbaut/

ADVERB

DIRECTION
[B2] to or in different parts of a place, often without purpose or order

Dictionary example:
They heard someone moving/walking about outside.
absence /ˈæb.sənts/

Word family:
Nouns: absence
Adjectives: absent

NOUN

NOT PRESENT
[B2] [c or u] when someone is not where they are usually expected to be

Dictionary examples:
A new manager was appointed during/in her absence.
She has had repeated absences from work this year.

Learner example:
Thank you very much for letting me stay in your flat during your absence on holiday.

NOT EXISTING
[B2] [u] when something does not exist

Dictionary example:
He drew attention to the absence of concrete evidence against the defendant.

Learner example:
The biggest difference the absence of TV made in my life was that I actually started living.

absolute /ˈæb.sə.luːt/

Word family:
Adjectives: absolute
Adverbs: absolutely

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] complete and definite

Dictionary examples:
absolute control
He's an absolute idiot!
That's absolute rubbish!

Learner example:
I have no experience [of] surfing – I am an absolute beginner with high motivation.
absolutely /ˈæb.sə.luːt.li/

Word family:
**Adjectives:** absolute
**Adverbs:** absolutely

ADVERB

**Absolutely!**
[C1] used to strongly agree with someone

**Dictionary examples:**
"Do you think it helped his career?" "Absolutely."
"It was an excellent film, though." "Absolutely!"

**Learner example:**
So have the Swedish grandparents got funkier? Absolutely!

absorb /əbˈzɔːb/

VERB [T]

**TAKE IN**
[B2] to take something in, especially gradually

**Dictionary examples:**
Plants absorb carbon dioxide.
The drug is quickly absorbed into the bloodstream.

**Learner example:**
Everything is getting intermingled and absorbed into the system, making life terribly efficient, quick and easy.

**be absorbed in sth**
[B2] to give all your attention to something that you are doing

**Dictionary example:**
Simon was so absorbed in his computer game that he didn't notice me come in.

**Learner example:**
We hadn't noticed them at first because we were absorbed in [listening to the] birds singing.

**REMEMBER**
[C1] to understand and remember facts that you read or hear

**Dictionary example:**
It's hard to absorb so much information.

**Learner example:**
You will have only three school [subjects] and that'll make it easier to absorb the new knowledge.
abstract /ˈæb.strækt/

ADJECTIVE

IDEAS

[B2] relating to ideas and not real things

Dictionary examples:
abstract ideas
Truth and beauty are abstract concepts.

Learner example:
Reading improve[s] your ability to imagine and your abstract thinking skills.

ART

[B2] Abstract art involves shapes and colours and not images of real things or people.

Dictionary example:
abstract paintings/sculpture

Learner example:
What kind of material will you use for this painting? Will it be a realistic picture or an abstract one?

absurd /əbˈzɜːd/

ADJECTIVE

[B2] very silly

Dictionary examples:
What an absurd explanation!
Don't be so absurd! Of course I want you to come.
It's an absurd situation – neither of them will talk to the other.

Learner example:
[In your article,] some performers are called 'second-rate', which, in my view, is absurd when talking about such famous groups as 'Snakes' and 'KGB'.

abuse /əˈbjuːs/

Word family:
Nouns: abuse
Adjectives: abusive
**NOUN**

**BAD TREATMENT**

[B2] ! [c or u] bad or cruel treatment of people or animals

*Dictionary examples:*
sexual/psychological/mental abuse
The rescued dogs had been victims of physical abuse.

*Learner example:*
The one side opposes this treatment as an abuse of living creatures while the other side denies any suffering and points at the values of zoos for people.

**WRONG USE**

[B2] ! [c or u] the use of a substance in an unsuitable and harmful way or for the wrong purpose

*Dictionary examples:*
Drug and alcohol abuse contributed to his early death.
This program tries to address problems that lead to substance abuse.

*Learner example:*
Get information about the [effect]s of drug abuse and make your generation a better one.

**WRONG ACTION**

[C1] ! [c or u] an action or activity that is morally wrong or not allowed

*Dictionary example:*
The politician’s behaviour was an abuse of power.

*Learner example:*
It is a vast resource of information, but the abuse of it may have detrimental consequences.

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**academic** /'æk.əˈdem.i.k/

**ADJECTIVE**

**EDUCATION**

[B2] relating to schools, colleges and universities, or to subjects which involve thinking and studying and not technical or practical skills

*Dictionary examples:*
academic subjects/qualifications/books
academic standards

*Learner example:*
As a member of our academic community, I'm very glad to hear that our college will have a surplus in its annual budget.
accelerate  /əkˈsel.ə.reɪt/

VERB

HAPPEN

[C1] [ɪ or ɪ] to start to happen more quickly, or to make something start to happen more quickly

Dictionary example:
Inflation is likely to accelerate this year.

Learner example:
Fashion has always been changing but I think this process accelerated after the Second World War.

accent  /ˈæk.sənt/

NOUN [C]

MARK

[B2] a mark written or printed over a letter to show you how to pronounce it

Dictionary example:
There's an acute accent on the 'e' of 'café'.

accept  /əkˈsept/

Word family:
Nouns: acceptance
Verbs: accept
Adjectives: acceptable, unacceptable, accepted

VERB

ADMIT

[B2] [ɪ] to admit that something is true, often something unpleasant

Dictionary examples:
He refuses to accept that he's made a mistake.
I can't accept that there's nothing we can do.

Learner example:
David told her that the reason [for] his failure was her, because she used to press him a lot and she couldn't accept that he wanted to be an actor.

ALLOW TO JOIN

[B2] [ɪ] to allow someone to join an organization or become part of a group
Dictionary examples:
She's been accepted by two universities.
He was accepted as a full member of the society.
His fellow workers refused to accept him.

Learner example:
When I returned home I check[ed] my mail and I ha[d] a new message from my uncle, saying that the university have accepted me.

accept responsibility/blame
[B2] to admit that you caused something bad that happened

Dictionary example:
I accept full responsibility for the failure of the plan.

acceptable /əkˈsep.tə.bl/  

Word family:
Nouns: acceptance  
Verbs: accept  
Adjectives: acceptable, unacceptable, accepted

ADJECTIVE

ALLOWED  
[C1] allowed or approved of

Dictionary example:
Smoking is less and less socially acceptable.

Learner example:
They should teach them what is right [and] wrong, and what is morally and socially acceptable.

acceptance /əkˈsep.təns/  

Word family:
Nouns: acceptance  
Verbs: accept  
Adjectives: acceptable, unacceptable, accepted

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] when you accept something

Dictionary examples:
His acceptance of the award was controversial.
There is a growing public acceptance of alternative medicine.
Learner example:
The main reason for the "fast-food" groceries winning acceptance in Swedish culture is lack of time.

| accepted | /əkˈsep.tɪd/ |
| Word family: |
| Nouns: acceptance |
| Verbs: accept |
| Adjectives: acceptable, unacceptable, accepted |

ADJECTIVE
[C1] agreed or approved by most people

Dictionary example:
an accepted spelling

Learner example:
Competition can also be an accepted form of expression of one's aggression.

| access | /ˈæk.ses/ |
| Word family: |
| Nouns: access |
| Verbs: access |
| Adjectives: accessible |

VERB [T]
[B2] to find or see information, especially using a computer

Dictionary example:
You can access the files over the Internet.

Learner example:
We have more time to stay together at home, because we can access [the] internet at home.

| accessible | /əkˈses.ə.bl/ |
| Word family: |
| Nouns: access |
| Verbs: access |
| Adjectives: accessible |
ADJECTIVE

REACH
[B2] able to be reached or easily got

Dictionary example:
The resort is easily accessible by road, rail and air.

Learner example:
It is very accessible because it is situated in the centre.

accessory /əkˈses.ər.i/

NOUN [C]
[C1] something extra which is not necessary but is attractive or useful

Dictionary examples:
bathroom accessories
computer accessories

Learner example:
They find pleasure in looking at different clothes, shoes, accessories, gadgets and home furnishings.

accidental /ˌæk.siˈdent.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: accident
Adjectives: accidental
Adverbs: accidentally

ADJECTIVE
[B2] happening by chance

Dictionary examples:
accidental damage
The archeological site was located after the accidental discovery of bones in a field.

accidentally /ˌæk.siˈdent.əli/

Word family:
Nouns: accident
Adjectives: accidental
Adverbs: accidentally
ADVERB

[B2] by chance or by mistake

**Dictionary example:**
She accidentally knocked over a glass of water.

**Learner example:**
I accidentally broke one of your vases – the most beautiful one.

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acclaimed /əˈklɛmd/

ADJECTIVE

[C1] praised by a lot of people

**Dictionary example:**
the acclaimed singer and songwriter

**Learner example:**
In order to avoid such an embarrassing inconsistency in the next meeting, I suggest inviting Colin Briggs, the acclaimed footballer, to talk to his fans.

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accomplish /əˈkʌm.plɪʃ/

VERB [T]

[C1] to succeed in doing something good

**Dictionary example:**
I feel as if I've accomplished nothing all day.

**Learner example:**
To accomplish this, schools should try to respect the individuality of each child, give them chances to think more freely.

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accordance /əˈkɔː.dənsts/

Word family:
**Nouns:** accord, accordance

NOUN FORMAL

**in accordance with sth**

[C1] in the way described by a rule, law, or wish

**Dictionary example:**
Both companies have insisted that they were acting in accordance with the law.
Learner example:
Although they do not earn much money in this profession, they try to do their best and judge in accordance with the law which they also have to interpret.

**according to** /əˈkɔː.dɪŋˌtuː/

PREPOSITION

METHOD

[B2] in a way that agrees with

**Dictionary example:**
Students are all put in different groups according to their ability.

**Learner example:**
The job included organizing suitable activities according to their age, capability and wishes.

**account** /əˈkaʊnt/

Word family:
Nouns: account, accountant

NOUN

**REPORT**

[B2] [c] a written or spoken description of something that has happened

**Dictionary examples:**
She gave a thrilling account of her life in the jungle.
The documents provide a detailed account of the town's early history.

**Learner example:**
I would be very interested [in participating] and [writing] the accounts of our journeys.

**take account of** *sth*

[B2] to consider something when judging a situation

**Dictionary example:**
A good architect takes account of the building's surroundings.

**Learner example:**
I hope you will take account of our request.

**take into account** *sth*

[B2] to consider something when judging a situation

**Dictionary example:**
I think you have to take into account the fact that he's a good deal younger than the rest of us.
Learner example:
Taking into account all these arguments, I also think, like many people, that keeping animals in zoos is cruel and unnecessary.

**on account of sth**
[B2] because of something

Dictionary example:
He doesn't eat any dairy products on account of the diet he is following.

Learner example:
On account of its location, it is always busy.

**by all accounts**
[C1] as said by a lot of people

Dictionary example:
The party was, by all accounts, a great success.

Learner example:
I have known Michael Van Cleef for over two decades now, and he is, by all accounts, an exemplary worker.

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**accumulate** /əˈkjuː.mə.leɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: accumulation
Verbs: accumulate

VERB [I or T]
[C1] to increase in amount over a period of time, or to make something increase over a period of time

Dictionary example:
The chemicals accumulate in your body.

Learner example:
Rain water then accumulates in the reservoir.

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**accuracy** /ˈæk.jʊ.rə.si/

Word family:
Nouns: accuracy, inaccuracy
Adjectives: accurate, inaccurate
Adverbs: accurately

NOUN [U]
[B2] how correct or exact something is
Dictionary example:
We can predict changes with a surprising degree of accuracy.

Learner example:
I was very disappointed to observe your lack of accuracy in the description of this wonderful event.

**accusation** /ˌæk.juˈzeɪʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: accusation
Verbs: accuse

NOUN [C]
[C1] when you say that someone has done something bad

Dictionary example:
He made a number of accusations against his former colleagues.

Learner example:
I have enclosed the Distribution Chart in order to prevent you from [making] further accusations.

**accuse** /əˈkjuːz/

Word family:
Nouns: accusation
Verbs: accuse

VERB [T]
[B2] to say that someone has done something bad

Dictionary examples:
He's been accused of robbery/murder.
Are you accusing me of lying?

Learner example:
They were accused of vandalism.

**accustomed** /əˈkʌstəmd/

ADJECTIVE

accustomed to sth/doing sth
[C1] If you are accustomed to something, you have experienced it often enough for it to seem normal to you.
Dictionary examples:
I've worked nights for years now so I've **grown** accustomed to it.
She isn't accustomed to dealing with so much media attention.

Learner example:
I am quite accustomed to being with many kinds of people of different ages.

**ache**  /ˈeɪk/

**VERB** [i]

**[B2]** to have a continuous pain that is unpleasant but not strong

Dictionary examples:
My head/tooth/back aches.
I ache/I'm aching **all over**.

Learner example:
After an hour of horseback riding your muscles can really ache.

**acid**  /ˈæs.ɪd/

**NOUN** [C or U]

**[B2]** a liquid substance which can react chemically with and sometimes dissolve other materials

Dictionary examples:
hydrochloric/fatty acid
Vinegar is an acid.

Learner example:
We saw a little black dragon with scales like iron charging at us and spitting acid.

**acknowledge**  /əkˈnɒl.ɪdʒ/

**VERB** [t]

**ACCEPT**

**[C1]** to accept that something is true or exists

Dictionary example:
He acknowledged that there was a problem.
Learner example:
They fully acknowledge the need to keep fit as a part of being a healthy and well-educated person.

SAY RECEIVED
[C1] FORMAL to tell someone, usually in writing, that you have received something they sent you

Dictionary example:
He sent a letter acknowledging receipt of her application.

Learner example:
Re: Follow-up job as interpreter, I acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence.

acquaintance /əˈkwɛntʃənts/

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who you know but do not know well

Dictionary example:
He's just a business acquaintance.

Learner example:
Should you not give us a printed apology, I would seriously consider recommending all my friends and acquaintances not to trust your future articles.

acquire /əˈkwɔr/ 

VERB [T]
GET
[B2] FORMAL to get something

Dictionary examples:
He acquired the firm in 1978.
I seem to have acquired two copies of this book.

Learner example:
I would like to join the club because I will be able to acquire more stamps for my collection.

LEARN
[B2] to learn something

Dictionary example:
to acquire knowledge/skills
Learner example:
I have already acquired experience in the Tourism Field, working as a guard in a summer camp in Florida in 1997.

**act** /ækt/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** act, action, actor  
**Verbs:** act  

**VERB**

DO SOMETHING  
[B2] [ɪ] to do something, especially in order to solve a problem  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She acted without thinking.  
We have to act now to stop the spread of this disease.

**Learner example:**  
We can make the village much more attractive than it has ever been. If we act together as a group, things will be easier.

**NOUN**

THING DONE  
[B2] [tʃ] something that someone does  

**Dictionary examples:**  
an act of aggression/kindness/terrorism  
a kind/thoughtless/selfish act  
The simple act of telling someone about a problem can help.

**Learner example:**  
I think that reading is a[n] act of intelligence because animals can't read, while watching T.V. is only an act of having fun!!!

**action** /ˈækʃn/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** act, action, actor  
**Verbs:** act  

**NOUN**

DO  
[B2] [ɔ ʔ] something that you do
Dictionary examples:
We must **take** action before the problem gets worse.
She has to accept the **consequences** of her actions.
What do you think is the best **course of** action?

**Learner example:**
I decided to take action on my own.

**legal action**
[C1] a legal process in a court

**Dictionary example:**
They are planning to **take** legal action **against** the company.

**Learner example:**
If we do not get a satisfactory answer to this letter, apologising and offering the compensation that the students deserve, we will have no other option but to take legal action.

**out of action**
[C1] damaged or hurt and not able to operate or play sports

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm afraid my car's out of action.
They've got three players out of action.

**Learner example:**
The air-condition[ing] in my room was out of action and the hotel manager didn't care.

**course of action**
[C1] something that you can do in a particular situation

**Dictionary example:**
I think the best course of action would be to write to him.

**Learner example:**
However, I believe that the best course of action in this case is to give our student a refund.

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**active** /ˈæk.tɪv/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** activity

**Adjectives:** active

**Adverbs:** actively

**ADJECTIVE**

**INVOLVED**

[B2] very involved in an organization or planned activity
Dictionary examples:
He played an active role in the campaign.
Both of his parents were politically active.
Enemy forces remain active in the mountainous areas around the city.

Learner example:
I have always been very active in different organizations, sports as well as charity.

VOLCANO
[C1] An active volcano could throw out rocks, fire, etc. at any time.

Dictionary example:
Mount Etna in Sicily is one of the world's most active volcanoes.

Learner example:
The beautiful, crystal-blue sea and the small white houses, the bright orange of the sky during the evening and the unidentified colour of the volcanic rocks around the great, active volcano are just a few of the colours that paint the natural beauty of Thera.

actively /ˈæk.tɪv.li/

Word family:
Nouns: activity
Adjectives: active
Adverbs: actively

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that involves positive action

Dictionary examples:
He's very actively involved in the local Labour Party.
I've been actively looking for a job for six months.

Learner example:
There's statistical evidence that maths can train a brain to study actively.

activity /ækˈtɪv.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: activity
Adjectives: active
Adverbs: actively

NOUN

WORK
[B2] [c or u] the work of a group or organization to achieve an aim
Dictionary examples:
He was found guilty of terrorist activity.
criminal activities

Learner example:
But Rollo was also a good man, so when a policeman, called Calloway, informed him about [Harry's] illegal activity, he turned against him.

MOVEMENT
[B2] [u] when a lot of things are happening or people are moving around

Dictionary examples:
Ministers are concerned by the low level of economic activity.
There was a lot of activity the other side of the room.

Learner example:
Technical progress and industrial activity are causing a lot of problems.

actual /ˈæk.tʃuəl/  

Word family:
Adjectives: actual
Adverbs: actually

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

REAL
[B2] real, not guessed or imagined

Dictionary examples:
We had estimated about 300 visitors, but the actual number was much higher.
The exams are in July, but the actual results don't appear until September.

Learner example:
In my opinion, Burgers' Bush, Safari & Zoo in Arnhem has found the perfect solution. The actual zoo is rather small but each animal has a lot of space for running or wandering around.

in actual fact
[B2] used to emphasize what is really true, or to give more information

Dictionary example:
I thought she was Portuguese, but in actual fact she's Brazilian.

Learner example:
Nowadays almost all people own a car and in actual fact more and more people have been facing death as a consequence of careless driving.
actually /ˈæk.tʃu.əli/

Word family:
Adjectives: actual
Adverbs: actually

ADVERB

OPPOSITE
[B2] used when you are correcting someone, disagreeing with someone, or saying no to a request

Dictionary examples:
Actually, Gavin, it was Tuesday of last week, not Wednesday.
“You didn’t tell me about needing the car.” “Actually, I did.”
“Do you mind if I smoke?” “Actually, I’d rather you didn’t.”

Learner example:
Actually, TORRENTS was [the] second group [at the festival]. I think you probably missed the first performance [in] which KING CUP sang.

adapt /əˈdæpt/

Word family:
Nouns: adaptation
Verbs: adapt

VERB

CHANGE BEHAVIOUR
[B2] [ɪ] to change your behaviour so that it is suitable for a new situation

Dictionary example:
It takes time to adapt to a new working environment.

Learner example:
I and my parents easily adapted to London, [and] to English people.

CHANGE SOMETHING
[B2] [ɪ] to change something so that it is suitable for a different use or situation

Dictionary examples:
Many software companies have adapted popular programs to the new operating system.
Davies is busy adapting Brinkworth’s latest novel for television.

Learner example:
In my opinion, as the town is not so big it will be enough to adapt the two areas outside the town walls and to use them for car parking.
adaptation /ˌæd.æpˈteɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: adaptation
Verbs: adapt

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] the process or act of changing to suit a new situation

Dictionary example:
Evolution occurs as a result of adaptation to new environments.

Learner example:
This varies from one person to another, it depends on everyone's priorities and degree of adaptation to their new communities.

add /æd/

Word family:
Nouns: addition
Verbs: add
Adjectives: additional
Adverbs: additionally

VERB

add to sth PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to make a feeling or quality more extreme

Dictionary example:
Her colleagues' laughter only added to her embarrassment.

Learner example:
To add to the bitterness, I had my right hand broken.

addict /ˈæd.ɪkt/

Word family:
Nouns: addict, addiction
Adjectives: addicted, addictive

NOUN [C]
[B2] a person who cannot stop doing or using something, especially something harmful
Dictionary examples:
a drug/heroin addict
a gambling addict
I'm a chocolate/shopping addict.

Learner example:
I like TV, I watch it but luckily I haven't become a TV addict yet.

addicted /əˈdɪk.tɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: addict, addiction
Adjectives: addicted, addictive

ADJECTIVE

DRUGS
[B2] not able to stop taking a drug

Dictionary example:
He later became addicted to heroin.

Learner example:
One day my uncle called and told me a story of a boy who was addicted to drugs.

LIKING
[B2] liking something very much

Dictionary example:
He's addicted to chocolate/football.

Learner example:
However, I believe that some people are addicted to computer games and that is not good.

addiction /əˈdɪk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: addict, addiction
Adjectives: addicted, addictive

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] I when you cannot stop doing or taking something because you are addicted to it

Dictionary examples:
drug addiction
an addiction to alcohol
His addiction to computer games means he is spending far too much time indoors.
Learner example:
Sending text messages is an addiction which every teenager is obsessed with.

**addictive** /əˈdɪk.tɪv/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** addict, addiction  
**Adjectives:** addicted, addictive

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] If something is addictive, it makes you want more of it so that you become addicted.

**Dictionary examples:**
Tobacco is highly addictive.
The problem with computer games is that they're addictive.

**Learner example:**
Serial dramas are addictive – it is not unknown for whole countries to come to a standstill because an important revelation will be made on television.

**addition** /əˈdɪʃ.ən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** addition  
**Verbs:** add  
**Adjectives:** additional  
**Adverbs:** additionally

**NOUN**

**NEW THING**
[B2] [c] a new or extra thing which is added to something

**Dictionary example:**
Defender Matt Smith is the latest addition to the team.

**Learner example:**
There is only one more thing missing: it would be great if there was popcorn provided. I am sure that would be a good addition for everyone.

**NUMBERS/AMOUNTS**
[B2] [u] the process of adding numbers or amounts together in order to get a total

**Dictionary example:**
Twice a week the children are tested in basic mathematical skills such as addition and subtraction.
**additional** /əˈdɪʃ.ən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** addition  
**Verbs:** add  
**Adjectives:** additional  
**Adverbs:** additionally  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] extra  

**Dictionary examples:**  
additional costs/problems  
There will be an extra charge for any additional passengers.  

**Learner example:**  
I do have some additional questions for you.

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**additionally** /əˈdɪʃ.ən.l.i/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** addition  
**Verbs:** add  
**Adjectives:** additional  
**Adverbs:** additionally  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in addition  

**Dictionary example:**  
Additionally, we request a deposit of $200 in advance.  

**Learner example:**  
Additionally, I am very interested in helping an organization that’s trying to protect [the] environment.

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**address** /əˈdres/  

**VERB** [T]  
**DEAL WITH**  
[C1] to deal with a problem  

**Dictionary example:**  
We have to address the issue/problem before it gets worse.
Learner example:
On balance, I would say that increasing the price of petrol to solve traffic and pollution problems is certainly a viable, although maybe not the best, way to address the issue.

**adequate /ˈæd.ə.kwət/**

Word family:
Adjectives: adequate, inadequate
Adverbs: adequately

**ADJECTIVE**

**ENOUGH**
[B2] enough

**Dictionary examples:**
I didn't have adequate time to prepare.
Will future oil supplies be adequate to meet world needs?

**Learner example:**
I hope the information I gave is adequate.

**GOOD ENOUGH**
[B2] good enough, but not very good

**Dictionary examples:**
The sound quality isn't brilliant but it's adequate for everyday use.
The council's provision for the elderly is barely adequate.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion, animals should only be kept in a zoo that provide[s] adequate living conditions and sufficient room.

**adequately /ˈæd.ə.kwət.li/**

Word family:
Adjectives: adequate, inadequate
Adverbs: adequately

**ADVERB**
[B2] in an adequate way

**Dictionary example:**
While some patients can be adequately cared for at home, others are best served by care in a hospital.
### adjust /əˈdʒʌst/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** adjustment
**Verbs:** adjust, readjust

**VERB**

**CHANGE**

[B2] **[ɪ]** to change something slightly so that it works better, fits better, or is more suitable

**Dictionary examples:**
If the chair is too high you can adjust it to suit you.
As a teacher you have to adjust your methods to suit the needs of different children.

**Learner example:**
I had to clean the lenses, prepare the tapes, and adjust the sound.

**CHANGE BEHAVIOUR**

[B2] **[ɪ]** to change the way you behave or think in order to suit a new situation

**Dictionary example:**
They found it hard to adjust to life in a new country.

**Learner example:**
People will be able to adjust and change with the times.

### adjustment /əˈdʒʌst.mənt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** adjustment
**Verbs:** adjust, readjust

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] a small change that you make to something so that it works better, fits better, or is more suitable

**Dictionary examples:**
We've made a few adjustments to the schedule.
I have a few minor adjustments to make.

**Learner example:**
I have some questions and a minor adjustment to make.
administration  /ədˌmɪn.ɪˈstreɪ.ʃən/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** administration, administrator  
**Adjectives:** administrative  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] the work of organizing and arranging the operation of something, such as a company  

**Dictionary example:**  
The job involves a lot of administration.  

**Learner example:**  
For schools, it is much easier in terms of administration.

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administrative  /ədˈmɪn.ɪ.strə.tɪv/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** administration, administrator  
**Adjectives:** administrative  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] relating to the organization and management of something  

**Dictionary example:**  
The work is largely administrative.  

**Learner example:**  
The engineers and administrative staff must be able to work in both English and French whereas German would be an asset.

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administrator  /ədˈmɪn.ɪ.streɪ.tər/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** administration, administrator  
**Adjectives:** administrative  

**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] someone who helps to manage an organization  

**Dictionary example:**  
She is an administrator at the hospital.  

**Learner example:**  
As an ex-army officer and an administrator in an international firm, I am learning to work as a member of a team.
### admiration /ˌæd.məˈreɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** admiration  
**Verbs:** admire

**NOUN [u]**  
[B2] when you admire someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**  
My admiration for that woman grows daily.  
She gazed in admiration at his broad, muscular shoulders.

**Learner example:**  
All over the world there are so many people who deserve admiration.

### admire /ədˈmɑːrə/ 

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** admiration  
**Verbs:** admire

**VERB [T]**

**RESPECT**  
[B2] to respect or approve of someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**  
I admired him for his determination.  
I really admire people who can work in such difficult conditions.

**Learner example:**  
The person I admire most, however, is my father.

### admission /adˈmɪʃ.ən/

**NOUN**

**PERMISSION**  
[B2] [c or u] when someone is given permission to enter somewhere or to become a member of a club, university, etc.

**Dictionary example:**  
She's applied for admission to law school.
Learner example:
I was wondering whether you could send me some information [about] the rules of admission to the club.

admittedly /ədˈmɪt.ɪd.li/

Word family:
Verbs: admit
Adverbs: admittedly

ADVERB
[B2] used when you are agreeing that something is true although you do not want to

Dictionary example:
Admittedly, I could have tried harder but I still don't think all this criticism is fair.

Learner example:
Admittedly, using your car is more convenient and easier [than] using public transport but in my opinion, the advantages of using public transport outweigh the disadvantages it can cause.

adopt /əˈdɒpt/

Word family:
Nouns: adoption
Verbs: adopt
Adjectives: adopted

VERB
TAKE CHILD
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to legally become the parents of someone else's child

Dictionary examples:
They've adopted a baby girl.
She had the child adopted.

Learner example:
She isn't my biological mother, she adopted me when I was a baby.

START
[B2] [ɪ] to accept or start to use something new

Dictionary examples:
We've adopted a new approach to the problem.
The new tax would force companies to adopt energy-saving measures.
He's adopted a remarkably light-hearted attitude towards the situation.
Learner example:
I believe that we must continue to adopt his ideas.

adopted /əˈdɒptɪd/  

Word family:
Nouns: adoption  
Verbs: adopt  
Adjectives: adopted

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] legally taken by another family to be looked after as their own child

Dictionary example:  
They've got two adopted children and one of their own.

adoption /əˈdɒp.ʃən/  

Word family:
Nouns: adoption  
Verbs: adopt  
Adjectives: adopted

NOUN [C or U]  
[B2] the process of legally becoming the parents of someone else's child

Dictionary example:  
She couldn’t have children, so they were considering adoption.

adult /ˈæd.ʌlt/  

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]  

NOT A CHILD  
[C1] having finished growing

Dictionary example:  
an adult male rat

Learner example:  
Tony Soprano is the bad kid [in] every adult male.
**advance /ədˈvaːnts/**

Word family:
- **Nouns**: advance
- **Adjectives**: advanced

**NOUN**

**PROGRESS**
- [B2] [c or u] new discoveries and inventions

**Dictionary examples:**
- technological/scientific advances
- Our lives have been improved by the many recent advances in computer technology.
- the advance of modern medicine

**Learner example:**
- I guess science is about solving our daily problems with technological advances.

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**advantage /ədˈvaːntɪdʒ/**

Word family:
- **Nouns**: advantage, disadvantage
- **Adjectives**: disadvantaged

**NOUN**

**take advantage of sb/sth**
- [B2] to treat someone or something badly in order to get what you want

**Dictionary example:**
- I think she takes advantage of his good nature.

**Learner example:**
- There will always be the threat of those men who take advantage of animals' inferior status.

**SUCCESS**
- [B2] [c or u] something that will help you to succeed

**Dictionary example:**
- These new routes will give the airline the advantage over its competitors.

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**adventurous /ədˈven.tʃərəs/**

Word family:
- **Nouns**: adventure
- **Adjectives**: adventurous
ADJECTIVE

[B2] willing to try new and often difficult or dangerous things

Dictionary examples:
I'm trying to be more adventurous with my cooking.
She led an adventurous life.

Learner example:
I think it's better for us to sleep in tents because it'll be more adventurous than staying in rooms.

advertising /ˈæd.və.tar.zɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: advertisement, advertising
Verbs: advertise

NOUN [U]

[B2] the business of trying to persuade people to buy products or services

Dictionary examples:
Fiona works in advertising.
the advertising industry

Learner example:
Some weeks ago, she was hired by a famous advertising company, widely known for its ironic ads.

adviser /ədˈvaɪ.zər/

Word family:
Nouns: advice, adviser
Verbs: advise

NOUN [C] (also advisor)

[C1] someone whose job is to give advice about a subject

Dictionary example:
a financial adviser

Learner example:
Some of our financial advisers could provide your students [with] the latest methods used in Accounting and in developing new business projects.
affair /əˈfeər/  

NOUN  

RELATIONSHIP  
[B2] [c] a sexual relationship, especially a secret one  

Dictionary examples:  
She's having an affair with a married man.  
The book doesn't make any mention of his love affairs.  

Learner example:  
I met a very handsome man and my husband had a little love affair with a very pretty girl there, but we forgave each other.  

SITUATION  
[B2] [c] a situation or set of related events, especially bad ones  

Dictionary examples:  
The government's handling of the affair has been widely criticized.  
He refused to discuss his financial affairs.  

Learner example:  
To make matters worse, people gossiped about me and tried to find out more and more about my private affairs, which made me feel embarrassed.  

affect /əˈfekt/  

Word family:  
Verbs: affect  
Adjectives: unaffected  

VERB [T]  

CAUSE CHANGE  
[B2] to have an influence on someone or something, or to cause them to change  

Dictionary examples:  
The divorce affected every aspect of her life.  
Both buildings were badly affected by the fire.  

Learner example:  
The telephone is a very important invention, which has affected our lives.  

CAUSE EMOTION  
[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to cause a strong emotion, especially sadness  

Dictionary example:  
I was deeply affected by the film.
Learner example:
When the forth song, 'Rebel[l]ion' started, I was deeply affected by the r[h]ythm.

affection /əˈfek.ʃən/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** affection  
**Adjectives:** affectionate  

**NOUN [C or U]**  
[B2] a feeling of liking or loving a person or place  

**Dictionary examples:**  
He **had** a deep affection **for** his aunt.  
She **felt** no affection **for** the child.  

**Learner example:**  
In addition she loves me very much and she offers a lot of affection to me when I face a difficult situation with my job.

affluent /ˈæf.lu.ənt/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] having a lot of money  

**Dictionary example:**  
affluent families/nations/neighborhoods  

**Learner example:**  
Children who come from poor families are more mature and responsible than those children coming from affluent families.

affordable /əˈfɔːdə.bl/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] cheap enough for most people to be able to buy  

**Dictionary example:**  
We need more affordable housing in this area.  

**Learner example:**  
They are very pleased with the affordable fares, however they are more inclined to comfort.
**after** /ˈɑːf.tə/

**PREPOSITION**

**BECAUSE OF**

[B2] because of something that happened

**Dictionary example:**
I'll never trust her again after what she did to me.

**Learner example:**
I really needed those days after what I've been through this spring.

**DESPITE**

[C1] despite

**Dictionary example:**
I can't believe he was so rude to you after all the help you've given him!

**Learner example:**
But, even after earning more in 2001, the women still do not earn as much [as] men on average earned (£20,363) in 1997.

**after all**

[C1] used to say that something happened or was true although you did not expect it to happen or be true

**Dictionary example:**
Helen couldn't come to the party after all.

**Learner example:**
Cars still enter the city so there will be pollution after all.

**again** /əˈɡeɪn/

**ADVERB**

**all over again**

[B2] repeated from the beginning

**Dictionary example:**
We had to start all over again.

**Learner example:**
After that I went back to my home in Ribeirao Preto to begin my routine all over again.

**yet again**

[B2] again after something has happened or been done many times before
**Dictionary example:**
The bus was late yet again.

**Learner example:**
Tom, thank you so much yet again for your interest. This talk is very important to me and to count on you is an honour for our college.

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**against** /əˈgentst/  
**PREPOSITION**  
**NOT AGREE**  
[B2] disagreeing with a plan or activity  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She spoke against the decision to close the college.  
Are you for or against the proposal?  

**Learner example:**  
It is very hard to keep [a] dog because it makes too much noise and so my Mum is against it.

**against the law**  
[B2] forbidden by a law  

**Dictionary example:**  
It's against the law to leave a young child alone in the house.

**Learner example:**  
Until that moment, Mary thought [he]r uncle and his friends were smugglers and were doing things against the law.

**have sth against sb/sth**  
[C1] to have a reason not to like someone or something  

**Dictionary example:**  
I've got nothing against him personally, I just don't think he's the right man for the job.

**Learner example:**  
If you have nothing against taking public transport, I suggest taking a bus.

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**agency** /ˈeɪ.dʒənt.si/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** agency, agent
ORGANIZATION
[C1] an international organization or government department

Dictionary example:
an international development agency

Learner example:
Television conveys the weather forecasts and any warnings issued by the government agencies, such as flood alerts.

agenda /əˈdʒen.də/

MEETING
[C1] a list of subjects that people will discuss at a meeting

Dictionary example:
There are several items on the agenda.

Learner example:
Your memo was one of the points on the agenda for last week’s meeting.

agent /ˈeɪ.dʒənt/

Word family:
Nouns: agency, agent

BUSINESS
[B2] someone whose job is to deal with business for someone else

Dictionary example:
Please contact our agent in Spain for further information.

Learner example:
I hope the agent will sell it soon.

SECRET INFORMATION
[B2] Someone who tries to find out secret information, especially about another country

Dictionary example:
a secret agent
Learner example:
She interrupted and told the man that she was a secret agent.

aggression /əˈgreʃ.ən/
Word family:
Nouns: aggression
Adjectives: aggressive
Adverbs: aggressively

NOUN [U]
[C1] angry or violent behaviour towards someone

Dictionary example:
an act of aggression

Learner example:
However, it can turn into [a] terrible form of violence and aggression, where the very sense of competition is forgotten and only wild instincts prevail.

aggressive /əˈgres.ɪv/
Word family:
Nouns: aggression
Adjectives: aggressive
Adverbs: aggressively

ADJECTIVE

VIOLENT
[B2] behaving in an angry and violent way towards another person

Dictionary examples:
aggressive behaviour
If I criticize him, he gets aggressive and starts shouting.

Learner example:
At such moments he became angry and aggressive.

DETERMINED
[C1] using forceful methods and determined to succeed

Dictionary example:
an aggressive marketing campaign

Learner example:
Our competitors pursue a more aggressive marketing strategy, despite the fact [that] they offer inferior products.
aggressively  /əˈgres.vli/  

Word family:
Nouns: aggression
Adjectives: aggressive
Adverbs: aggressively

ADVERB
in an aggressive way

Dictionary examples:
Small children often behave aggressively.
They played more aggressively in the second half.

ago  /əˈgəʊ/  

ADVERB
long ago

If something happened long ago, it happened a great amount of time ago.

Dictionary examples:
I think we met once, long ago.
It was not long ago that I last saw him.

Learner example:
Not so long ago, you could ring each Dutch doorbell of your choice at 6 pm and you’d find the whole family gathered around the kitchen table, having their supper.

agree  /əˈgriː/  

Word family:
Nouns: agreement, disagreement
Verbs: agree, disagree

VERB
say yes

to say you will do something that someone asks you to

Dictionary examples:
She agreed to help him.
The bank has agreed to lend me £5000.

Learner example:
When I came home, I told my mother everything and she agreed to put him up.
BE THE SAME

[C1] [i] If two descriptions, statements, etc. agree, they are the same.

Dictionary examples:
Her notes do not agree with what I remember happening.
Does the information in the two reports agree?

Learner example:
This does not agree with the intentions of our Programme.

agreement /əˈɡriː.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: agreement, disagreement
Verbs: agree, disagree

NOUN

DECISION
[B2] [c] a promise or decision made between two or more groups or people

Dictionary examples with the company
an agreement between both parties
It was difficult to reach an agreement.
The government has signed an international agreement on climate change.
They have broken the agreement on human rights.

Learner example:
There was an attempt to cut down on using and producing sprays which destroy the ozon[e] layer [and] an international agreement was signed.

SAME OPINION
[B2] [u] when people have the same opinion or have made the same decision

Dictionary examples:
Are we all in agreement?
There was broad agreement about/on what to do.

Learner example:
With your agreement we could change the programme.

agriculture /ˈæg.rɪ.kʌl.tʃər/
Dictionary examples:
Agriculture is still largely based on traditional methods in some countries.
The area depends on agriculture for most of its income.

Learner example:
People who live in big cities suffer from air pollution and noise, and villagers suffer from chemicals used for agriculture.

ahead  /əˈhed/

ADVERB

MORE POINTS
[B2] having more points than someone else in a competition

Dictionary example:
Barcelona was ahead after ten minutes.

ADJECTIVE

ahead of time/schedule
[C1] before the time that was planned

Dictionary example:
We finished the project ahead of schedule.

Learner example:
However, a bonus will be given if the project finishes ahead of schedule.

aid  /eɪd/

NOUN

HELP
[C1] [u] money, food, or equipment that is given to help a country or group of people

Dictionary examples:
Emergency aid was sent to the flood victims.
aid workers

Learner example:
Many people in poorer nations die without proper medical aid.

in aid of sb/sth
[C1] in order to collect money for a group of people who need it
Dictionary example:
a concert in aid of famine relief

Learner example:
It w[ould] be an honour for us students at the centre if you could attend our sport[s] function in aid of stress[ed] out kids and present the pri[z]es.

with the aid of *sth*
[C1] using something to help you

Dictionary example:
She can walk with the aid of a stick.

Learner example:
The newest computer can handle data that human brains cannot and therefore all scientific research [is] carried out with the aid of computers.

EQUIPMENT
[C1] [c] a piece of equipment that helps you to do something

Dictionary example:
teaching aids such as books and videos

Learner example:
Also, it would be an excellent aid if a new laser printer was bought, so as to make more copies in less time.

VERB FORMAL
[C1] [t] to help someone

Dictionary examples:
The project is designed to aid the homeless.
He was aided in his research by his knowledge of Greek.

Learner example:
Some people believe that it is essential for both poorer and rich countries [that] the rich countries aid the poorer ones, and this is my opinion, for [a] number of plausible reasons.

aim /eɪm/

VERB

be aimed at *sb*
[B2] to be intended to influence or affect a particular person or group

Dictionary example:
These advertisements are specifically aimed at young people.

Learner example:
PIAZZA is too modern and is aimed at the young.
air /eə/  

NOUN  
the air  
[B2] the space above and around things  

Dictionary example:  
He kicked the ball high in the air.  

Learner example:  
It was an old painting. In it, a man was holding his axe up in the air and was ready to hit a tree.  

on air  
[C1] on television or radio  

Dictionary example:  
The radio station is on air from 6.00 a.m.  

Learner example:  
It is on air at 8.30 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday.  

aircraft /ˈeə.krɑːft/ (PLURAL aircraft)  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] any vehicle, with or without an engine, which can fly, such as a plane or helicopter  

Dictionary example:  
military/commercial aircraft  

Learner example:  
They have all [the] Swedish aircraft that have ever been built.  

alarm /əˈlɑːm/  

Word family:  
Nouns: alarm  
Verbs: alarm  
Adjectives: alarming  

VERB [T]  
[C1] to make someone worried or frightened  

Dictionary example:  
I don't want to alarm you but he really should be here by now.
Learner example:
What alarmed us the most was the daring use of speculation by the author.

**alarming /əˈlɑː.mɪŋ/**

Word family:
Nouns: alarm
Verbs: alarm
Adjectives: alarming

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] causing worry or fear

Dictionary examples:
alarming news
Crime has been increasing at an alarming rate.

Learner example:
Moreover, the alarming frequency of heart attacks in Poland [has] made people stop eating too much fat.

**alert /əˈlɜːt/**

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] quick to notice and react to things around you

Dictionary examples:
A young dog should be alert and playful.
Teachers need to be alert to sudden changes in students’ behaviour.

Learner example:
A little bit of tension is alright – I guess it keeps you alert while driving.

**NOUN**
[C1] a warning about a possibly dangerous situation

Dictionary example:
a bomb alert

Learner example:
Don’t forget to take care of your personal belongings – it won’t cause a bomb alert like at Victoria but may get lost!
**alike** /əˈlaɪk/  

**ADVERB**

**SIMILAR**

[B2] in a similar way

**Dictionary examples:**
We think alike.
My father treated us all alike.

**BOTH**

[B2] used after referring to two groups of people or things to show that both groups are included

**Dictionary example:**
Friends and family alike were shocked by the news of her death.

**Learner example:**
It was indeed a great treat for old and young alike.

**all** /ɔːl/  

**DETERMINER; PRONOUN**

**in all**

[B2] used to show the total amount of something

**Dictionary example:**
Some of the children came, so there were 15 of us in all.

**Learner example:**
Secondly, even though most people like[d] [the] group RADIANT, they [only] played for 35 minutes in all.

**all of a sudden**

[B2] suddenly and unexpectedly

**Dictionary example:**
All of a sudden, he came bursting in through the door.

**Learner example:**
All of a sudden, a weird creature popped into his dream.

**all over again**

[B2] repeated from the beginning

**Dictionary example:**
We had to start all over again.
**Learner example:**
After that I went back to my home in Ribeirao Preto to begin my routine all over again.

**after all**
[C] used to say that something happened or was true although you did not expect it to happen or be true

**Dictionary example:**
Helen couldn't come to the party after all.

**Learner example:**
Cars still enter the city so there will be pollution after all.

**all things considered**
[C] used for saying that something is true in general if you think about all its aspects

**Dictionary example:**
The show was a great success, all things considered.

**Learner example:**
All things considered, it seems like “Kavanagh Catering Services” would be most suitable for the students.

**all hours**
[C] very late at night, until early morning, or almost all the time

**Dictionary example:**
Our neighbours are up till all hours every night, playing loud music.

**Learner example:**
This causes traffic jams at all hours of the day.

**ADVERB**

**all along**
[B] from the beginning of a period of time

**Dictionary example:**
I knew all along that it was a mistake.

**Learner example:**
In the future the key word for fashion will be comfort as this is basically what everyone has been wanting all along.

**all in all**
[B] considering everything

**Dictionary example:**
All in all, it was a great holiday.

**Learner example:**
All in all, nobody cares about air pollution and the environment in general.
all over the place
[B2] in or to many different places

Dictionary example:
There were dirty dishes all over the place.

Learner example:
I am thinking of dog–dirt on the pavements, cans all over the place, [and] a lot of disgusting paintings on the walls in the public toilets, the underground and so on.

all at once
[C1] suddenly

Dictionary example:
All at once he stood up and walked out of the room.

Learner example:
All at once, everything started to work again.

be all very well
[C1] used to show that you do not agree with something or that you are annoyed about something

Dictionary example:
It's all very well for her to say everything's fine, she doesn't have to live here.

Learner example:
That's all very well for most of the people but according to my desires [i]t's not enough. I envisage a more sophisticated flat.

be all set
[C1] to be ready

Dictionary example:
We were all set to go when the phone rang.

Learner example:
So, there you go. I'm all set!

allegation /ˌæl.iˈgeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: allegation
Verbs: allege
Adjectives: alleged
Adverbs: allegedly

NOUN [C]
[C1] when you say that someone has done something wrong or illegal, without proof that this is true
Dictionary examples:
allegations of corruption
Several of her patients have made allegations of professional misconduct against her.
He denied allegations that he had cheated.

Learner example:
Contrary to Mrs Jones’ allegation, the exam results of our college are first-class and, moreover, there is an extremely varied social programme organised.

alleged /əˈledʒd/

Word family:
Nouns: allegation
Verbs: allege
Adjectives: alleged
Adverbs: allegedly

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] believed to be true, but not proved

Dictionary example:
an alleged attack

Learner example:
Besides, as far as the alleged “downpour of rain” is concerned, there was, in reality, only a small April shower which lasted not more than 10 minutes.

allocate /ˈæl.ə.kət/

VERB [T]
[C1] to give some time, money, space, etc. to be used for a particular purpose

Dictionary examples:
The government has promised to allocate extra money for health care.
More police time should be allocated to crime prevention.

Learner example:
We also think that the gym is under–[us]ed because of the lack of equipment, thus we would ask for some funding to be allocated to the purchase of more equipment.

allow /əˈlaʊ/

Word family:
Nouns: allowance
Verbs: allow
VERB

TIME/MONEY
[C1] [t] to plan to use a particular amount of money, time, etc. for something

Dictionary example:
Allow three hours for the whole journey.

Learner example:
Please allow more free time in the afternoon for shopping and change the free evening which is on Day 1 in your High Life Programme to another evening.

MAKE POSSIBLE
[C1] [t or ɪ] to make it possible for someone to do something

Dictionary example:
The extra money will allow me to upgrade my computer.

Learner example:
These activities allow people to forget about their problems, to enjoy themselves and also to communicate with others.

allowance /əˈlaʊ.ənts/

Word family:
Nouns: allowance
Verbs: allow

NOUN [C]

MONEY
[C1] money that you are given regularly, especially to pay for a particular thing

Dictionary example:
a clothing allowance

Learner example:
She spends most of her allowance quickly and is then without money for the rest of the month.

ally /ˈæ.lər/
NOUN [C]

PERSON

[C1] someone who supports you, especially when other people are against you

Dictionary example:
He is generally considered to be the Prime Minister’s closest political ally.

Learner example:
The participants are under pressure and they have to find allies and make decisions.

alone /əˈлоʊn/

ADJECTIVE; ADVERB

leave sb alone

[B2] to stop talking to someone or annoying them

Dictionary example:
Leave him alone, he’s tired.

Learner example:
"Leave me alone, you monster," I said in panic.

let alone

[C1] used to emphasize that something is more impossible than another thing

Dictionary example:
You couldn't trust her to look after your dog, let alone your child.

Learner example:
We are surrounded by amazing pieces of technology which we do not fully understand, let alone use to their full capacity.

along /əˈlɒŋ/

PREPOSITION

PARTicular PLACE

[B2] at a particular place on a road, river, etc.

Dictionary example:
Somewhere along this road there's a garage.

Learner example:
She told me [that] along the road there are several places to visit, like a castle which is open [to the] public.
ADVERB

all along
[B2] from the beginning of a period of time

Dictionary example:
I knew all along that it was a mistake.

Learner example:
In the future the key word for fashion will be comfort as this is basically what everyone has been wanting all along.

along with sb/sth
[B2] in addition to someone or something else

Dictionary example:
California along with Florida is probably the most popular American holiday destination.

Learner example:
I speak foreign languages (English, French and Italian) along with Greek.

alongside /əˌlɒŋˈsaɪd/

ADVERB; PREPOSITION

NEXT TO
[C1] next to someone or something

Dictionary example:
A car pulled up alongside ours.

Learner example:
The skyline [is] filled with huge chimneys displacing tons of gases into the air; millions of vehicles [are] moving on a highway alongside a dead river, where life flourished a few decades ago.

WITH
[C1] together with someone

Dictionary example:
She enjoyed working alongside such famous actors.

Learner example:
Also he worked alongside me at another travel agency for 6 months.
**alphabetical** /ˈæl.fəˈbet.ɪkl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** alphabet  
**Adjectives:** alphabetical  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] arranged in the same order as the letters of the alphabet  

**Dictionary examples:**  
an alphabetical list  
The names are published **in alphabetical order**.  

**Learner example:**  
She looked again at the strange words and then she understood. Each letter ha[d] been replaced by the next one in the alphabetical order.

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**alter** /ˈɔːl.tər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** alteration  
**Verbs:** alter  

**VERB [I or T]**  
[B2] to change, or to make someone or something change  

**Dictionary examples:**  
We’ve had to alter some of our plans.  
Giving up our car has altered our lifestyle a lot.  

**Learner example:**  
To go to the show, we need to alter the programme.

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**alteration** /ˌɔːl.tərˈeɪ.ʃən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** alteration  
**Verbs:** alter  

**NOUN [C or U]**  
[C1] a change, or the process of changing something  

**Dictionary example:**  
We’ve **made** a few alterations **to** the kitchen.  

**Learner example:**  
I hope that my alterations don’t give you too much trouble, but I really think that these changes are necessary for full satisfaction among our members.
alternate

Word family:
Nouns: alternative
Verbs: alternate
Adjectives: alternative
Adverbs: alternatively

ADJECTIVE /ɔːlˈtɜː.nət/

alternate days/weeks/years, etc.
[C1] one out of every two days, weeks, years, etc.

Dictionary example:
I work alternate Saturdays.

Learner example:
I had to go to a travel agency on alternate weekends in order to translate some programmes into English.

VERB /ˈɔːl.tə.neɪt/

[C1] If two things alternate, one thing happens, then the other thing happens, then the first thing happens again, etc.

Dictionary example:
She alternating between cheerfulness and deep despair.

Learner example:
Xanadu Express promises to serve us food from all over the world and to alternate [the] menu.

alternative /ɔːlˈtɜː.nə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: alternative
Verbs: alternate
Adjectives: alternative
Adverbs: alternatively

NOUN [C]
[B2] one of two or more things that you can choose between

Dictionary examples:
It's a low-fat alternative to butter.
I'm afraid I have no alternative but to ask you to leave.

Learner example:
Another alternative is to go up the mountain by chairlifts or funicular-railway.
ADJECTIVE

DIFFERENT PLAN

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] An alternative plan, method, etc. is one that you can use if you do not want to use another one.

Dictionary example:
We can make alternative arrangements if necessary.

Learner example:
[The new direct coach service] is an alternative way [of getting to Lampton].

NOT USUAL

[B2] different to what is usual or traditional

Dictionary example:
an alternative lifestyle

Learner example:
I wonder if you've ever heard of "alternative music"?

alternatively /ɔːlˈtɜː.nə.tɪv.li/

Word family:
Nouns: alternative
Verbs: alternate
Adjectives: alternative
Adverbs: alternatively

ADVERB

[B2] used to suggest another possibility

Dictionary example:
We could go to the Indian restaurant, or alternatively, we could try that new Italian place.

Learner example:
Alternatively, I suggest that you should invite a famous writer.

altogether /ˌɔːl.təˈgeð.ə/
Dictionary examples:
She wrote less and less often, and eventually she stopped altogether.
I’m not altogether sure about the idea.

Learner example:
I don’t altogether agree with this fact.

GENERALLY

[B2] when you consider everything

Dictionary example:
Altogether, I’d say the party was a great success.

Learner example:
Altogether, I believe that the most cruel creature on earth is the human being.

aluminium  /ˌæl.yuˈmin.i.əm/  

NOUN [u]
[B2] a light, silver-coloured metal used for making containers, cooking equipment and aircraft parts

Dictionary examples:
Cover the fish with aluminium foil and cook over a low heat.
We take all our aluminium cans for recycling.

Learner example:
[In the future,] jewellery will be made of metals which occur naturally and which are cheap now but will be extremely expensive 100 years from now, such as aluminium and zinc.

always  /ˈɔːl.wɛriz/  

ADVERB

MANY TIMES
[B2] again and again, often in an annoying way

Dictionary example:
He’s always losing his keys.

Learner example:
I am always trying to convince my friend Maria of these dangers.
amateur /ˈæm.ə.tə/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] doing something as a hobby and not as your job

Dictionary example:
an amateur photographer

Learner example:
Finally I would like to mention that I feel very confident in front of cameras, since I am an amateur actor.

NOUN [C]

HOBBY
[C1] someone who does something as a hobby and not as their job

Dictionary example:
This tennis tournament is open to both amateurs and professionals.

Learner example:
What I want to explain is that if an amateur sees a professional swimmer winning while wearing our equipment, he is surely going to think that our products helped him succeed, so the amateur is going to buy our equipment too.

NO SKILL
[C1] someone who is not good at what they do

Dictionary example:
I won't be giving them any more work – they're a bunch of amateurs.

Learner example:
I admit that I was an amateur, [which] is why I did not try to do any special "tricks" to impress all those who were watching me.

amazement /əˈmeɪz.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: amazement
Adjectives: amazed, amazing
Adverbs: amazingly

NOUN [u]
[B2] extreme surprise

Dictionary examples:
She stared in amazement.
To my amazement, he ate the whole lot.
Learner example:
Then, to her amazement, she saw him with another girl.

**ambassador /æmˈbæs.ə.dər/**

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] the main official sent by a government of a country to represent it in another country

**Dictionary examples:**
Britain’s ambassador in Moscow has refused to comment.
She’s a former ambassador to the United States.

**Learner example:**
On the first floor is the “star” of the museum: a splendid grand piano built in 1893, which was offered by the Queen to the French ambassador in 1895.

**ambition /æmˈbɪʃ.ən/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** ambition
**Adjectives:** ambitious

**NOUN**

**STRONG FEELING**
[B2] [u] a strong feeling that you want to be successful or powerful

**Dictionary example:**
My sister always had more ambition than I did.

**Learner example:**
Love, hate, ambition and fear of losing are the main subjects for Orson Welles and Tim Burton, the directors of these two films.

**ambitious /æmˈbɪʃ.əs/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** ambition
**Adjectives:** ambitious

**ADJECTIVE**

**PERSON**
[B2] wanting to be successful or powerful
Dictionary examples:
an ambitious young lawyer
He's very ambitious for his children.

Learner example:
I chose Omar because I find him very talented and ambitious.

PLAN

[B2] If a plan or idea is ambitious, it will need a lot of work and will be difficult to achieve.

Dictionary examples:
This is our most ambitious project so far.
She has some ambitious plans for her business.

Learner example:
If we accomplish these ambitious plans, we can even run for the 2006 Winter Olympic Games.

amendment /əˈmend.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: amendment
Verbs: amend

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] a change in the words of a document, or the process of doing this

Dictionary example:
to make an amendment to the human rights law

Learner example:
In view of the need to clarify all these errors and wrong information, I would urge you to print another report apologising and providing readers with the right figures and possible amendments.

amid /əˈmɪd/

PREPOSITION (also amidst)

WHILE

[C1] while something else is happening

Dictionary example:
Security was increased amid fears of further terrorist attacks.

Learner example:
They are involved so much with their occupation that they will respond to an emergency call even when they are amid sweet dreams or having a joyful time with their love[d] ones.
among /əˈmʌŋ/ (also amongst)

PREPOSITION

among other things

[B2] used to say that there are other details or examples in addition to the ones you are mentioning

Dictionary example:
It's worth visiting the museum while you're here. There's an exhibition about Darwin and a good collection of paintings, among other things.

Learner example:
To go by tram or bus is a waste of time and travel[ing] by car is – among other things – a waste of money.

among the best/worst/biggest, etc.

[B2] one of the most extreme examples of a particular type

Dictionary example:
He is among the top five tennis players in the country.

Learner example:
It was among the worst zoos I have ever seen.

DIVIDE

[C1] to each one in a group

Dictionary example:
She divided the cake among the children.

Learner example:
Although Brazil is the eighth biggest economy in the world and one of the richest countries regarding natural resources, that wealth is not shared equally among the population.

amongst /əˈmʌŋst/

PREPOSITION FORMAL

[B2] among

Dictionary example:
There is a need to raise skill levels both amongst those in work and those seeking work.

Learner example:
He was no longer a man amongst others but a man with a free soul...
ample /ˈæm.pəl/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] enough, or more than enough

Dictionary example:
She’s had ample time to get the work done.

Learner example:
There will be three coffee machines on each floor which should provide ample coffee for everyone.

amuse /əˈmjuːz/

Word family:
Nouns: amusement
Verbs: amuse
Adjectives: amused, amusing

VERB [T]

MAKE LAUGH
[B2] to make someone laugh or smile

Dictionary examples:
The video clips on that website always amuse me.
I think it amuses him to see people make fools of themselves.

Learner example:
"The Blind Owl" – his masterpiece – is a surrealistic novella which has amused critics and ordinary readers for years.

KEEP INTERESTED
[B2] to keep someone interested and help them to have an enjoyable time

Dictionary example:
I bought a book of crosswords to amuse myself while I was on the train.

Learner example:
Another idea is to call a well-known band to amuse all the young people.

amused /əˈmjuːzd/

Word family:
Nouns: amusement
Verbs: amuse
Adjectives: amused, amusing
**ADJECTIVE**

**FUNNY**

[B2] showing that you think something is funny

**Dictionary examples:**
an amused smile
She was very amused by/at your comments.

**Learner example:**
When the taxi arrived, he was so amused about the news that an old woman took it.

**keep sb amused**

[B2] to keep someone interested and help them to have an enjoyable time

**Dictionary example:**
How do you keep an 8-year-old boy amused?

**Learner example:**
I could keep them amused with my funny stories.

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**amusement** /əˈmjuːz.mənt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** amusement
**Verbs:** amuse
**Adjectives:** amused, amusing

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**NOUN**

**FEELING**

[B2] [u] the feeling that you have when something makes you smile or laugh

**Dictionary examples:**
She looked at him with great amusement.
Carl came last in the race, much to my amusement.

**Learner example:**
Each made the other one laugh. We had great fun. It was a day with so much amusement, with my best friend John.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

[B2] [c or u] an enjoyable way of spending your time

**Dictionary example:**
I play the piano, but just for my own amusement.

**Learner example:**
In particular, computer games are a kind of amusement, for them and for everyone.
**analyse** /ˈæn.ə.laɪz/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** analysis, analyst
- **Verbs:** analyse
- **Adjectives:** analytical

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to examine the details of something carefully, in order to understand or explain it

**Dictionary examples:**
Researchers analysed the purchases of 6300 households.
Water samples taken from streams were analysed for contamination by chemicals.

**Learner example:**
He told me how we can analyse movies.

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**analysis** /əˈnæl.ə.sɪs/ (PLURAL analyses)

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** analysis, analyst
- **Verbs:** analyse
- **Adjectives:** analytical

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] the process of analysing something

**Dictionary examples:**
Chemical analysis revealed a high content of copper.
I was interested in Clare's analysis of the situation.

**Learner example:**
I would not do my school projects without using a computer, because I have to do some statistical analysis.

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**analyst** /ˈæn.ə.lɪst/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** analysis, analyst
- **Verbs:** analyse
- **Adjectives:** analytical

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] someone whose job is to study or examine something in detail
Dictionary example:
a financial/political/systems analyst

Learner example:
As you know I got promotion as a project analyst recently.

**analytical** /ˌæn.əˈlɪt.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: analysis, analyst
Verbs: analyse
Adjectives: analytical

ADJECTIVE (also analytic)
[C1] examining the details of something carefully, in order to understand or explain it

Dictionary examples:
analytical skills
an analytical mind

Learner example:
Moreover, employers nowadays are seeking the team-working, problem-solving and analytical skills [needed] for their company.

**ancestor** /ˈænˌses.tər/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a relative who lived a long time ago

Dictionary example:
My ancestors came from Ireland.

Learner example:
We are living in a technologically advanced world where we are surrounded by all sorts of devices, which would seem fantastic to our ancestors.

**anger** /ˈæŋ.gər/

Word family:
Nouns: anger
Adjectives: angry
Adverbs: angrily
NOUN [u]
[B2] a strong feeling against someone who has behaved badly, making you want to shout at them or hurt them

Dictionary examples:
I think he feels a lot of anger towards his father who treated him very badly as a child.
The people showed no surprise or anger at their treatment.

Learner example:
Trisha, who had invited us there, looked like she was about to explode with anger or burst into tears.

angle /ˈæŋ.gl/  

NOUN [c]

SPACE
[C1] the space between two lines or surfaces at the point at which they touch each other, measured in degrees

Dictionary examples:
an angle of 90 degrees
The interior angles of a square are right angles.

Learner example:
Carriers are to be requested to stick to the regulations which set the approach and takeoff angles at no less than 45 degrees.

at an angle
[C1] not horizontal or vertical, but sloping

Dictionary examples:
He wore his hat at an angle.
The boat settled into the mud at a 35 degree angle.

Learner example:
After purchasing the G5X–1 food processor from your shop last month I discovered, upon connecting it to the mains socket and switching it on, that I needed to tilt the unit at an angle for it to work.

DIRECTION
[C1] the direction from which you look at something

Dictionary example:
This is the same building photographed from different angles.

Learner example:
It is possible to see all the paintings from different angles. You can also zoom in and out.
WAY OF THINKING
[C1] the way you think about a situation

Dictionary example:
Try looking at the problem from another angle.

Learner example:
To be a child is to see the world from a different angle.

animal /ˈæn.ɪ.məl/

NOUN [C]

NOT A PLANT
[B2] anything that lives and moves, including people, birds, etc.

Dictionary example:
Are humans the only animals to use language?

Learner example:
I think the human is [an] animal that want[s] to [do] amusing things.

annoyance /əˈnɔɪ.ənts/

Word family:
Nouns: annoyance
Verbs: annoy
Adjectives: annoyed, annoying

NOUN [U]
[C1] the feeling of being annoyed

Dictionary example:
He kept losing his keys, much to the annoyance of his wife.

Learner example:
This caused a lot of annoyance, so I suggest next year you make some kind of arrangement [for] booking the places [o]n the computer room in advance.

annually /ˈæn.ju.ə.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: annual
Adverbs: annually

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ADVERB
[B2] once every year

**Dictionary example:**
Your starting salary is £28,000 per year and will be reviewed annually.

**Learner example:**
Dear Mr Benson, I am writing with regard to your letter, in which you asked me to give you some pieces of advice for the special events which take place in the College annually.

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**anticipate** /ænˈtɪs.ɪ.peɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** anticipation
**Verbs:** anticipate

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**VERB [T]**
[C1] to expect something, or to prepare for something before it happens

**Dictionary examples:**
to anticipate a **problem**
We anticipate that prices will fall next year.

**Learner example:**
Moreover, it is anticipated that the percentage of the group will rise further in 2010.

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**anti-social** /ˌæn.trˈseʊ.ʃəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** society, socialism, socialist
**Verbs:** socialize
**Adjectives:** sociable, social, anti-social

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**ADJECTIVE**

**BEHAVIOUR**
[C1] Anti-social behaviour harms or upsets the people around you.

**Dictionary example:**
Increasingly, smoking is regarded as an anti-social habit.

**Learner example:**
It cannot be denied that nowadays children and young people are showing many problems, such as anti-social behaviour.

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**PERSON**
[C1] An anti-social person does not like being with other people.
**Dictionary example:**
I hope they won't think I'm anti-social if I don't go to the party.

**Learner example:**
Technology has developed so much that [it] has made us very anti-social.

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**anxiety** /æŋˈziːə.ti/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** anxiety
- **Adjectives:** anxious
- **Adverbs:** anxiously

**NOUN [U]**
[B2] the feeling of being very worried

**Dictionary examples:**
Children normally feel a lot of anxiety about their first day at school.
That explains his anxiety over his health.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, if we consider this statement in general, we could infer that [the] teenage years are quite a good time in a person's life, as there is no stress or anxiety that is usually encountered later on in life.

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**anxious** /ˈæŋ.kəs/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** anxiety
- **Adjectives:** anxious
- **Adverbs:** anxiously

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] wanting to do something or wanting something to happen

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm anxious to hear her news.
I'm anxious that we get there on time because I don't think there'll be many seats left.

**Learner example:**
I am very anxious [for you] to tell me what type of competition you managed to win.
anxiously /ˈæŋ.kʃəсли/  

Word family:  
Nouns: anxiety  
Adjectives: anxious  
Adverbs: anxiously

**ADVERB**

[B2] in an anxious way

**Dictionary example:**  
We waited anxiously by the phone.

**Learner example:**  
I am waiting for your reply anxiously.

anyhow /ˈeni.ʒau/  

**ADVERB**

**DESpite**

[B2] despite that

**Dictionary example:**  
He hates carrots but he ate them anyhow.

**Learner example:**  
It wasn’t a great support, but anyhow I consider my choice to be the best I could have [made].

**EARLIER SUBJECT**

[B2] used when you are returning to an earlier subject

**Dictionary example:**  
Anyhow, as I said, I’ll be away next week.

**Learner example:**  
After that we drove for about one hour before we had to take a lunch break. It was still very hot when we continued our trip and we had to stop once more. Anyhow, we [got] to Munich the same day, where we stayed for two days.

**MORE IMPORTANTLY**

[B2] used to give a more important reason for something that you are saying

**Dictionary example:**  
I don’t need a car and I can’t afford one anyhow.

**Learner example:**  
We both thought that it was a good idea to have that stop-over at your place as it was on our route to Norway anyhow.
CHANGING STATEMENT
[C1] used when you want to slightly change something that you have just said

Dictionary example:
Boys aren't horrible – not all of them anyhow!

anything /ˈen.i.θɪŋ/

PRONOUN

or anything
[B2] used to talk or ask about things of a similar type

Dictionary examples:
Do you want a drink or anything?
Did you do any sightseeing or anything?

anything like
[B2] used in questions and negatives to mean 'at all similar to'

Dictionary example:
Does he look anything like his brother?

Learner example:
Even in my dreams I haven’t seen anything like it.

anywhere /ˈen.i.weər/

ADVERB

not/never get anywhere
[B2] informal to not make any progress

Dictionary example:
I tried discussing the problem with her but I didn't get anywhere.

Learner example:
If we think about making an effort and changing our daily routine at once, we will never get anywhere because a drastic change usually does not last.

anywhere near sth
[C1] used in questions and negatives to mean 'close to being or doing something'

Dictionary example:
The house isn't anywhere near ready.
Learner example:
We could not have gone anywhere near 5000 miles because all our minibuses were broken down – we even stayed in one place for 8 days.

apart /əˈpɑːt/  

ADVERB  

RELATIONSHIP  
[B2] If two people are apart, they are not in the same place together.  

Dictionary example:  
By this time my parents were living apart.  

Learner example:  
I'll always remember those two days which we spent together after such a long time living apart.  

INTO PIECES  
[B2] into separate, smaller pieces  

Dictionary examples:  
I took the motor apart to see how it worked.  
My jacket is so old, it's coming apart.

apostrophe /əˈpɒs.trə.fi/  

NOUN [C]  
[B2] the punctuation mark ' that shows when a letter or a number has been left out, or is used before or after 's' to show possession  

Dictionary examples:  
I'm Ian.  
She was born in '65.  
Helen's laugh  
Charles' cooking  
a baby's hand  
babies' hands
appalling /əˈpɔː.lɪŋ/

ADJECTIVE

BAD

[C1] very bad

Dictionary examples:
appalling behaviour/weather
The film was absolutely appalling!

Learner example:
Also, they believe that their ability to watch videos is handicapped by the fact that some of the equipment is in [an] appalling condition.

apparent /əˈpær.ənt/

Word family:
Adjectives: apparent
Adverbs: apparently

ADJECTIVE

OBVIOUS

[B2] obvious or easy to notice

Dictionary examples:
Her unhappiness was apparent to everyone.
It was becoming increasingly apparent that he could no longer look after himself.
I was on the metro this morning when for no apparent reason the man opposite suddenly screamed.

Learner example:
This was my Dad, always doing weird things for no apparent reason.

SEEMS TRUE

[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] seeming to exist or be true

Dictionary example:
I was a little surprised by her apparent lack of interest.

Learner example:
In conclusion, our research [show]s the residents' apparent unwillingness to transform Greendale Park into a car park.
apparently /əˈpær.ənt.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: apparent
Adverbs: apparently

ADVERB

AS HEARD/READ

[B2] used to say you have read or been told something although you are not certain it is true

Dictionary examples:
Apparently it's going to rain today.
Apparently he's had enough of England and is going back to Australia.

Learner example:
Apparently he was planning to visit me and surprise me for my birthday, which was the following day.

SEEMS TRUE

[B2] used to say that something seems to be true, although it is not certain

Dictionary examples:
There were two apparently unrelated deaths.
An eighty-year-old woman was badly hurt in what the police describe as an apparently random attack.

Learner example:
People found it important and still do but apparently, today, we don't appreciate reading as much as our ancestors.

appeal /əˈpiːl/

NOUN

QUALITY

[B2] [u] the quality in someone or something that makes them attractive or interesting

Dictionary examples:
sex appeal
Spielberg films have a wide appeal.
Parties on river-boats have lost their appeal since one sank last year.

Learner example:
In my opinion, computer games are so popular because the games have developed their graphics and they have more appeal to youngsters.
REQUEST
[C1] [c] when a lot of people are asked to give money, information or help urgently

Dictionary examples:
They’re launching an appeal to raise money for famine victims.
The police have issued an appeal to the public to stay away from the centre of town at the weekend.

Learner example:
I would suggest that the local authorities with the support of the community and companies start an appeal, to raise money to keep St. Mary’s running.

VERB [i]

ATTRACT
[B2] to attract or interest someone

Dictionary examples:
Cycling has never really appealed to me.
It’s a programme designed to appeal mainly to 16 to 25 year-olds.

Learner example:
In addition, books appeal to our imagination.

REQUEST
[C1] to make a serious or formal request, especially to the public, for money or help

Dictionary examples:
They’re appealing for clothes and blankets to send to the devastated region.
The police are appealing to the public for any information about the missing girl.

appear /əˈpiər/:

Word family:
Nouns: appearance, disappearance
Verbs: appear, disappear

VERB [i]

it appears (that)
[B2] used to say that something seems to be true

Dictionary example:
It appears that she left the party alone.

Learner example:
It appears that people are more aware about clothes and also work.
BECOME AVAILABLE

[B2] to start to exist or become available

**Dictionary examples:**
Laptop computers **first** appeared in the 1980s.  
The story appeared in all the major newspapers.

**Learner example:**
In almost every city fast-food restaurants [have] appear[ed], which have a big group of fans.

it would appear (that)

[C1] used to say that something seems to be true

**Dictionary example:**
It would appear that nobody on board the aircraft actually had a licence to fly it.

**Learner example:**
It would appear that students are not satisfied with the hours and days offered by the Club.

appearance /əˈpiə.rənts/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** appearance, disappearance  
**Verbs:** appear, disappear

**NOUN**

IN PUBLIC

[B2] [c] when someone appears in public, on television, in a film, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
It was his first appearance on television/television appearance **as** president.  
She **made** two appearances during her visit.  
She will be making a **public** appearance, signing copies of her latest novel.

**Learner example:**
You probably know him, because he [made] an appearance [i]n the film "Bad Boys."

BECOMING AVAILABLE

[B2] [NO PLURAL] when something starts to exist or becomes available

**Dictionary example:**
The appearance of new products on the market has increased competition.

**Learner example:**
The appearance of the car has facilitated our lives.
appetite /ˈæp.ɪ.tɪt/  

NOUN [C or U]

FOOD

[C1] the feeling that makes you want to eat

Dictionary examples:
All that walking has given me an appetite.
I won’t have any chocolate, thanks – it’ll spoil my appetite.

Learner example:
The tasteless food spoiled our appetite.

applaud /əˈplɔːd/  

Word family:
Nouns: applause
Verbs: applaud

VERB

CLAP

[C1] [I or T] to clap your hands to show that you have enjoyed a performance, talk, etc.

Dictionary example:
The audience applauded loudly.

Learner example:
Secondly, owing to a sudden shower, there was a short break during the dance display and the horse show, but eventually, we finished the display and the show successfully and people applauded.

applause /əˈplɔːz/  

Word family:
Nouns: applause
Verbs: applaud

NOUN [U]

[C1] when people make a noise by clapping their hands to show they have enjoyed or approve of something

Dictionary example:
There was loud applause at the end of her speech.
Learner example:
Still the audience was very pleased, because they gave massive applause at the end.

**appliance** /əˈplær.ənts/

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] a piece of electrical equipment with a particular purpose in the home

**Dictionary example:**
fridges, radios, and other **electrical** appliances

**Learner example:**
The fair was well organized and structured into specific sections from clothing and sportswear to household appliances and electronic [goods].

**application** /ˌæp.lɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** application
**Verbs:** apply

**NOUN**

**COMPUTER SOFTWARE**
[B2] [c] a piece of computer software designed for a particular purpose

**Dictionary example:**
Typical examples of software applications are spreadsheets, media players and database applications.

**Learner example:**
I am [an] exp[e]rienced user of [the] Internet and know all application programs for Windows ’95 (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PinPoint etc.).

**apply** /əˈplaɪ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** application
**Verbs:** apply

**VERB**

**AFFECT**
[B2] [t] to relate to a particular person or situation
Dictionary examples:
That bit of the form is for UK citizens – it doesn't apply to you.
He seems to think that the normal rules of behaviour don't apply to him.
Those were old regulations – they don't apply any more.

Learner example:
The same doesn't apply to a teenager who lives in illness and poverty and whose family and friends constantly mistreat him.

USE
[C1] [ɪ] to use something in a particular situation

Dictionary example:
The same method can be applied to other situations.

Learner example:
Moreover, he can explain how theory is being applied in the field.

**appoint** /əˈpɔɪnt/

Word family:
Nouns: appointment
Verbs: appoint

VERB [ɪ]
[C1] to officially choose someone for a job

Dictionary example:
He was appointed as company director last year.

Learner example:
Moreover, with the liberation of Greece, he was appointed as the First Governor of the new state.

**appreciate** /əˈpriː.ʃi.eɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: appreciation
Verbs: appreciate

VERB [ɪ]

VALUE
[B2] to understand how good something or someone is and be able to enjoy them

Dictionary examples:
There's no point buying him expensive wines – he doesn't appreciate them.
I don't think you appreciate how much time I spent preparing this meal.
Learner example:
It's like wine, it's impossible to drink a glass of wine quickly, you can't appreciate it.

would appreciate
[B2] used when you are politely requesting something

Dictionary example:
I would appreciate it if you could let me know in advance whether or not you will be coming.

Learner example:
I would really appreciate a positive answer from your side.

I/We appreciate...
[B2] used when you are thanking someone or showing that you are grateful

Dictionary examples:
Thanks for all the help you gave us last weekend. We really appreciate it.
I appreciate your making the effort to come.

Learner example:
Thanks for your congratulations. I really appreciate it.

appreciation /əˈpriː.ʃiˈeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: appreciation
Verbs: appreciate

NOUN [U]
[B2] when you understand how good something or someone is and are able to enjoy them

Dictionary examples:
You've done so much to help us so, to show our appreciation, we've bought you a little gift.
The crowd cheered in appreciation.
Children rarely show any appreciation of/for what their parents do for them.
My appreciation of art has increased as I've got older.

Learner example:
To show our appreciation, we would also like to invite you to dinner afterwards at the Red Baron.

approach /əˈprəʊtʃ/

VERB
DEAL WITH
[B2] [ɪ] to deal with something
**Dictionary example:**
I'm not sure how to approach the problem.

**Learner example:**
This is the right way to approach the issue.

**NOUN**

**METHOD**

[B2] [c] a way of doing something

**Dictionary examples:**
In Sweden they have a different approach to the problem.
I thought we'd adopt/take a new approach.

**Learner example:**
This will show the contrast in teaching methods, different approaches to students and [the] techniques used by different teachers.

**COMING CLOSER**

[B2] [u] when something or someone gets nearer in distance or time

**Dictionary examples:**
The siren signalled the approach of an ambulance.
Please fasten your seat belts, the plane is now making its final approach (in)to Heathrow Airport.

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**appropriate** /əˈprəʊ.pri.ət/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** appropriate, inappropriate
**Adverbs:** appropriately, inappropriately

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] suitable or right for a particular situation or occasion

**Dictionary examples:**
Is this film appropriate for small children?
I didn't think his comments were very appropriate at the time.

**Learner example:**
I will explain why I am an appropriate person for this job.

**appropriately** /əˈprəʊ.pri.ət.li/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** appropriate, inappropriate
**Adverbs:** appropriately, inappropriately
ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is appropriate

Dictionary example:
She didn't think we were appropriately dressed for a wedding.

Learner example:
I enjoyed reading it and I think it appropriately describes the atmosphere of that lovely town.

approval /əˈpruːv/  

Word family:  
Nouns: approval, disapproval  
Verbs: approve, disapprove

NOUN [U]

GOOD OPINION

[B2] when you have a positive opinion of someone or something

Dictionary examples:  
He showed his approval by smiling broadly.  
Sam always tried hard to win his father's approval.  
Does the wine meet with your approval?

Learner example:  
I hope this meets [with] your approval and I am looking forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

PERMISSION

[B2] official permission

Dictionary examples:  
The project has now received approval from the government.  
The teacher gave the student a nod of approval.

Learner example:  
Besides the questionable approval given by governmental authorities, the situation might be useful to us.

approve /əˈpruːv/  

Word family:  
Nouns: approval, disapproval  
Verbs: approve, disapprove
GOOD OPINION
[B2] [I] to think that something is good or right

Dictionary examples:
She doesn't approve of my friends.
He doesn't approve of smoking.
The head of department seems to approve of what I am doing.

Learner example:
Woods didn't approve of the government's attitude to them.

approximate /əˈprɒk.sɪ.mət/

Word family:
Adjectives: approximate
Adverbs: approximately

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not completely accurate but close

Dictionary examples:
The train's approximate time of arrival is 10.30.
Can you give me an approximate idea of the numbers involved?

Learner example:
The approximate figure is about 5000 people.

archaeologist /ˌɑː.kiˈɒl.ə.dʒɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: archaeologist, archaeology

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who studies ancient cultures by looking for and examining their buildings, tools, and other objects

Dictionary example:
Archaeologists believe the remains date back to the 5th century.

Learner example:
It includes articles from prominent journalists, scientists, archaeologists and other experts on Greek civilisation.
archaeology /ˌɑː.kiˈɒl.ə.dʒi/

Word family:
Nouns: archaeologist, archaeology

NOUN [u]
[C1] the study of ancient cultures by looking for and examining their buildings, tools, and other objects

Dictionary example:
He did archaeology at university.

Learner example:
But I have to admit that there could be more presentations to cover areas like archaeology, language, etc.

area /ˈeə.ri.ə/

NOUN [c]

SUBJECT
[B2] a part of a subject or activity

Dictionary examples:
Marketing is Paul's area.
Software is not really my area of expertise.

Learner example:
I am a 30-year-old Swedish male with a diploma in gardening. I have 6 years experience of the area since I have been employed by a Swedish fruit supplier.

argue /ˈɑːg.juː/

Word family:
Nouns: argument
Verbs: argue

VERB

GIVE REASONS
[B2] [I or T] to give reasons to support or oppose an idea, action, etc.

Dictionary examples:
The minister argued for/in favour of making cuts in military spending.
She argued against tax cuts.
The minister argued that cuts in military spending were needed.
Learner example:
It is often argued that family life is not important.

argument  /ˈɑːg.jʊ.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: argument
Verbs: argue

NOUN [C]

REASON

[B2] a reason or reasons why you support or oppose an idea, action, etc.

Dictionary examples:
There are many arguments for and against nuclear energy.
I don’t think that’s a very strong/powerful argument.

Learner example:
An argument in favour of this statement is that shopping is very tiring.

arise /əˈraɪz/

VERB [i] (arose, arisen)

[C1] If a problem arises, it starts to happen.

Dictionary example:
The whole problem arose from a lack of communication.

Learner example:
Although the place was very good, a number of problems arose during our visit.

armed /ɑː/md/

ADJECTIVE

WEAPONS

[B2] 1 using or carrying weapons

Dictionary examples:
an armed robbery
armed conflict
armed guards/police
Learner example:
I could clearly understand that the two armed men would catch us within [a] few minutes.

**around /əˈraʊnd/**

**ADVERB**

**be around**
[B2] If someone is around, they are present in a place.

**Dictionary examples:**
Will you be around next week?
Roger isn't around at the moment – can I help instead?

**Learner example:**
It was dark and not a soul was around.

**arrange /əˈreɪndʒ/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: arrangement
Verbs: arrange, rearrange

**VERB**

**PUT IN POSITION**
[B2] [ɪ] to put objects in a particular order or position

**Dictionary examples:**
She arranged her birthday cards along the shelf.
Who arranged these flowers so beautifully?
His books are neatly arranged in alphabetical order.

**Learner example:**
Before the pop concert [started], I arranged the seats and carried some musical instruments.

**arrangement /əˈreɪndʒ.mənt/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: arrangement
Verbs: arrange, rearrange

**NOUN**

**AGREEMENT**
[B2] [ɔ or ə] an agreement between two people or groups
Dictionary examples:
We had an arrangement that he would clean the house and I would cook.
I'm sure we can come to an arrangement.
You can only withdraw money from this account by (prior) arrangement with the bank.

Learner example:
I didn't know if you would be in the house or not so you need to contact him for a new arrangement [on] this telephone number 333-30.30.

POSITION
[B2] [c] a group of objects in a particular order or position

Dictionary example:
a flower arrangement

Learner example:
Dear Mrs. Anderson, I have learned from a friend that your club gives advanced courses in flower arrangement.

**arrest** /əˈrest/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when the police take someone away to ask them about a crime which they might have committed

Dictionary examples:
Police made twenty arrests at yesterday's demonstration.
She was stopped outside the shop and placed/put under arrest.

Learner example:
When I came around, Mr Smith was under arrest and fortunately, thing[s] finished well for me.

**arrival** /əˈrər.vəl/

Word family:
Nouns: arrival
Verbs: arrive

NOUN

NEW PERSON/THING
[C1] [c] a new thing or person that has arrived

Dictionary example:
Two teachers were there to greet the new arrivals.
Learner example:
Secondly, a barbecue would be a good thing to do on the 1st of September, to welcome the new arrivals.

**arrogant /ˈær.ə.gənt/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] believing that you are better or more important than other people

**Dictionary example:**
I found him arrogant and rude.

**Learner example:**
Chubby, arrogant and filthy were the words that described him best. Every time they met, a bitter feeling of hate[d] bloomed in her throat.

**arrow /ˈær.əʊ/**

**NOUN [C]**

**SYMBOL**

[B2] a symbol used on a sign, on a computer, etc. to show direction

**Dictionary example:**
I followed the arrows to the car park.

**Learner example:**
I followed its arrow and believe it or not I found mum!

**WEAPON**

[B2] a weapon that is like a long thin stick with a sharp point at one end and often feathers at the other, shot from a bow

**Dictionary example:**
Robin Hood asked to be buried where his arrow landed.

**Learner example:**
The museum has many old axes, crossbows, bows and arrows.

**art /aːt/**

Word family:

Nouns: art, artist

Adjectives: artistic
NOUN

arts
[B2] creative areas including painting, drama, dance, music, etc.

Dictionary examples:
fine/decorative arts
She’s doing a course in the performing arts.

Learner example:
You can enjoy both traditional and contemporary performing arts in Osaka.

arts
[C1] subjects, such as history, languages and philosophy, that are not scientific subjects

Dictionary examples:
an arts subject
the Arts Faculty
an arts graduate/degree

Learner example:
The same percentage of graduates from arts and social science and science areas became unemployed after finishing university.

SKILL
[C1] [c or u] a skill in a particular activity

Dictionary example:
the art of conversation

Learner example:
In my opinion, spoken English is the best course at the school and it really gives one good practice in the art of negotiation.

artificial /ˌɑː.tɪˈfɪʃ.əl/

Word family:
Adjectives: artificial
Adverbs: artificially

ADJECTIVE

NOT NATURAL
[B2] not natural, but made by people

Dictionary examples:
an artificial flower/lake
artificial flavourings
Learner example:
First, most shopping centres use artificial illumination, which is bad for our health.

artificially  /ˌɑː.tɪˈfɪʃ.əl.i/

Word family:
Adjectives: artificial
Adverbs: artificially

ADVERB
[B2] in an artificial way

Dictionary example:
Most mushrooms sold in supermarkets have been grown artificially in manure.

Learner example:
Zoos are part of nature, despite the fact that they are created artificially.

artistic  /ɑːˈtɪs.tɪk/
as /æz/

ADVERB; PREPOSITION

as for
[B2] used at the beginning of a sentence to introduce a slightly different subject, but one that is connected in some way

Dictionary example:
I was pleased about the news. As for Emily, well, who cares what she thinks?

Learner example:
As for Chris, he agreed with me to do fifty kilometres on Saturday and stay at the Lakeside Inn.

as a result of sth
[B2] because of something

Dictionary example:
Unemployment has risen as a result of the credit crunch.

Learner example:
On more than one occasion I missed the new releases or arrived late, as a result of trusting the cinema's website.

as a whole
[B2] when considered as a group and not in parts

Dictionary example:
The population as a whole is getting healthier.

Learner example:
To sum up, I can say that the greatest ever invention is the invention of computers, that has affected both individuals and society as a whole.

as a matter of fact
[B2] used to give more information, or to correct something that has been said

Dictionary examples:
John plays golf professionally. As a matter of fact, he has just won a big competition.
“So you’re from Cambridge?” “No, as a matter of fact, I’m from Bristol.”

Learner example:
I think it would be better to choose somewhere outdoors. As a matter of fact, I prefer the open air and the sunlight!

as follows
[B2] used to introduce a list or description

Dictionary example:
The main reasons are as follows.
Learner example:
The summary of relevant points and recommendations are as follows: 1. Both of them are located in the centre of town.

**as if/as though**
[B2] used to describe how a situation seems to be

**Dictionary examples:**
- It looks as if it might rain.
- It was as though we had known each other for years.

**Learner example:**
Everything was so familiar, as though he [had] never left the place.

**as far as sb is concerned**
[B2] used to show what someone thinks about something

**Dictionary examples:**
- As far as I'm concerned, feng shui is a load of rubbish.
- As far as our customers are concerned, price is the main consideration.

**Learner example:**
As far as Laura was concerned, he was the most disgusting man in the world.

**as far as sth is concerned**
[B2] used to tell someone what you are talking about

**Dictionary example:**
- As far as money is concerned, we're doing very well.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I think the Majestic Hotel would be the right location, but I have doubts as far as the costs are concerned.

**as far as I know**
[B2] used to say that you think something is true, but cannot be sure

**Dictionary example:**
- As far as I know, he's never been in trouble with the police.

**Learner example:**
As far as I know, accommodation at Camp California is in tents or log cabins.

**as it happens**
[C1] something that you say in order to introduce a surprising fact

**Dictionary example:**
- As it happens, her birthday is the day after mine.

**Learner example:**
As it happens, I am currently looking for a computer course for myself and I would like to join one of your courses.
as many as
[C1] used before a number or amount to show that the number or amount is large

Dictionary example:
As many as 6,000 people may have been infected with the disease.

Learner example:
As many as 90% of them went to [the] cinema on a regular basis in 1990, with the peak of [a] 95% attendance rate taking place in 1996.

as yet
[C1] formal until and including this time

Dictionary examples:
We haven't needed extra staff as yet, but may do in the future.
No ambulances had as yet managed to get across the river.

Learner example:
I would like to do something about it, but as I can't imagine building anything near my beautiful house (because I'm afraid it would destroy its wonderful harmony), I have no idea as yet how to solve this problem.

**ashamed /əˈʃeɪmd/**

Word family:
Nouns: shame
Adjectives: ashamed, shameful

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]**

be ashamed of sb
[B2] to be angry and disappointed with a family member or friend because they have behaved badly

Dictionary example:
My brother was so rude to Jane – I was ashamed of him.

Learner example:
I was very ashamed of them. [They] came from [my] own country.

**aside /əˈsaɪd/**

**ADVERB**

MOVE TO SIDE
[B2] on or to one side
Dictionary examples:
Stand aside, please, and let these people pass.
He pulled the curtain aside.
I gave her a plate of food but she pushed it aside.
She took me aside to tell me the news.

Learner example:
I saw an old man slowly pull it aside and peep out, looking [at] the street with his eyes wide open.

SAVE
[B2] If you put or set something aside, you do not use it now, but keep it to use later.

Dictionary example:
We've put some money aside for the holiday.

Learner example:
I had put some money aside for a month, thinking about the discount.

aside from sth
[B2] except for

Dictionary example:
This document needs finishing, but aside from that I think everything is done.

Learner example:
Secondly, it is unfair to say the other performers were second-rate aside from the 'Torrents', since they all sang and played very well.

ask /ɑːsk/

VERB

Don't ask!
[B2] INFORMAL said when someone asks you about an experience that was very bad

Dictionary example:
"How was the meeting?" "Don't ask!"

Learner example:
Don't ask me how the concert was!

Don't ask me
[B2] INFORMAL used to tell someone that you do not know the answer to a question and that you are surprised they have asked you

Dictionary example:
"So why would she leave such a good job?" "Don't ask me!"
**aspect /ˈæs.pəkt/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] one part of a situation, problem, subject, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
Which aspects of the job do you most enjoy?
That's the most worrying aspect of the situation.

**Learner example:**
Every aspect of our daily life is influenced by technology.

**assert /əˈsɜːt/**

**Word family:**

Verbs: assert
Adjectives: assertive

**VERB**

[C1] [T] **FORMAL** to say that something is certainly true

**Dictionary example:**
He asserts that she stole money from him.

**Learner example:**
Our department have already consulted [the] local Marketing Training Centre, which asserted that these employees are eligible to take the course.

**assess /əˈses/**

**Word family:**

Nouns: assessment
Verbs: assess

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to make a judgement about the quality, size or value, etc. of something

**Dictionary examples:**
Examinations are a way of assessing a student’s ability.
They assessed the cost of the flood damage at £1500.
We need to assess whether the project is worth doing.

**Learner example:**
The aim of this report is to compare and assess the architecture, food and service of two restaurants in my area.
**assessment** /əˈses.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: assessment
Verbs: assess

**NOUN** [c or u]
[B2] when you make a judgement about the quality, size or value, etc. of something

Dictionary example:
That's a fair assessment of the situation.

Learner example:
Secondly, I was a little bit upset about your assessment of [the] other performers because they showed us their great musical talents.

**asset** /ˈæ.set/

**NOUN**

**USEFUL**
[C1] [c] a person, skill or quality which is useful or helps you to succeed

Dictionary example:
He'll be a great asset to the team.

Learner example:
I am sure that you will be more than satisfied with him and that he is going to be an asset to your hotel.

**WORTH MONEY**
[C1] [C USUALLY PLURAL] something which a person or company owns which has a value

Dictionary example:
The company has $70 billion in assets.

Learner example:
Somehow, all his assets were frozen by the bank and the family became poor overnight.

**assign** /əˈsaɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: assignment
Verbs: assign

**VERB** [T]
[C1] to give someone a particular job or responsibility
Dictionary examples:
UN forces were assigned the task of rebuilding the hospital.
The case has been assigned to our most senior officer.

Learner example:
Some of the work they were assigned was quite boring for them.

assignment /əˈsaɪn.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: assignment
Verbs: assign

NOUN [C]
[C1] a piece of work given to someone, especially as part of their studies or job

Dictionary examples:
a freelance/photo assignment
The assignment is due on Friday.

Learner example:
As your know, I must do the group assignment for Project Management.

assist /əˈsɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: assistance, assistant
Verbs: assist

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to help

Dictionary examples:
The army arrived to assist in the search.
You will be expected to assist the editor with the selection of illustrations for the book.

Learner example:
However, I used to assist my brother, who is a photographer.

assistance /əˈsɪs.tənts/

Word family:
Nouns: assistance, assistant
Verbs: assist
NOUN [u]

[B2] help

Dictionary examples:
Can I be of any assistance, madam?
Teachers can't give pupils any assistance in exams.

Learner example:
Thank you for your assistance.

associate /əˈsəʊ.si.eɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: association
Verbs: associate

VERB

be associated with sth

[B2] to be related to something or caused by something

Dictionary example:
There are many risks associated with smoking.

Learner example:
Undoubtedly there are both positive and negative points associated with this topic.

TWO THINGS/PEOPLE

[C1] [t] to connect someone or something in your mind with someone or something else

Dictionary example:
Most people associate this brand with good quality.

Learner example:
Nowadays we tend to associate computer games or television with young people.

association /əˌsəʊ.siˈeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: association
Verbs: associate

NOUN

[B2] [c] an organization of people with the same interests or with a particular purpose
Dictionary example:
The Football Association

Learner example:
I am a member of the local Kung-Fu Association.

**in association with**

[C1] working together with

Dictionary example:
The event was organized in association with the Sports Council.

Learner example:
This service, which will be [provided] in association with Foster Loft, will be available at the end of 2005.

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**assume** /əˈsjuːm/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** assumption
**Verbs:** assume

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to think that something is true, without question or proof

**Dictionary examples:**
I assumed (that) you knew each other because you went to the same school.
I invited her just assuming she would want to come.

**Learner example:**
The police assumed he was lying so they put him [in] jail.

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**assumption** /əˈsʌmpʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** assumption
**Verbs:** assume

**NOUN**
[C1] [C] something that you think is true without having any proof

**Dictionary examples:**
People tend to make assumptions about you when you have a disability.
These calculations are based on the assumption that prices will continue to rise.

**Learner example:**
But if this assumption is right, and if you consider how much fashion has changed over the last 60 years, does this mean that we are so very different from our grandparents?
assurance /əˈʃʊə.rən ts/  
Word family:  
Nouns: assurance, reassurance, self-assurance  
Verbs: assure, reassure  
Adjectives: reassuring, self-assured

NOUN

PROMISE

[C1] [c] a promise

Dictionary example:  
He gave us an assurance that it would not happen again.

Learner example:  
Again, may I give my assurances that the above two requests [for] equipment acquisition would be money well spent for our company.

assure /əˈʃʊər/  
Word family:  
Nouns: assurance, reassurance, self-assurance  
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VERB [T]

SAY WITH CERTAINTY

[B2] to tell someone confidently that something is true, especially so that they do not worry

Dictionary example:  
She assured him (that) the car would be ready the next day.

Learner example:  
If you decide to live in the capital, I can assure you there are plenty of sports facilities here, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, football fields, swimming centres and many more.

MAKE CERTAIN

[C1] to make something certain to happen

Dictionary example:  
This loan should assure the company's future.

Learner example:  
The PT is guaranteed to assure higher test results or your money back!
astonished /əˈstɒn.ɪʃt/

Word family:
Nouns: astonishment
Adjectives: astonished, astonishing

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very surprised

Dictionary examples:
I was astonished to see Miriam there.
They looked astonished when I announced I was pregnant.
The doctors were astonished at the speed of her recovery.

Learner example:
She was astonished when she saw what was in front of her.

astonishing /əˈstɒn.ɪ.ʃɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: astonishment
Adjectives: astonished, astonishing

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very surprising

Dictionary examples:
Her first novel enjoyed an astonishing level of success.
It's astonishing to think that only a few years ago Communism dominated eastern Europe.

Learner example:
The colour of the sea was astonishing and the mountains were so magical!

astonishment /əˈstɒn.ɪʃ.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: astonishment
Adjectives: astonished, astonishing

NOUN [u]
[B2] very great surprise

Dictionary examples:
To my astonishment, she started laughing.
She gasped in astonishment.
Learner example:
To our astonishment, we were in front of a small house which seemed to have been built centuries ago.

**at /æt/**

**PREPOSITION**

at least
[B2] used to reduce the effect of a statement

**Dictionary example:**
I've met the President – at least, he shook my hand once.

**Learner example:**
But after years of developing my slalom, I wanted to learn something new, so, I started Hot-Dogging. Hot-Dog is great fun. At least, people say so.

**AMOUNT**
[B2] used to show a price, temperature, rate, speed, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
He was driving at 120 mph when the police spotted him.

**at all costs**
[B2] If something must be done at all costs, it is very important that it is done.

**Dictionary example:**
We have to succeed at all costs.

**Learner example:**
One thing was sure: he was convinced [he had] to save Anne's life at all costs.

**at sb's disposal**
[B2] available for you to use at any time

**Dictionary example:**
We will have a car at our disposal for the whole trip.

**Learner example:**
But on Wednesday morning I'm at your disposal.

**at fault**
[B2] responsible for something bad that has happened

**Dictionary example:**
I was at fault and I would like to apologize.

**Learner example:**
I really felt at fault.
at risk

[B2] being in a situation where something bad is likely to happen

Dictionary examples:
All houses within 100 metres of the seas are at risk of flooding.
Releasing these prisoners puts the public at risk.

Learner example:
Lives are at risk!

at an angle

[C1] not horizontal or vertical, but sloping

Dictionary examples:
He wore his hat at an angle.
The boat settled into the mud at a 35 degree angle.

Learner example:
After purchasing the GSX–1 food processor from your shop last month I discovered, upon connecting it to the mains socket and switching it on, that I needed to tilt the unit at an angle for it to work.

at the expense of sth

[C1] If you do one thing at the expense of another, doing the first thing harms the second thing.

Dictionary example:
He spent a lot of time at work, at the expense of his marriage.

Learner example:
Unfortunately one is usually done at the expense of the other.

at face value

[C1] If you accept something at face value because of the way it first looks or seems, you do so without thinking carefully about it.

Dictionary examples:
You can't just accept everything you read in the newspapers at face value.
These results should not be taken at face value – careful analysis is required to assess their full implications.

Learner example:
People are assessed at face value [by] the type of cars they drive.

at a glance

[C1] If you see something at a glance, you see it very quickly or immediately.

Dictionary example:
He could tell at a glance that something was wrong.

Learner example:
You could tell at a glance that Peter was a loner.
at hand
[C1] near in time or space

Dictionary example:
Teachers are always close at hand to give help to any child who needs it.

Learner example:
I haven’t had any lectures in English, but now and then there are lectures in English at the University so you need to understand the spoken language with no dictionary at hand.

at the very least
[C1] not less than, and probably much more than

Dictionary examples:
At the very least, you should apologize.
We should earn £500 at the very least.

Learner example:
Thus, I trust you will agree that at the very least I deserve a letter of explanation from you and a substantial refund of my money.

at short notice UK
[C1] only a short time before something happens

Dictionary example:
I had to give a speech at very short notice.

Learner example:
The fact that the speech by the famous actor was cancelled at short notice was disappointing.

at once
[C1] at the same time

Dictionary example:
They all started talking at once.

Learner example:
The study centre is really small and all the students talk at once.

all at once
[C1] suddenly

Dictionary example:
All at once he stood up and walked out of the room.

Learner example:
All at once, everything started to work again.

at random
[C1] chosen by chance

Dictionary example:
Winners will be chosen at random.
Learner example:
The rooms suggested to be [filmed] have not been chosen at random.

at times
[C1] sometimes

Dictionary example:
At times, I wish I didn't have to go to school.

Learner example:
STUDYING METHODS All teachers at the college are high[ly]-skilled professionals and can be very demanding at times, but this is [in] your best interest[s].

athletic /æθˈlet.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: athlete, athletics
Adjectives: athletic

ADJECTIVE
[B2] strong, healthy and good at sports

Dictionary example:
She looks very athletic.

Learner example:
Furthermore, I am not only very athletic, but also really sociable and outgoing.

atmosphere /ˈæt.mə.sfɪə/

NOUN

the atmosphere
[B2] the mixture of gases around the Earth

Dictionary example:
These factories are releasing toxic gases into the atmosphere.

Learner example:
I'm against cars because their CO2 emissions destroy the atmosphere.

AIR INSIDE
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the air inside a room or other place

Dictionary example:
The atmosphere in the room was so stuffy I could hardly breathe.
Learner example:
The atmosphere in the halls also became hot and humid, thus making the whole experience rather unpleasant.

atom /ˈæt.əm/  
Word family:  
Nouns: atom  
Adjectives: atomic  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] the smallest unit that an element can be divided into  

Dictionary example:  
A molecule of carbon dioxide (CO2) has one carbon atom and two oxygen atoms.

Learner example:  
Anyway, the manager of that cent[er] called me in order to inform me that I would [be doing] research on nuclear power and atoms.

atomic /əˈtɒm.ɪk/  
Word family:  
Nouns: atom  
Adjectives: atomic  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] using the energy that is created when an atom is divided  

Dictionary example:  
atomic energy/power  

Learner example:  
There are lots more dangerous things in the world, like radioactive pol[l]ution or atomic bombs.

attached /əˈtætʃt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: attachment  
Verbs: attach  
Adjectives: attached  

ADJECTIVE  
CONNECTED TO  
[B2] joined or connected to another thing
**Dictionary example:**
Please fill out the attached form.

**Learner example:**
As I am an athletic swimmer and a good surfer too, my choice from your attached list is naturally swimming and surfing.

**attached to sb/sth**
[C1] feeling emotionally close to someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
The children are very attached to their grandparents.

**Learner example:**
My only concern is that she is a bit shy and very attached to her family, but I really don't think it would be a problem since she travels a lot and has already spent two months abroad.

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**attachment** /əˈtæʃ.mənt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** attachment
**Verbs:** attach
**Adjectives:** attached

**NOUN**

**EQUIPMENT**
[B2] [c] an extra piece of equipment that can be added to a machine

**Dictionary example:**
This food processor has a special attachment for grinding coffee.

**COMPUTING**
[B2] [c] a computer file which is sent together with an email message

**Dictionary examples:**
I'll email my report to you as an attachment.
I wasn't able to open that attachment.

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**attack** /əˈtæk/

**VERB**

**CRITICIZE**
[C1] [t] to strongly criticize someone or something
Dictionary example:
She attacked the government’s new education policy.

Learner example:
I hope he was indeed misinformed, because attacking a charity organization like this on purpose, is truly an act of a cruel man.

**attain** /əˈteɪn/

Word family:
Verbs: attain
Adjectives: attainable, unattainable

**VERB** [T]
[C1] to achieve something, especially after a lot of work

Dictionary example:
She’s attained a high level of fitness.

Learner example:
Alternatively, an English speaker from a non–English–speaking country may be of help only if he/she has attained a level higher than yours.

**attempt** /əˈtempt/

**NOUN** [C]
[B2] when you try to do something

Dictionary examples:
This is my second attempt at the exam.
They closed the road in an attempt to reduce traffic in the city.
He made no attempt to be sociable.

Learner example:
I made several attempts to make him change his mind, but I failed.

**attendance** /əˈten.dənts/

Word family:
Nouns: attendance
Verbs: attend

**NOUN** [C or U]

NUMBER
[C1] the number of people who go to an event, meeting, etc.
Dictionary example:
falling attendance

Learner example:
Also in May, we had the swimming gala, which had a very high attendance from students as there were races for all abilities.

REGULARLY
[C1] when you go somewhere such as a church, school, etc. regularly

Dictionary example:
His attendance at school is very poor.

Learner example:
Consequently, I would make attendance more flexible for the members.

attention /əˈten.tʃən/

NOUN [u]

attract/get (sb’s) attention
[B2] to make someone notice you

Dictionary example:
I waved at her to get her attention.

Learner example:
The bank is near the school, so the lady was trying to get people’s attention while the others [robbed] the bank.

draw (sb’s) attention to sth/sb
[B2] to make someone notice something or someone

Dictionary examples:
If I could just draw your attention to the second paragraph.
She’s always drawing attention to herself.

Learner example:
The purpose of his report is to draw attention to videos in English.

attract /əˈtrækt/
**VERB**

*be attracted to sb*

[B2] to like someone, often sexually, because of the way they look or behave

**Dictionary example:**
I was attracted to him straight away.

**Learner example:**
She was really attracted to him.

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**attractive** /əˈtræk.tɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** attraction
- **Verbs:** attract
- **Adjectives:** attractive, unattractive

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**ADJECTIVE**

*INTERESTING*

[B2] interesting or useful

**Dictionary examples:**
- an attractive offer/idea
- We want to make the club attractive to a wider range of people.

**Learner example:**
In fact, all of my work-mates make fun of me when I talk about my collection of stamps. I want to demonstrate [to] them that it is a very attractive hobby.

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**aubergine** /ˈəʊ.bə.ʒiːn/

**NOUN** [C or U]

[B2] an oval, purple vegetable that is white inside

**Dictionary example:**
The dish is made with aubergines and cheese.

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**auction** /ˈɔː.kʃən/

**NOUN** [C or U]

[C1] a sale in which things are sold to the person who offers the most money
Dictionary example:
The furniture was sold at auction.

Learner example:
And funds could be raised for the changes by [hold]ing auctions, runs, parties, raffles, contests etc.

audience /ˈɔː.di.ənts/

NOUN

TYPE
[B2] [c + singular or plural verb] the type of people who watch a particular TV show, read a particular book, etc.

Dictionary example:
This magazine is aimed at a teenage/young audience.

Learner example:
The above-mentioned restaurants are totally different from each other and suit completely different customers. Pasta+, to begin with, is best suited [to a] younger audience.

audition /ˈɔː.dɪ.ʃən/

NOUN [c]
[C1] when someone does a short performance to try to get a job as an actor, singer, etc.

Dictionary example:
She’s got an audition for the show.

Learner example:
Many [un]talented pe[ople] think they can sing and attend the auditions, but others laugh at them.

authentic /ˈɔːθən.tɪk/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] If something is authentic, it is real, true, or what people say it is.

Dictionary example:
authentic Italian food
Learner example:
I am also nostalgic for authentic Thai culture which has subtly and gradually been replaced by American and European culture.

authority /ˈɔːθər.i.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: authority
Verbs: authorize

NOUN

POWER
[B2] [u] the power to make decisions or to control other people

Dictionary examples:
The United Nations has used its authority to restore peace in the area.
We need to get the support of someone in authority.
They have the authority to examine the company's records.
The problem is that teachers feel they no longer have authority over their pupils.

Learner example:
Their parents have lost almost all their authority.

OFFICIAL GROUP
[C1] [c] an official group or government department with power to control particular public services

Dictionary example:
the local housing authority

Learner example:
The local authority are worried about the fact that many fathers stopped financial support for their ex–wives and dependent children.

authorize /ˈɔ.θər.aiz/

Word family:
Nouns: authority
Verbs: authorize

VERB [ɪ] (also UK authorise)
[C1] to give official permission for something

Dictionary example:
His manager had authorized the expenditure.
Learner example:
Most of the rooms are airconditioned and our prices are competitive and authorized by the Greek Tourist Organisation.

be authorized to do *sth*  
[C1] to be officially allowed to do something

Dictionary example:
Only managers are authorized to sign expense forms.

Learner example:
In my capacity as the secretary of the Social Club, I am authorized to express students’ dissatisfaction with the facilities of the museum and to urge you to take remedial action towards improving the situation.

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**ADJECTIVE**

**MACHINE**

[B2] An automatic machine works by itself or with little human control.

Dictionary example:
automatic doors

Learner example:
It has both manual and automatic functions so it has a lot of possibilities.

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**ADVERB**

**MACHINE**

[B2] If a machine does something automatically, it does it independently, without human control.

Dictionary example:
The camera adjusts the shutter speed automatically.
Learner example:
[The] television will be automatically switched on in time for [the] breakfast news.

PERSON
[B2] If you do something automatically, you do it without thinking about it.

Dictionary example:
I automatically put my hand out to catch it.

Learner example:
There was a strange envelope between the others, so automatically, she picked it up and [looked at] the stamp. The letter came from Australia.

availability /əˌveɪ.ləˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: availability
Adjectives: available, unavailable

NOUN [U]
[B2] when something or someone is available

Dictionary example:
I checked the availability of flights online and there's plenty of choice.

Learner example:
Therefore, it is essential that you take account of my availability when booking the trip.

avenue /ˈæv.ə.njuː/

NOUN [C]
ROAD
[C1] a wide road in a town or city, often with trees along it

Dictionary example:
a tree–lined avenue

Learner example:
The demonstrators just spread litter all over the largest and finest avenue.
**average** /ˈæv.ər.i.dʒ/  

**ADJECTIVE**

**USUAL**

[B2] typical and usual  

**Dictionary examples:**
The average person in the street is a lot better off than they were forty years ago.  
a student of average **ability**

**Learner example:**
This makes people believe that a lot of the food we eat is fast-food, but it's not true at all, in fact it's a very small part of our average diet.

**NOT EXCELLENT**

[C1] not particularly good  

**Dictionary example:**
The meal was pretty average.

**Learner example:**
I didn't get the high standard [of] service that you had offered me, and the food was pretty average.

**NOUN**

**on average**

[B2] usually, or based on an average  

**Dictionary example:**
Female workers earn, on average, a third less than men.

**Learner example:**
On average, our pupils are 16 years old and they join actively in all the events we organise.

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**avoid** /əˈvɔɪd/  

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** avoid  
**Adjectives:** **unavoidable**  
**Adverbs:** **unavoidably**

**VERB [T]**

**PREVENT**

[B2] to prevent something from happening
Dictionary examples:
I left the pub to avoid a fight.
Unnecessary paperwork should be avoided at all costs.
The plane narrowly avoided disaster when one of the engines failed on take-off.

Learner example:
I think that all these problems could have been avoided and that asking [for] my money back is the best way of forgetting that evening.

avoid doing sth
[B2] to intentionally not do something

Dictionary example:
She managed to avoid answering my question.

Learner example:
The writer avoided describing personal thoughts.

award /əˈwɔːd/

VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]
[B2] to give money or a prize following an official decision

Dictionary examples:
He was awarded the Nobel Prize for physics.
The university has awarded her a $500 travel grant.

Learner example:
As you will see, I was awarded a grade A.

NOUN [C]

PRIZE
[B2] a prize given to someone for something they have achieved

Dictionary examples:
the Academy Award for Best Director
Both films have received/won several awards.

Learner example:
He became world-famous when he won the Oscar award for best song last year.

aware /əˈweər/

Word family:
Nouns: awareness, self-awareness
Adjectives: aware
ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

[B2] knowing that something exists, or having knowledge or experience of a particular thing

**Dictionary examples:**
Were you aware of the risks at the time?
I wasn't even aware that he was ill.
She was well aware that he was married.
I suddenly became aware of him looking at me.

**Learner example:**
First of all, we aren't aware of the necessity of learning such things as biology or maths.

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**awareness  /əˈweə.nəs/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** awareness, self-awareness
**Adjectives:** aware

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NOUN [u]

[C1] when you know about something

**Dictionary example:**
Environmental awareness is increasing all the time.

**Learner example:**
Thirdly, I have a strong awareness of issues which are important to my local community.

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**away  /əˈweɪ/**

**ADVERB**

**GRADUALLY**

[B2] gradually disappearing until mostly or completely gone

**Dictionary examples:**
All the snow had melted away.
The music faded away as the procession moved slowly up the street.

**Learner example:**
I always feel so fatigued at the end of the day but after a mile, the aches of the day seem to fade away.

**SPORT**

[C1] If a sports team is playing away, the game is at the place where the other team usually plays.
**Dictionary example:**
They were playing away.

**awful** /ˈəʊ.ʃəl/

**ADJECTIVE**

an awful lot (of *sth*)

[B2] INFORMAL a very large amount

**Dictionary example:**
It cost an awful lot of money.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I want to highlight that we see an awful lot of mobile phone[s] in our daily life.

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**awkward** /ˈɔː.kwəd/

**ADJECTIVE**

DIFFICULT

[B2] difficult or causing problems or embarrassment

**Dictionary examples:**
an awkward customer
Some of the questions were rather awkward.
My car’s quite awkward to drive.
They’d chosen an awkward time to call as I’d just got into the bath.
She’s put me in quite an awkward position/situation.
There was an awkward silence.

**Learner example:**
Not a movement, not a voice, just an awkward silence.
back /bæk/

Word family:
Nouns: backing
Verbs: back

ADVERB

STATE
[B2] to the state something or someone was in before

Dictionary examples:
It's not badly broken – I'm sure we can put it back together again.
Hopefully things will get back to normal soon.
I was woken by a thunderstorm, and I couldn't get back to sleep.

Learner example:
My life was back to normal.

EARLIER
[B2] at or to an earlier time

Dictionary examples:
We first met back in 1971.
This tradition dates back to the 16th century.

Learner example:
All in all, it is difficult to get bored in Moscow, where you can see buildings which date back to centuries ago.

AWAY FROM
[B2] in a direction away from something

Dictionary examples:
He pulled back the curtain.
The house is set back from the road.

Learner example:
The action of the book takes place in a lonely inn standing back from the road.

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

back road/street
[C1] a very small road or street that goes behind or between buildings
Dictionary example:
We wandered through the back streets, looking for Tommy.

Learner example:
From the museum you have to walk across a pedestrian street, through an unspoiled district, where a jumble of narrow back streets retain old-world characters.

**VERB**

*back up* sb or *back sb up*  
**PHRASAL VERB**

[SUPPORT] to support or help someone

*Dictionary example:*
My family backed me up in my fight for compensation.

*Learner example:*
These courses seem to have been popular perhaps because the teacher of these courses was there to back up and help the students.

*back up* (sth) or *back (sth) up*  
**PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] to make an extra copy of something that is held on your computer

*Dictionary example:*
Always back up any music you download in case your computer crashes.

**noun**

*background*  
/ˈbæk.ɡraʊnd/  

[SOUND]  
[B2] [NO PLURAL] sounds that you can hear that are not the main sounds that you are listening to

*Dictionary examples:*
background music/noise
If you listen carefully to this piece of music, you can hear a flute in the background.

*Learner example:*
The exotic food together with oriental music in the background makes you dream of exotic places.

*picture*  
[B2] [C or U] the things that can be seen behind the main things or people in a picture
Dictionary examples:
gold stars on a black background
The artist himself did not paint the backgrounds to his pictures – they were done by his pupils.
He has photographed her against lots of different backgrounds.

Learner example:
I think it would make the background of the picture colourful and interesting.

SITUATION
[B2] [u no plural] the situation that an event happens in, or things which have happened in the past which affect it

Dictionary examples:
These decisions have had to be taken against a background of high unemployment.
Can you give me some background on the situation?

Learner example:
The background of the story is life in a small town in one of the southern states of the USA in the early 1930s.

backup (also back–up) /ˈbæk.ʌp/

NOUN

EXTRA HELP
[B2] [c or u] extra help, support or equipment which is available if you need it

Dictionary example:
Medical staff are on call to provide backup in case of an emergency.

Learner example:
I’m sure that most business people have battery back–up and a very good knowledge of when the laptop battery needs to recharge.

COPY
[B2] [c] a copy of information that is held on a computer, which is stored separately from the computer

Dictionary examples:
Before we leave work each day, we make a backup of all the records we have entered into the computer that day.
The department's backup disks are all stored in a different building.

Learner example:
Seems he had made a copy in a special file in a back–up memory.
**bacteria /bækˈtra.ri.ə/**

**NOUN [PLURAL]**
[C1] very small living things that sometimes cause disease

**Dictionary example:**
The infection was caused by bacteria in the lung.

**Learner example:**
We were just lucky that during that period, the weather was cold and low temperatures prevented bacteria from spreading.

**bad /bæd/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** bad
**Adverbs:** badly

**ADJECTIVE (worse, worst)**

**NOT FRESH**
[B2] Bad food is not fresh and cannot be eaten.

**Dictionary example:**
I think this milk is bad.

**Learner example:**
My surprise was when I opened the fridge and all the food smelt bad, so I couldn't eat [anything].

**PAINFUL**
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] If you have a bad arm, leg, heart, etc., there is something wrong with it and it is painful.

**Dictionary example:**
I've got a bad shoulder.

**Learner example:**
I'm lugging [my laptop] with me everywhere, with a bad back as a result.

**too bad**
[C1] used to say that nothing can be done to change a situation

**Dictionary example:**
I know you don't want to go but it's too bad, we have to.

**Learner example:**
Human beings have to make their own liv[es] as good as possible, and if they [do] not succeed, the cynical approach is just: too bad!
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NOUN [c]
[B2] a place where bread, cakes, etc. are made or sold

Dictionary example:
I buy all our bread in the local bakery.

Learner example:
The best bakery was [on] the other side of town.

balance  /ˈbælənts/

Word family:
Nouns: balance
Verbs: balance
Adjectives: balanced, unbalanced

NOUN

WEIGHT
[B2] [u] when the weight of someone or something is spread in such a way that they do not fall over

Dictionary examples:
I lost my balance and fell off the bike.
She had to hold onto the railings to keep her balance.

Learner example:
I began to go downstairs to the kitchen, [with] two hands on the wall to keep my balance.

EQUAL IMPORTANCE
[B2] [u no plural] when the correct amount of importance is given to each thing so that a situation is successful

Dictionary examples:
We must try to get a balance between police powers and the protection of citizens.
He was concerned that taking on three more men could upset the gender balance in the department.

Learner example:
It is not easy to find [the] right balance in our lives.

MONEY
[B2] [c] the amount of money that you still have to pay, or that you have left to use

Dictionary example:
I always pay off the balance on my credit card.
Learner example:
Sometimes you [are] surprise[d] when you check the balance of your bank account and then need to cut down your expenses for 2 months.

**on balance**

[B2] used to give your opinion after you have considered all the facts about something

**Dictionary example:**
On balance, I’d prefer to come straight home.

**Learner example:**
On balance, no matter how important or useful computers may be, they will never replace the pleasure of re-reading familiar pages of your favourite books.

**strike a balance**

[C1] to give two things the same amount of attention

**Dictionary example:**
It’s important to strike a balance *between* spending and saving.

**Learner example:**
Everything has good and bad sides, the most important thing is to strike a balance.

**VERB**

**NOT FALLING**

[B2] [I or T] to be in a position where you will not fall to either side, or to put something in this position

**Dictionary examples:**
She was trying to balance a book *on* her head.
The flamingoes balanced gracefully *on* one leg.

**Learner example:**
If you have to take many things with you, it will be better to carry th[em] in your car, [rather] than balanc[ing] them on your bicycle.

**EQUAL IMPORTANCE**

[B2] [T] to give several things equal amounts of importance, time or money so that a situation is successful

**Dictionary example:**
I struggle to balance work and family commitments.

**Learner example:**
In life we need to balance all the areas included in human behavio[u]r.
balanced /ˈbæl.ənst/  

Word family:  
Nouns: balance  
Verbs: balance  
Adjectives: balanced, unbalanced

ADJECTIVE

a balanced diet/meal  
[B2] a healthy mixture of different types of food  

Dictionary example:  
If you have a balanced diet, you are getting all the vitamins you need.  

Learner example:  
It is very important to have a balanced diet.

FAIR  
[B2] considering all the facts in a fair way  

Dictionary example:  
The news programme prided itself on its balanced reporting.  

Learner example:  
Your report contained several mistakes and it did not [give a] balanced view.

ball /bɔːl/  

NOUN [C]  
be on the ball INFORMAL  
[C1] to be quick to understand and react to things  

Dictionary example:  
She’s over ninety, but she’s still on the ball.  

Learner example:  
When you’re at Sants station, you’ll need to be on the ball to find the tube.

ban /bæn/  

VERB [T USUALLY PASSIVE] (–nn–)  
[B2] to forbid something, especially officially
Dictionary examples:
The film was banned in several countries.
She was banned from driving for two years.

Learner example:
Personally, I think that driving private cars in the main parts of cities should be banned.

NOUN [c]
[B2] an official order that prevents something from happening

Dictionary example:
There should be a ban on talking loudly in cinemas.

bang /ˈbæŋ/

VERB
[B2] [I or T] to make a sudden loud noise or to cause something to do this

Dictionary examples:
She banged her fist angrily on the table.
Outside a door was banging in the wind.
He could hear someone banging at the door.

Learner example:
One Friday afternoon I was putting away clothes and shoes in the little room which is under the stairs, when my little son, Tom (who was just eighteen months old) banged the door [shut] behind me.

NOUN [c]
[B2] a sudden loud noise

Dictionary example:
The window slammed shut with a loud bang.

Learner example:
I was reading when I suddenly heard a big bang.

bank /ˈbæŋk/

Word family:
Nouns: bank, banker, banking

NOUN [c]

RIVER
[B2] sloping raised land, especially along the sides of a river
Dictionary examples:
By the time we reached the opposite bank, the boat was sinking fast.
These flowers generally grow on river banks and near streams.

Learner example:
One bank of the river is stony, the other is sandy.

**banker** /ˈbæŋ.ər/  
Word family:  
Nouns: bank, banker, banking  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] someone with an important position in a bank  

Dictionary example:  
She was a successful banker by the time she was forty.

**banking** /ˈbæŋ.kɪŋ/  
Word family:  
Nouns: bank, banker, banking  

NOUN [u]  
[B2] the business of operating a bank  

Dictionary example:  
international banking  

Learner example:  
I want to specialize in finance and banking.

**bankrupt** /ˈbæŋk.rʌpt/  
ADJECTIVE  
[C1] unable to continue in business because you cannot pay your debts  

Dictionary example:  
He went bankrupt after only a year in business.

Learner example:  
But the greed for easy money is likely to diminish as many businesses have gone bankrupt these last few months.
bar /baːr/

NOUN [c]

LONG PIECE
[B2] a straight stick made of metal

Dictionary example:
The gorilla rattled the bars of its cage.

Learner example:
When they looked into the lake, they saw a long bar of gold.

behind bars
[B2] in prison

Dictionary example:
He will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Learner example:
In the darkness, Lew Kuan Yee had sworn revenge against Michael, the detective who had sent him behind bars.

bare /beər/

ADJECTIVE

NO CLOTHES
[B2] not covered by clothes

Dictionary examples:
a bare chest
bare arms/feet/legs

Learner example:
Most people had more essential needs to satisfy than their looks, but there were also women who painted tight-patterns on their bare legs to create a bit of post-war glamour.

NOT COVERED
[B2] not covered by anything

Dictionary example:
There's no carpet in the room, just bare floorboards.

Learner example:
Mary must move to an unattractive site on the bare and wild moorland, called Jamaica Inn.
**barely** /ˈbeəli/  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] only just  

**Dictionary examples:**  
They have barely enough to pay the rent this month.  
She was barely fifteen when she won her first championship.  

**Learner example:**  
His father replied in a voice barely above a whisper.

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**bargain** /ˈbɑːɡɪn/  

**NOUN [C]**  

**CHEAP**  
[B2] something that is on sale for less than its usual price or its real value  

**Dictionary examples:**  
This coat was half-price – a real bargain.  
The airline regularly offers last-minute bookings at bargain **prices**.  

**Learner example:**  
And it was a real bargain.

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**bark** /bɑːk/  

**VERB**  

**DOG**  
[B2] [I] If a dog barks, it makes loud, short sounds.  

**Dictionary example:**  
They heard a dog barking outside.  

**Learner example:**  
He barks whenever there is a stranger in our house.
**barrier** /ˈbær.i.ər/  

**NOUN** [c]  

**FENCE**  
[B2] a type of fence that stops people from going into an area  

**Dictionary example:**  
Barriers have been erected all along the route the Pope will take.  

**Learner example:**  
Only these people can open the barrier with their keys.  

**PREVENTING**  
[B2] something that prevents people from doing what they want to do  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Despite the language barrier, they soon became good friends.  
Shyness is one of the biggest barriers to making friends.  
We have to work at breaking down barriers between the two communities.  

**Learner example:**  
I think I could be good at this job because I could plan safety programmes in case of an emergency and the language barrier would not be a problem if a spectator or a sportsman asked me for information.  

**base** /beɪs/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** base, basics, basis  
**Adjectives:** basic  
**Adverbs:** basically  

**NOUN** [c]  

**BOTTOM**  
[B2] the bottom part of something, or the part something rests on  

**Dictionary examples:**  
a crystal glass with a heavy base  
At the base of the cliff was a rocky beach.  

**MILITARY**  
[B2] a place where people in the armed forces live  

**Dictionary examples:**  
an American Air Force base  
an old army/naval/military base
**Learner example:**
During the day you can visit all of our museums or schools or even the air force base, which is open from 9 o’clock.

**VERB**

**be based at/in/etc.**
[B2] to have a particular town or area, etc. as the main place where you live and work, or where you do business from

**Dictionary example:**
He was based in Birmingham during the war.

**Learner example:**
The shop is based in London.

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**basement /ˈbeɪs.mənt/**

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a room or set of rooms that is below ground level in a building

**Dictionary example:**
a basement flat

**Learner example:**
There is also a swimming pool in the basement.

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**basically /ˈber.sɪk.li/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** base, basics, basis  
**Adjectives:** basic  
**Adverbs:** basically

**ADVERB**

**SIMPLY**
[B2] used to introduce a short explanation about something

**Dictionary example:**
Basically, what he’s saying is that we need more time.

**Learner example:**
Basically, we spend half our leisure time being stuck to a screen and leading [a] so-called co[u]ch potato lifestyle.
MOSTLY
[C1] in the most important ways

Dictionary examples:
These two machines are basically the same, but you get a few extra features in the more expensive one.
The car's basically sound, but the paintwork needs a bit of attention.

Learner example:
Although they will offer some hot meals at any time, most of the food provided is basically fast food and snacks.

basics /ˈbeɪ.sɪks/

Word family:
Nouns: base, basics, basis
Adjectives: basic
Adverbs: basically

NOUN [PLURAL]

the basics
[B2] the most important facts, skills, or needs

Dictionary example:
I really must learn the basics of first aid.

Learner example:
Last year, I chose to take groups on sailing and diving trips because I already knew the basics of sailing and diving.

basis /ˈbeɪ.sɪs/ (PLURAL bases)

Word family:
Nouns: base, basics, basis
Adjectives: basic
Adverbs: basically

NOUN [C]

on a daily/monthly/regular, etc. basis
[B2] how often something happens or is done

Dictionary example:
Meetings are held on a weekly basis.
**Learner example:**
In order for the transport facilities such as bus stops or underground stations to improve, policemen should be assigned to guard them and cleaners should be assigned to clean them on a daily basis.

**METHOD**

[B2] a way or method of doing something

**Dictionary examples:**
Most of our staff work for us on a voluntary basis.
I'm hoping she'll join us on a permanent basis.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, the job advert is not very precise about the salary you can earn on a full-time basis.

**REASON**

[C1] the reason for something

**Dictionary example:**
There is no scientific basis for these claims.

**Learner example:**
I cannot imagine on what basis you estimated the figure.

**on the basis of sth**

[C1] having something as a reason

**Dictionary example:**
Marks are awarded on the basis of progress and performance.

**Learner example:**
On the basis of the points mentioned above, it is a foregone conclusion that young people do not face any severe problems.

**DEVELOPMENT**

[C1] a situation, fact, or idea from which something can develop

**Dictionary example:**
Dani's essay can serve as a basis for our discussion.

**Learner example:**
As a basis for my proposals, I'll use the programme you sent to me.
**battle /ˈbæt.ɪ/**

**NOUN**

**PROBLEMS/ILLNESS**

[B2] [c] a fight against something that is very difficult, or that is hurting or destroying you

**Dictionary example:**
a long battle against cancer

**Learner example:**
His life was a hard battle, trying to break through.

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**beak /biːk/**

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] the hard part of a bird's mouth

**Dictionary example:**
It carried a huge stick in its beak.

**Learner example:**
It is an elegant bird, about 2 ft tall, with grey feathers, a black tail and a yellow beak.

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**beam /biːm/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a line of light shining from something

**Dictionary example:**
a laser beam

**Learner example:**
I was beginning to feel rather impatient when a door opened letting a beam of light come into the dark room.

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**bear /beər/**

**Word family:**
**Verbs:** bear
**Adjectives:** unbearable
VERB (bore, borne)

ACCEPT
[B2] [ɪ] to accept someone or something unpleasant

Dictionary examples:
I like her but I can't bear her friends.
I can't bear being bored.
He couldn't bear to see the dog in pain.
How can you bear to talk to him?

Learner example:
And I'd like to stay in a log cabin because I can't bear sleeping in a tent.

bear (sb/sth) in mind
[B2] to remember to consider someone or something that may be useful in the future

Dictionary example:
Thank you for your advice, I'll bear it in mind.

Learner example:
It would be a great opportunity, bearing in mind that we are majoring in fashion journalism.

NAME
[C1] to have or show a particular name, picture, or symbol

Dictionary example:
The shop bore his family name.

Learner example:
He founded at least 17 cities bearing his name, as centres of art and culture.

bear left/right
[C1] to turn left or right

Dictionary example:
Bear right at the next set of traffic lights.

Learner example:
The taxi has to bear left at the fork and then you can see my house, 200 yards on the right side, it's a white house with the number 53.

beat /biːt/

VERB (beat, beaten)

HIT
[B2] [ɪ] to hit a person or animal repeatedly
Dictionary examples:
They saw him beating his dog with a stick.
She was beaten to death.

Learner example:
He began to drink, and when he was drunk, he beat Kelly.

BETTER THAN
[C1] [ɪ] to be better than something

Dictionary example:
Being at the youth club beats sitting at home.

Learner example:
The sight of a child cured from an immobilizing disease running around laughing and dancing is pure happiness, nothing beats it.

FOOD
[C1] [ɪ] to mix food using hard, quick movements

Dictionary example:
Beat the egg whites until they are stiff.

beat about/around the bush
[C1] to avoid talking about something difficult or embarrassing

Dictionary example:
I decided to stop beating around the bush and told him exactly what I thought of him.

Learner example:
Well, let's stop beating about the bush and get to the point.

NOUN [c]

REGULAR SOUND
[B2] a regular movement or sound, especially that made by your heart

Dictionary examples:
I put my head on his chest but I could feel no heart beat.
My heart missed a beat when she said, "Yes, I'll marry you".

Learner example:
She started to exhale after a moment, counting the beats of her heart.

MUSIC
[B2] the main rhythm of a piece of music

Dictionary examples:
The guitar comes in on the third beat.
He tapped his foot to the beat of the music.

Learner example:
They play rock with a very good beat.
**before** /brˈfoː/  

**CONJUNCTION**

**before you know it**  
[C1] very soon

**Dictionary example:**  
We'll be there before you know it.

**Learner example:**  
It is a bit dark inside and especially in winter, it is dark before you know it.

**beg** /beg/ (−gg−)

**VERB** [I or T]

**STRONG REQUEST**  
[B2] to make a very strong and urgent request

**Dictionary examples:**  
They begged for mercy.  
"Please, please forgive me!" she begged (him).  
He begged her to stay.

**Learner example:**  
But before she left I begged her not to tell anybody.

**VERY POOR**  
[B2] to ask someone for food or money, because you do not have any

**Dictionary examples:**  
There are more and more homeless people begging on the streets these days.  
She had to beg for money and food for her children.

**Learner example:**  
He had [a] shabby coat, old shoes and he was begging for money.

**begin** /brˈgɪn/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** beginner, beginning  
**Verbs:** begin
VERB (beginning, began, begun)

to begin with
[B2] used to give the first important reason for something

Dictionary example:
To begin with, we can’t afford to move.

Learner example:
To begin with, it doesn’t pollute and I think it's time we started thinking about [the] environment.

behalf /bɪˈhɑːf/

NOUN

on behalf of sb or on sb’s behalf
[B2] If you do something on behalf of someone, you do it for them or instead of them.

Dictionary examples:
On behalf of the entire company, I would like to thank you for all your work.
Unfortunately, George cannot be with us today so I am pleased to accept this award on his behalf.

Learner example:
I am writing on behalf of our college English club members to welcome you [to] our city.

behind /bəˈhaɪnd/

PREPOSITION

behind bars
[B2] in prison

Dictionary example:
He will spend the rest of his life behind bars.

Learner example:
In the darkness, Lew Kuan Yee had sworn revenge against Michael, the detective who had sent him behind bars.

CAUSING

[C1] causing something, or responsible for something

Dictionary example:
What was the reason behind her decision to leave?
Another reason behind this kind of thinking is that some boys feel awkward when they see girls and they think they are being ignored in the class.

SLOWER

[C1] slower or later than someone else, or than you should be

Dictionary example:
She’s behind with the rent.

Learner example:
Those children who do not get this at home are the ones who are behind in their schoolwork.

behind the times

[C1] not fashionable or modern

Dictionary example:
Dad’s a bit behind the times.

Learner example:
We should improve our equipment. Otherwise we will be behind the times.

belief /ˈbiːliːf/

Word family:
Nouns: belief
Verbs: believe
Adjectives: unbelievable

NOUN

TRUE

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when you believe that something is true or real

Dictionary examples:
a common/popular/widely-held belief
He called at her house in the belief that she would lend him the money.
It is my firm/strong belief that the public have a right to know.
She took this medicine in the mistaken belief that it would cure her.

Learner example:
At this time, tango was considered an immoral type of music; but Carlos Gardel changed this belief, [and] people from all over the world loved him.

IDEA

[B2] [C or U] an idea that you are certain is true
Dictionary example:
All non-violent religious and political beliefs should be respected equally.

Learner example:
We get to know the beliefs, superstitions or the principles of other religious denominations.

**believe** /bɪˈliːv/

Word family:
Nouns: belief
Verbs: believe
Adjectives: unbelievable

VERB [T]

believe in sth/doing sth PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to be confident that something is effective and right

Dictionary example:
He believes in saying what he thinks.

Learner example:
Nowadays I don’t believe in changing your decision.

**bell** /bel/

NOUN [C]

METAL OBJECT
[B2] a hollow, metal object, shaped like a cup, that makes a ringing sound when you hit it

Dictionary example:
the sound of church bells ringing

Learner example:
At the beginning I was very excited, living in an old house, not too far from the city (you could still hear the church bells chiming) but far enough away to live your own life without nosy neighbours.

**belong** /brəˈlɒŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: belongings
Verbs: belong
VERB [i]

RIGHT PLACE
[B2] If something belongs somewhere, that is the place it should be in.

Dictionary examples:
This table belongs in the sitting room.
These papers belong with the others.

Learner example:
I can understand people who say that animals belong in nature.

HAPPY SOMEWHERE
[B2] to feel happy or comfortable in a situation

Dictionary example:
I spent two years in Oxford but I never felt that I belonged there.

belongings /bɪˈlɒŋ.ɪŋz/

Word family:
Nouns: belongings
Verbs: belong

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] the things that a person owns, especially those which can be carried

Dictionary example:
I put a few personal belongings in a bag and left the house for the last time.

Learner example:
Five different kings have lived there with their families and it is possible to see several of their personal belongings.

bench /bɛnʃ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a long seat for two or more people, usually made of wood or metal

Dictionary example:
a park bench

Learner example:
At 1 p.m. Paul was sitting on a bench and waiting for Julia.
**bend** /bend/

**VERB [0 or T] (bent, bent)**

**BODY**

[B2] to move your body or part of your body so that it is not straight

**Dictionary examples:**
- Bend your knees when lifting heavy objects.
- She bent down to pick up the pen.
- Now, bend forwards/over and touch your toes!

**Learner example:**
- My friend was bending over the table laughing hysterically.

**CURVE**

[B2] to (cause to) curve

**Dictionary examples:**
- The road bends to the left after the first set of traffic lights.
- The trees were bending in the wind.

**Learner example:**
- I saw fir trees bending in half and 500–year–old oaks shedding their leaves.

**NOUN [C]**

**CURVED PART**

[B2] a curved part of something

**Dictionary examples:**
- There's a bend in the pipe so you can't see from one end to the other.
- There's a sharp bend in the road.

**Learner example:**
- The other car disappeared around a sharp bend and when we came round it, we saw that the car had stopped in the middle of the road.

**beneath** /brˈniːθ/

**PREPOSITION**

**UNDER**

[B2] under something, or in a lower position than something

**Dictionary examples:**
- Jeremy hid the letter beneath a pile of papers.
- After weeks at sea, it was wonderful to feel firm ground beneath our feet once more.
Learner example:
She could feel the train coming because the ground beneath her feet was moving.

beneficial /ˌben.əˈfɪʃ.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: benefit
Verbs: benefit
Adjectives: beneficial

ADJECTIVE
[B2] helpful, useful or good

Dictionary examples:
The improvement in sales figures had a beneficial effect on the company as a whole.
Exercise is beneficial to almost everyone.

Learner example:
To sum up, team sports are beneficial to children so if the schools they attend do not have any, they should take up something.

benefit /ˈben.i.ʃt/

Word family:
Nouns: benefit
Verbs: benefit
Adjectives: beneficial

VERB (−t−)
[B2] [I or T] to be helped by something or to help someone

Dictionary examples:
I feel that I have benefited greatly from her experience.
How can we benefit those who most need our help?

Learner example:
I am sure that the café would benefit a great deal from a non-smoking-area.

berry /ˈber.i/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a small round fruit on particular plants and trees

Dictionary example:
I usually scatter a few berries on my muesli.
Learner example:
Every day we were swimming, fishing, picking mushroom[s] and berries, hunting and making fires to prepare food.

best  /best/

ADJECTIVE

the next best thing
[C1] the thing that is best, if you cannot have or do the thing you really want

Dictionary example:
Coaching football is the next best thing to playing.

Learner example:
For many working people, there is hardly time to cook and prepare your dinner, so the next best thing is to rush into a Macdonalds' or Burger King.

NOUN

make the best of sth
[B2] to try to be positive about a situation you do not like but cannot change

Dictionary example:
Our hotel room is rather small, but we'll just have to make the best of it.

Learner example:
Unfortunately I don't have very much spare time so we will have to arrange it carefully in order to make the best of your time in London.

(have) the best of both worlds
[C1] to have the advantages of two different situations

Dictionary example:
Living in the country and working in the city you have the best of both worlds.

Learner example:
Only those that can afford to live in the suburban areas can combine the best of both worlds and they tend to be rather affluent.

bestseller  /ˌbestˈselər/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a very popular book that many people have bought

Dictionary example:
His latest book is likely to be another bestseller.
Learner example:
Maybe your parents could bring me one of the newest bestsellers, which haven't been translated into Polish yet.

**bet /bet/**

VERB [I or T]
[C1] I to risk money on the result of a game, competition, etc.

Dictionary examples:
He lost all his money betting on horses.
I bet him a dollar that I was right.

Learner example:
The game lost its innocence long before 1985 when players were betting on the result of their own game.

**betray /bɪˈtreɪ/**

VERB [T]
[B2] to behave in a dishonest or cruel way to someone who trusts you

Dictionary examples:
She felt betrayed by her mother's lack of support.
He promised never to betray her.

Learner example:
He couldn't believe that his best friend had betrayed him.

**between /bɪˈtwiːn/**

ADVERB

SPACE
[C1] in the space that separates two people, places, or things

Dictionary example:
The wood is in neat piles with newspaper placed between.

Learner example:
There is a shuttle bus from the airport straight to the main station with only one stop in between.

TIME
[C1] in the period of time that separates two events or times
**Dictionary example:**
There's a train at 6.15 and one at 10.30 but nothing in between.

**Learner example:**
Besides, there is research that prove[s] that people cannot work for more than two hours [at a time]. They can't concentrate that long [and] they need to rest their minds for short periods in between.

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**beware**
/ˈbɛər/  
**VERB**  
[C1] used in order to warn someone to be careful

**Dictionary examples:**
Beware of the dog.  
You should beware of spending too long in the sun.

**Learner example:**  
Although it's fun to surf, beware of the danger...

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**beyond**
/ˈbɪjənd/  
**PREPOSITION**

**DISTANCE**  
[B2] on the other side of something

**Dictionary example:**
In the distance, beyond the river, was a small town.

**Learner example:**
Suddenly she recognized something red, beyond a tree and covered with some leaves.

**TIME**  
[B2] continuing after a particular time or date

**Dictionary examples:**
Few people live beyond the age of a hundred.  
We cannot allow the work to continue beyond the end of the year.

**Learner example:**
You should take a [break] every two hours because, beyond two hours, your mind cannot record what you are learning.

**beyond my/our, etc. control**  
[B2] not able to be changed by me/us, etc.
Dictionary example: Tonight’s performance has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

Learner example: This is a story about an event that turned out to be beyond my control.

INVOLVING OTHERS

[C1] involving or affecting other things or people than the ones you have talked about

Dictionary example: You should try to develop interests beyond the family.

Learner example: Of course, the process of women’s liberation isn’t viewed with enthusiasm by husbands who would have to wash up and cook if their wives wanted to develop women interests beyond their family circle.

NOT UNDERSTAND

[C1] INFORMAL If something is beyond you, you cannot understand it.

Dictionary examples: Computer studies is completely beyond me. It’s beyond me why anyone would want to buy that house.

Learner example: Lastly, touching upon the subject of the money, how you get the figure of 60% is beyond me, as I have a clear chart of the charity day results.

ADVERB

PLACE

[C1] past a place

Dictionary example: From the top of the hill we could see our house and the woods beyond.

Learner example: The airport–bus will take you to the centre of Ostersund where I live and even beyond.

biased /ˈbaɪ.əst/

Word family:

Nouns: bias
Adjectives: biased, unbiased

ADJECTIVE

[C1] showing unfair support for or opposition to someone or something because of your personal opinions
Dictionary example:
to be biased **against/towards** younger workers

Learner example:
Maybe it is not an original idea, but I must admit my choice was a little bit biased, since I am reading a book about this era at the moment.

**bid** /bɪd/

**noun [c]**

**offer**
[C1] an offer to do something when you are competing with other people to do it

Dictionary examples:
We put in a bid **for** the stadium contract.
London **made** a successful bid to host the Olympic Games.

Learner example:
I do not believe Beijing would have won the bid for [the] 2008 Olympic Games.

**big** /bɪg/

**adjective (bigger, biggest)**

**successful**
[C1] informal successful or popular

Dictionary example:
The programme's been a big **hit** with young children.

Learner example:
Of course, the many traditional craft stalls were a big hit also, and the[re] were hardly any [things] left!

**bikini** /bɪˈkiː.ni/

**noun [c]**
[B2] a piece of clothing with two parts that women wear for swimming

Dictionary example:
I packed my bikini for the beach.

Learner example:
Thelma was right: her bikini was really too big for her.
bilingual /bɪˈlɪŋw.əl/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] using or able to speak two languages

Dictionary examples:
a bilingual dictionary
She’s bilingual.

Learner example:
The staff also seem reluctant to help travellers with their children and it would help if the staff were bilingual.

billion /ˈbɪl.ən/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the number 1 000 000 000

Dictionary example:
Cosmetics is a billion dollar industry.

Learner example:
There she was, 70m above the sea with a crazy man with a gun behind her and billions of thoughts in her head.

biological /ˌbaɪ.əˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: biology
Adjectives: biological

ADJECTIVE
[B2] connected with the natural processes of living things

Dictionary example:
the biological sciences

Learner example:
Paul always knew that the Watsons weren’t his biological parents.
**birth** /bɜːθ/

**NOUN**

give birth
[B2] When a woman or an animal gives birth, she produces a baby from her body.

**Dictionary example:**
She gave birth to twins.

**Learner example:**
The most important person in my life is the person who gave birth to me, my mother.

American/Italian, etc. by birth
[B2] born in a particular place or having parents with a particular nationality

**Dictionary example:**
I grew up in Paris, but I'm Italian by birth.

**Learner example:**
I am an eighteen year old college student and I am Portuguese by birth.

BEGINNING
[C1] [u] LITERARY the beginning of something

**Dictionary example:**
the birth of modern science

**Learner example:**
Pericles was the man who achieved the birth of democracy.

**bit** /bit/

**NOUN [c]**

a bit
[B2] INFORMAL a short period of time

**Dictionary examples:**
I'll see you in a bit.
I'm just going out for a bit. See you later.

**Learner example:**
I had my breakfast, I went to buy the newspaper and then I came back to my house to rest [for] a bit.

a bit of a change/fool/problem, etc.
[C1] a change, fool, problem, etc., but not an important or serious one
Dictionary examples:
I am a bit of a romantic.
It was a bit of a shock.

Learner example:
I’m a bit of a computer maniac, so I’ve always wanted to experience the making of computer programmes.

bit by bit
[C1] gradually

Dictionary example:
She saved up the money, bit by bit.

Learner example:
This film is full of tension as the truth is only revealed bit by bit.

bite /baɪt/

NOUN [C]

FOOD
[B2] a piece taken from food when you bite it

Dictionary example:
She took a bite from her pizza.

Learner example:
When Alice took a bite out of the cake, something hard touched her teeth.

INJURY
[B2] an injury caused when an animal or insect bites you

Dictionary example:
omosquito bites

Learner example:
As far as your question about our sleeping is concerned, I wouldn’t mind either staying in rooms or tents, but since you ask me to express my preference, I would suggest staying in rooms, in order to avoid insect bites.
**bitter** /ˈbɪt.ər/

**ADJECTIVE**

**ANGRY**

[B2] angry and upset because of something bad that has happened that you cannot forget

**Dictionary examples:**
I feel very bitter about my childhood and the way I was treated. She'd suffered terribly over the years but it hadn't made her bitter.

**Learner example:**
What can be more real that when your lover is gone or taken away your own soul is also alone, bitter and dark and there is nothing else than feelings of revenge, anger, frustration and sadness?

**HATE**

[B2] full of hate or anger

**Dictionary example:**
a bitter argument/dispute

**Learner example:**
Every time they met, a bitter feeling of hatred bloomed in her throat.

**DISAPPOINTED**

[B2] making you feel very disappointed

**Dictionary examples:**
Failing the final exams was a bitter disappointment for me. She learnt through bitter experience that he was not to be trusted.

**Learner example:**
Now, I've already recovered from this bitter experience.

**COLD**

[B2] extremely cold

**Dictionary example:**
a bitter wind

**bizarre** /ˈbɪzər/
**Dictionary examples:**
- a bizarre situation
- bizarre behaviour

**Learner example:**
Things are sometimes quite bizarre, aren't they?

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**blade** /ˈbleɪd/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] the flat part on a knife or similar tool or weapon, with a very thin edge used for cutting

**Dictionary example:**
- a sword with a steel blade

**Learner example:**
Suddenly she felt the blade on her neck and she screamed in panic.

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**blame** /ˈbleɪm/

**VERB [t]**

**be to blame**

[C1] to be responsible for something bad which has happened

**Dictionary example:**
- Poor housing is to blame for many of their health problems.

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when people say or think that someone or something is responsible for something bad

**Dictionary examples:**
The manager should take the blame for the team's defeat.
They put the blame on faulty equipment.
His employers have accepted blame for the accident.

**Learner example:**
She thought that I would blame her so she decided to write me a letter.
**blank**  /ˈblæŋk/

**ADJECTIVE**

**go blank**

[B2] If your mind goes blank, you suddenly cannot remember or think of something.

**Dictionary example:**
When she asked me his name, my mind just went blank.

**Learner example:**
My mind went blank, I couldn't utter a word.

**blind**  /ˈblaɪnd/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** blindness
**Adjectives:** blind

**ADJECTIVE**

**turn a blind eye (to *sth*)**

[C1] to choose to ignore something that you know is wrong or illegal

**Dictionary example:**
Restaurant staff often took food home, and their boss turned a blind eye.

**Learner example:**
Nevertheless, we can't turn a blind eye to this reality.

**NOUN**

**the blind**

[C1] people who are blind

**Dictionary example:**
He went to a school for the blind.

**Learner example:**
I write from 'Helpers', an Uruguayan Enterprise specialized in selling products for both the blind and the mute, and whose offerings your Company in Britain is interested in selling.

**blindness**  /ˈblaɪnd.nəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** blindness
**Adjectives:** blind
NOUN [u]

NOT SEEING
[C1] the state of being blind

Dictionary example:
In its later stages the disease causes blindness.

Learner example:
Apart from his blindness, his health has worsened in general.

blink /blɪŋk/

VERB

EYES
[B2] [I or T] to open and close both of your eyes quickly

Dictionary example:
You’ve got something in your eye – try blinking a few times.

Learner example:
Her eyes were blinking as she was looking at the bright sunlight outside the window.

block /blɒk/

NOUN [c]

PIECE
[B2] a solid piece of hard material, usually in the shape of a square or rectangle

Dictionary example:
a block of ice/stone/wood

Learner example:
It is like an enormous block of stone!

VERB [T]

PREVENT MOVEMENT
[B2] to prevent movement through something

Dictionary example:
A fallen tree is blocking the road.

Learner example:
It took over three hours because there was a car accident and the street was blocked for two hours.
CANNOT SEE
[C1] to be between someone and the thing they are looking at, so that they cannot see

Dictionary example:
A pillar was blocking my view.

Learner example:
You cannot have a panoramic view [of] the mountains [any more] because buildings block it and [the] people in the nearby village think only of profit.

blood /blʌd/

Word family:
Nouns: blood
Verbs: bleed
Adjectives: bloody

NOUN [u]

new blood
[C1] new people in an organization who will provide new ideas and energy

Dictionary example:
We need some new blood in the organization.

Learner example:
It will give new opportunities to new generations and thus will [provide] new blood in the different organisations.

bloody /ˈblʌd.i/

Word family:
Nouns: blood
Verbs: bleed
Adjectives: bloody

ADJECTIVE

COVERED IN BLOOD
[B2] covered in blood

Dictionary example:
a bloody nose

Learner example:
The police found a bloody knife [under] his pillow.
VIOLENT
[C1] violent and involving a lot of blood and injuries

Dictionary example:
a bloody war

Learner example:
About 50,000 Romans died during this bloody battle, including the famous Roman Commander Varus.

blow /bleʊ/

VERB (blew, blown)

blow up sth or blow sth up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to fill something such as a balloon or tyre with air

Dictionary examples:
I spent the whole morning blowing up balloons for Joe's party.
Can you blow the tyre up for me?

Learner example:
I quickly helped others to decorate the hall – we blew up as many balloons as we could and sprayed them gold and silver.

blue /bluː/

NOUN [C or U]

out of the blue
[C1] If something happens out of the blue, it is completely unexpected.

Dictionary example:
One day, out of the blue, she announced that she was leaving.

Learner example:
Dear Kim, I was extremely happy when I received your letter out of the blue.

blush /blʌʃ/

VERB [i]
[B2] to become pink in the face, usually from embarrassment
**Dictionary examples:**
He blushes every time she speaks to him.
I blush to think what a fool I made of myself.

**Learner example:**
But there is one special "embarrassing moment" that even today I blush when I think about it.

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**board** /bɔːd/

**NOUN**

**SURFACE**

[B2] [c] a flat piece of wood, plastic, etc. used for a particular purpose

**Dictionary examples:**
Cut the vegetables on a chopping board.
an ironing board
There was a 'For Sale' board outside the house.

**MEALS**

[B2] [u] meals that are provided when you stay in a hotel

**Dictionary example:**
How much is a single room with full/half board?

**Learner example:**
You are likely to have full board accommodation and a single room.

**ORGANIZATION**

[C1] [c + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] a group of people who officially control a company or organization, or a particular type of business activity

**Dictionary examples:**
the Tourist Board
The board approved the sales plan.

**Learner example:**
We will try to get a subsidy during the next Board of Directors [meeting].

**take sth on board**

[C1] to understand or accept an idea or a piece of information

**Dictionary example:**
Banks need to take on board the views of their customers.

**Learner example:**
The students feel that if the above suggestions were taken on board, the study centre could be an excellent support for them in their studies.
boast /bəʊst/

VERB
PRIDE
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to talk with too much pride about what you have done or what you own

Dictionary examples:
He didn't talk about his exam results in case people thought he was boasting.
Parents enjoy boasting about their children's achievements.
They boasted that they had never lost a single game.

Learner example:
Later that evening I went home boasting about my success.

boiling /ˈbɔɪ.lɪŋ/

Word family:
Verbs: boil
Adjectives: boiled, boiling

ADJECTIVE INFORMAL
[B2] very hot

Dictionary examples:
It's boiling in this room!
It's boiling hot outside.

Learner example:
I wouldn't like a job like that, especially in the summer, when it's boiling hot.

bold /bəʊld/

Word family:
Adjectives: bold
Adverbs: boldly

ADJECTIVE
BRAVE
[B2] not frightened of taking risks

Dictionary examples:
She was a bold and fearless climber.
It was a bold decision to go and live abroad.
The newspaper made the bold move/took the bold step of publishing the names of the men involved.
**Learner example:**
That was the punishment for being bold!

**boldly /ˈbəʊld.li/**

**Word family:**
- **Adjectives:** bold
- **Adverbs:** boldly

**ADVERB**
- [B2] in a way that is brave or very confident

**Dictionary example:**
The President had already boldly declared victory.

**Learner example:**
One boldly ventures where none of their family members have been before in search of a better lifestyle, good weather...

**bomber /ˈbɒm.ər/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** bomb, bomber, bombing
- **Verbs:** bomb

**NOUN [C]**
- **PERSON**
  - [B2] ! a person who uses bombs

**Dictionary example:**
Rajiv Gandhi is believed to have been killed by a suicide bomber.

**bombing /ˈbɒm.ɪŋ/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** bomb, bomber, bombing
- **Verbs:** bomb

**NOUN [C or U]**
- [B2] ! an attack or several attacks using bombs

**Dictionary example:**
The city came under heavy bombing.
Learner example:
In fact, despite the number of plane accidents and bombing attempts on aeroplanes, it is the safe[st] way to travel.

**bond /bɒnd/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] an interest, experience, or feeling that makes people feel connected

**Dictionary examples:**
the bond between the mother and baby
There is a close/strong bond between the brothers.
We formed a strong bond in this difficult period.
A love of opera created a bond between them.

**Learner example:**
The strong bond among the family members makes them feel secure and confident.

**bonus /ˈbəʊ.nəs/**

**NOUN [C]**

**EXTRA THING**

[B2] another pleasant thing in addition to something you were expecting

**Dictionary example:**
I love the job, and it’s an added bonus that it’s so close to home.

**Learner example:**
Think about this: we will be practising English every day and as a bonus we'll have staff discounts on books and CDs.

**EXTRA MONEY**

[B2] an extra amount of money that you are given, especially because you have worked hard

**Dictionary example:**
a Christmas bonus

**Learner example:**
My employer said if I pass my exam, he will give me a bonus of fifty pounds.
booklet /ˈbʊk.let/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a small, thin book that contains information

Dictionary example:
The tourist office has booklets about the area.

Learner example:
I w[ould] really appreciate it if you could send me a booklet describing all outdoor and indoor activities.

bookmark /ˈbʊk.mɑːk/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a way of marking an Internet website so that you can find it easily

Dictionary example:
Add this website to your bookmarks.

VERB [t]
[B2] to mark an Internet website on your computer so that you can find it easily

Dictionary example:
I've bookmarked the page.

boost /buːst/

NOUN [c usually no plural]
[B2] something that makes you feel more confident and happy, or that helps something increase or improve

Dictionary examples:
Passing my driving test was such a boost to my confidence.
The lowering of interest rates will give a much-needed boost to the economy.

Learner example:
It really gave us a boost!

VERB [t]
[B2] to improve or increase something
Dictionary examples:
The theatre managed to boost its audiences by cutting ticket prices.
Share prices were boosted by reports of the President’s recovery.
Getting the job had really boosted her confidence.

Learner example:
It would not only boost my self-confidence but also look very good on my CV.

**borrow**  /ˈbɔːr.əʊ/

**VERB**

**MONEY**

[C1] [i or t] to get money from a bank or financial organization and pay it back over a period of time

**Dictionary example:**
We had to borrow heavily to set up the business.

**Learner example:**
Some even borrow from loan sharks just to satisfy impulse shopping needs, which may eventually lead to building up debts to an individual or his family.

**bossy**  /ˈbɒs.i/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** boss

**Adjectives:** bossy

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] always telling other people what to do

**Dictionary example:**
a bossy older sister

**Learner example:**
Granny is the problem – she's a bit bossy!

**both**  /bəʊθ/

**DETERMINER; PRONOUN**

**(have) the best of both worlds**

[C1] to have the advantages of two different situations
**Dictionary example:**
Living in the country and working in the city you have the best of both worlds.

**Learner example:**
Only those that can afford to live in the suburban areas can combine the best of both worlds and they tend to be rather affluent.

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**bother /ˈbɒð.ər/**

*Word family:*
Verbs: bother
Adjectives: bothered

**VERB**

**WORRY**

[B2] [ɪ] to make someone feel worried or upset

**Dictionary examples:**
Does it bother you **that** he's out so much of the time?
It bothers me **that** he doesn't seem to notice.
Living on my own has never bothered me.
I don't care if he doesn't come – it doesn't bother me.

**Learner example:**
Then I want to mention that there is one thing that bothers me a lot.

**MAKE AN EFFORT**

[B2] [ɪ] or [t] to make the effort to do something

**Dictionary examples:**
He hasn't even bothered to write.
Don't bother making the bed – I'll do it later.
You'd have found it if you'd bothered looking.
You won't get any credit for doing it, so **why** bother?

**Learner example:**
TV is entertaining, and it's all digested for you: you don't need to bother thinking after a long day's work.

**can't be bothered** INFORMAL

[B2] If you can't be bothered to do something, you are too lazy or tired to do it.

**Dictionary example:**
I can't be bothered to iron my clothes.

**Learner example:**
It woke me up but I didn't answer it, [I] couldn't be bothered.
bothered /ˈbɒð.əd/

Word family:
Verbs: bother
Adjectives: bothered

ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] If you are bothered about something, it is important to you and you are worried about it.

Dictionary examples:
He’s very bothered about what people think of him. They were an hour late and she didn’t seem at all bothered.

Learner example:
I’m also bothered about what’s going on around me.

bounce /ˈbaʊntz/  

VERB  

MOVE UP  
[B2] [I or T] to (cause to) move up or away after hitting a surface

Dictionary examples:
The ball bounced off the post and into the net. She bounced the ball quickly.

bounce along/around/into, etc.  
[B2] to move somewhere in a happy and energetic way

Dictionary example:
Sarah bounced into the room with a big smile on her face.

Learner example:
Would you like to wear balloon clothes and bounce around the world?

bound /baʊnd/  

ADJECTIVE  

bound to do sth  
[B2] certain to do something, or certain to happen
Dictionary examples:
You're bound to feel nervous before your driving test.
If you're stressed for a long period, it's bound to affect your health.

Learner example:
I'm bound to feel nervous.

DIRECTION
[C1] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] travelling towards a particular place

Dictionary example:
He was on a train bound for Berlin.

Learner example:
The only risk you run is getting on a bus bound for Boras, so take care you avoid this one.

boundary /ˈbaʊn.dər.i/

NOUN [c]

LINE
[C1] a line that divides two areas or forms an edge around an area

Dictionary example:
The mountains mark the boundary between the two countries.

Learner example:
This gives youngsters the opportunity to exchange opinions with people all over the world, and so the boundaries of the countries or the continents have less meaning.

LIMIT
[C1] a limit

Dictionary example:
Such violence is beyond the boundaries of civilized conduct.

Learner example:
This is a movie that reminds us that a man's soul cannot be measured with a measuring tape, that passion knows no boundaries, and that love accepts no defeat.

bow /bɔʊ/

NOUN [c]

KNOT
[B2] a knot with two curved parts and two loose ends, that is used to tie shoes or as decoration
Dictionary example:
The present was wrapped in gold paper and tied with a big red bow.

Learner example:
He saw a big black bow [o]n the handle of the door.

WEAPON
[B2] a piece of curved wood with string fixed to both ends, used for shooting arrows

Dictionary example:
a bow and arrows

Learner example:
The bow was very beautiful and there were some letters on [it]: Artemis. He could not believe it, he had the bow of Artemis.

bra /bra:/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a piece of women's underwear that supports the breasts

Learner example:
She knew that I had bought my first bra without having asked her for advice.

bracket /ˈbræk.ɪt/

NOUN

SYMBOL
[B2] [C USUALLY PLURAL] either of two symbols put around a word, phrase or sentence in a piece of writing to show that what is between them should be considered as separate from the main part

Dictionary examples:
\textit{square/round} brackets
Biographical information is included in brackets.

GROUP
[B2] [C] a group of people whose ages, taxes, etc. are between two limits

Dictionary example:
Most heart attack victims are in the 45–65 age bracket.
Learner example:
The 35–49 age bracket remained constant in terms of cinema attendance and [the] same also with the 50+ age bracket.

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brand /ˈbrænd/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a type of product made by a particular company

**Dictionary examples:**
a best-selling/popular brand of toothpaste
This isn't my usual brand of deodorant.

**Learner example:**
My computer brand is Acer.

brass /ˈbrɑːs/

**NOUN [u]**

METAL

[C1] a shiny yellow metal

**Dictionary example:**
a door with a brass handle

**Learner example:**
The dark marble is easy to keep clean and the solid brass handles look luxur[ious].

bravery /ˈbreɪv.ə.ri/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** bravery

**Adjectives:** brave

**Adverbs:** bravely

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when someone is brave

**Dictionary example:**
He was awarded a medal for his bravery in battle.

**Learner example:**
Of course my bravery disappeared and I felt my heart beating faster and faster.
break /breɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: break, outbreak
Verbs: break
Adjectives: breakable, broken

VERB (broke, broken)

[B2] [I or T] to come to an end or make something come to an end

Dictionary examples:
Eventually someone spoke, breaking the silence.
The factory brought in outside workers in an attempt to break the strike.

Learner example:
George was looking outside when something broke the silence.

break a record
[B2] to do something better, faster, etc. than anyone else

Dictionary example:
Usain Bolt broke the world record for the 200 metres.

Learner example:
I personally think that nobody will ever break his record of being champion seven times.

break an agreement/promise, etc.
[B2] to not do what you should do

Dictionary example:
She agreed not to tell anyone but she has broken her promise.

Learner example:
I am very surprised that such a reputable theatre [as] yours has been able to break all [the] promises that appeared in the advertisement.

break the law
[B2] to do something illegal

Dictionary example:
He didn't know he was breaking the law by smoking inside the building.

Learner example:
Jem, the youngest brother, is a horse–thief, so he breaks the law as well, but his crime is a minor one.

break the ice
[B2] to make people feel more relaxed in a social situation
Dictionary example:
I told everyone a joke, which helped to break the ice.

Learner example:
And, of course, don’t forget that a warm smile is one of the best ways to break the ice.

**break sb’s heart**
[B2] to make someone feel extremely sad

Dictionary examples:
She really broke his heart when she left.
It breaks my heart when I hear the terrible things that have been said about him.

Learner example:
I thought that the hamster would live forever but I was wrong and that mistake broke my heart.

**break even**
[C1] to not make money but also not lose money

Dictionary example:
The company only managed to break even this year.

Learner example:
Company C does not seem to be doing well. In the year 2000, it just seems to be breaking even.

**NOUN [C]**

**DAMAGE**
[C1] where something has separated in an accident

Dictionary example:
a break in the bone

**breakable  /ˈbreɪkə.bl/**

Word family:
Nouns: break, outbreak
Verbs: break
Adjectives: breakable, broken

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] easy to break

Dictionary example:
That vase is breakable so be careful.
breakdown /ˈbreɪk.daʊn/

NOUN [C]

ILLNESS
[B2] a short period of mental illness when people are too ill to continue with their normal lives

Dictionary examples:
Later that year she had a breakdown.
a nervous breakdown

Learner example:
Instead of that I almost end[ed] up in hospital suffering [a] nervous breakdown.

NOT WORKING
[B2] when a vehicle or machine stops working for a period of time

Dictionary example:
I had a breakdown in the middle of the road.

Learner example:
On Friday we went to Scotland but unfortunately we had a breakdown. By chance a very nice farmer fixed our car and [as] it was late he suggested we should spend the night on his farm.

FAILURE
[C1] when something such as communication or a relationship fails or ends

Dictionary example:
a breakdown in the peace talks

Learner example:
Eventually, society may be affected by the breakdown of these relationships.

breakthrough /ˈbreɪk.θruː/

NOUN [C]

[B2] an important discovery or event that helps to improve a situation or provide an answer to a problem

Dictionary examples:
Scientists are hoping for a breakthrough in the search for a cure for cancer.
A major breakthrough in negotiations has been achieved.

Learner example:
For me the main technology breakthrough has been in computers.
breath /breθ/

Word family:
Nouns: breath
Verbs: breathe

NOUN [u]

be out of breath
[B2] to be breathing quickly because you have been running, walking fast, etc.

Dictionary example:
He burst into the room, red-faced and out of breath.

Learner example:
I find that shopping is very good exercise too! By the time you have completed the whole High Street, you will be out of breath.

hold your breath
[B2] to keep air in your lungs and not let it out

Dictionary example:
How long can you hold your breath under water?

Learner example:
My heart was beating fast. I was holding my breath.

take your breath away
[B2] If something takes your breath away, you feel surprise and admiration because it is so beautiful or exciting.

Dictionary example:
The view from the window took my breath away.

Learner example:
The landscape just takes your breath away sometimes.

take a deep breath
[B2] to fill your lungs with air

Dictionary example:
Take a deep breath and relax.

Learner example:
But if you took a deep breath after reading the question, don’t worry.

catch your breath; get your breath back
[C1] to rest for a short time until you can breathe regularly again

Dictionary example:
Let’s stop here and catch our breath.
Learner example:
Unfortunately, the rooms we stayed in were on the 4th floor. The older people couldn’t catch their breath when they finally arrived there!

**breathtaking**

/ˈbreɪ.tɪŋ/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very beautiful or surprising

Dictionary example:
breathtaking scenery/views

Learner example:
For me it is a very beautiful country, with amazing and breathtaking scenery.

**breed**

/briːd/

**VERB** (bred, bred)

KEEP ANIMALS

[B2] [ɪ] to keep animals for the purpose of producing young animals

Dictionary example:
His main income comes from breeding cattle.

Learner example:
We can keep animals, breed them, observe, and protect [them].

**NOUN** [c]

[B2] a type of dog, sheep, etc.

Dictionary examples:
This rare breed of sheep is particularly good for wool.
What’s your favourite breed of dog/dog breed?

Learner example:
After she had seen pictures of the show animals, she decided to buy a small male kitten of the Cornish rex breed.

**bribe**

/ˈbraɪb/
NOUN [c]
[C1] money or a present given to someone so that they will do something for you, usually something dishonest

Dictionary example:
The politician was accused of accepting bribes from businessmen.

Learner example:
Because we don’t like to wait, it is very common to jump in the queues or give bribes to people in charge.

VERB [v]
[C1] to try to make someone do something for you by giving them money, presents or something else they want

Dictionary example:
He bribed immigration officials and entered the country illegally.

Learner example:
She considers presents to be a means of bribing her in order to love you.

brick /brɪk/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a small, hard, rectangular block used for building walls and houses

Dictionary example:
a brick wall

Learner example:
Future homes might not be built out of bricks at all!

brief /briːf/

Word family:
Adjectives: brief
Adverbs: briefly

ADJECTIVE

in brief
[B2] using only a few words

Dictionary example:
world news in brief

Learner example:
In brief, I have had a marvellous week.
**bright** /brɑːt/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** bright  
**Adverbs:** brightly

**ADJECTIVE**

**INTELLIGENT**  
[B2] clever

**Dictionary examples:**  
They were bright children, always asking questions.  
She was enthusiastic and full of bright ideas and suggestions.

**Learner example:**  
Rony had the bright idea of calling the firemen.

**HAPPY**  
[B2] happy or full of hope

**Dictionary examples:**  
You're very bright and cheerful this morning!  
She's an excellent student with a bright future.

**Learner example:**  
I think I’m [a] very bright kind of person, friendly with lots of energ[y].

**look on the bright side**  
[C1] to find good things in a bad situation

**Dictionary example:**  
Look on the bright side – no one was badly hurt.

**Learner example:**  
I am quite self-confident and I usually look on the bright side, as I am not keen on pessimistic thoughts.

**brightly** /ˈbrɑɪt.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** bright  
**Adverbs:** brightly

**ADVERB**

[B2] with a lot of strong colour or light

**Dictionary examples:**  
brightly coloured clothes  
a brightly lit room
**Learner example:**
The sun was shining brightly over the white mountain tops.

**brilliantly** /ˈbrɪl.i.ənt.li/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** brilliant
**Adverbs:** brilliantly

**ADVERB**
[B2] in a very skillful way

**Dictionary example:**
He seems to do everything brilliantly – piano playing, skiing, sailing.

**Learner example:**
Although they are not very famous like JULIE BLOOM, they sang brilliantly.

**bring** /brɪŋ/

**VERB** [T] (brought, brought)

**bring sth to an end**
[C1] to make something finish

**Dictionary example:**
The stories in the newspaper brought her career to a sudden end.

**Learner example:**
At the end of the year 2002 a great construction was brought to an end.

**broadband** /ˈbrɔːd.bænd/

**NOUN** [U]
[B2] a type of Internet connection that allows large amounts of information to be sent or received very quickly

**Dictionary example:**
We've got broadband at home.
broadcast /ˈbɹɑːd.kɑːst/

**VERB [I or T]** *(broadcast, broadcast)*

[B2] to send out a programme on television, radio or the Internet

**Dictionary examples:**
Radio Caroline used to broadcast from a boat in the North Sea.
The tennis championship is broadcast live to several different countries.

**Learner example:**
Unfortunately most of the programmes that channels broadcast are not quality programmes.

broaden /ˈbrɔːd.n/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** breadth
**Verbs:** broaden
**Adjectives:** broad
**Adverbs:** broadly

**VERB [I or T]**

[C1] to increase or make something increase and include more things or people

**Dictionary examples:**
We need to broaden the range of services that we offer.
Travel broadens your mind.

**Learner example:**
I mentioned the fact that such a presentation would broaden his mind and help him to strengthen his position in the company.

broadly /ˈbrɔːd.lɪ/  

**Word family:**
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**ADVERB**

[C1] in a general way and not including everything or everyone

**Dictionary examples:**
The plans have been broadly accepted.
Broadly speaking, don’t you think women make better drivers than men?
Learner example:
The car is a marvellous means of transport as far as mobility, freedom, speed and comfort are concerned but it is now broadly acknowledged that it is inappropriate for the [short journeys] in our big cities.

broken  /ˈbrəʊ.kən/

Word family:
Nouns: break, outbreak
Verbs: break
Adjectives: breakable, broken

ADJECTIVE

a broken heart
[B2] when you are very sad because of the end of a relationship

Dictionary example:
They said she died of a broken heart.

Learner example:
He will split up with you and [you] will get a broken heart!

broken English/Spanish, etc.
[C1] English/Spanish, etc. that is spoken slowly and has a lot of mistakes in it

Dictionary example:
I managed to make myself understood in broken French.

Learner example:
A non-English speaker may be [able] to talk in broken English to a native English speaker, but has only [a vague] idea as to what he's uttering.

bronze  /brɒnz/

NOUN

PRIZE
[C1] a bronze medal

Dictionary example:
He won a bronze in the 200m.

Learner example:
I have won two bronze medals and one gold for swimming 50m.
**brother-in-law /ˈbrʌð.ər.ɪn.lɔː/**

**NOUN [c]** (plural brothers-in-law)

[B2] the man married to your sister or the brother of your husband or wife

**Dictionary example:**
It's my brother-in-law's birthday today.

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**browse /braʊz/**

**Word family:**

*Nouns:* browser

*Verbs:* browse

**VERB**

**LOOK**

[B2] [i] to look through a book or magazine without reading everything, or to walk around a shop looking at several things without intending to buy any of them

**Dictionary examples:**
I was just browsing through some fashion magazines.
"Are you looking for anything in particular, Madam?" "No, I'm just browsing."

**Learner example:**
If I want to buy a nice pair of shoe[s], I'll have to go into [the] city centre and browse around from shop to shop until I find the shoes I like.

**COMPUTING**

[B2] [i or T] to look at information on the Internet

**Dictionary example:**
It's a good site to browse.

**Learner example:**
Furthermore people read when they browse the internet, whether for entertainment or educational and business affairs.

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**browser /ˈbraʊ.zə/**

**Word family:**

*Nouns:* browser

*Verbs:* browse
NOUN [c]
[B2] a computer program that makes it possible for you to read information on the Internet

Dictionary example:
a Web browser

Learner example:
It is important to install an Internet browser, that could be Internet Explorer, as well as the free Mozilla Firefox.

| bruise | /bruːz/ |

NOUN [c]
[B2] a dark area on your skin where you have been hurt

Dictionary examples:
His arms and back were covered in bruises.
She had a few cuts and bruises but nothing serious.

Learner example:
I entered the room and saw him, covered in bruises, but I couldn’t see his face because he was sleeping turned to the other side.

| brush | /brʌʃ/ |

NOUN

ACTION
[B2] [no plural] the action of using a brush

Dictionary example:
I need to give my hair a quick brush.

VERB

TOUCH
[B2] [ɪ or ʊ] to lightly touch someone or something as you move past

Dictionary examples:
Charlotte brushed against him as she left the room.
His lips gently brushed her cheek and he was gone.

Learner example:
A soft, cool breeze brushed my skin.
**brush sth away/off, etc.**
[C1] to move something somewhere using a brush or your hand

**Dictionary examples:**
Jackie brushed the hair out of her eyes.
He brushed away a tear.

**Learner example:**
She picked the diary up, brushed off the dust, and immediately started to read it.

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**brutal** /ˈbruː.təl/

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] very violent or cruel

**Dictionary example:**
a brutal murder

**Learner example:**
Can you remember the days when soccer was peaceful, harmless and all about joy? It has nothing to do with contemporary soccer, [which] is brutal, aggressive, [and] emotional.

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**bubble** /ˈbʌb.l/

**NOUN [C]**
[C1] a ball of air or gas with liquid around it

**Dictionary example:**
an air bubble

**Learner example:**
As a consequence the sea became polluted, and its deep blue colour turned into a dirty green, covered with bubbles!

**VERB [I]**

**bubble (over) with confidence/enthusiasm, etc.**
[C1] to be full of a positive emotion or quality

**Dictionary example:**
The children were bubbling over with excitement.

**Learner example:**
However taking into account that students often leave class bubbling over with excitement and go straight to the canteen, the noise is a little bit loud there [so] I do not think this would be a good place to film.
budget /ˈbʌdʒ.ɪt/

NOUN [c]

AMOUNT
[B2] the amount of money a person or organization has available to spend

Dictionary examples:
an annual budget of £40 million
They are over/under/on/within budget.
They have a very tight budget.

Learner example:
Finally, as I am a student on a very tight budget I would prefer a cheap B and B or a family rather than a local campsite.

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very cheap

Dictionary example:
a budget airline

bug /bʌɡ/

NOUN [c]

ILLNESS
[B2] a bacteria or a virus causing an illness that is usually not serious

Dictionary examples:
I had a tummy/stomach bug last week.
There's a bug going around.

COMPUTER
[B2] a mistake or problem in a computer program

Dictionary example:
A bug had caused the company's computer system to crash.

Learner example:
For instance, the millennium bug [might] make all computers confuse[d], and banks will lose money.
build /bɪld/

Word family:
Nouns: builder, building
Verbs: build, rebuild

VERB [I or T] (built, built)

**build (sth) up or build up (sth) PHRASAL VERB**
[C1] to increase or develop, or to make something increase or develop

**Dictionary examples:**
This will help to build up his confidence.
Traffic usually builds up in the late afternoon.

**Learner example:**
What might take a long time to build up could be ruined in a very short time.

bulb /ˈbʌlb/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a glass object which produces light from electricity

**Dictionary example:**
an energy-saving light bulb

**Learner example:**
We use the bulb everywhere and [for] almost everything.

bulk /bʌlk/

Word family:
Nouns: bulk
Adjectives: bulky

NOUN

**in bulk**
[C1] in large amounts

**Dictionary example:**
to buy in bulk

**Learner example:**
I suggest that you buy food in bulk so that you not only save money but also save time.

**the bulk of sth**
[C1] the largest part or most of something
**Dictionary example:**
He spends the bulk of his money on rent.

**Learner example:**
I have noticed that the bulk of the commit[t]ee are people over forty years old.

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**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] too big and taking up too much space

**Dictionary example:**
bulky equipment

**Learner example:**
The problem is actually that to get access to this kind of program, one needs to buy special equipment, which is [still] quite expensive and bulky.

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<td>[B2] a small, metal object that is shot from a gun</td>
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**Dictionary example:**
A bullet had lodged in the boy’s leg.

**Learner example:**
After this, she [was] working for the FBI until she received a bullet in [the] shoulder.

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**Dictionary examples:**
He was bullied at school by some older boys.
She was bullied into leaving.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays, due to active bullying prevention by the schools, the children are exposed to the bad effects of bullying and how to stand up if anybody tries to bully them.
NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who intentionally frightens a person who is smaller or weaker than them

Dictionary example:
He's just a bully.

Learner example:
One day you accidentally kill the bully of the village with a sword you found, and you are cast out of the village.

**bump /bʌmp/**

VERB

HURT

[B2] [t] to hurt part of your body by hitting it against something hard

Dictionary example:
I bumped my head on the shelf as I stood up.

**bump against/into sth**

[B2] to hit something with force

Dictionary example:
She bumped into his tray, knocking the food onto his lap.

Learner example:
A young man ran after the ball and bumped into her.

NOUN

BODY

[C1] a raised area on your body where it has been hurt by hitting something hard

Dictionary example:
a nasty bump on the head

SURFACE

[C1] a round, raised area on a surface

Dictionary example:
My bike hit a bump in the road.

Learner example:
When people don't feel safe on the streets anymore due to [the] lack of speed limit signs or speed bumps on the roads, or simply traffic lights!
bumper /ˈbʌm.pə/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a bar fixed along the front or the back of a vehicle to protect it in an accident

Dictionary example:
a front/rear bumper

Learner example:
The cars were bumper to bumper.

bun /bʌn/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a small, round cake or piece of bread

Dictionary examples:
an iced bun
a hamburger bun

Learner example:
I was selling sweet buns and coffee in the coffee shop.

burden /ˈbɜː.dən/

NOUN [C]
[C1] something difficult or unpleasant that you have to deal with or worry about

Dictionary examples:
the burden of responsibility
I'd hate to be a burden to you when I'm older.

Learner example:
With the heavy burden of paying the high school fees already on our shoulders, why not take into consideration the idea of opening the centre to the public?

burglar /ˈbɜː.glə/

Word family:
Nouns: burglar, burglary
Verbs: burgle

NOUN [C]
[B2] a person who illegally enters buildings and steals things
**Dictionary example:**
I saw someone climbing in through a window and assumed it must be a burglar.

**Learner example:**
Was it possible that a burglar was trying to break into the house?

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**burglary** /ˈbɜː.glər.i/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** burglar, burglary
- **Verbs:** burgle

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] the crime of illegally entering a building and stealing things

**Dictionary example:**
He was charged with burglary.

**Learner example:**
It makes the shops more secure against burglary and vandalism.

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**burgle** /ˈbɜː.gl/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** burglar, burglary
- **Verbs:** burgle

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to get into a building illegally and steal things

**Dictionary example:**
They've been burgled twice recently.

**Learner example:**
One night she burgled my friend’s home and stole the painting.

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**burn** /bɜːn/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** burn
- **Adjectives:** burning

**VERB (burnt or burned, burnt or burned)**

**COPY**
[B2] [T] to copy music, information or images onto a CD
Dictionary example:
He's burnt all his favourite records onto a CD.

Learner example:
Microsoft Vista is [such a] complex system that there is no need for the additional programs for viewing websites, watching movies, listening [to] music or burning your own CDs or DVDs.

ENERGY

[B2] [ɪ] (also burn up) to use fuel to produce heat or energy

Dictionary example:
to burn calories/fuel

Learner example:
In this way, our organism is provided with oxygen which is essential in order to burn fat and produce the energy we need every day.

burning /ˈbɜː.nɪŋ/

Word family:
Verbs: burn
Adjectives: burning

ADJECTIVE

a burning issue/question
[C1] a subject or question that must be dealt with or answered quickly

Dictionary example:
Climate change is the burning issue of the day.

Learner example:
Dear David Gold, I am writing this letter to discuss and give my opinion on the two proposals for solving the traffic problem in Castlecross, which is widely recognised as arguably the most burning issue nowadays.

burning ambition/desire, etc.
[C1] a very strong need to do something

Dictionary example:
I have no burning desire to go diving.

Learner example:
By travelling back to Germany in 1933 I might be able to find out where Hitler's burning ambition to rule the world stemmed from in the first place.
burst /bɜːst/

VERB [ɪ or ɪ] (burst, burst)

BREAK APART

[B2] to break open or apart suddenly, or to make something do this

Dictionary examples:
The balloon burst and frightened the children.
Suddenly the door burst open and police officers carrying guns rushed in.
If I eat any more cake I'll burst!

Learner example:
We had a lovely lunch there and ate so much that we nearly burst.

bury /ˈber.i/

Word family:
Nouns: burial
Verbs: bury

VERB [ɪ]

HIDE

[B2] to put something into a hole in the ground and cover it

Dictionary examples:
The dog trotted off to bury its bone.
buried treasure

Learner example:
I was really frightened, so I decided to bury the money in the back garden.

bush /bʊʃ/

NOUN [C]

[B2] a short, thick plant with a lot of branches

Dictionary example:
a rose bush

Learner example:
There were so many flowers and bushes, [and] the water of the lake was so fresh.

beat about/around the bush

[C1] to avoid talking about something difficult or embarrassing
Dictionary example:
I decided to stop beating around the bush and told him exactly what I thought of him.

Learner example:
Well, let’s stop beating about the bush and get to the point.

business /ˈbiz.nɪs/

NOUN

be none of sb’s business
[B2] If something is none of someone’s business, they do not need to know about it, although they want to, because it does not affect them.

Dictionary example:
I’m certainly not going to tell Lara how much money I’ve spent – it’s none of her business!

Learner example:
You might think it’s none of my business, but I simply have to say this.

by /baɪ/

PREPOSITION

HOLDING
[B2] holding a particular part of someone or something

Dictionary example:
She grabbed me by the arm.

by far
[B2] by a great amount

Dictionary example:
They are by far the best students in the class.

Learner example:
I have travelled to many countries, but New Zealand is by far the best.

by heart
[B2] so that you can remember all of something

Dictionary example:
We had to learn the whole poem off by heart.

Learner example:
I know all his songs by heart and I was singing all the time.
day by day/little by little/one by one, etc.
[B2] used in particular phrases to mean 'gradually' or 'in units of'

Dictionary example:
Day by day he grew stronger.

Learner example:
The weather gets warmer and warmer day by day and noone miss[es] the rain and the severe cold of winter.

AMOUNT
[B2] used to show measurements or amounts

Dictionary examples:
twelve by ten metres of floor space
Interest rates have been increased by 0.25%.
I'm paid by the hour.
Copies have sold by the million.

Learner example:
Therefore you will see that this festival attracts people by the truckload.

by all accounts
[C1] as said by a lot of people

Dictionary example:
The party was, by all accounts, a great success.

Learner example:
I have known Michael Van Cleef for over two decades now, and he is, by all accounts, an exemplary worker.

by and large
[C1] in general

Dictionary example:
By and large, people have welcomed the changes.

Learner example:
By and large, it is clear that we all enjoy some kind of sport.

by law
[C1] If you have to do something by law, it is illegal not to do it.

Dictionary example:
They have to provide a contract by law.

Learner example:
Swedish organisations and [companies] are forced by law to put forward programmes for employing more women and improv[ing] their conditions.
by way of *sth*

[C1] as a type of something

**Dictionary example:**
He sent me some flowers by way of apology.

**Learner example:**
The Academy however provided nothing whatsoever by way of entertainment, though with a group of interesting young people and a little imagination this should not be a problem.
cabin  /ˈkæb.in/

NOUN [C]

HOUSE
[C1] a small, simple house made of wood

Dictionary example:
a log cabin

Learner example:
For many years, the visitor could only stay in one of the few cabins near the lake, enjoying a breathtaking view.

cabinet  /ˈkæb.i.nət/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a cupboard with shelves or drawers to store or show things in

Dictionary examples:
a bathroom/medicine cabinet
a glass-fronted cabinet

Learner example:
By the way I found your watch in the bathroom cabinet, so you don’t have to worry about it.

cable  /ˈker.bl/
Learner example:
A mouse had eaten the cable so that there was no contact any more.

cake  /keɪk/

NOUN [C or U]

be a piece of cake
[B2] INFORMAL to be very easy

Dictionary example:
The exam itself was a piece of cake.

Learner example:
The article was a piece of cake though I didn’t expect to win.

calculate  /ˈkæl.kjʊ.leɪ.t/ 

Word family:
Nouns: calculation, calculator
Verbs: calculate

VERB [T]

MATHS
[B2] to discover an amount or number using mathematics

Dictionary examples:
Have you calculated the cost of the project?
He’s calculated that it would take him two years to save up enough for a car.
At some stage we need to calculate when the project will be finished.

Learner example:
First of all, you say that we must do 80 kilometres on Saturday, but I have calculated the distance and [it is] only 50 kilometres.

calculation  /ˌkæl.kjʊˈleɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: calculation, calculator
Verbs: calculate

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when you use mathematics to discover an amount or number
Dictionary example:
I did some quick calculations to see if we could afford it.

Learner example:
Just a simple calculation: the living space an elephant has got in a zoo is about 500m².

call /kɔːl/

VERB

DESCRIBE
[B2] [ɪ] to describe someone or something in a particular way

Dictionary examples:
Are you calling me a liar?
He called it a disgrace.

Learner example:
You work too hard and you could be called a workaholic.

call in sick
[B2] to telephone the place where you work and report that you are sick and unable to work

Dictionary example:
Three people called in sick this morning.

Learner example:
A few minutes after the concert began, a backstage assistant called in sick who was responsible for checking whether everything is going well according to the timetable.

ASK TO COME
[C1] [ɪ ɔ ɹ] to ask someone to come somewhere

Dictionary examples:
She called me into her office.
He called me over to where he was sitting.
I keep the bedroom door open in case the children call for me in the night.

Learner example:
Next door there's an elderly neighbour who I have always helped. [...] Remember to call him over sometimes and together watch television or play cards.

call an election/meeting, etc.
[C1] to arrange for an election/meeting, etc. to happen

Dictionary example:
The chairman has called an emergency meeting.
Learner example:
We hope you will call a meeting to discuss this matter in detail.

NOUN [C]

a call for sth
[C1] a demand for something to happen

Dictionary example:
a call for action/peace

Learner example:
Their demands included an all-out call for vital reforms in education – not, as one might expect, a call for higher salaries.

VISIT
[C1] a short visit

Dictionary example:
I thought I'd pay Gary a call.

Learner example:
During our stay in Dublin we [took] a half-day trip by bus throughout the city, which was an unforgettable experience, and paid a call to the National Museum as well.

calm /ˈkɑːm/

Word family:
Verbs: calm
Adjectives: calm
Adverbs: calmly

VERB [T]
calm down (sb) or calm (sb) down PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to stop feeling upset, angry, or excited, or to stop someone feeling this way

Dictionary examples:
Calm down, Lily, and tell me what's wrong.
She was angry at first but we managed to calm her down.
She sat down and took a few deep breaths to calm herself down.

Learner example:
When I got in my car, I told myself to calm down and take a deep breath.
calmly /ˈkɑːml.i/

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** calm
**Adjectives:** calm
**Adverbs:** calmly  

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a quiet or relaxed way

**Dictionary example:**
She reacted surprisingly calmly to the news of his death.

**Learner example:**
Very calmly, I closed my book and put it on the table which was on my left.

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camp /kæmp/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** camp, camping
**Verbs:** camp

**NOUN**

an army/prison/refugee, etc. camp

[B2] an area containing temporary buildings or tents used for soldiers/prisoners/refugees

**Dictionary example:**

**Learner example:**
This year I think I'd rather go to a refugee camp to organise a program for children.

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campaign /kæmˈpeɪn/

**NOUN [C]**

**ACTIVITIES**

[C1] a series of organized activities or events intended to achieve a result

**Dictionary example:**

an advertising/election campaign
Learner example:
In order to solve problems caused by traffic congestion, perhaps the City Council should consider launching a publicity campaign to show people in Baden the alternative means of transport and the advantages of using them.

WAR
[C1] a series of military attacks

Dictionary example:
a bombing campaign

Learner example:
Another example is the campaign of Alexander the Great.

VERB [i]
[C1] to organize a series of activities to try to achieve something

Dictionary example:
to campaign against/for something

Learner example:
Instead of campaigning against tourism, people should look for ways of making it better and safer.

**campus** /ˈkæm.pəs/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the buildings of a college or university and the land that surrounds them

Dictionary example:
There's accommodation for about five hundred students on campus.

Learner example:
You should visit Kamakura City, which is 30 minutes from our campus by train.

**can** /kæn/

MODAL VERB

TYPICAL
[B2] used to talk about how someone often behaves or what something is often like

Dictionary example:
She can be really rude at times.

Learner example:
When you choose to travel by car there can be a lot of traffic.
SOMETIMES HAPPENING

[B2] used to say that something sometimes happens or is true

**Dictionary examples:**
Smoking can cause cancer.
The nights can be very cold.

**Learner example:**
But overworking is also bad. It has lots of disadvantages, and can cause lots of problems, including health problems.

cancellation /ˌkæn.ˈsɛl.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** cancellation
**Verbs:** cancel

**NOUN [C or U]**
[C1] when someone decides that an event will not now happen or stops an order for something

**Dictionary example:**
a last-minute cancellation

**Learner example:**
To begin with, there was a general disappointment due to the cancellation of the opening speech.

candidate /ˈkænd.ɪ.dət/

**NOUN [C]**

**JOB/ELECTION**
[B2] a person who is competing to get a job or elected position

**Dictionary example:**
There are three candidates standing in the election.

**Learner example:**
I am the appropriate candidate for this job.

canned /kænd/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** can
**Adjectives:** canned
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] used to describe food or drink that has been put into metal containers in a factory

**Dictionary example:**
canned tomatoes

**Learner example:**
A new way of of eating has sprung [up] – fast food and canned vegetables are all around us.

**cap** /kæp/

**VERB [t]**

**LIMIT**

[C1] to put a limit on an amount of money that can be borrowed, charged, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
The interest rate has been capped at 5%.

**Learner example:**
The cost should also be delinked from the international petrol prices and capped at certain fixed rates for a fixed term.

**to cap it all**

[C1] used when you mention something in addition to all the other bad or disappointing things that have happened

**Dictionary example:**
It’s been a terrible week and now, to cap it all, the car’s broken down.

**Learner example:**
To cap it all, there was often not enough to eat.

**capability** /ˌkeɪ.pəˈbɪl.a.ti/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** capability

**Adjectives:** capable, incapable

**NOUN [c or u]**

[C1] the ability or power to do something

**Dictionary examples:**
Both players have the capability to win this match.
With the new machines we finally have the capability to do the job properly.
Learner example:
The most important part of this job is to be able to work as a member of a team and manage to use everyone's skills and capabilities.

capable /ˈkeɪ.pə.bəl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: capability  
Adjectives: capable, incapable  

ADJECTIVE  
GOOD AT DOING THINGS  
[B2] able to do things effectively and achieve results  

Dictionary examples:  
She's a very capable young woman.  
He's very capable.  

Learner example:  
I had a little farm when I was in Italy so I think I'm quite capable and have more experience than others.

capable of sth/doing sth  
[B2] having the ability, power or qualities to be able to do something  

Dictionary examples:  
She is certainly capable of running the business.  
She was capable of great cruelty.  

Learner example:  
And although I've never had to cook [for] myself, I suppose I would be capable of cooking if needed.

capacity /ˈkeɪ.pə.sə.ti/  

NOUN  
AMOUNT  
[B2] [C or U] the largest amount or number that a container, building, etc. can hold  

Dictionary examples:  
a restaurant with a capacity of 200  
The new stadium has a seating capacity of 50 000.  
The ground was filled to capacity.
**Learner example:**
I would recommend the use of the state stadium next year for the concerts, in order to support the capacity of the crowd.

**ABILITY**

[B2] [c] the ability to do, experience, or understand something

**Dictionary examples:**
She has a great capacity for hard work.
What impresses me is his capacity to absorb information.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, I think [films] reduce your capacity [for] imagination.

**JOB**

[C1] [c] a position or job

**Dictionary example:**
He attended over 100 events last year in his capacity as mayor.

**Learner example:**
I'm writing in my capacity as secretary of the Social Club of the language school to complain about the services provided to us during our visit to the Science and Technology museum.

captain /ˈkæp.tɪn/

**NOUN [c]**

**SHIP/AIRCRAFT**

[B2] the person in charge of a ship or an aircraft

**Dictionary example:**
This is your captain speaking. We expect to be landing at London Heathrow in an hour's time.

**Learner example:**
At his third attempt the captain succeeded in landing the plane on the air-strip.

capture /ˈkæp.tʃər/
Dictionary examples:
Two of the soldiers were killed and the rest were captured.
Rebel forces captured the city after a week-long battle.

Learner example:
Joe, the serial killer, was captured.

DESCRIBE
[B2] to show or describe something successfully using words or pictures

Dictionary example:
His book really captures the spirit of the place.

Learner example:
Firstly, let me tell you that your report is really good. I think you capture in a few lines the whole expression of a Mexic[an] town[’s] life.

capture sb/sth on camera/film, etc.
[B2] to record someone or something on camera/film, etc.

Dictionary example:
He was captured on film swearing at the referee.

Learner example:
Another event that should absolutely be captured on film is the preparation of the meals in the canteen.

capture sb’s attention/ imagination/ interest
[C1] to make someone interested in or excited about something

Dictionary example:
The Moon landing captured the attention of the whole world.

Learner example:
I am sure this program would capture the interest of other students in this college, as those who participated would be telling their friends all about their adventurous trip.

NOUN [U]
[C1] when a person or animal is caught and made a prisoner

Dictionary example:
He shot himself to avoid capture.

Learner example:
The best example is Operation Takedown w[h]ich is based on the capture of Kevin Mitnick, who illegally hacked in to computers and stole information, but in the movie he is presented [as] a hero.
carbon /ˈkɑː. bən/

NOUN [u]
[B2] a chemical element present in all animals and plants and in coal and oil

Dictionary example:
Diamonds are formed from carbon.

carbon dioxide /ˌkɑː.bən.dɑɪˈɒk.sɑɪd/

NOUN [u]
[B2] the gas formed when carbon is burned, or when people or animals breathe out

Dictionary example:
carbon dioxide emissions

Learner example:
If we use up carbon dioxide with balloon clothes there will be less carbon dioxide on Earth, so there is no worry about [the] Ozone.

carbon footprint /ˌkɑː. bənˈfʊt.prɪnt/

NOUN [c]
[B2] the amount of energy that a person or organization uses in order to exist or operate

Dictionary example:
Many of us could reduce our carbon footprint by taking fewer flights and insulating our homes better.

Learner example:
I also included some possible precautions to reduce our carbon footprints.

carbon monoxide /ˌkɑː. bən.məˈnɒk.sɑɪd/

NOUN [u]
[B2] a poisonous gas that is produced by burning some types of fuel, especially petrol

Dictionary example:
The cause of death was given as carbon monoxide poisoning.
Learner example:
Cars also emit carbon monoxide and make the air unfit to breath.

cardboard /ˈka:d.bɔːd/

NOUN [u]
[B2] material like very thick stiff paper, usually pale brown in colour, which is used especially for making boxes

Dictionary example:
a cardboard box

cardigan /ˈka:d.i.gən/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a piece of clothing often made from wool, which covers the upper part of the body and fastens at the front

Dictionary example:
My worst present ever was an orange and green knitted cardigan from my aunt.

Learner example:
I lost my favourite pink cardigan.

care /ˈkeə/ 

Word family:
Nouns: care, carelessness
Verbs: care
Adjectives: careful, careless, caring
Adverbs: carefully, carelessly

NOUN

PROTECTION
[B2][u] the process of protecting and looking after someone or something

Dictionary examples:
The standard of care at our local hospital is excellent.
Nurseries are responsible for the children in their care.

Learner example:
In zoos, there are many people who look after them, of course, and so many people think that this care is enough.
**take care of sth/doing sth**

[C1] to be responsible for dealing with something

**Dictionary example:**
I did the cooking while Guy took care of the washing up.

**Learner example:**
As for special requirements, one man and one woman are vegetarians and the woman is allergic to cats. I hope you are able to take care of that.

**VERB**

**Who cares?**

[B2] INFORMAL used to emphasize that you do not think something is important

**Dictionary example:**
"Chelsea should have reached the final!" "Who cares?"

**Learner example:**
"Who cares?" he answered.

I/he, etc. couldn't care less INFORMAL

[C1] used to emphasize that someone is not interested in or worried about something or someone

**Dictionary example:**
I couldn't care less what people think.

**Learner example:**
There was hunger, there was poverty and the king couldn't care less about his people['s] well-being.

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carelessly /ˈkeə.ləs.lɪ/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** care, carelessness

**Verbs:** care

**Adjectives:** careful, careless, caring

**Adverbs:** carefully, carelessly

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a careless way

**Dictionary example:**
He told me off for driving carelessly.

**Learner example:**
I broke your beautiful vase carelessly while I ran to answer the door.
**carelessness**  /ˈkeə.ləs.nəs/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** care, carelessness  
**Verbs:** care  
**Adjectives:** careful, careless, caring  
**Adverbs:** carefully, carelessly  

**NOUN [u]**  
[B2] the state of being careless  

**Dictionary example:**  
It's the carelessness with which he just throws stuff on the floor that annoys me.  

**Learner example:**  
Please forgive my carelessness. I'd like to bring a new one like yours when I come to you next time.

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**caring**  /ˈkeə.rɪŋ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** care, carelessness  
**Verbs:** care  
**Adjectives:** careful, careless, caring  
**Adverbs:** carefully, carelessly  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] describes someone who is kind and gives emotional support to others  

**Dictionary example:**  
I've always thought of Jo as a very caring person.  

**Learner example:**  
Of course I enjoyed staying with you. It was really a remarkable experience being able to live with a caring family like yours.

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**carnival**  /ˈkær.nɪ.vəl/  

**NOUN [c]**  
[B2] a public celebration where people wear special clothes and dance and play music in the streets  

**Dictionary example:**  
I took the kids to the local carnival.  

**Learner example:**  
Of course it is not as good as the carnival of Rio!
carriage /ˈkær.i.dʒ/  

NOUN [C]  

TRAIN  
[C1] one of the separate parts of a train where the passengers sit  

Dictionary example:  
The front carriage of the train is for first-class passengers only.  

Learner example:  
You may also buy a ticket in a sleeping carriage and spend the whole night comfortably sleeping.  

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carry /ˈkær.i/  

VERB [T]  

TRANSPORT  
[B2] to move someone or something from one place to another  

Dictionary examples:  
The plane was carrying 300 passengers.  
The bus was carrying children to school.  
Underground cables carry electricity to all parts of the city.  
Police think that the body was carried down the river.  
Rubbish left on the beach during the day is carried away at night by the tide.  

Learner example:  
Jay’s swimming trunks got carried away by that huge wave.  

DISEASE  
[C1] to have a disease that you might give to someone else  

Dictionary example:  
Mosquitoes carry malaria and other infectious diseases.  

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case /keɪs/  

NOUN  

be the case  
[B2] to be true  

Dictionary examples:  
Bad diet can cause tiredness, but I don’t think that’s the case here.  
I take it that the booking includes breakfast – if that isn’t the case, please let us know.
Learner example:
Could you also please let me know if you're coming back in time for dinner because if that's the case I'll make a splendid dinner for us.

in any case
[B2] used to give another reason for something you are saying, or that you have done

Dictionary example:
I don't want to go and in any case, I haven't been invited.

Learner example:
I suggest that you should in any case leave your car at home and take buses or other public means of transport.

in that case
[B2] because of the mentioned situation

Dictionary example:
There's no coffee left? In that case I'll have tea.

Learner example:
You could try kayaking. In that case, of course, you need to pay for the equipment.

CRIME
[B2] [c] a crime that police are trying to solve

Dictionary examples:
a murder case
Police in the town have investigated 50 cases of burglary in the past month.
The detective on the case has been suspended from duty.

Learner example:
They succeeded in solving a case too difficult even for the police.

COURT OF LAW
[B2] [c] a matter to be decided by a judge in a court of law

Dictionary examples:
The case will go before the European Court next month.
She accused her employer of unlawful dismissal and won/lost her case.

Learner example:
To summarize, we lost the case on the ground that he had a criminal background and that the girl's testimony wasn't reliable because she was in love with the man, as she confessed herself in court.
cast /kɑːst/

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] all the actors in a film, play or show

Dictionary examples:
After the final performance, the director threw a party for the cast.
Part of the film’s success lies in the strength of the supporting cast.

Learner example:
Unfortunately as soon as I came to the theatre I was told that there had been a change in the cast and Danny Brook was not part of it anymore.

casual /ˈkæʒ.ju.əl/

ADJECTIVE

NOT PLANNED
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] not planned, or without particular meaning or importance

Dictionary example:
a casual meeting/remark

Learner example:
It was last summer, when I had a casual meeting with someone.

casually /ˈkæʒ.ju.li/

ADVERB

[B2] in a casual way

Dictionary example:
She was dressed casually in shorts and a T-shirt.

Learner example:
I suggest that you and your group go dressed casually.

catalogue /ˈkæt.əl.ɒg/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a book with a list of items, such as pictures on display or goods that you can buy from a business
Dictionary example:
a mail-order catalogue

Learner example:
I would be very grateful if you [could] send me the catalogue for the next auction.

catch /ˈkætʃ/  

VERB (caught, caught)

catch sb’s attention, interest, etc.
[B2] to make someone notice something and feel interested

Dictionary example:
A ship out at sea caught his attention.

Learner example:
The first thing that caught my attention in the advert was "... eight people from different countries...".

DISCOVER
[B2] [ɪ] to discover someone who is doing something wrong or something secret

Dictionary examples:
He caught her reading his old love letters.
She was caught cheating in the exam.

Learner example:
I [learnt] a good lesson when I was caught cheating on a test at school last year.

CRIMINAL
[B2] [ɪ] If the police catch a criminal, they find them and take them away.

Dictionary example:
These terrorists must be caught.

Learner example:
The issue had been forgotten and the burglar was never caught.

category /ˈkæt.ə.gər.i/  

NOUN [c]
[B2] a group of people or things of the same type

Dictionary example:
There are three categories of accommodation – standard, executive and deluxe.
**Learner example:**
I belong to the category of people who think that society needs zoos.

**cater** /ˈkeɪ.tə/  
VERB [I or T]  
[C1] to provide and often serve food and drinks for a particular event

**Dictionary example:**
How many are we catering for at the wedding reception?

**Learner example:**
I can understand why you shortlisted these three proposals as all of them seem good enough to cater for our canteen.

**catering** /ˈkeɪ.tər.ɪŋ/  
NOUN [U]  
[B2] providing food and drinks for people

**Dictionary examples:**
Who did the catering for the party?  
a high-class catering company

**Learner example:**
All food, appetizers and refreshments will be provided by a catering company.

**cause** /koʊz/  
NOUN

**REASON WHY**
[B2] [c] the reason why something, especially something bad, happens

**Dictionary examples:**
The police are still trying to establish the cause of the fire.  
She had died of natural causes.

**Learner example:**
Overworking can be a cause of many problems.

**PRINCIPLE**
[C1] [c] a principle or aim that a group of people support or fight for
Dictionary examples:
The money will all go to a good cause.
He fought for the Republican cause in the war.

Learner example:
It would be a shame if people got the wrong impression, that it is not worth working and making an effort for charity and good causes and I would certainly not like to believe that your paper contributed to giving that impression??

VERB [1]
[B2] to make something happen, especially something bad

Dictionary examples:
The difficult driving conditions caused several accidents.
Most heart attacks are caused by blood clots.
The bright light caused her to look away.

Learner example:
Admittedly, using your car is more convenient and easier than using public transport but, in my opinion, the advantages of using public transport outweigh the disadvantages it can cause.

caution /ˈkɔːʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: caution
Verbs: caution
Adjectives: cautious

NOUN

CARE
[C1] [u] great care and attention not to take risks or get into danger

Dictionary examples:
Travellers have been advised to exercise great caution when passing through the region.
I would treat anything he says with extreme caution.

Learner example:
Extreme caution has to be taken during push-back and engine start.

cautious /ˈkɔːʃəs/

Word family:
Nouns: caution
Verbs: caution
Adjectives: cautious
ADJECTIVE
[B2] taking care to avoid risks or danger

Dictionary examples:
He's a very cautious driver.
We take a more cautious approach.
She is cautious about lending money to anyone.

Learner example:
You should be cautious and sensible.

cease /siːs/

VERB [I or T] FORMAL
[B2] to stop

Dictionary examples:
He ordered his men to cease firing.
The company has decided to cease all UK operations after this year.
She never ceases to amaze me.

Learner example:
I thought the ring was just inside my head, in the dream. But it didn’t cease, making me realize it was something else, from outside the room.

cell /sel/

NOUN [C]

ORGANISM
[B2] the smallest basic unit of a plant or animal

Dictionary examples:
brain/blood cells
cancer cells

Learner example:
[...] such as, using gamma rays to damage the cancer cell or to treat people’s short sight and so on.

ROOM
[B2] a small room in a prison or police station where a prisoner is kept

Dictionary example:
He was kept in a prison cell for four months.
Learner example:
That's why six years after this I'm writing the story in my cold wet cell.

**cellar /ˈsel.ər/**

NOUN [C]
[B2] a room under the ground floor of a building, usually used for storage

Dictionary example:
He keeps his wine in the cellar.

Learner example:
We were in the cellar of the old castle without a candle or even matches.

**cello /ˈtʃel.əʊ/**

NOUN [C]
[B2] a large, wooden musical instrument with four strings that you hold between your knees to play

Dictionary example:
She plays the cello.

Learner example:
It was Beethoven, the 9th symphony. The cellos [and] violins, followed by the timpani...

**cemetery /ˈsem.əтри/**

NOUN [C]
[B2] a place where dead people are buried

Dictionary example:
She went to the cemetery where her grandfather was buried.

Learner example:
It was Halloween night and almost midnight, and Steve had the idea of going out to the nearest cemetery to catch some ghosts or vampires.

**centigrade /ˈsen.trigreɪd/**

NOUN [U]
[B2] a measurement of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100°
Dictionary example:
Water boils at 100° centigrade.

Learner example:
The last few days I prefer to go swimming, because the temperature was above thirty degrees centigrade.

central /ˈsen.trəl/

Word family:
Nouns: centre
Adjectives: central

ADJECTIVE

CITY
[C1] in the main part of a town or city

Dictionary example:
Our offices are very central.

Learner example:
The house location is very central, it is in South Kensington and it is [with]in walking distance [of] Gloucester Road Underground station.

ORGANIZATION
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] controlled or organized in one main place

Dictionary examples:
central authorities/government
the US central bank
central control/planning

Learner example:
The contribution of the central government seems to be inevitable to complete the project.

cereal /ˈsɪə.rɪ.əl/

NOUN [C or U]

PLANT
[C1] a plant that is grown to produce grain for food

Dictionary example:
cereal crops

Learner example:
During this part you can see cereal crops, mainly wheat.
**certain** /ˈsɜː.tən/

Word family:
Nouns: certainty, uncertainty
Adjectives: certain, uncertain
Adverbs: certainly

**ADJECTIVE**

a certain

[B2] used before a noun when it is difficult to describe something exactly or give its exact amount

**Dictionary example:**
He's got a certain charm.

**Learner example:**
There was still that gleam and a certain kind of pride which let me assume once she must have been a strong lady.

**know/say for certain**

[C1] to know something without doubt

**Dictionary example:**
We don't know for certain whether she's coming.

**Learner example:**
The rules may be considered a bit too strict, the teaching methods too "old-fashioned", but I know for certain that this course gives very good preparation in [Busi]ness English.

**certainly** /ˈsɜː.tən.li/

Word family:
Nouns: certainty, uncertainty
Adjectives: certain, uncertain
Adverbs: certainly

**ADVERB**

certainly not

[C1] used after an adverb in short, negative replies

**Dictionary examples:**
"She's not exactly poor, is she?" "Certainly not."
"Will you be taking her there?" "Certainly not!"

**Learner example:**
Are all young people lazy and unable to participate in any form of sport? Certainly not!!!
**certainty /ˈsɜː.tən.ti/**

Word family:
Nouns: certainty, uncertainty
Adjectives: certain, uncertain
Adverbs: certainly

**NOUN**

**BEING SURE**
[B2] [u] when you are completely sure about something

Dictionary example:
I’m unable to answer that question with any certainty.

Learner example:
I can say with certainty that this town is just a treasure of Polish culture.

**chain /tʃeɪn/**

**NOUN**

**EVENTS**
[B2] [c] a series of things that happen one after the other

Dictionary examples:
a chain reaction
His arrival set off a surprising chain of events.

Learner example:
The problem began to increase because all her friends knew her secret. It was like a "chain reaction".

**challenge /ˈtʃæ.l.ɪndʒ/**

Word family:
Nouns: challenge
Verbs: challenge
Adjectives: challenging

**VERB [t]**
[B2] to express disagreement with ideas, rules, or someone’s authority

Dictionary example:
Children challenge their parents' authority far more nowadays than they did in the past.
Learner example:
His daughter had just challenged him and he was struggling for a decision.

**chance /tʃɑːnts/**

**NOUN**

**RISK**

[B2] [c] a risk

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm delivering my work by hand. I'm not **taking** any chances.
There's a chance of injury in almost any sport.

**Learner example:**

**change /tʃeɪndʒ/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** change
**Verbs:** change
**Adjectives:** unchanged, **changeable**

**VERB**

**change the subject**
[B2] to start talking about a different subject

**Dictionary example:**
I'd tried to explain the situation, but he just changed the subject.

**Learner example:**
Well, changing the subject, I accidentally broke your beautiful vase. I'm really sorry, I'll try to find [another] vase that looks similar.

**changeable /ˈtʃeɪn.dʒə.bl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** change
**Verbs:** change
**Adjectives:** unchanged, **changeable**

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] often changing, or likely to change
Dictionary example:
The weather was very changeable last summer.

Learner example:
I must say that summers here are a bit mild and changeable.

chaos /ˈkeɪ.ɒs/

Word family:
Nouns: chaos
Adjectives: chaotic

NOUN [U]
[B2] a state of total confusion with no order

Dictionary examples:
Snow and ice have caused chaos on the roads.
Ever since our secretary walked out, the office has been in a state of total chaos.

Learner example:
There was chaos at the school.

chaotic /keɪˈɒt.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: chaos
Adjectives: chaotic

ADJECTIVE
[C1] in a state of chaos

Dictionary example:
a chaotic situation

Learner example:
Consequently, in order to improve the chaotic traffic situation it is advisable to choose other means of transport as mentioned above.

character /ˈkær.ɪk.ət/
NOUN

INTERESTING QUALITIES
[B2] qualities that are interesting or unusual

Dictionary example:
a hotel of character

Learner example:
There [are] many very old house[s] with a lot of character and charm, [which are] just perfect for a photographer.

INTERESTING PERSON
[C1] [c] an interesting or funny person whose behaviour is different from most people's

Dictionary example:
Your granny's a real character.

Learner example:
Mr Brown is a great character.

WRITING
[C1] [c] a letter, sign, or number that you use when you are writing or printing

Dictionary example:
Chinese characters

Learner example:
However, [the] poems are written in old Japanese characters which are difficult to understand.

characteristic /ˌkær.ɪk.təˈrɪs.tɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: character, characteristic
Adjectives: characteristic

NOUN [c]
[B2] a typical or noticeable quality of someone or something

Dictionary examples:
Unfortunately a big nose is a family characteristic.
Sentimentality seems a characteristic of all the writers of that period.
The male bird displays several characteristics which distinguish him from the female.

Learner example:
Orwell gives the animals human characteristics and we can identify with them.
charge /tʃɑːdʒ/

VERB

ACCUSE

[B2] [T OFTEN PASSIVE] If the police charge someone, they accuse them officially of a crime.

Dictionary example:
She’s been charged with murder.

Learner example:
While Jem is accused of a minor crime, Joss is charged with smuggling.

ATTACK

[B2] [I or T] to attack someone or something by moving forward quickly

Dictionary examples:
The bull lowered its horns and charged.
The violence began when the police charged at a crowd of demonstrators.

Learner example:
They had water bombs and water pistols at the ready. They started charging down the field towards the fire and once in range everyone threw their balloon as far as they could.

ELECTRICITY

[B2] [I or T] to put electricity into something

Dictionary example:
My mobile needs charging.

NOUN

take charge

[B2] to take control of or make yourself responsible for something

Dictionary example:
I was happy to let her take charge of the holiday arrangements.

Learner example:
I am 21 years old which means that I can take charge of school children.

CRIME

[C1] [C] a formal police statement saying that someone is accused of a crime

Dictionary examples:
The 19–year–old will be appearing in court on Thursday where she will face criminal charges.
He has been arrested on a charge of murder.
The police brought a charge of theft against him.
Learner example:
He decided on the spot that if Paul was to return all the money he wouldn't press charges so he called his parents and asked them to find out where he was.

charm /tʃaːm/

Word family:
Nouns: charm
Adjectives: charming

NOUN
QUALITY
[B2] [c or u] a quality which makes you like or feel attracted to someone or something

Dictionary examples:
a woman of great charm
The building has a certain charm.
I had to use all my charms to get them to lend us the hall.

Learner example:
It's an extremely severe and rugged sort of landscape with its own very special charm.

chart /tʃaːt/

NOUN
DRAWING
[B2] [c] a drawing which shows information in a simple way, often using lines and curves to show amounts

Dictionary example:
a sales chart

Learner example:
Now I can create special charts at home.

the charts
[B2] an official list of the most popular songs each week

Dictionary example:
They're currently at the top of the charts with their single 'Enough'.

Learner example:
She gets to the people's hearts by music and she is now at the top of the charts with the song "Love me".
**chase** /tʃeɪs/

**VERB**

**RUN AFTER**

[B2] [I or T] to run after someone or something in order to catch them

**Dictionary examples:**
The dog was chasing a rabbit.
She was chasing after her two-year-old son.

**Learner example:**
I could feel that the man was chasing after me.

**chase sb/sth away/off/out, etc.**

[B2] to run after a person or animal to make them leave a place

**Dictionary example:**
I chased the cat away.

**Learner example:**
But one day, Napoleon said that his rival Snowball was a spy of the farmers and chased him away.

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**chat** /tʃæt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** chat
**Verbs:** chat
**Adjectives:** chatty

**VERB [I] (−tt−)**

chat sb up or chat up sb **PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] to talk to someone in a way that shows them that you are sexually attracted to them

**Dictionary example:**
He spends hours in cafés, chatting up the waitresses.

**Learner example:**
Then he started to chat her up.
chatty /ˈtʃæt.i/

Word family:
Nouns: chat
Verbs: chat
Adjectives: chatty

ADJECTIVE

PERSON
[C1] liking to talk

Dictionary example:
My sister is very chatty.

Learner example:
Both Mr Brown and Peter are chatty and not afraid of [the] camcorder.

WRITING
[C1] A piece of writing that is chatty has a friendly and informal style.

Dictionary example:
a chatty letter/style

Learner example:
To be more specific, the articles will include events taken from our college life, written in a humorous, chatty way in order to help them see life in its positive aspect.

cheap /tʃiːp/

ADJECTIVE

LOW QUALITY
[C1] low in price and quality

Dictionary example:
I bought some cheap wine to cook with.

Learner example:
[The] "luxury hotel" from the advertisement happened to be a dirty, cheap hotel with no lift (notice that all the rooms were located on the 4th floor) and no service.

cheat /tʃiːt/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to behave in a dishonest way in order to get what you want
Dictionary examples:
Anyone caught cheating will be immediately disqualified from the exam.
She was caught cheating in her French exam.
He cheats at cards.

Learner example:
She also didn't want to cheat during the exam because it wouldn't be fair to anyone.

check /tʃeIk/

VERB
ASK
[B2] [tʃiːk] to ask someone for permission to do something

Dictionary example:
I'd like to stay overnight, but I need to check with my parents.

Learner example:
I'll be there at 4.00 the next day which will be the 5th. Would you check with your neighbours again, please?

cheeky /ˈtʃiː.ki/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] slightly rude or showing no respect, but often in a funny way

Dictionary examples:
She's got such a cheeky grin.
Don't be so cheeky!

Learner example:
Don't get angry, but I think your husband is a very cheeky man!

cheer /tʃɪər/

Word family:
Nouns: cheerfulness
Verbs: cheer
Adjectives: cheerful
Adverbs: cheerfully

VERB [tʃiə]
[B2] to give a loud shout of approval or encouragement
Dictionary examples:
Everyone cheered as the winners received their medals.
He was cheering for the other side.

Learner example:
When she had finished, she felt satisfied and so did the audience who cheered for Louise.

cheerful /ˈtʃɪə.fəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** cheerfulness
**Verbs:** cheer
**Adjectives:** cheerful
**Adverbs:** cheerfully

**ADJECTIVE**

**MAKING YOU FEEL HAPPY**

[B2] describes a place or thing that is bright and pleasant and makes you feel positive and happy

**Dictionary example:**
The doctor’s waiting room was bright and cheerful with yellow walls and curtains.

**Learner example:**
We can have [a] mixed colour[ed] carpet to make the reception area more cheerful.

cheerfully /ˈtʃɪə.fəli/
Cheers! /tʃɪəz/

EXCLAMATION

THANK YOU
[B2] used to mean 'thank you'

Dictionary example:
"I've bought you a drink." "Cheers, mate."

chemical /ˈkem.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: chemical, chemist, chemistry
Adjectives: chemical

NOUN [C]
[B2] a basic substance that is used in chemistry or produced by chemistry

Dictionary examples:
The government has pledged to reduce the amount of chemicals used in food production.
Each year, factories release millions of tonnes of toxic chemicals into the atmosphere.

Learner example:
There are a lot of chemicals and sewage in the river Dollmitz and the lakes, too.

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to chemicals

Dictionary examples:
a chemical reaction
chemical weapons
The chemical industry produces such things as petrochemicals, drugs, paint and rubber.

Learner example:
In the latter many chemical reactions may be reproduced to show the students the final compounds generated.

cherry /ˈtʃer.i/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a small, round, soft red or black fruit with a single hard seed in the middle

Dictionary example:
cherry trees
Learner example:
There was a big cherry tree, and there, on the top, was Trouble [the cat]!

chest /tʃest/

NOUN [C]

BODY
[B2] the front part of your body, between your neck and your waist, containing your heart and your lungs

Dictionary examples:
He was shot in the chest.
Peter has a very hairy chest.
She went to the doctor complaining of chest pains.

Learner example:
She tried to get her weapon, but then a bullet hit her chest like a hammer.

chew /tʃuː/

VERB [I or T]

EAT
[B2] to crush food into smaller, softer pieces with the teeth so that it can be swallowed

Dictionary examples:
This meat is difficult to chew.
You don't chew your food enough – that's why you get indigestion.

Learner example:
Next, when you eat something, please chew [it] for a long time.

BITE
[B2] to repeatedly bite something without swallowing it

Dictionary examples:
She was chewing gum.
Our dog loves a bone to chew (on).
She sat in the dentist's waiting room, nervously chewing (at) her nails.

Learner example:
Students couldn't chew bubble-gum, smoke or eat swe[et]ies in school, but they do now.
chief /tʃiːf/

**ADJECTIVE** [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

**MOST IMPORTANT**

[B2] most important or main

**Dictionary examples:**
The chief problem we have in the area now is the spread of disease.
The weather was our chief reason for coming here.

**Learner example:**
This is the chief argument of those who do not agree with zoos.

**HIGHEST IN RANK**

[B2] highest in rank

**Dictionary example:**
He is the chief economic adviser to the government.

**Learner example:**
Bob Wilson, the chief accountant, had resigned.

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] the person in charge of a group or organization

**Dictionary examples:**
a police chief
A new chief of the security forces has just been appointed.

**Learner example:**
I saw her one day, and she [told] me that she had been promoted to chief of section.

childish /ˈtʃaɪl.dɪʃ/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** child, childhood

**Adjectives:** childish

**ADJECTIVE**

**SILLY**

[B2] Childish behaviour is silly, like that of a small child.

**Dictionary example:**
Don't be so childish!

**Learner example:**
In comparison with other countries' tourists, they seem to be a little childish, just like a group of duckling[s] or chickens.
OF A CHILD
[B2] typical of a child

Dictionary example:
childish handwriting

Learner example:
I heard a childish voice saying to me "Take my hand."

chill  /tʃɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: chill
Adjectives: chilly

VERB [I or T]

chill out PHRASAL VERB INFORMAL
[B2] to relax completely, or not allow things to upset you

Dictionary example:
Chill out, Dad – if we miss this train there’s always another one.

Learner example:
I just can’t wait to get there, grab some Coke and chill out!

chilly  /ˈtʃɪl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: chill
Adjectives: chilly

ADJECTIVE
[C1] unpleasantly cold

Dictionary example:
a chilly evening

Learner example:
Apart from everything mentioned, the worst thing was the fact that our coach broke down in the middle of nowhere on a chilly rainy day.
chimney /ˈtʃɪm.ni/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a hollow structure that allows the smoke from a fire inside a building to escape to the air outside

Dictionary example:
Factory chimneys belched dense white smoke into the sky.

Learner example:
The reason is half for my own health and fitness and half for the health of my town, which is polluted by lead, the smoke from chimneys and other artificial poisons.

chip /tʃɪp/

NOUN [c]

COMPUTER PART
[B2] a very small part of a computer that stores information

Dictionary example:
a silicon chip

Learner example:
Even in cars and wash[ing] machines there're computer chips.

choir /ˈkwaɪər/

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] a group of people who sing together, often in a church or a school

Dictionary examples:
He sings in the church choir.

choir practice

Learner example:
I have sung in the church’s choir for three years, and I have had singing classes at school since first grade.

cholesterol /kəˈles.tə.rəl/

NOUN [u]
[C1] a type of fat in your body that can cause heart disease if you have too much
Dictionary example:
The doctor said I had high cholesterol.

Learner example:
Hong Kong people have become fatter and fatter due to the adoption of Western food which is rich in fat and cholesterol.

chop /tʃɒp/  

VERB  
[B2] to cut something into pieces with an axe, knife, or other sharp instrument

Dictionary examples:  
He was chopping wood in the yard.  
Add some fresh parsley, finely chopped.  
Chop (up) the onions and carrots roughly.

Learner example:  
You would use them to chop vegetable[s].

chore /tʃɔː/  

NOUN [C]  
[C1] a boring job that you must do

Dictionary example:  
I find cooking a real chore.

Learner example:  
The speed of "modern" life has increased and we do not have enough time to do the chores like ironing any more.

cinema /ˈsɪn.ə.mə/  

NOUN  
ART  
[C1] [u] the art or business of making films

Dictionary example:  
an article about French cinema

Learner example:  
In my opinion, this is a really fascinating film, not only for nature and wildlife lovers, but for everybody who likes good cinema.
circle /ˈsɜː.kl/  

Word family:
Nouns: circle, circulation
Verbs: circle
Adjectives: circular

NOUN [C]

GROUP
[B2] a group of people with family, work or social connections

Dictionary examples:
She's not one of my close circle of friends.
It's a technical term used in medical circles.

Learner example:
His name is Omar Naber and he has quite a big circle of fans in Slovenia, although most of them are kids.

circular /ˈsɜː.kjə.lə/  

Word family:
Nouns: circle, circulation
Verbs: circle
Adjectives: circular

ADJECTIVE

SHAPE
[B2] shaped like a circle

Dictionary example:
a circular rug

Learner example:
People who congratulate the marrying [couple] take a circular sweet.

circumstance /ˈsəː.kəm.stɑːnts/

NOUN [C USUALLY PLURAL]

[B2] a fact or event that makes a situation the way it is
Dictionary examples:
I think she coped very well under the circumstances.
She died in suspicious circumstances.
We oppose capital punishment in under any circumstances.
Under no circumstances should you approach the man.
The meeting has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

Learner example:
This party is being organised by my class for your husband’s birthday, but there is something you should know, this party is a surprise so under no circumstances should you inform your husband about this.

citizen /ˈsɪt.ɪ.zən/

NOUN [C]

TOWN/CITY
[B2] someone who lives in a particular town or city

Dictionary example:
The citizens of Moscow woke up this morning to find they had a new government.

Learner example:
I think that it is a really good idea to make a film about our town and its citizens.

LEGAL RIGHT
[B2] someone who has a legal right to live in a particular country

Dictionary example:
He applied to become an American citizen.

Learner example:
I'm an American citizen because my mother comes from Queens, New York.

civil /ˈsɪv.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: civilization, civilian
Adjectives: civil

ADJECTIVE
[C1] relating to the ordinary people or things in a country and not to military or religious organizations

Dictionary example:
They married in a civil ceremony.
Learner example:
The wedding will occur first in the church, and then in front of the Mayor, who will personally come [to] the castle for the civil wedding.

civilization (ALSO civilisation) /ˌsɪv.əˈləɪ.zən/

Word family:
Nouns: civilization, civilian
Adjectives: civil

NOUN

SOCIETY

[B2] [c or u] human society with its well developed social organizations, or the culture and way of life of a society or country at a particular period in time

Dictionary examples:
Some people think that nuclear war would mean the end of civilization.
Cuzco was the centre of one of the world's most famous civilizations, that of the Incas.
ancient civilizations

Learner example:
Since the beginning of civilization, man has been looking for co[m]fort and better ways to do things.

WAY OF LIFE

[C1] [u] when people have an advanced and comfortable way of life

Dictionary example:
modern civilization

Learner example:
Even if this idea is idealistic, some think that they will take advantage of all the benefits of modern civilization.

claim /kleɪm/

VERB

SAY

[B2] [r] to say that something is true or is a fact, although you cannot prove it and other people might not believe it
Dictionary examples:
The company claims (that) it is not responsible for the pollution in the river. He claims to have met the President, but I don't believe him. An unknown terrorist group has claimed responsibility for this morning's bomb attack. All parties have claimed success in yesterday's elections.

Learner example:
Bicycle supporters claim that it is silent and keeps owners fit.

DEMAND [B2] [I or T] to ask for something because it belongs to you or you think you have the right to have it

Dictionary examples:
She claimed £1,500 in expenses. Don't forget to claim (for) your travelling expenses after the interview. The number of people claiming unemployment benefit has risen sharply this month. If the shop won't give me a replacement TV, I'll claim my money back.

Learner example:
I also would like to claim [a] refund for the evening.

NOUN [C]

DEMAND [B2] a written request asking an organization to pay you a sum of money which you believe they owe you

Dictionary examples:
an insurance claim
a claim for compensation
I've made a claim on my insurance.

Learner example:
This wasn't "my perfect evening out", and I [would like to] make a claim for half the money back.

STATEMENT [C1] a statement that something is true or is a fact, although other people might not believe it

Dictionary examples:
She rejected claims that she had lied. Can you give any evidence to support your claim? He made wild claims about being able to cure cancer.

Learner example:
To correct your claims about our target figure and the result of the day, I enclose a sheet displaying an income pie [chart].
clarification /ˌklær.ɪ.fɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: clarification, clarity
Verbs: clarify

NOUN [C or U] FORMAL
[C1] an explanation which makes something clearer or easier to understand

Dictionary examples:
Please contact this office again if you require further clarification.
Our lawyer has advised us to seek clarification on the matter.

Learner example:
If any tricky questions come up you simply stay calm and ask for a clarification.

clarify /ˈklær.i.fai/

Word family:
Nouns: clarification, clarity
Verbs: clarify

VERB [T]
[C1] to make something easier to understand by explaining it

Dictionary example:
The law aims to clarify building regulations.

Learner example:
Could you clarify this situation for me, please?

class /klɑːs/

NOUN

ECONOMIC GROUP
[B2] [C or U] a group of people within society who have the same economic and social position

Dictionary examples:
The Labour Party has lost a lot of support among the working class.
We live in a middle class neighbourhood.
She belonged to the rich American upper class.

Learner example:
The second film is called "Upper class first" and it describes how rich people live.
**VERB**

**class sb/sth as sth**

[C1] to put someone or something in a particular group according to their qualities

**Dictionary example:**
The tower is classed as a historic monument.

**Learner example:**
All things considered, the Day could be classed as a success.

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**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] A classic book, film, etc. is one that has been popular for a long time and is considered to be of a high quality.

**Dictionary example:**
a classic film/novel/story

**Learner example:**
I am fond of reading different books, especially classic literature.

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**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a piece of writing, a musical recording or a film which has been popular for a long time and is considered to be of a high quality

**Dictionary examples:**
Jane Austen's 'Pride and Prejudice' is a classic of English literature.
Many of the Rolling Stones' records have become rock classics.

**Learner example:**
Wuthering Heights is a classic, which everybody knows about.

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**classify /ˈklæs.ɪ.fai/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** classification
**Verbs:** classify

**VERB [r]**

[C1] to put people or things into groups by their type, size, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
A third of the population has been classified as poor.
The books are classified by subject.
Learner example:
The paintings will be classified according to their subject and our guests will have the chance to see them and talk with the creators.

clause /kləːz/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a group of words containing a subject and a verb, that is usually only part of a sentence

Dictionary examples:
In the sentence 'I can't cook very well but I make quite good omelettes', both 'I can't cook very well' and 'I make quite good omelettes' are main clauses.
In the sentence 'I'll get you some stamps if I go to town', 'if I go to town' is a subordinate clause.

clean /kliːn/

Word family:
Nouns: cleaner
Adjectives: clean

VERB [T]

clean (sth/sb) up PHRASAL VERB

MAKE CLEAN
[C1] to make a person or place clean and tidy

Dictionary example:
We have to clean up before we leave.

Learner example:
During our accommodation there, nobody came to clean up the room and the staff was not very friendly.

REMOVE POLLUTION
[C1] to remove pollution from somewhere

Dictionary example:
They are developing processes to clean up polluted rivers.

Learner example:
I can also help by distributing leaflets which contain information on how to start cleaning up the environment.
cleaner /ˈkliː.nər/

Word family:
Nouns: cleaner
Adjectives: clean

NOUN [c]

the cleaner's
[C1] a shop where clothes are cleaned with chemicals

Dictionary example:
I took my dress to the cleaner's.

clear /klɪər/

Word family:
Verbs: clear
Adjectives: clear, unclear
Adverbs: clearly

ADJECTIVE

NOT BLOCKED
[C1] not covered or blocked by anything

Dictionary examples:
a clear road
a clear desk

Learner example:
While banning the private cars brings with it less congestion, less air pollution and clear roads, it also carries major concerns [for] people's travelling needs. Should there not be a proper transport infrastructure in place in the city?

crystal clear
[C1] extremely clear

Dictionary example:
crystal clear water

Learner example:
You will be amazed by the crystal clear water of the shallow sea and the multitude of colourful fish which you will see as you [ar]e exploring the bottom of the sea.
**clear** sth **away** or **clear away** sth **PHRASAL VERB**

[C1] to make a place tidy by removing things from it, or putting them where they should be

**Dictionary example:**
The children are not very good at clearing away their toys.

**Learner example:**
After clearing away the worst mess, she opened the left drawer, and there it was!

**clear up** (sth) or **clear** (sth) **up** **PHRASAL VERB**

**MAKE TIDY**

[B2] to make a place tidy by removing things from it or putting them where they should be

**Dictionary example:**
Dad was clearing up the kitchen.

**Learner example:**
I also helped to clear up the place after the concert.

**clear up** sth or **clear** sth **up** **PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] to give an explanation for something, or to deal with a problem or argument

**Dictionary example:**
Before we sign the contract, there are a few points we should clear up.

**Learner example:**
I hope this will clear up your problem.

**clear up** **PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] If the weather clears up, the cloud and rain disappears.

**Dictionary example:**
I hope the weather clears up before this afternoon.

**Learner example:**
For the first two days the weather was so bad that we couldn't reach the beach but finally the sky cleared up.

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**client** /ˈklɛɪnt/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] someone who pays someone else for services or advice
Dictionary example:
We're losing a lot of our clients.

Learner example:
The motto of the staff there is: "the client is always right."

climat change  /ˈklaɪ.mət, tʃeɪndʒ/

NOUN [u]
[B2] the way the Earth's weather is changing

Dictionary example:
Climate change is the greatest environmental challenge facing the world today.

climb /klaɪm/

Word family:
Nouns: climbing
Verbs: climb

VERB
climb into/out of/through, etc.
[B2] to move into or out of a small space, often with difficulty or effort

Dictionary examples:
The baby had managed to climb out of his cot. They climbed into the truck and drove away.

Learner example:
I went to my car, climbed into it and wanted to drive, but nothing happened.

MOVE HIGHER
[B2] [i] to go up, or to go towards the top of something

Dictionary examples:
The plane climbed quickly to a height of 30 000 feet. As it leaves the village, the road climbs steeply up the mountain. The sun climbed higher in the sky.

clinical  /ˈklin.ɪk.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: clinic
Adjectives: clinical
**ADJECTIVE**

**MEDICAL**
[C1] relating to medical treatment and tests

Dictionary example:
clinical trials/research

Learner example:
Doctors, for example, travel to get better qualifications, new medical skills and clinical experience.

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**clock** /kloʊk/

**NOUN [c]**

around/round the clock
[C1] all day and all night

Dictionary example:
Rescue teams are working round the clock to search for survivors of the earthquake.

Learner example:
It is undeniable that people are working around the clock in order to earn a living.

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**close**

Word family:
Nouns: closure
Verbs: close
Adjectives: closed

**VERB** /kləʊz/

STOP OPERATING
[B2] [I or T] If a business or organization closes, or if someone or something closes it, it stops operating.

Dictionary examples:
The factory closed over ten years ago.
A lot of restaurants/shops are closing because they can't afford to pay the rent.

Learner example:
In addition, I would like you to know that the Hotel Astrid closed last year.
ADJECTIVE  /kləʊs/  

RELATIONSHIP  
[B2] seeing or communicating with someone a lot  

Dictionary examples:  
I'm still in close contact with my school friends.  
Our school has close links with a school in China.  

Learner example:  
Being in close touch with me for such a long time, you should have known everything about the band.  

SIMILAR  
[C1] having only a small difference  

Dictionary examples:  
The election results were so close they had to vote again.  
He came second in the race, but it was very close.  
The youngest boys are so close in age they look like twins.  

Learner example:  
The over-grazing, the deforestation and the over-cultivation [seem] to be the main causes of the degradation of the agricultural land, the percentages being quite close in value.  

be/come close to doing sth  
[C1] to almost achieve or do something  

Dictionary example:  
We are close to reaching an agreement.  

Learner example:  
We were very close to reaching our objective.  

be close to sth  
[C1] If someone or something is close to a particular state, they are almost in that state.  

Dictionary example:  
She was close to tears.  

Learner example:  
'Do you love me?' 'Of course I do. I've always loved you.' Adrian answered. He was close to tears.  

closely  /ˈkləʊ.si/  

Word family:  
Adjectives: close  
Adverbs: closely  

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ADVERB

CONNECTED
[B2] in a way that is directly connected or has a strong relationship

Dictionary examples:
English and German are closely related.
Both politicians have been closely associated with the movement for some time.
We are working closely with the police.

Learner example:
The main reason I am applying for this job is that this job would be very rewarding on [a] personal level and would give me useful experience closely related to my field of study.

VERY NEAR
[C1] in a way that is very near in distance, time, or position

Dictionary example:
Elke came into the room, closely followed by her children.

Learner example:
According to statistical figures, Germany is better off as compared to [the] USA and closely followed by Spain in the management of Government spending.

CAREFULLY
[C1] carefully and paying attention to details

Dictionary examples:
Pollution levels are closely monitored.
If you look closely, you can see where he painted over his signature.

Learner example:
I think that working for High Travel as its inter[preter] would be a great experience if the company decides to look closely at the co[n]ditions of its employees and of its travellers.

closeness /ˈkləʊs.nəs/

NOUN [U]

NEAR
[C1] the state of being close in distance, time, or position

Dictionary example:
We bought the house because of its closeness to my office.

Learner example:
To resize and relocate the coffee bar and the sauna are excellent [ideas] – a larger coffee bar provides us with a better relaxing area and the closeness of the sauna to the swimming pool saves us from walking a long way from the pool when we are all wet and cold.
RELATIONSHIP

[C1] the quality of knowing someone very well and liking them a lot

Dictionary example:
A special closeness is said to exist between twins.

Learner example:
Fred resented the closeness of the sisters, he wanted Susan for himself.

cloth /klɒθ/

NOUN

MATERIAL

[B2] [u] material made from cotton, wool, etc. and used, for example, to make
clothes or curtains

Dictionary example:
a piece/length of cloth

Learner example:
We [will] probably be wearing dresses made of synthetic cloth in 2100.

FOR CLEANING

[B2] [c] a small piece of material used for cleaning or drying things

Dictionary example:
a washing-up cloth

clothing /ˈkləʊ.ðɪŋ/

NOUN [u]

[B2] clothes, especially of a particular type

Dictionary examples:

Protective clothing must be worn at all times.
You can only take three articles/items of clothing into the changing room.

Learner example:
Nowadays the aim in clothing is not just for covering and protecting ourselves.
cloud /klaʊd/

Word family:
Nouns: cloud
Verbs: cloud
Adjectives: cloudy

NOUN

SMOKE/DUST
[B2] [c] a mass of something such as dust or smoke that looks like a cloud

Dictionary example:
A huge cloud of smoke from burning oil tanks stretched across the sky.

Learner example:
Some of them leave behind a large cloud of smoke and it damage[s] our health.

clue /kluː/

NOUN [c]

SIGN
[B2] a sign or some information that helps you to solve a problem or answer a question

Dictionary examples:
Police are searching the area for clues to the murder.
Police are still looking for clues in their search for the missing girl.
I’m never going to guess the answer if you don’t give me a clue.

Learner example:
They found it and they started looking for more clues.

not have a clue
[B2] informal to be completely unable to guess, understand, or deal with something

Dictionary example:
I haven’t a clue what you’re talking about.

Learner example:
I haven’t a clue about it.
**clumsy** /ˈklʌm.zi/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** clumsiness
- **Adjectives:** clumsy

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] Clumsy people move in a way that is not controlled or careful enough, and often knock or damage things.

**Dictionary example:**
That's the third glass you've smashed this week – you're so clumsy!

**Learner example:**
I was cleaning the house, and as you know, I'm very clumsy, so I was dusting the table, and, accidentally, I dropped the vase.

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**clutch** /klʌtʃ/

**NOUN**

**ENGINE**

[C1] [c] the part of a car or truck that you press with your foot when you change gear

**Dictionary example:**
I put my foot on the clutch.

**Learner example:**
I can remember very well when my father explained to me how to release the clutch and to press the accelerator very slowly and carefully: easy to say but...

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**coach** /kəʊtʃ/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** coach, coaching
- **Verbs:** coach

**VERB** [I or T]

[B2] to teach someone so they improve at a sport, skill, or in a school subject

**Dictionary example:**
She coaches students in French, usually for exams.

**Learner example:**
I have also been coaching a girls team for 3 years.
coaching  /ˈkəʊɪŋ/  

Word family:
Nouns: coach, coaching
Verbs: coach

NOUN [u]
[B2] additional teaching of a sport, a skill or a school subject

Dictionary example:
She has extra coaching in maths.

Learner example:
In Poland basketball is getting more and more popular and we feel the lack of coaching.

c coal  /kəʊl/  

NOUN

FUEL
[C1] [u] a hard, black substance that is dug from under the ground and burnt as fuel

Dictionary example:
a lump of coal

Learner example:
Mining for gold, coal or oil is an option [for] our economy.

coastal  /ˈkəʊstəl/  

Word family:
Nouns: coast
Adjectives: coastal

ADJECTIVE
[B2] situated on, or relating to the coast

Dictionary example:
a coastal town

Learner example:
I love to spend time at the beach and that is the reason why I live in a coastal area.
**code** /ˈkəʊd/

**NOUN**

**SECRET MESSAGE**

[B2] [c or u] a system of words, letters or signs which is used to represent a message in secret form

**Dictionary examples:**
The message was written in code.
She managed to break/crack the code.

**Learner example:**
Everyone had already heard of me getting the secret access code for the 'Secret Society' organisation.

**RULES**

[C1] [c] a set of rules on how to behave or how to do things

**Dictionary examples:**
a code of conduct/practice
The club has a strict dress code.

**Learner example:**
Most of their manners, dress code, personal conduct and their general well-being is taught at school.

**coincidence** /kəʊˈɪn.tɪs.dəntz/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** coincidence
**Verbs:** coincide

**NOUN [c or u]**

[B2] when two very similar things happen at the same time but there is no reason for it

**Dictionary examples:**
You chose exactly the same wallpaper as us – what a coincidence!
Just by coincidence, I met my old school-mate again fifty years later.
It was pure coincidence that we met.

**Learner example:**
What a coincidence, don't you think so?
**collaborate** /kəˈlæb.ə.rət/

Word family:
Nouns: collaboration
Verbs: collaborate

**VERB [i]**

[C1] When two or more people collaborate, they work together to create or achieve the same thing.

**Dictionary example:**
Didn't you collaborate with him on one of your books?

**Learner example:**
Even if the staff they collaborated with were quite friendly and cheerful, all of them would prefer the jobs related with computers and new technology.

**collaboration** /kəˌlæb.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: collaboration
Verbs: collaborate

**NOUN**

[C1] [c or u] when two or more people work together to create or achieve the same thing, or a product of this

**Dictionary example:**
The show was a result of collaboration between several museums.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, we encourage competition on the basis of team collaboration, to optimize the HR resources in the group, and maximize [the] individual's potential.

**collapse** /kəˈlæps/

**VERB [i]**

**OBJECT**

[B2] to fall down suddenly because of pressure or having no strength or support

**Dictionary examples:**
Thousands of buildings collapsed in the earthquake.
The chair collapsed under her weight.

**Learner example:**
Then a sudden wave of fire made their heads explode and many buildings collapsed instantly.
PERSON
[B2] If someone collapses, they fall down, usually because they are ill or weak.

Dictionary example:
He collapsed and died of a heart attack.

Learner example:
He desperately tried to keep the stalking sharks at bay, but he couldn't succeed, for the long fight exhausted him and he collapsed.

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the sudden failure of a system, organization, business, etc.

Dictionary examples:
A poor economy has caused the collapse of thousands of small businesses.
Negotiations between the two countries are on the brink/verge of collapse.
He suffered a mental collapse after ten years' teaching.

Learner example:
After your nervous collapse last year I really worry about you.

collar  /ˈkɒlər/  

NOUN [C]
ON AN ANIMAL
[B2] a strap made of leather or other strong material which is put around the neck of an animal, especially a dog or cat

Dictionary examples:
a dog collar
I grabbed the dog by its collar and dragged it out of the room.

collect  /kəˈlekt/  

Word family:
Nouns: collection, collector
Verbs: collect

VERB

MONEY
[B2] [T] to ask people to give you money for something, for example a charity

Dictionary examples:
I'm collecting on behalf of Oxfam.
We're collecting (money) for the homeless.
Learner example:
And I think it’s a perfect way to collect money for our poor people.

collection /kəˈlekJn/

Word family:
Nouns: collection, collector
Verbs: collect

TAKING AWAY
[B2] [ʊ] when something is taken away from a place

Dictionary example:
rubbish collection

Learner example:
We need a different organisation for the waste collection.

collector /kəˈlektər/

Word family:
Nouns: collection, collector
Verbs: collect

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who collects objects because they are interesting or beautiful

Dictionary examples:
a collector of modern art
a stamp collector

Learner example:
Anne has been a collector for many years and she knows almost everything about Swedish stamps.

collocation /ˌkɒ.ləˈkeɪ.ʃn/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a word or phrase that sounds natural or correct when it is used with another word or phrase, or the combination formed when two or more words are frequently used together in a way that sounds natural
Dictionary example:
'Heavy traffic' is a collocation.

colon /ˈkəʊ.lən/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a mark (:) used before a list, an example, an explanation, etc.

Dictionary example:
There's a colon missing in that sentence.

colour /ˈkʌl.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: colour
Adjectives: colourful

NOUN

with flying colours
[C1] with a very high score or with great success

Dictionary example:
He passed the entrance exam with flying colours.

Learner example:
I worked intens[ive]ly on the course and I passed with flying colours.

colourful /ˈkʌl.ə.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: colour
Adjectives: colourful

ADJECTIVE

UNUSUAL
[B2] interesting and unusual

Dictionary example:
a colourful character

Learner example:
Computers make our modern life more colourful.
column /ˈkɒlm/  

**NOUN [C]**  

**PRINTING**  
[B2] one of the blocks of print into which a page of a newspaper, magazine, or dictionary is divided  

**Dictionary example:**  
I didn't have time to read the whole article – just the first column.  

**Learner example:**  
To the editor, I am puzzled by the report which appeared on yesterday's page 2, second column, concerning the Westfield Music Festival.  

**BUILDING**  
[B2] a tall, solid, usually stone post which is often used to support a roof or as decoration in a building  

**Dictionary examples:**  
The roof of the temple was held up by a row of thick stone columns.  
Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square  

**Learner example:**  
There are a lot [of] columns outside and inside the restaurant, in Doric [style].  

**NUMBERS/WORDS**  
[C1] any block of numbers or words written one under the other  

**Dictionary examples:**  
the left-hand/right-hand column  
Choose an adjective from Column A to use with a noun in Column B.  
Put your expenditure in column B.  

**Learner example:**  
At the end of the course I had to complete a student questionnaire in which we had to tick in three columns, and the points were: good, adequate, needs improvement.  

combination /ˌkɒm.bɪˈneɪ.ʃən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** combination  
**Verbs:** combine  

**NOUN [C or U]**  
[B2] the mixture you get when two or more things are combined
Dictionary examples:
Strawberries and cream – a perfect combination.
A combination of tiredness and boredom caused me to fall asleep.
This drug can be safely used in combination with other medicines.
Her experience and energy are a winning combination in business.

Learner example:
It has the winning combination of adventure in strange, far-off places, scientific discovery and humour.

combine /kəmˈbain/  

Word family:  
Nouns: combination  
Verbs: combine  

VERB [I or T]  
[B2] to become mixed or joined, or to mix or join things together  

Dictionary examples:  
My wages combined with your savings should just about pay for it.
The band combines jazz rhythms and romantic lyrics.

Learner example:  
Boys wear jeans or longer shorts than girls, combined with patterned, cotton shirts.

come /kʌm/  

VERB [I] (came, come)  

HAPPEN  
[B2] to happen  

Dictionary examples:  
Spring has come early.
The worst problems are still/yet to come.
The announcement came at a bad time.

Learner example:  
But worse was yet to come!

come easily/easy/naturally  
[C1] to be very easy for someone  

Dictionary example:  
Singing came naturally to Louise.
Learner example:
After a while, it came naturally: I could use words I had never seen written, just because I had picked them up in a conversation or watching a video programme.

come first
[C1] to be the most important person or thing

Dictionary example:
Her career always comes first.

Learner example:
They do not take the time to sit down and enjoy being with their family. The work comes first, and the family next.

come to mind
[C1] If an idea comes to mind, you think of it.

Dictionary example:
I was thinking about who might be suitable for this job, and your name came to mind.

Learner example:
Positives did come from that crisis – more efficient engines, lighter vehicles and lead–free petrol are just some of the examples that come to mind.

when it comes to sth/doing sth
[C1] used to introduce a new idea that you want to say something about

Dictionary example:
When it comes to baking cakes, she's an expert.

Learner example:
But when it comes to computers, they just impose some knowledge on students, without any interaction.

how come INFORMAL
[C1] used to ask why or how something has happened

Dictionary example:
How come you didn't go to the party?

Learner example:
Off the record: How come that your reporter can print such lies when knowing they are perhaps hurting certain people in this important matter?

comedian /kəˈmiːd.iː.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: comedian, comedy

NOUN
[B2] someone who entertains people by telling jokes
Dictionary example:

Learner example:
Then, he went to London to become a comedian and now he is one of the [most] famous stars [in] that field.

comfort /ˈkʌm.fət/

Word family:
Nouns: comfort, discomfort
Verbs: comfort
Adjectives: comfortable, uncomfortable, comforting
Adverbs: comfortably, uncomfortably

NOUN

NO PAIN
[B2] [u] a pleasant feeling of being relaxed and free from pain

Dictionary examples:
She evidently dresses for comfort.
It's a little too hot for comfort.
Now you can watch the latest films in the comfort of your own room.

Learner example:
When the weather is bad, I need the comfort of my car.

PLEASANT THING
[C1] [c] something that makes your life easy and pleasant

Dictionary examples:
home comforts
Good chocolate is one of life's little comforts.

Learner example:
Have you ever thought how our grandparents lived in their villages without extra home comforts?

comfortable /ˈkʌmpf.tə.bl/
ADJECTIVE

WITHOUT WORRIES

[B2] If you are comfortable in a situation, you do not have any worries about it.

Dictionary example:
I don't feel comfortable about leaving the children here alone.

Learner example:
Those children maybe they don't feel comfortable away from home.

comfortably /ˈkʌmpf.tə.bli/

Word family:
Nouns: comfort, discomfort
Verbs: comfort
Adjectives: comfortable, uncomfortable, comforting
Adverbs: comfortably, uncomfortably

ADVERB

[B2] in a comfortable way

Dictionary example:
We slept very comfortably that night.

Learner example:
I was sitting comfortably on the couch watching TV when suddenly all the lights went out, [and] everything became silent.

command /kəˈmɑːnd/

Word family:
Nouns: command, commander

NOUN

ORDER

[B2] [c] an order to do something, especially one given by a soldier

Dictionary examples:
He hated being in the army because he had to obey commands.
When I give the command, fire!

Learner example:
Under the red lights of his command room, the first question that the captain wanted to ask was to know if the boat was safe.
KNOWLEDGE

[B2] [u] knowledge of a subject, especially a language

Dictionary example:
She had a good command of Italian.

Learner example:
Besides, I have a good command of French and I speak English fluently, which might be useful during the voyage around the world.

COMPUTER

[C1] [c] an instruction to a computer

Dictionary example:
It’s worth learning the shortcuts for some of these commands.

Learner example:
Program list. 1. System commands MAIN console programs. 2. Review of LINUX Sys. console 3. Server commands. 4. ADD ONs for LINUX OS. 5. LINUX INTERFACE. 6. USER PROFILE.

comment /ˈkɒm.ɛnt/

VERB [I or T]

[B2] to make a comment

Dictionary examples:
My mum always comments on what I’m wearing.
He commented that the two essays were rather similar.
The official refused to comment on the matter.

Learner example:
I will only comment on some points, the others may be viewed as agreed upon.

commerce /ˈkɒm.ɜːs/

Word family:
Nouns: commerce, commercial
Adjectives: commercial

NOUN [u]

[B2] the activities involved in buying and selling things

Dictionary example:
the world of commerce and industry
Learner example:
In the old days, when the only means of transport were horses, there were many difficulties in communication between people, in commerce, and in life generally.

**commercial** /ˈkɒmərəsəl/

Word family:
**Nouns:** commerce, commercial
**Adjectives:** commercial

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] an advertisement on the radio, on television, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
I tend to switch off during the commercials.

**Learner example:**
Nearly every one of us has to confess that on some days it is simply relaxing to sit in front of the TV just watching without using the brain at all, but we have to wonder if television is also able to educate us, especially regarding the senseless commercials.

**ADJECTIVE**

**BUYING AND SELLING**

[B2] related to buying and selling things

**Dictionary examples:**
a commercial organization/success
The commercial future of the company looks very promising.

**Learner example:**
Unfortunately, as long as their private life is interesting for ordinary people and it brings commercial gain to publishers, journalists and photographers, famous people will just have to get used to this living "under a microscope".

**commit** /ˈkɒmɪt/ (–tt–)

Word family:
**Nouns:** commitment
**Verbs:** commit
**Adjectives:** committed

**VERB [T]**

DO

[B2] to do something that is considered wrong, or that is illegal
Dictionary examples:
He was sent to prison for a crime that he didn't commit.
to commit suicide
to commit a crime/an offence/murder

Learner example:
She is willing to be [a] witness for the prosecution and states that her husband [was] not with her at the time the crime was committed.

commitment /kaˈmɪt.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: commitment
Verbs: commit
Adjectives: committed

NOUN

LOYALTY
[B2] [c or u] when you are willing to give your time and energy to something that you believe in, or a promise or firm decision to do something

Dictionary examples:
She is known chiefly for her commitment to human rights.
I'd like to thank the staff for having shown such commitment.

Learner example:
I really admire your stamina, your commitment and your eagerness to pursue a career as one of the youngest vice presidents ever in the company (and the only female I guess), but is it really worth it?

ACTIVITY
[B2] [c] something that you must do or deal with that takes your time

Dictionary examples:
family/work commitments
I've got too many commitments at the moment to do an evening class.

Learner example:
Please tell me also the terms of [the] possible job so I can plan my future work commitments.

committee /kaˈmɪt.i/

NOUN [c + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] a small group of people chosen to represent a larger organization and either make decisions or collect information for it
Dictionary examples:
She is on the school's development committee.
The local council have just set up a committee to study recycling.

Learner example:
I'm pleased to help and to present these films to the club committee.

commodity /ˈkɒm.də.ti/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a product that you can buy or sell

Dictionary example:
The country's most valuable commodities include tin and diamonds.

Learner example:
Not just that, it will have a domino effect on prime commodities as well.

common /ˈkɒm.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: common
Adjectives: common, uncommon
Adverbs: commonly

ADJECTIVE

common knowledge
[B2] something that a lot of people know

Dictionary example:
It's common knowledge that he spent time in jail.

Learner example:
It is common knowledge that such attention [in the mass-media] inevitably tells on relationships in the family.

ORDINARY
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] not special in any way

Dictionary example:
The herbs all have common names and Latin names.

Learner example:
The fashion of the common people and the average worker had to be practical and had to be worn for longer than just half a year.
NOUN

**in common with sb/sth**
[C1] in the same way as someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
In common with many working mothers, she feels guilty about leaving her children.

**Learner example:**
In common with many city dwellers, I do not think this is a wise decision and it could have negative effects on the city residents' daily lives.

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ADVERB

[C1] often or usually

**Dictionary example:**
These caterpillars are commonly found on nettles.

**Learner example:**
It is commonly acknowledged that, these days, mobile phones have become an important [accessory].

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VERB

**BE UNDERSTOOD**

[B2] [i] to be understood by someone when you tell them about your feelings and thoughts

**Dictionary example:**
He can't communicate with his parents.

**Learner example:**
I think I can communicate with children and make them happy.
communicative /kəˈmjuː.nɪ.kə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: communication
Verbs: communicate
Adjectives: communicative

ADJECTIVE
[B2] open and willing to talk to people

Dictionary example:
She's never very communicative in the morning.

Learner example:
First of all, I would like to say I am a very communicative person and I enjoy being surrounded by many people.

community /kəˈmjuː.nə.ti/

NOUN [C]

IN ONE AREA
[B2] the people living in one particular area

Dictionary examples:
a rural/small community
He's well–known in the local community.
Drug trafficking is a matter of considerable concern for the entire international community.

Learner example:
He supported some projects in our community.

GROUP OF PEOPLE
[B2] [+ SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] a group of people with the same interests, way of life, nationality, job, etc.

Dictionary examples:
the black/white/Chinese/Jewish community
the business community

Learner example:
As a member of our academic community, and a representative of [the] student's senate, I'm very glad to hear that our college will have a surplus in its annual budget.
**commute** /kəˈmjuːt/  

**VERB**  
[C1] to regularly travel between work and home  

*Dictionary example:*  
He commutes to London every day.  

*Learner example:*  
People who work in the centre will have to commute from the suburbs which will be a waste of time for them.

**companion** /kəmˈpæn.jən/  

**NOUN** [c]  
[B2] someone you spend a lot of time with or go somewhere with  

*Dictionary examples:*  
a travelling companion  
Dan has been her constant companion these past ten years.  

*Learner example:*  
Jane and her companion felt absolutely foolish and muttered something about a wrong address.

**company** /ˈkʌm.pə.ni/  

**NOUN**  

**OTHER PEOPLE**  
[B2] [u] when you are with a person or people, or the person or people you are with  

*Dictionary examples:*  
I just enjoy his company.  
Do you want company or would you rather go on your own?  
I didn't realize you had company.  
Margot came to stay for a week as company for my mother while I was away.  

*Learner example:*  
Fortunately a friend of mine came with me for company.  

**keep sb company**  
[B2] to stay with someone so that they are not alone  

*Dictionary example:*  
Come and keep me company, Isabel.
**Learner example:**
Usually I went with him to keep him company and because I liked it.

**be good company**
[C1] to be a pleasant or interesting person to spend time with

**Dictionary example:**
Ann and Charles are always good company.

**Learner example:**
He is a bit narrow-minded and at first he'll drive you crazy, but once you get to know him he'll be good company.

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**comparable** /ˈkɒm.pər.ə.bl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** comparable, comparison
**Verbs:** compare
**Adjectives:** comparable, comparative
**Adverbs:** comparatively

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] similar in size, amount, or quality to something else

**Dictionary examples:**
Our prices are comparable to those in other shops.
The two experiences are not comparable.

**Learner example:**
Recent surveys revealed that the gap in salary between men and women doing comparable jobs increased within the last years.

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**comparative** /kəmˈpær.ə.tɪv/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** comparative, comparison
**Verbs:** compare
**Adjectives:** comparable, comparative
**Adverbs:** comparatively

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] comparing similar things

**Dictionary example:**
a comparative study of two poems
Learner example:
In a comparative study we see [the] work force is increasing in Japan, whereas it is declining in U.S.

comparatively /kəmˈpær.ə.trlv.li/

Word family:
Nouns: comparative, comparison
Verbs: compare
Adjectives: comparable, comparative
Adverbs: comparatively

comparatively cheap/easy/little, etc. [C1]
cheap/easy/little, etc. when compared to something else or to what is usual

Dictionary example:
The climb was comparatively easy.

Learner example:
Although I am not a professional interpreter, please notice that my earnings are comparatively low.

compare /kəmˈpeər/

Word family:
Nouns: comparative, comparison
Verbs: compare
Adjectives: comparable, comparative
Adverbs: comparatively

VERB

compared to/with sb/sth [B2]
used when saying how one person or thing is different from another

Dictionary examples:
This road is quite busy compared to ours.
Children seem to learn more interesting things compared with when we were at school.

Learner example:
To my surprise it was very cheap compared with other restaurants.

compare notes [C1]
If two people compare notes, they tell each other what they think about something that they have both done.
**Dictionary example:**
We compared notes about our experiences in China.

**Learner example:**
In conclusion, regular meetings between parents and school teachers [...] help both parties to compare notes, acting in the best interest[s] of the children.

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**Word family:***

**Nouns:** comparable, comparison  
**Verbs:** compare  
**Adjectives:** comparable, comparative  
**Adverbs:** comparatively

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when two or more people or things are compared

**Dictionary examples:**  
They made a comparison of different countries’ eating habits.  
By/In comparison with the French, the British eat far less fish.  
I always drink fresh coffee, not instant. There’s no comparison.

**Learner example:**  
Nowadays we can see a very different world from the one our grandparents were living in.  
Whereas they used to talk about how their daily life had changed in comparison with previous generations’, we remain astonished [at] how our li[v]es are changing frenetically.

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**SECANTE**

**ADJECTIVE**

[EQUIPMENT] compatible equipment can be used together

**Dictionary example:**
This keyboard is compatible with all of our computers.

**Learner example:**  
Actually it is compatible with the newest 3DFX technology, which gives [an] extremely realistic [look] and the possibility to interact with the game.
compel /kəmˈpel/

**VERB**

**FORMAL** *(compelling, compelled)*

**feel compelled to do** *sth*  
*[C1]* to feel that you should do something

**Dictionary example:**
He felt compelled to resign from his job.

**Learner example:**
As a member of the International Student’s Sports Club, I felt compelled to write this article in answer to the previous article about how today’s youth is putting sports and healthy activities aside.

compensate /ˈkɒm.pən.seɪt/

**VERB**

**MONEY**  
*[C1]* [T] to pay someone money because you are responsible for injuring them or damaging something

**Dictionary example:**
Victims of the crash will be compensated for their injuries.

**Learner example:**
I would like to be compensated for the extra work I have done to please the guests from the last stay.

compete /kəmˈpiːt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** competition, competitor  
**Verbs:** compete  
**Adjectives:** competitive

**VERB** *[I]*

**SUCCESS**  
*[B2]* to try to be more successful than someone or something else

**Dictionary examples:**
It’s difficult for a small supermarket to compete **against/with** the big supermarkets.
Both girls compete **for** their father’s attention.
Learner example:
Most small cities like ours think that we have to compete with big cities by building new houses and shopping centres.

**competence** /ˈkɒmpərnt/  
**Word family:**
**Nouns:** competence  
**Adjectives:** competent

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] the ability to do something well

**Dictionary example:**
Her competence as a teacher is unquestionable.

**Learner example:**
This report aims to outline the present state of our library's archives as well as to recommend another book or newspaper for those interested in improving their competence in Greek.

**competent** /ˈkɒmpənt/  
**Word family:**
**Nouns:** competence  
**Adjectives:** competent

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] able to do something well

**Dictionary examples:**
a competent teacher/swimmer  
I wouldn't say he was brilliant but he is competent at his job.

**Learner example:**
As the game develops, the creatures and tasks get more and more complicated and by the end of the game, you will be expected to become a competent shooter.

**competition** /ˌkɒmpəˈtɪʃən/  
**Word family:**
**Nouns:** competition, competitor  
**Verbs:** compete  
**Adjectives:** competitive
NOUN

BUSINESS/JOBS

[B2] [u] when someone, or a company, is trying to win something or be more successful than someone else

Dictionary examples:
Competition for jobs is intense.
There's a lot of competition between computer companies.
The two companies are in competition with each other.

Learner example:
Different opening times mean[s] competition between the shops.

Word family:
Nouns: competition, competitor
Verbs: compete
Adjectives: competitive

ADJECTIVE

SITUATION

[B2] involving competition

Dictionary examples:
competitive sports
a highly competitive industry

Learner example:
Nowadays people live in [a] very competitive society.

PERSON

[B2] wanting very much to win or be more successful than other people

Dictionary example:
She's very competitive.

Learner example:
I think that I am a very competitive player.

PRICES/SERVICES

[B2] as good as or better than other prices, services, etc.

Dictionary example:
They offer good quality goods at competitive prices.
Learner example:
I stayed at Riverside Hotel which is great value because of the food and the competitive prices they offer.

**compile** /kəmˈpaɪl/  

**VERB [t]**  
[C1] to collect information and arrange it in a book, report, list, etc.

**Dictionary example:**  
We're compiling some facts and figures for a documentary on climate change.

**Learner example:**  
The aim of this report is to compile the findings and thereby outline the main reasons why our branch did not get the contract, in order to prevent future failures.

**complaint** /kəmˈpleɪnt/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** complaint  
**Verbs:** complain

**NOUN**  
**ANNOYING THING**  
[C1] [c] something that makes you complain

**Dictionary example:**  
My only complaint was the lack of refreshments.

**Learner example:**  
My only complaint about the teaching staff is that they did not allow enough time for individual tuition and help when needed.

**completion** /kəmˈpliː.ʃən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** completion  
**Verbs:** complete  
**Adjectives:** complete  
**Adverbs:** completely

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] when something that you are doing or making is finished
Dictionary examples:
The stadium is due for completion in 2008.
They will be paid on completion of the job.

Learner example:
After the completion of the work at the newly-built part of the airport and its opening for service,
the formerly quiet part of the town has become a victim of the above mentioned kind of noise,
even more than the parts which have had this problem for [a] long [time].

**complex** /ˈkɒm.pleks/

Word family:
**Nouns:** complexity
**Adjectives:** complex

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] involving a lot of different but connected parts in a way that is difficult to understand

Dictionary examples:
a complex network of roads
a complex procedure
The film’s plot was so complex that I couldn’t follow it.

Learner example:
It took us two weeks to modify the results in a very complex operation.

**NOUN**

**BUILDINGS**
[C1] a group of buildings or rooms that are used for a particular purpose

Dictionary example:
a sports/housing complex

Learner example:
A visit to any local shopping complex suggest[s] people between 14 to 35 years of age are the [most] frequent shoppers.

**complicate** /ˈkɒm.plɪ.keɪt/

Word family:
**Nouns:** complication
**Verbs:** complicate
**Adjectives:** complicated

**VERB [T]**
[C1] to make something more difficult to deal with or understand
Dictionary example:
These new regulations just complicate matters further.

Learner example:
My friend, I hope I didn’t complicate things for you with my appraisal of the situation.

**Complication** /ˌkɒm.ˈplɪˌkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: complication
Verbs: complicate
Adjectives: complicated

**Noun [C]**

**Difficulty**

[C1] something which makes a situation more difficult

Dictionary example:
We want to sign the contract, but there are several complications.

Learner example:
As you have already correctly mentioned in your memorandum, we indeed face some complications in our resort.

**Compliment**

Word family:
Nouns: compliment
Verbs: compliment
Adjectives: complimentary

**Verb [T]** /ˈkɒm.plɪ.ment/

[C1] to praise or express admiration for someone

Dictionary example:
He complimented me on my writing.

Learner example:
Firstly, I must compliment you on lowering your prices and adding new destinations to choose from.

**Comply** /kəmˈplaɪ/

**Verb [I]**

[C1] to obey an order, rule, or request
Dictionary example:
The pilot complied with instructions to descend.

Learner example:
To comply with even the highest security standards, WEB-DMS features cutting-edge encryption and access control technologies.

**component /kəmˈpəʊ.nənt/**

**NOUN [C]**

**MACHINE**

[C1] one of the parts of a machine or piece of equipment

**Dictionary example:**
Our company makes components for aircraft engines.

**Learner example:**
Since both the hardware and software components used by the employees of this department are not in a good state, there is a need of brand new and more powerful computers and of updated software.

**FEATURE**

[C1] one of the parts or characteristics of something or someone

**Dictionary example:**
The course has four distinct components.

**Learner example:**
These components are present in everyone, whether you are rich or poor, thus it is wrong to be biased with one kind of people purely based on beliefs not support[ed] by solid evidence.

**compose /kəmˈpəʊz/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** composer, composition

**Verbs:** compose

**VERB**

**BE MADE OF**

[B2] [T OFTEN PASSIVE] to be the parts that something consists of

**Dictionary example:**
The committee was composed of elected leaders and citizens.
Learner example:
It is composed of more than 50 members and they have various taste[s] in film: old and modern, comedy, action and so on.

MUSIC
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to write a piece of music

Dictionary example:
Who composed the music for the film?

Learner example:
I've been composing music on a computer for over five years and I have a lot of knowledge when it comes to hardware.

composer /ˈkəmˌpə.zər/

Word family:
Nouns: composer, composition
Verbs: compose

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who writes music

Dictionary example:
a famous composer

Learner example:
I also met a lot of famous composers, singers and even my favourite violin player, Ann Sophie Mutter, because I had to interview them.

composition /ˌkɒm.ˌpəˈziʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: composer, composition
Verbs: compose

NOUN

MUSIC
[B2] [c] a piece of music that someone has written

Dictionary example:
This concerto is one of her later compositions.

Learner example:
He sang Schubert’s "Die Winterreise" although it's already Spring – this composition [can be heard in] every season.
**comprehensive /ˌkɒm.prɪˈhen.tɪvs/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** comprehensive
**Adverbs:** comprehensively

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] including everything

**Dictionary example:**
a comprehensive study of the subject

**Learner example:**
Presentations on making a career in media, finance and IT could have been more comprehensive.

**comprehensively /ˌkɒm.prɪˈhen.tɪv.li/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** comprehensive
**Adverbs:** comprehensively

**ADVERB**

[C1] completely

**Dictionary example:**
We were comprehensively beaten in the final.

**Learner example:**
However enjoyable and relaxing, driving needs [your] full attention. Therefore, it should be learnt comprehensively and being experienced shouldn't be relied on.

**comprise /kəmˈprɑːz/**

**VERB [T] FORMAL**

**CONSIST**

[C1] to consist of particular parts or members

**Dictionary example:**
The orchestra was comprised of amateur and professional musicians.

**Learner example:**
It comprises only twelve single and six double bedrooms, which will provide the intimacy we need.

**FORM**

[C1] to form part of something, especially a larger group
Dictionary example:
Women comprise 15% of the police force.

Learner example:
According to a survey carried out in 1997, the urban population comprises 71% of the total population in Pakistan.

compromise /ˈkɒm.prə.mərz/

NOUN  [C or U]
[B2] when you agree to something which is not exactly what you want

Dictionary examples:
It is hoped that a compromise will be reached in today's talks.
You've both got to be willing to make compromises.
In a compromise between management and unions, a 4% pay rise was agreed in return for an increase in productivity.

Learner example:
I hope that we'll find a compromise.

VERB

AGREE
[B2] [I] to agree to something that is not exactly what you want

Dictionary examples:
In a relationship, both people have to compromise.
I'm not going to compromise on quality.

Learner example:
The famous stars and the journalists should compromise and respect each other's rights.

compulsory /kəmˈpʌl.sər.i/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law.

Dictionary examples:
Wearing seat belts in cars is compulsory by law.
Swimming was compulsory at my school.

Learner example:
We have asked participants to wear a typical traditional dress/suit from their country – of course, this is not compulsory but everyone is warmly invited to do so.

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concentrate /ˈkɒn.tənˌtreɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: concentration
Verbs: concentrate

VERB [i]

(be) concentrated around/in/on, etc.
[C1] to be present in large numbers or amounts in a particular area

Dictionary example:
Most of the fighting was concentrated in the mountains.

Learner example:
However it might imply a shift from large stores, concentrated in a few areas within or outside the city, to more local services.

concentration /ˌkɒn.tənˈtreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: concentration
Verbs: concentrate

NOUN

THOUGHT
[B2] [u] the ability to think carefully about something you are doing and nothing else

Dictionary examples:
The noise outside made concentration difficult.
There was a look of intense concentration on her face.
I find that yoga improves my powers of concentration.
I found it hard to follow what the teacher was saying, and eventually I lost concentration.

Learner example:
First of all, in my opinion, watching a film is more relaxing, because you don't have to concentrate too much on it. You only have to watch the screen, while books require more concentration.

concept /ˈkɒn.sept/

Word family:
Nouns: concept, conception
Verbs: conceive
Adjectives: inconceivable
NOUN [c]

[B2] a principle or idea

Dictionary examples:
the concept of free speech
I failed to grasp the film's central concept.

Learner example:
I had been trying very hard to get the point of the concept.

central /ˈsɛnsəl/ [B2]

Word family:
Nouns: concept
Verbs: concern
Adjectives: concerned

VERB [v]

INVOKE

[B2] to be important to someone or to involve someone directly

Dictionary examples:
Matters of pollution and the environment concern us all.
There are one or two other matters that don't concern you.

Learner example:
Fitness and health are two important issues in life which concern all of us.

BE ABOUT

[B2] to be about a particular subject

Dictionary example:
The next item on the agenda concerns staffing levels.

Learner example:
Your other question concerns clothes.

WORRY

[C1] to worry or upset someone

Dictionary example:
What really concerns me is her lack of experience.

Learner example:
The fact that the coach only had broken safety belts concerned me a great deal.
**NOUN [C or U]**

**WORRY**
[B2] when you feel worried or nervous about something, or something that makes you feel worried

**Dictionary examples:**
 Concern for the safety of the two missing teenagers is growing.
 There's a lot of public concern about/over dangerous toxins recently found in food.
 The situation has been causing concern for some time now.
 My concern is that you're not getting enough work done.
 There's a matter of some concern that I have to discuss with you.

**Learner example:**
 All those days I put aside all my concerns about my studies.

**IMPORTANT THING**
[B2] something that is important to you, or when something is important

**Dictionary example:**
 Our primary concern is safety.

**Learner example:**
 My concern is what present to buy for Mr Brown.

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**concerned /kənˈsɜːnd/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** concern
**Verbs:** concern
**Adjectives:** concerned

**ADJECTIVE**

**WORRIED**
[B2] worried

**Dictionary examples:**
 He's very concerned about her health.
 I'm concerned that sales figures haven't improved
 Concerned parents have complained about the dangerous playground.

**Learner example:**
 We are getting more and more concerned about our health and how to get and keep fit nowadays.

**as far as sb is concerned**
[B2] used to say what someone's opinion is
Dictionary examples:
As far as I'm concerned, feng shui is a load of rubbish.
As far as our customers are concerned, price is the main consideration.

Learner example:
As far as Laura was concerned, he was the most disgusting man in the world.

as far as sth is concerned
[B2] used to say what you are talking about

Dictionary example:
As far as money is concerned, we're doing very well.

Learner example:
First of all, I think the Majestic Hotel would be the right location, but I have doubts as far as the costs are concerned.

be concerned with sth
[C1] to be about a particular subject

Dictionary examples:
The programme was more concerned with politics than the history of the place.
This field of linguistics is concerned with language acquisition.

Learner example:
This report is concerned with finding the best accommodation for the three-day trip in north-west England.

**concerning** /kənˈsɜː.ŋ/

PREPOSITION FORMAL
[B2] about

Dictionary example:
I've had a letter from the tax authorities concerning my tax payments.

Learner example:
I am writing in reply to your letter concerning the prize I won in your competition, which is two weeks at Camp California in the U.S.A.

**conclude** /kənˈkluːd/

Word family:
Nouns: conclusion
Verbs: conclude
Adjectives: conclusive
Adverbs: conclusively
VERB

DECIDE

[C1] [ɪ] to decide something after studying all the information about it very carefully

Dictionary example:
The report concluded that the drug was safe.

Learner example:
It is because of this apparent pattern that we can conclude that as people grow older, they tend to visit the cinema less frequent[ly].

END

[C1] [ɪ or ɪ] FORMAL to end something such as a meeting, speech, or piece of writing by doing or saying one last thing

Dictionary examples:
The concert concluded with a firework display.
I would like to conclude by thanking you all for attending.

Learner example:
To conclude, I would like to underline one more time how crucial the setting up of a library would be for our college.

conclusion /kənˈkluː.ʒən/

Word family:
Nouns: conclusion
Verbs: conclude
Adjectives: conclusive
Adverbs: conclusively

NOUN

In conclusion

[B2] used to introduce the last part of a speech or a piece of writing

Dictionary examples:
In conclusion, I would like to thank our guest speaker for her fascinating talk.
In conclusion, swimming is an enjoyable form of exercise and an excellent way to keep fit.

Learner example:
In conclusion, music, TV and clothes are very important in a young person's life and can reflect each person's character.
concrete /ˈkɒŋ.kriːt/

NOUN [u]
[B2] a very hard building material made by mixing together cement, sand, small stones and water

Dictionary examples:
reinforced concrete
a concrete floor/path
a grey concrete building

Learner example:
Some of our children, brought up in modern cities, in a world of concrete, cars, motorways and supermarkets, when asked: "What is a fish?" are only able to answer: "a square piece of white flesh we take from the freezer".

ADJECTIVE

CERTAIN [C1] certain or based on facts

Dictionary examples:
They think she killed her husband, but they have no concrete evidence/proof.
We've got a general idea of what we want, but nothing concrete at the moment.

Learner example:
Another piece of concrete evidence to suggest that children from a poorer background cannot cope with social problems properly compared to the other group is the fact that they are more inclined to be the troublemakers themselves.

condition /kənˈdɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: condition
Verbs: condition
Adjectives: unconditional

NOUN

ILLNESS
[B2] [c] an illness

Dictionary examples:
a medical condition
He suffers from a rare heart condition.
Learner example:
Besides, all the fats we eat every day plus the accumulated stress of a job, makes us the perfect candidates [for] a heart condition.

**on condition that**
[B2] only if

Dictionary example:
I'll come with you on condition that we're back before midnight.

Learner example:
I would like to do this on condition that you will not mention my name [on] the website.

**AGREEMENT**
[C1] [c] something that must happen or be agreed before something else can happen

Dictionary example:
One of the conditions of the contract is that we can't keep pets.

Learner example:
Now I want you to pay for that as it was agreed between us and according to the terms and conditions of the contract.

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**conduct** /kanˈdʌkt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** conductor
**Verbs:** conduct

**VERB**

**ORGANIZE**
[B2] [ɪ] to organize and perform a particular activity

Dictionary examples:
We are conducting a survey to find out what our customers think of their local bus service.
The experiments were conducted by scientists in New York.

Learner example:
This is based on a questionnair[e] conducted in the school and our English department's investigation.

**MUSIC**
[B2] [ɪ] or [ɪ] to stand in front of a group of musicians and control their performance

Dictionary example:
The orchestra was conducted by Charles Miller.
**Learner example:**
The o[r]chestra conducted by Mr Miller was just superb.

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** conductor
**Verbs:** conduct

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] someone who stands in front of a group of musicians or singers and controls their performance

**Dictionary example:**
a famous conductor

**Learner example:**
I am fifty five years old and have experience [as] a conductor of a choir.

**confess** /kənˈfɛs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** confession
**Verbs:** confess

**VERB [I or T]**
[B2] to admit that you have done something wrong or something that you feel guilty or bad about

**Dictionary examples:**
She confessed to her husband that she had sold her wedding ring.
He has confessed to the murder.
He confessed to sleeping through most of the film.
I have to confess, I was a little confused at first.
I found it all very confusing, I must confess.

**Learner example:**
I must confess I've put on four kilos in the last three months and the bicycle will help me to become fitter.

**confession** /kənˈfeʃ.ən/
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when you admit that you have done something wrong or illegal

Dictionary examples:
He made a full confession to the police.
I have a confession to make – I've lost the book you lent me.

Learner example:
I also have a confession to make.

confidence /ˈkɒnfɪ.dənts/

Word family:
Nouns: confidence
Adjectives: confidential

NOUN [U]

CERTAIN
[B2] when you are certain of your ability to do things well

Dictionary examples:
He's got the confidence to walk into a room of strangers and immediately start a conversation.
The training has given me the confidence to deal with any situation that arises.
She has ability but she lacks confidence.
I have every/confident in her. She'll be perfect for the job.

Learner example:
As a result of such a bad appearance he lacks confidence.

confident /ˈkɒn.fɪ.dənt/

Word family:
Nouns: confidence, self-confidence
Adjectives: confident, self-confident
Adverbs: confidently

ADJECTIVE

CERTAIN
[B2] being certain that something will happen

Dictionary examples:
Are you confident that enough people will attend the event?
They don't sound confident about the future of the industry.
**Learner example:**
All in all, I'm confident that a solution will be found and our town will soon regain its former attractive look.

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Dictionary examples:
His wife confirmed that he had left the house that morning.
The leader's speech was impressive and confirmed her faith in the party.

Learner example:
Besides, it was confirmed by scientists that consumerism may develop into a compulsion.

confirmation /ˌkɒn.ʃəˈmeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: confirmation
Verbs: confirm

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a statement, often written, that an arrangement or meeting is certain

Dictionary examples:
a letter of confirmation
We've only had five confirmations for the conference so far.
We will send you written confirmation of our offer shortly.

Learner example:
I look forward to receiving your confirmation.

conflict /ˈkɒn.flikt/

NOUN [C or U]

DISAGREEMENT
[B2] serious disagreement between people with opposing opinions or principles

Dictionary examples:
There was a lot of conflict between the two parties.
The Government was in conflict with the unions over pay.
It was an unpopular policy and caused a number of conflicts within the party.

Learner example:
As you know I was in conflict with myself, should I buy a computer or a bicycle?

FIGHTING
[B2] fighting between two or more groups of people or countries

Dictionary example:
armed conflict

Learner example:
In these years, Europe was in conflict with China, which meant war.
**confuse** /kənˈfjuːz/

Word family:
- **Nouns**: confusion
- **Verbs**: confuse
- **Adjectives**: confused, confusing

**VERB [T]**

**NOT THINK CLEARLY**

[B2] to make someone unable to think clearly, or to make something difficult to understand

**Dictionary examples:**
- You're confusing him! Tell him slowly and one thing at a time.
- Stop confusing the issue!

**Learner example:**
- When the corpse was found he – successfully – tried to confuse Mrs. Marple, Scotland Yard and the members of the family where he was the doctor.

**THINK ONE IS ANOTHER**

[B2] to think that one person or thing is another person or thing

**Dictionary examples:**
- I think you're confusing me with my sister – we look quite similar.
- It's easy to confuse his films, because he tends to use the same actors.

**Learner example:**
- I had confused the two words, "uvas", which means grapes, and "huevos", which means eggs and said "huevas", which unfortunately means testicles, instead...

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**confused** /kənˈfjuːzd/

Word family:
- **Nouns**: confusion
- **Verbs**: confuse
- **Adjectives**: confused, confusing

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT CLEAR**

[B2] not clear

**Dictionary example:**
- The witnesses gave confused accounts of what happened.
Learner example:
What can a child [think], hearing such confused explanations about animals that don't live where they s[h]ould live, that don't live how they should live.

confusion /kənˈfjuː.ʒən/

Word family:
Nouns: confusion
Verbs: confuse
Adjectives: confused, confusing

NOT UNDERSTAND
[B2] [c or u] when people do not understand what is happening, what they should do or who someone or something is

Dictionary example:
There seems to be some confusion about/over who is actually giving the talk.

Learner example:
This caused some confusion because the courses were not completely prepared.

SITUATION
[B2] [u] a situation, often with a lot of activity and noise, in which people do not know what to do

Dictionary example:
In the confusion after the bomb blast, I lost my bag.

Learner example:
In the confusion someone pushed her against the wall and she hurt her shoulder.

THOUGHT
[B2] [u] a feeling of not being able to think clearly

Dictionary example:
He could see the confusion on Marion's face.

Learner example:
Then I thought he recognised my confusion; therefore, he opened the box, picking up something from [it].

congestion /kənˈdʒes.ʃən/

NOUN [u]
[C1] when something is full or blocked, especially with traffic
Dictionary example:
traffic congestion

Learner example:
The traffic congestion in Belo Horizonte is an issue that can’t be ignored.

**congratulate** /kənˈgræt.ju.let/  
VERB [T]  
[B2] to tell someone that you are happy because they have done something good or something good has happened to them

Dictionary example:
I was just congratulating Ceri on winning her race.

Learner example:
Needless to say, everybody congratulated her and she spent all evening answering questions such as: "Why did you choose water jumping?" or "Isn't it difficult for a teenager to train five hours a day and to study?"

**conjunction** /kənˈdʒʌŋkʃən/  
NOUN [C]  
GRAMMAR  
[B2] a word such as 'and', 'but', 'while' or 'although' that connects words, phrases and clauses in a sentence

**connection** /kəˈnekʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: connection  
Verbs: connect  

NOUN  

IN Vollvement  
[B2] [C or U] when someone or something is involved with or related to someone or something else
Dictionary examples:
The connection between smoking and heart disease is well known. He has denied having any connection with the terrorists. They’re sisters, are they? I knew their surname was the same, but I never made the connection.

Learner example:
If you are aware of the connection between food and health you can start changing your eating habits.

**in connection with sth**
[B2] used to say what something is about

Dictionary examples:
I am writing in connection with the above job advertised in The Daily Press on Monday 12th February. A man has been arrested in connection with last month's murder.

Learner example:
Dear Mrs Brown, I am writing in connection with a surprise birthday party for your husband, Mr Brown.

**TRAVEL**
[B2] [c] a train, bus or aircraft that leaves a short time after another arrives, so people can continue their journey

Dictionary example:
The train was half an hour late and I missed my connection.

Learner example:
Because of bad bus connections it's not easy to get there.

**conquer** /ˈkɒŋ.kər/

**VERB**
[C1] [I or T] to take control of a country or to defeat people by war

Dictionary example:
The English were conquered by the Normans in 1066.

Learner example:
However, following imperialistic politics, the Persian King Darios wanted to expand his Kingdom in Europe, so he had to conquer Greece.
conscientious /ˌkɒn.ʃiˈen.ʃəs/

Word family:
Nouns: conscience
Adjectives: conscientious

ADJECTIVE
[C1] always doing your work with a lot of care

Dictionary example:
a conscientious student

Learner example:
She is conscientious and hardworking.

conscious /ˈkɒn.tʃəs/

Word family:
Nouns: consciousness
Adjectives: conscious, unconscious, self-conscious
Adverbs: subconsciously, unconsciously

ADJECTIVE
be conscious of/that
[B2] to know that something is present or that something is happening

Dictionary examples:
The tooth doesn't exactly hurt, but I'm conscious of it all the time.
I think she's very conscious of being the only person in the office who didn't have a university education.
I'm very conscious of the fact that a lot of people disagree with me.

Learner example:
We have to be conscious that we are destroying the world where we are living.

AWAKE
[C1] awake and able to think and notice things

Dictionary example:
He's still conscious but he's very badly injured.

consciousness /ˈkɒn.tʃə.snəs/

Word family:
Nouns: consciousness
Adjectives: conscious, unconscious, self-conscious
Adverbs: subconsciously, unconsciously
NOUN

AWAKE
[B2] [u] when someone is awake and can think and notice things

Dictionary examples:
He lost consciousness for several minutes.
He never regained consciousness after the accident.

Learner example:
He lost consciousness and lay there on the floor just in front of me.

AWARE
[C1] [NO PLURAL] when someone knows about something

Dictionary example:
There's a growing consciousness about environmental issues among young people.

Learner example:
It also springs up out of a pleasure of playing the game and a consciousness that their health matters and being fit is an important element of it.

consent /ˈkənt.sent/

NOUN [u]
[C1] permission for someone to do something

Dictionary example:
You can't come without your parents' consent.

Learner example:
The role of the council is to organise things [well] and to do so with the consent of people living in the city.

consequence /ˈkɒns.i.kwənts/

Word family:
Nouns: consequence
Adverbs: consequently

NOUN [C]

RESULT
[B2] the result of a particular action or situation, especially a bad result
Dictionary examples:
The ship sank with disastrous consequences.
Excessive drinking can have serious consequences for a person's health.
If you neglect your relationships like that, you'll suffer the consequences.

Learner example:
My work was the best because I drew a big drawing about [the] consequences of us not caring [for the] environment.

as a consequence FORMAL
[C1] used to talk about one thing that is the result of another

Dictionary example:
A lot of birds died as a consequence of the oil spill.

Learner example:
The influence from Italy is very strong and, as a consequence, pasta with different s[a]uces is common in Slovenia, especially among students.

of little/no consequence FORMAL
[C1] not important

Dictionary example:
The money was of little consequence to Tony.

Learner example:
Second, the downpour of rain which was mentioned was in fact nothing more than a small shower, of no significant consequence for the dance display and horse show.

consequently /ˈkɒn.t.sɪ.kwənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: consequence
Adverbs: consequently

ADVERB
[B2] as a result

Dictionary example:
I spent most of my money in the first week and consequently had very little to eat by the end of the holiday.

Learner example:
Because of their job or school, people are much more stress[ed]. Consequently, they don't take [the] time to eat correctly.
conservation /ˌkɒn.səˈverʃən/

NOUN [u]

NATURE
[B2] the protection of nature

Dictionary examples:
wildlife conservation
conservation groups

Learner example:
I think that trying to save the wildlife in your area is a great aim because you don't have conservation areas and people can easily go hunting without telling anyone and in that way they destroy the wildlife.

NOT WASTE
[C1] when you are careful not to waste energy, water, etc.

Dictionary example:
Our top priority is conservation of water.

Learner example:
As the issue of energy conservation is becoming more and more important, our company has decided to start doing something about it, as well.

conservative /ˈkənsər.vətɪv/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not trusting sudden changes or new ideas

Dictionary example:
Older people tend to be very conservative.

Learner example:
However, some people, especially some youngsters, would say that she's too conservative – I heard lots of people describing her as a 'fuddy-duddy lady'.

consider /ˈkənsɪdər/

Word family:
Nouns: consideration
Verbs: consider, reconsider
Adjectives: considerate, inconsiderate
VERB

consider sb/sth (to be) sth
[B2] to have a particular opinion about someone or something

Dictionary example:
I don't consider myself to be a great athlete.

Learner example:
I consider myself to be punctual, hard-working, reliable and responsible.

FACTS
[C1] [ɪ] to give attention to a particular subject or fact when making a decision or judging something else

Dictionary examples:
You've got to consider the time element when planning the whole project.
If you consider how long he's been learning the piano, he's not very good.
If you buy an old house, you have to consider the cost of repairs.

Learner example:
The only point we have to consider will be the price of food.

MAY BE TRUE
[C1] to think that something may exist or be true

Dictionary example:
Have you considered the possibility that he might be lying?

Learner example:
Many students this year refuse even to consider the possibility of going to one.

all things considered
[C1] used for saying that something is true in general if you think about all its aspects

Dictionary example:
The show was a great success, all things considered.

Learner example:
All things considered, it seems like "Kavanagh Catering Services" would be most suitable for the students.

considerable /ˈkɔnˌsɪd.ərə.bl/
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] large or important enough to be noticed

**Dictionary examples:**
It's a considerable sum of money.
The effect on the region has been considerable.

**Learner example:**
I have considerable experience as a worker on [a] farm, having worked on my father's farm from 1956 to 1986.

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**considerably /kənˈsɪd.ə.bli/**

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** considerable

**Adverbs:** considerably

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**ADVERB**

[B2] in a way that is large or important enough to be noticed

**Dictionary examples:**
Rates of pay vary considerably.
He's considerably fatter than he was when I knew him.

**Learner example:**
The departures are at 8 am. and 10 a.m. daily, but I suggest that your group be there at the time of the first departure because it is considerably less crowded.

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**considerate /kənˈsɪd.ə.rət/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** consideration

**Verbs:** consider, reconsider

**Adjectives:** considerate, inconsiderate

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**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] showing concern for other people and their feelings

**Dictionary example:**
He is always a kind and considerate host.

**Learner example:**
As a colleague, I always found him thoughtful and considerate.
**consideration** /kənˌsɪd.əˈreɪʃən/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** consideration
- **Verbs:** consider, reconsider
- **Adjectives:** considerate, inconsiderate

**NOUN**

**CAREFUL THOUGHT**

[B2] [U] when you think about something very carefully

Dictionary examples:
After careful consideration, we decided to offer her the job.
The whole matter needs to be given careful consideration.

Learner example:
Please give this your careful consideration.

**take sth into consideration**

[B2] when you think about a particular fact or detail and let it influence your decision

Dictionary example:
It may be cheap to buy, but you've got to take into consideration the money you'll spend on repairs.

Learner example:
For the reasons I have stated and taking into consideration that I am an ambitious and sociable person, I think I am suitable for the job.

**IMPORTANT FACT**

[B2] [c] something that you have to think about when you make decisions or plans

Dictionary examples:
Safety is our main consideration.
Cost, of course, is another consideration.

Learner example:
The next consideration is the activities.

**considering** /kənˌsɪd.ər.ɪŋ/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** consideration
- **Verbs:** consider, reconsider
- **Adjectives:** considerate, inconsiderate
PREPOSITION; CONJUNCTION

[B2] used for saying that you have a particular opinion about something, because of a particular fact about it

**Dictionary examples:**
She did really well, considering how little experience she'd had.
Considering the weather, we got here quite quickly.

**Learner example:**
Considering all the above, I think that your article was completely misleading.

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**constant /ˈkɒnt.stənt/**

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** constant

**Adverbs:** constantly

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**A LOT**

[B2] happening a lot or all the time

**Dictionary examples:**
He's in constant trouble with the police.
These machines are in constant use.

**Learner example:**
As for me, constant practice in [the] English language is quite important, it is the essence of my life.

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**constantly /ˈkɒnt.stənt.li/**

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** constant

**Adverbs:** constantly

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**ADVERB**

[B2] all the time or often

**Dictionary examples:**
He's constantly changing his mind.
She has the television on constantly.

**Learner example:**
I stood up and walked around the house, constantly bumping into things!
constitute /ˈkɒn.strɪt.juːt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: constitution  
Verbs: constitute  
Adjectives: constitutional  

VERB [T]  
[C1] to be or form something  

Dictionary example:  
This defeat constitutes a real setback for their championship hopes.  

Learner example:  
Women constitute nearly half (48%) of the university students, and in some departments (educational colleges, medicine schools) they are clearly the majority.  

constitution /ˌkɒn.strɪˈtjuː.ʃən/  
Word family:  
Nouns: constitution  
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Adjectives: constitutional  

NOUN [C]  

LAWS  
[C1] the set of laws and principles that a country’s government must obey  

Dictionary example:  
the US Constitution  

Learner example:  
This is to be seen as progress, although this development seems to start rather late as already in 1949, the German constitution indicated that men and women have equal rights.  

construct /kənˈstrʌkt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: construction, reconstruction  
Verbs: construct, reconstruct  
Adjectives: constructive  

VERB [T]  
[B2] to build something from several parts
Dictionary examples:
The building was constructed in 1930.
The walls are constructed of concrete.
You need this information to construct a basic sentence.

Learner example:
Using some wood, we constructed small seats and tables.

construction /kənˈstrʌk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: construction, reconstruction
Verbs: construct, reconstruct
Adjectives: constructive

NOUN

BUILDING WORK
[B2] [u] the work of building something, especially houses, offices, bridges, etc.

Dictionary examples:
the construction industry
The next decade saw the construction of many more office blocks.
She works in construction.
This website is currently under construction.

Learner example:
It [is] worth mentioning that a huge gym is under construction.

LARGE BUILDING
[B2] [c] something that is built

Dictionary example:
a large steel construction

Learner example:
It would be a pity to build a modern construction there.

WORDS
[B2] [c] The construction of a sentence or phrase is the way the words are arranged.

Dictionary example:
Pay attention to sentence construction and check word order.
**constructive** /kənˈstrʌktɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** construction, reconstruction
- **Verbs:** construct, reconstruct
- **Adjectives:** constructive

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] helpful or useful

**Dictionary example:**
constructive advice/criticism

**Learner example:**
Moreover, I have quite often [asked] for the opinion of Mr. Walker on the making of our marketing plan and his comments were always very helpful and constructive.

**consult** /kənˈsʌlt/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** consultant, consultation
- **Verbs:** consult

**VERB [T]**

**GET INFORMATION**
[C1] to go to a particular person or book to get information or advice

**Dictionary example:**
For more information, consult your travel agent.

**Learner example:**
Even if I think I know what to write, I usually consult an interpreter and/or a lawyer.

**DISCUSS**
[C1] to discuss something with someone before you make a decision

**Dictionary example:**
Why didn't you consult me about this?

**Learner example:**
As it is just after Christmas I had to consult my wife – that is why it took some time to write this reply.
consultant /kənˈsʌl.tənt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: consultant, consultation  
Verbs: consult  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] someone who advises people on a particular subject  

Dictionary examples:  
a management/financial consultant  
a firm of public relations consultants  

Learner example:  
I work in a bank as a consultant.

consume /kənˈsjuː.m/  

Word family:  
Nouns: consumer, consumption  
Verbs: consume  

VERB [T]  
EAT OR DRINK  
[B2] FORMAL to eat or drink something  

Dictionary example:  
People generally consume far too much sugar.  

Learner example:  
People who eat fresh vegetables and meat tend to have good digestion and tend to consume less salt.  

USE RESOURCE  
[C1] to use fuel, energy or time, especially in large amounts  

Dictionary example:  
Our high living standards cause our present population to consume 25 percent of the world's oil.  

Learner example:  
It did consume a lot of time, but it was very rewarding.

consumer /kənˈsjuː.mər/  

Word family:  
Nouns: consumer, consumption  
Verbs: consume
NOUN [c]
[B2] a person who buys goods or services for their own use

Dictionary examples:
The new telephone rates will affect all consumers including businesses.
consumer rights/advice

Learner example:
Some people might argue that this system is convenient for consumers as they can go shopping whenever they would like to, and it makes the shops more secure against burglary and vandalism since the shops are packed with people inside.

consumption /kənˈsʌmpʃn/

Word family:
Nouns: consumer, consumption
Verbs: consume

NOUN [u]
[C1] the amount of something that someone uses, eats, or drinks

Dictionary examples:
We need to reduce our energy consumption.
fuel/water consumption

Learner example:
One less obvious aspect of pollution is the surge in energy consumption caused by technological development.

contact /ˈkɒntækt/

NOUN

TOUCH
[C1] [u] when two people or things are touching each other

Dictionary examples:
She dislikes any kind of physical contact.
Wash your hands if they come into contact with chemicals.

Learner example:
I might even have become afraid of physical contact and of being face to face with others.
**contain** /kənˈteɪn/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** container
**Verbs:** contain

**VERB [V]**

**PART**

[B2] to have something as a part

**Dictionary examples:**
Does this drink contain alcohol?
Try to avoid foods which contain a lot of fat.
The allegations contained in this report are very serious.

**Learner example:**
[The] food was not wonderful, but it was healthy and contained a lot of vitamins.

**container** /kənˈteɪ.nər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** container
**Verbs:** contain

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] an object such as a box or a bottle that is used for holding something

**Dictionary examples:**
an airtight container
a plastic drinks container

**Learner example:**
As a result, a mountain of plastic containers and harmful chemical fluid is [ruin]ing mother earth.

**contemporary** /kənˈtem.pər.i/ **ADJECTIVE**

[B2] existing or happening now

**Dictionary examples:**
contemporary music/literature/art/fashion
Although it was written hundreds of years ago, it still has a contemporary feel to it.

**Learner example:**
I always read a lot of different magazin[e]s and know a lot about contemporary writers.
**content**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** discontent

**Adjectives:** content

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]** /kənˈtent/

[B2] pleased with your situation and not hoping for change or improvement

**Dictionary examples:**
He seems fairly content with life.
They're content to socialize with a very small circle of people.

**Learner example:**
He looked really content and happy.

**NOUN [NO PLURAL]** /ˈkɒn.tent/

**IDEAS**

[B2] the ideas that are contained in a piece of writing, a speech or a film

**Dictionary examples:**
the content of the article
It's a very stylish and beautiful film, but it rather lacks content.
We've discussed the unusual form of the book – now, what about the content?

**Learner example:**
I suggest explaining the content of the film.

**contents** /ˈkɒn.tents/

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

**BOOK**

[B2] a list in a book that tells you what different parts the book contains

**Dictionary example:**
a table of contents

**contestant** /kənˈtes.tənt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** contest, contestant

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] someone who competes in a contest
All the contestants are ready to begin.

The contestants have to sing in front of an audience and the jury.

context /ˈkɒn.tekst/

NOUN [C or U]

FACTS
[B2] all the facts, opinions, etc. relating to a particular thing or event

Dictionary examples:
This small battle is very important in the context of Scottish history.
It is important to see all the fighting and bloodshed in his plays in historical context.

Learner example:
It is interesting to see wild animals in their natural surroundings but for a number of reasons this is mostly impossible. In this context, I think a zoo is a good alternative.

LANGUAGE
[C1] other words that were said or written at the same time as the word or words you are talking about

Dictionary examples:
In this exercise, a word is blanked out and you have to guess what it is by looking at the context. Taken out of context, her remark sounded like an insult.

Learner example:
It’s not like studying new words from [a] textbook as you hear or use the words in real situations and an appropriate context.

continual /kənˈtɪn.ju.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: continuity
Verbs: continue
Adjectives: continuous, continual
Adverbs: continuously, continually

ADJECTIVE
[C1] happening again and again over a long period of time or happening without stopping

Dictionary example:
I can’t work with these continual interruptions.
Learner example:
But, if you are seeking [a] developed city, Buenos Aires is your answer, as it is considered to be a city in continual improvement.

**continually** /kənˈtɪn.ju.ə.lɪ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** continuity
**Verbs:** continue
**Adjectives:** continuous, continual
**Adverbs:** continuously, continually

**ADVERB**
[C1] again and again or without stopping

**Dictionary examples:**
Dad continually complains about money.
House prices have been rising continually for the last five years.

**Learner example:**
First of all I would like to mention that new blood is required in the club, as the membership is continually falling.

**continuous** /kənˈtɪn.ju.əs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** continuity
**Verbs:** continue
**Adjectives:** continuous, continual
**Adverbs:** continuously, continually

**ADJECTIVE**

**GRAMMAR**
[B2] being the form of a verb used to show that an action is continuing to happen

**Dictionary example:**
the present/past continuous

**Learner example:**
The lesson was about the present continuous form.

**WITHOUT STOPPING**
[B2] happening or existing without stopping
**Dictionary examples:**
continuous pain
My computer makes a continuous low buzzing noise.
A continuous white line in the middle of the road means no overtaking.

**Learner example:**
Since the development of nuclear weapons, the Earth's fate has been in continuous danger.

**continuously** /kənˈtɪn.ju.əs.li/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** continuity
**Verbs:** continue
**Adjectives:** continuous, continual
**Adverbs:** continuously, continually

**ADVERB**
[B2] without stopping

**Dictionary example:**
You can't work continuously for six hours without a break!

**Learner example:**
They continuously claim that [the] destruction of the environment is totally all human beings' responsibility.

**contradict** /ˌkɒn.trəˈdɪkt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** contradiction
**Verbs:** contradict
**Adjectives:** contradictory

**VERB**
**SAY SOMEONE IS WRONG**
[C1] [I or T] to say that what someone has just said is wrong

**Dictionary example:**
Nobody dared to contradict her.

**Learner example:**
Jane: Be pa[t]ient with her, she is a lovely lady, although she doesn't like people to contradict her.
contrary /ˈkɒn.trəri/  

NOUN

on the contrary
[B2] used to show that the opposite of what has just been said is true

Dictionary example:
"You're a vegetarian, aren't you?" "On the contrary, I love meat."

Learner example:
As a result, it was not a perfect evening as the advertisement suggested – on the contrary, it turned out to be a miserable one.

to the contrary
[C1] saying or showing the opposite

Dictionary example:
She claimed she hadn't been involved, despite evidence to the contrary.

Learner example:
Despite claims to the contrary, young people [are] get[ting] more involved in sport[s] activities.

ADJECTIVE

contrary to sth
[C1] opposite to what someone said or thought

Dictionary example:
Contrary to popular belief, bottled water is not always better than tap water.

Learner example:
Contrary to Mrs Jones' allegation, the exam results of our college are first-class and moreover, there is an extremely varied social programme.

contrast

NOUN [C or U] /ˈkɒn.trəst/  

DIFFERENCE
[B2] an obvious difference between two or more things

Dictionary examples:
The contrast between their lifestyles couldn't be greater.
The busy north coast of the island is in sharp contrast to the peaceful south.

Learner example:
The contrast between the wild mountains and the crowded but charm[ing] beach on the ocean shore would have pleased you.
**by/in contrast**
[B2] used to show that someone or something is completely different

**Dictionary examples:**
Their economy has expanded enormously, while ours, by contrast, has declined. She's quite short, in contrast to her tall sister.

**Learner example:**
TV, by contrast, is a more passive activity.

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**contribute** /kənˈtrɪb.juːt/

**Word family:**
Nouns: contribution
Verbs: contribute

**VERB [I or T]**

**GIVE**
[B2] to give something, especially money, in order to provide or achieve something together with other people

**Dictionary examples:**
Are you going to contribute towards Jack's leaving present? Her family have contributed £50,000 to the fund. Do come to the meeting if you feel you have something to contribute.

**Learner example:**
Furthermore, it is unfair to judge other performers as second-rate, as they did their best to contribute.

**WRITE**
[C1] to write articles for a newspaper, magazine, or book

**Dictionary example:**
She contributes to several magazines.

**Learner example:**
After a lot of thinking and discussing with our members and with people who would like to contribute to our magazine, I decided to suggest our well thought-out ideas.

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**contribution** /ˌkɒn.trɪˈbjuː.ʃən/

**Word family:**
Nouns: contribution
Verbs: contribute
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] something that you do or give to help produce or achieve something, or to help make something successful

Dictionary examples:
This invention made a major contribution to road safety.
She didn't make much of a contribution at today's meeting, did she?
All contributions, no matter how small, will be much appreciated.
a generous contribution to charity

Learner example:
I am willing to make a significant contribution to the club.

control /kənˈtrəʊl/

VERB [T] (-ll-)

LIMIT
[B2] to limit the number, amount or increase of something

Dictionary examples:
Fire crews struggled to control the blaze.
No attempt was made to control the spread of the disease.

Learner example:
We have to control the [number of] cars, we can't allow as many car[s] as we drive [now].

RULE
[B2] to rule or govern an area

Dictionary example:
The whole area is controlled by rebel forces.

Learner example:
BRAVE NEW WORLD The part of the book I have read and I remember best is when John, the savage, comes into the New World [State] controlled by several World Controllers from the savage reservation.

NOUN

POWER
[B2] [c or u] when you make someone or something do what you want, or the power to do this

Dictionary examples:
She's got no control over that child.
He lost control of the vehicle.
The police are in control of the situation.
Learner example:
Apparently he lost control of the wheel, so the car crashed into a tree.

**beyond your/out of control**

[B2] If something or someone is beyond control or out of control, you cannot influence, limit or direct them.

**Dictionary examples:**
The car skidded and went out of control, crashing into an oncoming truck.
There's nothing we can do – the situation is beyond our control.

**Learner example:**
I had just driven through Piazza Duomo, when another car came round a corner much too fast, skidded, and went out of control.

**under control**

[B2] being dealt with successfully

**Dictionary example:**
Don't worry – everything's under control.

**Learner example:**
“Everything is under control,” said the captain.

**EQUIPMENT**

[B2] [c] a switch or other device used to operate a machine such as a vehicle

**Dictionary examples:**
Where's the *volume* control on your stereo?
The main instruments are in the centre of the control *panel*.
The captain sat at the controls of the aircraft.

**Learner example:**
He touched a switch on the control panel and heard that characteristic hiss.

**take control**

[B2] to start to rule or govern an area

**Dictionary example:**
The dictator took control of the country in 1933.

**Learner example:**
In the first part of the story animals take control of a farm in England.

**LAW**

[B2] [c] a rule or law that limits something

**Dictionary example:**
He wants the government to *impose* strict controls on dog ownership.
Learner example:
[It is important] to find a way to regulate the information show[n] [o]n the internet, because right now there is no control over the information.

OFFICIAL PLACE
[B2] [c or u] a place where something official, usually a document, is checked

Dictionary example:
passport/immigration control

Learner example:
I kissed my parents and went to passport control.

CALM
[C1] [U] the ability to be calm

Dictionary example:
It took a lot of control to stop myself hitting him.

Learner example:
If you think you [are doing] something wrong during your test you shouldn't [start] panic[k]ing and losing your control.

controversial /ˌkɒn.trəˈvɜːsl/  
Word family:
Nouns: controversy
Adjectives: controversial

ADJECTIVE
[B2] causing disagreement or discussion

Dictionary examples:
a controversial issue/decision/speech/figure
The book was very controversial.

Learner example:
From my point of view it is a very controversial issue.

controversy /ˈkɒn.trə.vɜːsi/  
Word family:
Nouns: controversy
Adjectives: controversial

NOUN [c or u]
[C1] a lot of disagreement and argument about something
Dictionary example:
There is a lot of controversy over mobile phone towers.

Learner example:
Travelling abroad to work has been a matter of controversy.

convenience /kənˈviː.ni.ənts/

Word family:
Nouns: convenience
Adjectives: convenient, inconvenient
Adverbs: conveniently

NOUN

BEING EASY
[B2] [u] the quality of being convenient

Dictionary examples:
the convenience of credit cards
I like the convenience of living so close to the shops.

Learner example:
I think the first reason is its convenience. [...] Just by sitting in front of it, you can enjoy TV program[me]s.

at your convenience FORMAL
[B2] at a time that is convenient to you

Dictionary example:
We can meet at your convenience.

Learner example:
I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

HELPFUL THING
[C1] [c] something that makes life easier

Dictionary example:
Fortunately, the house has every modern convenience.

Learner example:
Thus, we have many facilities and conveniences in comparison with the past.
conveniently /kənˈviː.ni.ənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: convenience
Adjectives: convenient, inconvenient
Adverbs: conveniently

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is convenient

Dictionary example:
The house is conveniently situated near the station and the shops.

Learner example:
First of all, your group has been booked into the Palace Hotel, which is conveniently situated in the centre of Nymegen.

collection /kənˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: convention
Adjectives: conventional, unconventional

NOUN

MEETING
[C1] [c] a large formal meeting of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest, or a large meeting for a political party

Dictionary examples:
the national Democratic convention
Where are they holding their party convention?

Learner example:
Conference facilities: Being completely renovated, the historic building of Edessa's Cultural Association is the ideal place for a modern scientific convention.

CUSTOM
[C1] [c or u] a usual and accepted way of behaving or doing something

Dictionary example:
In many countries it is the convention to wear black at funerals.

Learner example:
Nowadays, people tend to avoid traditions and conventions.
### conventional

*Word family:*

**Nouns:** convention

**Adjectives:** conventional, unconventional

**ADJECTIVE**

#### TRADITIONAL

[B2] traditional and ordinary

**Dictionary examples:**
- conventional behaviour/attitudes/clothes
- conventional medicine/farming

I find his art rather dull and conventional.

**Learner example:**
The accommodation wasn't bad, however our rooms were quite small and conventional.

#### conventional wisdom

[C1] what most people believe

**Dictionary example:**
These ideas about childcare go against conventional wisdom on the subject.

**Learner example:**
Thus, against conventional wisdom, I think that while a lot of adult problems are caused by money or the lack of it, it is really the ability to deal with money and to see money as a means rather than an end.

### conversation

*NOUN [C or U]*

#### hold a conversation

[C1] to have a conversation

**Dictionary example:**
I can just about hold a conversation in Italian.

**Learner example:**
I know the grammar and many different expressions, and I can hold a conversation with other people.
### convert /kənˈvɜːt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** conversion  
**Verbs:** convert  

**VERB [I or T]**

**CHANGE**

[B2] to change the appearance, form, or purpose of something

**Dictionary examples:**
- Could we convert the small bedroom into a second bathroom?  
- What's the formula for converting pounds into kilos?

**Learner example:**
Even some medieval castles have been converted into museums.

### convey /kənˈveɪ/

**VERB [T]**

[C1] to communicate information, feelings, or images to someone

**Dictionary example:**
- She always conveys a sense of enthusiasm for her work.

**Learner example:**
- Being an Ambassador for Youth bears lot of responsibility, not only because the person must be an outstanding character and widely well-known, but also because they must behave accordingly and be able to convey a positive message.

### convinced /kənˈvɪntst/

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** convince  
**Adjectives:** convinced, convincing

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] certain

**Dictionary examples:**
- My boyfriend says I'd enjoy a walking holiday, but I'm not convinced.  
- I'm convinced (that) she is lying.

**Learner example:**
- I'm convinced that I would benefit from this experience in the future.
convincing /kənˈvɪn.sɪŋ/

Word family:
Verbs: convince
Adjectives: convinced, convincing

ADJECTIVE
[C1] able to make you believe that something is true or right

Dictionary examples:
a convincing argument/explanation
I didn't find the ending of the film very convincing.

Learner example:
The school didn't give us a real and convincing explanation for this.

cool /kuːl/

Word family:
Nouns: cool, coolness
Verbs: cool
Adjectives: cool

ADJECTIVE
CALM
[C1] calm and not emotional

Dictionary example:
She seemed cool and confident.

Learner example:
I remember saying to myself that "this little boy will survive" and after that I felt totally cool and calm and did what had to be done.

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to become less hot, or to make something become less hot

Dictionary example:
Allow the bread to cool before slicing it.

Learner example:
In the summer many people were delighted by fountains which cooled the air.

NOUN
keep your cool
[C1] to remain calm
Dictionary example:
You did well to keep your cool in all that panic.

Learner example:
Whatever the problem is, keep your cool, don't panic.

coolness /ˈkuː.l.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: cool, coolness
Verbs: cool
Adjectives: cool

NOUN [U]

COLD
[C1] the quality of being cold

Dictionary example:
the coolness of the breeze

Learner example:
The coolness of the coach made me ill.

cooperate (also co-operate) /ˌkʊəˈpɜːr.ət/ 332

Word family:
Nouns: cooperation
Verbs: cooperate
Adjectives: cooperative

VERB [I]

WORK TOGETHER
[B2] to work together with someone in order to achieve the same aim

Dictionary examples:
The Spanish authorities cooperated with the British police in finding the terrorists.
Several companies are cooperating in the relief effort.

Learner example:
Lime has become a sort of monster, with no consideration for life any more, and Martins decides to cooperate with the police to catch and kill him.

HELP
[B2] to help someone or do what they ask
Dictionary example:
I find it very hard to dress my two-year-old when she refuses to cooperate.

Learner example:
Moreover, I am in favour of rules at school because it is very important for children to learn how to cooperate with others.

coop eration (also co-operation) /kəʊˈɔp.ərə.tʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: cooperation
Verbs: cooperate
Adjectives: cooperative

NOUN [u]
[B2] when you work together with someone or do what they ask you

Dictionary examples:
This documentary was made with the cooperation of Rails UK.
There's very little cooperation between the two countries.
We thank you in advance for your cooperation.
The clubs work in close cooperation with the Football Association.

Learner example:
Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this respect.

c o op or ative /kəʊˈɔp.ə.rə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: cooperation
Verbs: cooperate
Adjectives: cooperative

ADJECTIVE
[B2] willing to help or do what people ask

Dictionary example:
I found them very cooperative.

Learner example:
You can rely on me – I love children and I am energetic and cooperative.
cope  /kəʊp/

VERB [i]

[B2] to deal successfully with a difficult situation

Dictionary examples:
How does she cope with three small children and a job?
It was too stressful and eventually he just couldn't cope.
Tyres generally don't cope well on wet roads.

Learner example:
Moreover she can't cope with life.

copper  /ˈkɒp.ər/

NOUN [U]

[B2] a reddish–brown metal used especially for making wire and coins, or the reddish brown colour of this metal

Dictionary examples:
copper wire/pipes
Rosie's hair shone like copper in the sunlight.

Learner example:
Its domes are made of pure copper, inside there's a big bell called "Zygmunt".

copy  /ˈkɒp.i/

VERB

CHEAT

[B2] [i or t] to cheat by looking at and using someone else's work

Dictionary example:
He was always copying from/off other children, but never got caught.

Learner example:
I'm certain she thought we had copied in the test.

BEHAVE

[B2] [t] to behave like someone else

Dictionary example:
He tends to copy his brother in the way he dresses.
Learner example:
He has to eat salads now, in [the] hope [that] the kids'll copy his attitudes and eat fresh and healthy food instead of sweets and unhealthy stuff.

NOUN [C]

SINGLE ONE
[B2] a single book, newspaper, etc. of which many have been produced

Dictionary example:
Over a million copies of the book have been sold.

Learner example:
The single with her new song sold more than 15 million copies, now she was a powerful star.

corporate /ˈkɔː.pɹət/  

Word family:
Nouns: corporation
Adjectives: corporate

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] relating to a large company or group

Dictionary example:
corporate finance

Learner example:
This proposal highlights advisable amendments to the ABC Company's management structure, namely the marketing department, in view of unforeseen corporate losses.

corporation /ˌkɔː.pɹəˈrɛʃən/  

Word family:
Nouns: corporation
Adjectives: corporate

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] a large company or group of companies that is controlled together as a single organization

Dictionary examples:
a multinational corporation
the British Broadcasting Corporation
She didn't want to work for a big corporation where everything was so impersonal.
Learner example:
Since I was a child, I've always dreamed about being a car designer in a large and powerful corporation like Ferrari, Porsche, Mercedes-Benz, etc.

**correct**  /kəˈrekt/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** correction
- **Adjectives:** correct, incorrect
- **Adverbs:** correctly

**VERB**

SHOW MISTAKE

[B2] to show someone the mistakes in something they have said or written

**Dictionary example:**
Our teacher normally corrects our pronunciation.

**Learner example:**
Until now, I have never had someone really teaching me and correcting my mistakes.

MAKE RIGHT

[B2] to make a mistake or problem right or better

**Dictionary example:**
The new software finds and corrects any errors on the hard disk.

**Learner example:**
For example if I have to write a formal letter or something like this, I use my 'PC' because the paper looks nicer and [the] computer corrects my mistakes.

**correspond**  /ˌkɒr.ɪˈspɒnd/

Word family:
- **Verbs:** correspond
- **Adjectives:** corresponding

**VERB (i)**

BE SIMILAR

[B2] to be the same or very similar

**Dictionary examples:**
The money I've saved corresponds roughly to the amount I need for my course.
The American FBI corresponds to the British MI5.
His story of what happened that night didn't correspond with the witness's version.
Learner example:
Therefore, I would like to ask you for my entrance fee, as this evening did not correspond to your advertisement.

WRITE
[B2] to communicate with someone by writing letters

Dictionary example:
They had corresponded ever since the war.

Learner example:
Dear Tom It would be wonderful to see you because we've been corresponding for a long time but I've never had [the] pleasure [of meeting] you.

corridor /ˈkɒr.ɪ.dɔːr/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a long passage in a building or train

Dictionary example:
Her office is at the end of the corridor.

Learner example:
The invigilator left the room and walked down the corridor looking for some help.

corrupt /kəˈrʌpt/

Word family:
Nouns: corruption
Verbs: corrupt
Adjectives: corrupt

ADJECTIVE
[C1] dishonest or illegal

Dictionary example:
a corrupt government

Learner example:
I am not saying he is corrupt – I don't believe that – but he com[m]ands many corrupt people.

VERB [T]
[C1] to make someone or something become dishonest or immoral

Dictionary example:
He became corrupted by power and money.
**Learner example:**
Maybe wealth can corrupt people's mind[s] and make people weak.

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**corruption** /kəˈrʌp.ʃən/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** corruption

**Verbs:** corrupt

**Adjectives:** corrupt

**NOUN [U]**

BAD BEHAVIOUR

[C1] dishonest or immoral behaviour, usually by people in positions of power

**Dictionary example:**
He was arrested for corruption and bribery.

**Learner example:**
I think that both have lost respect because of corruption.

MAKE DISHONEST

[C1] when you cause someone or something to become dishonest or immoral

**Dictionary example:**
the corruption of innocent young children

**Learner example:**
The contrast between those two groups was getting bigger and bigger and it ended up [in] a destructive war, destructive doesn’t refer only to deaths and city damage but also to the corruption of morals.

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**cosmopolitan** /ˌkɒzm.əˈpɒl.ɪ.tən/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] consisting of people and things from many different countries

**Dictionary example:**
London is a very cosmopolitan city.

**Learner example:**
I chose London because it’s a cosmopolitan city, and very near to the other European countries.
**cost /kɒst/**

**NOUN**

**THING GIVEN**

[B2][U NO PLURAL] something that you give or lose, in order to get or achieve something else

Dictionary examples:
He rescued four people at the cost of his own life.
She finally got the job she wanted, but at great personal cost.
It's not worth getting into an argument with Tim, as I learned to my cost.

Learner example:
We wanted to travel by car and, to my cost, my friend began to drive the car.

**at all costs**

[B2] If something must be done at all costs, it is very important that it is done.

Dictionary example:
We have to succeed at all costs.

Learner example:
One thing was sure: he was convinced [he had] to save Anne's life at all costs.

**VERB [T] (cost, cost)**

**LOSE**

[B2] to cause someone to lose or destroy something valuable

Dictionary examples:
Drinking and driving costs lives.
His affairs cost him his marriage.

Learner example:
However, many people are talking about car accidents which cost human lives.

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**costume /ˈkɒs.tjuːm/**

**NOUN [C or U]**

**PARTY/FILM/PLAY**

[B2] a set of clothes worn in order to look like someone else, especially for a party or a film or play
Dictionary examples:
actors in costume
a clown costume
The children were dressed in Halloween costumes.

Learner example:
Everything becomes alive with music and dancing, and everybody wears amazing costumes.

TYPICAL OF COUNTRY
[B2] the set of clothes typical of a particular country or period of history

Dictionary example:
Japanese national costume

Learner example:
You also can take some terrific [ph]otographs of national costumes, hear music and take part in
dances.

could /kʊd/

MODAL VERB

could have
[B2] used to talk about things that possibly happened in the past or might possibly
have happened by some time in the future

Dictionary examples:
She could have been killed.
Let's go to the coast anyway – the rain could have stopped by the time we get there.

Learner example:
Then they thought about the situation and tried to [develop] a theor[y] about what could have
happened with the dead body and who could be the murderer.

couldn't have
[B2] used to express certainty that something in the past was impossible or didn't
happen

Dictionary examples:
He couldn't have damaged your bike – he was with me all evening.
That book couldn't have been on sale last week – it's only come out today!

Learner example:
The blood froze in our veins, and we were all sure that it couldn't have been anything but a ghost!

I/he, etc. couldn't care less INFORMAL
[C1] used to emphasize that someone is not interested in or worried about
something or someone
Dictionary example:
I couldn't care less what people think.

Learner example:
There was hunger, there was poverty and the king couldn't care less about his people['s] well-being.

council /ˈkaʊnt.səl/

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] the group of people elected to govern a particular area, town or city, and organize services for it

Dictionary examples:
Edinburgh City Council
The local council has/have decided not to allocate funds for the project.
The town/city council is/are responsible for keeping the streets clean.

Learner example:
Rubbish collecting needs to be arranged more regularly by the city council.

count /ˈkaʊnt/

Word family:
Verbs: count
Adjectives: countless

VERB

BE IMPORTANT
[B2] [i] to be important

Dictionary examples:
I've always believed that happiness counts more than money.
My opinion doesn't count for anything around here.

Learner example:
It wasn't romantic, there were no flowers but Carla knew [that] what counts is in the heart.
counter /ˈkaʊntə/  

NOUN [c]  
SURFACE  
[B2] a long flat narrow surface or table in a shop, bank, restaurant, etc. at which people are served  

Dictionary example:  
There was nobody at/behind the counter when I went into the bank, and I had to wait to be served.  

Learner example:  
When I was at the counter, I put down my bags and paid for the serviettes.

counterpart /ˈkaʊnt.ə.pɑːt/  

NOUN [c]  
[C1] someone or something that has the same job or position as someone or something in a different place or organization  

Dictionary example:  
I had a meeting with my counterpart in our other branch.  

Learner example:  
I feel much more confident at work in terms of both my English and the ability to negotiate with my counterparts.

countless /ˈkaʊnt.ləs/  

Word family:  
Verbs: count  
Adjectives: countless  

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]  
[C1] very many  

Dictionary example:  
The song has been played countless times on the radio.  

Learner example:  
We had to spend countless hours in the cold coach waiting for a bus that could take us to the hotel in Edinburgh.
county /ˈkaʊn.ti/

NOUN [c]
[B2] the largest political division of a state or country

Dictionary examples:
County Antrim
Westchester County
A county usually consists of several cities and towns and the rural areas surrounding them.
Rutland used to be the smallest county in England, but in 1974 it became part of Leicestershire.
Texas is divided into 254 counties.

Learner example:
Since my family originates from the county of Dalarna, where "Dal" paintings are both very popular and common, I have started to paint a little on my own.

courage /ˈkʌr.i.dʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: courage
Adjectives: courageous

NOUN [u]
BRAVE
[B2] the ability to deal with a dangerous or difficult situation without being frightened

Dictionary examples:
I wanted to talk to him, but I didn’t have the courage.
People should have the courage to stand up for their beliefs.

Learner example:
He [had] wanted to do it for a long time but never had the courage.

courageous /ˈkər.i.dʒəs/

Word family:
Nouns: courage
Adjectives: courageous

ADJECTIVE
[C1] brave

Dictionary example:
a courageous decision
Learner example:
The people were very courageous and showed an extraordinary sense of calm.

course /kɔːs/

NOUN

in due course
[B2] at a suitable time in the future

Dictionary example:
The results will be sent to you in due course.

Learner example:
I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

course of action
[C1] something that you can do in a particular situation

Dictionary example:
I think the best course of action would be to write to him.

Learner example:
However, I believe that the best course of action in this case is to give our student a refund.
during/in/over the course of sth
[C1] during a particular time or activity

Dictionary example:
In the course of the interview she mentioned her previous experience.

Learner example:
During the course of my studies and internship, I worked not only with people suffering from certain disorders, but also with people who faced problems in interpersonal relationships.
a matter of course
[C1] If something happens as a matter of course, it always happens as part of the normal process or system.

Dictionary example:
Babies were tested for the disease as a matter of course.

Learner example:
The transform[ation] has succeeded so far and caused enormous changes in ordinary life as a matter of course, including eating habits.
court /kɔːt/

NOUN

LAW
[B2] [c or u] the place where a judge decides whether someone is guilty of a crime

Dictionary examples:
He's due to appear in court again on Monday.
Please describe to the court exactly what you saw.
the European Court of Human Rights
The lack of evidence means that the case is unlikely to go to court.

Learner example:
Two days after, I went to the law court as a witness.

courtesy /ˈkɜː.tə.si/

Word family:
Nouns: courtesy
Adjectives: courteous

NOUN [u]
[B2] polite behaviour

Dictionary examples:
Hotel staff must at all times treat guests with courtesy.
He could at least have had the courtesy to say sorry.

Learner example:
On balance, I think McDonalds should improve the courtesy of members of staff, as well as keeping up the speedy service.

cover /ˈkʌv.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: cover, coverage
Verbs: cover, uncover

VERB [T]

DISTANCE
[B2] to travel a particular distance

Dictionary example:
We covered 700 km in four days.
Learner example:
Secondly, travelling by car is a very effective way of saving time – for instance you cannot cover long distances with your bicycle.

AREA
[B2] to be a particular size or area

Dictionary example:
The town covers an area of 15 square kilometres.

Learner example:
The other suggestion is the flower market, which is very famous for tourists because it covers 2 acres and there are plenty of flowers to buy.

REPORT
[C1] to report the news about a particular important event

Dictionary example:
She's covering the American election for BBC television.

Learner example:
Should you have your company's channel cover the event, your profits from the advertisements will be innumerable.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION
[C1] to provide financial protection if something bad happens

Dictionary example:
travel insurance that covers accident and injury

MONEY
[C1] to be enough money to pay for something

Dictionary example:
£100 should cover the cost of the repairs.

Learner example:
This means that only 15% was allocated to cover the cost of entertainment and administration costs.

NOUN
FINANCIAL
[C1] [u] financial protection so that you get money if something bad happens

Dictionary example:
The policy provides £50,000 accidental damage cover.

Learner example:
A mere 2% went on insurance cover.
FROM WEATHER/ATTACK

[C1] [u] protection from bad weather or an attack

Dictionary example:
They took cover under some trees until the rain stopped.

Learner example:
The bodyguards immediately reacted, shooting at the window through which Paul had fired, while the judge took cover under a near car.

coverage  /ˈkʌv.əridʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: cover, coverage
Verbs: cover, uncover

NOUN [u]

REPORT
[C1] the way a newspaper, television programme, etc. reports an event or subject

Dictionary example:
There is live coverage of the game on cable TV.

Learner example:
Jos is very well known among people who love Formula 2 autoracing and I know there are a lot of them all over the world because of the intense media coverage.

coward  /ˈkau.əd/ DISAPPROVING

Word family:
Nouns: coward
Adjectives: cowardly

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who is not brave and tries to avoid dangerous or difficult situations

Dictionary example:
You didn’t talk to her? You coward!

Learner example:
Instead of behaving like a wise grown-up, I behaved like a coward.
**cowardly** /ˈkəʊ.əd.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** coward  
**Adjectives:** cowardly

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] behaving in a way that shows you are not brave

**Dictionary example:**  
This was a particularly brutal and cowardly attack.

**Learner example:**  
Bernard was usually weak, depressed, cowardly and pessimistic, but, on the other hand, when he became popular and famous by taking advantage of John, he was so boastful.

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**crab** /kræb/  

**NOUN [C or U]**  
[B2] a sea creature with ten legs and a round, flat body covered by a shell, or the meat from this animal

**Dictionary example:**  
crab salad

**Learner example:**  
Children can look at live fis[h], crabs and lobsters.

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**crack** /kræk/  

**VERB [I or T]**

**BREAK**  
[B2] to break something so that very thin lines appear on its surface but it does not separate, or to become broken in this way

**Dictionary examples:**  
A stone hit the window and cracked the glass.  
I cracked my tooth when I fell.  
The walls cracked and the roof collapsed in the earthquake.

**Learner example:**  
The bottom tank cracked and the sea-water poured into the tank and further into the engine-room.
crack a joke
[C1] to tell a joke

Dictionary example:
He seemed very relaxed, laughing and cracking jokes.

Learner example:
Many members will get the chance to show their talent and we will get to crack some jokes too!

craft /krɑːft/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] an activity in which you make something using a lot of skill, especially with your hands

Dictionary examples:
the craft of furniture-making/boat-building
rural/ancient/traditional crafts

Learner example:
You will find some interesting Swedish craft work [there] and get the best shots of the local people.

crash /kræʃ/

VERB

COMPUTER
[B2] [I] If a computer or computer system crashes, it suddenly stops working.

Dictionary example:
My computer keeps crashing.

Learner example:
Will the computers crash after New Year?

MONEY
[C1] [I] If a financial market crashes, prices suddenly fall by a large amount.

Dictionary example:
They lost all their savings when the market crashed.

NOUN [C]

LOUD NOISE
[B2] a sudden, loud noise made when something falls or breaks
Dictionary example:
I heard a crash and hurried into the kitchen.

Learner example:
A loud crash disturbed the silence of the night.

BUSINESS
[C1] when the value of a country's businesses suddenly falls by a large amount

Dictionary example:
He lost a lot of money in the stock market crash of 1929.

Learner example:
Regarding the economy of the globe, this intensification may lead to a worldwide crash.

crawl /krɔːl/

VERB [v]

HANDS AND KNEES
[B2] to move on your hands and knees

Dictionary examples:
The child crawled across the floor.
The injured soldier crawled to safety.

Learner example:
I crawled out from under the bed and stood up.

NOUN

SPEED
[C1] [NO PLURAL] a very slow speed

Dictionary example:
Traffic slowed to a crawl.

Learner example:
Every morning traffic was reduced to a crawl.

SWIMMING
[C1] [u] a style of swimming in which you move your arms over your head and kick with straight legs

Dictionary example:
front/back crawl

Learner example:
I can already swim breaststroke and crawl but I am unable to swim backstroke and the dolphin-like style.
crazy /'kreɪ.zi/

Word family:
Nouns: craziness
Adjectives: crazy

ADJECTIVE

ANGRY

[B2] annoyed or angry

Dictionary examples:
The constant noise drove me crazy.
Dad went crazy when I told him what had happened.

Learner example:
Be careful because you know computers drive me crazy.

like crazy INFORMAL

[C1] doing something a lot or in a fast way

Dictionary example:
We worked like crazy to get everything finished.

Learner example:
My heart was beating like crazy and when the ski-boat started its journey along the blue waves of the sea...

cream /kriːm/

NOUN

the cream of sth
[C1] the best people or things in a particular group

Dictionary example:
the cream of Milan's designers

Learner example:
Last but not least, many Japanese style hotels and restaurants now have square holes in tatami (straw mat) rooms so that foreign visitors can comfortably stretch their legs under the low table without having to be seated on folded legs like Zen monks! Thus you will find it easier to enjoy the cream of Japanese hospitality without tears.
**creation /kriˈeɪ.ʃən/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** creation, creativity
- **Verbs:** create
- **Adjectives:** creative
- **Adverbs:** creatively

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] the act of creating something, or the thing that is created

Dictionary examples:
- the creation of a new political party
- Their policies are all towards the creation of wealth.
- This 25-foot-high sculpture is her latest creation.
- The fashion magazines were full of the latest Paris creations.

Learner example:
First of all, since the creation of the virtual world internet, computers [have been] used to communicate very quickly from [one] computer to another.

**creatively /kriˈeɪ.tɪv.li/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** creation, creativity
- **Verbs:** create
- **Adjectives:** creative
- **Adverbs:** creatively

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a creative way

Dictionary example:
We have to think creatively about this problem.

Learner example:
I think that our college should have some of this kind of activities, so that students can spend their time creatively.

**creativity /ˌkriː.eɪˈtɪv.ə.ti/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** creation, creativity
- **Verbs:** create
- **Adjectives:** creative
- **Adverbs:** creatively
NOUN [u]

[B2] the ability to produce new ideas or things using skill and imagination

Dictionary example:
I admire her creativity.

Learner example:
Realistic stories thus, develop our imagination and creativity, which are essential in our lives.

credit /ˈkred.ɪt/

NOUN

PRAISE

[B2] [u] praise, approval or honour

Dictionary examples:
I did all the work and Amy got the credit for it!
I suppose I should give him credit for his honesty.
I can’t take full credit for this meal – Sam did quite a bit too

Learner example:
I took part in this event and I think that you haven’t given it enough credit.

COURSE

[B2] [c] a unit that shows you have completed part of a college course

Dictionary example:
I got three credits for the course.

Learner example:
"How could you get such a result?” her father barked, after seeing her report card which stated only two credits.

crew /kruː/

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]

TEAM

[B2] a team of people with special skills who work together

Dictionary examples:
an ambulance/lifeboat crew
a film/camera crew
**Learner example:**
I recommend that you and your film crew visit Zurich during August, because it's very cold and the weather is mostly bad in January.

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**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

**CRIME**

[B2] relating to crime

**Dictionary examples:**
criminal activity
a criminal act/offence
a criminal investigation
I didn't know he had a criminal record.

**Learner example:**
In spite of his criminal background I came to believe that man and also like him.

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**Dictionary examples:**
an economic/financial crisis
The country's leadership is in crisis.
We had a family crisis at the time.

**Learner example:**
It is [a] crisis not only for animals but also [for] the planet.

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**Dictionary example:**
We have strict criteria for deciding which students will receive a grant.
**Learner example:**
This is because one of the key criteria for being an international commercial centre would be the extensive transport options.

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**NOUN [c]**

**ARTS**

[B2] someone whose job is to give their opinion about something, especially films, books, music, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
She’s a film/theatre critic for the 'Irish Times'.
The play has been well received by the critics.

**Learner example:**
Finally, I would like to ask for some of the extra budget [to be allocated] to inviting well-known critics or film staff to our local cinema.

**NOT APPROVE**

[C1] someone who says that they do not approve of someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
an outspoken critic of the government

**Learner example:**
I am not a critic of modern technology and I am not among those people who have pessimistic id[e]as about it.

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ADJECTIVE

NOT PLEASED

[B2] saying that someone or something is bad or wrong

Dictionary examples:

a critical report

The report is highly critical of safety standards at the factory.

Learner example:

Some of them are very critical of their food.

IMPORTANT

[B2] of the greatest importance to the way things might happen

Dictionary examples:

The President's support is critical to this project.

a critical decision

Learner example:

It was a critical moment. Tom realized that we have to do something or [the] problems would be worse.

SERIOUS

[B2] extremely serious or dangerous

Dictionary example:

The doctors said her condition was critical and she might not survive.

Learner example:

The doctor only said she was critical, not dead!

critically /ˈkrɪt.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: critic, criticism
Verbs: criticize
Adjectives: critical
Adverbs: critically

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is critical

Dictionary example:

They were both critically injured in the crash.

Learner example:

Cars are even more important for emergency situations such as [a] fire in a house or if somebody is critically ill.
criticism /ˈkrɪt.ɪ.zɪzm/

Word family:
Nouns: critic, criticism
Verbs: criticize
Adjectives: critical
Adverbs: critically

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when you say that something or someone is bad

Dictionary example:
The designs for the new building have attracted widespread criticism.

Learner example:
Another criticism is that there were not enough plays and films.

criticize (also UK criticise) /ˈkrɪt.ɪ.saɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: critic, criticism
Verbs: criticize
Adjectives: critical
Adverbs: critically

VERB [I T OFTEN PASSIVE]
[B2] to say that someone or something is bad

Dictionary examples:
The government is being widely criticized in the press for failing to limit air pollution.
The film was criticized for being too violent.

Learner example:
I had a very good relationship with him. He was always there when I needed him, he advised me, and never criticised me. He just talked with me and made me understand my mistakes.

crocodile /ˈkrɒk.ə.dail/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a large reptile with a long mouth and sharp teeth, that lives in lakes and rivers

Dictionary example:
a crocodile-infested swamp

Learner example:
My friend started to walk into the water when suddenly a crocodile grabbed her leg.
cross /krɒs/

Word family:
Nouns: crossing
Verbs: cross

VERB

cross your mind
[B2] If an idea crosses your mind, you think about it for a short time.

Dictionary example:
It never crossed my mind that she might be married.

Learner example:
The first thought that crossed his mind was to call the police immediately and that was what he actually did.

crossing /ˈkrɒs.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: crossing
Verbs: cross

NOUN [C]

TRIP BY WATER
[C1] a trip across water

Dictionary example:
regular ferry crossings from Tenerife to Gran Canaria

Learner example:
On the ferry there are rest[a]urants and a Tax–Free Shop. The crossing takes about 50 minutes.

crossroads /ˈkrɒs.rəʊdz/

NOUN [C] (PLURAL crossroads)
[B2] a place where two roads cross each other

Dictionary example:
Turn left at the crossroads.

Learner example:
When you go out of the hotel, turn right [and] at the first crossroads turn right again.
### crowd /kraʊd/

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** crowd  
**Adjectives:** crowded, overcrowded

**VERB**

[C1] to stand together in large numbers

**Dictionary example:**  
Protesters crowded the streets.

**Learner example:**  
However, this is not the case in big cities, since inhabitants from all over the world crowd their streets.

### crucial /ˈkruː.ʃəl/  

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] extremely important or necessary

**Dictionary examples:**  
a crucial decision/question  
Her work has been crucial to the project's success.  
It is crucial that the problem is tackled immediately.

**Learner example:**  
Clothes [play] a crucial part in our everyday lives.

### cruelly /ˈkruː.əl.i/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** cruelty  
**Adjectives:** cruel  
**Adverbs:** cruelly

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a cruel way

**Dictionary example:**  
She had been very cruelly treated.

**Learner example:**  
Many young people and children go and look at various kinds of animals cruelly [held] behind the bars.
### cruelty /ˈkruː.əl.ti/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** cruelty
- **Adjectives:** cruel
- **Adverbs:** cruelly

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] cruel behaviour or a cruel action

**Dictionary example:**
The farmer was accused of cruelty to animals.

**Learner example:**
The methods he used to become the farm leader, the way he ignored the seven commandments, make him cruel – a cruelty he took to the extreme, causing damage to everyone living on the farm except to himself.

### cruise /kruːz/

**VERB [I]**

[B2] to go on a cruise or boat trip

**Dictionary example:**
They're currently cruising around the Caribbean.

**Learner example:**
The end-of-conference party will take place on a boat cruising on the lake.

### cry /kraɪ/

**NOUN [C]**

**be a far cry from**

[C1] to be very different from something

**Dictionary example:**
Her luxury mansion is a far cry from the house she grew up in.

**Learner example:**
The museum was a far cry from what we expected. Not only were the machines really old and should have been replaced a long time ago, but they were boring as well.
crystal /ˈkrɪ.stəl/

NOUN

crystal clear
[C1] extremely clear

Dictionary example:
crystal clear water

Learner example:
You will be amazed by the crystal clear water of the shallow sea and the multitude of colourful fish which you will see as you [ar]e exploring the bottom of the sea.

cultivate /ˈkʌl.tɪ.veɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: cultivation
Verbs: cultivate

VERB [T]

GROW
[C1] to prepare land and grow crops on it

Dictionary example:
This shrub is cultivated in Europe as a culinary herb.

Learner example:
We’re cutting down our forests to cultivate the plants which give us nourishing food.

cultivation /ˌkʌl.tɪˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: cultivation
Verbs: cultivate

NOUN [U]

[C1] the process of preparing land and growing crops

Dictionary example:
The area was drained so that cultivation could begin.

Learner example:
The basic thing is that people should [be] provided [with] better facilities for their cultivation of crops and farming, so they can earn their bread and butter in their own environment.
cultur{ally} /ˈkʌl.tʃər.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: culture
Adjectives: cultural
Adverbs: culturally

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that relates to culture

Dictionary example:
It's a culturally diverse society.

Learner example:
What I think is that Rome has to become a cultural pole, and becoming culturally vital, it will gradually look better.

cure /kjʊər/ 

Word family:
Verbs: cure
Adjectives: incurable

VERB [T]

HEALTHY

[B2] to make someone with an illness healthy again

Dictionary example:
At the time, they couldn't cure the disease.

Learner example:
Harry and the other racketeers had watered down the medicine, so it was useless for curing the meningitis.

PROBLEM

[C1] to solve a problem

Dictionary example:
the fight to cure social inequality

Learner example:
I found out that this problem can be cured in only one way and that is not going to English courses.

NOUN [C]

[B2] something that makes someone with an illness healthy again

Dictionary example:
They are trying to find a cure for cancer.
**Learner example:**
He was only an intelligent scienti[st] who looked into an AIDS cure. Laura thought he must have found something very special.

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**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] happening or existing now

**Dictionary examples:**
Is that your current address?
Have you seen the current issue of Vogue magazine?
The word ‘thou’ is no longer in current use.

**Learner example:**
Dear Mr Thomas, I was interested in [y]our advertisement in the current edition of "Spotlight" and I would like to apply for a job in one of your campsites.

**currently /ˈkʌr.ənt.li/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** current
**Adverbs:** currently

**ADVERB**

[B2] at the present time

**Dictionary examples:**
The company currently employs around 750 people.
The Director is currently having talks in the USA.

**Learner example:**
I am 22 years old and I am currently studying trade and tourism.

**cursor /ˈkɜː.sə/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a symbol on a computer screen which shows the place where you are working

**Dictionary example:**
Put the cursor over the word you want to look up.

**Learner example:**
The black space reserved for the answer appeared and the text cursor started to blink.

**curve /ˈkɜː.v/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a line which bends round, like part of a circle
Dictionary examples:
a curve in the road
the curve of a graph

Learner example:
The other person was slimmer and she [had] womanly curves.

customary /ˈkʌstəm.ər.i/

Word family:
Nouns: custom
Adjectives: customary

ADJECTIVE
[C1] normal or expected for a particular person, situation, or society

Dictionary example:
It is customary for the chairman to make the opening speech.

Learner example:
So it is customary that teachers have longer holiday[s].

cut /kʌt/

VERB (cutting, cut, cut)

REDUCE
[B2] [t] to reduce the size or amount of something

Dictionary examples:
to cut prices/costs
The company is cutting 300 jobs.

Learner example:
The third thing is Internet [business]. This way is very good for both consumer and company, to cut the cost.

FILM/WRITING
[B2] [t] to remove part of a film or piece of writing

Dictionary example:
Several scenes had been cut from the English version of the film.

Learner example:
You’ll see how the film is cut to [fit] the story into two hours, more or less.
to cut a long story short
[C1] to mention only the final result or point of something without going into other details

Dictionary example:
To cut a long story short, he never played baseball again.

Learner example:
Well, to cut a long story short, let's say tuition yes, facilities no.

NOUN [c]

STOP IN SUPPLY
[B2] when the supply of something is stopped

Dictionary example:
a power cut

Learner example:
Those zeros indicate that your household has been affected by a power cut.

REDUCTION
[C1] a reduction in the number or amount of something

Dictionary example:
tax/job cuts

Learner example:
Unfortunately, due to government spending cuts he has lost his employment.

cutback  /ˈkʌt.bæk/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a reduction of something, usually to save money

Dictionary example:
The company has made cutbacks and closed one of its factories.

Learner example:
There have been enormous cutbacks in the budget and children and teenagers are the ones who have suffered the most.

cutting-edge  /ˌkʌt.ɪŋˈedʒ/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] very modern and with all the newest developments
Dictionary example:
cutting-edge design/technology

Learner example:
On the other hand, in the past our previous generation could not enjoy such cutting-edge technology as it was not developed well before 1970.

cycle /ˈsaɪ.kl/

Word family:
Nouns: cycle, cycling, cyclist
Verbs: cycle

NOUN [C]

SERIES OF EVENTS
[B2] a series of events which happen in a particular order and are often repeated

Dictionary example:
the life cycle of a moth

Learner example:
So, the main disadvantage of zoos is that they put animals away from something which belongs to the natural cycle of life.

BICYCLE
[B2] a bicycle

Dictionary example:
cycle paths/routes

Learner example:
I am writing about our cycle routes.
**dairy** /ˈdeə.rɪ/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] relating to milk or products made using milk

**Dictionary example:**
dairy products

**Learner example:**
Meat, poultry, vegetables and dairy products are excellent for your health.

**damp** /dæmp/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] slightly wet, especially in a way that is not pleasant or comfortable

**Dictionary examples:**
The grass is still damp.
This shirt still feels a bit damp.
It was a damp, misty morning.

**Learner example:**
I have recently noticed that they are stored in dark, damp rooms because the library has no money to restore these places.

**dare** /deər/

**VERB**

dare (to) do *sth*

[B2] to be brave enough to do something

**Dictionary examples:**
I'd never dare to talk to my mother the way Ben talks to his.
I didn't dare tell Dad that I'd scratched his car.
I wouldn't dare have a party in my flat in case the neighbours complained.
I daren't/don't dare think how much it's going to cost.
Learner example:
Carla didn't dare to look at the door. She just sat there and waited for things to happen.

dare sb to do sth
[C1] to try to make someone do something dangerous

Dictionary example:
She dared her friend to climb onto the roof.

Learner example:
The idea was to hang like that for a while, then push strongly and start sliding on the rope until you got to the other end. My friends dared me to try it.

How dare she/you, etc.
[C1] used to express anger about something someone has done

Dictionary example:
How dare you talk to me like that!

Learner example:
How dare you call that high standards?!

dark /daːk/

Word family:
Nouns: dark, darkness
Adjectives: dark

ADJECTIVE

BAD
[C1] frightening or unpleasant

Dictionary example:
a dark period in human history

Learner example:
They cannot cope with such matters as finances and studies, so they have to turn to the dark side of society.

darkness /ˈdɑːk.nɛs/

Word family:
Nouns: dark, darkness
Adjectives: dark

NOUN [u]
[B2] when there is little or no light
Dictionary example:
There was a power cut and the house was in darkness.

Learner example:
Too frightened to start crying, I just stood up and stared into the darkness.

darling  /ˈdɑː.lɪŋ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] used when you speak to someone you love or like

Dictionary example:
Would you like a drink, darling?

Learner example:
Don't worry, darling.

dash  /dæʃ/

VERB [I]
[B2] to go somewhere quickly

Dictionary examples:
I've been dashing around all day.
I must dash – I've got to be home by seven.

Learner example:
I must dash now, [as] I have got to go to college.

NOUN

QUICK MOVEMENT
[B2] [NO PLURAL] when you run somewhere very quickly

Dictionary examples:
I made a dash for the toilets.
There was a mad dash for the exit.

Learner example:
I made a dash to catch the plane.

PUNCTUATION
[B2] [c] a mark (−) that can be used to separate parts of a sentence
data  /ˈdeɪ.tə/

NOUN [u]

FACTS
[B2] information or facts about something (in scientific English, this can be followed by a plural verb, where the singular form is 'datum')

Dictionary examples:
The data was collected by various researchers.
Isotope data are corrected to the appropriate age for each sample.

Learner example:
I collected lots of data on different air, noise, water, sea and land pollution.

COMPUTER
[B2] information in the form of text, numbers or symbols that can be used by or stored in a computer

Dictionary example:
Now the data is being transferred from magnetic tape to hard disk.

Learner example:
Save your data on the hard disk [bit] by [bit] – do not wait until the whole article is ready.

database  /ˈdeɪ.tə.bɛɪs/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a large amount of information stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be easily looked at or changed

Dictionary example:
We're linked to the online database at our head office.

Learner example:
So, we decide[d] to access our school database and change our test results.

date  /deɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: date
Verbs: date
Adjectives: dated
NOUN [C]

to date  
[B2] FORMAL up to the present time

Dictionary example:
This is her best work to date.

Learner example:
I enclose a copy of my curriculum vitae, which will give you further details about my career to date.

FRUIT
[C1] a sticky brown fruit with a long seed inside

Dictionary example:
I bought a box of dates.

VERB
date back PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to have existed a particular length of time or since a particular time

Dictionary example:
This house dates back to 1650.

Learner example:
Near the end of the route there's a castle that dates back to the Middle Ages, which would be really nice to visit.

date from sth PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to have existed since a particular time

Dictionary example:
The castle dates from the 11th century.

Learner example:
The Olympic Museum dates from the 19th century and is the biggest in Europe.

daughter-in-law /ˈdɔː.təˌɪn.lɔː/

NOUN [C] (PLURAL daughters-in-law)
[B2] your son's wife

Dictionary example:
I get on well with my daughter-in-law.

Learner example:
And do you know what, we met your daughter-in-law.
dawn /dɔːn/

NOUN

START OF DAY
[B2] [c or u] the early morning when light first appears in the sky

Dictionary examples:
We woke at dawn.
We left as dawn was breaking.
We left at the break of dawn.

Learner example:
The other ones will work from dawn till dusk.

the dawn of sth
[C1] LITERARY the time when something began

Dictionary example:
the dawn of civilization

Learner example:
Since the dawn of time, people of all religions have considered that there is a higher power that dictates their destiny.

day /deɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: day, midday
Adjectives: daily
Adverbs: daily

NOUN

in those days
[B2] used to talk about a period in the past

Dictionary example:
In those days, boys used to wear short trousers.

Learner example:
In those days, life was much harder than now.

days
[C1] used to talk about a particular period of time when something happened or existed
Dictionary examples:
in my younger days
This book was written before the days of computers.

Learner example:
Before the days of television, we had the radio.

class, or in a period in the past

Dictionary example:
This place isn’t as good as it was in the old days!

Learner example:
In the old days, a scholar could spend years of his life in search of specific information, which now can be easily found at the click of a button!

daycare /ˈdeɪ.kər/  
NOUN [u]
[C1] care provided during the day for people who cannot look after themselves, especially young children or old people

Dictionary example:
a daycare centre

Learner example:
They simply didn’t quit after they had a baby, but continued working as before and put their children in daycare.

daydream /ˈdeɪ.driːm/  
VERB [i]
[C1] to have pleasant thoughts about something you like or would like to happen

Dictionary example:
She just sits in class daydreaming about her horses.

Learner example:
When we are young, we daydream about becoming famous.
**daylight** /ˈdeɪ.laɪt/

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the natural light from the sun

*Dictionary example:*
The colours look much better in daylight.

*Learner example:*
At the same time, we could change the curtains for lighter ones because we need the daylight.

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**daytime** /ˈdeɪ.taim/

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the period of the day when there is light from the sun, or the period when most people are at work

*Dictionary examples:*
I tend to sleep in/during the daytime and study at night.
a regular daytime job
a daytime telephone number
daytime television

*Learner example:*
There are different places to visit in the daytime.

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**day-to-day** /ˌdeɪ.təˈdeɪ/

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[C1] happening every day as a regular part of your job or your life

*Dictionary example:*
the usual day-to-day problems

*Learner example:*
Unfortunately modern life is very stressful; the day-to-day office routine make[s] people feel very stressed and upset with their lives.
dead  /ˈded/  

Word family:
Nouns: death
Adjectives: dead, deadly
Adverbs: dead, deadly

ADJECTIVE  

EQUIPMENT  
[B2] If a piece of equipment is dead, it is not working.

Dictionary examples:
a dead battery
The phone suddenly went dead.

Learner example:
I tried to phone my sister, but the phone was dead.

ADVERB  

EXTREMELY  
[C1] INFORMAL extremely or completely

Dictionary example:
The exam was dead easy.

Learner example:
The teaching is dead boring; it really takes you more than one hour per day just to gain the basics and if you want to get in contact with the teachers, you have to spend a fortune.

be dead (set) against sth/doing sth  
[C1] to oppose something strongly

Dictionary examples:
My parents were dead set against us getting married.
They were dead against the proposed new road.

Learner example:
Some others are dead set against the council’s decision and provide some alternative ideas about building a car park in another area.

deadline  /ˈded.laɪn/  

NOUN [C]  
[B2] a time or day by which something must be done
Dictionary examples:
There's no way I can **meet** that deadline.
We're working to a **tight** deadline.
I'm afraid you've **missed** the deadline – the deadline **for** applications was May 30th.

**Learner example:**
My last question is about the deadline of your offer.

deadly  /ˈded.li/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** death
**Adjectives:** dead, deadly
**Adverbs:** dead, deadly

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] likely to cause death

**Dictionary examples:**
a deadly virus
a deadly weapon

**Learner example:**
Caught without cover, they were quickly eliminated by a burst of Bull's deadly machine gun.

**ADVERB**
deadly dull/serious, etc.
[C1] extremely dull/serious, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
His speech was deadly dull.

**Learner example:**
Sports don't have to be boring and deadly serious.

deal  /dɪəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** deal, dealer

**NOUN**

**AGREEMENT**
[B2] [c] an agreement or an arrangement, especially in business

**Dictionary examples:**
a business deal
I'll **make/do** a deal **with** you – you wash the car and I'll let you use it tonight.
Learner example:
"I want to make a deal with you," he went on.

**a good/great deal**

[B2] a lot

**Dictionary examples:**
She spends a good deal of her time in Glasgow.
A great deal of effort has gone into making the software reliable.
They still need a great deal more money to finish the project.

**Learner example:**
There will be lots of events which you could see and take a great deal of pictures [of].

**a good deal**

[C1] an agreement, arrangement, or situation that benefits you

**Dictionary example:**
I think we got a really good deal on our new car.

**Learner example:**
The possibility [of] get[ting] the needed staff from our own departments is absolutely a good deal for the company.

**VERB (dealt, dealt)**

**deal with sb** **PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] to talk to someone or meet someone, especially as part of your job

**Dictionary example:**
She's used to dealing with difficult customers.

**Learner example:**
In my previous job, I used to deal with many, many people.

**dealer /ˈdiː.lə/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** deal, dealer

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a person who trades in something

**Dictionary examples:**
a second-hand car dealer
an antiques dealer
drug dealers

**Learner example:**
The computer dealer in our street offered me a special combination package.
**dear** /dɪə/

**ADJECTIVE**

LIKED

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] liked very much

**Dictionary examples:**
She was a very dear friend.
He's one of my dearest friends.
My dear Gina – how lovely to see you!

**Learner example:**
I decided to go to my dear friend Mary's house after writing a letter saying where I was and why.

**death** /deθ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** death
**Adjectives:** dead, deadly
**Adverbs:** dead, deadly

**NOUN [C or U]**

**bored/frightened/scared, etc. to death**

[B2] extremely bored, frightened, scared, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
She's scared to death of dogs.

**Learner example:**
Preparing a surprise party, her parents had almost scared her to death.

**debate** /dɪˈbeɪt/

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] (a) discussion or argument about a subject in which many people take part

**Dictionary examples:**
Education is the current focus of public debate.
How we proceed from here is a matter for debate.
Over the year we have had several debates about future policy.

**Learner example:**
Public debates are shown on television and television is the best way for politicians to explain their actions and projects.
debit /ˈdeb.ɪt/

NOUN [c]
[B2] money taken out of a bank account, or a record of this

Dictionary example:
The statement shows your most recent debits.

VERB [r]
[B2] to take money out of a bank account

Dictionary example:
£20 has been debited from my account.

debit card /ˈdeb.ɪtˌkɑːd/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a plastic card used to pay for things directly from your bank account

Dictionary example:
I can use my debit card in most of the local shops.

debt /det/

NOUN

AMOUNT OWING
[B2] [c] an amount of money that you owe someone

Dictionary examples:
He managed to pay off his debts in two years.
The firm ran up huge debts.

Learner example:
She thought of getting a loan but she already had huge debts.

STATE OF OWING
[B2] [u] when you owe money to someone

Dictionary examples:
They are in debt to the bank.
He ran/got into debt after he lost his job.
The company is deep in debt.

Learner example:
The consequence is that I'm in debt.
**debut** /ˈdeɪ.bjuː/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] when someone performs or presents something to the public for the first time

**Dictionary examples:**
She **made her** debut as a pianist in 1975.
This is the band's debut **album**.

**Learner example:**
Pavarotti's grand debut took place in the Royal Theatre of Reggio Emilia.

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**decade** /ˈdek.ərd/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a period of ten years, especially a period such as 1860 to 1869, or 1990 to 1999

**Dictionary example:**
The building was due to be knocked down decades ago.

**Learner example:**
Life has centred around fast food chains during the last decade and continues to do so.

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**decay** /dɪˈkeɪ/

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to become gradually damaged or to cause something to become gradually damaged

**Dictionary examples:**
Sugar makes your teeth decay.
Pollution has decayed the surface of the stonework on the front of the cathedral.

**Learner example:**
The historic buildings are starting to decay.

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**deceive** /dɪˈsiːv/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** deception
**Verbs:** deceive
**Adjectives:** deceptive
VERB [T]
[B2] to make someone believe something that is not true

Dictionary examples:
The company deceived customers by selling old computers as new ones.
The sound of the door closing deceived me into thinking they had gone out.

Learner example:
So if you don't want to feel deceived or offended, think twice before you decide to go shopping.

decent  /'diː.ənt/

ADJECTIVE

SATISFACTORY
[B2] of a satisfactory quality or level

Dictionary examples:
He earns a decent salary.
I haven't had a decent cup of coffee since I've been here.

Learner example:
I think it's a decent place for us to stay for a night.

HONEST
[B2] honest and morally good

Dictionary examples:
Decent people have had their lives ruined by his behaviour.
She should do the decent thing and apologize.

Learner example:
In fact, it had such a bad reputation that nobody "decent" went there any longer.

decisive  /dɪˈsəɪ.sɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: decision
Verbs: decide
Adjectives: decisive
Adverbs: decisively

ADJECTIVE

MAKING DECISIONS
[B2] able to make decisions quickly and confidently, or showing this quality
Dictionary examples:
You need to be more decisive.
a decisive reply

Learner example:
They were attractive, handsome, brave and decisive men.

AFFECTING
[C1] strongly affecting how a situation will progress or end

Dictionary examples:
a decisive goal/victory
Seeing that advertisement was a decisive moment in my life.

Learner example:
Recently, our Board of Executives has taken a decisive step: from now on, our clothes will also be available for purchase on the Internet!

deck /dekk/  
NOUN [C]
[B2] the flat area of a ship or boat that is not covered

Dictionary example:
We sat on deck until it was dark.

Learner example:
When I woke up and went on the deck, I saw the skipper who [was coming] back from the village in the small boat.

declaration /ˌdek.ləˈreɪ.ʃən/  
Word family:
Nouns: declaration  
Verbs: declare

NOUN [C]
[C1] an announcement, often one that is written and official

Dictionary example:
a declaration of independence

Learner example:
Indochina is a French film that deals with the colonial period in Indochina from the Second World War to the country['s] declaration of independence.
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**VERB [T]**

**EXPRESS**

[B2] to announce something publicly or officially

**Dictionary examples:**
- They declared their support for the proposal.
- America declared on Japan in 1941.
- The country declared independence in 1952.

**Learner example:**
- We should declare [the city centre] a pedestrian zone.

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**decline /dɪˈklɛrn/**

**VERB**

**GET LESS**

[B2] [I] to gradually become less or worse

**Dictionary examples:**
- His interest in the project declined after his wife died.
- The party's popularity has declined in the opinion polls.

**Learner example:**
- It had slightly declined to about 88 per cent in 1992.

**REFUSE**

[B2] [I or T] to refuse politely

**Dictionary examples:**
- I invited him to the meeting but he declined.
- He declined my offer.

**Learner example:**
- We thank you for your offer of accommodation, but we decline it.

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when something becomes less in amount, importance, quality or strength

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Dictionary examples:

industrial decline
Home cooking seems to be on the/in decline.
a sharp decline in sales
She seemed to be recovering and then she went into a decline.

Learner example:
For the 25–34 age group, a decline can be seen from 2006 to 2010.

**decoration** /ˌdek.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: decoration
Verbs: decorate
Adjectives: decorative

**NOUN**

MAKE ATTRACTIVE

[B2] [c or u] something that you put on something to make it look attractive or special, or the activity of putting things on something to make it look more attractive or special

Dictionary examples:
Christmas/party/table/cake decorations
He’s good at cake decoration.

Learner example:
In November I joined a day course to learn how to make Christmas decorations.

**paint**

[B2] [u] when the walls or other surfaces of rooms or buildings are covered with paint or paper

Dictionary example:
This place is badly in need of decoration.

Learner example:
I will start with the new decoration [of] my bedroom next week.

**decorative** /ˈdek.ə.tə.tiv/

Word family:
Nouns: decoration
Verbs: decorate
Adjectives: decorative
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] made to look attractive

**Dictionary examples:**
a decorative display of plants and flowers
a mirror in a decorative frame

**Learner example:**
It seems that the decorative role of clothes will have disappeared by the year 2050.

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**dedicate** /ˈded.ɪ.keɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** dedication
**Verbs:** dedicate
**Adjectives:** dedicated

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**VERB**

dedicate your life/yourself to *sth*  
[C1] to give most of your energy and time to something

**Dictionary example:**
She has dedicated her life to helping others.

**Learner example:**
I have been interested in these matters but due to my lack of time, I haven’t been able to dedicate myself to this investigation.

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**dedicated** /ˈded.ɪ.keɪ.tɪd/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** dedication
**Verbs:** dedicate
**Adjectives:** dedicated

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**ADJECTIVE**

**GIVING TIME/ENERGY**

[C1] believing that something is very important and giving a lot of time and energy to it

**Dictionary example:**
a dedicated teacher

**Learner example:**
I myself am a totally dedicated sports fan and I believe that basketball is the greatest sport on this earth.
dedication /ˌded.ɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: dedication
Verbs: dedicate
Adjectives: dedicated

NOUN [U]
[C1] when you are willing to give a lot of time and energy to something because you believe it is very important

Dictionary example:
She thanked the staff for their dedication and enthusiasm.

Learner example:
Sacrifice and self-denial are cornerstones, together with dedication and commitment to a good cause.

deduction /dɪˈdʌk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: deduction
Verbs: deduce

NOUN [C or U]

AMOUNT
[C1] when an amount or a part of something is taken away from a total, or the amount that is taken

Dictionary example:
tax deductions

Learner example:
After the deduction of 5% administration expense and 10% entertainment cost, we contributed the remaining 85% of the surplus to the local hospital.

deep /diːp/

Word family:
Nouns: depth
Verbs: deepen
Adjectives: deep
Adverbs: deeply
ADJECTIVE

STRONGLY FELT
[B2] A deep feeling or experience is very strong.

Dictionary examples:
depth regret
Their son has been a deep disappointment to them.

Learner example:
I fell into a deep depression, and took an extremely long time to recover.

SOUND

Dictionary example:
a wonderfully deep voice

Learner example:
"I'm not Gary," a strange and deep voice answered, "I'm someone who wants to warn you that tomorrow, you are going to die."

take a deep breath
[B2] to fill your lungs with air

Dictionary example:
Take a deep breath and relax.

Learner example:
But if you took a deep breath after reading the question, don't worry.

one metre/6 ft, etc. deep
[B2] one metre/6 ft, etc. from the top to the bottom, or from the front to the back

Dictionary example:
This end of the pool is two metres deep.

Learner example:
Her father's friend, who is a professional scuba-diver, invited her to do her first immersion on the reefs, 15 metres deep.

a deep sleep
[B2] when someone is sleeping in a way that makes it difficult to wake them up

Dictionary example:
He fell into a deep sleep.

Learner example:
And then, he fell to a deep sleep, putting his sack next to him.
ADVERB

deep down
[B2] If you know or feel something deep down, you are certain that it is true, or you feel it strongly although you do not admit it or show it.

Dictionary example:
Deep down, I knew that I was right.

Learner example:
No, because I [feel] deep down that it’s wrong to put animals behind bars.

deepen  /ˈdiː.pən/

Word family:
Nouns: depth
Verbs: deepen
Adjectives: deep
Adverbs: deeply

VERB [I or T]

KNOWLEDGE
[C1] if someone's knowledge or understanding deepens, it increases.

Dictionary example:
It certainly helped to deepen my understanding of the situation.

Learner example:
Furthermore, not only can travelling give you an opportunity to make a lot of friends, but your knowledge about this world could be broadened and deepened by travelling.

deeply  /ˈdiː.pli/

Word family:
Nouns: depth
Verbs: deepen
Adjectives: deep
Adverbs: deeply

ADVERB

[B2] extremely or strongly
Dictionary examples:
I’m deeply grateful to you.
He found her comments deeply irritating/annoying/offensive.
We don’t want to get too deeply involved with these people.
After 20 years of marriage, they’re still deeply in love.

Learner example:
I was deeply impressed by the long-term cooperation between the zoo and the school.

deer /dɪə/

NOUN [C] (plural deer)
[B2] a large, wild animal that is sometimes hunted for food and has antlers (= long horns) if it is male

Dictionary example:
a deer park

Learner example:
It would be even nicer if there would be some wildlife in the park, like deer, walking free all over.

defeat /dɪˈfiːt/

VERB [T]
CAUSE TO FAIL
[B2] to cause someone or something to fail

Dictionary examples:
The proposal to change the rules was narrowly defeated by 201 votes to 196.
I’m afraid anything that involves language learning has always defeated me.

Learner example:
But it was useless, Tina’s friends had defeated their plan, and her.

NOUN
FAILING
[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when someone or something is made to fail

Dictionary examples:
At the last General Election, they suffered a massive defeat.
The company was not ready to admit defeat.

Learner example:
After long negotiations with the police, Linda admitted defeat and gave up.
defect /ˈdiː.fekt/

Word family:
Nouns: defect
Adjectives: defective

NOUN [c]
[C1] a fault or problem with someone or something

Dictionary examples:
- genetic defects
- A mechanical defect caused the plane to crash.

Learner example:
There are also people that are overweight and it is not their own fault, because they suffer from genetic defects.

defence /drˈfents/

Word family:
Nouns: defence, defender
Verbs: defend
Adjectives: defensive

NOUN

PROTECTION
[B2] [c or u] protection or support against attack, criticism or infection

Dictionary examples:
- When Helen criticized me, Chris came/rushed to my defence.
- She argued strongly in defence of her actions.
- A good diet helps build the body’s natural defences.

Learner example:
Movie stars like Brigitte Bardot started strong campaigns against zoos as part of wider battles in defence of animal rights.

MILITARY
[C1] [u] the weapons and military forces that a country uses to protect itself against attack

Dictionary examples:
- Government spending on defence is increasing.
- the defence industry

Learner example:
[The] USA spent only 2% of money on education; it spent quite a large amount of money on defence (18%).
defend /dɪˈfend/

Word family:
Nouns: defence, defender
Verbs: defend
Adjectives: defensive

VERB

SUPPORT
[B2] [ɪ] to support someone or something that is being criticized

Dictionary examples:
The newspaper's editor defended his decision to publish the photos.
They are fighting to defend their beliefs/interests/rights.

Learner example:
Do we know a lot of people nowadays who would be able to take the risk of being a prisoner for 10 or 20 years "just" to defend his beliefs?

LAW
[C1] [ɪ] to try to show in a court that someone is not guilty of a crime

Dictionary example:
He has hired two lawyers to defend him in court.

Learner example:
An in[n]ocent man is arrested and the court ap[p]oints an attorney to defend him.

defender /dɪˈfen.dər/

Word family:
Nouns: defence, defender
Verbs: defend
Adjectives: defensive

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone in a sports team who tries to prevent the other team from scoring points, goals, etc.

Dictionary example:
The Brazilian attack put France's defenders under pressure.

Learner example:
I'm mostly a defender, so scoring a goal for the first time gave me great pleasure!
deficiency /dɪˈfɪʃ.ən.si/  

**NOUN [C or U]**  

**FAULT**  

[C1] a mistake or fault in something so that it is not good enough  

**Dictionary example:**  
Parents are complaining of serious deficiencies in the education system.  

**Learner example:**  
By studying the effects of rain and ways to handle the expected amount of water, one can plan the laying out of the new roads and correct the deficiencies in the present ones.

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deficit /ˈdef.ɪsɪt/  

**NOUN [C]**  

[C1] the amount by which the money that you spend is more than the money that you receive  

**Dictionary example:**  
a budget deficit  

**Learner example:**  
Unfortunately, this could not be fulfilled by the government due to a huge budget deficit.

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define /dɪˈfaɪn/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** definition  
**Verbs:** define  
**Adjectives:** definite, definitive  
**Adverbs:** definitely, indefinitely

**VERB [T]**  

**GIVE MEANING**  

[B2] to say exactly what something means, or what someone or something is like  

**Dictionary examples:**  
In the dictionary 'reality' is defined as 'the state of things as they are, rather than as they are imagined to be'.  
Your duties are clearly defined in the contract.  

**Learner example:**  
I guess you would have to define the word 'fit' to answer that question.
**definite /ˈdef.i.nət/**

**Word family:**  
Nouns: definition  
Verbs: define  
Adjectives: definite, definitive  
Adverbs: definitely, indefinitely

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] certain, fixed and not likely to change

**Dictionary examples:**  
The date for the meeting – is that definite?  
We need a definite answer by tomorrow.

**Learner example:**  
I'm really excited about your definite plans to come.

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**definitely /ˈdef.i.nət.li/**

**Word family:**  
Nouns: definition  
Verbs: define  
Adjectives: definite, definitive  
Adverbs: definitely, indefinitely

**ADVERB**  
definitely not  
[C1] used after an adverb in short, negative replies

**Dictionary example:**  
"Do you think the work will be finished by June?" "Definitely not."

**Learner example:**  
That's nice, but do you think that money is all that matters? Definitely not!

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**definition /ˌdef.iˈnɪʃ.ən/**

**Word family:**  
Nouns: definition  
Verbs: define  
Adjectives: definite, definitive  
Adverbs: definitely, indefinitely
NOUN

MEANING

[B2] [c] an explanation of the meaning of a word or phrase

Dictionary examples:
a dictionary definition
What is the definition of 'mood'?

Learner example:
He tried to give a definition of friendship.

IMAGE

[C1] [u] how clear an image of something is in a photograph or on a screen

Dictionary examples:
high-definition TV
There is a slight loss of definition in the picture quality on transfer.

Learner example:
And, do not forget to appreciate the keyboard work from the legendary Tony Banks, and the spectacular guitar-playing from Mike Rutherford, all of them surrounded by three huge high-definition screens.

degree  /dɪˈɡriː/

NOUN

AMOUNT

[B2] [c or u] an amount or level of something

Dictionary examples:
This job demands a high degree of skill.
A good society depends on the degree to which people are able to trust each other.

Learner example:
Can you imagine the degree of pollution you absorb in crossing London every morning by bicycle?

delegate

Word family:
Nouns: delegate, delegation
Verbs: delegate

NOUN [c]  /ˈdel.ɪg.ət/

[C1] someone who is sent somewhere to represent a group of people, especially at a meeting
Dictionary example:
The delegates were all given badges to wear.

Learner example:
I participated at the opening of the new Arts Centre as a delegate from my college.

deliberate /dɪˈlɪb.ər.ət/

Word family:
Adjectives: deliberate
Adverbs: deliberately

ADJECTIVE
[B2] done intentionally or planned

Dictionary examples:
a deliberate attack/insult/lie
This was a deliberate attempt to mislead us.

Learner example:
I'm sure that his deliberate intention with this was to make us get closer.

deliberately /dɪˈlɪb.ər.ət.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: deliberate
Adverbs: deliberately

ADVERB
[B2] intentionally

Dictionary example:
I'm sure he says these things deliberately to annoy me.

Learner example:
Many of them choose the bicycle deliberately, just to have at least a small amount of exercise before and after [the] hours they spend sitting at their desks.

delicate /ˈdel.i.kət/

ADJECTIVE

SOFT
[B2] soft, light or gentle
Dictionary examples:
a delicate flavour
a delicate shade of pink

Learner example:
She liked his delicate skin and his body's warmth.

EASY TO DAMAGE
[B2] easy to damage or break

Dictionary examples:
delicate china
Delicate plants need to be kept in a greenhouse during the winter.

Learner example:
Although you told me I can make use of anything, I'd like to make sure that it isn't a problem to use such delicate things as the computer and the CD player?

NEEDING CARE
[C1] needing to be handled with great care or skill

Dictionary examples:
I need to speak to you about a rather delicate matter/question.
The pay negotiations have reached a delicate point/stage.
Repairing damaged nerves is a very delicate operation/process.

Learner example:
Being aware of the two proposals our local government is considering in order to solve the apparently unavoidable matter of traffic in our beloved city, I feel compelled to offer my views on such a delicate subject.

delight /dɪˈlaɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: delight
Adjectives: delighted, delightful

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] (something or someone that gives) great pleasure, satisfaction or happiness

Dictionary examples:
The children screamed with delight.
My sister's little boy is a real delight.
I read your letter with great delight.
He seems to take great delight in teasing his sister.

Learner example:
At midnight fireworks covered the concert hall and I, as well as the rest of [the] spectators, felt excitement and delight.
delightful /dɪˈlaɪt.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: delight
Adjectives: delighted, delightful

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very pleasant, attractive, or enjoyable

Dictionary example:
We had a delightful evening.

Learner example:
A table was laid with a lot of delightful food and a beautiful cake was in the centre of it.

deliver /dɪˈlɪv.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: delivery
Verbs: deliver

VERB

deliver a speech/talk, etc.
[B2] to speak formally to a group of people

Dictionary example:
The priest delivered a passionate speech against war.

Learner example:
Then, he delivered a speech to the public.

PROMISE
[C1] [I or T] to achieve or do something that you have promised to do, or that people expect you to do

Dictionary example:
The company failed to deliver the high-quality service that we expect.

Learner example:
I can also help as a team-leader to help others to deliver the right services.

demand /dɪˈmɑːnd/

Word family:
Nouns: demand
Verbs: demand
Adjectives: demanding
VERB [7]

NEED

[B2] to need something such as time or effort

Dictionary example:
This job demands a high level of concentration.

Learner example:
I would say that driving a car demands a lot of responsibility.

NOUN

NEED

[B2] [u] a need for something to be sold or supplied

Dictionary example:
There was little demand for tickets.

Learner example:
I believe we [have] to stop the demand for ivory!

in demand

[C1] wanted or needed in large numbers

Dictionary example:
Good teachers are always in demand.

Learner example:
Nevertheless, people will always use cars and vehicles, so petrol will always be in demand.

demanding /drˈmeɪn.dɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: demand
Verbs: demand
Adjectives: demanding

ADJECTIVE

[B2] needing a lot of time, attention or energy

Dictionary examples:
She's a very demanding child.
a demanding job

Learner example:
Although the job was demanding I enjoyed it.
democracy  /ˌdɪməˈkrə.sɪ/  

Word family:  
Nouns: democracy  
Adjectives: democratic  

NOUN [C or U]  
[B2] a system of government in which people elect their leaders, or a country with this system  

Dictionary example:  
The early 1990s saw the spread of democracy in Eastern Europe.  

Learner example:  
From then on it represented democracy and freedom until Hitler took over power in January 1933.  

democratic  /ˌdəməˈkræt.ɪk/  

Word family:  
Nouns: democracy  
Adjectives: democratic  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] based on the principles of democracy  

Dictionary example:  
We must accept the results of a democratic election.  

Learner example:  
If we regard ourselves as modern people, we must be democratic enough to release them.  

demolish  /ˈdɪməl.ɪʃ/  

VERB [T]  
DESTROY  
[B2] to completely destroy a building, especially in order to use the land for something else  

Dictionary example:  
A number of houses were demolished so that the supermarket could be built.  

Learner example:  
The building was demolished, and so was the dream of a house of the [ir] own.
demonstrate /ˈdem.ən.streɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: demonstration 
Verbs: demonstrate

**VERB**

**PROVE**

[B2] [ɪ] to show or prove that something exists or is true

**Dictionary examples:**
These problems demonstrate the importance of strategic planning.
These figures clearly demonstrate the size of the economic problem facing the country.
Research has demonstrated that babies can recognize their mother’s voice very soon after birth.

**Learner example:**
The results were amazing, the group man[a]ged to demonstrate that the learning capacity increased a lot with respect to traditional methods.

**MARCH**

[B2] [ɪ] to march or stand with a group of people to show that you disagree with or support someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
Thousands of people gathered to demonstrate against the new proposals for universities.

**Learner example:**
Maybe the RSPCA should demonstrate, to show that it’s not [accept]able. We have to stand up for their rights! Yesterday I heard that animal rights activists have met the prime minister.

**SHOW HOW**

[C1] [ɪ] to show something and explain how it works

**Dictionary examples:**
The teacher demonstrated how to use the equipment.
He’s got a job demonstrating kitchen equipment in a department store.

**Learner example:**
I could demonstrate to people how to create compost pits and use kitchen waste to generate compost for their gardens.

demonstration /ˌdem.ənˈstreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: demonstration 
Verbs: demonstrate
MARCH
[B2] [c] when a group of people march or stand together to show that they disagree with or support something or someone

Dictionary examples:
The students are holding a demonstration to protest against the increase in their fees. Protesters staged an anti-war demonstration in front of the US embassy.

Learner example:
There were many demonstrations and violence.

SHOWING
[C1] [c or u] showing how to do something, or how something works

Dictionary examples:
Let me give you a demonstration of how the camera works.
a cooking demonstration

Learner example:
Some of our workers will give you a demonstration on how they produce, step by step, some of the world's best-known rings and necklaces.

PROOF
[C1] [c or u] proof that something exists or is true

Dictionary example:
This disaster is a clear demonstration of the need for tighter controls.

Learner example:
Most women are now allowed to wear trousers and this is a demonstration of the change of women's role in society throughout the years.

denim /ˈdɛn.ɪm/

NOUN [u]
[B2] thick, strong, cotton cloth, often blue in colour, used especially for making jeans

Dictionary example:
a denim jacket and jeans

Learner example:
If you have time to go shopping you could buy me a pair of blue denim jeans (size 30).
**dense /dɛnts/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** density
- **Adjectives:** dense
- **Adverbs:** densely

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] thick and difficult to see through

**Dictionary examples:**
- dense fog
- a dense forest

**Learner example:**
"Don't [be afraid] and don't run" shouted someone from the dense forest.

**densely /ˈdent.sli/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** density
- **Adjectives:** dense
- **Adverbs:** densely

**ADVERB**

[B2] with a lot of things close together

**Dictionary examples:**
- England was once a densely wooded country.
- Mexico City is one of the most densely populated cities in the world.

**Learner example:**
It's densely populated and with that the ugliness [of] densely populated places follows.

**density /ˈden.sə.ti/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** density
- **Adjectives:** dense
- **Adverbs:** densely

**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] the number of people or things in a place when compared with the size of the place

**Dictionary example:**
The area has a high population density.
Learner example:
However, the factors of population density and transport systems in some regions must not be ignored during this analysis.

dental /ˈden.təl/

Word family:
Nouns: dentist
Adjectives: dental

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to the teeth

Dictionary example:
dental treatment

Learner example:
In Kingsthorp you have lots of GPs and dental surgeons.

deny /dɪˈnaɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: denial
Verbs: deny
Adjectives: undeniable
Adverbs: undeniably

VERB [T]

NOT TRUE
[B2] to say that something is not true

Dictionary examples:
Neil denies that he broke the window, but I'm sure he did.
Neil denies breaking the window.

Learner example:
We cannot deny that technology has changed our lives.

REFUSE
[B2] to not allow someone to have or do something

Dictionary examples:
Her request for time off work was denied.
No one should be denied a good education.
The goalkeeper denied him his third goal.
I was denied the opportunity of learning French at school.
Learner example:
Should wild animals be kept in cages, and denied their freedom so that we can have the pleasure of watching them at zoos?

deorant /diˈɔr.ənt/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a substance that you put on your body to prevent or hide unpleasant smells

Dictionary example:
I always use deodorant.

Learner example:
On the other hand, men require regular supplies of shaving lotions, shampoo, deodorant, and many more [things] too.

depend /drˈpend/

Word family:
Nouns: independence, dependence
Verbs: depend
Adjectives: dependent, independent
Adverbs: independently

VERB

depend on/upon sb/sth PHRASAL VERB

NEED
[B2] to need the help and support of someone or something in order to exist or continue as before

Dictionary examples:
She depends on her son for everything.
The country depends heavily on foreign aid.

Learner example:
I don't want to depend on my parents any more.

RELY
[B2] to trust someone or something and know that they will help you or do what you want or expect them to do

Dictionary examples:
You can always depend on Michael in a crisis.
I'm depending on you to keep your promise.
You can't always depend on the trains arriving on time.
Learner example:
I hope you’ll let me join your foundation because I could be a member you can depend on.

deepen /dɪˈpɛn.dnt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: independence, dependence  
Verbs: depend  
Adjectives: dependent, independent  
Adverbs: independently

ADJECTIVE
NEEDING SUPPORT
[B2] needing the support of something or someone in order to continue existing or operating

Dictionary examples:  
He has three dependent children.  
It’s very easy to become dependent on sleeping pills.

Learner example:  
If I went to school by car I would be dependent on my father.

dependent on/upon sth  
[C1] influenced by or decided by something

Dictionary example:  
The amount of tax you pay is dependent on how much you earn.

Learner example:  
The benefits for a traveller will be dependent upon the purpose for which someone travels.

depository /dɪˈpɒ.zɪt/  
NOUN [C]  
BANK  
[C1] an amount of money that you pay into a bank

Dictionary example:  
to make a deposit

Learner example:  
Now, you can make a deposit, have a record of your expenses, transfer funds from one account to another and even pay your credit card.
RENT
[C1] an amount of money that you pay when you rent something, and that is given back to you when you return it without any damage

Dictionary example:
Did you get your deposit back?

Learner example:
I told the estate agent I was interested, paid my deposit and moved in within a week.

VERB [T]
[C1] to put money into a bank or valuable things into a safe place

Dictionary example:
She deposited $150,000 in a Swiss bank account.

Learner example:
Now, you can deposit [money], have a record of your expenses, transfer funds from one account to another and even pay your credit card.

depressing /dɪˈpres.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: depression
Adjectives: depressed, depressing

ADJECTIVE
[B2] making you feel unhappy and without hope for the future

Dictionary examples:
I find this weather so depressing.
Her letter made depressing reading.
It was very depressing watching the news on television tonight.
It’s depressing to think that we’ve got five more years of this government!

Learner example:
It was really depressing, seeing people drinking and having fun [when] I just had to work.

depression /dɪˈpres.ən/
NOUN [C or U]

UNHAPPINESS

[B2] when you feel very unhappy, or a mental illness that makes you feel very unhappy and anxious for long periods

Dictionary example:
If you suffer from depression, it's best to get professional help.

Learner example:
My mum always worried about my sister because of her shyness and depression.

deprive /dɪˈpraɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: deprivation
Verbs: deprive
Adjectives: deprived

VERB [T]

[B2] to take something, especially something necessary or pleasant, away from someone

Dictionary examples:
He claimed that he had been deprived of his freedom/rights.
You can't function properly when you're deprived of sleep.

Learner example:
We shouldn't deprive our music fans of this wonderful event, that can only enrich our city's cultural life.

deprived /dɪˈpraɪvd/

Word family:
Nouns: deprivation
Verbs: deprive
Adjectives: deprived

ADJECTIVE

[C1] not having enough food, money, and the things that you need to have a normal life

Dictionary example:
children from deprived backgrounds
Learner example:
It is true that possibly, because of a deprived childhood in which every purchase had to be considered carefully, a person learns to manage his finances.

**depth** /depθ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** depth  
**Verbs:** deepen  
**Adjectives:** deep  
**Adverbs:** deeply

**NOUN**  
SERIOUSNESS  
[B2] [c or u] when you have serious qualities or the ability to think seriously about something  
**Dictionary examples:**  
Terry lacks depth – he's a very superficial person.  
Her writing shows astonishing depth.  
Jo has hidden depths.  
**Learner example:**  
I think that the main reason why someone has to read this book twice is the strength and depth of the two main characters: Donald Woods and Steve Biko.

**in depth**  
[B2] in a very detailed way  
**Dictionary example:**  
With access to the Internet, students can do their homework in greater depth.  
**Learner example:**  
I would love to learn English in more depth during the summer.

**deputy** /ˈdep.jə.ti/  

**NOUN [C]**  
[C1] someone who has the second most important job in an organization  
**Dictionary example:**  
the deputy Prime Minister  
**Learner example:**  
If you would like to have [a] teacher on your side, for general questions, I would propose our deputy principal Mr Brown.
### derive /drˈraɪv/

**VERB**

**derive (sth) from sth** PHRASAL VERB  
[C1] to come from or be developed from something

**Dictionary example:**  
The name derives from Latin.

**Learner example:**  
From another chart, we can have a clear understanding of nuclear power's contribution to different European countries. 78.0% of electricity production is derived from nuclear power in France.

### descend /drˈsend/ 

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** descendant  
**Verbs:** descend

**VERB [I or T] FORMAL**

[B2] to go or come down

**Dictionary examples:**  
The path descended steeply into the valley.  
Jane descended the stairs.

**Learner example:**  
Paul slowly descended to the river and sat down on the grassy bank.

### deserted /drˈzɜː.tɪd/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] If a place is deserted, it has no people in it.

**Dictionary example:**  
a deserted street

**Learner example:**  
Too often have I seen deserted city centres caused by loss of trade, centres subject to graffiti, dirt and vandalism.
**design** /dɪˈzaɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: design, designer
Verbs: design

**NOUN**

**DRAWING**
[C1][c] a drawing which shows how an object, machine, or building will be made

*Dictionary example:*
Engineers are working on the new designs.

*Learner example:*
To finish some of your designs on time you could take them home and continue them there or you could work for longer in your office.

**VERB**

**be designed for/to do sth**
[B2] to have been planned or done for a particular purpose

*Dictionary examples:*
This dictionary is designed for advanced learners of English.
These measures are designed to reduce pollution.

*Learner example:*
The end-of-conference party is designed to give rough ideas about many different cultures.

**designer** /dɪˈzaɪ.nər/

Word family:
Nouns: design, designer
Verbs: design

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**
[B2] made by a famous or fashionable designer

*Dictionary examples:*
designer jeans/sunglasses
I can’t afford designer labels/designer label clothes.

*Learner example:*
People like designer clothes like Armani, Chanel [and] so on.
desirable /dɪˈzaɪərə.bəl/

Word family:
Nouns: desire
Verbs: desire
Adjectives: desirable, desired, undesirable

ADJECTIVE

[B2] worth having and wanted by most people

Dictionary examples:
Reducing class sizes in schools is a desirable aim.
It's regarded as a highly desirable job.
The house is in a very desirable area of the city.

Learner example:
It is desirable that they include showers, although a bath tub would be nice, too.

desire /dɪˈzaɪər/ 

Word family:
Nouns: desire
Verbs: desire
Adjectives: desirable, desired, undesirable

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] a strong feeling that you want something

Dictionary examples:
I certainly have no desire to have children.
There is a strong desire for peace among the people.
She had a strong desire to go back to her home country before she died.
Several people have expressed a desire to see the report.

Learner example:
I had such a desire to go to the disco that I decided to go even without [my] parents' permission.

VERB [T] FORMAL

[C1] to want something

Dictionary example:
You can have whatever you desire.

Learner example:
Indeed, the location of this hotel will allow all of us to do whatever we desire.
desktop  /ˈdesk.tɒp/

NOUN [c]

COMPUTER SCREEN
[B2] a computer screen that contains icons that represent files, programs and other features of the computer

Dictionary example:
The menu bar with its windows is one of the features of the desktop.

COMPUTER
[B2] (also desktop computer) a computer that is small enough to fit on a desk

Dictionary example:
I can download from my desktop to my mobile phone.

Learner example:
The computer I bought is a beautiful, new, white desktop.

despair  /drˈspeər/

Word family:

Nouns: despair, desperation
Adjectives: desperate
Adverbs: desperately

NOUN [u]
[B2] a feeling of having no hope

Dictionary examples:
a mood/sense of despair
They're the depths of despair over/about the money they've lost.

Learner example:
Almost in despair, I came out of the bathroom and tried my best to look for a candle.

desperate  /ˈdes.pər.ət/

Word family:

Nouns: despair, desperation
Adjectives: desperate
Adverbs: desperately
ADJECTIVE

WITHOUT HOPE
[B2] extremely worried or frightened and ready to do anything to change the bad situation you are in

Dictionary examples:
The doctors made one last desperate attempt/effort to save the boy's life. They made a desperate appeal for help.

Learner example:
I was almost desperate, trying to think about any possible solution to my problem, but the more I thought, the bigger was my problem, because hours went by.

NEEDING
[B2] needing or wanting something very much

Dictionary examples:
They are desperate for help. He was desperate to tell someone his good news.

Learner example:
She was 19 and in desperate need of a boyfriend.

desperately /ˈdes.pərətli/

Word family:
Nouns: despair, desperation
Adjectives: desperate
Adverbs: desperately

ADVERB

SERIOUSLY
[B2] extremely or very much

Dictionary examples:
He was desperately ill. I'm not desperately keen on football. He was desperately in love with her. They desperately wanted a child.

Learner example:
I desperately need a bicycle as a bicycle competition is going to take place in our city.

TRYING EVERYTHING
[B2] in a way that shows you are frightened and ready to try anything to change a situation
**Dictionary example:**
They fought desperately for their lives.

**Learner example:**
He desperately tried to keep the stalking sharks at bay, but he couldn’t succeed.

despite /drˈspɔːrt/

**PREPOSITION**

despite the fact that
[B2] used to refer to a situation which is surprising in relation to something that is true or happens

**Dictionary example:**
The company has been forced to reduce its price, despite the fact that the offer has been very popular.

**Learner example:**
The advantages of the kind of life that people ha[d] years ago is that they could eat more fruit and vegetables than us. However, there are advantages for us too, because despite the fact that we eat more fast food, we do more exercise than they [did].

destiny /ˈdes.tɪni/

**NOUN**

**FUTURE**
[C1] [c] the things that will happen to someone in the future

**Dictionary example:**
At last she feels in control of her own destiny.

**Learner example:**
It was our parents’ destiny, it is our destiny and is going to be our children's destiny, too.

**POWER**
[C1] [u] a power that some people believe controls what will happen in the future

**Dictionary example:**
Nick said it was destiny that we met.

**Learner example:**
If anybody ever asked me if I believed in destiny, I would hesitate.
destruction /dɪˈstræk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: destruction
Verbs: destroy

NOUN [u]
[B2] when something is destroyed

Dictionary examples:
Many people are very concerned about the destruction of the rainforests.
Unusually high winds left a trail of destruction over southern Britain.
weapons of mass destruction

Learner example:
With the ongoing industrialisation and, for example, the destruction of the rain forest men have
taken or destroyed the natural places of several hundred species all over the world.

detached /dɪˈtætʃt/

ADJECTIVE

BUILDING
[C1] a detached building is one that is not joined to another building

Dictionary example:
They have a detached 5-bedroom house in Surrey.

Learner example:
I live in a detached house in the countryside with my two friends, who are married.

detail /ˈdiː.tɛl/

Word family:
Nouns: detail
Adjectives: detailed

NOUN

go into detail/s
[B2] to tell or include all the facts about something

Dictionary examples:
I won’t go into detail over the phone, but I’ve been having a few health problems recently.
The longer document goes into more detail about the experiments.
Learner example:
In one of his books he really goes into detail [about] how children treat other children [who] have difficulties with their "new" [language].

**detailed**  /ˈdiː.tɛld/

Word family:
**Nouns:** detail
**Adjectives:** detailed

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] giving a lot of information

**Dictionary example:**
A witness gave a detailed description of the man.

**Learner example:**
We ran until we arrived at the police station where we gave a detailed description of that man and what had happened.

**detect**  /drˈtektn/

Word family:
**Nouns:** detective
**Verbs:** detect

**VERB**

[C1] to discover or notice something, especially something that is difficult to see, hear, smell, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
Some sounds cannot be detected by the human ear.
This special camera can detect bodies by their heat.

**Learner example:**
The kind of contamination that can be detected and observed most easily is the air pollution.

**deteriorate**  /drˈtɪəri.ə.rɛt/

**VERB**

[C1] to become worse

**Dictionary example:**
Her condition deteriorated rapidly.
Learner example:
Otherwise, the situation will deteriorate more and more.

determination /dɪˌtɜː.məˈner.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: determination
Verbs: determine
Adjectives: determined

NOUN [u]
[B2] when someone continues trying to do something, although it is very difficult

Dictionary example:
Andy Murray will need great determination and skill to win this match.

Learner example:
Mandela tried to better the political situation of South Africa [-] he was strong enough to fight, he had determination.

determine /dɪˈtɜː.min/

Word family:
Nouns: determination
Verbs: determine
Adjectives: determined

VERB [T]
FIND
[C1] to discover the facts or truth about something

Dictionary examples:
The doctors are still unable to determine what is wrong.
You can use a simple test to determine whether the paint contains lead.

Learner example:
Our feelings about the issue led our class to direct a survey among local residents in Fordham, in order to determine statistically how often the latter use Greendale Park.

DECIDE
[C1] to decide what will happen

Dictionary examples:
Her exam results will determine which university she goes to.
The army's response was determined by a combination of political and social factors.
Learner example:
It considers the reasons for these developments and highlights the trends which will determine the future of the job market.

determined /dɪˈtɜː.mɪnd/

Word family:
Nouns: determination
Verbs: determine
Adjectives: determined

ADJECTIVE
[B2] wanting to do something very much, and not letting anyone stop you

Dictionary examples:
I'm determined to get this piece of work finished today.
She's sure to get the job she wants – she's a very determined person.

Learner example:
I am determined to study computer engineering and pursue my education oversea[s].

determiner /dɪˈtɜː.ə.nər/

NOUN [C] SPECIALIZED
[B2] in grammar, a word which is used before a noun to show which particular example of the noun you are referring to

Dictionary example:
In the phrases 'my first boyfriend' and 'that strange woman', the words 'my' and 'that' are determiners.

devastated /ˈdev.ə.steɪ.tɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: devastation
Adjectives: devastated, devastating

ADJECTIVE
[C1] very shocked and upset

Dictionary examples:
She was devastated when her husband died.
They were devastated by the terrible news.
Learner example:
To begin with, everyone was devastated [at] how long we had to wait at the airport, as the flight to Dublin was late.

devastating  /ˈdev.ə.steɪ.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: devastation
Adjectives: devastated, devastating

ADJECTIVE

SHOCKING
[C1] making someone very shocked and upset

Dictionary example:
Despite the devastating news, no one is giving up hope.

Learner example:
It can be really devastating for such [a] person to experience it.

develop  /drˈvel.ap/

Word family:
Nouns: development, developer, redevelopment
Verbs: develop, redevelop
Adjectives: developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

VERB

ILLNESS
[B2] [I or T] If you develop an illness or problem, or if it develops, you start to suffer from it.

Dictionary examples:
The study showed that one in twelve women is likely to develop breast cancer.
She's developed some very strange habits lately.

Learner example:
They often developed the same symptoms as can be seen among mentally disturbed human beings.
**developed** /dɪˈvel.əpt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** development, developer, redevelopment

**Verbs:** develop, redevelop

**Adjectives:** developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] describes a country or region of the world with an advanced level of technology, industry, etc.

**Dictionary example:**

a developed country/nation

**Learner example:**

To conclude I would like to say that the governments of all developed countries wouldn’t have been so concerned about [the] so-called ”problem 2000” if the computer had not been so important for modern society.

**developer** /dɪˈvel.ə.pər/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** development, developer, redevelopment

**Verbs:** develop, redevelop

**Adjectives:** developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

**NOUN [C]**

**PRODUCTS**

[C1] someone whose job is to create new products, especially computer products such as software

**Dictionary example:**

We mostly use developers based in India.

**Learner example:**

For example, we may have the top website developers in China, but quite often the [ir] skills are [restrict]ed by poor IT infrastructures.

**developing** /dɪˈvel.ə.pɪŋ/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** development, developer, redevelopment

**Verbs:** develop, redevelop

**Adjectives:** developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped
ADJECTIVE
[B2] describes a country or region of the world which is poor and has few industries

Dictionary example:
the developing world/countries/nations

Learner example:
Nowadays, both developed and developing countries spend a lot of money on computerization.

development /drˈvɛl.əmənt/

Word family:
Nouns: development, developer, redevelopment
Verbs: develop, redevelop
Adjectives: developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

NOUN

EVENT
[B2] [c] something new that happens and changes a situation

Dictionary examples:
an important development in the fuel crisis
Phone me if there are any new developments.

Learner example:
There have been impressive developments in technology lately.

device /drˈvaɪs/

NOUN [c]

EQUIPMENT
[B2] a piece of equipment that is used for a particular purpose

Dictionary examples:
an electronic device
Rescuers used a special device for finding people trapped in collapsed buildings.

Learner example:
I have much more time for many other things during the day thanks to [the] devices modern technology offers us.
devil /ˈdev.əl/

**NOUN [C]**

**EVIL BEING**

[B2] an evil being, often represented in human form but with a tail and horns

**Learner example:**
This film is about a devil who meets a priest.

devote /dɪˈvəʊt/

**Word family:**
**Verbs:** devote
**Adjectives:** devoted

**VERB**

**devote** sth to sb/sth **PHRASAL VERB**

**USE TIME**

[B2] to use time, energy, etc. for a particular purpose

**Dictionary example:**
He resigned from his job to devote more time to his family.

**Learner example:**
At that time, everyone should have devoted their life to the nation.

**USE SPACE**

[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to use a space or area for a particular purpose

**Dictionary example:**
Most of the magazine was devoted to celebrity gossip.

**Learner example:**
And we ha[ve] come [up with] the idea of building a drama theatre at our college and a new department for our library devoted to music.

**devote** yourself to sth **PHRASAL VERB**

[C1] to spend all your time or energy doing something that you think is important

**Dictionary example:**
He retired in 1814 to devote himself to social reforms.

**Learner example:**
Bosses do not like women of such marital status, because there is a threa[t] that they will have not enough time to devote themselves to their professional work.
devoted  /dɪˈvəʊ.tɪd/

Word family:
Verbs: devote
Adjectives: devoted

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely loving or caring very much about someone or something

Dictionary examples:
a devoted fan/husband/wife
Lucy is devoted to her cats.

Learner example:
I am devoted to reading and I can say this book is wonderful.

dialogue  /ˈdaɪ.ə.lɒg/

NOUN [C or U]

IN BOOK, ETC.
[B2] (a) conversation which is written for a book, play or film

Dictionary examples:
The play contained some very funny dialogue.
Act Two begins with a short dialogue between father and son.

Learner example:
However, she shows her courage during her first dialogue with Joss.

diamond  /ˈdaɪə.mənd/

NOUN

STONE
[B2] [C or U] an extremely hard valuable stone which is used in jewellery, and in industry for cutting hard things

Dictionary examples:
a diamond ring/necklace
He had worked in the diamond mines of South Africa.

Learner example:
She found a gorgeous diamond ring on her finger.
SHAPE

[B2] [c] a shape with four straight sides of equal length, forming two opposite angles which are wide and two which are narrow

Dictionary example:
Joe's socks had diamond patterns on them.

dictate /dɪkˈteɪt/

VERB

[C1] to decide or control what happens

Dictionary example:
The weather will dictate where we hold the party.

Learner example:
Since the dawn of time people of all religions have considered that there is a higher power that dictates their destiny.

die /daɪ/

VERB

[I] (dying, died, died)

die out PHRASAL VERB

[B2] to become more and more rare and then disappear completely

Dictionary example:
Dinosaurs died out about 65 million years ago.

Learner example:
A second point is that [a] lot of animals are going to die out because of pollution.

diesel /ˈdiː.zəl/

NOUN

[U]

[C1] fuel used in the engines of some vehicles, especially buses and trucks

Dictionary example:
We need to stop for some diesel.

Learner example:
Secondly, if the price of petrol is increased, people will buy cars that run on diesel.
**differ** /ˈdif.eə/

Word family:
**Nouns:** difference, indifference  
**Verbs:** differ, differentiate  
**Adjectives:** different, indifferent  
**Adverbs:** differently

**VERB [i]**

[B2] to be not like something or someone else, either physically or in another way

**Dictionary examples:**
The twins look alike, but they differ in personality.  
His views differ considerably from those of his parents.  
The findings of the various studies differ greatly/widely.

**Learner example:**
People's opinions on this matter differ widely.

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**difference** /ˈdif.ər.nts/

Word family:
**Nouns:** difference, indifference  
**Verbs:** differ, differentiate  
**Adjectives:** different, indifferent  
**Adverbs:** differently

**NOUN**

**make a (big) difference**

[B2] to improve a situation (a lot)

**Dictionary example:**
Exercise can make a big difference to your health.

**Learner example:**
It wouldn't make a big difference in my life, but it would be good.

**make no difference/not make any difference**

[B2] to not be important or change a situation

**Dictionary examples:**
You can ask him again if you like, but it won't make any difference – he'll still say no.  
It makes no difference where you put the aerial, the TV picture's still bad.

**Learner example:**
Does it make any difference, some might ask?
**tell the difference**

[C1] to notice a difference between two things

**Dictionary example:**
I can't tell the difference between an American and a Canadian accent.

**Learner example:**
Not only will their critical sense atrophy but also they will not be able to tell the difference between what is right and wrong.

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**differentiate** /ˈdif.ərˌen.ʃi.ət/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** difference, indifference

**Verbs:** differ, differentiate

**Adjectives:** different, indifferent

**Adverbs:** differently

**VERB**

SEE DIFFERENCE

[C1] [I or T] to understand or notice how two things or people are different from each other

**Dictionary example:**
He can't differentiate between blue and green.

**Learner example:**
The person would learn how to differentiate his needs from his wants and would value hard work.

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**difficult** /ˈdɪf.ɪ.klt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** difficulty

**Adjectives:** difficult

**ADJECTIVE**

**put sb in a difficult position**

[C1] to cause someone to be in a difficult situation

**Dictionary example:**
When two of your best friends argue it puts you in a very difficult position.

**Learner example:**
I know that I will put you in a difficult position with my absence but I must leave.
difficulty /ˈdɪf.ɪ.kəl.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: difficulty
Adjectives: difficult

NOUN

PROBLEM
[B2] [c] something that is not easy to deal with

Dictionary examples:
financial difficulties
to have/experience difficulties
children with learning difficulties

Learner example:
As you know my family has financial difficulties and we can’t afford this.

dig /dɪɡ/

VERB (digging, dug, dug)

dig a hole/tunnel
[B2] to form a hole by moving soil

Dictionary examples:
The tunnel was dug with the aid of heavy machinery.
The dog was digging a hole to hide its bone in.

Learner example:
I was ready to dig a hole and jump into it, because when you are at that age and your best friend’s father sees you kissing your boyfriend in the dark, [it is] just the most embarrassing thing which can happen to you.

digest /daɪˈdʒest/

Word family:
Nouns: digestion
Verbs: digest

VERB [T]

FOOD
[C1] to change food in your stomach into substances that your body can use
Dictionary example:
I need some time to digest my dinner.

Learner example:
Most families are also trying to eat a bit less meat, because meat is very hard to digest.

INFORMATION
[C1] to think about new information carefully in order to understand it

Dictionary example:
You need to give me time to digest this report.

Learner example:
Also I found the lectures about how to write CVs very useful although if the groups were smaller, it would have made the information easier to digest.

digestion /daiˈdʒest.ʃən/
Word family:
Nouns: digestion
Verbs: digest

NOUN [u]
[C1] when your body changes food in your stomach into substances that it can use

Dictionary example:
He has problems with his digestion.

Learner example:
Afterwards, I had some serious digestion problems, and no medical care was available.

dilemma /daiˈlem.ə/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two different things you could do

Dictionary examples:
The President is clearly in a dilemma about/over how to tackle the crisis.
She faces the dilemma of disobeying her father or losing the man she loves.
a moral/ethical dilemma

Learner example:
Actually I think it’s a typical female dilemma: we try to do many things by ourselves and at the same time!
**dimension /ˌdæm.əˈʃən/**

**NOUN [c]**

**ASPECT**
[B2] a particular part of a situation, especially something that affects how you think or feel

*Dictionary example:*
Music has **added** a new dimension to my life.

*Learner example:*
I had never felt this way before, it was like being part of another life, another dimension!

**MEASUREMENT**
[B2] a measurement of the length, width, or height of something

*Dictionary example:*
The dimensions of the photo should be no larger than 30cm by 20cm.

*Learner example:*
Also I [want to] take a big mirror, the dimensions are 0.70 x 1.20 m.

**diminish /diˈmɪn.ɪʃ/**

**VERB [i or T]**
[C1] to become less, or to make something become less

*Dictionary example:*
Your pain should diminish gradually after taking these tablets.

*Learner example:*
As one student I've asked said, if we manage to keep cars out of town, air pollution will considerably diminish.

**dip /dɪp/**

**VERB (–pp–)**

**PUT INTO LIQUID**
[B2] [T] to put something into a liquid for a short time

*Dictionary examples:*
Dip the fish in the batter, then drop it into the hot oil.
She dipped her toe into the pool to see how cold it was.
**Learner example:**
I recommend little sandwiches, chips and other things to dip [into sauces].

**BECOME LOWER**

[B2] [i] to become lower in level or amount

**Dictionary example:**
The number of students taking sciences has dipped **sharply**.

**Learner example:**
Cinema attendance in [this] age group dipped to 88%.

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**diplomat**  /ˈdɪpləˌmæt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** diplomat, diplomacy

**Adjectives:** diplomatic

**Adverbs:** diplomatically

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] an official whose job is to represent one country in another, and who usually works in an embassy

**Dictionary example:**
a Spanish/British diplomat

**Learner example:**
The owner of the restaurant was a diplomat, and he invited the refugees to eat at the restaurant.

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**diplomatic**  /ˌdɪp.ləˈmæt.ɪk/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** diplomat, diplomacy

**Adjectives:** diplomatic

**Adverbs:** diplomatically

**ADJECTIVE**

**GOVERNMENTS**

[C1] relating to diplomacy or diplomats

**Dictionary example:**
diplomatic relations

**Learner example:**
The price has been arranged by the Argentine and English Governments, that have now entered diplomatic relations.
**direct** /dərˈrekt/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** direction, directions, director
- **Verbs:** direct
- **Adjectives:** direct, indirect
- **Adverbs:** directly, indirectly

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOTHING BETWEEN**

[B2] with no other person or thing involved or between

**Dictionary examples:**
- She decided to take direct control of the project.
- Have you any direct experience of this kind of work?
- He left as a direct result/consequence of what she said.
- There is a direct link/connection between smoking and lung cancer.

**Learner example:**
- I think that there are huge dangers today such as war, violence, crime, pollution, etc. that have a direct influence on our lives.

**CLEAR**

[C1] saying clearly and honestly what you think

**Dictionary example:**
- a direct answer

**Learner example:**
- He preferred to give me [a] hint rather than a direct answer.

**VERB**

**direct sth against/at/towards, etc. sb/sth**

[C1] to aim something at someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
- The demonstrators' anger was directed at the police.

**Learner example:**
- In these circumstances it is important, however, that alternative options are provided (e.g. efficient and affordable train services) and that economic measures (such as increased prices) are directed at those who really cause the most environmental costs.

**ORGANIZE**

[C1] [ɪˈrekt/]

**Dictionary example:**
- He directed the building of the new art gallery.
**Learner example:**
Obviously they will work in the commercial department, under the supervision of Lorenzo Soboli, the person who is in charge of directing that section.

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**direction /dəˈrɛkʃən/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** direction, directions, director
- **Verbs:** direct
- **Adjectives:** direct, indirect
- **Adverbs:** directly, indirectly

**NOUN**

**in sb's direction**

[B2] towards someone

**Dictionary example:**
She keeps looking in my direction.

**Learner example:**
I didn't know why she was talking to me but suddenly she walked in my direction and told me: "I need to know your name".

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**CONTROL**

[C1] [ʊ] control or instructions

**Dictionary example:**
Under his direction the company has doubled its profits.

**Learner example:**
I am writing to you on behalf of the Social Club of our language school to express some complaints that we had from several students concerning our recent visit to the Science and Technology Museum which is under your direction.

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**directly /dəˈrekt.li/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** direction, directions, director
- **Verbs:** direct
- **Adjectives:** direct, indirect
- **Adverbs:** directly, indirectly

**ADVERB**

**CLEARLY**

[B2] clearly and honestly
Dictionary example:
Let me answer that question directly.

Learner example:
While being interviewed, try to answer the questions directly and look into [the] interviewer’s eyes.

directory /dɪˈrekt.ər.i/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a book or list of names, numbers, or other facts

Dictionary example:
I looked in the telephone directory.

Learner example:
If you[’d] like to know more, look at the phone book (directory); you’ll find 3 or 4 pages about how to phone, how to dial, how to get numbers etc. in English.

disability /ˌdɪs.əˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: ability, disability, inability
Verbs: enable
Adjectives: able, disabled, unable

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] an illness, injury or condition that makes it difficult for someone to do the things that other people do

Dictionary examples:
a physical/learning disability
Trying to change attitudes to disability is a real struggle.

Learner example:
Such [problems] as cancer, heart attack, [or] mental disability are very likely to bother you in the future.

disadvantaged /ˌdɪs.ədˈvɑːntɪdʒd/

Word family:
Nouns: advantage, disadvantage
Adjectives: disadvantaged

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Disadvantaged people are poor and do not have many opportunities.
Dictionary example:
economically disadvantaged children

Learner example:
Therefore, there are several ways in which these people are becoming more and more disadvantaged.

disagreement /ˌdɪs.əˈɡriː.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: agreement, disagreement
Verbs: agree, disagree

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when people have a different opinion about something or have an argument

Dictionary examples:
They had a disagreement about/over money.
There was some disagreement with this view.
Literary critics were in total disagreement about the book.

Learner example:
I am writing to express my disagreement with your article "Failure of Festival", as I attended the festival last weekend.

disappear /ˌdɪs.əˈpɪər/ 

Word family:
Nouns: appearance, disappearance
Verbs: appear, disappear

VERB [I]

STOP EXISTING
[B2] to no longer exist

Dictionary examples:
These flowers are disappearing from our countryside.
This is a way of life that is fast disappearing.

Learner example:
It seems that the decorative role of clothes will have disappeared by the year 2050.
disappearance /ˌdɪs.əˈpɪə.rənts/

Word family:
Nouns: appearance, disappearance
Verbs: appear, disappear

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when someone or something disappears

Dictionary example:
A man was being questioned in connection with her disappearance.

Learner example:
After his disappearance lots of people were looking for him and [in] the end they tracked him down!

disapproval /ˌdɪs.əˈpruːvl/

Word family:
Nouns: approval, disapproval
Verbs: approve, disapprove

NOUN [U]
[C1] when you think that someone or something is bad or wrong

Dictionary example:
I could sense their disapproval.

Learner example:
I am writing to express my disapproval of the deplorable service experienced in your museum.

disapprove /ˌdɪs.əˈpruːv/

Word family:
Nouns: approval, disapproval
Verbs: approve, disapprove

VERB [I]
[B2] to feel that something or someone is bad or wrong

Dictionary examples:
The survey showed that 32% of respondents approve, 54% disapprove and the rest are undecided. I strongly disapprove of under-age drinking.

Learner example:
Since the system has more disadvantages than advantages, I disapprove of [the] "open 24 hours a day, seven days a week" system.
### Disaster

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** disaster
- **Adjectives:** disastrous

#### Noun [C or U]

**Damage**

[B2] something that causes great harm or damage

**Dictionary examples:**
- An inquiry was ordered into the recent rail disaster.
- This is one of the worst natural disasters ever to hit the area.
- Everything was going smoothly until suddenly disaster struck.

**Learner example:**
- Secondly, we have to save our planet from disaster.

#### Failure

[B2] something that is a failure or has a negative result

**Dictionary examples:**
- His idea was a total disaster.
- Inviting James and Ivan to dinner on the same evening was a recipe for disaster – they always argue with each other.

**Learner example:**
- For very shy people who have trouble communicating even in everyday situations it would be a disaster to become famous, watched by curious fans and recognised while walking in the streets.

### Disastrous

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** disaster
- **Adjectives:** disastrous

#### Adjective [C1] extremely bad

**Dictionary examples:**
- disastrous consequences
- a disastrous week

**Learner example:**
- Let’s hope that people involved – politicians and trade union leaders – will be able to sort things out soon in order to put an end to these disastrous conditions.
**disc**  /dɪsk/

**NOUN [c]**

**SHAPE**

[B2] a flat, round shape or object

**Dictionary example:**
The dog had a small, metal disc attached to its collar.

**discipline**  /ˈdɪs.ə.plɪn/

**NOUN**

**RULES**

[B2] [u] when people's behaviour is controlled using rules and punishments

**Dictionary examples:**
parental/military/school discipline
There should be better discipline in schools.

**Learner example:**
I don't know if that is because of their age, but whatever it is, I think teachers should change the methods of discipline they use.

**SELF CONTROL**

[C1] [u] when you can control your own behaviour carefully

**Dictionary example:**
I don't have enough discipline to save money.

**Learner example:**
He's an example to be followed not only as an athlete, but also as a person who is [a] symbol of discipline, maturity, humility.

**discomfort**  /dɪˈskʌm.fət/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** comfort, discomfort
**Verbs:** comfort
**Adjectives:** comfortable, uncomfortable, comforting
**Adverbs:** comfortably, uncomfortably
**NOUN**

**SITUATION**

[C1] [c or u] a physically uncomfortable situation

**Dictionary example:**
They travelled in great discomfort.

**Learner example:**
First of all, the coach was not suitable for adults, as we had very little leg room [and] the seat belts were broken, which mean[t] discomfort and insecurity.

**discontent /ˌdɪs.kənˈtent/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** discontent
**Adjectives:** content

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] unhappiness about a situation

**Dictionary example:**
There is growing discontent with this government.

**Learner example:**
You must know that this is a delicate moment for [the] Italian economy, because of the recession and unemployment problems, and the discontent with government policy has pushed many workers to go on strike.

**discourage /dɪˈskʌr.i.dʒ/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** encouragement
**Verbs:** discourage, encourage
**Adjectives:** encouraging

**VERB [T]**

**MAKE LESS CONFIDENT**

[B2] to make someone less confident or enthusiastic about something

**Dictionary example:**
The thought of how much work she had to do discouraged her.

**Learner example:**
It should include the prices of the tickets. If not, it will discourage people.
**discourage sb from doing sth**

[B2] to try to persuade someone not to do something

**Dictionary example:**
Her parents tried to discourage her from seeing him.

**Learner example:**
Yet there are also disadvantage[s] which might discourage you from buying a mobile phone.

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**discovery**  /dɪˈskʌv.ə.r.i/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** discovery
**Verbs:** discover

**NOUN**

**FINDING**

[B2] [c or u] when someone discovers something

**Dictionary examples:**
the discovery of electricity
Leonardo made many scientific discoveries.

a journey/voyage of discovery
The discovery of a body in the woods started a murder enquiry.

**Learner example:**
How will this affect our lifestyles and homes in the future if scientists go on making new discoveries?

**THING/PERSO**

[C1] [c] something or someone that is discovered

**Dictionary example:**
I've made a great discovery!

**Learner example:**
My second discovery is a more serious one. After thirty years since its premier[e], "Macbeth" sees its first release on video.
VERB [i]

TREAT UNFAIRLY
[C1] to treat someone unfairly because of their sex, race, religion, etc.

Dictionary example:
The company was accused of discriminating against people on the basis of age.

Learner example:
Firstly, the disadvantage of this policy is that it discriminates against the poor.

discrimination /dɪˌskrɪm.ɪˈneɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: discrimination
Verbs: discriminate

NOUN [u]
[C1] when someone is treated unfairly because of their sex, race, religion, etc.

Dictionary examples:
racial/sex/sexual discrimination
discrimination against older workers

Learner example:
But we must not forget that there is still sexual discrimination when women apply for jobs higher up in [a] hierarchy.

disgrace /dɪsˈgreɪs/

NOUN

LOSS OF RESPECT
[B2] [u] when someone does something very bad that makes people stop respecting them or their family, team, etc.

Dictionary examples:
They were sent home in disgrace.
He brought disgrace on the whole team.

Learner example:
When we came back, it felt like we were sinking in[to] a miserable life, full of disgrace.

be a disgrace
[B2] to be very bad
**Dictionary example:**
It's a disgrace that money is being wasted like this.

**Learner example:**
The park is really a disgrace.

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**disguise /dɪsˈgaɪz/**

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] clothes and other things that you wear to change the way you look so that people cannot recognize you

**Dictionary example:**
She usually goes out in disguise to avoid being bothered by the public.

**Learner example:**
There will be a big parade in the first week of the month with people in disguise.

**VERB [T]**

**DIFFERENT APPEARANCE**

[B2] to give a new appearance to a person or thing, especially in order to hide its true form

**Dictionary examples:**
He disguised himself by shaving his head and wearing a false beard.
Minor skin imperfections can usually be disguised with make-up.
We tried to disguise the fact that it was just a school hall by putting up coloured lights and balloons.

**Learner example:**
This writer that we are going to welcome is a brilliant woman, because she had the courage to disguise herself as an [im]migrant to see and to feel how those poor and miserable Turkish [im]migrants live in Germany.

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**disgusted /dɪsˈgʌstɪd/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** disgust

**Adjectives:** disgusting, disgusted

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] feeling extreme dislike or disapproval of something

**Dictionary example:**
I'm totally disgusted with your behaviour.
Learner example:
As you realise, I am thoroughly disgusted with the tour which you provided.

dishonest /dɪˈsɒn.ɪst/
Word family:
Nouns: dishonesty, honesty
Adjectives: dishonest, honest
Adverbs: honestly, dishonestly
ADJECTIVE
[B2] not honest and likely to lie or do something illegal

Dictionary examples:
a dishonest lawyer
a dishonest way of making money
He's been dishonest in his dealings with us/about his past.

Learner example:
Both of them are dishonest men: Joss organizes the smuggling, and Jem is a horse-thief.

dishonestly /dɪˈsɒn.ɪst.li/
Word family:
Nouns: dishonesty, honesty
Adjectives: dishonest, honest
Adverbs: honestly, dishonestly
ADVERB
[C1] in a dishonest way

Dictionary example:
She acted dishonestly.

Learner example:
The prize is valueless if achieved dishonestly.

dishonesty /dɪˈsɒn.ɪ.sti/
Word family:
Nouns: dishonesty, honesty
Adjectives: dishonest, honest
Adverbs: honestly, dishonestly
NOUN [U]
[B2] when someone is not honest
Dictionary example:
Her dishonesty landed her in prison.

Learner example:
He is so open in his dishonesty that Mary can’t be angry with him.

dislike /dɪˈslaɪk/

Word family:
Verbs: dislike, like

NOUN

NOT LIKING

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when you do not like someone or something

Dictionary example:
a dislike of cold weather

Learner example:
The main reason for my dislike is that it’s so unnatural.

dismiss /dɪˈsmɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: dismissal
Verbs: dismiss

VERB [T]

NOT CONSIDER

[C1] to refuse to consider an idea or opinion

Dictionary example:
The committee dismissed the idea as rubbish.

Learner example:
That is why I would dismiss this facility: there is already a small video room in our school which is hardly ever used.

MAKE LEAVE

[C1] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to officially make someone leave their job

Dictionary example:
Anyone who breaks company rules will be dismissed.

Learner example:
What’s more, every day hundreds of workmen are dismissed and thereby the ratio of unemployment still increases.
dismissal /dɪˈsmɪs.əl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** dismissal
**Verbs:** dismiss

**NOUN**

**IDEA**

[C1] [u] when someone refuses to consider an idea or opinion

**Dictionary example:**
I was angered by his dismissal of my worries.

**Learner example:**
Their dismissal of our proposal was essentially because of our lack of worldwid[e] investments; as everybody knows, we fundamentally concentrate our assets inside the European Union boundaries.

**JOB**

[C1] [c or u] when an employer officially makes someone leave their job

**Dictionary examples:**
a letter of dismissal
She accused her employers of unfair dismissal.

**Learner example:**
Another episod[e] of this sort is when Miss K. threatens to leave Darlington Hall because of the dismissal of the two Jewish maids.

disorder /dɪˈsoʊ.dər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** order, disorder

**NOUN**

**ILLNESS**

[C1] [c] an illness or medical condition

**Dictionary example:**
a blood disorder

**Learner example:**
We should react at an early stage of an eating disorder by watching ourselves, consulting a doctor and going to the fitness cent[e].

**BAD BEHAVIOUR**

[C1] [u] uncontrolled, bad behaviour, especially by large groups of people
Dictionary examples:
crime and disorder
public/civil disorder

Learner example:
Although the transport facilities are good, the neighbo[u]rhood has become increasingly
dangerous, with numerous incidents of attacks and public disorder.

disorganized (also UK disorganised) /dɪˈsɔː.gə.naɪzd/

Word family:
Nouns: organization, organizer
Verbs: organize
Adjectives: disorganized, organized

ADJECTIVE

OF SOMETHING
[B2] not planned or organized well

Dictionary example:
The whole conference was totally disorganized – nobody knew what they were supposed to be
doing.

Learner example:
Even though it was rather disorganized, most of [the] audience seemed to be [pleased] with it.

OF SOMEONE
[B2] not good at planning or organizing things

Dictionary example:
He's impossible to work for – he's so disorganized.

Learner example:
Apart from that, I am a disaster working in offices and I am very disorganised.

displace /drˈsplə(r)/

Word family:
Nouns: place, replacement, displacement
Verbs: place, replace, displace, misplace

VERB [T]
[C1] to take the place of someone or something

Dictionary example:
Many of these workers will be displaced by modern technology.
Learner example:
Mexico was traditionally the land of the tortilla and the beans, but every day, this seems to be changing ever more rapidly, displaced by the heavy advertising campaigns and Americanised habits.

**displacement** /dɪˈsplɛs.ment/

Word family:
**Nouns:** place, replacement, displacement
**Verbs:** place, replace, displace, misplace

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] the act of displacing something

**Dictionary example:**
Widespread flooding has led to the displacement of thousands of people.

**Learner example:**
Apart from the fact that population growth is also playing its role, the reason for the enormous[ly] increased size of cities is [the] displacement of people from rural areas to the cities.

**display** /dɪˈsplɛr/

**NOUN**

**SHOW**

[B2] [c] a performance or show for people to watch

**Dictionary example:**
a firework display

**Learner example:**
One of the high points of our exciting and well organised event was the fireworks display.

**VERB**

**ON SCREEN**

[B2] [I or T] to show something electronically such as on a computer screen

**Dictionary example:**
The text can be displayed and edited on screen.

**Learner example:**
The timetable is hidden somewhere in a submenu which, I think, should be displayed on the main page.
disposal /dɪˈspəʊ.zəl/

Word family:
Nouns: disposal
Verbs: dispose
Adjectives: disposable

NOUN [U]

REMOVAL
[B2] when you get rid of something, especially by throwing it away

Dictionary examples:
- waste disposal
- the disposal of hazardous substances

Learner example:
Nowadays waste disposal and environmental protection has become one of the most important questions of our life in a world with environmental catastrophes.

at sb's disposal
[B2] available for you to use at any time

Dictionary example:
We will have a car at our disposal for the whole trip.

Learner example:
But on Wednesday morning I'm at your disposal.

dispose /dɪˈspəʊz/

Word family:
Nouns: disposal
Verbs: dispose
Adjectives: disposable

VERB

dispose of sth PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to get rid of something, especially by throwing it away

Dictionary example:
I need to dispose of these old clothes.

Learner example:
Naturally there are abuses and in large cities, some people continue to dispose of their rubbish in the street.
disrespect  /ˌdɪs.rɪˈspekt/

Word family:
Nouns: respect, disrespect
Verbs: respect
Adjectives: respectable, respected, disrespectful, respectful
Adverbs: respectfully

NOUN [U]
[C1] when someone does not show any respect or behave politely towards someone or something

Dictionary example:
a disrespect for authority

Learner example:
This report is not only bad publicity for the charity organisation, it also shows a great deal of disrespect towards the people working with these events.

disrupt  /dɪsˈrʌpt/

Word family:
Nouns: disruption
Verbs: disrupt
Adjectives: disruptive

VERB [T]
[B2] to interrupt something and stop it continuing as it should

Dictionary examples:
A heavy fall of snow had disrupted the city's transport system.
The meeting was disrupted by a group of protesters who shouted and threw fruit at the speaker.

Learner example:
On the other hand the beep on your mobile phone sometimes disrupts the most romantic moment or the best scene in the cinema.

disruption  /ˌdɪsˈrʌp.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: disruption
Verbs: disrupt
Adjectives: disruptive

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] when something is stopped from happening as it should
Dictionary example:
a disruption of services

Learner example:
Please also advise if there are evening or weekend courses, so I can attend them without any disruption to my main work.

dissatisfaction /ˌdɪs.sæt.ɪsˈfæk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction
Verbs: satisfy
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory
Adverbs: satisfactorily

NOUN [u]
[B2] when someone is dissatisfied

Dictionary example:
At the moment she's experiencing a lot of dissatisfaction with her job.

Learner example:
I expect a full refund plus compensation for my dissatisfaction and discomfort which I suffered.

dissatisfied /ˌdɪsˈsæt.ɪs.ɑd/

Word family:
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction
Verbs: satisfy
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory
Adverbs: satisfactorily

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not pleased or happy with something

Dictionary example:
If you're dissatisfied with the service, why don't you complain to the hotel manager?

Learner example:
However, I must say that museums are really useful, to understand the history of the world, and that's why people keep going there even though they're sometimes dissatisfied.
dissertation /ˌdɪs.əˈteɪ.ʃən/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a very long piece of writing done as part of a course of study

Dictionary example:
She’s writing a dissertation on American poetry.

Learner example:
I have completed my dissertation work on antifungal studies.

dissolve /drˈzɒlv/

VERB

[T OFTEN PASSIVE] to end an organization or official arrangement

Dictionary example:
They decided to dissolve the partnership.

Learner example:
Now, the Parliament is dissolved and we are waiting for new elections.

distance /ˈdɪs.tənts/

Word family:
Nouns: distance
Adjectives: distant

NOUN

PLACE
[B2] [NO PLURAL] somewhere that is far away, but close enough for you to see or hear the things that are there

Dictionary examples:
I could see Mary in the distance.
From a distance, it sounded like a bell ringing.

Learner example:
Far in the distance they spotted another ship.
distant /ˈdɪs.tənt/

Word family:
Nouns: distance
Adjectives: distant

ADJECTIVE

FAR AWAY

[B2] far away

Dictionary examples:
a distant country
She could hear the distant sound of fireworks exploding.

Learner example:
A distant rumbling could be heard through the thick layers of rock that she was under.

NOT FRIENDLY

[C1] not friendly

Dictionary example:
She seemed cold and distant.

Learner example:
I like the idea of join[ing] a lively team; being a gregarious person I need a change from the cold and distant treatment which is usual in the big department stores.

distinct /dɪˈstɪŋkt/

Word family:
Nouns: distinction
Adjectives: distinct, distinctive

ADJECTIVE

DIFFERENT

[C1] different and separate

Dictionary example:
This word has three distinct meanings.

Learner example:
However, two distinct groups of employees, namely the molecular dynamics simulation group and the Drawing Section, are indeed hampered in their daily work due to old equipment.

CLEAR

[C1] clear and certain
Dictionary example:
There's been a distinct improvement in your work.

Learner example:
So, getting married, either in [your] thirties or when younger, has distinct advantages.

distinction  /drˈstoŋk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: distinction
Adjectives: distinct, distinctive

NOUN

DIFERENCE
[B2] [c or u] a difference between two similar things

Dictionary examples:
the distinction between spoken and written language
There's a clear distinction between the dialects spoken in the two regions.
This company makes no distinction between the sexes.

Learner example:
You must be able to make [a] distinction between wild and ferocious species and small animals.

distinctive  /drˈstoŋk.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: distinction
Adjectives: distinct, distinctive

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Something that is distinctive is easy to recognize because it is different from other things.

Dictionary example:
a distinctive style of writing

Learner example:
But their most distinctive feature is their carefree manner of walking, taking their time and actually looking at the buildings, the people, the landscapes.
**distinguish** /ˈdɪstriŋ.wɪʃ/  
**VERB**

**RECOGNIZE DIFFERENCES**
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to recognize the differences between two people, ideas or things

**Dictionary examples:**
He's colour-blind and can't distinguish (the difference) between red and green easily.
I sometimes have difficulty distinguishing Spanish from Portuguese.
It's important to distinguish between business and pleasure.
It's not the beauty so much as the range of his voice that distinguishes him from other tenors.

**Learner example:**
This is the scene where in a card game between pig Napoleon and human Pilkington, the other animals, who secretly [watch] the game through the window, find it impossible to distinguish between pigs and humans.

**SHOW DIFFERENCES**
[B2] [ɪ] to make one person or thing seem different from another

**Dictionary example:**
His great skill distinguishes him from the rest of the team.

**Learner example:**
A person distinguishes [himself] from others by different tastes, manners, characters or behaviour.

**SEE / HEAR**
[B2] [ɪ] to be able to see, hear or understand something

**Dictionary example:**
I couldn't distinguish anything in the darkness.

**Learner example:**
I could distinguish nothing in the darkness and was [scar]ed to death.

**distinguished** /ˈdɪstrɪŋ.wɪʃt/  
**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] famous, praised, or admired

**Dictionary example:**
a distinguished writer

**Learner example:**
One of HuXin Ting's most distinguished visitors in recent times was Queen Elizabeth II, whose tour of Shanghai included a stop here and a cup of tea.
**distort** /dɪˈstɔːt/  

**VERB**  
[C1] to change information so that it is not true or realistic  

**Dictionary example:**  
Newspapers distorted the truth about their marriage.  

**Learner example:**  
The report distorted this figure to "less than 60%".

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**distract** /dɪˈstrækt/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** distraction  
**Verbs:** distract  

**VERB**  
[B2] to make someone stop giving their attention to something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Don't distract her from her studies.  
He tried to distract from his own illegal activities.  

**Learner example:**  
Television is not always useful because it distracts our mind from other things.

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**distraction** /dɪˈstræk.ʃən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** distraction  
**Verbs:** distract  

**NOUN**  
**NO ATTENTION**  
[C1] [c or u] something that makes you stop giving your attention to something else  

**Dictionary example:**  
The phone calls were a constant distraction.  

**Learner example:**  
Some of them have really unacceptable behaviour and cause distractions even in class.  

**FUN**  
[C1] [c] an activity you can do for fun or entertainment
Dictionary example:
He is studying too much and needs some distractions.

Learner example:
Swiss people are workaholics; they sacrifice their free time to earn money, although [occasionally] they need some kind of distraction.

distress  /drˈstres/

Word family:
Nouns: distress
Adjectives: distressing, distressed

NOUN [U]

UPSET
[C1] the feeling of being extremely upset or worried

Dictionary example:
The newspaper reports caused her a great deal of distress.

Learner example:
I am constantly praised for the quality of my work and I get personal satisfaction helping people in emotional distress.

distressed  /drˈstreɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: distress
Adjectives: distressing, distressed

ADJECTIVE
[C1] extremely upset or worried

Dictionary example:
They were very distressed to learn of her death.

Learner example:
I was distressed to discover that your advertisement was inaccurate.

distressing  /drˈstres.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: distress
Adjectives: distressing, distressed
ADJECTIVE
[B2] making you feel extremely worried or upset

Dictionary examples:
distressing news
a distressing experience

Learner example:
If you confront a distressing situation try to compensate [for] it with a relaxing activity.

distribute /dɪˈstrɪb.juːt/

Word family:
Nouns: distribution
Verbs: distribute, redistribute

VERB [T]

GIVE OUT
[B2] to give something out to several people

Dictionary examples:
The books will be distributed free to local schools.
Several people were arrested for distributing racist leaflets to the spectators.

Learner example:
I also had to distribute the flyers [at the concert].

SUPPLY
[C1] to supply goods to shops and companies

Dictionary example:
The company manufactures and distributes computer equipment worldwide.

Learner example:
Our company imports all the merchandise from [the] Far East and then distribute[s] those products in high quantities to different customers.

distribution /ˌdɪs.trɪˈbjuːʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: distribution
Verbs: distribute, redistribute

NOUN

SUPPLYING
[C1] [u] when something is supplied or given out to people or places
Dictionary example:
the sale and distribution of electrical goods

Learner example:
During the economic slowdown throughout the 1980s, the use of railroads for goods transport dropped significantly (about 50%) while terrestrial and water transport provided cheaper and more effective means of distribution.

SHARING

[C1] [U NO PLURAL] the way something is divided and shared in a group or area

Dictionary example:
the distribution of wealth

Learner example:
Poverty, domestic problems and [an] uneven distribution of wealth in the community make such children bitter and instead of working hard, they become rebellious and try to look for short cut[s] to gain money and comfort.

disturb /dɪˈstɜːb/

Word family:
Nouns: disturbance
Verbs: disturb
Adjectives: disturbed, disturbing

VERB [T]

INTERRUPT

[B2] to interrupt what someone is doing by making noise or annoying them

Dictionary examples:
Please don't disturb Georgina – she's trying to do her homework.
I'm sorry to disturb you so late, but my car's broken down and I was wondering if I could use your phone.

Learner example:
If we go outdoors we won't disturb my parents.

disturbance /dɪˈstɜː.bənts/

Word family:
Nouns: disturbance
Verbs: disturb
Adjectives: disturbed, disturbing
NOUN

**INTERRUPTION**

[C1] [c or u] something that interrupts what you are doing, especially something loud or annoying

**Dictionary example:**
I don't want any disturbances this morning.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, I think I represent each and every student when I apologise for the disturbance of the residents who live near the College.

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dive /daɪv/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** diver, diving
**Verbs:** dive

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**NOUN [c]**

**ENTRY INTO WATER**

[B2] when you enter water head-first with your arms held out above your head

**Dictionary example:**
He entered the pool with a neat dive.

**SWIMMING UNDER WATER**

[B2] when you spend some time swimming under water

**Dictionary example:**
The centre also offers night dives, which are highly recommended.

**Learner example:**
It will start with a medical test, a few hours of theory, some training dives in a swimming pool and, at last, two dives on the reef.

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diverse /dərˈvɑːs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** diversity
**Adjectives:** diverse

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] varied or different
Dictionary examples:
Students from countries as diverse as Colombia and Lithuania use Cambridge textbooks. New York is a very *culturally/ethnically* diverse city.

Learner example:
I am a sociable person who has been exposed to diverse social circumstances.

diversity /daɪˈvɜːs.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: diversity
Adjectives: diverse

**NOUN [U NO PLURAL]**
[C1] when many different types of things or people are included in something

Dictionary examples:
Does television adequately reflect the *ethnic* and *cultural* diversity of the country? There is a wide diversity of opinion on the issue.

Learner example:
On the other hand, the fact that all the people buy the same goods and live in similar ways may threaten the cultural diversity.

divert /daɪˈvɜːt/

**VERB [T]**
divert sb's attention/thoughts, etc.
[C1] to take someone's attention away from something

Dictionary example:
A movement outside the window diverted my attention.

Learner example:
For example, when I feel sad or depressed, shopping can help [me] temporarily forget those negative feelings by diverting my attention to something which I really love doing.

divide /drˈvaɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: division, divide
Verbs: divide
Adjectives: divided
VERB

PLACE

[B2] [1] to separate a place into two areas

Dictionary example:
There's a narrow alley which divides our house from the one next door.

Learner example:
The city is divided into two parts by the River Danube: Buda and Pest.

divide sth (up) among/between sb

[C1] to separate something into parts and give a part to each person in a group

Dictionary example:
The prize money will be divided equally among the winners.

Learner example:
As women start to work out side the home more, the housework has to be divided among all the family members.

NUMBERS

[C1] [1] to calculate how many times a number can go into another number

Dictionary example:
12 divided by 6 equals 2.

DISAGREE

[C1] [T OFTEN PASSIVE] to cause people to disagree about something

Dictionary example:
Council members were divided over plans to build a new stadium.

Learner example:
It is certainly clear to all that cars cannot continue to enter the city as they are currently doing, but this is a polemic subject and citizens are bound to be divided.

NOUN [c]

[C1] a difference or separation

Dictionary example:
Because of debt repayments, the divide between rich and poor countries is continuing to grow.

Learner example:
Increasing petrol prices may make the divide between the rich and poor more obvious.
divided /dɪˈvaɪ.dɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: division, divide
Verbs: divide
Adjectives: divided

ADJECTIVE
[B2] If a group, organization or country is divided, there are disagreements among the people in it.

Dictionary example:
Board members are divided over the plans for the new stadium.

Learner example:
Opinions are divided.

division /dɪˈvɪʒ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: division, divide
Verbs: divide
Adjectives: divided

NOUN

PART
[B2] [u] when something is separated into parts or groups, or the way that it is separated

Dictionary example:
the equal division of labour between workers

Learner example:
Suddenly all the atomic missiles of the defensive system rose up in the sky, and so did the Russian ones, not turned off after the division of the ex-USSR.

ORGANIZATION
[B2] [c] one of the groups in a business or organization

Dictionary example:
the sales division

Learner example:
Being a lucky guy, I had the chance to work at the Disneyland Hotel, which is a division of the famous Walt Disney Company.

SPORT
[B2] [c] one of the groups of football teams in a league

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Dictionary example:
the Second Division

Learner example:
I’ve been playing football for an Italian second division team, by the way.

divorce  /dɪˈvɔːs/

Word family:
Nouns: divorce
Verbs: divorce
Adjectives: divorced

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to end a marriage by an official or legal process

Dictionary example:
She’s divorcing her husband.

Learner example:
I asked Vina, "If I divorce my wife, will you marry me?"

dizzy  /ˈdɪz.i/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] feeling as if everything is turning round, so that you feel ill or as if you might fall

Dictionary examples:
Going without sleep for a long time makes me feel dizzy and light-headed.  
I felt quite dizzy with excitement as I went up to collect the award.

Learner example:
She felt a little bit dizzy.

do /duː/

Word family:
Verbs: do, overdo

AUXILIARY VERB (did, done)

FOR EMPHASIS
[B2] used to give extra force to the main verb
Dictionary examples:
Do let me know if you need anything.
He does like you – he's just shy.

Learner example:
I really do love to be a volunteer, to help people as much as I can.

**VERB (did, done)**

**do sb good**

[B2] to have a good effect on someone

Dictionary example:
A break from this would do us all good.

Learner example:
I must admit that my stay in your nice home did me good.

**do damage/harm, etc.**

[B2] to cause damage/harm, etc.

Dictionary example:
The fire did a lot of structural damage to the building.

Learner example:
I promise not to do any damage!

**be/have to do with sth**

[B2] to be related to something

Dictionary example:
She lacks confidence and I think that has to do with her childhood.

Learner example:
I think that is nothing to do with my accident.

**will do**

[C1] will be satisfactory

Dictionary example:
You don't have to pay now, next week will do.

Learner example:
You need a telephone card. They can cost from 100zT to 1000zT. One of 100zT will do.

**do your utmost**

[C1] to try as hard as you can to do something

Dictionary example:
We did our utmost to finish the project on time.

Learner example:
In addition, we live in a materialistic society where we all do our utmost in order to make ends meet, but we are never satisfied.
**dock** /dɒk/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] the place where ships stop and goods are taken off or put on

*Dictionary example:*
The ship is in dock.

*Learner example:*
I would like to take them with me to a very typical restaurant near the docks: Mummie's House 25 Harbour Street 2 Tel. 070 321 26 33.

**domain** /dəʊˈmeɪn/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a particular area, activity, or subject that someone controls or deals with

*Dictionary examples:*
The garden is his domain.
This information should be in the public domain.

*Learner example:*
In the late 70s, a profitable domain to work in was the petrol and oil business and, as large reserves of that natural resource were located in Alaska, the Americans and certain other companies moved their "base-camp" over there.

**domestic** /dəˈmes.tɪk/

**ADJECTIVE**

*HOME [B2] belonging or relating to the home, house or family*

*Dictionary example:*
domestic chores/duties/arrangements

*Learner example:*
All domestic appliances such as showers, kettles, lights, TV and curtains may be voice activated.

*COUNTRY [B2] relating to a person's own country*

*Dictionary examples:*
domestic airlines/Flights
Domestic opinion had turned against the war.
Learner example:
We should advertise all [the] good points of our city in [the] domestic and foreign mass-media.

dominant /ˈdɒm.ɪ.nənt/

Word family:
Nouns: dominance, domination
Verbs: dominate
Adjectives: dominant, predominant
Adverbs: predominantly

IMPORTANT
[C1] main or most important

Dictionary example:
Unemployment will be a dominant issue at the next election.

Learner example:
Looking back on the ongoing discussion about women's role in modern German society, there is one dominant impression: women have to enlarge, improve, intensify, etc.... they have to enlarge their horizon, to improve their professional skills, to intensify their involvement in politics and so on....

dominate /ˈdɒm.ɪ.nət/

Word family:
Nouns: dominance, domination
Verbs: dominate
Adjectives: dominant, predominant
Adverbs: predominantly

HAVE CONTROL
[B2] to have control over a place or a person

Dictionary examples:
He refuses to let others speak and dominates every meeting.
They work as a group – no one person is allowed to dominate.

Learner example:
For instance, in bank[s], school[s], hospital[s], [and] airport[s] we are absolutely dominated by computers, aren't we?
BE IMPORTANT

[C1] to be the largest, most important, or most noticeable part of something

Dictionary examples:
The subject of pay dominated their discussions.
The cathedral dominates the skyline.

Learner example:
The religious values that dominated every aspect of life are slowly being replaced by new ones and the outcome of this metamorphosis has yet to be examined.

domination /dɒm.ɪˈneɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: dominance, domination
Verbs: dominate
Adjectives: dominant, predominant
Adverbs: predominantly

NOUN [U]
[C1] great power and control over someone or something else

Dictionary example:
world domination

Learner example:
[A] more serious argument is that [the] domination of huge multinationals suppresses local creativity and forces the local traditions to fade away.

donate /dəˈneɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: donation, donor
Verbs: donate

VERB [I or T]

GIVE MONEY

[B2] to give money or goods to help a person or organization

Dictionary examples:
An anonymous businesswoman donated one million dollars to the charity.
Please donate generously.

Learner example:
You don't have to pay for [it] but you can donate some money if you wish.
BLOOD/ORGANS

[C1] to allow some of your blood or part of your body to be used for medical purposes

Dictionary example:
He donated a kidney to his sister.

Learner example:
For example, he once saved my life, putting his in danger by donating a large quantity of blood.

donation /dəˈneɪʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: donation, donor
Verbs: donate

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] when money or goods are given to help a person or organization

Dictionary examples:
donations of food and money
I’d like to make a small donation in my mother’s name.

Learner example:
First of all, I would [like to] say that I and my friends are very happy because of Mr Maitland’s donation.

dose /dəʊs/

NOUN [C]

MEDICINE

[B2] a measured amount of something such as medicine

Dictionary examples:
a high/low dose
a dose of penicillin

Learner example:
It is important to me because I have asthma and cannot miss even one dose of it.

a dose of sth

[B2] an amount of something, often something unpleasant

Dictionary example:
a dose of bad news
Learner example:
You ought to plan your work and mainly learn in the morning when your brain is ready to accept a great dose of knowledge.

**dot /dɒt/**

**NOUN**
**MARK**
[B2] [c] a very small round mark

**Dictionary examples:**
The full stop at the end of this sentence is a dot.
Her skirt was blue with white dots.

Learner example:
On the map we have marked a black dot on the place where you will find the hotel.

**double /ˈdʌbl/**

**VERB** [I or T]
[B2] to become twice the original size or amount, or to make something do this

**Dictionary examples:**
The government aims to double the number of students in higher education within 25 years.
Company profits have doubled since the introduction of new technology.

Learner example:
Taxes have doubled, and the price for petrol shows an increase of more than 50% within the last 3 months.

**doubt /dəʊt/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** doubt
**Verbs:** doubt
**Adjectives:** doubtful, undoubted
**Adverbs:** undoubtedly

**NOUN [C or U]**
be in doubt
[B2] to not be certain
Dictionary example:
The future of the project is in doubt.

Learner example:
If you don't know the difference, or if you are in doubt, keep on reading.

without (a) doubt
[B2] certainly

Dictionary example:
She is without doubt a great writer.

Learner example:
Without a doubt we all are influenced by fashion in a number of ways.

no doubt
[C1] used to say that something is very likely

Dictionary example:
No doubt she'll spend the money on new clothes.

Learner example:
No doubt I will find the skills acquired [on] the course, especially speaking skills, most useful in my future contacts with clients from English–speaking countries.

VERB [T]

FEEL UNCERTAIN
[B2] to feel uncertain about something or to think that something is not probable

Dictionary examples:
I doubt whether/if I can finish the work on time.
I doubt (that) I'll get the job.
He may come back tomorrow with the money, but I very much doubt it.

Learner example:
She doubted if she could manage it at all.

NOT BELIEVE
[C1] to not believe someone or something

Dictionary example:
Do you have any reason to doubt her?

Learner example:
I urge you to act fast and promptly in order to avoid serious consequen[c]es: to apologise to the hospital, note the mistakes in your newspaper and to doubt the reliability of your source.
doubtful /ˈdaʊt.fəl/  

Word family:
Nouns: doubt
Verbs: doubt
Adjectives: doubtful, undoubted
Adverbs: undoubtedly

ADJECTIVE

NOT PROBABLE
[B2] not probable

Dictionary examples:
It is doubtful whether/if he'll be able to come.
It was doubtful that the money would ever be found again.

Learner example:
It is certainly doubtful to say that the characteristics we are born with have much more influence on our personality than any experiences we may have in our life.

NOT CERTAIN
[B2] not feeling certain about something

Dictionary example:
The teacher is doubtful about having parents working as classroom assistants.

Learner example:
I am very doubtful [about whether] you were there when it was held.

down /daʊn/  

ADVERB

down to earth
[C1] People or ideas that are down to earth are practical and work well.

Dictionary example:
David's a bit of a dreamer but Ruth's much more down to earth.

Learner example:
He has much practical knowledge, he is down to earth.

ADJECTIVE

UNHAPPY
[B2] unhappy or unable to feel excited or energetic about anything
Dictionary examples:
She’s been really down since her husband died.
I've been (feeling) a bit down this week.

Learner example:
If you are feeling down or depressed, what are you doing?

NOT WORKING
[C1] If a computer or machine is down, it is temporarily not working.

Dictionary example:
The network was down all morning.

Learner example:
If other departments use the online system, it seems to be down for a while.

downside /ˈdaʊn.sɑːrd/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[C1] the disadvantage of a situation

Dictionary example:
The downside of living in a city is all the pollution.

Learner example:
However, there is a downside to it as more and more products are exported/imported, domestic economies lose a lot trying – and usually failing – to face the competition that is coming from other countries.

down-to-earth /ˌdaʊn.tuˈɜːθ/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Down-to-earth people or ideas are practical and work well.

Dictionary example:
I like your down-to-earth approach to problem-solving.

Learner example:
His huge popularity mainly lies in his down-to-earth attitude.

downward /ˈdaʊn.wəd/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] moving towards a lower position
Dictionary example:
a downward trend

Learner example:
Company B's profit marks a downward tendency from 1990 to 2000, going from [a] 2 million dollar profit to the extrem[e] result of no profit at all.

downwards /ˈdaʊn.wədz/

ADVERB
[C1] towards a lower place or level

Dictionary example:
The road slopes downwards to the river.

Learner example:
Water runs downwards into [the] turbine when the valve is open.

dozen /ˈdʌz.ən/

NOUN [C]; DETERMINER
dozens
[C1] INFORMAL a lot

Dictionary example:
She's got dozens of friends.

Learner example:
There are, as well, dozens of robots able to handle any kind of work in our homes.

draft /draːft/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a piece of writing or a plan that is not yet in its finished form

Dictionary examples:
This is only a rough draft – the finished article will have pictures as well.
She asked me to check the first draft of her proposal.

Learner example:
Now I can use my computer for making monthly reports at home [and] making different kinds of project drafts.
VERB [r]
[C1] to produce a piece of writing or a plan that you intend to change later

Dictionary example:
to draft a letter

Learner example:
I hope all these statements will help you to draft the new programme, good luck!

drag /dræg/

VERB (−gg−)

PULL
[B2] [r] to pull someone or something along the ground, usually with difficulty

Dictionary examples:
Pick the chair up instead of dragging it behind you!
She dragged the canoe down to the water.

Learner example:
Another man approached the agent, both watching as officers dragged the man to a nearby car.

dramatic /draˈmæt.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: drama
Adjectives: dramatic
adverbs: dramatically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very sudden or noticeable, or full of action and excitement

Dictionary examples:
a dramatic change/improvement
We watched scenes of the dramatic rescue on the news.

Learner example:
His suicide at the end of the book was the most dramatic event in this story and has touched me deeply.
dramatically /drəˈmæt.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: drama
Adjectives: dramatic
Adverbs: dramatically

ADVERB
[B2] suddenly or obviously

Dictionary example:
Your life changes dramatically when you have a baby.

Learner example:
She fell dramatically to the floor.

drastic /ˈdræs.trɪk/

Word family:
Adjectives: drastic
Adverbs: drastically

ADJECTIVE
[C1] severe and sudden or having very noticeable effects

Dictionary example:
drastic measures

Learner example:
If within 30 days I don't receive any kind of compensation (preferably money), I may have to take drastic measures.

dramatically /ˈdræs.trɪk.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: drastic
Adverbs: drastically

ADVERB
[C1] in a drastic way

Dictionary example:
The number of bees has drastically declined due to a combination of factors.

Learner example:
Conditions have changed drastically after the reunification.
draught /draːft/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a current of cold air in a room

Dictionary example:
There's a terrible draught coming from under the door.

Learner example:
When it is windy we can feel a draught.

draw /drə:/

Word family:
Nouns: drawing
Verbs: draw

VERB (drew, drawn)

draw into/out/away, etc.
[B2] to move in a particular direction, especially in a vehicle

Dictionary examples:
The train slowly drew into the station/drew in.
As we drew alongside the black car, I suddenly recognized my ex-boyfriend at the wheel.
Montgomery drew level with Greene in the 100 metres final, but never passed him.

Learner example:
I drew up at the gate of the house; the inside was in darkness and nobody seemed to be there.

ATTRACT
[B2] [t] to attract someone to a place or person

Dictionary example:
He's an excellent speaker who always draws a crowd.

Learner example:
In the darkness, dark figures moved and twisted, [and] I felt drawn toward those evil chanting hordes, they seemed to mesmerise me, was all this for real or just a kind of Hell?

draw (sb's) attention to sth/sb
[B2] to make someone notice something or someone

Dictionary examples:
Could I draw your attention to item number three on the agenda?
Does he wear those ridiculous clothes to draw attention to himself?

Learner example:
Thank you very much for drawing attention to this letter.
**draw a conclusion**

[B2] to consider the facts of a situation and make a decision about what is true, correct, likely to happen, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
I’d seen them together so often I drew the logical conclusion that they were husband and wife.

**Learner example:**
Since nobody ever heard from them again, we all drew the sad conclusion that they must be dead.

**draw near/close**

[B2] to become nearer in space or time

**Dictionary example:**
Her birthday’s drawing nearer every day.

**Learner example:**
I would appreciate [it] very much if you could reply as soon as possible, as the school holiday is drawing near.

**SPORT**

[C1] [I or T] to finish a game or competition with each team or player having the same score

**Dictionary example:**
England drew 2–2 against Italy.

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**drawback /ˈdrɔː.bæk/**

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a problem or disadvantage

**Dictionary examples:**
The only drawback with this camera is the price.
One of the main drawbacks of the program is the amount of memory required.

**Learner example:**
Both perspectives are important, but, overall, the advantages of proper in–house teaching outweigh the drawbacks.

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**dreadful /ˈdred.fəl/**

**Word family:**
Verbs: dread
Adjectives: dreadful
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] extremely bad or unpleasant

**Dictionary examples:**
The food was bad and the service was dreadful.
I was beginning to think I'd made a dreadful mistake.
The news report was so dreadful that I just had to switch it off.

**Learner example:**
What a dreadful nightmare!

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**dream /driːm/**

**NOUN [C]**

**be in a dream**

[B2] to not notice things that are around you because you are thinking about something else

**Dictionary example:**

**Learner example:**
The first time I [saw a fashion] show, I was 10 years old and I [was] in a dream during the [whole] show.

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**dress /dres/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** dress
**Verbs:** dress, undress
**Adjectives:** dressed, undressed

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**STYLE**

[B2] [U] a particular style of clothes

**Dictionary example:**
casual/formal dress

**Learner example:**
You had better put on formal dress.
**drive** /draɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: drive, driver
Verbs: drive

**VERB (drove, driven)**

**drive sb mad/crazy, etc. INFORMAL**
[B2] to make someone extremely annoyed

**Dictionary examples:**
My mother-in-law has been staying with us this past week and she's driving me crazy. He leaves dirty clothes all over the floor and it's driving me mad.

**Learner example:**
It drove me crazy.

**drive sb to sth; drive sb to do sth**
[C1] to make someone have a bad feeling or do something bad

**Dictionary example:**
The arguments and violence drove her to leave home.

**Learner example:**
She would discover all about her affair with Lorraine's husband and the real cause that drove him to commit suicide.

**NOUN**

**ENERGY**
[C1] [u] energy and determination to achieve things

**Dictionary example:**
She has drive and ambition.

**Learner example:**
They definitely have the drive and motivation to succeed.

**drop** /drɒp/

**VERB (–pp–)**

**LOWER**
[B2] [i or ɪ] to move to a lower level, or cause something to move to a lower level
Dictionary examples:
The water level in the flooded region has finally begun to drop.
The land drops (away) sharply behind the house.
We’ve had to drop our prices because of the recession.

Learner example:
Especially if you imagine that the number of heart-attacks was about 40% per year and for [the] last 3 years dropped down to 23%.

STOP ACTIVITY
[B2] [ɪ] to stop doing or planning something, especially an activity

Dictionary examples:
I’m going to drop yoga and do aerobics instead.
Can you drop what you’re doing and help me with this report?

Learner example:
I think you shouldn’t drop sports but on the other hand, if you drop sports and do music, it [would be] quite good as well.

TAKE
[C1] [t] (also drop off) to take someone or something to a place, usually by car as you travel somewhere else

Dictionary example:
I can drop you at the station on my way to work.

Learner example:
You [had] better hire a car or get to know somebody who can drop you there.

NOUN

REDUCTION
[B2] [nɔ plərəl] a reduction in the amount or level of something

Dictionary examples:
a drop in crime
The recent drop in magazine subscriptions is causing some concern.

Learner example:

DISTANCE
[C1] [nɔ plərəl] a vertical distance down from somewhere to the ground

Dictionary example:
It’s a drop of about 50 metres from the top of the cliff.
drown /draʊn/

VERB

DIE

[B2] I to die because you are under water and cannot breathe, or to kill someone in this way

Dictionary example:
Two people drowned in a boating accident yesterday.

Learner example:
Those days we spent in Brazil were full of excitement and I certainly wouldn't mind doing it again - well, except [for] the episode in which you almost drowned when we went water-skiing.

drug /drʌg/

NOUN [C]

MEDICINE

[B2] I any natural or artificially made chemical which is used as a medicine

Dictionary examples:
anti-cancer/fertility/pain-killing drugs
a prescription drug
He takes several drugs for his condition.

Learner example:
A great many drug companies all over the world have reduced input of dangerous chemicals into rivers, lakes and seas.

ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE

[B2] I any natural or artificially made chemical which is taken for pleasure, to improve someone's performance of an activity, or because a person cannot stop using it

Dictionary examples:
illegal drugs
a drug addict
drug addiction/abuse
She began to suspect that her son was on/taking/doing drugs.

Learner example:
Of course, I have never taken drugs.
drunk /drʌŋk/

Word family:
Nouns: drink
Verbs: drink
Adjectives: drunk

ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

[B2] I unable to behave or speak normally because of having had too much alcohol

Dictionary examples:
He got very drunk at my sister's wedding.
I'd had a glass of wine but I certainly wasn't drunk.
He came home last night blind drunk.

Learner example:
So, I just sat down watching Julie and her monstrous friends drinking and acting like animals – they were all blind drunk!

dry /draɪ/

ADJECTIVE (drier, driest or dryer, dryest)

WINE
[C1] Dry wine is not sweet.

Dictionary example:
I'd like a glass of dry white wine.

Learner example:
The only wine sold – a dry white wine of a very good quality – is the one made by the owners of the restaurant and I can assure you that it's worth trying it.

HAIR/SKIN
[C1] Dry skin or hair does not feel soft or smooth.

Dictionary example:
My lips feel really dry.

Learner example:
She looked old, her skin was dry and her eyes so lucid... .

dual /ˈduː.əl/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

[C1] having two parts, or having two of something
**Dictionary examples:**

dual nationality
She's got a bit of a dual personality.

**Learner example:**
I have dual nationality.

due /djuː/

**ADJECTIVE**

**in due course**
[B2] at a suitable time in the future

**Dictionary example:**
The results will be sent to you in due course.

**Learner example:**
I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

**be due for sth**
[C1] If you are due for something, it should happen very soon.

**Dictionary example:**
I'm due for a check-up at the dentist's.

**Learner example:**
The facilities and canteen are due for improvement too.

dull /dʌl/

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT BRIGHT**
[C1] not bright

**Dictionary examples:**
dull colours
dull weather

**Learner example:**
Confronted with her children's styles she changed from old-fashioned skirts in dull colours to comfortable jeans and colourful shirts.
dumb /dʌm/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] physically unable to talk

Dictionary example:
The child is deaf and dumb.

Learner example:
The first one is "Lessons of Piano". It is the story of a dumb woman who uses a piano to express her feelings and moods.

dump /dʌmp/

VERB
GET RID OF
[C1] [ɪ] to put something somewhere to get rid of it, especially in a place where you should not put it

Dictionary example:
The company was fined for illegally dumping toxic chemicals.

Learner example:
I can pick up all the bottles and other rubbish that are dumped on the street where I live.

NOUN [c] (also UK tip)

WASTE
[C1] a place where people take things that they do not want

Dictionary example:
We took our old mattress to the dump.

Learner example:
Thankfully, with the help of the government, a recycling centre was built nearby and so the rubbish littering the streets, as well as that being taken to the dump, was cut down by 60%.

duration /djʊəˈreɪʃən/

NOUN [u] FORMAL
[C1] the amount of time that something lasts

Dictionary example:
The singer remained in the hotel for the duration of his stay in the UK.
Learner example:
If you are between 18 and 30 years old, we offer you a wide range of jobs with a duration varying from two weeks to three months.

**duty** /ˈdjuː.ti/

**NOUN**

**job**
[B2] [C or U] something you do as part of your job or because of your position

**Dictionary example:**
professional/official duties

**Learner example:**
And it is the most important duty of the local police to keep an eye on hooligans.

**on/off duty**
[B2] If someone such as a doctor or a soldier is on duty, they are working, and if they are off duty, they are not working.

**Dictionary example:**
What time are you off/on duty tomorrow?

**Learner example:**
I was on duty in front of the major’s house with another soldier.

dwell /dwel/

**VERB**

dwell on/upon sth **PHRASAL VERB**
[C1] to keep thinking or talking about something, especially something bad or unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
I don’t want to dwell on the past.

**Learner example:**
Considering this astonishing technical feature, I do not wish to dwell too long upon the subject.
**dynamic /dæˈnæm.ɪk/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**ACTIVE**

[B2] full of ideas, energy and enthusiasm

**Dictionary example:**
She's young and dynamic and will be a great addition to the team.

**Learner example:**
I am a cheerful, dynamic and hardworking person.
**eager** /ˈiː.gər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** eagerness  
**Adjectives:** eager  
**Adverbs:** eagerly  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] wanting to do or have something very much  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She sounded very eager to meet you.  
They crowded round the spokesperson, eager for any news.  

**Learner example:**  
We are six Italian teenagers eager to meet new people.

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**eagerly** /ˈiː.gə.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** eagerness  
**Adjectives:** eager  
**Adverbs:** eagerly  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in an eager way  

**Dictionary example:**  
an eagerly awaited announcement  

**Learner example:**  
I'm eagerly waiting for your reply.

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**eagerness** /ˈiː.gə.nəs/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** eagerness  
**Adjectives:** eager  
**Adverbs:** eagerly
NOUN [u]
[B2] when you are eager to do something

**Dictionary example:**
In their eagerness to find a solution, they have overlooked certain difficulties.

**Learner example:**
I really admire your stamina, your commitment and your eagerness to pursue a career as one of the youngest vice presidents ever in the company, but is it really worth it?

eagle  /ˈiː.ɡl/  

NOUN [c]
[B2] a large, strong bird with a curved beak that hunts smaller animals

**Learner example:**
For many animals zoos are the only hope for survival: for example [the] Chinese panda or white eagle.

ear  /ɪə/  

NOUN [c]

**not believe your ears**
[B2] to be very surprised when you hear what someone says

**Dictionary example:**
I couldn't believe my ears when Dan said they were getting married.

**Learner example:**
I couldn't believe my ears. All my wishes had come true.

**have an ear for sth**
[C1] to be good at hearing, repeating, or understanding a particular type of sound

**Dictionary example:**
He has no ear for music.

**Learner example:**
In terms of communication I believe that I have an ear for languages.
earn /ɜːn/

Word family:
Nouns: earnings
Verbs: earn

VERB

earn a/your living
[B2] to work to get money for the things you need

Dictionary example:
You can't expect to earn a living from your painting.

Learner example:
We work to earn a living.

earnings /ˈɜː.nɪŋz/

Word family:
Nouns: earnings
Verbs: earn

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] money that you get for working

Dictionary example:
Average earnings for skilled workers are rising.

Learner example:
Finally, I think that publishers are so worried about their earnings that they don't pay attention to new writers.

earth /ɜːθ/

NOUN

SUBSTANCE
[B2] [u] soil or ground

Dictionary example:
The ploughed earth looked rich and dark.

Learner example:
At the same time, the two sisters began to throw earth and stones.
**how/what/why, etc. on earth?** **INFORMAL**  
[C1] used when you are extremely surprised, confused, or angry about something

**Dictionary example:**  
Why on earth didn't you tell me before?

**Learner example:**  
How on earth can you have a coach without a toilet?

**down to earth**  
[C1] People or ideas that are down to earth are practical and work well.

**Dictionary example:**  
David's a bit of a dreamer but Ruth's much more down to earth.

**Learner example:**  
He has much practical knowledge, he is down to earth.

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**earthquake**  
/ˈɜːθ.kweɪk/  
**NOUN** [C]  
[B2] a sudden movement of the Earth's surface, often causing severe damage

**Dictionary example:**  
A powerful earthquake **struck** eastern Turkey last night.

**Learner example:**  
Human beings are afraid of dangers such as [a] tornado or earthquake.

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**ease**  
/iːz/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** ease  
**Adjectives:** easy, uneasy  
**Adverbs:** easily, easy

**NOUN** [U]  
**NOT DIFFICULT**  
[B2] If you do something with ease, it is easy for you to do it.

**Dictionary examples:**  
She won the 400m race **with** ease.  
I was amazed at the ease with which she learnt the language.

**Learner example:**  
She finally left the small village in the pursuit of her goal, which she achieved with relative ease.
**at ease**
[B2] feeling relaxed and comfortable

**Dictionary example:**
I felt completely at ease with him.

**Learner example:**
I really felt at ease: your house is very comfortable and the neighbours are nice people.

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**easily /ˈiː.zɪ.li/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** ease
- **Adjectives:** easy, uneasy
- **Adverbs:** easily, easy

**ADVERB**

**LIKELY**
[C1] used to emphasize that something is likely

**Dictionary example:**
A comment like that could easily be misunderstood.

**Learner example:**
Considering the results of our research and the available alternatives, we came to the conclusion that there is no valid reason for replacing a valuable park with a car park that could easily be located somewhere else.

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**east (also East) /iːst/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** east
- **Adjectives:** east, eastern

**NOUN [u]**

**the East**
[B2] the countries of Asia

**Dictionary example:**
She spent her childhood in the East – mostly in China and Japan.
eastern (also Eastern) /ˈiːstən/

Word family:
Nouns: east
Adjectives: east, eastern

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

ASIA
[B2] in or from the countries of Asia

Dictionary example:
Buddhism and other Eastern religions fascinate me.

Learner example:
I would like to know if the restaurant [has] Eastern or Asian [food]?

easy /ˈiː.zi/ 

Word family:
Nouns: ease
Adjectives: easy, uneasy
Adverbs: easily, easy

ADJECTIVE

(take) the easy way out
[C1] to do what is easiest in a difficult situation

Dictionary example:
I know you don’t approve of his working methods, but why not take the easy way out this time and agree to his request?

Learner example:
On the other hand you cannot survive without your pay-check and to be able to both make a career and have the time to be green, sometimes you just have to take the easy way out.

ADVERB

easier said than done
[C1] used to say that something seems like a good idea but it would be difficult to do

Dictionary example:
I want to ask her out, but it’s easier said than done.

Learner example:
I know it’s easier said than done but you have to try.
eat /iːt/ (ate, eaten)

VERB

eat up (sth) or eat (sth) up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to eat all the food you have been given

Dictionary example:
Be a good boy and eat up your dinner.

Learner example:
There wasn’t any more time after eating it up.

ecological /ˌiː.kəˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: ecology
Adjectives: ecological
Adverbs: ecologically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to ecology or the environment

Dictionary example:
The destruction of the rain forests is an ecological disaster.

Learner example:
There are ecological, technical, and social problems.

ecologically /ˌiː.kəˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: ecology
Adjectives: ecological
Adverbs: ecologically

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that relates to ecology or the environment

Dictionary example:
It’s an ecologically friendly/sound means of transport.
ecology /ɪˈkɒl.ə.dʒi/

Word family:
Nouns: ecology
Adjectives: ecological
Adverbs: ecologically

NOUN [U NO PLURAL]
[C1] the relationship between living things and the environment, or the scientific study of this

Dictionary example:
The oil spill caused terrible damage to the fragile ecology of the coast.

Learner example:
This solution supports business – well, then it’s up to the residents to choose either business or ecology.

economic /ˌiː.kəˈnɒm.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: economics, economist, economy
Adjectives: economic, economical

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] relating to trade, industry and money

Dictionary examples:
We have seen ten years of economic growth.
The government’s economic policies have led us into the worst recession for years.

Learner example:
Nowadays there are economic problems in many countries.

economical /ˌiː.kəˈnɒm.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: economics, economist, economy
Adjectives: economic, economical

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not using a lot of money, fuel, etc.

Dictionary examples:
What’s the most economical way of heating this building?
There's increasing demand for cars which are more economical on fuel.
Learner example:
Moreover a bike is a very economical means of transport because it does not need any fuel.

**economist** /ˈɪkɒn.ə.mɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: economics, economist, economy
Adjectives: economic, economical

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a person who studies or has a special knowledge of economics

Learner example:
I discovered that one of the examiners was a very famous economist.

**economy** /ɪˈkɒn.ə.mi/

Word family:
Nouns: economics, economist, economy
Adjectives: economic, economical

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] the system by which a country produces and uses goods and money

Dictionary examples:
the German/US economy
the **global** economy
a **weak/strong** economy
The economy has been **growing** at a rapid rate these past five years.
Tourism contributes millions of pounds to the country’s economy.

Learner example:
As China’s economy is growing fast, we will run low [on] resources soon.

**edge** /ˈedʒ/

**NOUN [c]**

**BLADE**
[B2] the part of a blade of a knife or tool that cuts, or any sharp part of an object which could cut

Dictionary example:
Careful with that open tin – it’s got a very sharp edge.
Learner example:
When I sat down, I didn't notice that the seat in front of me was broken on the side, and when it was time for me to get off the bus, I cut my hand on the sharp edge.

edible /ˈed.ə.bl/  

Word family:  
Adjectives: edible, inedible  

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] safe to eat and not harmful  

Dictionary example:  
edible berries  

Learner example:  
Part of your journey can be made through the forests where you can pick up some edible berries and wild mushrooms but be careful, you may need the local guide to help you with decisions there.

edit /ˈed.ɪt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: edition, editor  
Verbs: edit  

VERB [T]  
[B2] to prepare text, film, etc. by deciding what to include and by correcting mistakes  

Dictionary examples:  
Janet edited books for a variety of publishers.  
The film's 129 minutes were edited down from 150 hours of footage.  

Learner example:  
If you can edit these errors, I would appreciate it.

dition /ɪˈdɪʃ.ən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: edition, editor  
Verbs: edit
NOUN [c]
[B2] a book, newspaper, etc. that is one of several that are the same and were produced at the same time

Dictionary examples:
a new edition
the paperback/hardback edition of the dictionary

The local/regional editions of the paper contain specific information for that area.

Learner example:

editor /ˈed.i.tə/

Word family:
Nouns: edition, editor
Verbs: edit

NOUN [c]
[B2] a person who corrects or changes text, film, etc., or a person who is in charge of a newspaper or magazine

Dictionary examples:
She's a senior editor in the reference department of a publishing company.
Who is the current editor of the Times?

Learner example:
It seems to me that you don't take your job as serious[ly] as every reader expects from an objective and informative newspaper editor.

educate /ˈed.jʊ.keɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: education
Verbs: educate
Adjectives: educated, educational

VERB [t]

TEACH
[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to teach someone at a school, college or university

Dictionary examples:
She was educated at Crown Woods secondary school.
How much does it cost to educate a child privately?
Learner example:
Occasionally, students are not being educated equally. I strongly believe that students have to have the right to choose their subjects.

**GIVE INFORMATION**

[B2] to give people information about something so that they understand it better

**Dictionary example:**
The government say they are trying to do more to educate the public about the consequences of drug abuse.

**Learner example:**
Therefore, in my opinion, if people had been educated to love and respect nature, zoos would have already been abolished.

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**educated** /ˈed.ju.ˈker.trd/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** education  
**Verbs:** educate  
**Adjectives:** educated, educational  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] Someone who is educated has learned a lot at school or in college and has a good level of knowledge.  

**Dictionary example:**
These are all educated, professional people.  

**Learner example:**
I’m going to buy a computer because I think it is a very useful and important thing for every educated person.

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**educational** /ˌed.ˈju.ˈker.ʃən.l/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** education  
**Verbs:** educate  
**Adjectives:** educated, educational  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] providing education or relating to education  

**Dictionary examples:**
educational toys  
Reducing the size of classes may improve educational standards.
Learner example:
I want to ask you if the cinema could provide some extra services to the community, such as showing educational films for free.

**effect /ɪˈfekt/**

Word family:
Nouns: effect, effectiveness
Adjectives: effective
Adverbs: effectively

**NOUN**

have little/no effect
[C1] make little/no difference

Dictionary example:
The new measures have had little effect on ordinary people's lives.

Learner example:
As for the weather, it was only a five-minute shower that soon went over and therefore had no effect on the show.

take effect
[C1] to start to produce results or changes

Dictionary example:
They had to wait ten minutes for the anaesthetic to take effect.

Learner example:
Some factories tried to organize the transport for the employees, but it took effect in small towns only, where people live with shorter distances.

**effective /ɪˈfektɪv/**

Word family:
Nouns: effect, effectiveness
Adjectives: effective
Adverbs: effectively

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] successful or achieving the results that you want

Dictionary examples:
effective management
It's an extremely effective cure for a headache.
The lighting for the production made a very effective use of shadow.
She's a very effective teacher.
Learner example:
To be honest, I don't think it’s very effective, but we have to do something against fat.

effectively /ɪˈfek.trɪ.əl/ (ADVERB)

Word family:
Nouns: effect, effectiveness
Adjectives: effective
Adverbs: effectively

SUCCESS
[B2] in a way that is successful and achieves what you want

Dictionary examples:
Teachers need to be able to communicate ideas effectively.
The tablets work more effectively if you take a hot drink after them.

Learner example:
As well as learning English, we should be aware of the cultures of many countries in order to be able to communicate more effectively.

effectiveness /ɪˈfek.trɪ.nəs/ (NOUN [u])

[Noun] [C1] the degree to which something achieves its intended result

Dictionary example:
There are doubts about the effectiveness of the drug.

Learner example:
If this is done, the effectiveness of the lessons will no doubt be increased.

efficiency /ɪˈfɪʃ.ən.ti/ (NOUN)

Word family:
Nouns: efficiency
Adjectives: efficient, inefficient
Adverbs: efficiently
NOUN [u]
[B2] when someone or something uses time and energy well, without wasting any

Dictionary examples:
What is so impressive about their society is the efficiency of the public services.
energy/fuel efficiency

Learner example:
Finally, I think modern technology makes me do my business faster, with much more efficiency.

efficiently /ɪˈfɪʃ.ənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: efficiency
Adjectives: efficient, inefficient
Adverbs: efficiently

ADVERB
[B2] quickly and effectively in an organized way

Dictionary example:
She runs the business very efficiently.

Learner example:
Needless to say, the computer plays a [key] role [in making] us use a library efficiently.

egg /eg/

NOUN

BABY
[B2] [c] an oval object with a hard shell that contains a baby bird, insect or other creature

Dictionary examples:
The cuckoo lays her egg in another bird's nest.
After fourteen days the eggs hatch.

Learner example:
The only thing they can do is to lay eggs.
eighty /ˈeɪ.ti/  

**NUMBER**

*(be) in your eighties*

[B2] to be aged between 80 and 89

**Dictionary example:**
Many of the residents are in their eighties.

*the eighties*


**Dictionary example:**
They moved to Britain in the eighties.

**Learner example:**
He is a normal man with no special education but he became famous during the eighties as a musician.

either /ˈaɪ.ðər/  

**PRONOUN; DETERMINER**

*either side/end, etc.*

[B2] each of two sides, ends, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
Unfortunately I was sitting at the table with smokers on either side of me.
There are two entrances, one at either end of the campsite.

**Learner example:**
You can watch it while it’s eating: standing up on its back legs and holding the nut with its front legs, then putting all of it into one [of] its two “sacks” on either side of its mouth.

elder /ˈel.dər/  

**NOUN**

*the elder*

[B2] the older person of two people

**Dictionary example:**
Of the two brothers, Harvey is the elder.
Learner example:
The most interesting characters of "Jamaica Inn" are the Merlyn brothers. We first meet Joss, the elder, when Mary, the heroine of the story, arrived at the inn.

**elderly /ˈel.dəl.i/**

**NOUN**

**the elderly**

[C1] people who are elderly

**Dictionary example:**
The elderly are given help with fuel bills.

**Learner example:**
I also heard complaints from the elderly, fearing the city streets due to the traffic, something that would not be resolved by a central parking lot, and certainly the elderly would be the ones [worst] affected by increased pollution, with their less effective immune systems.

**eldest /ˈel.dɪst/**

**NOUN**

**the eldest**

[B2] a person who is the oldest of three or more people

**Dictionary example:**
He was the eldest of four kids.

**Learner example:**
She’s the eldest – 98 years old – and knows the whole history of our town.

**elect /ɪˈlekt/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** election
**Verbs:** elect

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**

[B2] to choose someone for a particular job or position by voting

**Dictionary examples:**
He was elected president in 1997.
She was elected to the US Senate in 2004.
We elected him as our representative.
Learner example:
In 1987 a young girl, Cecilia Bolocco, was elected Miss Chile.

electrical  /ɪˈlek.trɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: electrician, electricity
Adjectives: electric, electrical

ADJECTIVE
SUPPLY
[C1] relating to the production and supply of electricity

Dictionary example:
an electrical engineer

Learner example:
As an electrical engineer, computer training is very important to me in several ways.

electrician  /ˌe.lekˈtrɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: electrician, electricity
Adjectives: electric, electrical

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone whose job is to put in, check or repair electrical wires and equipment

Dictionary example:
We have an electrician coming round to put some new sockets in.

Learner example:
I rang up an electrician and told him about the problem.

electronically  /ˌe.lekˈtrɒn.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: electronics
Adjectives: electronic
Adverbs: electronically

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that uses electronic equipment, especially a computer

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Dictionary examples:
electronically generated graphics
electronically stored information

Learner example:
I hope that you can subscribe to [the] Internet as well so that we can communicate electronically.

electronics /ɪˌlekˈtroniks/

Word family:
Nouns: electronics
Adjectives: electronic
Adverbs: electronically

NOUN [u]
[B2] the scientific study of electric current and the technology that uses it

Dictionary examples:
a degree in electronics
the electronics industry

Learner example:
I am still studying electronics and computer science.

elegance /ˈel.i.dʒəns/

Word family:
Nouns: elegance
Adjectives: elegant
Adverbs: elegantly

NOUN [u]
[C1] when someone or something is stylish or attractive in their appearance or behaviour

Dictionary example:
We were impressed by the elegance of his clothes.

Learner example:
As with the sport I mentioned before, it also has the grace and elegance of a dancer and the technique, of course, of a skater.
**elegant** /ˈel.i.gənt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** elegance

**Adjectives:** elegant

**Adverbs:** elegantly

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] stylish and attractive

**Dictionary examples:**
She's a very elegant woman.
Tara looked very elegant in a simple black dress.
He led me to an elegant dining room.

**Learner example:**
The building itself looks grand and elegant.

**elegantly** /ˈel.i.gənt.li/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** elegance

**Adjectives:** elegant

**Adverbs:** elegantly

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a way that is elegant

**Dictionary example:**
elegantly dressed

**Learner example:**
You should always [be] dressed elegantly.

**element** /ˈel.i.mənt/

**NOUN [C]**

**PART**

[B2] a part of something

**Dictionary examples:**
List the elements which make up a perfect dinner party.
The film had all the elements of a good thriller.

**Learner example:**
The main element of a novel is, of course, the story itself.
SIMPLE SUBSTANCE
[B2] a simple substance that cannot be reduced to smaller chemical parts, for example hydrogen

Dictionary example:
Iron is one of the elements of the Earth’s crust.

Learner example:
Cars produce CO2 and this combining of chemical elements pollutes our environment and promotes the Greenhouse effect.

eligible /ˈel.i.dʒə.bl/  
ADJECTIVE
[C1] If you are eligible to do something, you can do it because you are in the right situation.

Dictionary examples:
Only people over 18 are eligible to vote.
You might be eligible for a grant for your studies.

Learner example:
I am a member of ACCA Council, am I eligible for any discount on this Course, as I have information from AAA College that they can charge discounted fees for ACCA students?

eliminate /ɪˈlɪm.ɪ.nət/  
Word family:
Nouns: elimination
Verbs: eliminate

VERB [T]
GET RID OF
[C1] to remove something from something, or get rid of something

Dictionary example:
The doctor advised me to eliminate salt from my diet.

Learner example:
The parents should spend enough time with their offspring and teach them the good things and eliminate the bad things.

COMPETITION
[C1] to defeat someone so that they cannot go any further in a competition
Dictionary example:
She was eliminated after the first round of the tournament.

**elite** /ɪˈliːt/  

**NOUN [GROUP]**
[C1] the richest, most powerful, or best educated group in a society

**Dictionary examples:**
a member of the elite  
an elite group

**Learner example:**
But before you decide to become one of the elite, you should think about all the freedom you would be giving up and all the freedom you would get.

**else** /els/  

**ADVERB**
or else
[B2] used to say what will happen if another thing does not happen

**Dictionary example:**
We must be there by six, or else we'll miss the beginning.

**Learner example:**
[He] told me to hurry up, or else I would miss my bus.

**elsewhere** /elsˈweə/  

**ADVERB**
[B2] in or to another place

**Dictionary examples:**
The report looks at economic growth in Europe and elsewhere.  
They couldn't find what they wanted and decided to look elsewhere.

**Learner example:**
As for communication with our relatives in Sweden or elsewhere, the fax–machine turned out to be an excellent invention.
**embarrassment** /ɪmˈbær.ə.smənt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** embarrassment

**Verbs:** embarrass

**Adjectives:** embarrassed, embarrassing

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when you feel embarrassed, or something or someone that makes you feel embarrassed

**Dictionary examples:**
She blushed with embarrassment.
My parents were such an embarrassment to me.

**Learner example:**
Looking at his face she could see his embarrassment.

**embrace** /ɪmˈbreɪs/

**VERB**

**ACCEPT**

[C1] to accept new ideas, beliefs, methods, etc. in an enthusiastic way

**Dictionary example:**
We are always eager to embrace the latest technology.

**Learner example:**
They seem to have embraced "the new deal" symbolising "freedom".

**INCLUDE**

[C1] to include a number of things

**Dictionary example:**
The report embraces a wide range of opinions.

**Learner example:**
This should embrace things like examination entries (I was not able to enter for any exam [due to] time constrain[t]s), as well as "social affairs".
emerge /ɪˈmɜːdʒ/  

VERB [v]

APPEAR  
[B2] to appear from somewhere or come out from somewhere

Dictionary example:  
She emerged from the sea, blue with cold.

Learner example:  
The owner of these eyes emerged from a nearby door, which was shabby and old, like the rest of the street.

BECOME KNOWN  
[C1] to become known

Dictionary example:  
It emerged that she had lied to her employers.

Learner example:  
It emerged from the students’ survey conducted during the recent protest that unhealthy food and little choice were the main reasons to complain, followed by high prices, unfriendly service and limited opening hours.

emission /ɪˈmɪʃ.ən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: emission  
Verbs: emit

NOUN [C or U]  
[C1] when gas, heat, light, etc. is sent out into the air, or an amount of gas, heat, light, etc. that is sent out

Dictionary example:  
Carbon dioxide emissions will be reduced by 20%.

Learner example:  
One may argue from the point of linking CO2 emissions to other known pollutants, like industry, but recent studies have shown traffic to be [one of] the most important causes of air pollution.
emotion /ɪˈməʊ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: emotion
Adjectives: emotional
Adverbs: emotionally

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a strong feeling such as love or anger, or strong feelings in general

Dictionary examples:
Like a lot of men, he finds it hard to express/show his emotions.
My mother was overcome with emotion and burst into tears.

Learner example:
Unlike Annie Lennox, who [se] voice sound[s] so pure and full of emotion.

emotional /ɪˈməʊ.ʃən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: emotion
Adjectives: emotional
Adverbs: emotionally

ADJECTIVE

EMOTIONS
[B2] relating to emotions

Dictionary examples:
a child's emotional development
My doctor said the problem was more emotional than physical.

Learner example:
Doctors have found that many healt[h] problems are linked with emotional changes in [a person]'s life.

STRONG FEELINGS
[B2] having and expressing strong feelings

Dictionary examples:
an emotional speech
I felt quite emotional during the wedding ceremony.

Learner example:
It was so big and full of people that she felt very emotional.
emotionally /ɪˈməʊ.ʃən.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: emotion
Adjectives: emotional
Adverbs: emotionally

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that shows emotions or relates to emotions

Dictionary examples:
She spoke emotionally about her experiences as a war correspondent.
Many children have become emotionally disturbed as a result of the abuse they have suffered.

Learner example:
After two days, Laura was emotionally and physically exhausted.

emperor /ˈem.pərər/

NOUN [C]
[C1] the male ruler of an empire

Dictionary example:
Emperor Charlemagne

Learner example:
I would certainly go, because it fascinates me how more or less 2,000 years ago, the Roman emperors could build up such a big empire.

emphasis /ˈem.fə.sɪs/ (PLURAL emphases)

Word family:
Nouns: emphasis
Verbs: emphasize

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the particular importance or attention that you give to something

Dictionary examples:
There is a lot of emphasis on curing disease but too little emphasis on preventing it.
Schools here place/put great emphasis on written work and grammar.

Learner example:
[I]n the tale "It's a good life", the author gives much more emphasis to Anthony than to anyone else in the story.
emphasize (also UK emphasise) /ˈem.fə.saɪz/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** emphasis
**Verbs:** emphasize

**VERB [r]**
[B2] to show that something is especially important or needs special attention

**Dictionary examples:**
She emphasized the need for better diet.
He emphasized that the driver was not to blame for the accident.
You can use italics or capitals to emphasize a word in a piece of writing.

**Learner example:**
To put it in a nutshell, I would like to emphasize the fact that I did not spen[d] a “perfect evening out” at all.

empire /ˈem.pərə/

**NOUN [c]**

**COUNTRIES**
[C1] a group of countries that is ruled by one person or government

**Dictionary example:**
the British Empire

**Learner example:**
All the Greeks can be very proud of him and have to [hope] that a general with unlimited skills like Alexander will make Greece an unstoppable and worldwide empire again.

**BUSINESSES**
[C1] a large group of businesses that is controlled by one person or company

**Dictionary example:**
a publishing empire

**Learner example:**
This concerns products like pizzas, French fries and of course hamburgers and the empire MacDonald’s.
employ /ɪmˈplɔɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: employee, employer, employment, unemployment, unemployed
Verbs: employ
Adjectives: unemployed

VERB [T]

USE
[C1] FORMAL to use something

Dictionary example:
Companies employ clever tactics to persuade us to buy their products.

Learner example:
A friend that I made on the course shares the same opinion and insists on the fact that the course gave us the opportunity to employ some of the techniques we practi[s]ed in the "How to Negotiate" classes.

empty /ˈemp.ti/

ADJECTIVE

NO MEANING
[C1] having no meaning or value

Dictionary example:
an empty promise/threat

Learner example:
But on the other hand, I need to point out all the empty promises you made with your advertisements.

enable /iˈner.bɛl/

Word family:
Nouns: ability, disability, inability
Verbs: enable
Adjectives: able, disabled, unable

VERB [T]

[B2] to make someone able to do something, or to make something possible

Dictionary example:
Computerization should enable us to cut production costs by half.
Furthermore, computers enable us to store any amount of necessary information, which probably would take plenty of room on our bookshelves, if in written form.

**enclose /ɪnˈkləʊz/**

**VERB [ɪ]**

SEND

[B2] to send something in the same envelope or parcel as something else

**Dictionary example:**
I enclose a map of the area.

**Learner example:**
I enclose a copy of my curriculum vitae, which will give you further details about my career to date.

BE ALL AROUND

[C1] to be all around something and separate it from other things or places

**Dictionary example:**
The house is enclosed by parkland.

**Learner example:**
You know that Aragon is a deep valley which is enclosed by two ranges of mountains.

**encounter /ɪnˈkaʊn.tər/**

**VERB [ɪ]**

[B2] to experience something unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
We encountered quite a few **problems** at the beginning.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, we could infer that teenage life is quite a good time, as there is no stress or anxiety that is usually encountered later on in life.

**encouragement /ɪnˈkʌr.i.dʒ.mənt/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** encouragement
**Verbs:** discourage, encourage
**Adjectives:** encouraging
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when someone talks or behaves in a way that gives you confidence to do something

Dictionary examples:
Children need lots of encouragement from their parents.
I could never have achieved this without the encouragement of my husband and family.

Learner example:
Children need some encouragement, which parents can provide at any time.

**encouraging** /ɪnˈkʌr.ɪ.dʒɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: encouragement
Verbs: discourage, encourage
Adjectives: encouraging

ADJECTIVE
[B2] giving you confidence or hope

Dictionary examples:
The team's performance was very encouraging.
an encouraging smile

Learner example:
She spoke about young people that want to start this kind of career: she was so encouraging!

**end** /end/

Word family:
Nouns: end, ending
Verbs: end
Adjectives: endless

NOUN

STOP
[B2] [C usually no plural] when something stops happening

Dictionary examples:
They are calling for an end to the violence.
My contract comes to an end in June.

Learner example:
My job comes to an end in two weeks, and then I will have one month free, so it will be possible for me to go [on] your next journey to Africa.
for hours/days, etc. on end
[B2] for hours/days, etc. without stopping

Dictionary example:
He waited by the telephone for hours on end.

Learner example:
You can find information on whatever issue you want, science, technology, business, arts, etc., everything is there, without mentioning the fantastic and simplified way of buying by internet or just surfing for hours on end [for] whatever thing you are interested in.

no end INFORMAL
[B2] a lot

Dictionary example:
I've had no end of trouble finding a hotel room.

Learner example:
I had no end of fun when we were going to the beach and the car stopped and we had to go on foot.

put an end to sth
[B2] to make something stop happening or existing

Dictionary examples:
He's determined to put an end to these rumours.
Leg injuries put an end to his athletics career.

Learner example:
Maybe because I needed someone to know, or because I wanted to put an end to that feeling, and have a normal life.

make ends meet
[C1] to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need

Dictionary example:
I've taken a second job in the evenings just to make ends meet.

Learner example:
Most students support themselves and barely make ends meet every month.

bring sth to an end
[C1] to make something finish

Dictionary example:
The stories in the newspaper brought her career to a sudden end.

Learner example:
At the end of the year 2002 a great construction was brought to an end.
**endangered** /ɪnˈdeɪn.dʒəd/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** danger  
**Adjectives:** dangerous, endangered  
**Adverbs:** dangerously  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] used of animals and plants which may soon disappear from the world because there are very few left alive  

**Dictionary example:**  
Tigers are now an endangered species.  

**Learner example:**  
Many endangered species have been saved by zoos which have been able to make them reproduce.

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**endeavour** /ɪnˈdev.ər/  

**VERB**  
**endeavour to do sth** FORMAL  
[C1] to try very hard to do something  

**Dictionary example:**  
I endeavoured to help her, but she wouldn't let me.  

**Learner example:**  
I totally agree with the latter and I shall endeavour to look at both points of view.

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**endless** /ˈend.ləs/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** end, ending  
**Verbs:** end  
**Adjectives:** endless  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] never finishing, or seeming never to finish  

**Dictionary examples:**  
We used to have endless arguments about politics.  
He seems to think that I have an endless supply of money.  
The possibilities are endless.
Learner example:
But there were long, seemingly endless holidays ahead.

**endure** /ɪnˈdjuər/  

Word family:  
Nouns: endurance  
Verbs: endure

**VERB** [T]  
[B2] to suffer something difficult, unpleasant or painful  

**Dictionary examples:**  
We had to endure a nine-hour delay at the airport.  
She’s already had to endure three painful operations on her leg.

Learner example:  
In addition to this, I have been doing various kinds of sports including swimming and jogging, so I could endure a long trip.

**enemy** /ˈen.ə.mi/  

**NOUN**  
COUNTRY/ARMY  
[B2] [C usually no plural] a country, or the armed forces of a country, which is at war with another country

**Dictionary examples:**  
enemy forces/territory  
The enemy had succeeded in stopping our supplies from getting through.

**energetic** /ˌen.əˈdʒet.ɪk/  

Word family:  
Nouns: energy  
Adjectives: energetic

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] having or involving a lot of energy

**Dictionary examples:**  
an energetic young woman  
I tried aerobics but it was too energetic for me.
Learner example:
I am a cheerful and energetic person.

enforce /ɪnˈfoʊs/

VERB [ɪ]
[C1] to make people obey a rule or law

Dictionary example:
It is the duty of the police to enforce the law.

Learner example:
Traffic police rarely enforce the law on public transport vehicles, which leads to a lot of chaos.

engage /ɪnˈgeɪdʒ/

VERB [ɪ] FORMAL
[C1] to interest someone in something and keep them thinking about it

Dictionary example:
The debate about food safety has engaged the whole nation.

Learner example:
It would be great if we could employ professional entertainers to set up activities to engage people and buy fun prizes and awards.

enhance /ɪnˈhɑːns/

VERB [ɪ] FORMAL
[C1] to improve something

Dictionary example:
Winning that award greatly enhanced her reputation.

Learner example:
In addition, enhancing the reputation of the family might be another factor as well.

enjoyment /ɪnˈdʒɔɪ.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: enjoyment
Verbs: enjoy
Adjectives: enjoyable
NOUN [u]
[B2] when you enjoy something

Dictionary example:
Knowing the ending already didn't spoil my enjoyment of the film.

Learner example:
It is worth seeing because of the wonderful actors who play their roles with inspiration and enjoyment.

enough /ɪˈnʌf/

DETERMINER; PRONOUN
NEGATIVE COMMENT
[B2] as much as or more than is wanted

Dictionary examples:
I've got enough work to do at the moment, without being given any more.
Half an hour in his company is quite enough!
Stop. You've made enough of a mess already.
You've drunk more than enough already.

Learner example:
Now I think I'm going to stay around here, as I have had enough disappointments for one summer.

have had enough
[C1] to want something to stop because it is annoying you

Dictionary example:
I've had enough of your excuses.

Learner example:
My neighbours and I have had enough of this sudden and deafening noise, which seems to affect our pets as well.

ADVERB

strangely enough
[B2] although it may seem strange

Dictionary example:
Strangely enough, I was just speaking to him the other day.

Learner example:
Today, strangely enough, people out on the sea, often local fishermen, see the complete castle, like a ghost.
**fair enough** INFORMAL

[B2] used for saying that you can understand and accept someone's opinion or decision

**Dictionary example:**
"He says he'll only work on Sunday if he gets paid extra." "Fair enough."

**Learner example:**
Most of the streets are open [to] cars and therefore people tend to escape to a little area around the pedestrian streets. Fair enough, but it make[s] those streets terribly overcrowded.

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**enquire (UK also inquire) /ɪnˈkwɛɪr/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** enquiry
**Verbs:** enquire

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to ask someone for information about something

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm enquiring about dentists in the area.
"Are you staying long?" she enquired.

**Learner example:**
I am writing to enquire about the job you are offering.

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**enrich /ɪnˈrɪtʃ/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** riches, richness
**Verbs:** enrich
**Adjectives:** rich

**VERB [T]**

[C1] to improve the quality of something by adding something to it

**Dictionary example:**
Our culture has been enriched by the many immigrants who live here.

**Learner example:**
It can be of great assistance especially for those who start studying the Greek language and for those who want to enrich their knowledge, too.
**ensure** (US FORMAL USALSO insure) /ɪnˈʃɔːr/  

**Word family:**  
**Verbs:** ensure  
**Adjectives:** sure, unsure  
**Adverbs:** surely  

**VERB [ɪ] [B2]**  
[to make something certain to happen]  

**Dictionary example:**  
Please ensure that all examination papers have your name at the top.  

**Learner example:**  
Please ensure [the] above corrections and new information about Lampton [are included in the next edition].

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**enter** /ˈen.tə/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** entrance, entry  
**Verbs:** enter  

**VERB**  

**PERIOD OF TIME**  
[C1] [ɪ] to begin a period of time  

**Dictionary example:**  
The violence is now entering its third week.  

**Learner example:**  
It is a family-run business which is now entering its tenth successful year.

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**enterprise** /ˈen.tə.praɪz/  

**NOUN**  

**BUSINESS**  
[C1] [ɪ] a business or organization  

**Dictionary example:**  
a state-owned enterprise
Learner example:
It is true that many state enterprises went on strike several days ago, among others transport and medical services.

QUALITY
[C1] [u] when someone is enthusiastic and willing to do something new and clever, although there are risks involved

Dictionary example:
The scheme shows imagination and enterprise.

Learner example:
I am talking about a frank and sincere young lady with enterprise.

entertainer /en.təˈteɪ.nər/

Word family:
Nouns: entertainer, entertainment
Verbs: entertain
Adjectives: entertaining

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone whose job is to entertain people by singing, telling jokes, etc.

Dictionary example:
We've hired a children's entertainer for the party.

Learner example:
You could hire some entertainers.

entertaining /en.təˈteɪ.nɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: entertainer, entertainment
Verbs: entertain
Adjectives: entertaining

ADJECTIVE
[B2] funny and enjoyable

Dictionary examples:
an entertaining story/film/talk
His books aren't particularly well-written, but they're always entertaining.

Learner example:
It is obvious that some people prefer reading books, [while] others claim that watching films is much more entertaining.
enthusiasm /ɪnˈθjuː.zi.æz.əm/

Word family:
Nouns: enthusiasm
Adjectives: enthusiastic
Adverbs: enthusiastically

NOUN [u]
[B2] a feeling of energetic interest in a particular subject or activity and an eagerness to be involved in it

Dictionary examples:
One of the good things about teaching young children is their enthusiasm.
After the accident he lost his enthusiasm for the sport.

Learner example:
I am filled with enthusiasm about [spend]ing two weeks at Camp California in the U.S.A.

enthusiastic /ɪnˌθjuː.ziˈæs.tɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: enthusiasm
Adjectives: enthusiastic
Adverbs: enthusiastically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] showing enthusiasm

Dictionary example:
You don't seem very enthusiastic about the party – don't you want to go tonight?

Learner example:
I've got a lot of friends who are really enthusiastic about cycling and we often go cycling [together].

enthusiastically /ɪnˌθjuː.ziˈæs.tɪk.əli/

Word family:
Nouns: enthusiasm
Adjectives: enthusiastic
Adverbs: enthusiastically

ADVERB
[B2] in an enthusiastic way

Dictionary example:
She responded very enthusiastically to the idea.
Learner example:
She accepted my suggestion enthusiastically.

**entire** /ɪnˈtaɪər/  
Word family:  
Adjectives: entire  
Adverbs: entirely  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**  
[B2] whole or complete, with nothing missing  

Dictionary examples:  
Between them they ate an entire cake.  
He'd spent the entire journey asleep.  

Learner example:  
On behalf of the entire school, I would like to put forward a number of suggestions in regard to the improvement of the reception area.

**entirely** /ɪnˈtaɪə.li/  
Word family:  
Adjectives: entire  
Adverbs: entirely  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] completely  

Dictionary examples:  
I admit it was entirely my fault.  
I'm not entirely convinced it will work.  
The company is run almost entirely by middle-aged men.  

Learner example:  
I would like to do something entirely different before I start to study again.

**entitle** /ɪnˈtaɪt.lɪ/  
Verb [T OFTEN PASSIVE]  

Give right  
[B2] to give someone the right to do or have something
Dictionary examples:
I’m entitled to apply for citizenship.
Being unemployed entitles you to free medical treatment.

Learner example:
In conclusion, I believe that I am entitled to a partial refund.

GIVE TITLE
[C1] to give something a particular title

Dictionary example:
a lecture entitled "Language, Learning and Literacy"

Learner example:
In June, [the] club arranged a slide show and talk which was entitled 'Walking In The Black Hills'; this was very informative and the students had lots of tips for hill walking.

**environment /ɪnˈvaɪərənmənt/**

Word family:
Nouns: environment, environmentalist
Adjectives: environmental
Adverbs: environmentally

NOUN

SURROUNDINGS
[B2] [c] the conditions that you live or work in and the way that they influence how you feel or how effectively you can work

Dictionary examples:
The office is quite bright and airy – it’s a pleasant working environment. As a parent you try to create a stable home environment.

Learner example:
They need to live in a friendly environment with their relatives and their friends.

**environmentalist /ɪnˌvaɪə.rənˈmen.tɪst/**

Word family:
Nouns: environment, environmentalist
Adjectives: environmental
Adverbs: environmentally

NOUN [c]
[C1] someone who tries to protect the natural environment from being damaged
**Dictionary example:**
She is a well–known environmentalist.

**Learner example:**
Others also, especially environmentalists, suggest that we should turn to electric–powered engines which are environmentally friendly, as these air pollutants bring about the thinning of the ozone layer.

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**environmentally** /ɪnˌvaɪən.ˈrən.ˈmen.tə.l.i/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** environment, environmentalist
**Adjectives:** environmental
**Adverbs:** environmentally

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a way that is related to the environment

**Dictionary examples:**
environmentally damaging chemicals
We need our industries to work in an environmentally responsible way.

**Learner example:**
All these [things] were made possible because we have the world’s most dedicated and environmentally adaptable government, spearheaded by Lee Kuan Yew decades ago.

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**environmentally friendly** /ɪnˌvaɪənˌmen.tə.l.iˈfrend.li/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] not harmful to the environment

**Dictionary example:**
environmentally–friendly washing powder

**Learner example:**
A lot was said about creating more environmentally–friendly products.

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**envisage** /ɪnˈviz.ɪdʒ/

**VERB**

[C1] to imagine something happening, or think that something is likely to happen

**Dictionary example:**
The police don't envisage any trouble at the festival.
**Learner example:**
We envisage the size of the branch to be around 50 people to start with and expect to grow circa 20% a year.

**envision** /ɪnˈvɪʒ.ən/

**VERB [T]**
[C1] to imagine something happening, or think that something is likely to happen

**Dictionary example:**
He envisioned a partnership between business and government.

**Learner example:**
From the childhood, when you are only a kid, you envision you[r]self getting married and quite naturally it is a great feeling when you do get married.

**envy** /ˈen.vi/

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to wish that you had something that someone else has

**Dictionary examples:**
I envy her ability to talk to people she's never met before.
I don't envy you the job of cooking for all those people.

**Learner example:**
I really envy you, Pete.

**NOUN [U]**

**FEELING OF WANTING**
[B2] the feeling that you wish you had something that someone else has

**Dictionary example:**
I watched with envy as she set off for the airport.

**Learner example:**
Sam, your last letter has filled me with envy.
**episode** /ˈep.ɪ.səʊd/

**NOUN [C]**

**EVENT**

[B2] a single event or group of related events

**Dictionary examples:**
This latest episode in the fraud scandal has shocked a lot of people. The drugs, the divorce and the depression – it’s an episode in his life that he wants to forget.

**Learner example:**
This little episode happened when I was seven years old.

**PART OF STORY**

[B2] one of the single parts into which a story is divided, especially when it is broadcast on the television or radio

**Dictionary example:**
I missed the first episode.

**Learner example:**
I watch[ed] the news and one episode of "Friends".

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**equal** /ˈiː.kwəl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** equality, inequality

**Adjectives:** equal

**Adverbs:** equally

**ADJECTIVE**

**AS IMPORTANT**

[B2] the same in importance and deserving the same treatment

**Dictionary examples:**
All people are equal, deserving the same rights as each other. They've got a long way to go before they achieve equal pay/opportunities for men and women.

**Learner example:**
Then Napoleon did whatever he wanted to do under the motto of "all animals are equal", which was false.

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] someone or something that has the same importance as someone or something else and deserves the same treatment
**Dictionary example:**
The good thing about having her as a boss is that she treats us all as equals.

**Learner example:**
We must respect and treat them as our equals.

equality  /ɪˈkwɒl.ə.ti/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** equality, inequality
- **Adjectives:** equal
- **Adverbs:** equally

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the right of different groups of people to have a similar social position and receive the same treatment

**Dictionary examples:**
equality between the sexes
racial/sexual equality

**Learner example:** That’s why I think people who fight to defend equality are amazing, especially Nelson Mandela because he spent part of his life in jail for that.

equally  /ˈiː.kwə.li/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** equality, inequality
- **Adjectives:** equal
- **Adverbs:** equally

**ADVERB**

SAME WAY

[B2] fairly and in the same way

**Dictionary example:**
Everyone should be treated equally.

**Learner example:**
In [the] festival, all the performers were treated equally.

SAME AMOUNTS

[C1] into amounts or parts that are the same size

**Dictionary example:**
She shared the money equally between the four children.
Learner example:
The obligations should be divided equally between the members of the group.

SAME DEGREE
[C1] to the same degree or level

Dictionary examples:
an equally important question
She did equally well in the competition last year.

Learner example:
I think the choice of a good organization, which can provide good facilities and social conditions, along with good teaching, is equally important.

equation /ɪˈkweɪ.ʒən/

Word family:
Nouns: equation
Verbs: equate

NOUN [C]
[C1] when you show that two amounts are equal using mathematical symbols

Dictionary example:
In this equation, x = 6.

Learner example:
I would like to address the issue [using] a very simple equation of economics: Demand = supply.

equip /ɪˈkwɪp/ (−pp−)

Word family:
Nouns: equipment
Verbs: equip

VERB [T]
[B2] to provide someone or something with what is needed for a particular purpose

Dictionary examples:
They're raising money to equip the hospital.
The new trains are equipped with all the latest technology.

Learner example:
We were equipped with crampons, ropes, ice axes, gloves, sunglasses and so on.
**equivalent** /ɪˈkwɪv.əl.ənt/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] equal in amount, value, importance, or meaning

**Dictionary example:**
The UK's Brit Awards are roughly equivalent to the Oscars.

**Learner example:**
They go to the same school and I daresay that the same percentage of girls does the Abitur (equivalent to the English GCE A level).

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] something that has the same value, importance, size, or meaning as something else

**Dictionary example:**
She won the equivalent of $5 million.

**Learner example:**
As well as this I have passed the Cambridge First Certificate exam and another exam in Spain which is the equivalent of FCE.

**era** /ˈɪə.rə/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a period of time in history that is special for a particular reason

**Dictionary examples:**
the Clinton era
the post-war era
They had worked for peace during the long era of conflict.
The fall of the Berlin wall marked the end of an era.

**Learner example:**
The world is paddling through the era of technology.

**erosion** /ɪˈrəʊ.ʒən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** erosion
**Verbs:** erode
**PHYSICAL DAMAGE**
[C1] when soil, stone, etc. is gradually damaged and removed by the sea, rain, or wind

Dictionary example:
soil/coastal erosion

Learner example:
Deforestation changes the climate and natural ability to stop soil erosion also plays a role here.

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**error** /ˈer.ər/

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] a mistake

Dictionary examples:
He admitted that he’d made an error.
The letter contained a number of typing errors.
Human error has been blamed for the air crash.
The document was destroyed in error by the police.

Learner example:
There are a lot [of] factual errors in this article.

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**escalator** /ˈes.kə.leɪ.tər/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] moving stairs that take people from one level of a building to another

Dictionary examples:
I’ll meet you by the up/down escalator on the second floor.
Shall we use the lift or take the escalator?

Learner example:
The newly decorated section is fairly modern [in] style with escalators and touch-screen ticket machine[s].
escape /ɪˈskeɪp/

VERB

AVOID
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to avoid a dangerous or unpleasant situation

Dictionary examples:
She was lucky to escape serious injury.
Chelsea only just escaped defeat in the second round of the cup.

Learner example:
Happily they were found by some hunters and escaped with minor injuries.

NOUN

FORGETTING PROBLEMS
[B2] [u no plural] something that helps you to forget about your usual life or problems

Dictionary example:
I love old movies – they're such an escape from the real world.

Learner example:
Going on holiday is a great idea and I think it’s the best way to relax and have fun, but it would also be an escape from the daily routine and a break from your tiring job.

GETTING OUT
[C1] [ɔr ʊ] when someone succeeds in getting out of a place or a dangerous or bad situation

Dictionary examples:
He made his escape on the back of a motorbike.
an escape route

Learner example:
Being impatient in the jail, Tom planned for his escape.

especially /ɪˈspeʃ.əl.i/

ADVERB

ONLY
[B2] for one particular person, purpose, or reason

Dictionary example:
I cooked this meal especially for you.
Learner example:
I remember the taste of the pineapple cake that you baked especially for me and your home-made goos[e]berry wine.

essentially  /ɪˈsen.tʃəl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: essence
Adjectives: essential
Adverbs: essentially

ADVERB
[B2] relating to the most important characteristics or ideas of something

Dictionary examples:
It's essentially a dictionary but it differs in one or two respects.
What he's saying is essentially true.

Learner example:
Although we are essentially a rock band, we integrate elements of traditional Indian music (such as sitar).

establish  /ɪˈstæb.lɪʃ/

Word family:
Nouns: establishment
Verbs: establish

VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]

START
[B2] to start a company or organization that is likely to continue for a long time

Dictionary example:
The brewery was established in 1822.

Learner example:
The first restaurant, which was established 10 years ago, is called Paris.

establish communication/relations, etc.
[C1] to start having a relationship or communicating with another person, company, country, or organization

Dictionary example:
The two countries have only recently established diplomatic relations.
Learner example:
[As] everyone knows, English is called "the universal language", which is used in all the airports of the world, to establish communication between the airports and the planes that arrive from all over the world.

establish *sb*/*sth* as *sth*
[C1] to put someone or something into a successful and lasting position

Dictionary example:
He quickly established himself as a talented actor.

Learner example:
In fact, after ending his career as a football player, Pele managed to establish himself as a successful businessman.

establishment /ɪˈstæb.lɪʃ.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: establishment
Verbs: establish

NOUN

ORGANIZATION
[C1] [c] FORMAL a business or other organization, or the place where an organization operates

Dictionary example:
an educational/religious establishment

Learner example:
Even if you do not enjoy novel eating experiences, this establishment is worth a visit due to its architecture and atmosphere.

STARTING
[C1] [u] when an organization, school, business, etc. is started

Dictionary example:
the establishment of a new national bank

Learner example:
That explains the establishment of various fast-food restaurants in our countries, which spread in a[n] incredibly quick way, and have changed our eating habits in a short time.
estate /ɪˈsteɪt/

NOUN [C]

LAND
[B2] a large area of land in the country which is owned by a family or an organization and is often used for growing crops or raising animals

Dictionary example:
a country estate

Learner example:
There is a special law in Sweden which allows everyone to wander [through] any private estate unless one causes harm.

BUILDINGS
[B2] a group of houses or factories built in a planned way

Dictionary examples:
a housing estate
an industrial estate

Learner example:
I live [on] a big housing estate.

estimate /ˈes.tɪ.mət/

Word family:
Nouns: estimate
Verbs: estimate, underestimate, *overestimate*
Adjectives: estimated

VERB [T]
[B2] to guess the cost, size, value, etc. of something

Dictionary examples:
Government sources estimate a long-term 50% increase in rail fares.
They estimate that the journey will take at least two weeks.
It was difficult to estimate how many trees had been destroyed.
The number of dead is estimated at over three hundred.

Learner example:
I estimate it will take only 7 minutes to walk from the conference center to the hotel.

NOUN [C] /ˈes.trɪ.meɪt/
[B2] a guess of what the size, value, amount, cost, etc. of something might be
Dictionary examples:
The number of people who applied for the course was 120 compared with an initial estimate of between 50 and 100.
This is only a rough estimate.

estimated /ˈes.ˈtr.ɪ.meɪ.tɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: estimate
Verbs: estimate, underestimate, overestimate
Adjectives: estimated

ADJECTIVE
[B2] guessed

Dictionary example:
an estimated cost/value

Learner example:
My estimated [time of] arrival [at] Heathrow airport is nine o'clock in the morning and my flight number is OK 1312.

ethnic /ˈeθ.nɪk/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] relating to a particular race of people

Dictionary example:
ethnic minorities

Learner example:
Over 98% of the population are ethnic Chinese.

evaluate /ɪˈvæl.ju.ɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: evaluation
Verbs: evaluate

VERB [T] FORMAL
[C1] to consider or study something carefully and decide how good or bad it is

Dictionary example:
We need time to evaluate the proposal.
**Learner example:**
The aim of this report is to evaluate and describe how successful our College Film Club has been so far.

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**evaluation**
/ɪˌvæl.juˈeɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** evaluation

**Verbs:** evaluate

**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] the act of considering something carefully and deciding how good or bad it is

**Dictionary examples:**
There was no evaluation of the risks involved.
She carried out an evaluation of their services.

**Learner example:**
And that is what counts in the evaluation of job candidates.

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**even**
/ˈIː.vən/

**ADVERB**

**even if**
[B2] whether or not

**Dictionary example:**
Even if you take a taxi, you'll still miss your train.

**Learner example:**
I often go to parks, with or without the children, even if the weather is not good.

**even though**
[B2] although

**Dictionary examples:**
Even though he left school at 16, he still managed to become a millionaire.
He still smokes even though he's got asthma.

**Learner example:**
They didn't give up hope even though they were tired and wet to the bone.

**even so**
[C1] used to emphasize that something surprising is true despite what you have just said

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Dictionary example:
Car prices have gone down a lot, but even so, we couldn't afford to buy one.

Learner example:
I'm sure many of [these things] happened due to bad luck, but even so, there are some arrangements that, I bel[ie]ve, can easily be improved.

break even
[C1] to not make money but also not lose money

Dictionary example:
The company only managed to break even this year.

Learner example:
Company C does not seem to be doing well. In the year 2000, it just seems to be breaking even.

event /ɪˈvent/  

Word family:
Nouns: event  
Adjectives: eventful, uneventful  

NOUN [C]  

in the event of sth FORMAL
[C1] if something happens  

Dictionary example:
An airbag could save your life in the event of an accident.

Learner example:
In the event of bad weather, it would be wise to plan an alternative to the boat trip, for example a visit of Buckingham Palace or the Houses of Parliament.

in any event
[C1] whatever happens  

Dictionary example:
I'm not sure if I'm coming on Friday, but in any event, I'll see you next week.

Learner example:
In any event, it is incumbent upon all of us to carefully plan our travel matters, so as to take advantage of their several benefits.

eventually /rˈven.tju.əli/  

Word family:
Adjectives: eventual  
Adverbs: eventually
ADVERB

[B2] in the end, especially after a long time

**Dictionary examples:**
Eventually they reached an agreement.
He eventually got round to fixing the bike.

**Learner example:**
Anyway Pat eventually apologized to me.

ever /ˈev.ər/

ADVERB

**ever so**
[B2] very

**Dictionary example:**
It was ever so kind of you to meet us at the airport.

**Learner example:**
It was ever so kind of you to take the trouble and make room for us although we arrived quite unexpectedly.

**better/faster/happier, etc. than ever**
[C1] better/faster/happier, etc. than at any time before

**Dictionary example:**
She is running faster than ever.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I would like to thank you for your invitation to the new opening of Longridge Arts Centre, the centre looks better than ever and I enjoyed the arts exhibition that is on now.

every /ˈev.ri/

DETERMINER

**POSSIBLE**
[B2] as much as is possible

**Dictionary examples:**
I'd like to wish you every success in your new job.
She has every reason to be unhappy after losing her job and her home.
You had every opportunity to make a complaint.
Every effort is being made to minimise civilian casualties.
She has every right to be proud of her tremendous achievements.
**Learner example:**
The man realized that people should take every opportunity that life offers them, because all we are is dust in the wind.

**every now and then**
[C1] sometimes, but not often

**Dictionary example:**
We still meet up every now and then.

**Learner example:**
Each day choose 10 new words and learn them by heart. In a week you will have learned 70 new words, and in a year 3640, a lot of words. Please, do not forget to repeat them every now and then.

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**everything**  /ˈev.rɪ.thɪŋ/

**PRONOUN**

**be/mean everything**
[B2] to be the most important part of someone's life

**Dictionary examples:**
His children mean everything to him.
Money isn't everything.

**Learner example:**
I think that every person has a different opinion, but for me, money and fame isn't everything in life.

**do everything in your power to do sth**
[C1] to do everything that you are able and allowed to do in order to achieve something

**Dictionary example:**
I've done everything in my power to help him.

**Learner example:**
I think of myself as an open-minded and cheerful person and if I get the job I will do everything in my power to make sure your visitors will have a great time at the theme park.

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**evidence**  /ˈev.rɪ.dənts/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** evidence

**Adjectives:** evident

**Adverbs:** evidently

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NOUN [u]

PROOF

[B2] something that makes you believe that something is true or exists

Dictionary examples:
evidence of global warming
There is no evidence that the theory is true.
New evidence suggests/shows this argument is flawed.
There is scientific evidence that the drug is addictive.
All the evidence points to a substantial rise in traffic over the next few years.
There is growing/increasing evidence that people whose diets are rich in vitamins are less likely to
develop some types of cancer.

Learner example:
David started looking for evidence, but he found nothing.

eyvident /ˈev.i.dənt/ FORMAL

Word family:
Nouns: evidence
Adjectives: evident
Adverbs: evidently

ADJECTIVE

[B2] obvious to everyone and easy to see or understand

Dictionary examples:
The full extent of the damage only became evident the following morning.
From the smell it was evident that the drains had been blocked for several days.

Learner example:
In conclusion, it is evident that it is better to do shopping in big supermarkets or shopping centres than small local shops in terms of time, money, working hours and family life.

eyvidently /ˈev.i.dənt.l.i/ FORMAL

Word family:
Nouns: evidence
Adjectives: evident
Adverbs: evidently

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is easy to see

Dictionary example:
He evidently likes her.
Learner example:
There are, evidently, points in favour and points against.

**evil /
ˈiː.vəl/
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**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very cruel, bad or harmful

**Dictionary examples:**
an evil monster
These people are just evil.

**Learner example:**
She is a very dark and evil person who can’t forget the first Mrs. de Winter.

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] something that is very bad and harmful

**Dictionary examples:**
Drug-addiction is one of today’s great social evils.
The theme of the play is the battle between good and evil.

**Learner example:**
It is not simply [the] confronting of good and evil.

**evolution /ˈiː.vəˈluː.ʃən/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** evolution
**Verbs:** evolve

**NOUN [U]**

**NATURAL WORLD**

[B2] the way in which living things change and develop over millions of years

**Dictionary example:**
Darwin’s theory of evolution

**Learner example:**
I think it is good to have zoos, but we shouldn’t try to control natural evolution as we have done until now.

**GRADUAL CHANGE**

[B2] a gradual process of change and development

**Dictionary example:**
the evolution of language
Learner example:
[Leonardo’s] studies and projects on mechanics puzzle us and foresee the future evolution of science and technology.

**evolve** /ɪˈvɒlv/

Word family:
**Nouns:** evolution
**Verbs:** evolve

**VERB**

[C1] to develop or make something develop, usually gradually

Dictionary example:
rapidly evolving technology

Learner example:
This device has evolved from being a large machine into the size of a notebook.

**exactly** /ɪgˈzæk.t.i/!

Word family:
**Adjectives:** exact
**Adverbs:** exactly

**ADVERB**

**AGREEMENT**

[B2] something you say when you agree completely with someone

Dictionary example:
“Surely they should have told us about this problem sooner?” “Exactly!”

**not exactly**

[B2] used to say that something is not completely true

Dictionary example:
“So you gave her your book?” “Not exactly, I lent it to her.”

**not exactly easy/new/rich, etc.** INFORMAL

[C1] used to emphasize that someone or something does not have a particular quality

Dictionary example:
Let’s face it, we’re not exactly rich, are we?

Learner example:
The Hotel Royal was not exactly luxurious.
**exaggerate** /ɪgˈzædʒ.ə.reɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** exaggeration
**Verbs:** exaggerate

**VERB** [I or T]
[C1] to make something seem larger, better, worse, etc. than it really is

**Dictionary example:**
Don't exaggerate – it didn't cost that much!

**Learner example:**
Without exaggerating, I would like to mention that she is dependable and trustworthy but also tactful and supportive.

**exaggeration** /ɪgˌzædʒ.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** exaggeration
**Verbs:** exaggerate

**NOUN** [C or U]
[C1] when you describe something as larger, better, worse, etc. than it really is

**Dictionary example:**
a slight/gross exaggeration of the facts

**Learner example:**
You wrote about "a sudden downpour of rain" which was a huge exaggeration.

**examination** /ɪgˌzæm.ɪˈneɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** exam, examination, examiner
**Verbs:** examine

**NOUN**
**CAREFUL LOOK**
[B2] [C or U] when someone looks at or considers something carefully in order to discover something
Dictionary examples:
a **medical** examination
I had to **have** a medical examination when I started my new job.
The evidence is still **under** examination.
I thought it was paint at first, but **on closer** examination I realised it was dried blood.

Learner example:
Finally we went to the hospital for a medical examination and fortunately we were all right.

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**Word family:**

**Nouns:** exam, examination, examiner

**Verbs:** examine

VERB [T]

**LOOK AT**

[B2] to look at or consider a person or thing carefully and in detail in order to discover something about them

Dictionary examples:
She picked up the knife and examined it closely.
He was examined by a doctor as soon as he arrived.
Experts are examining the wreckage **for** clues about the cause of the explosion.

Learner example:
I examined both of them and finally I discovered [that it] was a virus changed genetically in order to kill people.

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**Word family:**

**Nouns:** example

**Verbs:** exemplify

**NOUN [C]**

**set an example**

[B2] to do something in a good way so that other people might try to copy you

Dictionary example:
Try to set a good example to the children.

Learner example:
It sets a good example for other museums.
VERY GOOD
[B2] someone or something that is very good and should be copied

Dictionary example:
He is a very good example to the rest of the class.

Learner example:
You are a shining example for your colleagues.

exceed /ɪkˈsiːd/

Word family:
Nouns: excess
Verbs: exceed
Adjectives: excessive

VERB [T]

BE MORE
[C1] to be more than a particular number or amount

Dictionary example:
Sales have exceeded $1 million so far this year.

Learner example:
Our administration costs didn’t exceed 5%, the other 10% were the pure costs of the entertainment.

exceed sb’s expectations
[C1] to be much bigger or better than expected

Dictionary example:
The location of the apartment exceeded our expectations.

Learner example:
They might exceed our expectations with the top-quality cuisine, which is fine as long as it is value for money; we don’t want an unaffordable canteen.

exceed the speed limit
[C1] to drive faster than you are allowed to according to the law

Dictionary example:
She was caught exceeding the speed limit.

Learner example:
There are three ground rules you have to follow: stop at stop-signs, don’t exceed the speed limit and don’t be in the way of other cars.
exception /ɪkˈsep.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exception  
Adjectives: exceptional  
Adverbs: exceptionally  

NOUN [C or U]  

NOT INCLUDED  
[B2] someone or something that is not included in a rule, group or list or that does not behave in the expected way  

Dictionary examples:  
There are exceptions to every rule.  
I like all kinds of films with the exception of horror films.  
Her books are always entertaining and this one is no exception.  
You must report here every Tuesday without exception.  

Learner example:  
The animals looked so sad to me. So I decided to set them free, all of them, without exception.  

make an exception  
[C1] to not treat someone or something according to the usual rules  

Dictionary example:  
They don't usually take cheques, but they said they'd make an exception in my case.  

Learner example:  
Unfortunately, they were not flexible enough to make an exception, but on the other hand we know about the problem now and can avoid it in the future.  

exceptional /ɪkˈsep.ʃən.əl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exception  
Adjectives: exceptional  
Adverbs: exceptionally  

ADJECTIVE  

GOOD  
[B2] extremely good  

Dictionary example:  
He really is an exceptional student.  

Learner example:  
This trip constitutes an exceptional challenge for me.
exceptionally /ɪkˈsep.ʃən.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: exception
Adjectives: exceptional
Adverbs: exceptionally

ADVERB
[C1] extremely

Dictionary example:
an exceptionally gifted student

Learner example:
Jacky Chan is an exceptionally hardworking person who won't let anything bring him down and he has a great sense of humour which is why most people like him.

excess /ɪkˈses/

Word family:
Nouns: excess
Verbs: exceed
Adjectives: excess, excessive

NOUN /ɪkˈses/
[C1] more of something than is usual or needed

Dictionary examples:
An excess of oil on the markets has caused prices to fall sharply.
He earns in excess of £60,000 a year.

Learner example:
We should change our behaviour and buy what we need and not in excess, giving the children a pattern to follow.

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] /ˈek.ses/
[C1] more than is usual or allowed

Dictionary example:
We had to pay £100 for excess baggage.

Learner example:
Most students feel that they need to get rid of excess energy at the end of the day and also convey that they are hampered by the fact that not enough sports facilities are available.
excessive /ɪkˈses.ɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: excess
Verbs: exceed
Adjectives: excess, excessive

ADJECTIVE
[C1] more than is necessary or wanted

Dictionary example:
They accused the police of using excessive force.

Learner example:
On the other hand the excessive use of mobile telephones has given us the excuse to decrease our face to face contact.

exchange /ɪksˈtʃeɪn.dʒ/

VERB [T]

SHOP
[B2] to take something back to the shop where you bought it and change it for something else

Dictionary examples:
Goods can only be exchanged on production of the original receipt.
Could I exchange this shirt for a larger size?

exchange looks, opinions, views, etc.
[B2] If two people exchange looks, opinions, views, etc., they look at each other, talk to each other, etc.

Dictionary example:
The group meets every month to exchange their views on a book they have all read.

Learner example:
You can exchange opinions with them as to the way of life in Japan and your country.

exclamation mark /ekˈsklaˌmeɪ.ʃənˌmɑːk/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a punctuation mark (!) used at the end of a sentence that expresses surprise, excitement or shock
Dictionary example:
Her emails are full of exclamation marks.

Learner example:
The day was wonderful as I got two A’s with [an] exclamation mark.

exclude  /ɪkˈskluːd/

Word family:
Verbs: exclude
Adjectives: exclusive
Adverbs: exclusively

VERB [T]
KEEP OUT
[C1] to not allow someone or something to take part in an activity or enter a place

Dictionary example:
Women are still excluded from the club.

Learner example:
Sometimes the range of sports offered is small and they feel excluded from some sports because they are not fit enough or the sport is too violent.

NOT INCLUDE
[C1] to intentionally not include something

Dictionary example:
The insurance cover excludes particular medical conditions.

Learner example:
Thus, excluding the cost of organising the day, we were able to give 85% of what we earned to the hospital.

exclusive  /ɪkˈskluː.sɪv/

Word family:
Verbs: exclude
Adjectives: exclusive
Adverbs: exclusively

ADJECTIVE
EXPENSIVE
[B2] expensive and only for people who are rich or of a high social class
Dictionary examples:
an exclusive club/hotel/shop
an exclusive part of town

Learner example:
We can also discern sophisticated, exclusive shops with expensive clothes in the city centres.

NOT SHARED

[C1] not shared with another person, organization, newspaper, etc.

Dictionary example:
an exclusive interview

Learner example:
They don't have a personal life anymore because of this and photographers are following them everywhere because they want to take an exclusive picture, so they can earn a lot of money with it when a magazine wants to buy it.

exclusively /ɪksˈkluː.sɪv.li/

Word family:
Verbs: exclude
Adjectives: exclusive
Adverbs: exclusively

ADVERB

[C1] only

Dictionary example:
an exclusively female audience

Learner example:
In addition, the reduced price mentioned refers exclusively to UK students, which caused significant problems.

excuse

VERB [T] /ɪkˈskjuːz/

EXPLAIN

[B2] to be given as a reason for someone's bad behaviour, so that it does not seem so bad

Dictionary example:
Nothing can excuse that sort of behaviour.
Learner example:
Their main goals are to save the animals and/or to show the animals to the public in order to make us take an interest in the animals and in ecology. I think that these purposes can excuse [the fact] that the animals are locked up, if they [have] enough space and [are] treated very well.

executive /ɪgˈzɛk.tɪv/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] relating to making decisions and managing businesses

Dictionary example:
an executive director

Learner example:
So I am now an executive director, I have a job and I know very important people in the Romanian Government.

NOUN
[C1] [c] someone who has an important job in a business

Dictionary example:
a company executive

Learner example:
The main reason why I attended this conference was to learn how international companies select their employees and how I could improve my qualifications as a finance executive.

exhaust /ɪgˈzoʊst/

Word family:
Nouns: exhaustion
Verbs: exhaust
Adjectives: exhausted, exhausting, exhaustive

VERB [T]
[C1] to make someone very tired

Dictionary example:
The long journey exhausted the children.

Learner example:
I think that the students were expecting to be given a job that would actually improve their English and not just exhaust them physically.
NOUN

GAS
[C1] the waste gas from a vehicle's engine

Dictionary example:
exhaust fumes

Learner example:
Therefore, it might cause a great deal of pollution because of exhaust fumes.

PIPE
[C1] (exhaust pipe) the pipe that waste gas from a vehicle's engine flows through

Dictionary example:
The car needs a new exhaust.

Learner example:
There are traffic jams and it becomes a real hell to drive or simply to walk (because of the noise and pollution of exhaust pipes).

exhausting /ɪgˈzɔːstɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: exhaustion
Verbs: exhaust
Adjectives: exhausted, exhausting, exhaustive

ADJECTIVE
[B2] making you feel extremely tired

Dictionary example:
I've had an exhausting day.

Learner example:
We will also have the opportunity to drink a coffee or have a snack after an exhausting day in the swimming pool!!

exhaustion /ɪgˈzɔːs.tfən/

Word family:
Nouns: exhaustion
Verbs: exhaust
Adjectives: exhausted, exhausting, exhaustive

NOUN [u]
[B2] when you are extremely tired

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Dictionary examples:
She felt ill with exhaustion.
The tennis star is said to be suffering from exhaustion.

Learner example:
Eighty kilometres is a pretty long distance and there is a threat that our trip would turn out to be a gruelling experience because of physical exhaustion.

exhaustive /ɪgˈzoʊs.tɪv/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exhaustion  
Verbs: exhaust  
Adjectives: exhausted, exhausting, exhaustive

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] complete and including everything  

Dictionary example:  
an exhaustive account of the incident  

Learner example:  
I think this report is exhaustive and that we can rely on this institution, should other colleagues be sent on a similar course there.

exhibit /ɪgˈzɪb.ɪt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exhibition, exhibit  
Verbs: exhibit

VERB  

SHOW OBJECTS  
[C1] to show objects such as paintings to the public  

Dictionary example:  
She’s exhibiting her roses at the local flower show.  

Learner example:  
One of the most important pictures of Van Gogh will be exhibited at the London Museum during the summer holidays.

NOUN [c]  
[C1] an object such as a painting that is shown to the public  

Dictionary example:  
a museum exhibit
Learner example:
Apart from that, there are English-speaking tourist guides in museums and historical sites, so that visitors can enjoy them and understand what the exhibits are.

exist /ɪgˈzɪst/  
Word family:  
Nouns: existence  
Verbs: exist  
Adjectives: existing, non-existent

VERB [i]  
LIVE  
[C1] to live in difficult conditions

Dictionary example:  
You can't exist without water for more than a week.

Learner example:  
It's hard to exist without water, so there were long queues to our local wells.

existence /ɪgˈzɪs.təns/  
Word family:  
Nouns: existence  
Verbs: exist  
Adjectives: existing, non-existent

NOUN  
BEING  
[B2] [u] when something or someone exists

Dictionary examples:  
Many people question the existence of God.  
According to modern cosmology, the Universe came into existence about fifteen billion years ago.  
The theatre company that they started is still in existence today.

Learner example:  
The book gives explanations about all these popular beliefs about ghosts and their supposed existence among living people.

LIFE  
[C1] [c] a particular way of life

Dictionary example:  
We could have a much more peaceful existence in the countryside.
Learner example:
People from all over the world emigrated to the fifth continent and it was believed that they would have a better existence there.

existing /ɪgˈzɪstɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: existence
Verbs: exist
Adjectives: existing, non-existent

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] describes something that exists now

Dictionary examples:
The existing church was built in the sixteenth century.
The existing laws are inadequate.

Learner example:
The computer upgraded most of the existing inventions, and made them more efficient, faster and [more user–friendly].

exotic /ɪɡˈzɒt.ɪk/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] unusual, interesting and often foreign

Dictionary example:
exotic flowers/fruits

Learner example:
Even if you do not have any cooking skills you can enjoy exotic meals.

expand /ɪkˈspænd/

Word family:
Nouns: expansion
Verbs: expand

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to increase in size or amount, or to make something increase in this way

Dictionary examples:
The air in the balloon expands when heated.
They expanded their retail operations during the 1980s.
Learner example:
I would like to expand my library.

expansion /ɪkˈspæn.tʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: expansion
Verbs: expand

NOUN [u]
[B2] when something increases in size or amount

Dictionary example:
These years saw the rapid expansion of the software industry.

Learner example:
More effective ways includ[e] the construction of bridges [in] heavy traffic areas and the expansion of METRO to even more areas of Athens.

expect /ɪkˈspekt/

Word family:
Nouns: expectation
Verbs: expect
Adjectives: expected, unexpected
Adverbs: unexpectedly

VERB

BEHAVE
[B2] [ɪ] to think that someone should behave in a particular way or do a particular thing

Dictionary example:
You will be expected to work some weekends.

Learner example:
You have to satisfy your boss [but] you do not have to do more than you are expected to.

I expect
[B2] used to show that you think something is likely to be true

Dictionary examples:
I expect Isabel's told you about me?
"Will you be coming to the party?" "I expect so."

be expecting (a baby)
[B2] to be going to have a baby
Dictionary example:
I'm expecting our first baby in May.

Learner example:
When I was nine or ten years old, my mother was expecting a baby.

**expectation /ˌek.spekˈteɪ.ʃən/**

Word family:
Nouns: expectation
Verbs: expect
Adjectives: expected, unexpected
Adverbs: unexpectedly

**NOUN**
[B2] [C usually plural] when you expect good things to happen in the future

Dictionary examples:
The holiday lived up to all our expectations.
I have high expectations for this job.
We did so well – beyond all our expectations.

Learner example:
The talks given by writers were up to my expectations and it was a pleasure to attend all of them.

**exceed sb's expectations**
[C1] to be much bigger or better than expected

Dictionary example:
The location of the apartment exceeded our expectations.

Learner example:
They might exceed our expectations with the top-quality cuisine, which is fine as long as it is value for money; we don't want an unaffordable canteen.

**expected /ɪkˈspek.tɪd/**

Word family:
Nouns: expectation
Verbs: expect
Adjectives: expected, unexpected
Adverbs: unexpectedly

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] thought likely to happen or be true

Dictionary example:
The expected power cuts never happened.
Learner example:
I went into the theatre on time but became a little bit angry [at having to] wait until 20:15, forty-five minutes after the expected starting time.

**expense /ɪkˈspɛntz/**

Word family:
Nouns: expense, expenditure, expenses
Adjectives: expensive, inexpensive

NOUN [C or U]

**MONEY SPENT**
[B2] the money that you spend on something

Dictionary examples:
Buying a bigger car has proved to be well **worth the** expense.
We've just had a new garage built at **great** expense.
It's silly to **go to the** expense of buying new clothes when you don't really need them.
You have to **pay/cover** your own medical expenses.

Learner example:
We couldn't afford the expense of a new car [at] that time.

**at the expense of sth**
[C1] If you do one thing at the expense of another, doing the first thing harms the second thing.

Dictionary example:
He spent a lot of time at work, at the expense of his marriage.

Learner example:
Unfortunately one is usually done at the expense of the other.

**expenses /ɪkˈspens.zɪz/**

Word family:
Nouns: expense, expenditure, expenses
Adjectives: expensive, inexpensive

NOUN [PLURAL]
[C1] money that you spend when you are doing your job, that your employer will pay back to you

Dictionary examples:
travel expenses
They pay us two hundred pounds a week, plus expenses.
**Learner example:**
They actually helped me a lot with relocation and even reimbursed my travel expenses.

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**experiment**

Word family:
Nouns: experiment
Verbs: experiment
Adjectives: experimental

**VERB** /ɪkˈsper.ə.mənt/

**TRY**
[B2] to try something in order to discover what it is like

**Dictionary example:**
Did he ever experiment with drugs?

**Learner example:**
Last year I started to take a lot of black and white photos and I wanted to follow the process all the way through so I bought an enlarger. I was now able to experiment with all sorts of techniques.

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**expert** /ˈek.spɜːt/

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**
[B2] having or showing a lot of knowledge or skill

**Dictionary examples:**
The centre provides expert advice for people with financial problems.
What’s your expert opinion?

**Learner example:**
We’re not expert cyclists and we could [get] tired before we get to the Mountain Hostel.

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**exploit** /ekˈsploʊt/

**VERB [T]**

**USE UNFAIRLY**
[B2] to treat someone unfairly for your own advantage

**Dictionary example:**
Laws exist to stop companies exploiting their employees.
Learner example:
I suppose those people are often exploited and do not have real friends with whom they can share feelings and emotions. Therefore I believe being a famous person is also synonymous with being lonely.

USE WELL
[B2] to use or develop something to your advantage

Dictionary example:
We need to make sure that we exploit our resources as fully as possible.

Learner example:
John would certainly exploit this unique opportunity and meet the interviewer's expectations easily.

exploration /ˌek.spləˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: exploration
Verbs: explore

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a journey to a place to find out about something

Dictionary examples:
Livingstone was the first European to make an exploration of the Zambesi river.
She's always loved travel and exploration.

Learner example:
In the near future robots will take part in space exploration, as well as ocean exploration.

explore /ɪkˈsplɔːr/

Word family:
Nouns: exploration
Verbs: explore

VERB

LOOK INTO
[B2] [T] to find out more about something, often something that you might do in the future

Dictionary example:
We're exploring the possibility of buying a holiday home.

Learner example:
It is a great camera and I still have not explored all the possibilities it holds.
explosion /ɪkˈspləʊ.ʒən/

Word family:
Nouns: explosion, explosive
Verbs: explode
Adjectives: explosive

NOUN [C]

BOMB
[B2] when something such as a bomb explodes

Dictionary examples:
Forty people were killed in the explosion.
The fire was thought to have been caused by a gas explosion.

Learner example:
I was doing my homework when I heard an explosion.

INCREASE
[C1] when something increases suddenly by a large amount

Dictionary example:
the recent population explosion

Learner example:
The factors leading to this population explosion in cities of the world might vary from country to country and city to city, but there is one common denominator – the quest for a better life.

export

VERB [I or T] /ɪkˈspɔːt/
[B2] to send goods to another country for sale

Dictionary examples:
French cheeses are exported to many different countries.
Our clothes sell so well in this country that we have no need to export.

Learner example:
And of course, while Italy is exporting pizza, spaghetti and food like that, Italian people are able to try different food from foreign countries, like hamburger[s], Chinese food, or pudding.

NOUN [C or U] /ˈek.spɔːt/
[B2] a product that you sell in another country or the business of selling products in another country
Dictionary examples:
Coffee is one of Brazil's main exports.
The export of ivory is now strictly controlled.
India grows tea for export.
We are planning to develop our export market.

Learner example:
At present I work for a Multinational company as export officer.

expose /ɪkˈspəʊz/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exposure  
Verbs: expose  

VERB [T]  

MAKE PUBLIC  
[B2] to make public something bad or dishonest

Dictionary examples:  
The review exposed widespread corruption in the police force.  
The newspaper story exposed him as a liar.

Learner example:  
If I do not receive full satisfaction, I will expose your operation by writing to the newspaper.

be exposed to sth  
[B2] to experience something or be affected by something because you are in a particular situation or place

Dictionary example:  
It was the first time I'd been exposed to violence.

Learner example:  
Also, with television, we might be exposed to violence in some films and advertisements, which does not happen [if] we read a book.

exposure /ɪkˈspəʊ.ʒə/  

Word family:  
Nouns: exposure  
Verbs: expose  

NOUN  
[C1] [u] when someone experiences something or is affected by it because they are in a particular situation or place
Dictionary examples:
There is a risk of exposure to radiation.
Many young children now have exposure to computers in the home.

Learner example:
Due to exposure to low temperatures throughout the tour I developed pneumonia and had to be admitted to hospital on arrival [in] London.

express /ɪkˈspres/

Word family:
Nouns: expression
Verbs: express
Adjectives: expressive

VERB [ɪ]

[B2] to show what you think or how you feel using words or actions

Dictionary examples:
I'm simply expressing my opinion.
I would like to express my thanks for your kindness.
I'm sorry, I'm not expressing myself very clearly.
Words can't express how happy I am.

Learner example:
Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to express my dissatisfaction about the show you presented two weeks ago at your theatre.

expression /ɪkˈspreʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: expression
Verbs: express
Adjectives: expressive

NOUN

PHRASE

[B2] [c] a word or phrase

Dictionary examples:
He uses a lot of informal expressions.
'A can of worms' is an expression which means 'a difficult situation'.

Learner example:
With th[ese] kind[s] of videos, they could learn words and expressions used every day by normal people talking to normal people.
LOOK
[B2] [c] the look on someone's face, showing what they feel or think

Dictionary examples:
facial expressions
He had such a sad expression on his face.
I could tell from her expression that something serious had happened.

Learner example:
He had a funny expression on his face.

SHOWING THOUGHTS
[B2] [c or u] when you show what you think or how you feel using words or actions

Dictionary examples:
He wrote her a poem as an expression of his love.
We've received a lot of expressions of support for our campaign.
Freedom of expression is a basic human right.
It's better to give expression to your anger, rather than hiding it.

Learner example:
It always thrilled me, the energy and expression this dance had.

extend /ɪkˈstend/

Word family:
Nouns: extension, extent
Verbs: extend
Adjectives: extensive

VERB
MAKE BIGGER
[B2] [ɪ] to make something bigger or longer

Dictionary examples:
We have plans to extend our house.
They've extended their range of products.

Learner example:
The existing lighting loop would be extended and [the] capacity of the illumination would be increased.

MAKE LAST
[B2] [ɪ] to make an activity, agreement, etc. last for a longer time
Dictionary examples:
They have extended the deadline by one week.
A lot of shops have extended their opening hours.
I need to extend my visa.

Learner example:
If we decide to extend our stay for two more days, does the offer still stand?

extension /ɪkˈsten.tʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: extension, extent
Verbs: extend
Adjectives: extensive

NOUN [C]

EXTRA TIME
[B2] extra time that you are given to do or use something

Dictionary example:
I've applied for an extension to my visa.

TELEPHONE
[B2] a telephone that is connected to the main telephone in an office or other large building

Dictionary example:
Call me on extension 3104.

Learner example:
For further information call 990-643 extension 93.

DEVELOPMENT
[B2] something that has developed as a result of something else

Dictionary example:
The book is an extension of ideas he set out in an earlier article.

Learner example:
So we might say the computer is the extension of our brain.

extensive /ɪkˈsten.tʃəns/
ADJECTIVE

[B2] large in amount or size

Dictionary examples:
Fire had caused extensive damage to the building.
This is probably the most extensive modern art collection in Europe.
The school has extensive grounds.
The motorway was in need of extensive repairs.
Both events received extensive coverage in the newspapers.

Learner example:
You see, this medi[e]val city has [an] extensive collection of antique[s].

extent /ɪkˈstent/

Word family:
Nouns: extension, extent
Verbs: extend
Adjectives: extensive

NOUN [NO PLURAL]

SIZE

[B2] the size or importance of something

Dictionary examples:
They are just beginning to realize the full extent of the damage.
Her face was injured to such an extent that we didn’t recognize her.
Rosie’s teacher was impressed by the extent of her knowledge.
The River Nile is over 6500 kilometres in extent.

Learner example:
[For the] past couple of decades, TV has been diffused in Japan to such an extent that nowadays, one household is likely to have more than 2 TV sets that [show] a wide range of programmes nearly 24 hours [a day].

to a great/large, etc. extent

[B2] mainly

Dictionary example:
Their anger was to a large extent justified.

Learner example:
As we all know, TV, video and cinema have replaced books to an enormous extent.

to some extent/to a certain extent

[B2] in some ways
Dictionary examples:
To some extent, she was responsible for the accident.
I agree with you to a certain extent.

Learner example:
To a certain extent, this point of view seems to be very respectable.

**exterior** /ɪkˈstɪə.rɪə/

NOUN [C]
[C1] the outside part of something or someone

Dictionary example:
The exterior of the house was painted white.

Learner example:
Thus, it is best for the management to improve the look of this building as other buildings in this area have a better looking exterior than ours.

**external** /ɪkˈstɜː.nəl/

ADJECTIVE

OUTSIDE
[B2] relating to the outside part of something

Dictionary examples:
the external walls of the house
This cream is for external use only.

Learner example:
If you see all this external decoration, you will probably fall in love [with] this art.

FROM A DIFFERENT PLACE
[B2] coming from or relating to another country, group, organization, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Most news magazines have a section devoted to external affairs.
All exams are marked by an external examiner.

**extinct** /ɪkˈstɪŋkt/

Word family:
Nouns: extinction
Adjectives: extinct
**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] If a type of animal is extinct, it does not now exist.

**Dictionary example:**
These creatures could soon be extinct.

**Learner example:**
We are destroying the Earth by polluting it and we do not realise [this], and the thing is, we will not do so until we have made some species become extinct and we have damaged it all.

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**extinction /ɪkˈstiŋkʃən/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** extinction
**Adjectives:** extinct

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**NOUN [u]**

[C1] when a type of animal no longer exists

**Dictionary example:**
Many species of animal are threatened with extinction.

**Learner example:**
I wholeheartedly suggest that it should be returned to nature and to the turtles, as they face extinction after the loss of their natural home.

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**extra /ˈek.strə/**

**NOUN [c]**

**ACTOR**

[C1] an actor in a film who does not have a main part and usually plays someone in a crowd

**Dictionary example:**
He was an extra in the crowd scene.

**Learner example:**
A theatre troop at the beginning of a new project is more often than not a flabbergasting rabble of actors, technicians, extras, back–stage workers and so forth.

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**extract**

**VERB [T] /ɪkˈstrækt/**

[B2] to remove or take out something
Dictionary examples:
The oil which is extracted from olives is used mainly for cooking.
The tooth was eventually extracted.

Learner example:
I'm really sorry, but I can't come on the day before because I need to have my teeth extracted.

NOUN [c] /ˈek.strækt/
[B2] a short part of a book, poem, etc.

Dictionary example:
They published an extract from his autobiography.

Learner example:
The number of copied and read articles or book extracts has increased steadily.

extraordinarily /ɪkˈstrəː.dɪn.ər.i/  

Word family:  
Adjectives: extraordinary  
Adverbs: extraordinarily  

ADVERB  
[B2] very  

Dictionary example:  
She is, it must be said, extraordinarily beautiful.

Learner example:  
Besides, the trip will be extraordinarily helpful for my course at school.

extreme /ɪkˈstriːm/  

Word family:  
Nouns: extremist  
Adjectives: extreme  
Adverbs: extremely  

ADJECTIVE  
VERY LARGE  
[B2] very large in amount or degree  

Dictionary example:  
extreme pain/danger/wealth

Learner example:  
This time I promise that I will take extreme caution [with] your things.
SERIOUS
[B2] the most unusual or the most serious possible

Dictionary examples:
extreme weather conditions
In extreme cases, the disease can lead to blindness.

Learner example:
It seems to be an extreme case but it is a fact that modern children have no more contact with animal life.

extrovert /ˈek.strə.vɜːt/

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who is very confident and likes being with other people

Dictionary example:
She is an extrovert.

Learner example:
She is an extrovert, a sociable person, who loves talking to people and is always ready to sacrif[i]ce her free time to make them happy.

eye /aɪ/

NOUN [C]
in sb’s eyes
[B2] in someone's opinion

Dictionary example:
In my parents' eyes, I'll always be a child.

Learner example:
To answer your question right away, the boat trip is highly recommendable in my eyes!

keep your/an eye on sb/sth
[B2] to watch or look after someone or something

Dictionary example:
Could you keep an eye on this pan of soup for a moment?

Learner example:
You have to supply [e]verything they need and keep an eye on them all the time.
can't keep/take your eyes off sb/sth
[B2] to be unable to stop looking at someone or something because they are so attractive or interesting

Dictionary example:
He couldn't take his eyes off her all night.

Learner example:
Her daughter, Lourdes Maria, is such a pretty little girl that I couldn't take my eyes off her.

have an eye for sth
[B2] to be good at noticing a particular type of thing

Dictionary example:
Your son has a very good eye for detail.

Learner example:
She's got an eye for details but a mind like anybody else's.

look sb in the eye/eyes
[B2] to look at someone in a direct way, without showing fear or shame

Dictionary example:
Look me in the eye and say that you didn't steal it.

Learner example:
One day she looked me in the eyes with a sharp deep look – never have I seen such a deep look – and asked me what was happening and I told her.

keep an eye out for sb/sth
[C1] to watch carefully for someone or something to appear

Dictionary example:
Keep an eye out for the delivery van.

Learner example:
Although individually we try to deliver the best care possible for our individual patients, we do keep an ear or an eye out for the other members of the team that day.

turn a blind eye (to sth)
[C1] to choose to ignore something that you know is wrong or illegal

Dictionary example:
Restaurant staff often took food home, and their boss turned a blind eye.

Learner example:
Nevertheless, we can't turn a blind eye to this reality.

be in the public eye
[C1] to be famous and often featured in the media

Dictionary example:
Her new role means that she will be in the public eye.
**Learner example:**
But being famous also means that you are always in the public eye, which is a major drawback.

**eyebrow** /ˈaɪ.braʊ/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] the thin line of hair that is above each eye

**Dictionary example:**
He's got really bushy eyebrows.

**Learner example:**
He woke up and cleaned off the blood from his injured eyebrow.

**eyelash** /ˈaɪ.læʃ/

**NOUN [C USUALLY PLURAL]**
[B2] one of the short hairs which grow from the edge of your eyelids

**Dictionary example:**
false/long eyelashes

**eyelid** /ˈaɪ.lɪd/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] the piece of skin that covers your eyes when you close them

**Dictionary example:**
His eyelids drooped with tiredness.

**eyesight** /ˈaɪ.saɪt/

**NOUN [U]**
[B2] the ability to see

**Dictionary example:**
My eyesight is getting worse.

**Learner example:**
I had some trouble with my eyesight, so he advised me to wear glasses and not to strain my eyes.
fabric /ˈfæb.rɪk/  

NOUN  
[C1] [c or u] cloth  

Dictionary example:  
a light/woollen fabric  

Learner example:  
Do small pieces of coloured fabric really have the might to change how people live their lives?  
(1533768; Certificate in Advanced English; Germany; C1 EFFECTIVE OPERATIONAL PROFICIENCY; 2004; German; Pass)Lifestyle-changing fashion Do small pieces of coloured fabric really have the might to change how people live their lives?

fabulous /ˈfæb.jə.ləs/  

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] extremely good  

Dictionary examples:  
They've got a fabulous house.  
We had an absolutely fabulous holiday.  

Learner example:  
Everybody admitted that the entertainment was absolutely fabulous.

face /feɪs/  

Word family:  
Nouns: face  
Verbs: face  
Adjectives: facial  

NOUN  
at face value  
[C1] If you accept something at face value because of the way it first looks or seems, you do so without thinking carefully about it.
Dictionary examples:
You can’t just accept everything you read in the newspapers at face value.
These results should not be taken at face value – careful analysis is required to assess their full implications.

Learner example:
People are assessed at face value [by] the type of cars they drive.

VERB

PROBLEM
[B2] [ɪ] If you face a problem, or a problem faces you, you have to deal with it.

Dictionary examples:
This is one of the many problems faced by working mothers.
Passengers could face long delays.
You’re faced with a very difficult choice there.

Learner example:
Grandparents are experienced people and they can help their child[ren] to avoid a lot of problems which they have faced.

can’t face sb/sth/doing sth
[B2] to not want to do something or deal with someone, often because it is difficult or unpleasant

Dictionary examples:
I can’t face walking up all those steps again.
I knew someone had to tell her but I couldn’t face it.
How can I face him now that he knows what I’ve done?

Learner example:
Everybody at [the] swimming pool was laughing about me. I couldn’t face my family.

ACCEPT
[B2] [ɪ] to accept that something unpleasant is true and start to deal with the situation

Dictionary examples:
I think Phil has to face the fact that she no longer loves him.
We have to face facts here – we simply don’t have enough money.
He’s dying but he refuses to face the truth.

Learner example:
But Mary has a strong personality, she faces the facts.

face the music
[C1] to accept punishment or criticism for something bad that you have done

Dictionary example:
At the end of the day I had to go home and face the music.
Learner example:
Teenagers who live with their parents have to face the music about the long bills their parents receive monthly!

facilitate /ˈfəsɪl.ɪ.teɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: facilities, facility
Verbs: facilitate

VERB [T] FORMAL
[C1] to make something possible or easier

Dictionary example:
I will do everything in my power to facilitate the process.

Learner example:
I found that the presentations and talks about CVs and letters of application were really useful, [but] we should have been divided into smaller groups to facilitate conversation.

facility /ˈfəsɪl.a.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: facilities, facility
Verbs: facilitate

NOUN [C]
[B2] a part of a system or machine which makes it possible to do something

Dictionary example:
an overdraft facility

Learner example:
I would suggest free Internet access as an extra facility in our library.

fact /fækt/

NOUN

despite the fact that
[B2] used to refer to a situation which is surprising in relation to something that is true or happens
**Dictionary example:**
The company has been forced to reduce its price, despite the fact that the offer has been very popular.

**Learner example:**
The advantages of the kind of life that people had years ago is that they could eat more fruit and vegetables than us. However, there are advantages for us too, because despite the fact that we eat more fast food, we do more exercise than they did.

**REAL THINGS**

[B2] [u] real events and experiences, not things that are imagined

**Dictionary example:**
It’s sometimes hard to separate fact from fiction.

**in actual fact**

[B2] used to emphasize what is really true, or to give more information

**Dictionary example:**
I thought she was Portuguese, but in actual fact she’s Brazilian.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays almost all people own a car and in actual fact more and more people have been facing death as a consequence of careless driving.

**as a matter of fact**

[B2] used to give more information, or to correct something that has been said

**Dictionary examples:**
John plays golf professionally. As a matter of fact, he has just won a big competition. "So you’re from Cambridge?" "No, as a matter of fact, I'm from Bristol."

**Learner example:**
I think it would be better to choose somewhere outdoors. As a matter of fact, I prefer the open air and the sunlight!

**the fact (of the matter) is**

[B2] used to tell someone that something is the truth

**Dictionary example:**
I wouldn't usually ask for your help, but the fact is I'm desperate.

**Learner example:**
You may find it unusual for a woman to play football, but the fact is I'm Brazilian and in Brazil it is really common.
factor /ˈfæk.tə/

NOUN [c]
[B2] one of the things that has an effect on a situation, decision, event, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Money was an important factor in their decision to move.
Price is an important/key/major factor in the success of any product.
economic factors

Learner example:
[Modern technology] is another important factor which affects our life.

faculty /ˈfæk.ˈl.ti/

NOUN
the English/law/science, etc. faculty
[C1] a particular department at a college or university, or the teachers in that department

Dictionary example:
He works in the law faculty.

Learner example:
I graduated from Warsaw University, where I studied [in] the faculties of applied linguistics and journalism.

fade /feɪd/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to become less bright, strong or clear, or to make something become less bright, strong or clear

Dictionary examples:
If you hang your clothes out in the bright sun, they will fade.
My suntan is already fading.
They arrived home just as the light was fading.
The music began to fade.
The sun had faded the blue walls.

Learner example:
Since the cottage is quite isolated, the electric power supply is not always the best. Anyway, the first night, the lights started to fade.
fail  /ˈfeɪl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: failure  
Verbs: fail  

VERB  

fail to do *sth  
[B2] to not do what is necessary or expected  

Dictionary examples:  
He failed to turn up for football practice yesterday.  
He failed to mention that we wouldn't be paid for the work.  

Learner example:  
Your advertisement also failed to mention the fact that there were no discounts.  

NOT SUCCEED  
[B2] [t] to not be successful  

Dictionary examples:  
She moved to London in the hope of finding work as a model, but failed.  
He failed in his attempt to break the record.  
This method of growing tomatoes never fails.  

Learner example:  
I tried to make him give up, but all my attempts failed.  

STOP WORKING  
[B2] [t] to stop working normally, or to become weaker  

Dictionary example:  
Two of the plane's engines had failed.  

Learner example:  
The sound system failed.  

failure  /ˈfeɪ.ljər/  

Word family:  
Nouns: failure  
Verbs: fail  

NOUN  

NO SUCCESS  
[B2] [c or u] when someone or something does not succeed
Dictionary examples:
Their attempt to climb Everest ended in failure.
I’m a bit of a failure at making cakes.
I feel such a failure.

Learner example:
David told her that the reason [for] his failure was her, because she used to press him and she couldn’t accept that he wanted to be an actor.

**failure to do sth**
[B2] when you do not do something that you are expected to do

Dictionary examples:
Failure to pay within 14 days will result in interest being charged.
It was his failure to return her phone call that told her that something was wrong.

**STOP WORKING**
[B2] [c or u] when something does not work, or stops working as well as it should

Dictionary examples:
All trains were delayed due to a power failure.
He died of heart/liver failure.

Learner example:
[There] has been a power failure but it will be solved in [a] few minutes.

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**faint /feɪnt/**

**ADJECTIVE**

SLIGHT
[B2] slight and not easy to notice, smell, hear, etc.

Dictionary examples:
a faint sound/noise/smell
She gave me a faint smile.

Learner example:
I heard a faint sound.

**VERB [f]**
[B2] to suddenly become unconscious for a short time, usually falling down

Dictionary examples:
He faints at the sight of blood.
I nearly fainted in the heat.

Learner example:
The young girl was about to faint.
fair /ˈfeə/  

Word family:  
Nouns:  fairness  
Adjectives:  fair, unfair  
Adverbs:  fairly, unfairly  

ADJECTIVE  

fair enough INFORMAL  
[B2] used for saying that you can understand and accept someone's opinion or decision  

Dictionary example:  
"He says he'll only work on Sunday if he gets paid extra." "Fair enough."  

Learner example:  
Most of the streets are open [to] cars and therefore people tend to escape to a little area around the pedestrian streets. Fair enough, but it make[s] those streets terribly overcrowded.  

AVERAGE  
[C1] not very good but not very bad  

Dictionary example:  
Her German is very good, but her knowledge of French is only fair.  

Learner example:  
As for grammar, listening and writing skills, they were only fair.  

NOUN [C]  

SHOW OF GOODS/SERVICES  
[C1] an event where people show and sell goods or services relating to a particular business or hobby  

Dictionary example:  
a trade fair  

Learner example:  
Starting on 18th May 2003, the Birmingham NEC hosted the annual British trade fair.  

fairly /ˈfeə.li/  

Word family:  
Nouns:  fairness  
Adjectives:  fair, unfair  
Adverbs:  fairly, unfairly
ADVERB

IN THE RIGHT WAY
[B2] If you do something fairly, you do it in a way which is right and reasonable and treats people equally.

Dictionary examples:
He claimed that he hadn't been treated fairly by his employers.
Officials will ensure that the election is carried out fairly.

fairness  /ˈfeə.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: fairness
Adjectives: fair, unfair
Adverbs: fairly, unfairly

NOUN [u]
[C1] when you treat everyone in the same way, so that no one has an advantage

Dictionary example:
He believes in fairness and decency.

Learner example:
I think you have not treated us with fairness and truthfulness and therefore I do think that an apology in the newspaper would be in order.

faith  /feɪθ/

Word family:
Nouns: faith
Adjectives: faithful
Adverbs: faithfully

NOUN

TRUST
[B2] 1 [u] great trust or confidence in something or someone

Dictionary examples:
She has no faith in modern medicine.
You'll be fine – I have great faith in you.
After the trial, his family said they had lost all faith in the legal system.

Learner example:
We must do our best to help [these children] to have faith in their future.
STRONG BELIEF

[B2] ! [u] strong belief in a god or gods

Dictionary examples:
Even in the bad times she never lost her faith.
Her faith in God was shattered when her baby died.
It's my faith that keeps me going.

Learner example:
Your story about Christianity was very interesting and I was shocked at your deep faith in God.

RELIGION

[B2] ! [c] a particular religion

Dictionary examples:
the Muslim/Christian/Jewish faith
a multi-faith society

Learner example:
Everybody was praying, asking for help according to their faith or religion.

faithful  /'feɪθ.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: faith
Adjectives: faithful
Adverbs: faithfully

LOYAL

[B2] loyal

Dictionary examples:
a faithful friend
They are faithful supporters of the Labour Party.
His faithful old dog accompanied him everywhere he went.

Learner example:
An ideal pet should be a faithful friend [to] people, especially [to] its owner.

faithfully  /'feɪθ.fəl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: faith
Adjectives: faithful
Adverbs: faithfully
**ADVERB**

Yours faithfully

[B2] used to end a formal letter to someone whose name you do not know

**Dictionary example:**
Yours faithfully, Katherine Smith

**Learner example:**
Yours faithfully, SAMSON LAM (READER)

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**fake /feɪk/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] not real, but made to look or seem real

**Dictionary examples:**
- fake fur
- a fake passport

**Learner example:**
On the walls there are paintings which are very artistic – one of them is a fake Picasso.

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**fall /fɔːl/**

**VERB [I] (fell, fallen)**

fall flat

[C1] If an event or joke falls flat, it fails to have the effect that you wanted, such as making people laugh.

**Dictionary example:**
All the jokes in his speech fell flat.

**Learner example:**
The cultural visits fell flat [in comparison] to their expectations, although the sightseeing tour of Willstown was, as the students said, "fascinating".

**NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]**

**MOVEMENT**

[B2] when someone or something falls down to the ground, often without intending to or by accident

**Dictionary examples:**
He had a nasty fall and hurt his back.
The boulder smashed several small trees during its fall.
Learner example:
I was terrified and I heard the noise of a fall just by my side.

DEFEAT
[C1] when a city, government, leader, etc. loses power or control

Dictionary example:
the fall of communism

Learner example:
After the fall of the previous system everything changed.

false /fɔːls/

ADJECTIVE

NOT REAL
[B2] not real, but made to look or seem real

Dictionary examples:
false eyelashes/teeth
false documents

Learner example:
Asking what made her do so she answered that she had forgotten her false teeth, without which she couldn’t have faced the fire-brigade.

NOT SINCERE
[C1] not sincere or expressing real emotions

Dictionary examples:
false promises
I hate the way he smiles at everyone. It's so false.

Learner example:
The actor is really getting on my nerves because he is so selfish and so false.

fame /feɪm/

Word family:
Nouns: fame
Adjectives: famous

NOUN [u]
[B2] when you are known by many people because of your achievements, skills, etc.
Dictionary examples:
She first rose to fame as a singer at the age of 16.
She moved to London in search of fame and fortune.

Learner example:
It is certain that these people have fame, fortune and success, and that many of them are very rich.

familiar /ˈfɪməliə/

Word family:
Verbs: familiarize
Adjectives: familiar, unfamiliar

ADJECTIVE

be familiar with sth/sb
[B2] to know something or someone well

Dictionary example:
I'm sorry, I'm not familiar with your poetry.

Learner example:
I'm familiar with many kinds of sports activities such as ball games, recreation games, swimming and Japanese budo–karate, judo etc.

fancy /ˈfænt.si/

VERB [T]

PERSON
[B2] to feel sexually attracted to someone

Dictionary example:
I fancied him the first time I saw him.

Learner example:
He had 3 very nice boys and everybody in my class knew that I fancied his youngest son Nicolai.

fantastically /ˈfænt.əs.tɪk.li/
extremely

Dictionary examples:
They're fantastically rich.
They're doing fantastically well.

Learner example:
We spent three fantastically romantic days later.

fantasy /ˈfæn.tə.si/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a situation or event that you imagine, which is not real or true

Dictionary examples:
Steve's favourite fantasy was to own a big house and a flashy car.

sexual fantasies

She retreated into a fantasy world, where she could be anything she wanted.

Learner example:
Reading a book stimulates one's fantasy and imagination.

far /fɑːr/

ADVERB (farther, farthest or further, furthest)

VERY MUCH
[B2] very much

Dictionary examples:
This car is far better than our old one.
It cost far more (money) than I could afford.
He loses his temper far too often.
I'd far rather/sooner go to the theatre than watch a DVD.

Learner example:
I think restaurant B is far better than restaurant A.

as far as I know
[B2] used to say that you think something is true, but cannot be sure

Dictionary example:
As far as I know, he's never been in trouble with the police.

Learner example:
As far as I know, accommodation at Camp California is in tents or log cabins.
as far as *sb* is concerned

[B2] used to say what someone's opinion is

**Dictionary example:**
It's all over as far as I'm concerned.

**Learner example:**
As far as I am concerned, Bernard is similar to him.

as far as *sth* is concerned

[B2] used to say what you are talking about

**Dictionary example:**
As far as sport is concerned, I like tennis and football.

**Learner example:**
As far as studying abroad is concerned, I totally agree with this idea.

by far

[B2] by a great amount

**Dictionary example:**
They are by far the best students in the class.

**Learner example:**
I have travelled to many countries, but New Zealand is by far the best.

far from *sth*

[C1] certainly not something

**Dictionary example:**
The situation is far from clear.

**Learner example:**
The quality of catering was far from ideal as well, as a meal in a hamburger restaurant can hardly be called a typical English lunch.

far from **it** INFORMAL

[C1] used to tell someone that something is certainly not true

**Dictionary example:**
He’s not handsome – far from it.

**Learner example:**
The Hotel Royal cannot be considered as being luxury – far from it – i.e. our rooms were dirty and situated on the 4th floor without a lift.

how far

[C1] used to talk about how true something is

**Dictionary example:**
How far do politicians represent the views of ordinary people?
**Learner example:**
How far and to what extent would the characteristics we are born with influence our future development in life?

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

**DISTANT**

[B2] describes the part of something that is most distant from the centre or from you

**Dictionary examples:**
His office is at the far end of the corridor.
The children ran to the far side/corner of the room.

**Learner example:**
The dark spot at the far end of the wall seemed to be coming after her this time.

**be a far cry from sth**

[C1] to be very different from something

**Dictionary example:**
Her luxury mansion is a far cry from the house she grew up in.

**Learner example:**
The museum was a far cry from what we expected. Not only were the machines really old and should have been replaced a long time ago, but they were boring as well.

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**fascinate /ˈfæs.ɪ.nət/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** fascination
**Verbs:** fascinate
**Adjectives:** fascinated, fascinating

**VERB [t]**

[C1] to interest someone a lot

**Dictionary example:**
Science has always fascinated me.

**Learner example:**
What fascinates me about it is that this style of music allows the artist to bring in crazy new ideas such as African or Indian rhythms.
fascinated /ˈfæs.aˌner.tid/

Word family:
Nouns: fascination
Verbs: fascinate
Adjectives: fascinated, fascinating

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely interested

Dictionary example:
They were fascinated by his stories.

Learner example:
I am sure you will be fascinated by his work and his multi-faceted character.

fascinating /ˈfæs.iˌner.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: fascination
Verbs: fascinate
Adjectives: fascinated, fascinating

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely interesting

Dictionary examples:
a fascinating person/place
I found the movie fascinating.

Learner example:
You can enjoy not only Hungarian food but also fascinating Hungarian music.

fascination /ˌfæs.ɪˈner.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: fascination
Verbs: fascinate
Adjectives: fascinated, fascinating

NOUN [U NO PLURAL]
[C1] when you find someone or something fascinating

Dictionary example:
Her fascination with fashion started at an early age.
Learner example:
Anyhow, even if you can’t grasp the deep meaning behind [the] words, its beautiful rhyme and rhythm will exert a fascination on you.

fasten  /ˈfaːn/  

VERB

fasten sth on/to/together, etc.
[B2] to fix one thing to another

Dictionary example:
He fastened the rope to a tree.

fat  /fæt/  

Word family:
Nouns: fat
Adjectives: fat, fatty

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a solid or liquid substance that is taken from animals or plants and used in cooking

Dictionary examples:
This product contains no animal fat.
I only use vegetable fats in cooking.

Learner example:
They should also consume as much salad as they can, due to the fact that it does not contain fat.

fatal  /ˈfeɪ.təl/  

ADJECTIVE

CAUSING DEATH

Dictionary examples:
This illness is fatal in almost all cases.
the fatal shooting of an unarmed 15–year–old

Learner example:
Paul received a fatal shot in [the] head.
SERIOUS
[B2] Fatal actions have very bad effects.

Dictionary example:
He made the fatal mistake/error of believing what they told him.

Learner example:
That was a fatal mistake because that [person] was my teacher and he wasn't so pleased about my behaviour.

fate /feɪt/

NOUN
WHAT HAPPENS
[B2] [c] what happens to someone, especially something bad

Dictionary examples:
We want to decide our own fate.
His fate is now in the hands of the jury.

Learner example:
No one as powerless as him deserves this fate.

POWER
[B2] [u] a power that some people believe decides what will happen

Dictionary examples:
When we met again by chance in Cairo, I felt it must be fate.
Fate has brought us together.

Learner example:
But, little we did know what fate had in store for us.

father-in-law /ˈfaːθ.ər.in.ˌlɔː/

NOUN [c] (plural fathers-in-law)
[B2] the father of your husband or wife

Dictionary example:
My father-in-law was a banker.

Learner example:
My father-in-law, I'm pretty sure, [will] be able to answer all your questions.
fatty  /ˈfæt.i/

Word family:
Nouns: fat
Adjectives: fat, fatty

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Fatty foods contain a lot of fat.

Dictionary example:
Try to cut down on eating fatty foods.

Learner example:
There is a greater reliance on fast food and fatty foods.

fault  /fɒlt/

Word family:
Nouns: fault
Adjectives: faulty, faultless

NOUN

at fault
[B2] responsible for something bad that has happened

Dictionary example:
I was at fault and I would like to apologize.

Learner example:
I really felt at fault.

PROBLEM
[B2] [c] something that is wrong with something

Dictionary examples:
The car has a serious design fault.
They think the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

Learner example:
I went out of the house and I saw that the other houses had not got any lights, so it was not an electrical fault.

BAD QUALITY
[B2] [c] something that is wrong with someone's character

Dictionary example:
He has many faults, but dishonesty isn't one of them.
Learner example:
He had a fault: he talked a lot.

faulty /ˈfɒl.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: fault
Adjectives: faulty, faultless

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not working correctly or not in perfect condition

Dictionary example:
faulty brakes/goods

Learner example:
Big supermarkets always [give] you a complete refund if an item is of poor quality or faulty.

favour /ˈfeɪ.veər/

Word family:
Nouns: favour, favourite
Verbs: favour
Adjectives: favourable, favourite, unfavourable

NOUN
be in favour of sth
[B2] to agree with or approve of a plan or idea

Dictionary example:
Most people are in favour of reducing traffic in cities.

Learner example:
I am certainly in favour of holding the music festival next year.

in sb's favour
[C1] If something is in your favour, it helps you to win or succeed.

Dictionary example:
Both sides have strong arguments in their favour.

Learner example:
Unfortunately the weather conditions were not in our favour, but the rain only lasted a few minutes and did not look at all like a downpour.
**favourable  /ˈfeɪ.vərə.bəl/**

Word family:

**Nouns:** favour, favourite

**Verbs:** favour

**Adjectives:** favourable, favourite, unfavourable

**ADJECTIVE**

LIKING

[B2] showing that you like or approve of someone or something, or making you support or approve of someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
She made a very favourable **impression** on us.

**Learner example:**
It is the first thing people see from our village and if their first impression is favourable, they will feel like going further into the village.

**fear  /fɪə/**

Word family:

**Nouns:** fear

**Verbs:** fear

**Adjectives:** fearful, fearless

**VERB [T]**

BE WORRIED

[B2] to be worried or frightened that something bad might happen or might have happened

**Dictionary examples:**
Police fear (that) the couple may have drowned.
It is feared (that) as many as two hundred passengers may have died in the crash.

**Learner example:**
Lots of changes which may occur during these next fifty years [might] make us fear that our sons' and grandsons' lives will not be as happy as ours.

BE FRIGHTENED OF

[B2] to be frightened of something or someone

**Dictionary examples:**
Most older employees fear unemployment.
What do you fear most?
**Learner example:**
I’ve always feared the dark.

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feature /ˈfiː.tʃər/

NOUN [c]

PART
[B2] a typical quality, or an important part of something

Dictionary examples:
The town's main features are its beautiful mosque and ancient marketplace.
Our latest model of phone has several new features.

Learner example:
He explained the features of the new product to the rest of his colleagues.

FACE
[B2] Someone's features are the parts of their face that you notice when you look at them.

Dictionary example:
His eyes are his best feature.

Learner example:
They have similar figures, [and] the features of their faces are nearly the same.

VERB [i or T]
[B2] to include someone or something as an important part

Dictionary examples:
The film features James Dean as a disaffected teenager.
This week's broadcast features a report on victims of domestic violence.

Learner example:
My favourite song is "Candy Shop", by 50 Cent, featuring Olivia.

fed up /ˌfedˈʌp/

ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] INFORMAL
[B2] annoyed or bored by something that you have experienced for too long

Dictionary examples:
I'm fed up with my job.
He got fed up with all the travelling he had to do.

Learner example:
I'm sure that the whole world is fed up with Mozart.
**feed** /fiːd/

**VERB** (fed, fed)

**EAT FOOD**

[C1] [I] If an animal or a baby feeds, it eats.

**Dictionary example:**
The caterpillars feed on cabbage leaves.

**Learner example:**
In the same way, animals killed plants and fed on them.

**SUPPLY**

[C1] [T] to supply something such as information to a person or a machine, especially in a regular or continuous way

**Dictionary examples:**
We fed them false information about our plans.
Nicola fed the pages into the photocopier.

**Learner example:**
For heaven’s sake, the strike lasted for three weeks not three years. [...] They feed you with lies.

**feedback** /ˈfiːd.bæk/

**NOUN** [u]

[B2] information or opinions about something, such as a new product, that provide an idea of whether it is successful or liked

**Dictionary examples:**
Have you had any feedback from customers about the product?
positive/negative feedback

**Learner example:**
I am writing to you to give you feedback about [the] social programme.

**feel** /fiːl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** feeling

**Verbs:** feel
VERB (felt, felt)

TOUCH
[B2] [I or T] to touch something, especially with your hands, in order to examine it

Dictionary examples:
I felt his head and it was hot.
Just feel how cold my hands are!
I was feeling around in my bag for the keys.

Learner example:
I tried to open the heavy door; I could feel the iron bar with my almost frozen fingers.

feel different/strange, etc.
[B2] If a place, situation, etc., feels different, strange, etc., that is how it seems to you, or that describes your experience of it.

Dictionary examples:
It felt strange to see him again after so long.
The house feels empty without the children.

Learner example:
It felt strange and yet so wonderful to ski in the summer!

BE AWARE
[B2] [T] to be aware of something

Dictionary example:
I could feel them watching me.

Learner example:
I could feel the silence.

feel compelled to do sth
[C1] to feel that you should do something

Dictionary example:
He felt compelled to resign from his job.

Learner example:
As a member of the International Student's Sports Club, I felt compelled to write this article in answer to the previous article about how today's youth is putting sports and healthy activities aside.

feeling /ˈfiː.lɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: feeling
Verbs: feel
NOUN

OPINION

[B2] [c] an opinion or belief

Dictionary example:
My feeling is that we had better act quickly or it will be too late.

Learner example:
My feeling is that we should simply buy what we want to buy [and] not what we are prompted to buy.

bad/ill feeling

[C1] when people are upset or angry with each other

Dictionary example:
I don't want to cause any bad feeling between us.

Learner example:
For those who can't afford to shop, this might cause them to envy and harbour ill feeling towards those they can see are enjoying and splurging.

fellow /ˈfel.əʊ/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

[B2] describes someone who has the same job or interests as you, or is in the same situation as you

Dictionary examples:
She introduced me to some of her fellow students.
Our fellow travellers were mostly Spanish–speaking tourists.

Learner example:
In conclusion, I have to declare that I myself and my fellow students will be available to help with this short video.

female /ˈfiː.meɪl/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a female animal or person

Dictionary examples:
The kitten was actually a female, not a male.
Females represent 40% of the country's workforce.
Learner example:
We all know the problems that [are] cause[d] [by] having animals kept in a zoo: females refuse the males, or they become mad [from] the lack of freedom.

feminine /ˈfemə.nɪn/

ADJECTIVE

[C1] showing qualities that people generally think are typical of women

Dictionary examples:
a feminine voice
feminine beauty

Learner example:
When my grandmother was a young women, it was a must for her to wear a dress or at least a skirt and a very feminine blouse.

fence /fɛnts/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a wood, wire or metal structure which divides or goes around an area of land

Dictionary example:
a garden fence

Learner example:
I looked around to make sure that no-one saw me and jumped [over] the fence.

fibre /ˈfaɪ.bər/

NOUN

[C1] [u] the substance in plants which cannot be digested and helps food pass through your body

Dictionary example:
Broccoli is a good source of fibre.

Learner example:
We try to eat less fat and more fibre, like oats, instead of sandwiches with butter and cheese.
**fiction** /ˈfɪk.ʃən/

Word family:
**Nouns:** fiction
**Adjectives:** fictional

**NOUN**

**NOT TRUE**

[C1] [U OR NO PLURAL] something that is not true or real

Dictionary examples:
Nobody knows whether his statement is fact or fiction.
Everything she had said turned out to be a complete fiction.

Learner example:
With regret I have to admit that [the] lively social programme was a total fiction and the only thing participants could do was to find and make friend[s] oneself, as I did.

**field** /fiːld/

**NOUN**

**AREA OF STUDY**

[B2] [c] an area of study or activity

Dictionary example:
He's an expert in the field of biochemistry.

Learner example:
This time [it] is the case of telecommunications, tomorrow it will be the time of advances in the field of medicine.

**fierce** /fɪəs/

**ADJECTIVE**

**VIOLENT**

[B2] violent or angry

Dictionary examples:
a fierce dog
a fierce attack/battle
Two men were shot during fierce fighting last weekend.
Learner example:
This may surprise some of you who have always thought of [the] tiger as a fierce and dangerous beast.

**STRONG**
[B2] very strong or powerful

**Dictionary examples:**
Fierce winds/storms battered the coast all weekend.
Fire fighters had to retreat from the fierce heat.

Learner example:
The need for darkness was justified by the fierce thunderstorm, which seemed likely to smash the house into pieces.

**FEELING**
[B2] showing strong feeling or energetic activity

**Dictionary examples:**
The expansion plans will face fierce opposition/resistance from environmentalists.
There is fierce competition to join the Special Branch.

Learner example:
Nowadays, family life importance is a matter that arouses fierce passions.

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**fifty**  /ˈfɪf.ti/

**NUMBER**

**(be) in your fifties**
[B2] to be aged between 50 and 59

**Dictionary example:**
He retired when he was still in his fifties.

Learner example:
Despite being in my fifties I am healthy and in good shape.

**the fifties**
[B2] the years from 1950–1959

**Dictionary example:**
Many new towns were built in the fifties.

Learner example:
I love bands from the fifties, sixties, seventies... and most of the radio stations seem to forget that the music has a history and it is always nice to remember past songs, because a good song will always be a good song.
**fight** /faɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** fight, fighting
**Verbs:** fight

**VERB (fought, fought)**

**JOIN WAR**
[B2] ! [I or T] to take part in a war

**Dictionary example:**
Millions of young men fought in World War One.

**Learner example:**
He fought in the Spanish Civil war and in World War II.

**ARGUE**
[B2] ! [I] to argue

**Dictionary example:**
We've got to stop fighting in front of the children.

**Learner example:**
Then I became angry again because although I spent my day doing nothing, I didn't buy a present for my sister, and when I went home we f[ou]ght.

**TRY TO STOP**
[B2] ! [I or T] to try hard to stop something bad happening

**Dictionary examples:**
He fought against racism.
New measures have been introduced to fight crime.

**Learner example:**
The other great advantage is that it is a nice way of fighting against poll[ulation].

**TRY TO ACHIEVE**
[B2] ! [I] to try hard to achieve something you want or think is right

**Dictionary examples:**
They are fighting for their freedom.
He had to fight hard to keep his job.

**Learner example:**
All of them [were] fighting for their cause.

**NOUN [C]**

**EFFORT**
[B2] when you use a lot of effort to achieve or stop something
Dictionary examples:
Join us in our fight for freedom!
We must continue the fight against homelessness.
He died last week after a long fight with cancer.
This year has brought some good news in the fight to save the whales.

Learner example:
I was sitting like every evening in my armchair, reading my favorite book "My fight for Irish freedom" and suddenly the lights went out.

ARGUMENT
[B2] an argument

Dictionary example:
I don't want to have a fight over this.

Learner example:
I had a fight with my mother and she told me off in front of my friends.

fighting /ˈfaɪ.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: fight, fighting
Verbs: fight

NOUN [U]
[B2] when people fight, especially in a war

Dictionary example:
Fierce fighting has continued all day.

Learner example:
[Kung-fu] is not only a way of fighting, it is also a way of life.

figure /ˈfɪɡ.ə/
PERSON
[B2] a person that you cannot see clearly

Dictionary example:
I could see two tall figures in the distance.

Learner example:
Suddenly a figure appeared in front of us.

AMOUNT
[C1] a number that expresses an amount, especially in official documents

Dictionary example:
Government figures show a rise in unemployment.

Learner example:
They do not have any avenues of change until they migrate to cities, which only 15% of villagers do in Pakistan according to government figures.

PICTURE
[C1](WRITTEN ABBREVIATION fig.) a picture or drawing in a book or document, usually with a number

Dictionary example:
Look at the graph shown in Figure 2.

Learner example:
Figure 1 demonstrates the use of electricity in England in summer and winter.

VERB

figure out sth/sb or figure sth/sb out PHRASAL VERB INFORMAL
[B2] to finally understand something or someone

Dictionary examples:
I can't figure out why he did it.
I find him really odd – I can't figure him out at all.

Learner example:
I couldn't figure out what had happened.

fill /fɪl/

VERB

fill sb with anger/joy/pride, etc.
[B2] to make someone feel very angry/happy/proud, etc.

Dictionary example:
The thought of losing him filled her with fear.
**Learner example:**
Nobody was talking and the 50 passengers were filled with terror.

**job**
[C1] [n] to give a job or position to someone

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm sorry, the job/position/post/vacancy has already been filled.
We would prefer to fill the position with a recent graduate.

**Learner example:**
Suppose if ten people retire from an organization, the vacancies are filled by bringing up the middle management and their previous positions will be filled by lower management.

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**filthy /ˈfɪl.θi/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**dirty**
[C1] extremely dirty

**Dictionary example:**
Wash your hands, they're filthy!

**Learner example:**
Creaking, worn-out beds, dripping taps and filthy rugs have nothing in common with 'luxury'!

**offensive**
[C1] rude or offensive

**Dictionary examples:**
filthy language/jokes
Smoking is a filthy habit.

**Learner example:**
As far as books are concerned, pornography and filthy language is evident everywhere, to lure people to buy these books.

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**finance /ˈfaɪ.nænts/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** finance

**Verbs:** finance

**Adjectives:** financial

**Adverbs:** financially
NOUN

CONTROL OF MONEY
[B2] [u] the control of how large amounts of money should be spent

Dictionary examples:
the finance minister
You need to speak to someone in the finance department.
The finance committee controls the school’s budget.

Learner example:
Therefore we decided to invite a minist[er] of finance to explain it.

sb’s finances
[B2] the money which a person, company or country has

Dictionary examples:
We keep a tight control on the organization’s finances.
She needs to sort out her finances.

Learner example:
First of all, we should budget our finances better.

VERB [T]
[B2] to provide the money needed for something to happen

Dictionary example:
The local authority has refused to finance the scheme.

Learner example:
I [am apply[ing]] for this job because I want to earn some money to finance my study.

financially /faɪˈnæn.tɪˈlɪ/  

Word family:
Nouns: finance
Verbs: finance
Adjectives: financial
Adverbs: financially

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that relates to money or how money is managed

Dictionary example:
He’s still financially dependent on his parents.

Learner example:
They advise them or help them financially.
find /faɪnd/

VERB [T] (found, found)

find yourself somewhere/doing sth
[B2] to become aware that you have gone somewhere or done something without intending to

Dictionary example:
I suddenly found myself making lunch.

Learner example:
The most embarrassing moment of my life [was] when, during a school trip to Paris, a friend of mine and I went to the wrong room and found ourselves in front of our teacher who, having had a shower, was looking for his glasses.

be found
[B2] to exist or be present somewhere

Dictionary examples:
Many plant and animal species are found only in the rainforests.
Vitamin C is found in citrus fruit.

Learner example:
An example might be the [k]oala bear, which could be found almost everywhere in Australia not so long ago.

find sb guilty/not guilty
[B2] to judge that someone is guilty or not guilty in a law court

Dictionary example:
She was found guilty of murder.

Learner example:
To the surprise of everyone in the village, the judge found her guilty but didn't send her to jail because he thought she should take care of Linda, who had no other relatives.

fine /faɪn/

Word family:
Adjectives: fine
Adverbs: finely

ADJECTIVE

EXCELLENT
[B2] excellent or much better than average
Dictionary examples:
fine wines
This building is the finest example of its type.

Learner example:
There [we] will be served a fine dinner.

VERB [T]
[B2] to charge someone an amount of money as a punishment for not obeying a rule or law

Dictionary examples:
Drivers who break the speed limit can expect to be fined heavily.
They fined him $100 for using threatening behaviour.

Learner example:
Besides, you can be fined by the police.

ADVERB
[B2] very well or without any problems

Dictionary examples:
"How did your exam go?" "It went fine, I think."
The car was working fine yesterday.

Learner example:
The couple was great and everything went fine.

**finely** /ˈfain.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: fine
Adverbs: finely

**ADVERB**
[B2] into small pieces

Dictionary example:
Finely chop the onion.

**fingernail** /ˈfɪŋ.gə.neɪl/ (also **nail**)

Noun [C]
[B2] the hard part that covers and protects the top of the end of your finger
Dictionary examples:
dirty/long fingernails
She had bright red fingernails.

Learner example:
Half way through dinner we had discussed almost everything about him: his lips, fingernails, how he would look in swimming pants, how he would dance etc.

finish /ˈfɪn.ɪʃ/  

VERB  

finish off (sth) or finish (sth) off PHRASAL VERB  
[C1] to complete the last part of something that you are doing  

Dictionary example:  
I want to finish off this essay before I go to bed.  

Learner example:  
I am going to finish off with the sad story about the exam that we didn't get to take.

finish with sb PHRASAL VERB  
[B2] to end a romantic relationship with someone  

Dictionary example:  
Paula's just finished with her boyfriend after three years.  

Learner example:  
I lived in the United States for three year[s], and when I moved to Brazil, I had to finish with my boyfriend.

NOUN [C]  

from start to finish  
[C1] from the beginning of something to its end  

Dictionary example:  
I enjoyed the film from start to finish.  

Learner example:  
I found out that the service itself should last at least one and half hour[s] from start to finish.
fire /faɪə/  

VERB

SHOOT
[B2] [ɪ or ð] to cause a weapon to shoot bullets, arrows or missiles

Dictionary examples:
He fired his gun into the air.
He fired three shots.
Someone started firing at us.
Without warning he started firing into the crowd.

Learner example:
Martins found Lime on an iron staircase and fired a last shot, killing Lime.

REMOVE FROM A JOB
[B2] [ɪt OFTEN PASSIVE] INFORMAL to tell someone they must leave their job

Dictionary examples:
She was fired after she was caught stealing from her employer.
He was fired from his last job for poor performance.
She has just been fired as editor of the newspaper.

Learner example:
Last month I was fired from my job in a bank.

fire brigade /ˈfaɪə.briˌgeɪd/

NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]
[B2] an organization that is in charge of preventing and stopping unwanted fires

Dictionary example:
Call the fire brigade.

Learner example:
By that time the fire brigade had arrived – luckily some neighbour had phoned them.

firm /fɜːm/

Word family:
Adjectives: firm
Adverbs: firmly
ADJECTIVE

NOT SOFT
[B2] not soft, but not completely hard

Dictionary example:
A firm bed is better for your back.

FIXED
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] certain or fixed and not likely to change

Dictionary examples:
We don’t have any firm plans for the weekend yet.
I’m a firm believer in equal rights.

Learner example:
It is my firm belief that I would use all the experience I have.

firmly /ˈfɜːm.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: firm
Adverbs: firmly

ADVERB

CERTAINLY
[B2] in a way that is certain or fixed

Dictionary example:
I firmly believe that we must take action on this.

Learner example:
I firmly believe that some of the things you mentioned are wrong.

STRONGLY
[B2] strongly; in a way that will not become loose

Dictionary example:
Make sure the rope is firmly attached before attempting to climb down it.

Learner example:
Slowly but firmly I grabbed the door handle, took another quick glance in the room, and turned it.
**first** /fɜːst/

Word family:
Nouns: first
Adjectives: first
Adverbs: first, firstly

**ADJECTIVE**

**at first sight**
[B2] when you first see or hear about something or someone

Dictionary examples:
It was love at first sight!
It may, at first sight, seem a surprising choice.

Learner example:
It was love at first sight!

**in the first place**
[B2] at the start of a situation

Dictionary example:
Why did you invite her in the first place?

Learner example:
In the first place, you were unknown people for me, but now you are my special foreign friends.

**ADVERB**

**first and foremost**
[C1] more than anything else

Dictionary example:
In spite of being elected to office, she remains first and foremost a writer.

Learner example:
First and foremost it is my longing to help others with what they cannot do for themselves.

**come first**
[C1] to be the most important person or thing

Dictionary example:
Her career always comes first.

Learner example:
They do not take the time to sit down and enjoy being with their family. The work comes first, and the family next.
### first language /ˌfɜːstˈlæŋ.gwɪdʒ/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] the language that someone learns to speak first

**Dictionary example:**
Madeleine's first language is French, but she also speaks German fluently.

**Learner example:**
Originally I come from Germany and therefore my first language is German.

### firstly /ˈfaː.st.li/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** first
**Adjectives:** first
**Adverbs:** first, firstly

**ADVERB (also first)**

[B2] used to refer to the first thing in a list

**Dictionary example:**
There are two very good reasons why we can't do it. Firstly, we don't have enough money, and secondly, we don't have enough time.

**Learner example:**
I think it [would] suit us, firstly because it is good work experience, [and] secondly [because] we can get discounts on books and CDs.

### fisherman /ˈfɪʃ.ə.mən/

**NOUN [c] (plural fishermen)**

[B2] someone who catches fish as a job or as a hobby

**Dictionary example:**
Local fishermen are finding it difficult to make a living.

**Learner example:**
His father was a fisherman and he died working just a few days before he was born, so the child had never met him.
fit /fɪt/

Word family:

Nouns: fitness

Adjectives: fit

VERB (−tt−)

PUT IN POSITION

[B2] [ŋ] to put or fix something somewhere

Dictionary examples:
All the carpets we sell are fitted free.
You ought to fit a smoke alarm in the kitchen.

Learner example:
The air pollution could be reduced if car manufacturers and companies made [people] fit effective filters on car exhausts and factory chimneys.

SAME

[C1] [t or ŋ] to be the same as or like something

Dictionary example:
She seems to fit the police description.

Learner example:
The accommodation I had during the trip didn't fit the description in the advertisement and neither did the restaurants or the cultural activities.

SUITABLE

[C1] [t] to be suitable for something

Dictionary example:
The punishment should fit the crime.

Learner example:
You ought to put on a formal dress or suit to fit the atmosphere.

ADJECTIVE (fitter, fittest)

SUITABLE

[C1] of a good enough quality or suitable type for a particular purpose

Dictionary examples:
Is this water fit to drink?
She's not in a fit state to drive.

Learner example:
It has undergone restoration recently and is now fit to serve as a perfect example of [a] model and modern British college library.
**fix** /fɪks/

Word family:
Verbs: fix
Adjectives: fixed

**VERB [T]**

**DECIDE**

[B2] to decide a certain and exact date, time, place, price, etc.

*Dictionary examples:*
Shall we fix a *time* for our next meeting?
They haven't fixed a *date* for the wedding yet.

*Learner example:*
If you are busy at that time, you can call them to fix a new date.

**fix sth onto/to/under, etc.**

[B2] to fasten something in position so that it cannot move

*Dictionary example:*
We fixed the bookcase to the wall.

*Learner example:*
The seat was not fixed to the flo[o]r properly.

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**fixed** /fɪkst/

Word family:
Verbs: fix
Adjectives: fixed

**ADJECTIVE**

**ARRANGED**

[B2] arranged or decided already and not able to be changed

*Dictionary examples:*
a fixed *price*
fixed interest rates

*Learner example:*
Usually you have a fixed time to listen [to] live music, but what if you are not able to go to the concert?
**flair** /fleə/  

**NOUN**

**ABILITY**

[C1] [NO PLURAL] a natural ability to do something well

*Dictionary example:*
She has a flair for languages.

*Learner example:*
She's an artist with a flair for promotion.

**flame** /fleɪm/  

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] hot, bright, burning gas produced by something on fire

*Dictionary examples:*
The flames grew larger as the fire spread.
When the fire engine arrived the house was already in flames.

*Learner example:*
We were standing by the window and the flames were getting nearer and nearer.

**flash** /flæʃ/  

**VERB**

**SHINE**

[B2] [I or T] to shine brightly and suddenly, or to make something shine in this way

*Dictionary examples:*
Stop flashing that light in my eyes!
The lightning flashed and distant thunder rolled.
You'd better slow down, that car was flashing (its lights) at you.

*Learner example:*
As they were driving back, a light flashed, a crash sounded, then screams.

**NOUN**

**BRIGHT LIGHT**

[B2] [c] a sudden bright light
Dictionary example:
The bomb exploded in a flash of yellow light.

Learner example:
At the same moment, that piece of unknown stuff sent towards me a flash of very bright light!

CAMERA
[B2] [c or u] a piece of camera equipment that produces a bright light when you take a photograph in a dark place

Dictionary example:
Flash photography is not permitted anywhere in the museum.

flat /flæt/

Word family:
Verbs: flatten
Adjectives: flat
Adverbs: flat

ADJECTIVE (flatter, flattest)

WITHOUT AIR
[B2] If a tyre, ball, etc. is flat, it does not contain enough air.

Dictionary example:
When I got to the car, I discovered I had a flat tyre.

Learner example:
I found my bicycle with a flat tyre and realised I would be late instead of early.

ADVERB (flatter, flattest)

LEVEL
[B2] in a level position, often against another surface

Dictionary example:
Lay the cloth flat across the table.

fall flat on your face
[B2] to fall over so that your face hits the ground, often in an embarrassing way

Dictionary example:
I stepped on the ice and fell flat on my face.

Learner example:
You can guess what happened next – I fell flat on my face right in the mud and I have never felt more embarrassed in my life!
fall flat
[C1] If an event or joke falls flat, it fails to have the effect that you wanted, such as making people laugh.

Dictionary example:
All the jokes in his speech fell flat.

Learner example:
The cultural visits fell flat [in comparison] to their expectations, although the sightseeing tour of Willstown was, as the students said, "fascinating".

flaw /floː/

Word family:
Nouns: flaw
Adjectives: flawed, flawless

NOUN [C]
[C1] a mistake or bad characteristic that stops someone or something from being perfect

Dictionary example:
There's a flaw in your reasoning.

Learner example:
However, there were some minor flaws which I would like to give my view on.

flee /fliː/

VERB [I or T] (fleeing, fled)
[C1] to leave a place quickly because you are in danger or are afraid

Dictionary example:
Police think the suspect has now fled the country.

Learner example:
Of course most people on those boats were fleeing their country for religious or political reasons but I would have left Europe for the spirit of adventure.
**fleet /fliːt/**

**NOUN [C]**

**SHIPS**

[C1] a group of ships, or all of the ships in a country's navy

**Dictionary example:**
The entire naval fleet was used for the operation.

**Learner example:**
The Spartans order the people of Athens to destroy their city walls and most of their remaining fleet.

**VEHICLES**

[C1] a group of vehicles that are owned and controlled by one person or organization

**Dictionary example:**
a fleet of aircraft/cars

**Learner example:**
In a simplified scenario one can consider when one has a fleet of cars, some manual and other automatic, and a pool of drivers who can only drive one type of car.

**flexibility /ˌflek.sɪˈbɪl.ə.ti/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** flexibility

**Adjectives:** flexible

**NOUN [U]**

[B2] the ability to change or be changed easily according to the situation

**Dictionary example:**
The advantage of this system is its flexibility.

**Learner example:**
Further personal strengths are good communication skills, [being a] good team player and flexibility.

**flexible /ˈflek.sə.bl/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** flexibility

**Adjectives:** flexible
ADJECTIVE

ABLE TO CHANGE

[B2] able to change or be changed easily according to the situation

Dictionary examples:
My schedule is quite flexible – I could arrange to meet with you any day next week.
I’d like a job with more flexible working hours.

Learner example:
In the advert[me]nt it is said that you will have a lot of spare time but actually, you have flexible working hours and you never know whether you will have free time.

flood /flʌd/

VERB [I or T]

ARRIVE OR FILL

[B2] to fill or enter a place in large numbers or amounts

Dictionary examples:
She drew back the curtains and the sunlight came flooding in.
Shoppers flooded into the store on the first morning of the sale.

Learner example:
The Square is flooded with local merchants selling local food, folkloric clothing, and local wines.

flow /fləʊ/

Word family:
Nouns: flow
Verbs: flow, overflow

NOUN [NO PLURAL]

MOVEMENT

[C1] when something flows in one direction

Dictionary examples:
the flow of a river
the flow of traffic

Learner example:
So, a possible solution is to build more roads and optimally design the roads and their subways, to make the flow of cars on [the] road quicker.
### fluency  /ˈfluː.ənt.si/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** fluency
- **Adjectives:** fluent
- **Adverbs:** fluently

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when someone is fluent in a language

**Dictionary example:**
One of the requirements of the job is fluency in two or more African languages.

**Learner example:**
So it is of the utmost importance for me to go to England in [the] very near future in order to improve my fluency in English.

### fluent  /ˈfluː.ənt/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** fluency
- **Adjectives:** fluent
- **Adverbs:** fluently

**ADJECTIVE**

**ABILITY**

[B2] able to use a language naturally without stopping or making mistakes

**Dictionary examples:**
She's fluent in French.
He's a fluent Russian speaker.

**Learner example:**
I am fluent in French and English.

**LANGUAGE**

[B2] produced or done in a smooth, natural style

**Dictionary example:**
He speaks fluent Chinese.

**Learner example:**
I speak fluent English and German.
fluently /ˈfluː.ənt.li/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** fluency

**Adjectives:** fluent

**Adverbs:** fluently

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a way that is fluent

**Dictionary example:**
I'd like to speak English fluently.

**Learner example:**
I can speak both English and Japanese fluently.

fly /flaɪ/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** flight

**Verbs:** fly

**VERB (flew, flown)**

**CONTROL AIRCRAFT**

[B2] [I or T] to control an aircraft or other vehicle in air or space

**Dictionary example:**
She learned to fly at the age of 18.

**Learner example:**
Louise, you are the only one who can fly this spaceship now.

**with flying colours**

[C1] with a very high score or with great success

**Dictionary example:**
He passed the entrance exam with flying colours.

**Learner example:**
I worked intens[ive]ly on the course and I passed with flying colours.
**focus** /ˈfəʊ.kəs/

**NOUN**

**the focus of sth**
[C1] the person or thing that is getting most attention in a situation or activity

**Dictionary examples:**
He is the focus of a police investigation.
In any family, a baby tends to be the focus of attention.

**Learner example:**
The focus of the human being and society is changing, such that more resources are put into building roads, controlling traffic and aiming at having the best transportation system as possible, while giving less attention to the more important areas of a society's well-being such as health and education.

**VERB**

**focus (sth) on/upon sb/sth** PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to give a lot of attention to one particular person, subject or thing

**Dictionary examples:**
Tonight's programme focuses on the way that homelessness affects the young.
When the kitchen is finished I'm going to focus my attention on the garden and get that sorted out.

**Learner example:**
As you have probably guessed already, we are mainly interested in action movies and movies that focus on brutality and aggression.

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**follow** /ˈfɒl.əʊ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** following, follower
**Verbs:** follow
**Adjectives:** following

**VERB**

**as follows**
[B2] used to introduce a list or description

**Dictionary example:**
The main reasons are as follows.

**Learner example:**
The summary of relevant points and recommendations are as follows: 1. Both of them are located in the centre of town.
BE INTERESTED
[C1] [ɪə] to be interested in an event or activity and watch its progress

Dictionary example:
I followed the trial closely.

Learner example:
I was happy to know you follow our national news.

following /ˈfɒl.əʊ.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: following, follower
Verbs: follow
Adjectives: following

PREPOSITION
[B2] after or as a result of

Dictionary examples:
Following the dinner, there will be a dance.
He died on October 23rd, following several years of illness.

Learner example:
Following the course in England, I worked in an office that sells computer programs and games as a secretary to earn money and with the help of this job, I gained experience in office work.

NOUN
the following
[B2] what comes next, often used to introduce a list, report, etc.

Dictionary example:
The following is an extract from her diary.

Learner example:
Regarding your questions, the following are my answers.

fond /fɒnd/

ADJECTIVE

HAPPY
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] expressing or causing happy feelings

Dictionary example:
Many of us have fond memories of our childhoods.
Learner example:
I will keep fond memories of the two nights I have spent with you.

fool /fuːl/

Word family:
Nouns: fool
Verbs: fool
Adjectives: foolish
Adverbs: foolishly

NOUN

make a fool (out) of sb
[B2] to make someone look stupid intentionally

Dictionary example:
She was always trying to make a fool out of me in front of my friends.

Learner example:
He thought I had tried to make a fool of him but no, I was really desperate to get him as my boyfriend.

make a fool of yourself
[B2] to behave in a silly or embarrassing way

Dictionary example:
I got very excited and made a fool of myself.

Learner example:
I had to leave that shop in full embarrassment and I also made a fool of myself.

VERB [T]

[B2] to trick someone

Dictionary examples:
Don't be fooled by his appearance.
She said she was doing it to help me but I wasn't fooled.
Tim was fooled into believing that he'd won a lot of money.

Learner example:
I don't like to be fooled.
**foolish /ˈfuː.lɪʃ/**

Word family:

Nouns: fool  
Verbs: fool  
Adjectives: foolish  
Adverbs: foolishly  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] stupid and not wise

**Dictionary examples:**

- It would be foolish to pay more.
- I thought I might look foolish if I refused.

**Learner example:**

She looked foolish because of the mistakes she [had] made.

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**foolishly /ˈfuː.lɪʃ.li/**

Word family:

Nouns: fool  
Verbs: fool  
Adjectives: foolish  
Adverbs: foolishly  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in a foolish way, or because of being foolish

**Dictionary example:**

Foolishly, I didn’t write the phone number down.

**Learner example:**

I was fourteen and foolishly in love with a blonde girl [in] my class to whom I had only spoken twice.

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**foot /fʊt/ (plural feet)**

**NOUN [C]**

**the foot of sth**  
[C1] the bottom of something such as stairs, a hill, a bed, or a page

**Dictionary example:**

Put the notes at the foot of the page.
Learner example:
Every year, expedition-groups from almost every country meet at the foot of the highest mountain in the world to conquer it.

set foot in/on sth
[C1] to go into a place or onto a piece of land

Dictionary example:
He told me never to set foot in his house again.

Learner example:
I dream of being the first one to set foot on a white sandy beach, to admire a new kind of vegetation: cranberry bushes, sweet potatoes, wild turkeys, a different climate; how scary and exciting at the same time!

footstep ˈfʊt.step/

NOUN
[C1] [c] the sound of a foot hitting the ground when someone walks

Dictionary example:
I heard footsteps behind me and quickly turned round.

Learner example:
In Stockholm people walk – the streets are thick with people and you can even hear their footsteps!

for /foː/  

PREPOSITION

SUPPORT
[B2] in support of or in agreement with

Dictionary examples:
I voted for the Greens at the last election.
So let's hear some applause for these talented young performers.

Learner example:
There are a lot of votes for and against keeping animals in cages.

for the moment
[B2] If you do something for the moment, you are doing it now, but might do something different in the future.

Dictionary example:
Let’s carry on with what we agreed for the moment.
**Learner example:**
For the moment I am unemployed so I have plenty of time to give [you] a hand.

**for once**
[B2] used to mean that something is happening that does not usually happen

**Dictionary example:**
For once, the bus came on time.

**Learner example:**
We would take lots of pictures, and play our own instruments, and if we get lucky enough, we would even touch the very stones and for once be embraced by magic itself.

**for real**
[B2] taken seriously, not pretended

**Dictionary example:**
I thought it was just a practice, but apparently it was for real.

**Learner example:**
You know I am a Casanova, but this time I know [it] is for real.

**RESPONSIBILITY**
[C1] used to say whose responsibility something is

**Dictionary example:**
I can’t tell you whether you should go or not – that's for you to decide.

**Learner example:**
It is for you to decide whet[h]er my colleagues should take part in this kind of course or not, but all in all I would like to recommend this course.

**COMPARE**
[C1] when compared to a particular fact

**Dictionary example:**
She's quite tall for her age.

**Learner example:**
She spends all day indoors "stuffing" her craving for knowledge with books quite hard for her age.

**for good**
[C1] forever

**Dictionary example:**
When he was 20, he left home for good.

**Learner example:**
He was renting this property previously, but he went back to Sri Lanka for good.

**for life**
[C1] for the whole of someone's life
Dictionary example:
I will have to take this medicine for life.

Learner example:
A wedding opens a new life when the two parties commit to each other for life.

for long
[C1] for a long time

Dictionary example:
Have you been waiting for long?

Learner example:
There're departures every half an hour to the city centre, so you won't have to wait for long.

for the most part
[C1] mostly or usually

Dictionary example:
I enjoyed it for the most part.

Learner example:
First of all, for the most part, people have to use computers in their jobs.

for the time being
[C1] for now but not permanently

Dictionary examples:
I'm living with my parents for the time being.
Leave the ironing for the time being – I'll do it later.

Learner example:
I think that is all for the time being.

for a start
[C1] used when you are giving the first in a list of reasons or things

Dictionary example:
I won't be going – I've got too much homework for a start.

Learner example:
So this creates an awareness of the obligation to look after oneself for a start.

forbid /fəˈbɪd/ (forbidding, forbade, forbidden)

Word family:
Verbs: forbid
Adjectives: forbidden
VERB [t]

[B2] to order someone not to do something, or to say that something must not happen

**Dictionary examples:**
I forbid you to see that boy again!
The law forbids the sale of cigarettes to underage people.
He is forbidden from leaving the country.

**Learner example:**
But the worst effect is when someone is driving a car and is at the same time talking on a mobile phone: today, there is a law which forbids it.

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**Force** /fɔːs/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** force  
**Verbs:** force  
**Adjectives:** forceful

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**Power**  

[B2] [u] physical strength or power

**Dictionary examples:**
The force of the wind had brought down a great many trees in the area.
The army seized power by force.
Teachers aren't allowed to use force in controlling their pupils.

**Learner example:**
I understood that someone had entered my house by force and had stolen my television.

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**Group**  

[B2] [c] a group of people organized to work together for a particular purpose, for example in military service

**Dictionary examples:**
the security forces
the work force
He joined the police force straight after school.

**Learner example:**
Donald Wood was risking his life and that of his family in the process of reporting the vile crimes of the SA. police force.
GIVE NO CHOICE
[B2] to make someone do something that they do not want to do

Dictionary examples:
You can't force her to make a decision.
I had to force myself to finish the match.
I didn't actually want any more dessert, but Julia forced it on me.

Learner example:
By participating in such games you force yourself to do your best.

foreign /ˈfɔːr.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: foreigner
Adjectives: foreign

ADJECTIVE

OTHER COUNTRIES
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] relating to or dealing with countries that are not your own

Dictionary examples:
foreign policy
the Foreign Minister

Learner example:
She is also extraordinary in that she graduated from Harvard University and Tokyo University and used to work for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a senior civil servant.

foremost /ˈfoʊ.məst/

ADVERB

first and foremost
[C1] more than anything else

Dictionary example:
In spite of being elected to office, she remains first and foremost a writer.

Learner example:
First and foremost it is my longing to help others with what they cannot do for themselves.
foresee /fɔːˈsiː/

Word family:
Verbs: foresee
Adjectives: foreseeable, unforeseen

VERB [T] (foreseeing, foresaw, foreseen)

[C1] to expect a future situation or event

Dictionary example:
I don't foresee any problems in the future.

Learner example:
Our duty is to foresee any complication before it appears.

forever (also for ever) /fəˈre.vər/

ADVERB

A LONG TIME

[B2] for an extremely long time or too much time

Dictionary example:
We’d better walk a bit quicker – it’s going to take forever if we go this slowly.

Learner example:
It would take forever.

forget /fəˈget/ (forgetting, forgot, forgotten)

Word family:
Verbs: forget
Adjectives: unforgettable

VERB

forget it

[B2] used to tell someone not to worry about something as it is not important

Dictionary example:
"I'm sorry I missed your birthday." "Forget it, it doesn't matter."

Learner example:
The teacher finally told me: "Forget it, it doesn't matter", and I felt so stupid that I couldn't do anything save going away.
**forgive** /fəˈɡɪv/ (forgave, forgiven)

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** forgiveness
**Verbs:** forgive

**VERB [I or T]**

**forgive me** FORMAL

[B2] used before you ask or say something that might seem rude

**Dictionary example:**
Forgive me for asking, but how much did you pay for your bag?

**Learner example:**
Forgive me if I have made it seem so funny, but I'm telling you you should have seen his face.

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**form** /fɔːm/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** form, formation, transformation
**Verbs:** form, transform

**NOUN [C]**

**TYPE**

[B2] a type of something

**Dictionary examples:**
Swimming is the best form of exercise.
a rare form of cancer

**Learner example:**
Bicycle fans say that cycling is a very good form of exercise.

**in the form of sth**

[C1] the particular way in which something appears or exists

**Dictionary examples:**
The novel is written in the form of a series of letters.
The medicine comes in the form of a liquid or pills.

**Learner example:**
For all this, I can only say that I want my money back immediately, or [some] compensation in the form of a real trip to a real country.

**VERB**

**BEGIN TO EXIST**

[B2] [I T OFTEN PASSIVE] to begin to exist or to make something begin to exist
Dictionary examples:
We are learning more about how stars are formed.
A solution began to form in her mind.

Learner example:
You [are] only [attached] to material values and your life-style is formed by earning money.

START

[B2] [ɪ] to start an organization or business

Dictionary example:
She formed her own company eleven years ago.

Learner example:
Many organizations were formed to protect the now endangered species, and people began to ask themselves: are zoos necessary?

formal /ˈfoʊ.əl/

Word family:
Adjectives: formal, informal
Adverbs: formally, informally

ADJECTIVE

SERIOUS AND CORRECT

[B2] describes language, clothes and behaviour that are serious and correct

Dictionary example:
a formal dinner party

Learner example:
You don't need to wear formal clothes.

STUDY

[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] Formal education, training, etc. happens through studying rather than working in a job.

Dictionary example:
Tom had little formal schooling.

Learner example:
I never had any formal training in computers but I know how to operate the system, to make files and to use [the] internet.

OFFICIAL

[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] public or official

Dictionary example:
a formal announcement/apology
Learner example:
For that reason, I have to ask you for a formal apology in print, where you could give the correct version of events and also change the bad image you gave to the readers of the people of my organisation.

**formally** /ˈfoː.məl.i/

Word family:
Adjectives: formal, informal
Adverbs: formally, informally

**ADVERB**

**OFFICIALLY**
[C1] officially

Dictionary example:
The deal will be formally announced on Tuesday.

**LEARNER EXAMPLE:**
First of all I'll tell you a little about the ceremony. It's usually held in a church, (in our case, a Catholic one as we are Catholics); the priest reads some parts of the Bible to the bridegroom (that's usually chosen before with the couple); then they exchange rings and they'll be formally married.

**POLITELY**
[C1] in a polite way

Dictionary example:
They shook hands formally.

Learner example:
On New Year's Day all members in a family got together (members who lived separately came home), greeted [each other] more formally than usual, and ate the special food.

**format** /ˈfɔː.mæt/

**NOUN** [C]
[C1] the way something is designed, arranged, or produced

Dictionary example:
This year's event will have a new format.

Learner example:
There is one particular format which has been consistently on air almost without any adjustments: the soap opera.
former /ˈfɔː.mər/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** former
**Adverbs:** formerly

**PRONOUN**

**the former**

[B2] the first of two people, things or groups previously mentioned

**Dictionary example:**
Of the two suggestions, I prefer the former.

**Learner example:**
The former is a Chinese restaurant and the latter an Indian.

formerly /ˈfɔː.mə.li/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** former
**Adverbs:** formerly

**ADVERB FORMAL**

[B2] in the past

**Dictionary example:**
The European Union was formerly called the European Community.

**Learner example:**
He was a hero in Japan, formerly known as the ungifted pupil from Switzerland.

formula /ˈfɔː.mjə.lə/

**NOUN [C]** (plural formulas, formulae)

**METHOD**

[C1] a plan or method that is used to achieve something

**Dictionary example:**
There's no magic formula for success.

**Learner example:**
Every member of his company works as a group, rather than an individual, which is the main formula for his company's success.
RULE

[C1] a set of letters, numbers, or symbols that are used to express a mathematical or scientific rule

Dictionary example:
a mathematical formula

Learner example:
[The] teacher will play a role [in] explain[ing] new terminology to the trainees and give a clue [as to] how different scientific equations and formulae are being used.

forthcoming /ˈfɔːθˌkʌm.ɪŋ/

ADJECTIVE

HAPPENING SOON

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] happening soon

Dictionary example:
We have just received the information about the forthcoming conference.

Learner example:
I am writing this letter so as to give you the information which will help you organize all the necessary details of the forthcoming holiday.

OFFERED

[C1] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] If money or help is forthcoming, it is offered or given.

Dictionary example:
He insisted that no more money would be forthcoming.

Learner example:
For all these reasons, I’m sure you realise that I deserve at the very minimum to be refunded all the money I spent on the trip and unless this is forthcoming, I shall take the matter a step further.

fortunate /ˈfɔː.tʃə.nət/ 

Word family:
Nouns: fortune, misfortune
Adjectives: fortunate, unfortunate
Adverbs: fortunately, unfortunately

ADJECTIVE

[B2] lucky
Dictionary examples:
You're very fortunate to have found such a lovely house.
It was fortunate that they had left in plenty of time.
He was fortunate in his choice of assistant.

Learner example:
I was fortunate in that I had the chance to be with children on a daily basis and learn to communicate with them.

fortune /ˈfɔː.tjuːn/

Word family:
Nouns: fortune, misfortune
Adjectives: fortunate, unfortunate
Adverbs: fortunately, unfortunately

NOUN

MONEY
[B2] [c] a lot of money

Dictionary examples:
She made a fortune selling her story to the newspapers.
He lost a fortune gambling.
His clothes cost a fortune.

Learner example:
It really made it easier for me and it would have cost me a fortune to stay in a hotel.

LUCK
[B2] [c or u] the good or bad things that happen to you

Dictionary examples:
The family's fortunes changed almost overnight.
I had the good fortune to meet her.

Learner example:
Everyone was rejoicing over her good fortune and she even thought that the gods up above were happy for her.

forty /ˈfɔː.ti/
Dictionary example:
By the time I'm in my forties, I want to be running my own business.

Learner example:
The man was in his early forties and he looked to be a very important man.

the forties
[B2] the years from 1940–1949

Dictionary example:
Most of these people were born in the forties.

Learner example:
So, I would like you to consider buying some English comedies, like those Ealing Studios [made] in the late forties and the fifties.

forward  /ˈfoː.wəd/

ADVERB (also forwards)

FUTURE
[B2] towards the future

Dictionary example:
I always look forward, not back.

Learner example:
I want [you to] look a bit forward, try to ima[gine] how you will feel in one or two year[s’] [time].

PROGRESS
[C1] used to say that something is making progress

Dictionary example:
This is a big step forward for democracy.

Learner example:
For us, this would be a big step forward and a perfect motivation for the accountants.

d}    /faʊl/

ADJECTIVE

UNPLEASANT
[C1] very dirty, or with an unpleasant smell

Dictionary example:
the foul smell of rotting fish
Learner example:
Each day early in the morning, a group of twenty persons picked [up] the rubbish and when we went out to go to work, the streets were as clean as [if] there was no strike. Anyway we had to do that if we wanted to "survive" in this foul atmosphere.

foul language
[C1] very rude and offensive words

Dictionary example:
There was a lot of foul language in the movie.

Learner example:
It is the responsibility of the parents not to fight or use any foul language in front of the kids, as they may learn and use it in front of others.

found /faʊnd/

Word family:
Nouns: foundation, founder
Verbs: found

VERB [T]

START
[B2] to bring something into existence

Dictionary examples:
York was founded by the Romans in the year 71 AD.
The company was founded in 1861.

Learner example:
Red Stone was founded ten years ago.

foundation /faʊnˈdeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: foundation, founder
Verbs: found

NOUN

START
[C1] [U] when an organization, state, or country is established

Dictionary example:
the foundation of a new state

Learner example:
Moreover the foundation of schools and stadiums will benefit young people.
**ORGANIZATION**

[C1] [c] an organization that gives money for a particular purpose

**Dictionary example:**
the Mental Health Foundation

**Learner example:**
A memorable event I recently attended [was] the Barbie Ball which was held at the National History Museum in London on 1st December, to benefit the Elton John Aids Foundation.

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**fox** /fɒks/

**NOUN** [c]

[B2] a wild animal like a dog with red-brown fur, a pointed nose, and a long, thick tail

**Dictionary example:**
A fox came in the night and killed the chickens.

**Learner example:**
One day, the fox attacked his animals and he shouted as much as he could.

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**frame** /freɪm/

**NOUN** [c]

**STRUCTURE**

[B2] the basic structure of a building, vehicle or piece of furniture that other parts are added onto

**Dictionary example:**
a bicycle frame

**Learner example:**
In my bedroom is a big bed with a wood frame and a comfortable mattress.

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**frankly** /ˈfræŋ.kli/

**ADVERB**

[B2] used when giving an honest and direct opinion, often one that might upset someone

**Dictionary example:**
Quite frankly, I think this whole situation is ridiculous.
Learner example:
I'm asking this because quite frankly, it's the part of the festival that my friend and I enjoyed the most.

free /frɪː/

Word family:
Nouns: freedom
Adjectives: free
Adverbs: freely

ADJECTIVE

NOT LIMITED
[B2] not limited or controlled

Dictionary examples:
a free society
Am I free to leave now?
People should be free to say what they think.
The agreement gives companies free access to the markets of member countries.

Learner example:
The plan was this: they would call the police, which would trap the man so the child would be free to return to his mother.

NOT A PRISONER
[B2] not in prison

Dictionary example:
He will soon be a free man again.

Learner example:
I will [regret it] for the rest of my life, because I wanted to be a free man...

set sb/sth free
[B2] to allow someone to leave prison or to allow a person or animal to escape

Dictionary example:
He opened the cage and set the birds free.

Learner example:
To sum up, animals should be set free and live as they should live in nature.

NOT USED
[B2] not not being used by anyone

Dictionary example:
Is this seat free?
Learner example:
The hall was full of people and no seat was free.

**free from/of sth**

[C1] not containing or having anything harmful or unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
a life free from pain

**Learner example:**
We can start to grow new plants so that our environment looks fresh and enchanting and free from pesticides and sicknesses as well.

**ADVERB**

**NO LIMIT/CONTROL**

[B2] in a way that is not tied, limited, or controlled

**Dictionary example:**
The horse broke free and ran away.

**Learner example:**
If animals were born free, why [do] they have to live in a prison?

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to allow someone to leave a prison or place where they have been kept

**Dictionary example:**
After a ten-hour siege the gunman agreed to free the hostages.

**Learner example:**
We were taken hostage by a bank robber but the police came and freed us.

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**freedom /ˈfriː.dəm/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** freedom

**Adjectives:** free

**Adverbs:** freely

**NOUN [C or U]**

**BEING ALLOWED**

[B2] the condition or right of being able or allowed to do, say, think, etc. whatever you want to, without being controlled or limited
Dictionary examples:
Children are allowed much more freedom these days.
I felt such a sense of freedom, up in the hills alone.
At university, you have the freedom to do what you want.
Everyone should be allowed freedom of choice.

Learner example:
[The car] gives some freedom of choice: I can move quickly from one place to another, I don’t waste time on public transport and in winter [it] protects me from [the] cold and rain.

freely /ˈfriː.li/

Word family:
Nouns: freedom
Adjectives: free
Adverbs: freely

ADVERB
[B2] without being controlled or limited

Dictionary examples:
For the first time in months she could move freely.
Exotic foods are freely available in supermarkets.
She freely admits that she was partly to blame.
We encourage the victims to talk freely about their experiences.

Learner example:
We have always been able to speak freely with each other and this letter is no exception.

freeze /friːz/

Word family:
Nouns: freezer
Verbs: freeze
Adjectives: freezing, frozen

VERB (froze, frozen)

PERSON
[B2] [i] to feel very cold

Dictionary example:
Without a sleeping bag, you would freeze to death out there on the mountainside.

Learner example:
The weather is warm in the summer but when the winter comes... get ready to freeze!
NOT MOVE
[B2] [i] to suddenly stop moving, especially because you are frightened

Dictionary example:
She saw someone outside the window and froze.

Learner example:
I froze with terror.

fresh /freʃ/

ADJECTIVE

RECENT
[B2] recently made, done, arrived, etc., and especially not yet changed by time

Dictionary examples:
There was a fresh fall of snow during the night.
Some people like the smell of fresh paint, but I don't.
The events of last year are still fresh in people's minds.

Learner example:
I don't know if it is the most embarrassing moment of my life, but it is still fresh in my memory and I get embarrassed every time I think of it.

NOT TIRED
[C1] having a lot of energy and not feeling tired

Dictionary example:
We got up the next day feeling fresh and relaxed.

Learner example:
Before the test, you should have your breakfast with a cup of coffee to make yourself feel fresh.

friction /ˈfrɪk.ʃən/

NOUN [u]
[C1] disagreement or dislike caused by people having different opinions

Dictionary example:
There's less friction in relationships when you use teamwork.

Learner example:
Money spent on shopping can also be the cause of friction or arguments between husbands and wives.
friendliness /ˈfrend.lɪ.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: friend, friendliness, friendship
Adjectives: friendly, unfriendly

NOUN [u]
[B2] the quality of being friendly

Dictionary example:
It was the friendliness of the people that struck me.

Learner example:
Your description of the people, their everyday life, their characters and their friendliness reflects that you really had an excellent time here.

fright /fraɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: fright
Verbs: frighten
Adjectives: frightened, frightening

NOUN [u NO PLURAL]
[C1] a sudden feeling of shock and fear

Dictionary examples:
That dog gave me a terrible fright.
She screamed in fright when she saw him.

Learner example:
She suddenly realised she was being followed, so, speechless with fright, began to stride along back to her car.

frighten /ˈfraɪt.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: fright
Verbs: frighten
Adjectives: frightened, frightening

VERB [T]
[B2] to make someone feel fear

Dictionary examples:
He frightens me when he drives so fast.
The noise frightened me to death.
Learner example:
I have no interest in lizards. Whatever their characters are, their appearance always frightens me.

from /frɒm/

PREPOSITION

CAUSE
[B2] used to show the cause of something or the reason why something happens

Dictionary examples:
He was rushed to hospital but died from his injuries.
You could tell she wasn't lying from the fear in her voice.

Learner example:
Many people have died from car accidents.

CHANGE
[B2] used to show a change in the state of someone or something

Dictionary examples:
Things went from bad to worse.
She has been promoted from manager to director.

Learner example:
On the other hand the number of animals living in freedom, for example the number of tigers, elephants and lions in Africa or Asia, is decreasing more and more, because their living conditions have gone from bad to worse.

POSITION
[B2] used to show the position of something in comparison with other things, or the point of view of someone when considering a matter or problem

Dictionary examples:
From the restaurant there is a beautiful view of Siena.
She was talking from her own experience of the problem.
From our point of view, we do not see how these changes will benefit the company.

Learner example:
The job was hard, but from my point of view, it was worth [it].

PREVENTING
[B2] used to show what someone is not allowed to do or know, or what has been stopped happening

Dictionary examples:
He’s been banned from driving for six months.
For many years, the truth was kept from the public.
Learner example:
Wouldn't it be better if cars were banned from the Central Business District in order to avoid traffic jams and stress?"}

from side to side
[B2] If something moves from side to side, it moves from left to right and back again repeatedly.

Dictionary example:
swinging from side to side

Learner example:
I began to understand it when I went to Kenya in 1986, because I had the wonderful chance to look at the animals in their natural surroundings, without being in a cage, walking nervously from side to side.

from time to time
[B2] sometimes but not often

Dictionary example:
From time to time I still think of her.

Learner example:
I wash the dishes from time to time (I sometimes try to avoid this unpleasant duty) and clean our house.

a week/six months/ten years, etc. from now
[B2] a week/six months/ten years, etc. after the time when you are speaking

Dictionary example:
Who knows what we'll all be doing five years from now?

Learner example:
Have you ever thought about what clothes will look like in 100 years from now?

from then/that day, etc. on
[C1] starting then, that day, etc. and continuing into the future

Dictionary examples:
From then on, he began to keep all her letters and cards.
They were good friends from that day on.

Learner example:
It happened like a miracle, suddenly I could speak quite well and I had lots of friends and from then on, I had a very nice time and I lived the best experience I've ever lived[d] in my short life.

from start to finish
[C1] from the beginning of something to its end

Dictionary example:
I enjoyed the film from start to finish.
Learner example:
I found out that the service itself should last at least one and half hour[s] from start to finish.

**from scratch**
[C1] If you do something from scratch, you do it from the beginning.

**Dictionary example:**
We didn't have any furniture of our own so we had to start from scratch.

**Learner example:**
That means you don’t have to start from scratch with your teacher.

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**frost /frɒst/**

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] a thin, white layer of ice that forms on surfaces at night when it is very cold, or a time when the temperature is very cold and water freezes

**Dictionary examples:**
When I woke up this morning the ground was covered with frost.
There was a frost last night.
There were a lot of **hard** frosts that winter.

**Learner example:**
Thirdly, you do not have to worry about rain, wind, frost or other bad weather conditions.

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**fruitful /ˈfruːt.fəl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** fruit
**Adjectives:** fruitful

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] producing good or useful results

**Dictionary example:**
We had a very fruitful discussion.

**Learner example:**
We had a fruitful talk about his previous achievements in his first job, after which he found out how creative he was.
frustrated /ˈfrʌsˌtreɪ.tɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: frustration
Adjectives: frustrated, frustrating

ADJECTIVE
[C1] annoyed because things are not happening in the way that you want, or in the way that they should

Dictionary examples:
I'm very frustrated at/my lack of progress.
Fans are frustrated by their lack of success this season.

Learner example:
What, however, made us very frustrated was that there was no opportunity for us to take an exam at the end of this month.

frustrating /ˈfrʌsˌtreɪ.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: frustration
Adjectives: frustrated, frustrating

ADJECTIVE
[C1] making you feel frustrated

Dictionary examples:
a frustrating situation
It's frustrating to see money going to waste like that.

Learner example:
When you are working and you are in a hurry to get to your work place on time, waiting for the bus becomes quite annoying and frustrating.

frustration /ˈfrʌsˌtreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: frustration
Adjectives: frustrated, frustrating

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the feeling of being annoyed because things are not happening in the way that you want, or in the way that they should

Dictionary example:
I could sense his frustration at not being able to help.
Learner example:
So we had to leave hungry and with a certain feeling of frustration and disappointment.

fulfil /folˈfɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: fulfilment
Verbs: fulfil
Adjectives: fulfilling

VERB (fulfilling, fulfilled)

fulfil a duty/promise/responsibility, etc.
[C1] to do something that you have promised to do or that you are expected to do

Dictionary example:
He has failed to fulfil his duties as a father.

Learner example:
Therefore, she fulfils her duties carefully and precisely.

fulfil an ambition/dream/goal, etc.
[C1] to do something that you really wanted to do

Dictionary example:
She has finally fulfilled her childhood ambition to swim with dolphins.

Learner example:
For numerous football fans who seek to fulfil their ambitions in the computer world I would recommend The Cup of Life.

fulfil a function/need/role, etc.
[C1] to do something that is necessary or useful

Dictionary example:
You seem to fulfil a very useful role in the organization.

Learner example:
The reason is obviously not a lack of intelligence but mainly duties with educating children, housework and fulfilling the conservative role of women.

fulfil criteria/requirements/qualifications, etc.
[C1] to have all the qualities that are wanted or needed for something

Dictionary example:
You have to fulfil certain requirements to qualify for the competition.

Learner example:
It fulfils all the criteria expressed above, and has a swimming pool too.
full  /fʊl/

Word family:
Adjectives: full
Adverbs: fully

ADJECTIVE

FOOD
[B2] (also full up) informal having eaten enough food

Dictionary example:
No more cake for me, thanks, I'm full.

Learner example:
After having [a] big lunch, he was full up.

fumes  /fjuːmz/

NOUN [PLURAL]
[C1] strong, unpleasant, and often dangerous gas or smoke

Dictionary example:
car exhaust fumes

Learner example:
Cars emit fumes that are very dangerous.

fun  /fʌn/

NOUN [U]

make fun of sb/sth
[B2] to make a joke about someone or something in an unkind way

Dictionary example:
The other children at school used to make fun of his hair.

Learner example:
I didn't want to tell other people because I didn't want them to make fun of me.
**function** /ˈfʌŋk.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: function  
Adjectives: functional  

**NOUN [c]**  

**PURPOSE**  
[B2] the purpose of something or the particular responsibility of someone  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Each button has a different function.  
I’m not quite sure what my function is within the company.  

**Learner example:**  
Apart from that, zoos have got an educational function.  

**EVENT**  
[C1] a large, formal party or ceremony  

**Dictionary example:**  
a charity function  

**Learner example:**  
Almost 600 people gathered at my main wedding function.  

**functional** /ˈfʌŋk.ʃən.əl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: function  
Adjectives: functional  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] designed to be practical and useful  

**Dictionary example:**  
functional clothing  

**Learner example:**  
Like many other people, I used to see my camera as a very functional object without being really fond of it.  

**fund** /fʌnd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: fund, funding  
Verbs: fund
NOUN
[C1] [c] an amount of money collected, saved, or provided for a purpose

Dictionary example:
a pension fund

Learner example:
A fund in her name has been made for handicapped children and the amount in this fund is growing fast.

Funds
[C1] [plural] money needed or available to spend on something

Dictionary example:
The charity closed down due to lack of funds.

Learner example:
Due to the limited funds available to the committee responsible for the festivities, the location was not in accordance with the expectations.

VERB [T]
[C1] to provide the money to pay for an event, activity or organization

Dictionary examples:
The company has agreed to fund my trip to Australia.
The new college is being privately funded.

Learner example:
We'd like to suggest, as an alternative, that by opening the Centre to [the] public when the Centre is less crowded, you'll be able to fund the changes.

Funding /ˈfʌnd.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: fund, funding
Verbs: fund

Noun [u]
[C1] money given by a government or organization for an event or activity

Dictionary example:
The company received state funding for the project.

Learner example:
I must admit that this is an important community project that has long been neglected due to lack of Council funding.
funeral /ˈfjuːrəl/  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] a ceremony for burying or burning the body of a dead person  

Dictionary examples:  
The funeral will be held next Friday.  
Over 300 people attended the funeral.  

Learner example:  
She was crying at his funeral.

furious /ˈfjuər.əs/  

Word family:  
Nouns: fury  
Adjectives: furious  
Adverbs: furiously  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] extremely angry  

Dictionary examples:  
I was late and he was furious with me.  
He's furious about/at the way he's been treated.  

Learner example:  
He was absolutely furious, having learned about our engagement.

furiously /ˈfjuər.i.ə.sli/  

Word family:  
Nouns: fury  
Adjectives: furious  
Adverbs: furiously  

ADVERB  
[B2] in a very angry way

Dictionary example:  
"Get out of here!" she shouted furiously.  

Learner example:  
"Put that light out", I shouted furiously after those sleepless nights.
furnished /ˈfɜːrnɪʃt/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] If a room or building is furnished, there is furniture in it.  

**Dictionary example:**  
He's renting a fully furnished apartment by the river.  

**Learner example:**  
The so called Student Study Centre was quite noisy and poorly furnished.

further /ˈfɜː.ðə/  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**  
a further 10/100, etc.  
[C1] additional  

**Dictionary example:**  
A further 20 stores will be opening in Europe next year.  

**Learner example:**  
As a matter of fact, only 5% of the total income was taken to pay for administration costs, and a further 10% to pay for the cost of entertainment.

**ADVERB**  

**MORE**  
[B2] more  

**Dictionary examples:**  
He refused to discuss the matter further.  
Did you **get** any further with your research?  

**Learner example:**  
I demand a full refund or I will be forced to take this matter further.

furthermore /ˌfɜː.ðəˈmoː/  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in addition to what has just been said  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Furthermore, we have a duty to defend our country.  
Furthermore, we found that the results varied according to what time of day the sample was taken.
Learner example:
I am 22 years of age and I have a degree in tourism. Furthermore, I have a working knowledge of English, Spanish, Catalan and Italian.

**fuss** /fʌs/

Word family:
Nouns: fuss
Adjectives: fussy

**NOUN** [u NO PLURAL]
[C1] when people become excited, annoyed, or anxious about something, especially something unimportant

Dictionary examples:
What's all the fuss about?
She made such a fuss when Richard spilt a drop of coffee on her blouse!
It's all a fuss about nothing.
We tried to arrange a ceremony with as little fuss as possible.

Learner example:
The internet contains more information than any library, more easily accessible and without the fuss of library cards or the risk of losing books.

**future** /ˈfjuː.ʃər/

**NOUN**
in the near future
[B2] at a time that is not far away

Dictionary example:
Space travel may become very common in the near future.

Learner example:
I look forward to receiving your reply in the near future.
gadget /ˈɡædʒ.ɪt/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a small piece of equipment that does a particular job, especially a new type

Dictionary example:
a kitchen gadget

Learner example:
I believe that robots and hi-tech gadgets will definitely invade our private and professional life.

gain /geɪn/

NOUN [c or u]

INCREASE
[C1] an increase in something such as size, weight, or amount

Dictionary example:
Side effects of the drugs may include tiredness, headaches or weight gain.

Learner example:
Consumption of pre-cooked meals, fast food, [and] canned food not only results in weight gain but also cause[s] health problems.

gambling /ˈɡæm.blɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: gambling, gamble
Verbs: gamble

NOUN [u]
[B2] ! the activity of betting money, for example in a game or on a horse race

Dictionary example:
Gambling can be addictive.

Learner example:
One night we went gambling in the hotel casino.
gang /gæŋ/

NOUN [c]

YOUNG PEOPLE
[B2] a group of young people who spend time together, usually fighting with other groups and behaving badly

Dictionary examples:
a gang member
He didn't want to join their gang.

Learner example:
It was two days ago. I wanted to join Joe's gang, but first I had to prove my courage.

CRIMINALS
[B2] a group of criminals who work together

Dictionary example:
a gang of armed robbers

Learner example:
The infamous gang had robbed twelve families of all their belongings.

gap /gæp/

NOUN [c]

DIFFERENCE
[B2] a difference between two things

Dictionary examples:
an age gap
The gap between rich and poor is still increasing.

Learner example:
It is a general rule that there is a great gap between generations which leads to different ideas and mentalities between children and parents.

ABSENT THING
[B2] something that is absent and stops something from being complete

Dictionary example:
There are still huge gaps in my knowledge.

Learner example:
Another huge gap in our town is the absence of a swimming pool.
TIME
[B2] a period of time spent doing something different

Dictionary example:
After a gap of five years, Jennifer decided to go back to work full-time.

Learner example:
Finally, on the last day, I suggest you could go [to] the market [in] town during the 3–hour gap.

garden /ˈɡɑːdn/  
Word family:  
Nouns: garden, gardener, gardening

NOUN [C]

gardens  
[C1] a park or large public area where plants and flowers are grown

Dictionary example:
We visited the botanic gardens.

Learner example:
After that we are going to see the "Mary's gardens", where the photo session is going to take place, and at 13.00 we will have lunch at the main restaurant.

gardener /ˈɡɑːdnər/  
Word family:  
Nouns: garden, gardener, gardening

NOUN [C]

[B2] someone who works in a garden, growing plants and making it look attractive

Dictionary example:
They employ two gardeners.

Learner example:
You can become a very good gardener and walk very long distances.

gardening /ˈɡɑːdnɪŋ/  
Word family:  
Nouns: garden, gardener, gardening

NOUN [U]

[B2] the job or activity of growing a garden and keeping it attractive
Dictionary example:
She enjoys gardening.

Learner example:
After four years [of] studying and doing the A level exam, I still don’t have any qualification in gardening, but I really like flowers and plants.

garment /ˈɡɑː.mənt/

NOUN [C] FORMAL

[C1] a piece of clothing

Dictionary example:
They were luxurious garments, made of silk and velvet.

Learner example:
Their garments consisted of four layers of robes.

gas /gæs/

NOUN

SUBSTANCE

[B2] [c or u] a substance in a form like air that is neither solid nor liquid

Dictionary example:
Oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen are all gases.

Learner example:
All people know that CO2 is a very dangerous gas for all kind[s] of animals.

gather /ˈɡæð.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: gathering
Verbs: gather

VERB

COME TOGETHER

[B2] [i or ɪ] to join other people somewhere to make a group, or to bring people together into a group
Dictionary examples:
A crowd had gathered to hear her speak.
Crowds of fans gathered at the stadium for the big match.
She gathered the children together and began to tell them a story.

Learner example:
People had gathered in front of a particular painting.

COLLECT
[B2] [ɪ] to collect several things, often from different places or people

Dictionary example:
We gathered our things together and left quickly.

Learner example:
I have gathered over three hundred species: flowers, roots, leaves and other [thing]s.

THINK
[C1] [ɪ] to think something is true because you have heard or seen information about it

Dictionary examples:
From what I can gather, they haven't sold their house yet.
As far as I can gather, there will only be light refreshments available.

Learner example:
From a modest survey I have made among citizens of different age groups and occupations, I can gather that both proposals have advantages and disadvantages.

gather speed/strength/support, etc.
[C1] to increase in speed/strength/support, etc.

Dictionary example:
Finally, the train began to gather speed, and we were on our way.

Learner example:
The use of railways was a bit fluctuating until around 1995, but gathered momentum after that.

gathering /ˈɡæð.ərɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: gathering
Verbs: gather

NOUN [c]
[C1] a party or a meeting when many people get together as a group

Dictionary example:
a family gathering
Learner example:
Parks, for example, can't be used for a barbeque or family gathering in the winter time.

gaze /geɪz/

VERB

gaze at/into/out of, etc.
[B2] to look for a long time at something or someone or in a particular direction

Dictionary examples:
He was gazing out of the window.
They gazed into each other's eyes.

Learner example:
He gazed at her and took her hand.

gear /ɡɪər/

NOUN

VEHICLE PART
[B2] [C USUALLY PLURAL] a set of parts in a motor vehicle or bicycle that control how fast the wheels turn

Dictionary example:
a mountain bike with 21 gears

Learner example:
It has 24 active gears and multilink kevlor brakes.

first/second/third, etc. gear
[B2] a particular position of the gears in a motor vehicle or bicycle that controls how fast the wheels turn

Dictionary example:
The lights turned green, but I couldn't get into first gear.

Learner example:
I wrenched the car into first gear and stormed off to the office.

EQUIPMENT
[B2] [U] the clothes and equipment used for a particular purpose

Dictionary example:
fishing/camping gear
Learner example:
I'll see you in a week and don’t forget your cycling gear.

gender /ˈdʒen.ɹ/  

NOUN [C or U]

SEX  
[B2] FORMAL the state of being male or female

Dictionary example:
Does this test show the gender of the baby?

Learner example:
There were many speakers who talked about all sorts of subject[s] such as politics, religion, gender identity, [and] art.

GRAMMAR  
[B2] the division of nouns, pronouns and adjectives into masculine, feminine and neuter types

Dictionary example:
In English, nouns don’t have gender, but in French and Spanish, they do.

gene /dʒiːn/  

Word family:
Nouns: genetics, gene  
Adjectives: genetic

NOUN [C]

[C1] a part of a cell that is passed on from a parent to a child and that controls particular characteristics

Dictionary example:  
Scientists have discovered the gene responsible for causing this disease.

Learner example:
I think it would be reasonable to include capsules with human genes and the genetic material of endangered species.
**general /ˈdʒen.ər.əl/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** general
**Adverbs:** generally

**ADJECTIVE**

**MOST PEOPLE**
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] involving or relating to most or all people, things or places

**Dictionary examples:**
There is general concern about rising crime rates.
There seems to be general agreement on this matter.

**Learner example:**
The decision has already been made by general agreement.

**NOT LIMITED**
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] including a lot of things or subjects and not limited to only one or a few

**Dictionary example:**
general knowledge

**Learner example:**
To improve the general knowledge of the students, it might be a good idea to offer more newspapers than magazines.

**in general**
[B2] considering the whole of someone or something, and not just a particular part of them

**Dictionary example:**
So, apart from the bad ankle, how are you in general?

**Learner example:**
I think that I, as well as people in general, would have been more depressed if we didn’t have light.

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**generalization /ˌdʒen.ər.əl.ɪˈzeɪ.ʃən/**

**NOUN [C or U]** (ALSO UK generalisation)
[C1] when someone says something very basic that is often true but not always true

**Dictionary example:**
It’s a sweeping generalization to say that girls read more than boys.
Learner example:
As the organizer of the International Student’s Sports Club, I feel inclined to report from [my] own experience that such a generalisation is not appropriate.

generalize /ˈdʒenərəl.aɪz/

VERB [i] (ALSO UK generalise)
[C1] to say something very basic that is often true but not always true

Dictionary example:
You can’t generalize about a continent as varied as Europe.

Learner example:
Anyway, even though it’s hard to generalise, it seems clear that people don’t want to work, and want to enjoy themselves without working.

generally /ˈdʒenərəl.i/

Word family:
Adjectives: general
Adverbs: generally

ADVERB

AS A WHOLE
[B2] considering the whole of someone or something, and not just a particular part of them

Dictionary example:
My health is generally very good.

Learner example:
Generally, Athens has a lot of things to do.

BY MOST PEOPLE
[B2] by most people, or to most people

Dictionary example:
He is generally believed to be their best player.

Learner example:
It is generally acknowledged that it depends on the zoo because sometimes the animals are loved and sometimes hated.
generate /ˈdʒen.ə.r.eɪ.t/  

Word family:  
Nouns: generation  
Verbs: generate  

VERB [T]  
CREATE  
[B2] to cause something to exist  

Dictionary examples:  
The new development will generate 1500 new jobs.  
This film has generated a lot of interest.  

Learner example:  
Football generates every kind of emotion: happiness, sadness, and above all passion.  

MAKE ENERGY  
[B2] to produce energy  

Dictionary example:  
The wind farm may be able to generate enough electricity for 2000 homes.  

Learner example:  
In France, for instance, more than three-quarters of [all] electricity is generated from nuclear power.  

generation /ˌdʒen.əˈreɪ.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: generation  
Verbs: generate  

NOUN  
TIME  
[B2] [c] a period of about 25 to 30 years, the time it takes for children to become adults and take the place of their parents in society  

Dictionary examples:  
Our family has lived in this village for generations.  
A generation ago, home computers were almost unknown.  

Learner example:  
Salzburg is a beautiful medieval town – it has got a wonderful cathedral, which was built by entire generations of Italian artisans.
**PRODUCT**

[B2] [c] a product when it is at a particular stage of development

**Dictionary example:**
a new generation of computers

**Learner example:**
I can sum up the most important things that changed my life are the telephone, the computer, the portable phone and of course [the] new generation of television.

**ENERGY**

[B2] [u] the production of energy in a particular form

**Dictionary example:**
electricity generation from wind and wave power

**Learner example:**
[T]he energy generation crisis Brazil is having to deal with [is well known].

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**generosity /ˌdʒen.əˈrɒs.ət.i/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** generosity
- **Adjectives:** generous
- **Adverbs:** generously

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the quality of being generous

**Dictionary example:**
Her friends take advantage of her generosity.

**Learner example:**
Anna, thank you again for your generosity.

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**generous /ˈdʒen.ər.əs/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** generosity
- **Adjectives:** generous
- **Adverbs:** generously

**ADJECTIVE**

**LARGE**

[C1] larger than usual or than expected
Dictionary examples:
a generous discount for students
a generous portion

Learner example:
To sum up, I must correct the conclusion in your article, as the event did come up to the
organisers’ expectations, raising a generous amount of money to donate to the hospital.

generously  /ˈdʒen.ərəs.li/

Word family:
Nouns: generosity
Adjectives: generous
Adverbs: generously

ADVERB
[B2] in a generous way

Dictionary example:
Please give generously to Children in Need.

Learner example:
I can’t think of any other person who opens her house so generously as you do!

 genetic  /dʒəˈnet.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: genetics, gene
Adjectives: genetic

ADJECTIVE
[C1] relating to genes

Dictionary examples:
a rare genetic disorder
genetic research

Learner example:
Mendel thought that basically it is the genetic material which is responsible for the future
development of a child.

genetically modified  /dʒəˌnet.ɪ.kliˈmɒd.ɪˌfaɪd/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] having had some of the genes changed by a scientific process
**Dictionary example:**
They are opposed to genetically modified food.

**Learner example:**
Despite the fact that the European Union prohibited genetically modified products in its countries, we are still using pesticides, causing pollution and food poisoning.

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**genetics /dʒəˈnet.ɪks/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** genetics, gene

**Adjectives:** genetic

**NOUN [U]**

[B2] the scientific study of the parts of cells which control particular characteristics (genes)

**Dictionary example:**
Next year, I’ll be studying genetics.

**Learner example:**
We use technology in order to save human live[s] and to explore strange new worlds, such as genetics.

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**genius /ˈdʒiː.ni.əs/**

**NOUN**

**PERSON**

[C1] [c] someone who is extremely intelligent or extremely good at doing something

**Dictionary example:**
Einstein was a genius.

**Learner example:**
And what about Mozart – poor little genius!

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**gentle /ˈdʒen.tl/**

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** gentle

**Adverbs:** gently
ADJECTIVE

SLOPE
[C1] A gentle slope or climb is not steep.

Dictionary example:
It was a fairly gentle climb to the summit.

Learner example:
THE TOUR Trained guides lead people across gentle slopes towards thick woods displaying a wide variety of birds and animal life.

gentleman /ˈdʒen.tlˌmən/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a polite word for 'man'

Dictionary example:
Ladies and gentlemen, the show is about to begin.

Learner example:
So she walked up on the stage and started speaking steadily into the microphone: "Ladies and gentlemen...." This is how the story ended.

gently /ˈdʒent.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: gentle
Adverbs: gently

ADVERB
[B2] calmly, kindly or softly

Dictionary example:
He held the baby gently in his arms.

Learner example:
Now I am older and I speak to my mother very gently.

genuine /ˈdʒen.ju.ɪn/

Word family:
Adjectives: genuine
Adverbs: genuinely
ADJECTIVE

REAL
[B2] If something is genuine, it is really what it seems to be.

Dictionary example:
genuine leather

Learner example:
The bicycle is a genuine Shimano bicycle.

SINCERE
[C1] If a person or their feelings are genuine, they are sincere and honest.

Dictionary example:
They showed genuine sympathy for our situation.

Learner example:
On the other hand, it is well known in environmental management that strategies that work via [the] people's purse are often the only way to motivate people who have little genuine interest in environmental problems (or just too many other concerns).

genuinely /ˈdʒen.ju.ɪn.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: genuine
Adverbs: genuinely

ADVERB
[B2] in a genuine or sincere way

Dictionary example:
I'm genuinely sorry for the extra work this has caused.

Learner example:
We are all genuinely interested in English literature.

geology /dʒiˈɒl.ə.dʒi/

NOUN [u]
[C1] the study of rocks and soil and the physical structure of the Earth

Dictionary example:
a book about geology

Learner example:
I have graduated from school and I am now studying geology at the University of Greece.
**germ** /dʒɜːm/

**NOUN**

**DISEASE**

[C1] a very small living thing that causes disease

**Dictionary example:**
Wash your hands before cooking so that you don't spread germs.

**Learner example:**
I am more careful with cleaning up and taking care of my baby. It was amazing the way they spoke about germs and dust.

**gerund** /ˈdʒer.ənd/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] A gerund is a noun made from the form of a verb that ends with -ing, for example ‘fishing’ in ‘John loves fishing.’

**Dictionary example:**
We learned about gerunds today.

**gesture** /ˈdʒes.tʃə/

**NOUN [c]**

**MOVEMENT**

[C1] a movement you make with your hand, arm, or head to express what you are thinking or feeling

**Dictionary example:**
He made a rude gesture at the crowd.

**Learner example:**
Review – The Body Speaks [...] In the second part, you are taught how to read the gestures, voice, [and] hesitations, and analyse them.

**ACTION**

[C1] something you do to show people how you feel about a person or situation

**Dictionary example:**
It would be a nice gesture to invite her to dinner.
Learner example:
Dear Sir, I am the secretary of the Student Committee in Bringtown College and I am writing to thank you for your kind gesture [in] inviting me to the opening of the new Arts Centre.

get /get/

VERB (getting, got, got)

get rid of sth
[B2] to end something unpleasant

Dictionary example:
I can’t seem to get rid of this headache.

Learner example:
[The] first step is to get rid of smoking.

get sb/sth to do sth
[B2] to make something happen, or make someone or something do something

Dictionary examples:
I can’t get my computer to work!
I'll get Ben to fix your bike.

Learner example:
We must get the councillors to change their minds.

get the feeling/idea/impression, etc.
[B2] to develop an opinion about a situation because of something that you notice

Dictionary example:
I got the feeling that she was quite angry about the situation.

Learner example:
I disagree with some points you mentioned and would like to share the impression I got from that popular holiday report during my two-week trip.

get on sb’s nerves
[B2] to annoy someone, especially by doing something again and again

Dictionary example:
If we spend too much time together, we end up getting on each other’s nerves.

Learner example:
Sometimes, receiving a phone call can disturb very important events in [a person's] life, but [it] also get[s] on people’s nerves when you use it in a public place like a train...

get to do sth
[B2] to have the chance to do something
Dictionary example:
I never got to meet her.

Learner example:
I did get to meet a musician, a singer named Anouk.

UNDERSTAND/HEAR

[B2] [I] INFORMAL to understand or hear something

Dictionary example:
That joke that he told – did you get it?

get a grip (on yourself)
[C1] to make an effort to control your emotions and behave more calmly

Dictionary example:
Stop panicking and get a grip on yourself!

Learner example:
The best thing to do was to talk to people who were not doing the test rather than building up my anxiety. However, I did not do this and it almost resulted in a disaster, but I got a grip on myself and just barely passed.

get on sb's nerves
[C1] to annoy someone, especially by doing something again and again

Dictionary example:
Please stop making that noise! It really gets on my nerves.

Learner example:
My neighbour is always quarrelling with his wife. It's getting on my nerves!

get rid of sb
[C1] to make someone leave

Dictionary example:
She was useless at her job so we had to get rid of her.

Learner example:
Improving your English on your own (or a self-guide on how to get rid of your English teacher!)

get sth straight
[C1] to make sure that you completely understand a situation

Dictionary example:
Let me get this straight – am I paying for this?

Learner example:
Next time you should try to get your facts straight.
**giant /ˈdʒaɪ.ənt/**

**NOUN [C]**

**IMAGINARY MAN**

[C1] an imaginary man who is much bigger and stronger than ordinary men

**Dictionary example:**
The story is about a friendly giant.

**Learner example:**
People have always seen him as a "big friendly giant", always ready to help those who are in need.

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**gift /gift/**

**NOUN [C]**

**ABILITY**

[C1] a natural ability or skill

**Dictionary example:**
She has a gift for design.

**Learner example:**
He understands the thought processes of children quite well, and has a gift for making difficult concepts understandable to youngsters, which obviously means he would be a very good supervisor.

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**gifted /ˈɡɪf.tɪd/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] A gifted person has a natural ability or is extremely intelligent.

**Dictionary examples:**
a gifted athlete
a school for gifted children

**Learner example:**
Roger Federer is a young and extremely gifted tennis player.
give /gɪv/

VERB [ɪ] (gave, given)

give a performance/speech, etc.
[B2] to perform or speak in public

Dictionary example:
Tony gave a great speech to open the conference.

Learner example:
We would be very happy if you [could] come to our school and give a speech.

give birth
[B2] When a woman or an animal gives birth, she produces a baby from her body.

Dictionary example:
She gave birth to twins.

Learner example:
The most important person in my life is the person who gave birth to me, my mother.

give sth a miss
[C1] to not do an activity

Dictionary example:
I think I'll give aerobics a miss this evening.

Learner example:
For this reason, I don't encourage you to buy the Spanish version of these CDs. I think you should give it a miss. Kind regards

give way
[C1] to stop in order to allow other vehicles to go past before you drive onto a bigger road

Dictionary example:
You must give way at this junction.

Learner example:
Of course, you have to remember to give way to the pedestrians, to respect the signs and to push on the brake when you see a red light.

give sb your word
[C1] to promise someone something

Dictionary example:
Paolo gave me his word that he wouldn't tell anyone.

Learner example:
I give you my word that it will never happen again.
gld /glæd/ (gladder, gladdest)

ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

WILLING
[B2] very willing to do something

Dictionary example:
She's always glad to help.

Learner example:
I know him personally and I'm sure he'll be very glad to help you.

be glad of sth FORMAL
[C1] to be grateful for something

Dictionary example:
I was glad of a few days off before going back to work.

Learner example:
We are glad of the changes [at] the Sports Centre even if the changes do not solve all [the] problems.

glam /`glæm.ə/ 

NOUN [u]
[C1] the quality of being attractive, exciting and special

Dictionary example:
the glamour of Hollywood

Learner example:
The red carpet, the glamour, the glitter, the fame are things we all dream about at one point or another [in] our lives.

gla:n /`glænts/ 

VERB

glance at/over/through, etc.
[B2] to read something quickly

Dictionary example:
She glanced through the newspaper.
Learner example:
As you know, I always like glancing at some international newspapers.

**[NOUN [C]]**

**QUICK LOOK**
[B2] a quick look

**Dictionary example:**
She **had** a quick glance around the restaurant but couldn't see him.

**Learner example:**
Just have a glance at the enclosed menu.

**at a glance**
[C1] If you see something at a glance, you see it very quickly or immediately.

**Dictionary example:**
He could tell at a glance that something was wrong.

**Learner example:**
You could tell at a glance that Peter was a loner.

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**glimpse / الخيمس/**

**[NOUN [C]]**
[C1] when you see something or someone for a very short time

**Dictionary example:**
He **caught/got** a glimpse of her as she got into the car.

**Learner example:**
If you go to Canada, like I did, you will enjoy great camping in the Rockies and might even catch a glimpse of the famous bears.

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**global / ˈɡleɪəl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** globalisation, globe
**Adjectives:** global
**Adverbs:** globally

**[ADJECTIVE]**
[B2] relating to the whole world
Dictionary examples:
a global disaster
the global problem of nuclear waste
the global economy

Learner example:
The improvement of electronics and global communications has made it possible to keep [in] close contact with friends all over the world.

**globalization** *(also UK **globalisation**) /ˌgləʊˈbæl.aɪˈzeɪ.ʃən/*

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** globalization, globe
**Adjectives:** global
**Adverbs:** globally

**NOUN [U]**
[C1] the process by which businesses operate in many different countries and the culture of different countries becomes more similar

Dictionary examples:
the globalization of big brands
the globalisation of fashion

Learner example:
Thanks to globalisation, fast food has arrived [in] Argentina, as almost everywhere in the world.

**globally** /ˈgləʊ.ˈbæl.ɪ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** globalization, globe
**Adjectives:** global
**Adverbs:** globally

**ADVERB**
[B2] in a way that relates to the whole world

Dictionary example:
The company has to be able to compete globally.

Learner example:
Since I went to Canada, I realized we should think about environmental pollution globally.
**global warming** /ˌɡləʊ.əlˈwɔːr.mɪŋ/

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] a gradual increase in world temperatures caused by polluting gases

*Dictionary example:*  
Very few people now deny that global warming is caused by humankind.

*Learner example:*  
Also, due to global warming, sea levels might rise and [the] risk of flooding will also rise.

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**glory** /ˈɡloː.ri/

**NOUN [u]**

**PRAISE**

[C1] when people praise and respect you for achieving something important

*Dictionary example:*  
It was my idea, but she got all the glory.

*Learner example:*  
This point of view states that it is more fulfilling for a single person to achieve a goal on [their] own, without having to share the glory with other people and that by doing it alone, one really feels that [one] has achieved something.

**QUALITY**

[C1] the quality of being very impressive or beautiful

*Dictionary example:*  
The castle has been restored to its **former** glory.

*Learner example:*  
Two years ago, the state, helped by the community of the island, gave birth to an ambitious plan to restore this beach to its former glory.

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**go** /ɡəʊ/

**VERB (going, went, gone)**

**SONG**

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to have a particular tune or words

*Dictionary example:*  
I can’t remember how his latest song goes.
TIME

[B2] [i] If time goes, it passes.

Dictionary example:
The day went very quickly.

Learner example:
But the time went so quickly and now I am in my early sixties [with] a lot of spare time.

go into detail/s

[B2] to tell or include all the facts about something

Dictionary example:
I won't go into detail over the phone, but I've been having a few health problems recently.

Learner example:
In one of his books he really goes into detail [about] how children treat other children [who] have difficulties with their "new" [language].

go red

[B2] If someone goes red, their face becomes red because they are embarrassed or angry.

Dictionary example:
He kissed her on the cheek and she went bright red.

Learner example:
When Paul saw the girl who had got blond hair and bluish eyes, his face suddenly went red.

it goes without saying

[B2] If something goes without saying, it is obvious or generally accepted.

Dictionary example:
It goes without saying that smoking is harmful to your health.

Learner example:
It goes without saying that I will participate!

go hand in hand

[C1] If two things go hand in hand, they exist together and are connected with each other.

Dictionary example:
Prosperity goes hand in hand with investment.

Learner example:
Traffic and pollution go hand in hand.

keep sb going

[C1] to provide what someone needs for a short period of time
Dictionary example:
Dinner is at eight, but I had an apple to keep me going.

Learner example:
Because of health concerns, advertisements lately show the people in Holland how important it is to have a good breakfast and that it will keep you going the whole day.

go from strength to strength
[C1] to continue to become more successful

Dictionary example:
The business is going from strength to strength.

Learner example:
To sum up, I believe that if the suggestions outlined above are put into action our magazine will go from strength to strength.

NOUN [C] (plural goes)

ATTEMPT
[B2] an attempt to do something

Dictionary example:
“This jar is impossible to open.” “Here, let me have a go.”

god /gɒd/

NOUN [C]

SPIRIT
[B2] a spirit, especially a male one, that people pray to and who has control over parts of the world or nature

Dictionary example:
the ancient Greek gods and goddesses

Learner example:
It was circled by a halo of light as if some gods had blessed it.

golden /ˈgəʊldən/

Word family:
Nouns: gold
Adjectives: golden
**ADJECTIVE**

**SPECIAL**

[B2] **ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN** special, successful, or giving someone an advantage

**Dictionary example:**
He's got a place at university which gives him a golden **opportunity** to do research.

**Learner example:**
As you know, my uncle has some friends in the music world and it was a golden opportunity when he asked me to [help] at the Tina Turner concert!

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**good /ɡʊd/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** good, goodness

**Adjectives:** good

**ADJECTIVE (better, best)**

**it's a good thing**

[B2] If it's a good thing that something happened, it is lucky or fortunate that it happened.

**Dictionary example:**
It's a good thing (that) we booked our tickets early.

**Learner example:**
I think it's a good thing that your parents [are going to] come, because [...] maybe it would make it easier for you to convince them to let you spend a week here during Xmas.

**Good for you!**

[B2] used to show approval for someone's success or good luck

**Dictionary example:**
You passed your exam – good for you!

**Learner example:**
That's great news! Good for you!

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**LARGE**

[C1] used to emphasize the number, amount, quality, etc. of something

**Dictionary example:**
There's a good **chance** he'll pass the exam.

**Learner example:**
Your children have a good chance of getting a better education.
be good company
[C1] to be a pleasant or interesting person to spend time with

Dictionary example:
Ann and Charles are always good company.

Learner example:
He is a bit narrow-minded and at first he'll drive you crazy, but once you get to know him he'll be good company.

a good deal
[C1] an agreement, arrangement, or situation that benefits you

Dictionary example:
I think we got a really good deal on our new car.

Learner example:
The possibility [of] get[ting] the needed staff from our own departments is absolutely a good deal for the company.

NOUN [u]

HELP
[B2] something that is an advantage or help to a person or situation

Dictionary examples:
Even a small donation can do a lot of good.
It's hard work, but it's for your own good.

Learner example:
Please think about this, [it] is for your own good.

be no good or be not any/much good
[B2] to not be useful, helpful or valuable

Dictionary examples:
Shoes are no good if they let in water.
Food aid isn't much good until the fighting stops.

Learner example:
When [it] is raining, you get wet and that's no good to anyone.

do sb good
[B2] to be useful or helpful to someone

Dictionary example:
A holiday in the sun will do you good.

Learner example:
I think that living and studying in another country will do you good.

for good
[C1] forever
Dictionary example:
When he was 20, he left home for good.

Learner example:
He was renting this property previously, but he went back to Sri Lanka for good.

Google /ˈguː.gl/

VERB [T]
[B2] to search for something on the Internet using the Google search engine

Dictionary example:
We Googled his name and found over 2000 sites.

gossip /ˈgɒs.ip/

NOUN
[B2] [U] conversation or reports about other people's private lives that might or might not be true

Dictionary examples:
an interesting piece of gossip
Have you heard the latest gossip?

Learner example:
Among them are the increasingly popular reality shows and all the daily news about gossip and scandal.

VERB [I]
[B2] to talk about other people's private lives

Dictionary examples:
Stop gossiping and get on with some work!
People have started to gossip about us.

Learner example:
First of all, I think they should accept the fact that they are well-known and they should be observed all the time, as we are curious to know what they do and we love to gossip about others.

govern /ˈgʌv.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: government
Verbs: govern
VERB  [ɪ or ɪ]
  [B2] to control and direct the public business of a country, city, group of people, etc.

Dictionary example:
The country is now being governed by the Labour Party.

Learner example:
He governed this area in medi[e]val times.

government  /ˈgʌv.ərn.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: government
Verbs: govern

NOUN
  PROCESS
  [B2] [u] the method or process of governing a country

Dictionary example:
a new style of government

grab  /ɡræb/

VERB  (−bb−)
  TAKE QUICKLY
  [B2] [t] to get something quickly

Dictionary example:
Can everyone grab a handout, please?

Learner example:
We grab a burger on our way to work and a milkshake on our way back home.

grab the opportunity/chance
  [C1] to take an opportunity quickly and with enthusiasm

Dictionary examples:
I’d grab the opportunity to travel.
If you get the chance to meet her, you should grab it.

Learner example:
I do admit that I could be more sociable and could grab the opportunity and meet many of my neighbours.
**grab sb's attention** INFORMAL

[C1] to attract someone's attention

**Dictionary example:**
The advertisement is designed to grab people's attention.

**Learner example:**
We have to find the books that best grab the reader's attention.

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**grace** /ˈgreɪs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** grace
**Verbs:** grace
**Adjectives:** graceful

**NOUN [u]**

**MOVEMENT**
[C1] the quality of moving in a smooth, relaxed, and attractive way

**Dictionary example:**
She moved with grace and elegance.

**Learner example:**
As with the sport I mentioned before, it also has the grace and elegance of a dancer and the technique, of course, of a skater.

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**graceful** /ˈgreɪs.fəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** grace
**Verbs:** grace
**Adjectives:** graceful

**ADJECTIVE**

**MOVEMENT/SHAPE**
[C1] moving in a smooth, relaxed, and attractive way, or having a smooth, attractive shape

**Dictionary examples:**
graceful movements
a graceful neck

**Learner example:**
One of the reasons for its popularity is that Hebe was a famous singer years ago, so her fans are the audience of her show. She is graceful, talented, impartial and spontaneous.
grade /ˈɡreɪd/  
**VERB**  
**LEVEL**  
[C1] to separate people or things into different levels of quality, size, importance, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
The fruit is washed and then graded by size.

**Learner example:**
Our members graded everything on a scale from 1 to 5, with 1 being very poor, and 5 being excellent.

gradual /ˈɡræd.jʊ.əl/  
**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** gradual  
**Adverbs:** gradually

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] happening slowly over a period of time

**Dictionary example:**
a gradual change/improvement

**Learner example:**
There was a gradual rise in 1992.

gradually /ˈɡræd.jə.li/  
**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** gradual  
**Adverbs:** gradually

**ADVERB**  
[B2] slowly over a period of time or a distance

**Dictionary example:**
Gradually, she realized that he wasn't telling her the truth.

**Learner example:**
Books will gradually disappear, and instead we will read all the things we want on our computer.
graduate

NOUN [C] /ˈgrædʒ.u.ət/
[B2] a person who has a first degree from a university or college

Dictionary example:
a science graduate

Learner example:
He is a graduate in Ancient History and he has done post-graduate studies in Archaeology.

VERB /ˈgrædʒ.u.eɪt/
[B2] [t] to complete a first university degree successfully

Dictionary examples:
Tom has just graduated with first-class honours in psychology.
He graduated from Oxford University last year.

Learner example:
I graduated from university last year, and I am studying English now.

grand /grænd/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] very large and special

Dictionary examples:
a grand hotel
the Grand Canal

Learner example:
Do you want to live in a grand mansion, an expensive flat or even a castle?

grant /ɡrænt/

VERB

GIVE
[B2] [t] FORMAL to give or allow someone something, usually in an official way

Dictionary example:
He was granted asylum.

Learner example:
He came to the USA in 1990 and was granted a permanent resident status.
**take sb/sth for granted**

[B2] to not show that you are grateful for someone or something, and forget that you are lucky to have them

**Dictionary example:**
Most of us take our freedom for granted.

**Learner example:**
So don't take the telephone for granted, but keep in mind that our modern way of life is mainly due to its invention.

**take it for granted**

[B2] to believe that something is true without checking or thinking about it

**Dictionary example:**
I took it for granted that we'd be invited to the wedding.

**Learner example:**
I have taken it for granted that you will arrive for dinner.

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**graph /grɑːf/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** graph, graphics

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a picture with measurements marked on it as lines or curves, used to compare different things or show the development of something

**Dictionary example:**
This graph shows how crime has varied in relationship to unemployment over the last 20 years.

**Learner example:**
The graph shows the amount of carbon dioxide produced from a range of sources in the UK from 1980 to 2000.

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**grasp /grɑːsp/**

**VERB [T]**

**HOLD**

[C1] to take hold of something or someone firmly

**Dictionary example:**
He grasped my hand enthusiastically.
Learner example:
It would take my heart away to be able to grasp his wrinkled hand and give him a kiss on the cheek of his crimson face, as I would always do when visiting him.

UNDERSTAND
[C1] to understand something

Dictionary example:
I find these mathematical problems difficult to grasp.

Learner example:
Children born into wealth cannot grasp the importance of money, and when they finally leave the shelter of their parents' home, they are completely unable to restrict their spending and save money.

grave /greɪv/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a place in the ground where a dead person is buried

Dictionary example:
an unmarked grave

Learner example:
After a couple of hours they brought her from the hospital and the next day they buried her near her mother's grave.

great /greɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: greatness
Adjectives: great
Adverbs: greatly

ADJECTIVE

IMPORTANT
[B2] important or famous

Dictionary examples:
This is one of Rembrandt's greatest paintings. He's probably the greatest actor alive today.

Learner example:
Ginny was a keen collector of rare paintings [by] great artists.
great big/long, etc. INFORMAL
[B2] very big/ long, etc.

Dictionary example:
I gave her a great big hug.

Learner example:
I will never forget when I was walking on the beach and all of a sudden this great big dog appears from nowhere running after me.

a great deal
[B2] a lot

Dictionary examples:
She spends a great deal of her time in Glasgow.
A great deal of effort has gone into making the software reliable.
They still need a great deal more money to finish the project.

Learner example:
There will be lots of events which you could see and take a great deal of pictures [of].

greatly /ˈgreɪ.t.li/

Word family:
Nouns: greatness
Adjectives: great
Adverbs: greatly

ADVERB
[B2] very much

Dictionary examples:
The higher profits were the result of greatly reduced costs.
The number of birds on the island has greatly increased in recent years.
Her piano playing has greatly improved/has improved greatly.

Learner example:
I recently went to the music festival and I greatly enjoyed it.

greatness /ˈgreɪ.t.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: greatness
Adjectives: great
Adverbs: greatly

NOUN [u]
[B2] skill and importance
Dictionary example:
Her greatness as a writer is unquestioned.

Learner example:
So, getting to be [i]ch and famous is more related to achieving greatness in your own field and not necessarily gaining money and becoming the richest person in the world.

greed /gri:d/

Word family:
Nouns: greed
Adjectives: greedy

NOUN [U]
[C1] when you want a lot more food, money, etc., than you need

Dictionary example:
We were shocked by their greed.

Learner example:
I hate to accept that greed and ambition are the trademarks of our society, but it seems clear to me now.

greedy /ˈgriː.di/

Word family:
Nouns: greed
Adjectives: greedy

ADJECTIVE
[B2] wanting a lot more food, money, etc. than you need

Dictionary example:
greedy, selfish people

Learner example:
He was a greedy and cruel man.

green /gri:n/

ADJECTIVE

ENVIRONMENT
[B2] relating to nature and protecting the environment
Dictionary examples:
green issues
the Green Party

Learner example:
There is the govern[ment party, "Green party", especially [in] German[y].

grey /greɪ/

ADJECTIVE

WEATHER
[B2] cloudy and not bright

Dictionary example:
a cold, grey morning

Learner example:
Although we are in spring, yesterday was a grey day with clouds and rain.

BORING
[C1] not interesting or attractive

Dictionary example:
Life was grey and tedious.

Learner example:
If you join one of [the] Excel Academy language courses it will not be for the food– it was very grey and dull.

grief /ɡriːf/

NOUN [u]

SADNESS
[B2] great sadness, especially caused by someone's death

Dictionary example:
Newspapers should not intrude on people's private grief.

Learner example:
However, my grief was still fresh and raw then.
**grill** /grɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: grill
Adjectives: grilled

**NOUN [C]**

OVER FIRE
[C1] a flat, metal structure used to cook food over a fire

**Dictionary example:**
He placed a grill over the coals.

**Learner example:**
First you have to light the fire, then you have to put a grill above it and finally you put the meat on the grill, but it is not so easy as it looks, because you have to know when the meat is done and you have to choose the right meat.

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**grip** /grip/

Word family:
Nouns: grip
Verbs: grip
Adjectives: gripping

**VERB [T] (−pp−)**

HOLD
[B2] to hold something very tightly

**Dictionary example:**
The baby gripped my finger with her tiny hand.

**Learner example:**
I gripped the steering wheel, fixed my eyes firmly on the road, and bravely drove up to Scotland.

**NOUN [NO PLURAL]**

HOLD
[B2] when you hold something tightly

**Dictionary example:**
She tightened her grip on my arm.

**Learner example:**
Then suddenly I lost [my] grip on the papers and they all dropped to the floor and landed in a great heap.
get a grip (on yourself)
[C1] to make an effort to control your emotions and behave more calmly

Dictionary example:
Stop panicking and get a grip on yourself!

Learner example:
The best thing to do was to talk to people who were not doing the test rather than building up my anxiety. However, I did not do this and it almost resulted in a disaster, but I got a grip on myself and just barely passed.

gripping /ˈgrɪp.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: grip
Verbs: grip
Adjectives: gripping

ADJECTIVE
[C1] If something is gripping, it is so interesting that it holds your attention completely.

Dictionary example:
a gripping story

Learner example:
'I know why the caged bird sings' is the most gripping read I have ever read.

gross /ɡrəʊs/

ADJECTIVE

TOTAL
[C1] A gross amount of money has not had taxes or other costs taken from it.

Dictionary example:
gross earnings/profit

Learner example:
Considering that our business is booming, we suggest invest[ing] a certain amount of money in the above-mentioned technical devices in order to achieve the financial target, which is to increase our gross profit by 10%.

SERIOUS
[C1] very serious or unacceptable
Dictionary example:
gross misconduct

Learner example:
Secondly, in the second paragraph, two gross mistakes were made.

ground  /graʊnd/

NOUN

SOIL
[B2] [u] the soil in an area

Dictionary examples:
soft/stony ground
The ground was frozen hard and was impossible to dig.

Learner example:
Winds sweep the grey granite coast line letting survive [a] few rare species of plants which are adapted to the dry and salty ground.

gain/lose ground
[C1] to become more/less popular and accepted

Dictionary example:
The idea is gradually gaining ground.

Learner example:
Lately, Italian food is gaining ground in Slovenia.

grounds  /graʊndz/

NOUN [PLURAL]

on the grounds of/that
[C1] because of a particular reason

Dictionary examples:
You cannot discriminate on the grounds of religion.
I refused on the grounds that it was too risky.

Learner example:
I am convinced that it is better than Southside College on the grounds that a great mass of students are satisfied.
group /gruːp/

VERB [T]
[C1] to form a group or put people or things into a group or groups

Dictionary example:
The children are grouped according to their ability.

Learner example:
I would like to suggest that we should be grouped according to the level of our English proficiency[y] on the first day of the semester.

grow /grəʊ/

Word family:
Nouns: growth
Verbs: grow
Adjectives: growing

VERB (grew, grown)

grow tired/old/calm, etc.
[B2] to gradually become tired/old/calm, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Our bodies change as we grow older.
The music was growing louder and louder.

Learner example:
They went to the field and, relaxing on [the] grass, spoke about their life without each other. Soft blue evening came and it was growing dark.

growing /ˈgrəʊ.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: growth
Verbs: grow
Adjectives: growing

ADJECTIVE
[B2] increasing in size or quantity

Dictionary example:
There is a growing awareness of the seriousness of this disease.
Learner example:
All my family, friends, [and] neighbours [were] first full of pride and expectations, then with slowly growing disbelief and disappointment.

grown-up

**NOUN [C]** /ˈɡrəʊn.ʌp/  
[B2] an adult, used especially when talking to children

**Dictionary example:**
Ask a grown-up to cut the shape out for you.

**Learner example:**
If I were a grown-up I would like to have a big dog.

**ADJECTIVE** /ˌɡrəʊnˈʌp/  
[B2] If you say that someone is grown-up, you mean that they are an adult or that they behave in a responsible way.

**Dictionary example:**
She has two grown-up children who work in the family business.

**Learner example:**
Now, as a grown-up person, I am trying to evaluate such [an] upbringing objectively.

growth /grəʊθ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** growth  
**Verbs:** grow  
**Adjectives:** growing

**NOUN [U NO PLURAL]**  
[B2] when something grows, increases or develops

**Dictionary examples:**
A balanced diet is essential for healthy growth.  
population growth

**Learner example:**
The huge growth of technology has brought lots of good aspects to my life, like the facility to be informed about everything that is happening around the world.
**grumpy** /ˈgrʌm.pi/

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] easily annoyed and often complaining

*Dictionary example:*
a grumpy old man

*Learner example:*
Secondly, our coach driver was a grumpy, unpleasant man who was not even polite enough to answer our questions.

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**guarantee** /ˌgær.ənˈtiː/

**VERB** [T]
[B2] to promise or make sure that something is true or will happen

*Dictionary examples:*
Every child is guaranteed a place at a local school.
They guarantee that it will arrive on time.

*Learner example:*
I can guarantee you won't be disappointed if you let me do the job.

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] a written promise made by a company to repair one of its products or give you a new one if it has a fault

*Dictionary examples:*
a money-back guarantee
I'm afraid this camera is no longer under guarantee.

*Learner example:*
And you couldn't [take] it back because it is not under guarantee.

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**guard** /gɑːd/

**VERB** [T]
**PROTECT**
[B2] to protect someone or something from being attacked or stolen

*Dictionary example:*
Soldiers guard the main doors of the embassy.
Learner example:
I guess it was that thrill that actually made me anxious to know what really was going on inside the dodgy-looking old house guarded by a man with an unfriendly hound.

WATCH
[B2] to watch someone and make certain they do not escape from a place

Dictionary example:
Five prison officers guarded the prisoners.

Learner example:
No one was guarding him.

guess  /ges/

VERB [I or T]

I guess so/not
[B2] used when you agree/disagree but are not completely certain about something

Dictionary example:
"So they're still living in the same house?" "I guess so."

guest  /gest/

NOUN [C]

TV
[B2] a person, such as an entertainer, who has been invited to appear on a television or radio programme or in a performance

Dictionary example:
Our special guest on the programme tonight is Robert de Niro.

Learner example:
Of course a bear shouldn't be a guest on a TV show, it's not in his nature.

guidance  /ˈgɑːdʒənts/

Word family:
Nouns: guidance, guide
Verbs: guide

NOUN [U]
[B2] help or advice
Dictionary example:
careers guidance

Learner example:
I dream of being Lord Krishna's devotee but I need professional guidance.

guideline /ˈgaɪd.laɪn/

NOUN [C USUALLY PLURAL]
[C1] advice about how to do something

Dictionary examples:
government guidelines
The EU has issued guidelines on appropriate levels of pay.

Learner example:
To avoid being injured, you must follow all the guidelines provided by your employer.

guilt /ɡɪlt/

Word family:
Nouns: guilt
Adjectives: guilty

NOUN [u]

FEELING
[B2] a feeling of shame or unhappiness when you have done something wrong

Dictionary example:
He suffered such feelings of guilt over leaving his children.

Learner example:
Her brother had hesitated before telling her the truth, but he proved that he really trusted his sister by confessing his guilt to her.

ILLEGAL
[B2] the fact of having committed a crime

Dictionary example:
Both suspects admitted their guilt to the police.
guilty /ˈgɪlti/

Word family:
Nouns: guilt
Adjectives: guilty

ADJECTIVE

RESPONSIBLE
[B2] responsible for breaking a law

Dictionary examples:
The jury **found** her guilty.
The jury has to decide whether a person is guilty or **innocent** of a crime.

Learner example:
After the trial, where the jury found him guilty, he was sent to prison for a long time.

gum /gʌm/

NOUN

MOUTH
[B2] [c] the hard, pink part inside your mouth that your teeth grow out of

Dictionary example:
Protect your teeth and gums by visiting your dentist regularly.

guts /gʌts/

NOUN [plural] INFORMAL

BRAVERY
[B2] the bravery and determination that is needed to do something difficult or unpleasant

Dictionary examples:
It **took** guts to stand up and tell the boss how she felt.
I didn't think he would **have the guts to** quite that awful job.

Learner example:
They did not expect that the people [in] this vicinity would actually have the guts to retaliate!
gymnastic  /dʒɪmˈnæs.tɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: gym, gymnastics
Adjectives: gymnastic

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] involving gymnastics

Dictionary example:
a gymnastic display

Learner example:
My friend like[s] to go swimming every morning. I prefer to [do] gymnastic exercises in a separate room every day.
**habit /ˈhæb.ɪt/**

NOUN [C or U]

BAD ACTIVITY

[B2] something that you often do that is bad for you or is annoying

**Dictionary examples:**
He has some really annoying/nasty habits.
I was taught to drive by my boyfriend and I'm afraid I've picked up some of his bad habits.

**Learner example:**
With more free time and more money to spend than ever, shopping is a great activity, but when this creates bad habits [such] as overspending, [it] could lead to serious problems.

**habitat /ˈhæb.ɪ.tæt/**

NOUN [C]

[C1] the natural environment of an animal or plant

**Dictionary example:**
We want to see lions in their natural habitat.

**Learner example:**
These snakes and wild cats are able to live in the wild, as the forests in Denmark are like their natural habitat.

**hair /hɛə/**

NOUN

SINGLE PIECE

[B2] [C] one of the thin thread-like parts that grow on a person's or animal's skin

**Dictionary examples:**
He's starting to get a few grey hairs now.
My black skirt was covered in cat hairs.
Learner example:
Then he appeared: a [fat], middle-aged man with only a few hairs on his head.

half /hɑːf/

NOUN; PRONOUN; DETERMINER (PLURAL halves)

A LOT
[B2] INFORMAL a lot

Dictionary examples:
She invited a lot of people to the party but half of them didn't turn up.
I don't even know where she is half (of) the time.

Learner example:
First of all, if [the] computer hadn't been invented, I wouldn't spend half of the day in front of it!

not half as good/bad/exciting, etc.
[B2] INFORMAL to be much less good/bad/exciting, etc. than something else

Dictionary example:
Her new book's not half as good as the last one.

Learner example:
Probably they wouldn't be half as famous as they are without press photographers, journalist[s], etc.

hammer /ˈhæmər/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a tool with a heavy, metal part at the top that you use to hit nails into something

Dictionary example:
You will need a hammer and some nails.

Learner example:
I had got a hammer to break the window.

hand /hænd/

Word family:
Nouns: hand, handful
on the one hand ... on the other hand
[B2] used when you are comparing two different ideas or opinions

Dictionary example:
On the one hand, computer games develop many skills, but on the other, they mean kids don't get enough exercise.

Learner example:
On the one hand, I know from my experience that it's much easier in life if you know more about everything, but on the other hand, I'd say that if someone [had given] me a chance (when I was kid) to study what I enjoy[ed], probably I'd have more possibility to develop my skills.

hand in hand
[B2] holding each other's hand

Dictionary example:
The young couple walked hand in hand by the lake.

Learner example:
Hand in hand they got off the train and she felt that her decision to leave was the best decision she had ever [made] in her life.

go hand in hand
[C1] If two things go hand in hand, they exist together and are connected with each other.

Dictionary example:
Prosperity goes hand in hand with investment.

Learner example:
Traffic and pollution go hand in hand.

at hand
[C1] near in time or space

Dictionary example:
Teachers are always close at hand to give help to any child who needs it.

Learner example:
I haven't had any lectures in English, but now and then there are lectures in English at the University so you need to understand the spoken language with no dictionary at hand.

be in sb's hands
[C1] to be in someone's control or care

Dictionary example:
The matter is now in the hands of my solicitor.
Learner example:
If we [do] not hear from you within 10 days we shall be obliged to put the matter in the hands of our solicitors which is not what we desire.

**VERB [T]**

hand over sb/sth or hand sb/sth over **PHRASAL VERB**

[B2] to give someone or something to someone else

**Dictionary examples:**
The hijacker was handed over to the French police.
We were ordered to hand over our passports.

**Learner example:**
In the end, we handed them over to the police and we were rewarded.

handful /ˈhænd.fʊl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** hand, handful

**NOUN**

a handful of

[B2] a small number of people or things

**Dictionary example:**
Only a handful of people came to the meeting.

**Learner example:**
First of all, thank you for having invited me to this meeting on a matter which many people pretend to be expert [at] but [which], in fact, is deeply known by [only] a handful of scholars.

handle /ˈhæn.dəl/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] the part of something that you use to hold it or open it

**Dictionary examples:**
a door handle
I can't pick the kettle up – the handle's too hot.
She turned the handle and slowly opened the door.

**Learner example:**
I saw my chair, my carpet... and my door handle!
### handout

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a copy of a document that is given to all the people in a class or meeting

**Dictionary example:**
On page two of your handout you will find a list of the books that I have referred to during the lecture.

**Learner example:**
During our course, I made [an] effort to follow the lectures, [and,] for instance, to check the unknown vocab[ul]ar[y] which appeared in handouts.

### hang

**VERB**

**KILL**

[B2] I [t] (hanged or hung, hanged or hung) to kill someone by dropping them with a rope tied around their neck, or to die in this way

**Dictionary examples:**
He was found guilty and hanged later that year.
The woman tried to hang herself with a sheet.

**Learner example:**
Their childhood was rather unhappy because their father was convicted [of] murder and hanged.

### happen

**VERB [i]**

**happen to do sth**

[C1] to do something by chance

**Dictionary examples:**
If you happen to see Peter, say "hi" for me.
You don't happen to know her phone number, do you?

**Learner example:**
I am certainly more confident and can understand whatever I happen to read in English, which is of course of the utmost importance for my work in this company.

**as it happens**

[C1] something that you say in order to introduce a surprising fact
Dictionary example:
As it happens, her birthday is the day after mine.

Learner example:
As it happens, I am currently looking for a computer course for myself and I would like to join one of your courses.

happily /ˈhæp.ə.li/

Word family:
Nouns: happiness, unhappiness
Adjectives: happy, unhappy
Adverbs: happily

ADVERB

WILLING
[B2] in a way that is very willing

Dictionary example:
I'd happily offer to help him if I thought it would make any difference.

Learner example:
I think young people would happily accept it.

LUCKY
[C1] having a good or lucky result

Dictionary example:
Happily, the operation was a complete success.

Learner example:
Happily, I had met a friend who could take me to school!

harassment /ˈhærəs.mənt/

NOUN [u]

[C1] behaviour that annoys or upsets someone

Dictionary example:
sexual harassment

Learner example:
However, they may be underpaid in comparison to men carrying out the same tasks, are seldom promoted – although they may be better qualified – and sometimes have to endure sexual harassment by their bosses.
**hard /ˈhaːd/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**be hard on sb**

[B2] to criticize someone too much, or to treat them unfairly

**Dictionary example:**
Don’t be too hard on him – he’s new to the job.

**Learner example:**
That’s why I was a little hard on you at first.

**NOT KIND**

[B2] not gentle or kind

**Dictionary example:**
She had a cold, hard look in her eyes.

**Learner example:**
To conclude, I’d like to apologise for being maybe a “bit too nasty” to you, but these “hard words”, were due only to my hurt feelings!

**UNPLEASANT**

[C1] full of problems and difficult to deal with

**Dictionary examples:**
My grandparents had a very hard life.
The past few months must’ve been really hard for you.

**Learner example:**
It was a really hard time for all of us, but it passed and, I hope, will never come again.

**hard drive /ˈhaːdˌdraɪv/ (also hard disk)**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] the part inside a computer that is not removed and that stores very large amounts of information

**Dictionary example:**
A virus damaged my hard drive.

**Learner example:**
As you know, computer prices are getting lower every day and technology is growing so fast so I thought that if I waited more and began saving money, I could buy a new computer with new stuff (better chip, hard drive etc.) in six months time.
hardly  /ˈhɑːd.li/  

ADVERB

CERTAINLY NOT
[B2] certainly not

Dictionary examples:
You can hardly expect a pay rise when you’ve only been working for the company for two weeks!
Well don’t be angry with me – it’s hardly my fault that it’s raining!

Learner example:
And then, although you [have] allowed me to use all your stuff, I hardly think I can touch your computer and the CD player.

hardship  /ˈhɑːd.ʃɪp/  

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a problem or situation that makes you suffer a lot, especially because you are very poor

Dictionary example:
They have suffered years of financial hardship.

Learner example:
However, I have to say that this plan would cause much inconvenience and hardship for our local residents.

hard-working  /ˌhɑːdˈwɜː.kɪŋ/  

ADJECTIVE
[B2] doing a job seriously and with a lot of effort

Dictionary example:
She’s a very hard-working student.

Learner example:
I think I am suitable for the job because, apart from all [the] above, I am hard-working, well-educated and imaginative.
**harm** /ha:m/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** harm

**Verbs:** harm

**Adjectives:** harmful, harmless

**NOUN [U]**

**HURT**

[B2] hurt or damage

**Dictionary examples:**
Smoking can **cause** serious harm to the lungs.
Alan would never **do** anyone any harm.
Missing a meal once in a while never **did** anyone any harm.
She was frightened by the experience but she **came to** no harm.

**Learner example:**
It is true that the car does us harm.

**there's no harm in doing sth**

[C1] used to say that something is not a bad thing to do and could possibly have a good effect

**Dictionary example:**
I suppose there's no harm in trying.

**Learner example:**
There is no lack of go[0]d language schools and there is no harm in trying another one the next time.

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**

[B2] to hurt someone or damage something

**Dictionary examples:**
Thankfully no one was harmed in the accident.
The government’s reputation has already been harmed by a series of scandals.

**Learner example:**
But in those places animals were harmed and died easily.

**harmful** /ˈhɑːm.fəl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** harm

**Verbs:** harm

**Adjectives:** harmful, harmless
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] causing harm

*Dictionary example:*
This group of chemicals is known to be harmful to people with asthma.

*Learner example:*
In addition, books are not harmful to our health as computers sometimes are.

**harmless /ˈhaːm.əs/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** harm
**Verbs:** harm
**Adjectives:** harmful, harmless

**ADJECTIVE**

NO HARM

[B2] not able or not likely to cause harm

*Dictionary example:*
Taken in small doses, this drug is completely/totally harmless.

*Learner example:*
In conclusion, cars are not as harmless as they look so we must stop using them so much.

**harmony /ˈhɑː.məni/**

**NOUN**

PEACE

[B2] [u] when people are peaceful and agree with each other, or when different things seem right or suitable together

*Dictionary example:*
living together in peace and harmony

*Learner example:*
I would like to think my children are going to live in a lovely world where the human being [will] be able to live in peace and harmony with the environment.
harsh  /ˈhɑːʃ/  

Word family:

Adjectives: harsh
Adverbs: harshly

ADJECTIVE

UNPLEASANT
[C1] very cold, dangerous, or unpleasant and difficult to live in

Dictionary example:
harsh conditions

Learner example:
Furthermore, I have been trained for a year in living in harsh conditions.

CRUEL
[C1] cruel, unkind, or unpleasant in a way that seems unfair

Dictionary examples:
harsh criticism/punishment
Taking him out of the game was a bit harsh.

Learner example:
Sorry if I sounded so harsh in the letter but I felt it was important to make these points.

TOO STRONG
[C1] too strong, bright, loud, etc.

Dictionary example:
harsh chemicals/lighting

Learner example:
It only contains herbs and plant extracts so it would not be too harsh a product for the skin and will not destroy the skin's natural defences.

harvest  /ˈhɑː.vɪst/  

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when crops are cut and collected from fields

Dictionary examples:
the grain/potato/grape harvest
We had a good/bad/poor harvest this year.

Learner example:
Well I can tell you about our annual harvest festival.
**hate** /ˈheɪt/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** hate, hatred  
**Verbs:** hate  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] a strong dislike for someone or something  

**Dictionary example:**  
Hate and bigotry can only make our lives more difficult.  

**Learner example:**  
Feelings of hate and disgust may fill us, but we may love somebody. Many people say that love and hate go together.

**hatred** /ˈheɪ.trɪd/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** hate, hatred  
**Verbs:** hate  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] an extremely strong feeling of dislike  

**Dictionary examples:**  
What is very clear in these letters is Clark's passionate hatred of his father.  
The motive for this shocking attack seems to be racial hatred.  

**Learner example:**  
The producers create situations involving different feeling[s] [such] as love, hatred, anger, fear,...

**haunt** /hɔːnt/  

**VERB [t]**  

**GHOST**  
[B2] If a ghost haunts a place, it appears there often.  

**Dictionary example:**  
They say that the house is haunted by the soldier's ghost.  

**Learner example:**  
[The castle] is 500 years old, and it is said to be haunted by a lady ghost.
MEMORY / FEELING

[B2] If an unpleasant memory or feeling haunts you, you think about or feel it often.

Dictionary examples:
Fighting in Vietnam was an experience that would haunt him for the rest of his life.
Thirty years after the fire he is still haunted by images of death and destruction.

Learner example:
And so John remained alone, haunted by the terrible loss.

have  /hæv/ (had, had)

VERB [T]

have sb over/round/to stay, etc.
[B2] If you have someone over/round, etc. you arrange for someone to visit you in your home.

Dictionary example:
We had Justyna and Al round for dinner last week.

Learner example:
I'd like to thank you once more for having me round [to] your house.

not have a clue
[B2] INFORMAL to be completely unable to guess, understand, or deal with something

Dictionary example:
I haven't a clue what you're talking about.

Learner example:
I haven't a clue about it.

have a word with sb
[B2] to talk to someone for a short time

Dictionary examples:
Could I have a word (with you) about the sales figures?
Perhaps you would a quiet word with Simon about the problem.

Learner example:
The nurse sitting beside me said to me, 'Your mother would like to have a word with you,' then she went out.

have nothing to do with sb/sth
[B2] to have no connection or influence with someone or something
**Dictionary example:**
He made his own decision – I had nothing to do with it.

**Learner example:**
Of course, I tried to explain [to] him that I had nothing to do with the vanishing of the cake but he didn't trust me.

**have nothing to do with sb**

*[B2]* If something is or has nothing to do with you, you have no good reason to know about it or be involved with it.

**Dictionary example:**
I wish he wouldn't offer advice on my marriage – it's nothing to do with him.

**Learner example:**
The party was horrible: the guests were all talking about things that had nothing to do with me.

**have sth against sb/sth**

*[C1]* to have a reason not to like someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
I've got nothing against him personally, I just don't think he's the right man for the job.

**Learner example:**
If you have nothing against taking public transport, I suggest taking a bus.

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**hazard /ˈhæz.əd/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** hazard

**Adjectives:** hazardous

**NOUN**

*[C1]* [c] something that is dangerous

**Dictionary examples:**
a fire hazard
a health hazard

**Learner example:**
Like all things, mobile phones have advantages and disadvantages. [...] It is said that they produce cancer and that they are a health hazard.

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**head /hed/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** head, heading

**Verbs:** head
**NOUN [C]**

**lose your head**

[C1] to stop being calm in a difficult situation

**Dictionary example:**
I saw the fire and I lost my head.

**Learner example:**
She has never lost her head in dangerous situations and she always knows what to do.

**VERB**

**head back/down/towards, etc.**

[B2] to move in a particular direction

**Dictionary examples:**
I was heading out of the room when she called me back.
We were heading towards Kumasi when our truck broke down.
He headed straight for the fridge.
I think we ought to head back/home now, before it gets too dark.

**Learner example:**
Then I headed for the dining room.

**LEADER**

[B2] [n] to be in charge of a group, organization, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
She heads one of Britain's leading travel firms.
Judge Hawthorne was chosen to head the inquiry.

**Learner example:**
When Carlos headed the government, the country [saw] important changes, such as Free Trade among Canada, USA and Mexico; the selling of the banks; "democratic" elections.

**FRONT/TOP**

[C1] [n] to be at the front or top of something

**Dictionary example:**
Jo headed a very short list of candidates.

**Learner example:**
When it comes to money paid to the families, Germany headed the list with 2%, followed by Spain with 0.25% and the USA with 0.2%.
heading /ˈhed.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: head, heading
Verbs: head

NOUN [c]
[C1] words at the top of a piece of writing that tell you what it is about

Dictionary example:
You’ll find it under the heading ‘Information for new students’.

Learner example:
As the advertisement included the heading "Come and discover the career of your dreams!", my attention was drawn to it.

headline /ˈhed.laɪn/

NOUN [c]

the headlines
[B2] the main stories in newspapers, on television, etc.

Dictionary example:
That story made headlines all over the world.

headquarters /ˌhedˈkwɔː.təz/

NOUN [c + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] (PLURAL headquarters)
[B2] the place from where an organization is controlled

Dictionary example:
The company’s headquarters is/are in Amsterdam.

Learner example:
I took my car and drove to the Police headquarters.

heal /hiːl/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] If a wound or broken bone heals, it becomes healthy again, and if something heals it, it makes it healthy again.
Dictionary example:
The wound on his head had begun to heal (up).

Learner example:
Biotechnology is providing us with the latest discoveries to heal or improve the human body.

health care  /ˈhelθˌkeər/

NOUN [u] (healthcare)
[C1] the set of services provided by a country or an organization for treating people who are ill

Dictionary examples:
A large proportion of these taxes go towards providing health care.
Healthcare workers are some of the lowest paid people in the country.

Learner example:
In Britain, the NHS provides free health care for every citizen.

hear /hɪər/ (heard, heard)

VERB

have heard of sb/sth PHRASAL VERB
[B2] If you have heard of someone or something, you know that that person or thing exists.

Dictionary examples:
I'd never heard of him before he won the prize.
It's a tiny country that most people have never heard of.

Learner example:
The old man had never heard of the Dark Duck, so he asked Paul what it was.

heart /haːt/

NOUN

SHAPE
[B2] [c] a shape that is used to mean love

Dictionary example:
The card had a big heart on the front.
Learner example:
It had a red rose in its hand and a t-shirt with a big red heart saying "I love you". That was it!

**with all your heart**
[B2] used to say that you feel something very strongly

**Dictionary example:**
I thank you with all my heart.

**Learner example:**
With this letter, I want to thank you with all my heart for your hospitality during my visit to you.

**by heart**
[B2] so that you can remember all of something

**Dictionary example:**
We had to learn the whole poem off by heart.

**Learner example:**
I know all his songs by heart and I was singing all the time.

**break sb's heart**
[B2] to make someone feel extremely sad

**Dictionary examples:**
She really broke his heart when she left.
It breaks my heart when I hear the terrible things that have been said about him.

**Learner example:**
I saw them kissing each other. That was it – when I saw that scene, it broke my heart.

**in your heart**
[C1] used to say what you really think

**Dictionary example:**
In his heart he felt they were wrong.

**Learner example:**
It is all because it was followed by a big mistake, when I focussed on [the] German language and thought is was my dream. I have to admit that it was only a [sensi]ble decision, because deep in my heart I knew I want[ed] to learn English.

heat /hiːt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** heat, heater, heating
**Verbs:** heat
**VERB**

*heat up sth* or *heat sth up* **PHRASAL VERB**

*[B2]* to make food hot so that it can be eaten

**Dictionary example:**
I'll just heat up the soup.

**Learner example:**
Do not spend your money on fast-food restaurants, and do not buy meals to heat up in your microwave.

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**NOUN [u]**

[AFTER LIFE]

*[B2]* according to some religions, the place where good people go when they die

**Dictionary example:**
They told us that she had gone to heaven.

**Learner example:**
"Now she is in heaven – don't worry she will be okay." I started crying.

[SOMETHING NICE]

*[B2]* informal something very nice that gives you great pleasure

**Dictionary examples:**
I just lay in the sun for a week and did nothing – it was heaven.
This cake is absolute heaven.

**Learner example:**
These little islands are just heaven.

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**ADJECTIVE**

*[C1]* informal very nice

**Dictionary example:**
a heavenly day

**Learner example:**
The Art Gallery was well presented and the exhibits were heavenly.
**hectic**

/ˈhek.tɪk/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] extremely busy and full of activity

**Dictionary example:**
a hectic day/week

**Learner example:**
Alongside today's hectic life we need to adapt fashion to our lives and interests.

**hedge**

/hedʒ/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a row of bushes growing close together, often used to divide land into separate areas

**Dictionary example:**
She planted a hedge along the back of the garden.

**Learner example:**
Besides, people should be allowed to sit under the trees. At present, [the] lawn, bushes and hedges aren't open to people.

**heel**

/hiːl/

**NOUN [C]**

**BODY PART**

[B2] the back part of your foot

**Dictionary example:**
The sharp stone dug into my heel.

**hell**

/hel/

**NOUN [U]**

**RELIGION**

[B2] ! according to some religions, the place where bad people go when they die

**Dictionary example:**
I'll go to hell for this.
Learner example:
We decided to enter the attic and then, as if coming from hell, a big, dirty, old cat ran away through our legs.

BAD EXPERIENCE
[B2] ! an experience that is very unpleasant

Dictionary examples:
It's been hell working with him.
Work is sheer hell at the moment.
The last few months have been absolute hell.

Learner example:
However, this apparently relaxed activity can sometimes turn into a living hell; you may only be able to go shopping at the weekend and then, if you do go, you will find yourself in the middle of a huge crowd of people, unable to get to any product or even shop and feeling dizzy by the mixture of smells that come from the people.

the hell
[B2] ! INFORMAL used to emphasize something in a rude or angry way

Dictionary example:
What the hell are you doing here?

Learner example:
He was yelling again: "What the hell is going on?"

helmet /ˈhel.mɪt/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a hard hat that protects your head

Dictionary examples:
a crash helmet
a cycling helmet

Learner example:
Some good advice is: first of all get yourself a good bicycle, a helmet and some protective clothes, in case the weather changes.

help /help/

Word family:
Nouns: helper
Verbs: help
Adjectives: helpful, unhelpful, helpless
MAKE BETTER
[B2] to make something better

Dictionary examples:
When you're nervous or frightened, it helps to breathe slowly and deeply.
The medicine didn't seem to help (the pain).

Learner example:
Everybody agree[s] with the importance [of] do[ing] exercise regular[ly], it helps to take out the

toxins from the body.

THING THAT HELPS
[B2] [NO PLURAL] something or someone that helps

Dictionary examples:
Having a new computer would be a help.
He was a great help (to me) while my husband was away.

Learner example:
Two weeks ago I made a trip to Britain, and 'The Student Tourist Guidebook' was a great help
when I visited Lampton.

helper /ˈhel.peə/

Nouns: helper
Verbs: help
Adjectives: helpful, unhelpful, helpless

helpless /ˈhelp.ləs/

Nouns: helper
Verbs: help
Adjectives: helpful, unhelpful, helpless
ADJECTIVE
[C1] not able to defend yourself or do things without help

Dictionary example:
a helpless animal/child

Learner example:
I remember one day in school how helpless I felt because I had forgotten my glasses at home.

hence /hens/  

ADVERB
[C1] for this reason

Dictionary examples:
He's got an interview today, hence the suit.
Drivers have been shown to adapt their behaviour according to perceived risk. Hence, if they are wearing seat belts, they tend to take more risks with their driving.

Learner example:
Hence, the more competition there is, the more benefits are given to both people and society.

here /hɪər/  

ADVERB
AT THIS POINT
[B2] at this point in a discussion or piece of writing

Dictionary example:
I don't have time here to go into all the arguments.

Learner example:
My idea here is to highlight the fact that computers are going to control our lives.

here and there
[B2] in several different places or directions but without any pattern

Dictionary example:
Tall trees were growing here and there.

Learner example:
In the cinemas there were a few broken seats here and there.
heroic /ˈhɪ.əʊ.ɪk/  

ADJECTIVE  

BRAVE  
[C1] very brave  

Dictionary examples:  
a heroic figure  
a heroic act/deed  

Learner example:  
I would be thrilled if I could lead thousands of warriors into heroic battles to conquer the world.  

TRYING HARD  
[C1] If someone makes a heroic effort to do something, they work very hard to try to do it.  

Dictionary example:  
In spite of England’s heroic efforts, they lost the match.  

Learner example:  
Individually or in organised groups, those who worry about the subject are making a heroic attempt to convince others of the importance of recycling, caring about the wildlife and sparing the woods from fire or massive exploitation.  

herself /ˈhɜːself/  

PRONOUN  

EMPHASIS  
[B2] used to emphasize the pronoun 'she' or the particular female person you are referring to  

Dictionary example:  
She herself admitted that it was wrong.  

Learner example:  
She herself, through her books, transfers to mature and [elderly] people too.  

hesitate /ˈhez.ɪ.tet/  

Word family:  
Nouns: hesitation  
Verbs: hesitate
VERB [i]

PAUSE
[B2] to pause before doing something, especially because you are nervous or not certain

Dictionary examples:
Richard hesitated before answering.
"Do you love me?" she asked. He hesitated and then said, "I'm not sure."

Learner example:
So, don't hesitate to buy that CD, it's a masterpiece and undoubt[d]ly you'll love it.

don't hesitate to do sth
[B2] used to encourage someone to do something

Dictionary example:
Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need any more advice.

Learner example:
If you have mo[re] questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

hesitation /ˌhez.ɪˈteɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: hesitation
Verbs: hesitate

NOUN

have no hesitation in doing sth
[C1] when you are very willing to do something because you know it is the right thing to do

Dictionary example:
He had no hesitation in signing for the team.

Learner example:
I think that Juan Pablo is a very well qualified applicant for this job, and I have no hesitation in supporting him wholeheartedly.

hidden /ˈhɪd.ən/

Word family:
Verbs: hide
Adjectives: hidden
NOT KNOW ABOUT
[B2] If something is hidden, most people do not know about it.

Dictionary examples:
hidden costs/taxes
Harry had a hidden agenda at the meeting and was determined to get his way.

Learner example:
I think this is a hidden danger of having a mobile phone and therefore the disadvantages are not as obvious as the advantage.

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high /haɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: height
Adjectives: high
Adverbs: highly

IMPORTANT
[B2] important, powerful, or at the top level of something

Dictionary examples:
a high rank
Safety is our highest priority.

Learner example:
Living is definitely the highest priority [all] over the world.

high in sth
[C1] If a food is high in something, it contains a lot of it.

Dictionary example:
Avoid foods that are high in salt.

Learner example:
Since there is no time even for cooking a healthy meal, they get used to ready meals that are high in fat and salt.

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AMOUNT/LEVEL
[C1] at or to a large amount or level

Dictionary example:
Temperatures rose as high as 40 degrees.
Learner example:
Can we expect to see the world unemployment rate reach as high as fifty percent?

highlight /ˈhaɪ.laɪt/

VERB [T]
[B2] to emphasize something or make people notice something

Dictionary examples:
to highlight a problem/danger
The report highlights the need for stricter regulations.

Learner example:
Electricity in general has been absorbed into our daily activities in such an intense way that we tend to take it for granted and it is exactly when it is not available that our dependency on it is highlighted.

NOTICE
[B2] to make something a different colour so that it is more easily noticed, especially written words

Dictionary example:
The spelling mistakes in the text had been highlighted in yellow.

NOUN [C]
[B2] the best or most important part of something

Dictionary example:
The boat trip was one of the highlights of the holiday.

Learner example:
The Festival is one of the highlights of the year for me and many others.

highly /ˈhaɪ.li/
Dictionary examples:
a highly paid job
a highly educated workforce

Learner example:
I am [a] 24-year-old highly educated Turkish boy.

VERY
[C1] very or to a large degree

Dictionary examples:
a highly effective treatment
We are highly unlikely to meet anyone here.

Learner example:
Now it features a highly effective searching system.

high-tech /ˌhaɪˈtek/  
ADJECTIVE (also hi–tech)  
[B2] using or involved with the most recent and advanced electronic machines, computers, etc.

Dictionary example:
His new car has a high-tech sound system.

Learner example:
We can build up a high-tech computer lab, and last but not least, we can provide some talented students with scholarship[s].

hilarious /ˈhɪ.leə.ri.əs/  
ADJECTIVE  
[C1] extremely funny

Dictionary example:
They all thought the film was hilarious.

Learner example:
In addition to this, the hosts and actors of the show have very few boundaries and are not afraid to make fools out of themselves, which means that they can do things that most people find very embarrassing, and this is something that contributes to making the show hilarious.
### himself /hɪmˈself/

**PRONOUN**

**EMPHASIS**

[B2] used to emphasize the pronoun 'he' or the particular male person you are referring to

**Dictionary example:**
Did you want to talk to the chairman himself, or could his personal assistant help you?

**Learner example:**
But no one would like to be behind bars himself.

### hint /hint/

**NOUN [C]**

**SUGGESTION**

[B2] when you say something that suggests what you think or want, but not in a direct way

**Dictionary examples:**
He's dropped several hints to the boss that he'll quit if he doesn't get a promotion.
Did she give you any hints about where she was going?
You can't take a hint, can you? Just go away and leave me alone!

**Learner example:**
He didn't take a hint. When that day had come, I timidly approached him and [gave] him my [final] words [of] warning.

**ADVICE**

[B2] a small piece of advice

**Dictionary example:**
The magazine gives lots of useful hints on how to save money.

**Learner example:**
I would like to make use of this offer, therefore I am writing down [some] helpful hints about Lampton.

### hip /hɪp/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] one of the two parts of your body above your leg and below your waist
Dictionary examples:
She stood waiting with her hands on her hips.
This exercise is designed to trim your hips and stomach.

Learner example:
She had a fractured ankle, a dis[locat]ed collar–bone and something was also wrong with her hips.

**hire** /ˈhaɪər/  
**VERB** [ɪ]  
**EMPLOY**  
[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to begin to to employ someone

**Dictionary examples:**  
I was hired by the first company I applied to.  
We ought to hire a public relations consultant to help improve our image.

**Learner example:**  
The interview was OK and my friend and I w[ere] hired!

**historian** /ˈhɪ.ʃtəri.ən/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** history, historian  
**Adjectives:** historic, historical  
**Adverbs:** historically  

**NOUN** [C]  
[C1] someone who writes about or studies history

**Dictionary example:**  
His father was a famous historian.

**Learner example:**  
I would be very willing to help historians solve the enigma about the origin of Thailand.

**historically** /ˈhɪ.ʃtər.i.kli/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** history, historian  
**Adjectives:** historic, historical  
**Adverbs:** historically  

**ADVERB**  
[C1] in a way that is connected to history
Dictionary examples:
The film makes no attempt to be historically accurate. Historically, there have always been close links between France and Scotland.

Learner example:
Well, maybe this brief description of my travel in time is not historically accurate; nevertheless I hope that you have enjoyed yourself reading it as much as I did writing it, and I hope you will consider it worth[y] of publication in your magazine.

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**Dictionary example:**
Our profits have already hit $1 million.

**Learner example:**
Having already hit the 50% boundary in 1991, we still see that the teachers’ salaries experienced a significant rise.

**NOUN [c]**

**INTERNET**
[B2] a request to see a document on the Internet that is then counted to calculate the number of people looking at the page

**Dictionary example:**
There have been over 10,000 hits on the site since Wednesday.

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**hi-tech /ˈhaɪˈtek/**

**ADJECTIVE (also high-tech)**
[B2] using or involved with the most recent and advanced electronic machines, computers, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
This database system is an affordable, hi-tech solution.

**Learner example:**
With the development of science and technology, many new inventions have entered our life, especially some hi-tech products.

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**hold /həuld/**

**VERB [t] (held, held)**

**PRISONER**
[B2] to keep someone in a place so that they cannot leave

**Dictionary examples:**
The terrorists held him *hostage* for 18 months.
I was held *prisoner* in a tiny attic room.

**Learner example:**
All around the world animals are held as prisoners in zoos.

**hold your breath**
[B2] to keep air in your lungs and not let it out
Dictionary example:
How long can you hold your breath under water?

Learner example:
My heart was beating fast. I was holding my breath.

COMPETITION
[B2] to have a particular position in a competition

Dictionary examples:
to hold the world record
The team held the lead until the 89th minute.

Learner example:
Nowadays she is an excellent sportswoman, she holds the world record.

JOB OR QUALIFICATION
[C1] to have a particular job, position, or qualification

Dictionary example:
She held the post of treasurer.

Learner example:
In fact 90% males hold the skilled vocational diploma where[as] only 10% females hold the same degree.

hold an opinion/belief/view
[C1] to believe something

Dictionary example:
They held the view that physical punishment was good for children.

Learner example:
Nowadays, some people hold the opinion that children who do not have good living conditions are better prepared to deal with the problems which they will encounter later on.

hold a conversation
[C1] to have a conversation

Dictionary example:
I can just about hold a conversation in Italian.

Learner example:
I know the grammar and many different expressions, and I can hold a conversation with other people.

hold sb's attention/interest
[C1] to keep someone interested in something

Dictionary example:
The film held my attention from beginning to end.
Learner example:
The recent protest about our canteen held my attention.

**NOUN**

**SUPPORT**

[B2] [NO PLURAL] when you hold something or someone, or the way you do this

Dictionary example:
Keep a tight hold on your tickets.

Learner example:
When I got up on my feet again, I reached out my arm to get a hold on something, but there wasn’t anything to hold on to.

catch/get/grab/take hold of sth/sb

[B2] to start holding something or someone

Dictionary examples:
He took hold of one end of the carpet and tugged.
I just managed to grab hold of Lucy before she fell in the pool.

Learner example:
I’m scared!” said Nora trembling, as she took hold of my arm.

get hold of sth/sb

[B2] to obtain something, or to manage to speak to someone

Dictionary examples:
I got hold of a copy at the local library.
I rang three times, but couldn’t get hold of her.

Learner example:
I had also forgotten to remind my friends and teachers to bring their own knife and fork to our lunch, but fortunately one of my friends managed to get hold of some spare knives and forks.

on hold

[C1] If a plan or activity is on hold, it will not be done until a later time.

Dictionary example:
The project is on hold until we get more money.

Learner example:
What’s more, it might, intentionally or not, raise awareness on issues that might have been put on hold by authorities, such as the legalization of soft drugs.

on hold

[C1] waiting to speak to someone on the telephone

Dictionary example:
His secretary put me on hold.
Learner example:
The day after, I called your office and after being put on hold, the person answering the phone was unwilling to come up with a proper reply.

**holy** /ˈhəʊ.li/  
**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] relating to a religion or a god  

**Dictionary example:**  
the holy city of Jerusalem  

**Learner example:**  
I’d like to go inside and see for myself but only the holy priests are allowed to be in there and only [on] special occasions.

**home** /həʊm/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** home, homeless, homelessness  
**Adjectives:** homeless  
**Adverbs:** home  

**NOUN**  
the home of *sth/sb*  
[C1] the place where you usually find something or someone, or where they come from  

**Dictionary example:**  
France, the home of good food  

**Learner example:**  
Every golfer – and those watching golf – know, that the home of golf is St. Andrews in Scotland.

**make yourself at home**  
[C1] to behave in a relaxed way in a place, as if it was your own home  

**Dictionary example:**  
Take off your coat and make yourself at home.  

**Learner example:**  
Please relax and make yourself at home and help yourself.

**CARE**  
[C1] [c] a place where people who need special care live
Dictionary examples:

a children's home
My grandmother lives in a home now.

Learner example:
However, I am also experienced with elderly people because I worked in an old people's home for about 3 months in the summer 1997.

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**homeless** /ˈhəʊm.leez/

Word family:

*Nouns*: home, homeless, homelessness

*Adjectives*: homeless

*Adverbs*: home

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] without a place to live

*Dictionary example:*
10,000 people were made homeless by the floods.

*Learner example:*
As a result, there are a lot of homeless people in our local community.

**NOUN**

the homeless

[C1] people who are homeless

*Dictionary example:*
They're opening a new shelter for the homeless.

*Learner example:*
The money spent on the royal family could be used for something else like building houses for the homeless.

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**honestly** /ˈɒn.ɪs.li/

Word family:

*Nouns*: dishonesty, honesty

*Adjectives*: dishonest, honest

*Adverbs*: honestly, dishonestly

**ADVERB**

HONEST

[B2] in an honest way
Dictionary example:
They have always dealt honestly and fairly with their customers.

Learner example:
If we want to answer [this question] honestly and sincerely, we should think about [the] advantages and disadvantages that keeping animals in zoos results [in].

honesty /ˈɒn.ə.sti/

Word family:
Nouns: dishonesty, honesty
Adjectives: dishonest, honest
Adverbs: honestly, dishonestly

NOUN [u]

QUALITY
[B2] the quality of being honest

Dictionary example:
I appreciate your honesty.

Learner example:
He's an extraordinary person and the TV viewers will love him because of his good sense of humor and his honesty.

honour /ˈɒn.oər/

Word family:
Nouns: honour
Adjectives: honoured

NOUN

RESPECT
[B2] [u] when people respect you because you have done what you believe is honest and right, or the quality of doing this

Dictionary examples:
a man of honour
We fought for the honour of our country.

Learner example:
Your health is worth much more than your honour.

in honour of sb/sth
[B2] in order to celebrate or show great respect for someone or something
Dictionary example:
a banquet in honour of the president

Learner example:
Finally we went to Corinth, where there are a lot of ancient sanctuaries which were built in honour of their gods.

PRIDE

[B2] [NO PLURAL] something which makes you feel proud and pleased

Dictionary examples:
It's an honour to be team captain.
I had the great honour of meeting the King.

Learner example:
It would be a pleasure and an honour for me.

honoured /ˈɒn.əd/

Word family:
Nouns: honour
Adjectives: honoured

ADJECTIVE

[C1] proud and pleased because you have been given respect or asked to do something special

Dictionary examples:
I am honoured to accept your invitation.
We would be honoured if you would join us for the day.

Learner example:
We would be honoured if you could present the prizes at this event.

hood /hʊd/

NOUN [C]

[B2] part of a piece of clothing which can be pulled up to cover the top and back of the head

Dictionary example:
The coat has a hood.

Learner example:
He was wearing a black hood.
hook /hʊk/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a curved piece of metal or plastic used for hanging something on, or a similar object used for catching fish

Dictionary examples:
a coat/picture hook
a boat hook
a fish hook

Learner example:
A few moments later she took out a rope, which had a hook on one end.

VERB [t]
be/get hooked on sth
[B2] to like or start to like doing something very much and want to do it all the time

Dictionary example:
He’s completely hooked on computer games.

Learner example:
It is such a great change to listen to well-known singers for those who are hooked on rock music.

hop /hɔp/

VERB [i] (hopping, hopped)

MOVE QUICKLY
[C1] to go somewhere quickly or get into or out of a vehicle quickly

Dictionary example:
to hop on a plane/train

Learner example:
The next thing that happen[s] is that everyone hops in their cars and drives to the restaurant where they have dinner.

hope /həʊp/

Word family:
Nouns: hope
Verbs: hope
Adjectives: hopeful, hopeless
Adverbs: hopefully, hopelessly
NOUN [C or U]

**in the hope of/that**
[C1] because you want something good to happen

**Dictionary examples:**
She went to Paris in the hope of improving her French.
They wrote to the Prime Minister in the hope that he would help.

**Learner example:**
Not only would I want to travel back to understand Hitler’s incredible success, but also in the hope of thwarting his plans.

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**hopefully /ˈhəʊp.fɛl.i/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** hope
- **Verbs:** hope
- **Adjectives:** hopeful, hopeless
- **Adverbs:** hopefully, hopelessly

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ADVERB

**HOPEFUL WAY**
[B2] in a hopeful way

**Dictionary example:**
"Are there any tickets left?" she asked hopefully.

**Learner example:**
I’ll be waiting hopefully for your letter.

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**hopeless /ˈhəʊ.pləs/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** hope
- **Verbs:** hope
- **Adjectives:** hopeful, hopeless
- **Adverbs:** hopefully, hopelessly

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ADJECTIVE

**BAD AT SOMETHING**
[B2] very bad at a particular activity

**Dictionary examples:**
I’m hopeless at sports.
He’s a hopeless cook.
**horizon** /ˈhəːrɪ.zən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: horizon  
Adjectives: horizontal  

**NOUN**  

**broaden/expand/widen your horizons**  
[C1] to increase the number of things that you know about, have experienced, or can do  

Dictionary example:  
Travelling certainly broadens your horizons.  

Learner example:  
Overall, I can say the conference was a success and definitely broadened my horizons.  

**on the horizon**  
[C1] likely to happen soon  

Dictionary example:  
Economic recovery is on the horizon.  

Learner example:  
Often this is justified as [a] result of society being collectively afraid that a shortage of fuel is on the horizon.  

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**horizontal** /ˌhɔr.iˈzɔn.təl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: horizon  
Adjectives: horizontal  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] level and flat, or parallel to the ground or to the bottom of a page  

Dictionary example:  
a horizontal line/stripes  

Learner example:  
Years are projected along the horizontal axis.
horn /hɔːn/

NOUN [c]

SOUND
[B2] a piece of equipment used to make a loud sound as a warning or signal

Dictionary examples:
a car/fog horn
The taxi driver sounded/beeped his horn.

Learner example:
How happy I was, hearing the sound of a car horn.

ANIMAL
[C1] one of the two hard, pointed growths on the heads of cows, goats, and some other animals

Dictionary example:
These cows have curved horns.

Learner example:
Far in the south of Chile, you will find the smallest deer of the world called "Pudú". It is only 25 cm. tall, doesn't have big horns and eats fruit.

horror /ˈhɔrər/ /ˈhɒrər/

Word family:
Nouns: horror
Adjectives: horrified, horrifying

NOUN [u]

FEELING
[B2] a strong feeling of shock or fear

Dictionary examples:
She watched in horror as the car skidded across the road.
The thought of speaking in front of so many people fills me with horror.
I then realized to my absolute horror, that I had forgotten the present.

Learner example:
I approached the door but to my horror, it was locked.
hospitalable /'hɒspɪtə.bl/  

Word family:
Nouns: hospitality
Adjectives: hospitable

ADJECTIVE
[C1] A hospitable person or place is friendly, pleasant, and welcomes visitors.

Dictionary example:
We always find them very hospitable.

Learner example:
First of all, the families you will be staying with are exceptionally hospitable, always willing to show you round in the local area.

hospitality /ˌhɒs.pɪˈtæl.ə.ti/  

Word family:
Nouns: hospitality
Adjectives: hospitable

NOUN [U]
[C1] when people are friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors

Dictionary example:
The local people showed me great hospitality.

Learner example:
Our members were ever so pleased with the families and your kind hospitality.

host /həʊst/  

NOUN [C]

PERSON
[B2] someone who invites people to a meal or a party, or to stay in their home

Dictionary examples:
We thanked our hosts for the lovely evening.
My host family looked after me very well during my month in London.

Learner example:
My experience [of] liv[ing] with a host family was very good, so I suggest we should look for a nice place for both of us.
a host of *sth*
[C1] a large number of people or things

**Dictionary example:**
I've got a whole host of questions to ask you.

**Learner example:**
In this day and age, we can buy Nike clothes, H[ead & Shoulders] shampoos and a host of other products in the UK as well as other places in the world.

**VERB [v]**
[C1] If a place hosts an event, people there arrange it and it happens there.

**Dictionary example:**
The town hosts an annual jazz festival.

**Learner example:**
Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing on behalf of my town which has been short-listed to host an international conference next year.

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**hostile /ˈhɒs.taɪl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** hostility  
**Adjectives:** hostile

**ADJECTIVE**

**UNFRIENDLY**
[C1] unfriendly and not liking or agreeing with something

**Dictionary example:**
Some politicians were very hostile to the idea.

**Learner example:**
She is not hostile or aggressive.

**DIFFICULT**
[C1] unpleasant or not suitable for living or growing

**Dictionary examples:**
a hostile climate  
They live and work in very hostile conditions.

**Learner example:**
However, they do not realize that they have to survive in a hostile environment, living in unsafe and unhealthy slums.
hot /hɒt/

**ADJECTIVE** *(hotter, hottest)*

*a hot issue/topic*

[C1] a subject which people discuss and have strong feelings about

**Dictionary example:**
The legalization of drugs is a hot topic.

**Learner example:**
Whether to compete or to cooperate has become a hot issue in today’s society, both in public and private.

**EXCITING**

[C1] informal exciting or interesting

**Dictionary example:**
Hollywood’s hottest new actress

**Learner example:**
That would mean that Bill Gates is the hottest celebrity on earth, but he is not.

hour /ˈaʊər/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** hour  
**Adjectives:** hourly  
**Adverbs:** hourly

**NOUN [C]**

*all hours*

[C1] very late at night, until early morning, or almost all the time

**Dictionary example:**
Our neighbours are up till all hours every night, playing loud music.

**Learner example:**
This causes traffic jams at all hours of the day.

hourly /ˈaʊə.lɪ/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** hour  
**Adjectives:** hourly  
**Adverbs:** hourly
**ADJECTIVE**

**EVERY HOUR**

[B2] done or happening every hour

**Dictionary examples:**
There's an hourly bus service into town.
A nurse checked him at hourly intervals.

**PER HOUR**

[B2] for each hour

**Dictionary example:**
an hourly rate/wage

**Learner example:**
I'll also call the shop and ask [about] the hourly rate and the working hours.

**ADVERB**

[C1] once every hour

**Dictionary example:**
Trains stop here hourly.

**Learner example:**
This train runs hourly and takes about 90 minutes to Kassel which is the second stop.

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**household** /ˈhaʊs.həʊld/

**NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]**

[B2] a family or group of people who live together in a house

**Dictionary examples:**
By the 1960s, most households had a TV.
household chores
household expenses

**Learner example:**
In Japan, for example, the vast majority of households have at least one car nowadays.

**housing** /ˈhau.zɪŋ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** house, housing
**Verbs:** house
NOUN [u]
[C1] buildings for people to live in

Dictionary example:
a shortage of local housing

Learner example:
The problems with housing can be improved by building more council houses, which can be bought at lower prices, or giving subsidies to first [time] buyers.

how /hau/

ADVERB

how come INFORMAL
[C1] used to ask why or how something has happened

Dictionary example:
How come you didn't go to the party?

Learner example:
Off the record: How come that your reporter can print such lies when knowing they are perhaps hurting certain people in this important matter?

How dare she/you, etc.
[C1] used to express anger about something someone has done

Dictionary example:
How dare you talk to me like that!

Learner example:
How dare you call that high standards?!

how far
[C1] used to talk about how true something is

Dictionary example:
How far do politicians represent the views of ordinary people?

Learner example:
How far and to what extent would the characteristics we are born with influence our future development in life?
**however /ˌhauˈev.ər/**

**ADVERB**

**however cold/difficult/slowly, etc.**

[B2] used to say that it does not make any difference how cold/difficult/slowly, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
We're not going to get there in time, however fast we drive.
However hungry I am, I never seem to be able to finish off a whole pizza.
If Emma likes something she'll buy it however much it costs.
I'll see you after the show and give you £20 for the tickets, or however much they cost.

**Learner example:**
We think that we are careful and that we can avoid traffic accidents, but however careful we may be, some other people might be careless and hit us.

**humanity /hjuːˈmæn.ə.ti/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** humanity

**Adjectives:** humanitarian

**NOUN [U]**

**ALL PEOPLE**

[C1] all people

**Dictionary example:**
The massacre was a crime against humanity.

**Learner example:**
All humanity enjoys the numerous advances in modern technology and [in] our day, life [has become] more interesting and eas[ier].

**human rights /ˌhjuː.mənˈraɪts/**

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

[B2] the basic rights that every person should have, such as justice and freedom to say what you think

**Dictionary example:**
international laws protecting human rights
**Learner example:**
My main interest is the way of life during the so-called French Period; that period is very important for the foundation of human rights and the way parliament ought to work.

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When she came back to reality she could see hundreds of people applauding.

**hunger /ˈhaŋ.ɡər/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** hunger
**Adjectives:** hungry

**NOT ENOUGH FOOD**

[B2] [u] when you do not have enough food

**Dictionary example:**
All over the world, people die of hunger every day.

**Learner example:**
Many changes are coming and many problems are coming too, because overpopulation, contamination, pollution, hunger, [and] poverty besides come with this technological revolution and that is something that the human being will have to solve soon.

**WISH**

[C1] [NO PLURAL] a strong wish for something

**Dictionary example:**
a a hunger for success/knowledge

**Learner example:**
The most important factor when learning English is the hunger for knowledge, the hunger for the unknown.

**hunt /hənt/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** hunting, hunt
**Verbs:** hunt

**VERB [I or T]**

**SEARCH**

[B2] to search for something or someone

**Dictionary examples:**
I've hunted all over the place, but I can't find that book.
They are still hunting for the missing child.
I've hunted for my gloves.
Police are hunting the terrorists who planted the bomb.
Learner example:
You don't have to hunt for a place to park your car and to worry what will happen when you're out of gas.

NOUN
[C1] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] a search for something or someone

Dictionary examples:
After a long hunt we finally found a house we liked.
The hunt for the injured climber continued throughout the night.

Learner example:
What is more, it helps to face problems which could occur during the hunt for a "lifetime" job.

hunting /ˈhʌntɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: hunting, hunt
Verbs: hunt

NOUN [u]
[B2] the sport of chasing and killing animals

Dictionary examples:
deer hunting
She’s very much against hunting of any sort.

Learner example:
And of course hunting won’t be allowed.

hurry /ˈhʌr.i/

VERB [I or T]

hurry up sb/sth or hurry sb/sth up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to make someone do something more quickly, or to make something happen sooner

Dictionary example:
Could you hurry the children up, or their dinner will get cold?
hygiene /ˈhaɪ.dʒiːn/

Word family:
Nouns: hygiene
Adjectives: hygienic

NOUN [u]
[C1] the process of keeping things clean, especially to prevent disease

Dictionary examples:
health and hygiene regulations
dental/personal hygiene

Learner example:
The ones that need medical services at home have hardly [got] anyone, and no one has helped them with personal hygiene.

hyphen /ˈhaɪ.fən/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a mark (-) used to join two words together, or to show that a word has been divided and continues on the next line

Dictionary example:
There should be a hyphen in 'short-sighted'.

hysterical /hɪˈster.ɪ.kəl/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] If someone is hysterical, they cannot control their feelings or behaviour because they are extremely frightened, angry, excited, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Calm down, you're becoming/getting hysterical.
The police were accused of hysterical over-reaction.
hysterical laughter

Learner example:
The actor playing the part of Amadeus is Tom Hulce, whose hysterical laughter always seems to put him in embar[r]assing situations.
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**Nouns**: ice
**Adjectives**: icy
**Adverbs**: icily
**NOUN [u]**

**break the ice**
[B2] to make people feel more relaxed in a social situation

*Dictionary example:*
I told everyone a joke, which helped to break the ice.

*Learner example:*
And, of course, don’t forget that a warm smile is one of the best ways to break the ice.

| **iceberg** | /ˈaɪs.bɜːɡ/ | **NOUN [c]**
**ICE**
[C1] a very large piece of ice that floats in the sea

*Dictionary example:*
The ship hit an iceberg.

*Learner example:*
Another animal you cannot miss is the Humboldt penguin – you can see thousands of them over an iceberg.

| **icon** | /ˈaɪ.kɒn/ | **NOUN [c]**
**COMPUTER**
[B2] a small picture on a computer screen that you choose in order to make the computer do something
Dictionary example:
Click on the print icon.

Learner example:
He clicked on the icon on the screen which started the operation.

FAMOUS PERSON/THING

[B2] a person or thing that is famous because it represents a particular idea or way of life

Dictionary example:
a fashion icon

Learner example:
I think he is still very famous because he is an icon and kickboxing is still very popular because of him.

Icy /ˈaɪ.si/

Word family:
Nouns: ice
Adjectives: icy
Adverbs: icily

ADJECTIVE

WITHOUT FEELING

[B2] without showing any emotion

Dictionary example:
an icy stare

Learner example:
FOGG is the typical rich English man: cold with a[n] icy heart, uncommunicative.

Idea /ɪˈdɪə/

NOUN

THOUGHT

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] an understanding, thought or picture in your mind

Dictionary examples:
Do you have any idea of what he looks like?
Can you give me an idea of the cost?
I don't like the idea of living so far away from my family.
I've got a pretty good idea why they left early.
Learner example:
For children it's great to get an idea of how these "big" animals eat, drink and live.

AIM
[C1] [NO PLURAL] the aim or purpose of something

Dictionary example:
The idea is to give local people a chance to voice their opinions.

Learner example:
This was the idea behind this new product: although made in New Zealand, the new product would have its name, packag[ing], marketing and advertising support in keeping with the Russian traditions.

ideal /aɪˈdɪəl/

Word family:
Adjectives: ideal, idealistic
Adverbs: ideally

ADJECTIVE
[B2] perfect, or the best possible

Dictionary examples:
the ideal employer
She's the ideal person for the job.
The television also comes in a compact 36 cm screen size, ideal for bedroom or kitchen use.
It's the ideal opportunity to meet people.
In an ideal world no one would go hungry.

Learner example:
In fact I didn't want to ask my parents for money, and going on holiday with you would be an ideal solution.

idealistic /aɪˈdɪəˌlɪstɪk/

Word family:
Adjectives: ideal, idealistic
Adverbs: ideally

ADJECTIVE
[C1] believing that it is possible to achieve very good things, even when others do not think this is likely

Dictionary example:
When I was young and idealistic, I believed it was possible to change the world.
**Learner example:**
Carolina has conquered the world, not only through her impressive results but through her appearance in front of the cameras, her idealistic ideas and her constantly happy mood.

**ideally /aɪˈdɪəl.i/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** ideal, idealistic
**Adverbs:** ideally

**PERFECTLY**
[B2] in a perfect way

**Dictionary example:**
She seemed ideally suited for the job.

**Learner example:**
I believe I am ideally suited for this job.

**PERFECT SITUATION**
[B2] used to talk about how something would be in a perfect situation

**Dictionary example:**
Ideally, I'd like to work at home.

**Learner example:**
Ideally, through this camp, I would like to teach Japanese songs and dance to them and I would also like to learn about their culture.

**identical /aɪˈdent.i.kəl/**

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] exactly the same

**Dictionary examples:**
I've got three identical blue suits.
The two rooms were virtually identical.
The tests are identical to those carried out last year.

**Learner example:**
And suddenly you notice the identical but cheaper one in the next shop.
Identification /ɪˌdɛn.tɪˈfeɪ.kən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: identification, identity  
Verbs: identify  

**NOUN [U]**  

**RECOGNIZING**  
[B2] when you recognize and can name someone or something  

**Dictionary example:**  
Identification of the victims of the plane crash still is not complete.  

**Learner example:**  
[In the home of the future,] we might even be using voice identification and fingerprints instead of keys.

Identify /ɪˈdɛn.trɪ.ˈfaɪ/  

Word family:  
Nouns: identification, identity  
Verbs: identify  

**VERB [T]**  

**RECOGNIZE**  
[B2] to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Even the smallest baby can identify its mother by her voice.  
The gunman in Wednesday's attack has been identified as Lee Giggs, an unemployed truck driver.  

**Learner example:**  
After [a few] minutes I heard [a] noise which I couldn't identify.  

**DISCOVER**  
[B2] to find a particular thing or all the things of a particular group  

**Dictionary examples:**  
You need to identify your priorities.  
The research will be used to identify training needs.  

**Learner example:**  
The purpose of this report is to identify which lessons or other activities should be filmed.
identity  /ˈɪd.əni/  

Word family:
Nouns: identification, identity
Verbs: identify

NOUN [C or U]

WHO SOMEONE IS

[B2] who someone is

Dictionary examples:
to hide/protect your identity
to prove/reveal your identity

The witness was given a new identity for her protection.
The newspaper photo apparently showed him in Rome but it was a case of mistaken identity.

Learner example:
But this idea fell through when the real Martine revealed her identity.

CHARACTERISTICS

[B2] the things that make one person or group of people different from others

Dictionary examples:
cultural/national identity
I think my job gives me a sense of identity.

Learner example:
There were many people and many speakers who talked about all sorts of subject[s] such as politics, religion, gender identity, [and] art.

idiom  /ˈɪd.i.əm/  

NOUN [C]

[B2] a group of words used together with a meaning that you cannot guess from the meanings of the separate words

Dictionary example:
To “have bitten off more than you can chew” is an idiom that means you have tried to do something which is too difficult for you.

Learner example:
[Greek] has many verbs, adjectives and idioms and the grammar can be very complicated.
idiot /ˈɪd.i.ət/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a stupid person or someone who is behaving in a stupid way

Dictionary examples:
Some idiot left the tap running in the bathroom and there's water everywhere.
You stupid idiot – that's a month's work you've lost!

Learner example:
Everybody was treating me like a big idiot.

idol /ˈaɪ.dəl/

NOUN [c]

PERSON
[C1] someone that you admire and respect very much

Dictionary example:
apop/sporting idol

Learner example:
As they are children's heroes, we can be pretty sure children will be demanding the same things their idols wear.

if /ɪf/

CONJUNCTION

WOULD/MIGHT/COULD HAVE
[B2] used to talk about what would/might/could, etc. have happened

Dictionary examples:
If we'd had the money, we'd have bought a new car.
If you'd mentioned this earlier, it might not have been necessary to call the doctor.

if so
[B2] if this is the case

Dictionary example:
It might rain this afternoon. If so, we'll have to have the party indoors.

Learner example:
Let me know if you [can] come, and if so, [whether] you prefer the 15th or 22nd of February.
as if
[B2] used to describe how a situation seems to be

Dictionary examples:
It looks as if it might rain.
It was as if we had been friends for years.

Learner example:
The sun was up in the sky, there were no clouds and it looked as if it was going to be a wonderful day.

ignore /ɪgˈnɔːr/

Word family:
Nouns: ignorance
Verbs: ignore
Adjectives: ignorant

VERB [T]
[B2] to pay no attention to something or someone

Dictionary examples:
I smiled at her but she just ignored me.
She can be really irritating but I try to ignore her.
How can the government ignore the wishes of the majority?

Learner example:
Paul ignored it at first and continued his shopping but the dog kept following him.

ill /ɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: illness
Adjectives: ill

ADJECTIVE
BAD
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] FORMAL bad

Dictionary examples:
It was an ill-tempered exchange.
He suffered no ill effects from his fall.

Learner example:
Working long hours can have ill effects on the health.
illegal /ɪˈliː.gəl/

Word family:
Adjectives: illegal, legal
Adverbs: illegally, legally

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not allowed by law

Dictionary examples:
Prostitution is illegal in some countries.
It is illegal to drive a car that is not taxed and insured.
Cocaine, LSD and heroin are all illegal drugs/substances.

Learner example:
Although he has a very charming personality, he uses it to take part in illegal activities and he has been in trouble with the law several times.

illegally /ɪˈliː.gəli/

Word family:
Adjectives: illegal, legal
Adverbs: illegally, legally

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is not allowed by law

Dictionary examples:
They entered the country illegally.
am illegally parked car

Learner example:
He was afraid and bought a gun illegally.

illness /ˈɪl.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: illness
Adjectives: ill

NOUN
BEING ILL
[B2] [u] when you are ill

Dictionary example:
She had five days off work due to illness.
Learner example:
There was a little paper on the door which informed us that the restaurant was closed due to illness.

**illustrate** /ˈɪl.ə.streɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** illustration
**Verbs:** illustrate

**VERB [T]**

**PICTURE**
[B2] to draw pictures for a book, magazine, etc. or to put pictures, photographs, etc. in a book, magazine, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
The book is beautifully illustrated by the author.

**Learner example:**
Last year I illustrated two children's books by H.J. Simons.

**DIAGRAM**
[C1] to give information through diagrams, lists of numbers, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
This process is illustrated in the diagram below.

**Learner example:**
The table illustrates the employment status of graduates from [UK] universities in 2001.

**EXPLAIN**
[C1] to give more information or examples to explain or prove something

**Dictionary examples:**
The lecturer illustrated his point with a diagram on the blackboard.
This latest conflict further illustrates the weakness of the UN.
The exhibition will illustrate how life evolved from water.

**Learner example:**
Some topics that illustrate cultural ways of thinking and that have been explored by this programme are abortion (it is illegal in Brazil), colour prejudice, sexual harassment, homosexuality[ty].
**illustration** /ɪl.əˈstreɪʃən/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** illustration  
**Verbs:** illustrate  

**NOUN [C or U]**  

**PICTURE**  
[C1] a picture in a book, magazine, etc. or the process of illustrating something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
a full-page illustration  
colour/black and white illustrations  

**Learner example:**  
When you read about that period of time in history books and see pictures and illustrations, you can almost "feel" the atmosphere and sense the power the Monarc[h]y posses[sed] at the time.  

**image** /ˈɪm.ɪdʒ/  

**NOUN**  

**PUBLIC**  
[B2] [C or U] the way that other people think someone or something is  

**Dictionary examples:**  
The aim is to improve the public image of the police.  
They are trying to promote a more positive image of the whole industry.  
The company has made serious attempts to improve its image in recent years.  
He’s terribly image-conscious.  

**Learner example:**  
In conclusion, I do not think that there are many things to do for Turin, but what I said before could really improve the image of our wonderful town.  

**PICTURE**  
[B2] [C] a picture, especially on film or television or in a mirror  

**Dictionary examples:**  
television images of starving children  
This is the image you see in the mirror.  

**Learner example:**  
[Films] also provide a clear idea of how people's lives were in a particular period by showing us the visual images of that time.
imaginary /ɪˈmædʒ.ɪn.ər.i/

Word family:
Nouns: imagination
Verbs: imagine
Adjectives: imaginary, imaginative

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not real but imagined in your mind

Dictionary example:
The story takes place in an imaginary world.

Learner example:
Mickey Mouse [...] describes stories that can happen to humans whereas Spong[e] Bob lives in an imaginary world underwater.

Imaginative /ɪˈmædʒ.ɪn.ə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: imagination
Verbs: imagine
Adjectives: imaginary, imaginative

ADJECTIVE

THING
[C1] Something which is imaginative is new or clever and often unusual.

Dictionary example:
an imaginative use of colour

Learner example:
Her imaginative stories are very popular with children of all ages.

PERSON
[C1] Someone who is imaginative is able to create new and interesting ideas or things.

Dictionary example:
a highly imaginative poet

Learner example:
She is a very imaginative girl and she always invents new games for our children, so that they have never felt bored in her presence.
imagine /ɪˈmædʒ.ɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: imagination
Verbs: imagine
Adjectives: imaginary, imaginative

VERB [T]

SUPPOSE
[B2] to believe that something is probably the case

Dictionary examples:
I imagine (that) he's under a lot of pressure at the moment.
I don't imagine (that) they have much money.
"Will they change it?” “I imagine so.”

Learner example:
I imagine that it's a lot of money so my first suggestion would be to spend only part of [it] on a motorbike.

imitate /ˈɪm.ɪ.teɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: imitation
Verbs: imitate

VERB [T]
[C1] to copy the way someone or something looks, sounds, or behaves

Dictionary example:
She tried to imitate the way the models walked.

Learner example:
We try to imitate the British way of preparing or organising championships and races, and that's the reason [for] the British influence in Spanish motorsports.

immediate /ɪˈmiː.di.ət/

Word family:
Adjectives: immediate
Adverbs: immediately

ADJECTIVE

WITHOUT WAITING
[B2] happening or done without delay or very soon after something else
Dictionary examples:
We must make an immediate response.
The directors have demanded his immediate resignation.
Dioxin is a poison that takes immediate effect.

Learner example:
I hope you will give this matter your immediate attention.

IMPORTANT NOW

[B2] important now and needing attention

Dictionary examples:
We have no immediate plans.
Our immediate concern is getting food and water to the refugees.

Learner example:
It can't be an immediate objective, of course, but we mustn't give up.

CLOSEST

[C1] always before noun closest to something or someone

Dictionary examples:
There are few facilities in the immediate area.
His immediate family have been informed.

Learner example:
In the first place, there are beautiful landscapes in the immediate vicinity of both hotels.

Immediately /ɪˈmiː.dɪ.ə.t.i/  

Word family:
Adjectives: immediate
Adverbs: immediately

NEXT TO

[C1] next to something, or close to something in time

Dictionary examples:
Milton Street is on the left, immediately after the bank.
They moved in immediately before Christmas.
We heard a loud crash from the room immediately above us.

Learner example:
You should go on up to the end of the street, as my flat is the last on the right[-hand] side, immediately before the crossroads.
immense /ɪˈmens/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** immense  
**Adverbs:** immensely  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] extremely big  

**Dictionary examples:**  
immense pressure/value  
Health care costs the country an immense amount of money.  

**Learner example:**  
Jobs in the computer and telecommunications industry have gained immense respect in the past ten years.

immensely /ɪˈmens.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** immense  
**Adverbs:** immensely  

**ADVERB**  
[C1] extremely  

**Dictionary example:**  
immensely powerful/popular  

**Learner example:**  
People who were previously nothing more than peasants grew immensely rich, while the former aristocracy of land owners lost its dominat[ing] position.

immigrant /ˈɪm.ɪ.grənt/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** immigrant, immigration  

**NOUN [C]**  
[B2] someone who comes to live in a different country  

**Dictionary examples:**  
a large immigrant population  
Illegal immigrants are sent back across the border if they are caught.  

**Learner example:**  
Leonardo is an Italian immigrant who has a restaurant near the primary school.
immigration /ˌɪm.ɪˈgreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: immigrant, immigration

NOUN [u]

Coming into a country
[B2] when someone comes to live in a different country

Dictionary examples:
immigration policy
There are strict limits on immigration (into the country).

Learner example:
[T]he purpose of [the] party is to give [a] treat to my family members, as my immigration [into]
New Zealand is approved.

immoral /ɪˈmɔr.əl/

Word family:
Adjectives: immoral, moral
Adverbs: morally

ADJECTIVE
[B2] morally wrong

Dictionary example:
immoral behaviour

Learner example:
At this time – [the] early 20's –, tango was considered an immoral type of music; but Carlos Gardel
changed this belief.

impact /ˈɪmpækt/

NOUN [C usually no plural or u]

Effect
[B2] the effect that a person, event or situation has on someone or something

Dictionary examples:
The anti-smoking campaign had/made quite an impact on young people.
The new proposals were intended to soften the impact of the reformed tax system.

Learner example:
I could live without watching TV, but it would make a serious impact on my life.
VERB

[C1] to affect something or someone

Dictionary example:
Rising interest rates are sure to impact on the housing market.

Learner example:
Those extra calories, the fat and salt in our food and the decrease in vitamin rich food impacts on our health.

impatient  /ɪmˈpeɪ.ʃənt/

Word family:
Nouns: patience, impatience
Adjectives: impatient, patient
Adverbs: impatiently, patiently

ADJECTIVE

EASILY ANNOYED

[B2] easily annoyed by someone's mistakes or because you have to wait

Dictionary examples:
He's a good teacher, but inclined to be a bit impatient with slow learners.
You'd be hopeless looking after children – you're far too impatient!

Learner example:
Hours passed and she became impatient and thought he had forgotten about their date.

WANTING SOMETHING TO HAPPEN

[B2] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] wanting something to happen as soon as possible

Dictionary examples:
He's got a lot of exciting ideas and he's impatient to get started.
People are increasingly impatient for change in this country.

Learner example:
I'm impatient to discover this country.

impatiently  /ɪmˈpeɪ.ʃənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: patience, impatience
Adjectives: impatient, patient
Adverbs: impatiently, patiently

ADVERB

[B2] in an impatient way
Dictionary examples:
"Yes, you said that before," she said, impatiently.
We were waiting impatiently for the show to begin.

Learner example:
I hope you will come soon because we are all impatiently waiting for your talk.

**imperative** /ɪmˈper.ə.tɪv/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the form of a verb which is usually used for giving orders

Dictionary example:
In the phrase 'Leave him alone!', the verb 'leave' is an imperative/is in the imperative.

**imperfect** /ɪmˈpɜː.fɪkt/

Word family:
Adjectives: perfect, imperfect
Adverbs: perfectly

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not perfect and with some mistakes

Dictionary example:
an imperfect solution

Learner example:
It goes without saying that native speakers are the best to talk to when learning the language (of course, if they don't mind your practising your imperfect English on them.)

**impersonal** /ɪmˈpɜː.sən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: person, personality
Adjectives: personal, impersonal
Adverbs: personally

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not being friendly towards people or showing any interest in them

Dictionary example:
a cold and impersonal letter
Learner example:
To sum up, the only thing we can do is to find out a way to survive in such an impersonal working environment and create a more friendly and intimate atmosphere as before.

**implement** /ɪˈmpləment/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** implementation
**Verbs:** implement

**VERB** [T]
[B2] to make a law, system, plan, etc. start to happen or operate

**Dictionary example:**
The changes to the national health system will be implemented next year.

**Learner example:**
Rare species protection, on the other hand, can be implemented, e.g. by means of wildlife reserves and national parks.

**Implication** /ˌɪm.plɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** implication
**Verbs:** imply
**Adjectives:** implicit

**NOUN**
**EFFECT** [C1] [c] a result or effect that seems likely in the future

**Dictionary examples:**
financial/health implications
This scheme has serious implications for the local economy.

**Learner example:**
Any government must be fully aware of [the] wider implications [for the] economy and [the] wellbeing of its citizens.

**impolite** /ˌɪm.pəˈlaɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** politeness
**Adjectives:** impolite, polite
**Adverbs:** politely
ADJECTIVE

[B2] FORMAL not polite

Dictionary example:
It is impolite to point at people.

Learner example:
Besides, [the] serving speed was too slow and some waiters were even impolite to customers.

import

VERB [T] /ɪmˈpɔːt/  
[B2] to buy or bring in products from another country

Dictionary example:
We import a large number of cars from Japan.

Learner example:
Moreover they say we must be independent of the Near East countries from whom we import oil.

NOUN /ˈɪm.pɔːt/  
PRODUCT

[C1] [c] a product which is imported from another country

Dictionary examples:
Japanese/American imports
cheap imports from Asia

Learner example:
Furthermore, cheap imports from the newly industrialised countries have also contributed to the increase in car ownership.

importantly /ɪmˈpɔː.tɪnt.əli/  

Word family:
Nouns: importance
Adjectives: important, unimportant
Adverbs: importantly

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is important

Dictionary example:
If we served more soft drinks, there would be fewer hangovers and, more importantly, fewer drink-driving incidents.
Learner example:
Lastly, and most importantly, what is the cost?

**impose** /ɪmˈpəʊz/

**VERB** [T]

**RULE/TAX, ETC.**

[C1] to officially force a rule, tax, punishment, etc. to be obeyed or received

**Dictionary examples:**
Very high taxes have recently been imposed on cigarettes.
Judges are imposing increasingly heavy fines for minor driving offences.
The council has imposed a ban on alcohol in the city parks.

**Learner example:**
[An]other advantage is that local governments could receive more money as they impose a fine or ask for a congestion charge.

**BELIEF**

[C1] to force someone to accept something, especially a belief or way of living

**Dictionary examples:**
I don’t want them to impose their religious beliefs on my children.
We must impose some kind of order on the way this office is run.

**Learner example:**
Above all, never allow others to impose their ideas on you.

**impress** /ɪmˈpres/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** impression
**Verbs:** impress
**Adjectives:** impressed, impressive

**VERB** [T]

[B2] to cause someone to admire or respect you

**Dictionary example:**
He tried to impress me with his extensive knowledge of wine.

**Learner example:**
All groups did their best to impress the public and every group played professionally.
impressed  /ɪmˈprest/  

Word family:
Nouns: impression
Verbs: impress
Adjectives: impressed, impressive

ADJECTIVE
[B2] feeling admiration or respect for someone or something

Dictionary examples:
I was impressed by her professionalism.
He seemed suitably impressed by our efforts.

Learner example:
I am really impressed by your offer to paint me.

impression  /ɪmˈpreʃ.ən/  

Word family:
Nouns: impression
Verbs: impress
Adjectives: impressed, impressive

NOUN

OPINION
[B2] [c] an idea, feeling or opinion about something or someone

Dictionary examples:
I didn't get much of an impression of the place because it was dark when we drove through it.
What was your impression of Charlotte's husband?
I don't tend to trust first impressions.
When I first met him I got/had the impression that he was a shy sort of a guy.

Learner example:
You can look back fifty years to get an impression of what changes have happened.

EFFECT
[B2] [no plural] the way that something seems, looks or feels to a particular person

Dictionary examples:
It makes/gives/creates a very bad impression if you're late for an interview.
He likes to give the impression (that) he's terribly popular and has loads of friends.

Learner example:
I was afraid of being late or saying something wrong because I really wanted to make a good impression on this man.
be under the impression
[B2] to think or understand a particular stated thing

Dictionary examples:
I was under the impression (that) you didn't get on too well.
He was under the mistaken impression (that) you were married.

Learner example:
I am under the impression that people generally exercise a little, but if they eat the wrong food every day, it won't help.

impressive /ɪmˈpres.ɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: impression
Verbs: impress
Adjectives: impressed, impressive

ADJECTIVE
[B2] Someone or something that is impressive makes you admire and respect them.

Dictionary examples:
She’s a very impressive public speaker.
That was an impressive performance from such a young tennis player.
an impressive collection of modern paintings
There are some very impressive buildings in the town.

Learner example:
I think that the Westfield Music Festival was really impressive.

imprison /ɪmˈprɪz.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: prison, prisoner, imprisonment
Verbs: imprison

VERB [T]
[C1] to put someone in prison or keep them as a prisoner

Dictionary example:
Taylor was imprisoned in 2005 for burglary.

Learner example:
DMX was a criminal and was imprisoned.
improved /ɪmˈpruːvd/

Word family:
Nouns: improvement
Verbs: improve
Adjectives: improved

ADJECTIVE
[B2] better than before

Dictionary examples:
improved performance/results
a new and improved recipe

Learner example:
Emergency centres like hospitals [and] clinics must have the most improved medical devices to [provide] excellent [care] for the citizens.

improvement /ɪmˈpruːv.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: improvement
Verbs: improve
Adjectives: improved

NOUN

room for improvement
[C1] If there is room for improvement, something can be made better.

Dictionary example:
His work isn't bad but there's still some room for improvement.

Learner example:
She is Polish, aged 29 and can speak English pretty well, but there is still room for improvement, that's why she wants to spend a year in England, looking after children in an English–speaking family.

in /ɪn/

PREPOSITION

in general
[B2] considering the whole of someone or something, and not just a particular part of them
Dictionary example:
So, apart from the bad ankle, how are you in general?

Learner example:
I think that I, as well as people in general, would have been more depressed if we didn't have light.

be in favour of sth
[B2] to agree with or approve of a plan or idea

Dictionary example:
Most people are in favour of reducing traffic in cities.

Learner example:
I am certainly in favour of holding the music festival next year.

in two/half
[B2] divided into two equal parts

Dictionary examples:
Cut the potatoes in two.
Divide the dough in half and roll it out into two circles.

Learner example:
They were very surprised when they found the gold was cut in half.

in actual fact
[B2] used to emphasize what is really true, or to give more information

Dictionary example:
I thought she was Portuguese, but in actual fact she's Brazilian.

Learner example:
Nowadays almost all people own a car and in actual fact more and more people have been facing death as a consequence of careless driving.

in any case
[B2] used to give another reason for something you are saying, or that you have done

Dictionary example:
I don't want to go and in any case, I haven't been invited.

Learner example:
I suggest that you should in any case leave your car at home and take buses or other public means of transport.

in that case
[B2] because of the mentioned situation

Dictionary example:
There's no coffee left? In that case I'll have tea.
Learner example:
You could try [k]ayaking. In that case, of course, you need to pay for the equipment.

in all
[B2] used to show the total amount of something

Dictionary example:
Some of the children came, so there were 15 of us in all.

Learner example:
Secondly, even though most people like[d] [the] group RADIANT, they [only] played for 35 minutes in all.

RESULT
[B2] used when referring to something that is done as a result of something else

Dictionary examples:
I'd like to do something for you in return/exchange for everything you've done for me.
The changes are in response to demand from our customers.
He refused to say anything in reply to the journalists' questions.

Learner example:
I am writing to you in response to your advertisement of 1st December in the Times.

in brief
[B2] using only a few words

Dictionary example:
world news in brief

Learner example:
In brief, I have had a marvellous week.

in sb's eyes
[B2] in someone's opinion

Dictionary example:
In my parents' eyes, I'll always be a child.

Learner example:
To answer your question right away, the boat trip is highly recommendable in my eyes!

In conclusion
[B2] used to introduce the last part of a speech or a piece of writing

Dictionary examples:
In conclusion, I would like to thank our guest speaker for her fascinating talk.
In conclusion, swimming is an enjoyable form of exercise and an excellent way to keep fit.

Learner example:
In conclusion, music, TV and clothes are very important in a young person's life and can reflect each person's character.
in connection with *sth*
[B2] used to say what something is about

*Dictionary examples:*
I am writing in connection with the above job advertised in The Daily Press on Monday 12th February.
A man has been arrested in connection with last month's murder.

*Learner example:*
Dear Mrs Brown, I am writing in connection with a surprise birthday party for your husband, Mr Brown.

in *due course*
[B2] at a suitable time in the future

*Dictionary example:*
The results will be sent to you in due course.

*Learner example:*
I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

in *sb's* direction
[B2] towards someone

*Dictionary example:*
She keeps looking in my direction.

*Learner example:*
A player kicked the ball in my direction and I started to think about what I was going to do to catch that ball.

in other words
[B2] used to explain what something means in a different way

*Dictionary example:*
He said he's too busy – in other words he isn't interested.

*Learner example:*
They had had a great time before and had drunk too much alcohol. In other words, they were totally drunk.

in writing
[B2] An agreement that is in writing is official and is proof of that agreement.

*Dictionary example:*
Please confirm your reservation in writing.

*Learner example:*
I [am] tell[ing] you in writing that I would like to help you.

in season
[B2] if vegetables or fruit are in season, they are available and ready to eat.
Dictionary example:
Asparagus is in season at the moment.

Learner example:
They celebrate Halloween in October when pumpkins are in season, that’s why in the decorations they include them very often; most of the people carve the pumpkins and put some lights inside.

in secret

[B2] without telling other people

Dictionary example:
For years they met in secret.

Learner example:
We met in secret when Mary was busy.

in good/high/low, etc. spirits

[B2] feeling good/excited/unhappy, etc.

Dictionary example:
The whole class was in good spirits that day.

Learner example:
I was in high spirits until I got my paper back.

in view of sth

[B2] FORMAL because of

Dictionary example:
In view of recent events, we have decided to cancel the meeting.

Learner example:
In view of what happened, I would advise you not to try to mislead people like this [again].

in honour of sb/sth

[B2] in order to celebrate or show great respect for someone or something

Dictionary example:
a banquet in honour of the president

Learner example:
Finally we went to Corinth, where there are a lot of ancient sanctuaries which were built in honour of their gods.

in person

[B2] If you do something in person, you go somewhere to do it yourself.

Dictionary example:
You have to collect the document in person.

Learner example:
I am looking forward [to] meeting you in person.
in place of sth
[B2] instead of something

Dictionary example:
Try adding fruit to your cereal in place of sugar.

Learner example:
In the advertisement, it [said] that Danny Brook was starring, but in place of him there was a different actor and he was really disappointing.

in the first place
[B2] at the start of a situation

Dictionary example:
Why did you invite her in the first place?

Learner example:
In the first place, you were unknown people for me, but now you are my special foreign friends.

in practice
[B2] If something is true in practice, this is the real situation.

Dictionary example:
In practice, the new laws have had little effect.

Learner example:
When you leave school, you have knowledge but you do not know how to use it in practice.

in private
[B2] in a place where nobody else can hear you or see what you are doing

Dictionary example:
The meeting was held in private.

Learner example:
I agree that th[is] should be in private.

in progress
[B2] happening or being done now

Dictionary example:
Repair work is in progress on the south-bound lane of the motorway and will continue until June.

Learner example:
[In] the lower part of your advertisement, it also said there was a theatre restaurant, [but] in fact, it was closed because internal decoration was in progress.

in relation to sth
[B2] when compared with something

Dictionary example:
Salaries are low in relation to the cost of living.
**Learner example:**
I think television has several advantages but also disadvantages in relation to books.

**in relation to** *sth*
[B2] about or relating to something

**Dictionary example:**
I'd like to ask you something in relation to what you said earlier.

**Learner example:**
In relation to last month's social program, the sightseeing tour of London was divine, although we didn't get to see the entire city.

**in this respect/in many respects**
[B2] in a particular way, or in many ways

**Dictionary example:**
The school has changed in many respects.

**Learner example:**
How's your friend Mike? He is in many respects better than a computer, isn't he? (Teasing you again, sorry).

**in response to**
[B2] as an answer to

**Dictionary example:**
I'm writing in response to your letter of 14 February.

**Learner example:**
I am writing in response to your advertisement, which appeared in the newspaper on November the 23rd, looking for a person to work at weekends in your cafe.

**in a row**
[B2] one after another without a break

**Dictionary example:**
He's just won the tournament for the fifth year in a row.

**Learner example:**
Maradona was the captain of the team, and since he arrived, the team won three championships in a row.

**in stock**
[B2] available in a shop

**Dictionary example:**
Do you have the book in stock at the moment?

**Learner example:**
I would like to tell you that I am quite satisfied with the cinema and its customer service, but there is of course some room for improvement – for example referring to the cafe, which on the one hand has in stock a huge variety of groceries, but which on the other hand is very dark.
in those days
[B2] used to talk about a period in the past

Dictionary example:
In those days, boys used to wear short trousers.

Learner example:
In those days, life was much harder than now.

in turn
[B2] one after another

Dictionary example:
He spoke to the three boys in turn.

in turn
[C1] as a result of something that is part of a series of events

Dictionary example:
This could result in the loss of certain species of fish and this in turn poses a serious threat to the fishing communities along the river banks.

Learner example:
This, in turn, enabled them to find jobs and become financially independent from their husbands.

in accordance with sth
[C1] in the way described by a rule, law, or wish

Dictionary example:
Both companies have insisted that they were acting in accordance with the law.

Learner example:
Although they do not earn much money in this profession, they try to do their best and judge in accordance with the law which they also have to interpret.

in aid of sb/sth
[C1] in order to collect money for a group of people who need it

Dictionary example:
a concert in aid of famine relief

Learner example:
It w[ould] be an honour for us students at the centre if you could attend our sport[s] function in aid of stress[ed] out kids and present the pri[z]es.

in association with
[C1] working together with

Dictionary example:
The event was organized in association with the Sports Council.
Learner example:
This service, which will be [provided] in association with Foster Loft, will be available at the end of 2005.

in bulk
[C1] in large amounts

Dictionary example:
to buy in bulk

Learner example:
I suggest that you buy food in bulk so that you not only save money but also save time.

in common with sb/sth
[C1] in the same way as someone or something

Dictionary example:
In common with many working mothers, she feels guilty about leaving her children.

Learner example:
In common with many city dwellers, I do not think this is a wise decision and it could have negative effects on the city residents' daily lives.

in demand
[C1] wanted or needed in large numbers

Dictionary example:
Good teachers are always in demand.

Learner example:
Nevertheless, people will always use cars and vehicles, so petrol will always be in demand.

in the event of sth FORMAL
[C1] if something happens

Dictionary example:
An airbag could save your life in the event of an accident.

Learner example:
In the event of bad weather, it would be wise to plan an alternative to the boat trip, for example a visit of Buckingham Palace or the Houses of Parliament.

in any event
[C1] whatever happens

Dictionary example:
I'm not sure if I'm coming on Friday, but in any event, I'll see you next week.

Learner example:
In any event, it is incumbent upon all of us to carefully plan our travel matters, so as to take advantage of their several benefits.
be in the public eye
[C1] to be famous and often featured in the media

Dictionary example:
Her new role means that she will be in the public eye.

Learner example:
But being famous also means that you are always in the public eye, which is a major drawback.

in sb's favour
[C1] If something is in your favour, it helps you to win or succeed.

Dictionary example:
Both sides have strong arguments in their favour.

Learner example:
Unfortunately the weather conditions were not in our favour, but the rain only lasted a few minutes and did not look at all like a downpour.

in the form of sth
[C1] the particular way in which something appears or exists

Dictionary examples:
The novel is written in the form of a series of letters.
The medicine comes in the form of a liquid or pills.

Learner example:
For all this, I can only say that I want my money back immediately, or [some] compensation in the form of a real trip to a real country.

in your heart
[C1] used to say what you really think

Dictionary example:
In his heart he felt they were wrong.

Learner example:
It is all because it was followed by a big mistake, when I focussed on [the] German language and thought is was my dream. I have to admit that it was only a [sensi]ble decision, because deep in my heart I knew I want[ed] to learn English.

in the hope of/that
[C1] because you want something good to happen

Dictionary examples:
She went to Paris in the hope of improving her French.
They wrote to the Prime Minister in the hope that he would help.

Learner example:
Not only would I want to travel back to understand Hitler's incredible success, but also in the hope of thwarting his plans.
be in sb's interest(s)
[C1] to help someone and give them an advantage

Dictionary example:
It may not be in your interests to change jobs so soon.

Learner example:
It is in my interests to meet new people and I find it easy to go and talk to people I do not know.

in the light of sth
[C1] If something is done or happens in the light of facts, it is done or happens because of those facts.

Dictionary example:
The drug has been withdrawn in the light of new research.

Learner example:
In the light of this news, we took this issue as a class project and investigated it by interviewing residents.

in moderation
[C1] If you do something in moderation, you do not do it too much.

Dictionary example:
I only drink alcohol in moderation now.

Learner example:
While shopping can make one feel good and even has its positive impact on the retail economy, I think it should be done in moderation.

be in two minds
[C1] to have difficulty making a decision

Dictionary example:
I'm in two minds about accepting his offer.

Learner example:
If you are in two minds about having to share your room with someone else, there you can easily rent a studio apartment close to the college, which is situated in the centre of the city.

in a nutshell
[C1] something that you say when you are describing something using as few words as possible

Dictionary example:
The answer, in a nutshell, is yes.

Learner example:
To put it in a nutshell, they all provide good food at reasonable prices.
be in position
[C1] If someone or something is in position, they are in the place that they should be in.

Dictionary example:
The police were all in position.

Learner example:
Remember to stay calm when you are in the car with the instructor, wear your seatbelt and check that all your mirrors are in position.

in the region of sth
[C1] approximately

Dictionary example:
It probably cost somewhere in the region of £900.

Learner example:
I am willing to pay rent in the region of £1000 to £1200 monthly.

in respect of sth FORMAL
[C1] relating to a particular thing

Dictionary example:
I include payment in respect of your invoice of May 13th.

Learner example:
Instead of that, we should have more English grammar lessons – some of our English students are very interested in them, especially in respect of their exam this year.

in reverse
[C1] in the opposite order or way

Dictionary example:
Do the same steps but this time in reverse.

Learner example:
They want to see what they are not like, how they would not react and this, in reverse, helps them to find themselves.

in no time
[C1] very soon

Dictionary example:
We’ll be home in no time.

Learner example:
Team work is very important for us and you will make many friends in no time.

in tune
[C1] singing or playing the right notes
Dictionary example:
Try to stay in tune.

Learner example:
The public was singing in tune with Jag, hands were raised and bodies were slowly [sway]ing.

in turn
[C1] as a result of something that is part of a series of events

Dictionary example:
This could result in the loss of certain species of fish and this in turn poses a serious threat to the fishing communities along the river banks.

Learner example:
This, in turn, enabled them to find jobs and become financially independent from their husbands.

in vain
[C1] without any success

Dictionary example:
I tried in vain to start a conversation.

Learner example:
We looked in vain for the guide through three London parks.

in no way/not in any way
[C1] not at all

Dictionary example:
This is in no way your fault.

Learner example:
This magazine will be loved by students as it will help them learn English in the best way and in no way will students find it boring.

in a sense
[C1] thinking about something in a particular way

Dictionary example:
In a sense, he's right.

Learner example:
In a sense this is correct, since you have to leave your natural environment to visit a place where no human being is meant to survive.

in short
[C1] in a few words

Dictionary example:
In short, we need more staff.
Learner example:
In short, ancient Chinese poems, mainly [from the] Jang Dynasty, constitute [the] background for Chinese culture and set a touchstone for judgement in our life.

in store
[C1] going to happen soon

Dictionary examples:
You never know what's in store for you.
There's a bit of a shock in store for him when he gets home tonight!

Learner example:
Nobody knows what the future will have in store!

ADVERB

TRANSPORT
[B2] having arrived at the place where people can get on or off

Dictionary example:
What time is Roz's flight due in?

SENT
[B2] given or sent to someone official in order to be read

Dictionary examples:
When does your essay have to be in?
Remember to get your application in by the end of the week.

inability /ˌɪnəˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: ability, disability, inability
Verbs: enable
Adjectives: able, disabled, unable

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[C1] when you are unable to do something

Dictionary example:
I'm depressed by the police's inability to reduce street crime.

Learner example:
They were sick and tired of the government's inability to break the vicious circle of the crisis.
inaccuracy  /ɪnˈæk.ʃə.rə.sɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: accuracy, inaccuracy
Adjectives: accurate, inaccurate
Adverbs: accurately

NOUN [c or u]
[C1] something such as a statement or number that is not correct

Dictionary example:
The report contained many inaccuracies.

Learner example:
Apart from these inaccuracies, the group members have a lot of complaints.

inaccurate  /ɪnˈæk.jʊ.rət/

Word family:
Nouns: accuracy, inaccuracy
Adjectives: accurate, inaccurate
Adverbs: accurately

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not correct or exact

Dictionary example:
inaccurate information/figures

Learner example:
Due to your inaccurate information, I was late and missed part of the show.

inadequate  /ɪnˈæd.ɪ.kwət/

Word family:
Adjectives: adequate, inadequate
Adverbs: adequately

ADJECTIVE

NOT GOOD
[C1] not good enough or too low in quality

Dictionary example:
Our equipment is totally inadequate for a job like this.

Learner example:
First of all, I found the seats inadequate and my seat belt was broken.
NOT ENOUGH
[C1] not enough

Dictionary example:
inadequate funds

Learner example:
So, the inadequate number of computers could not cover students’ needs.

inappropriate /ˌɪn.əˈprəʊ.pri.ət/  
Word family:
Adjectives: appropriate, inappropriate  
Adverbs: appropriately, inappropriately

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not suitable

Dictionary examples:
inappropriate behaviour  
It would be inappropriate for me to comment, without knowing the facts.

Learner example:
Secondly, [the] music was completely inappropriate to young people, because the band was chosen by the previous principal of our college.

inappropriately /ˌɪn.əˈprəʊ.pri.ət.ɪli/  
Word family:
Adjectives: appropriate, inappropriate  
Adverbs: appropriately, inappropriately

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is not suitable

Dictionary example:
The meeting was inappropriately handled and an argument broke out.

Learner example:
For instance, the refreshment tent was inappropriately located, making it difficult for the participants to reach it.
incapable /ɪnˈkeɪ.pə.bl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: capability  
Adjectives: capable, incapable

ADJECTIVE

incapable of sth/doing sth  
[C1] not able to do something or to feel a particular emotion

Dictionary examples:
I think she's incapable of love.  
He's incapable of controlling his temper.

Learner example:
Earl has lost most of his eyesight and he is incapable of assembling the planes without my help.

incident /ˈɪn.tərs.i.dənt/  

NOUN [C]

[B2] an event which is either unpleasant or unusual

Dictionary examples:
an unfortunate incident  
A youth was seriously injured in a shooting incident on Saturday night.

Learner example:
After that incident I never cheated again and I never talked to that teacher again.

Incidentally /ɪnˈsɪ.dənt.l.i/  

ADVERB

[C1] used when you add related but less important information to what has just been said or when you suddenly introduce a new subject

Dictionary example:
Incidentally, talking of Stephen, have you met Stephen's girlfriend?

Learner example:
Incidentally, there is another big Turkish Bath in Ginarah.
inclined /ɪnˈklænd/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** inclination  
**Adjectives:** inclined  

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]**

be inclined to think/believe/agree, etc.  
[C1] to have an opinion, but not a strong opinion

**Dictionary example:**  
I'm inclined to agree with you.

**Learner example:**  
I am inclined to believe that the Open Day will reassure all the local residents that our college is one of major importance and our students creative and intelligent people.

inclusion /ɪnˈkluː.ʒən/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** inclusion  
**Verbs:** include  
**Adjectives:** inclusive  

**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] when you include someone or something, especially in a group, amount, or event

**Dictionary example:**  
Her self–portrait was chosen for inclusion in the exhibition.

**Learner example:**  
In basketball, for instance, changes in the most important competitions, such as the inclusion of foreign players, have given players the opportunity to be succes[s]ful not only in their country but also worldwide.

inclusive /ɪnˈkluː.sɪv/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** inclusion  
**Verbs:** include  
**Adjectives:** inclusive  

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] An inclusive price or amount includes everything.
Dictionary example:
Prices are inclusive of flights and accommodation.

Learner example:
When considering the rent, inclusive or exclusive [of] bill(s) will make a big difference.

income /ˈɪn.kʌm/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] money that you earn by working, investing or producing goods

Dictionary examples:
Average incomes have risen by 4.5% over the past year.
More help is needed for people on low incomes.
I haven't had much income from my stocks and shares this year.

Learner example:
When you are a student, you don't have [any] income.

inconvenience /ˌɪn.kənˈviːni.ənts/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] when something is inconvenient, or something that is inconvenient

Dictionary examples:
The Director apologized for any inconvenience caused.
Having to wait for ten minutes was a minor inconvenience.

Learner example:
I am sorry for any inconvenience these requirements may cause to you.

inconvenient /ɪn.kənˈviːni.ənt/

Word family:
Nouns: convenience
Adjectives: convenient, inconvenient
Adverbs: conveniently

ADJECTIVE
[B2] involving or causing difficulty, such as unexpected changes or effort

Dictionary example:
I'm sorry, I seem to have called at an inconvenient time.
Learner example:
Please call him and make an alternative [arrangement] if it is inconvenient for you.

increase
Word family:
Nouns: increase
Verbs: increase
Adverbs: increasingly

NOUN [C or U] /ˈɪn.kriːs/

RISE
[B2] a rise in the amount or size of something

Dictionary examples:
price/tax increases
There were 39,000 new cases last year – an increase of 7 per cent.
Any increase in production would be helpful.

Learner example:
Since bicycles became so popular, there has been an increase in the number of accidents.

on the increase
[C1] If something is on the increase, it is happening more often.

Dictionary example:
Violent crime is on the increase.

Learner example:
[The] number of motorists is on the increase everywhere in the world.

increasingly /ɪnˈkriː.siŋ.li/

Word family:
Nouns: increase
Verbs: increase
Adverbs: increasingly

ADVERB
[B2] more and more

Dictionary examples:
to be increasingly important/common
Increasingly, there is pressure on the council to reverse its decision.
Learner example:
Among them are the increasingly popular reality shows and all the daily news about gossip and scandal.

**incredible** /ɪnˈkred.ə.bl/

Word family:
- **Nouns**: credibility
- **Adjectives**: incredible
- **Adverbs**: incredibly

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT BELIEVE**
[B2] impossible, or very difficult, to believe

**Dictionary example:**
It seems incredible that no one complained.

**Learner example:**
It was incredible but it was true.

**incredibly** /ɪnˈkred.ə.bli/

Word family:
- **Nouns**: credibility
- **Adjectives**: incredible
- **Adverbs**: incredibly

**ADVERB**

**EXTREMELY**
[B2] extremely

**Dictionary example:**
I think the team played incredibly well.

**Learner example:**
It was incredibly crowded.

**DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE**
[C1] in a way that is difficult to believe

**Dictionary example:**
Incredibly, no one was hurt.

**Learner example:**
Incredibly, and against all my expectations, everything started going wrong from the very beginning.
**independence** /ˌɪn.dɪˈpen.dənts/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** independence, dependence
- **Verbs:** depend
- **Adjectives:** dependent, independent
- **Adverbs:** independently

**NOUN [U]**

**WITHOUT HELP**

[B2] when someone looks after themselves and does not need money, help or permission from other people

**Dictionary example:**
It's important that parents should allow their children some independence.

**Learner example:**
If you follow my instructions, you'll achieve financial independence sooner than you [would] have thought.

**FREE STATE**

[B2] when a country has its own government and is not ruled by another country

**Dictionary example:**
Mexico gained its independence from Spain in 1821.

**Learner example:**
Another film, Brave Heart, is about independence.

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**independent** /ˌɪn.dɪˈpen.dənt/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** independence, dependence
- **Verbs:** depend
- **Adjectives:** dependent, independent
- **Adverbs:** independently

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT INFLUENCED**

[B2] not influenced or controlled in any way by other people, events or things

**Dictionary examples:**
an independent enquiry/organization
The group is independent of any political party.
Learner example:
The film programme is excellent, as you show a large variety of independent films that are not the usual mainstream films and blockbusters.

NOT RULED
[B2] An independent country is not governed or ruled by another country.

Dictionary examples:
Belize became fully independent from Britain in 1981.
Tibet, once an independent country, is now part of China.

Learner example:
After 1918, our city again became [the] capital of [an] independent state.

Independently /ˌɪn.dɪˈpen.dənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: independence, dependence
Verbs: depend
Adjectives: dependent, independent
Adverbs: independently

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is independent

Dictionary examples:
The two scientists both made the same discovery independently, at roughly the same time.
Each part of the organization operates independently of the others.

Learner example:
What students should understand is the existence of links among apparently different subjects and the impossibility of studying them independently or, [worse], studying one and neglecting the others.

Index /ˈɪn.deks/

NOUN [C]
[C1] an alphabetical list, such as one printed at the back of a book showing which page a subject, name, etc. is found on

Dictionary example:
Try looking up 'heart disease' in the index.

Learner example:
The negative point of the book was its lack of an index.
indicate /ˈɪn.dɪ.ket/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** indication, indicator
**Verbs:** indicate

**VERB [T]**

**SAY**

[B2] to say something or give a signal to show what you mean or what you intend to do

**Dictionary examples:**
Please indicate which free gift you would like to receive.
She indicated to me (that) she didn't want me to say anything.

**Learner example:**
I have just received your letter informing me that I won a two week holiday at Camp California, so I am writing to you to indicate my preferences [regarding] travel and accommodation.

**SHOW**

[C1] to show that something exists or is likely to be true

**Dictionary examples:**
Recent evidence indicates that the skeleton is about 3 million years old.
Exploratory investigations have indicated large amounts of oil below the sea bed.

**Learner example:**
In fact, the study also indicates that time spent on watching TV has surged, especially during the last decade.

indication /ˌɪn.dɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** indication, indicator
**Verbs:** indicate

**NOUN [C or U]**

**EXIST**

[C1] a sign showing that something exists or is likely to be true

**Dictionary example:**
There are strong indications that the case will be referred to the Court of Appeal.

**Learner example:**
Unfortunately, after the equipment was installed and plug[g]ed into [the] mains, black smoke came out of the back, which in my opinion is an indication of a failure of some sort.
**indirect /ˌɪn.dəˈrekt/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** direction, directions, director
- **Verbs:** direct
- **Adjectives:** direct, indirect
- **Adverbs:** directly, indirectly

**ADJECTIVE**

NOT CONNECTED

[C1] not directly caused by or connected with something

**Dictionary example:**
Indirect **effects** of the fighting include disease and food shortages.

**Learner example:**
At school, children should follow many rules. For example, they should finish their homework [and] respect other students' opinion[s]. From these experience[s], children can experience social life in indirect ways, and can learn how to be good members of society.

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**indirectly /ˌɪn.dəˈrekt.li/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** direction, directions, director
- **Verbs:** direct
- **Adjectives:** direct, indirect
- **Adverbs:** directly, indirectly

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a way that is not direct

**Dictionary example:**
She still controls the company indirectly, through her son.

**Learner example:**
This indirectly improves the quality of life and people will feel re-energised.

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**individual /ˌɪn.dəˈvɪd.ju.əl/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** individual, individuality
- **Adjectives:** individual
- **Adverbs:** individually
NOUN [C]

PERSON
[B2] a person, especially when considered separately and not as part of a group

Dictionary examples:
We try to treat our students as individuals.
Every individual has rights which must never be taken away.

Learner example:
I can work as part of a team but also as an individual.

individually /ˌɪn.dɪˈvɪd.ju.ə li/

Word family:
Nouns: individual, individuality
Adjectives: individual
Adverbs: individually

ADVERB
[C1] separately rather than with others

Dictionary examples:
I spoke to them all individually.
The sweets are individually wrapped.

Learner example:
This has the additional advantage that students can work individually on what seems to be most necessary for them.

industrial /ɪnˈdʌs.tri.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: industry, industrialization
Adjectives: industrial, industrialized, industrious

ADJECTIVE
[B2] connected with industry, or having a lot of industry and factories, etc.

Dictionary examples:
industrial expansion
an industrial landscape
He has an industrial background.

Learner example:
I am sure that both ideas will improve the look of our industrial town.
**industrialization** /ɪnˌdʌs.tri.ə.laɪˈzeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: industry, *industrialization*
Adjectives: industrial, *industrialized*, industrious

**NOUN [U]** (also UK *industrialisation*)
[C1] the process of developing industries in a country

**Dictionary example:**
Japan's rapid industrialization

**Learner example:**
With industrialization and economic development, Hong Kong people's standards of living have also improve[d] dramatically.

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**industrialized** /ɪnˈdʌs.tri.ə.laɪzd/

Word family:
Nouns: industry, *industrialization*
Adjectives: industrial, *industrialized*, industrious

**ADJECTIVE** (also UK *industrialised*)
[C1] Industrialized countries have a lot of industry.

**Dictionary example:**
the industrialized nations

**Learner example:**
The role of women has changed during the past 100 years but there are still a lot of changes needed not only in developing countries but also in industrialized countries like Germany.

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**industry** /ˈɪn.də.stri/

Word family:
Nouns: industry, *industrialization*
Adjectives: industrial, *industrialized*, industrious

**NOUN**

**PRODUCTION**
[B2] [U] the production of goods in factories

**Dictionary examples:**
trade and industry
industry and commerce
The city needs to attract more industry.
Learner example:
If you are interested in local industry, there is the Prefectural Local Industry museum.

**inedible /ɪˈned.ə.bl/**

Word family:
Adjectives: edible, inedible

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] not suitable for eating

Dictionary example:
The meat was inedible.

Learner example:
The fruit was rotten, the sandwich inedible.

**inefficient /ˌɪn.ɪˈfɪʃ.ənt/**

Word family:
Nouns: efficiency
Adjectives: efficient, inefficient
Adverbs: efficiently

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] Inefficient people or things waste time, money or effort, and do not achieve as much as they should.

Dictionary example:
an inefficient heating system

Learner example:
The conditions in the coaches are poor with the leg room only for small children, the safety belts broken, and an inefficient air-conditioner.

**inevitable /ɪˈnev.ɪ.tə.bl/**

Word family:
Adjectives: inevitable
Adverbs: inevitably

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] certain to happen and unable to be avoided or prevented

Dictionary example:
The accident was the inevitable consequence/result/outcome of carelessness.
Learner example:
Strikes always cause some problems but sometimes they are inevitable.

**Inevitably** /ɪˈnev.i.tə.bli/

Word family:
**Adjectives:** inevitable
**Adverbs:** inevitably

**ADVERB**
[C1] in a way that cannot be avoided

**Dictionary example:**
Their arguments inevitably end in tears.

**Learner example:**
Should you, my humble reader, happen to reach fame and fortune, try never to forget that appearing always as an ordinary human being would inevitably grant you more empathy from the people surrounding you.

**Inexperienced** /ˌɪn.ɪkˈspɪə.rɪən.tst/

Word family:
**Nouns:** experience
**Verbs:** experience
**Adjectives:** experienced, inexperienced

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] without much experience or knowledge of something

**Dictionary example:**
Abigail Kennedy was young and inexperienced.

**Learner example:**
The advertisement said that Danny Brook was one of the starring actors but he was replaced by another extremely disappointing and inexperienced actor.

**Infect** /ɪnˈfekt/

Word family:
**Nouns:** infection
**Verbs:** infect
**Adjectives:** infectious
VERB [7]

DISEASE
[C1] to give someone a disease

Dictionary example:
Thousands of people were infected with the virus.

Learner example:
It was only a small clinic, that refused to give attention to a group of young people all infected with AIDS.

COMPUTER
[C1] If a computer virus infects a computer, it harms it

Dictionary example:
My computer was infected by a virus.

Learner example:
With CLEAN-MAIL, you can protect your computers from getting infected with viruses effectively: virus-mails are deleted before they even arrive at your mailbox.

**Infection** /ɪnˈfækʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: infection
Verbs: infect
Adjectives: infectious

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] a disease in a part of your body that is caused by bacteria or a virus

Dictionary examples:
a serious infection
a throat infection
Bandage the wound to reduce the risk of infection.

Learner example:
He told me that she was suffering from a kidney infection.

**inferior** /ɪnˈfɪəriər/
**inflation** /ɪnˈflɛr.ʃən/

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the rate at which prices increase, or a continuing increase in prices

**Dictionary examples:**
high/low inflation
the rate of inflation
3% inflation

**Learner example:**
In this country of high inflation we could save some money.

**influence** /ˈɪn.flu.əns/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** influence
**Verbs:** influence
**Adjectives:** influential

**NOUN [C or U]**

**POWER**

[B2] the power to affect how someone thinks or behaves, or how something develops

**Dictionary examples:**
The drug companies can have a lot of influence on doctors.
At the time she was under the influence of her father.
Picasso had a big influence on art in the twentieth century.

**Learner example:**
Today's computers have a massive influence on the whole [of] society.

**be a bad/good influence (on sb)**

[B2] If someone or something is a bad/good influence on someone, they have a bad/good effect on them.

**Dictionary example:**
Television can be a bad influence on children.
Learner example:
Some people say that cell phones are a bad influence on the younger generation.

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**

[B2] to affect or change how someone or something develops, behaves or thinks

**Dictionary examples:**
Were you influenced by anybody at the beginning of your career?
What influenced you to choose a career in nursing?

**Learner example:**
Our life has been influenced by modern technology.

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**Influential** /ˌɪn.fluˈen.shəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** influence
**Verbs:** influence
**Adjectives:** influential

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] having a lot of influence

**Dictionary example:**
an influential figure in modern jazz

**Learner example:**
Although not being directly involved in global politics anymore, he is still a very powerful and influential person.

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**informal** /ɪnˈfɔː.məl/

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** formal, informal
**Adverbs:** formally, informally

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] not formal or official

**Dictionary examples:**
The two groups agreed to hold an informal meeting.
He's the ideal sort of teacher – direct, friendly and informal.
'Hi' is an informal way of greeting people.

**Learner example:**
The dress-code is informal but neat and there'll be plenty of drinks and snacks.
**Informally** /ɪnˈfɔː.mə.i/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** formal, informal  
**Adverbs:** formally, informally  

**Adverb**  
[C1] in an informal way  

**Dictionary example:**  
It's an outdoor party, so dress informally.  

**Learner example:**  
We dress casually and very informally and you often see body piercings and tat[t]os being displayed around the place.

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**Informative** /ɪnˈfɔː.mə.tɪv/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** information  
**Verbs:** inform, misinform  
**Adjectives:** informative  

**Adjective**  
[C1] containing a lot of useful facts  

**Dictionary example:**  
a very informative lecture  

**Learner example:**  
There were presentations from many different industries, some of them very informative and entertaining.

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**Infrastructure** /ˈɪn.frəˌstrʌk.tʃə/  

**Noun [C usually no plural]**  
[C1] the basic systems and services, such as transport and power supplies, that a country or organization uses in order to work effectively  

**Dictionary example:**  
The war has badly damaged the country's infrastructure.  

**Learner example:**  
It is very easy to build homes but at the same time forgetting to upgrade the infrastructure and facilities.
**ingredient** /ɪnˈgriː.di.ənt/

**NOUN [C OFTEN PLURAL]**

**SUCCESS**

[B2] one of the parts of something successful

**Dictionary example:**
Trust is an essential ingredient in a successful marriage.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion it is clear that with these "ingredients" you can make an interesting video about [daily] life at our school.

**inhabitant** /ɪnˈhæb.ɪ.tənt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** inhabitant
**Verbs:** inhabit
**Adjectives:** uninhabited

**NOUN [C OFTEN PLURAL]**

[B2] a person or animal that lives in a particular place

**Dictionary example:**
a city of 5 million inhabitants

**Learner example:**
I think that the town has about 2000 inhabitants in winter.

**initial** /ɪˈnɪʃ.əl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** initial, initiative
**Verbs:** initiate
**Adjectives:** initial
**Adverbs:** initially

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[B2] first, or happening at the beginning

**Dictionary examples:**
My initial reaction was one of anger.
Initial reports say that seven people have died, though this has not yet been confirmed.
Learner example:
All this may seem trivial [and] unimportant to an ordinary man addicted to his TV-set, forgetting the initial impulse that made him choose this way of life.

initially /ɪˈnɪʃ.ə.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: initial, initiative
Verbs: initiate
Adjectives: initial
Adverbs: initially

ADVERB
[B2] at the beginning

Dictionary examples:
Initially, most people approved of the new scheme.
The damage was far more serious than initially believed.

Learner example:
He initially disagreed with his wife but after much persuasion, he finally gave in.

initiative /ɪˈnɪʃ.ə.trɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: initial, initiative
Verbs: initiate
Adjectives: initial
Adverbs: initially

NOUN

NEW ACTION
[C1] [C] a plan or activity that is done to solve a problem or improve a situation

Dictionary examples:
a new government initiative to reduce crime
The peace initiative was welcomed by both sides.

Learner example:
Any government as well as grass root initiative will have an effect on pollution problems, but firstly, we need to change our society's overall mentality.

ABILITY
[C1] [U] the ability to make decisions and do things without needing to be told what to do
Dictionary examples:
We need someone who can work on their own initiative.
I shouldn’t always have to tell you what to do – use your initiative.
She showed a lot of initiative.

Learner example:
It is difficult to judge whether you [show] more initiative than the others or not.

take the initiative
[C1] to be the first person to do something that solves a problem or improves a situation

Dictionary example:
Jackson had taken the initiative and prepared a report.

Learner example:
I took the initiative to contact Sue Wilton, who is the manager of the restaurant "El Plato".

injured /ˈɪn.dʒəd/

Word family:
Nouns: injury
Verbs: injure
Adjectives: injured

ADJECTIVE
[B2] hurt or physically harmed

Dictionary example:
She was told to stay in bed to rest her injured back.

Learner example:
Zoos can take care of injured animals and help them.

injury /ˈɪn.dʒəri/

Word family:
Nouns: injury
Verbs: injure
Adjectives: injured

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] damage to someone’s body in an accident or an attack
Dictionary examples:
a head/back/knee injury
a serious/slight injury
Injuries to the spine are common amongst these workers.
They were lucky to escape (without) injury.

Learner example:
Professional footballers can also have serious injuries during their life as [a] footballer.

Injustice  /ɪnˈdʒʌstɪs/  

Word family:
Nouns: justice, injustice
Adjectives: just

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a situation or action in which people are treated unfairly

Dictionary examples:
the fight against racial injustice
the injustices of the legal system

Learner example:
Adults enjoy the stories too, because it somehow reflects the society that we live in, and how justice is always [on] the stronger side than injustice.

inner  /ˈɪn.ər/  

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

LOCATION
[B2] on the inside or near the middle of something

Dictionary example:
Leading off the main hall is a series of small inner rooms.

Learner example:
Even in the inner city, streets are dark and don't give the feeling of safety after sunset.

FEELINGS
[B2] Inner feelings or thoughts are ones that you do not show or tell other people.

Dictionary example:
Sarah always seemed to have a deep sense of inner peace.

Learner example:
Every now and then everybody feels an inner call for changes, and one of [those] changes might be a journey somewhere in the world.
innocence /ˈɪn.ə.sənt/ 

Word family:
Nouns: innocence
Adjectives: innocent
Adverbs: innocently

NOUN [u]

NOT GUILTY
[C1] when someone is not guilty of a crime

Dictionary examples:
She pleaded her innocence, but no one believed her.
She fought to prove her son's innocence.

Learner example:
They were released after seven years in jail and were determined to prove their innocence and find the real murderer.

innocent /ˈɪn.ə.sɛnt/ 

Word family:
Nouns: innocence
Adjectives: innocent
Adverbs: innocently

ADJECTIVE

NOT GUILTY
[B2] not guilty of committing a crime

Dictionary example:
He firmly believes that she is innocent of the crime.

Learner example:
The plan works: the jury thinks that the wife is a notorious liar and her husband is found innocent.

NO EXPERIENCE
[B2] not having much experience of life and not knowing about the bad things that can happen

Dictionary example:
an innocent young woman

Learner example:
She is so innocent and doesn't understand anything which is happening around [her].
NOT DESERVED
[B2] used to emphasize that someone who was hurt had done nothing wrong

Dictionary example:
Several innocent civilians were killed in the bombing.

Learner example:
While Jem was stealing horses, his brother was a murderer of innocent people.

innocently /ˈɪn.ə.sənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: innocence
Adjectives: innocent
Adverbs: innocently

ADVERB
[B2] in an innocent way

Dictionary examples:
"Have I done something wrong?" she asked innocently.
He said he had obtained the television innocently, not knowing it had been stolen.

Learner example:
Denny had innocently [turned on] the light to see if there was anything of interest in the other room.

innovation /ˌɪn.əˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: innovation
Adjectives: innovative

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a new idea or method that is being tried for the first time, or the use of such ideas or methods

Dictionary example:
the latest innovations in education

Learner example:
There was a barrage of creativity and innovation rarely seen in human history.
innovative /ˈɪn.ə.və.tɪv/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** innovation

**Adjectives:** innovative

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] using new methods or ideas

**Dictionary example:**
an innovative approach to programme making

**Learner example:**
Problems like this will probably appear again and again but we have to believe that they can be solved in an innovative way.

input /ˈɪn.pʊt/

**NOUN**

**IDEAS**

[B2] [c or u] ideas, money, effort, etc. that you put into a process or activity in order to help it succeed

**Dictionary example:**
Input from students is used to develop new and exciting courses.

**Learner example:**
I could go on but my intention was to give you some input to stimulate your brain!

**COMPUTER**

[B2] [u] information that is put into a computer or the act of putting information into a computer

**Dictionary example:**
Data input is carried out by a team based overseas.

inquire (UK ALSO enquire) /ɪnˈkwiər/
Dictionary examples:
Shall I inquire about the price of tickets?
She rang up to inquire when her car would be ready.
"Where are we going?" he inquired politely.

Learner example:
"Say Mary, when did the war beg[i]n?", inquired the old lady.

**insane /ɪnˈseɪn/**

Word family:
Adjectives: insane, sane

**ADJECTIVE**

STUPID
[C1] INFORMAL very silly or stupid

Dictionary example:
an insane decision

Learner example:
It was an insane idea to accommodate me so far away from the school (approximately four miles).

**insecure /ˌɪn.siˈkjʊər/**

Word family:
Nouns: security, insecurity
Adjectives: secure, insecure

**ADJECTIVE**

WORRIED
[C1] having no confidence in yourself and what you can do

Dictionary example:
a shy, insecure teenager

Learner example:
People felt insecure and nervous, their morale went down.

**insensitive /ɪnˈsen.seɪ.tɪv/**

Word family:
Nouns: sensitivity
Adjectives: sensitive, insensitive
ADJECTIVE

PEOPLE
[C1] not noticing or not caring about other people's feelings

Dictionary examples:
an insensitive remark
He was completely insensitive to Maria's feelings.

Learner example:
This way of thinking is very important because a person who spends a lot of time alone can become self-centred and insensitive to others.

insert /ɪnˈsɜːt/

VERB [V] FORMAL

PUT INTO
[C1] to put something into something else

Dictionary example:
Insert the coin in the slot.

Learner example:
You just insert the CD-ROM; [the] rest will [happen] automatically.

ADD TO WRITING
[C1] to add something to the middle of a document or piece of writing

Dictionary example:
He inserted a new paragraph.

Learner example:
In the future it will be possible to buy paintings via the internet. The prices will be inserted under each painting.

inside

ADVERB /ɪnˈsaɪd/

FEELING
[B2] If you have a feeling inside, you have a feeling although you might not show it to other people.

Dictionary example:
She couldn't cope with the grief she felt inside.
Learner example:
They had to go to the vet more often but it wasn't hard for them because of the love that they felt inside.

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]** /ˈɪn.ˌsайд/

**UNDER SURFACE**
[B2] in or on the part of something under its surface

**Dictionary example:**
He put the documents carefully in his inside pocket.

**Learner example:**
At first Chris didn't seem to recognize him, but as soon as he did, his hand reached [into] his inside pocket.

**NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]** /ˈɪn.ˌsайд/

**INNER PART**
[B2] the inner part, space or side of something

**Dictionary examples:**
Did you clean the inside of the car?
The hotel looked shabby from the street, but it was fine on the inside.

**Learner example:**
Anyway, after the show I felt hungry so I went to the restaurant but it was closed because they were having the inside altered.

**inside out**
[B2] If a piece of clothing is inside out, the part that is usually outside is on the inside.

**Dictionary example:**
She had her jumper on inside out.

**know sth inside out**
[C1] to know everything about something

**Dictionary example:**
He knows the system inside out.

**Learner example:**
The participants got to know Britain inside out and they are happy with the knowledge they gained.
insight /ˈɪn.seɪt/  

NOUN [C or U]  
[C1] the ability to understand what something is really like, or an example of this  

Dictionary examples:  
The book gives a fascinating insight into the world of art.  
This new research provides many insights into customer behaviour.  
Children sometimes show remarkable insight when it comes to adult problems.  

Learner example:  
Special courses were offered, which provided deep insights into fascinating topics – they were great fun.  

insignificant /ˌɪn.sɪgˈnɪf.ɪ.kənt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: significance  
Adjectives: significant, insignificant  
Adverbs: significantly  

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] not important or large enough to consider or worry about  

Dictionary example:  
insignificant differences  

Learner example:  
Second, the "sudden downpour of rain" you reported and which "ruined" the show was actually a short and insignificant one that only lasted a few minutes.  

insist /ɪnˈsɪst/  

VERB [I]  

SAY FIRMLY  
[B2] to say firmly that something is true  

Dictionary example:  
Greg still insists (that) he did nothing wrong.  

Learner example:  
Mrs McGillicuddy saw a woman being strangled on a train and, in spite of everybody seeming not to believe her, she insisted that she was right and, with her friend's help, proved it.
inspect /ɪnˈspekt/

Word family:
Nouns: inspector, inspection
Verbs: inspect

VERB [T]
[C1] to look at something or someone carefully in order to discover information, especially about their quality or condition

Dictionary examples:
After the crash, both drivers got out and inspected their cars for damage.
She held the bank note up to the light and inspected it carefully.

Learner example:
I invite you to inspect our facilities so that you can persuade yourself about the lack of equipment.

inspection /ɪnˈspek.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: inspector, inspection
Verbs: inspect

NOUN [C or U]

OFFICIAL
[C1] an official visit to a building or organization to check that everything is correct and legal

Dictionary example:
Fire officers carried out an inspection of the building.

Learner example:
The location was just fine but I suggest that you make an inspection. You would then see what I mean... The rooms were very dirty, there was no lift in the hotel and service was poor.

inspector /ɪnˈspek.tər/

Word family:
Nouns: inspector, inspection
Verbs: inspect

NOUN [C]

PERSON WHO INSPECTS
[B2] someone whose job is to check that things are being done correctly
**Dictionary examples:**
a tax inspector
a school inspector/an inspector of schools

**Learner example:**
In the middle of the exam the inspector came in and asked me some questions for fun.

**POLICE**

[B2] a police officer of middle rank

**Learner example:**
As you know I am a police inspector.

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**inspiration /ˌɪn.sprˈɪr.ən/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** inspiration  
**Verbs:** inspire

**NOUN**

**IDEAS**

[B2] [c or u] someone or something that gives you ideas for doing something

**Dictionary examples:**
The golden autumn light provided the inspiration for the painting.  
He went to church, perhaps seeking divine inspiration.

**Learner example:**
Working with children makes me happy and gives me inspiration.

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**Inspire /ɪnˈspaɪə/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** inspiration  
**Verbs:** inspire

**VERB [T]**

**ENCOURAGE**

[B2] to make someone feel that they want to do something and can do it

**Dictionary example:**
A drama teacher at school had inspired Sam to become an actor.

**Learner example:**
This has inspired me to finally write to you and ask if there is a possibility for me to join the painting course this spring.
FEELING

[B2] to make someone have a particular feeling or reaction

Dictionary example:
He inspires great loyalty in his staff.

Learner example:
In today’s world where everybody is selfish, it is hard to find a person to admire, a [role] model to be inspired by.

PROVIDE IDEA

[B2] to give someone an idea for a book, play, painting, etc.

Dictionary example:
This television drama was inspired by a true story.

Learner example:
Most of her books are inspired by her life in Bulgaria and the adventures she [had] herself.

Installation /ˌɪn.stəˈleɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: installation
Verbs: install

NOUN

EQUIPMENT

[C1] [u] the process of putting new equipment into position

Dictionary example:
Do you have to pay extra for installation?

Learner example:
Last but not least, students asked for the installation of a beverage machine – that would be really convenient for them.

SOFTWARE

[C1] [u] the process of putting a computer program onto a computer

Dictionary example:
the installation of new software

Learner example:
Personally, I believe that the installation of the Japanese Word version could considerably improve the efficiency of my work.
**Instance** /ˈɪnstənt/  

**Noun**

**Example**
[C1] [c] an example of a particular type of event, situation, or behaviour

**Dictionary example:**
There have been several instances of violence in the school.

**Learner example:**
There may be instances when the situation is exactly [the] opposite, but in this case, it was the way that my friend's sister was brought up that triumphed.

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**Instant** /ˈɪnstənt/  

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** instant  
**Adverbs:** instantly

**Adjective**
[B2] happening immediately, without any delay

**Dictionary examples:**
This type of account offers you instant access to your money.
Contrary to expectations, the film was an instant success.

**Learner example:**
Therefore, the reception should be functional for students, that is, the students should get [an] instant answer when they have a question.

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**Instantly** /ˈɪnstəntli/  

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** instant  
**Adverbs:** instantly

**Adverb**
[B2] immediately

**Dictionary example:**
Both drivers were killed instantly.

**Learner example:**
To talk to a friend from another city or country instantly online is really nice and exciting.
**Institute** /ˈɪn.tɪ.tjuː:t/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] an organization where people do a particular kind of scientific, educational or social work, or the buildings which it uses

**Dictionary example:**
the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

**Learner example:**
With this jump she would raise money for a cancer institute in London.

**Institution** /ˌɪn.tɪˈʃuː.jən/

**NOUN [c]**

**ORGANIZATION**

[B2] a large and important organization, such as a university or bank

**Dictionary examples:**
a medical/educational/financial institution
Oxford and Cambridge universities are internationally respected institutions.

**Learner example:**
Firstly, it's important to gain information about the institution where we want to work.

**PLACE**

[B2] a building where people are sent so they can be looked after, for example a prison or a hospital

**Dictionary example:**
a young offenders' institution

**Learner example:**
I was working for a social institution that looks after poor children.

**Instruct** /ɪnˈstrʌkt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** instruction, instructor

**Verbs:** instruct

**Verb [T]**

**ORDER**

[C1] to officially tell someone to do something
**Dictionary example:**
Staff are instructed not to use the telephones for personal calls.

**Learner example:**
When workers began to threaten [to] strike, about twenty days ago, people were instructed on how to tackle such an occurrence – you know, we are well organised and like to have emergency plans for any danger.

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**instrument** /ˈɪnˌstrə.mənt/

**NOUN [c]**

**TOOL**

[C1] a tool that is used for doing something

**Dictionary example:**
scientific instruments

**Learner example:**
You can also see Roman medical instruments and tools, for example a pioneer axe and different knives.

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**insufficient** /ˌɪn.səˈfɪʃ.ənt/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** sufficient, insufficient, self-sufficient

**Adverbs:** sufficiently

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] not enough

**Dictionary examples:**
insufficient information
Her income is insufficient to support a family.

**Learner example:**
In contrast to your brochure, we did not have any special [entertainment] at the hotel and the dinner was insufficient in terms of not only its quality but also the quantity.

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**insult**

**NOUN [c] /ˈɪn.sʌlt/**

**RUDE REMARK**

[B2] a rude and offensive remark or action
**Dictionary example:**
They were shouting insults at each other.

**Learner example:**
Joko’s mother would hurl insults at the poor old man, calling him sick and [hoping] that he’d die soon.

**VERB [T] /ɪnˈsʌlt/**
[B2] to say or do something to someone that is rude and offensive

**Dictionary example:**
How dare you insult me in front of my friends!

**Learner example:**
After all, [in] insulting the performers you insult their fans...

**insurance /ɪnˈʃɔː.rənts/**

**NOUN [u]**
[B2] an agreement in which you pay a company money and they pay your costs if you have an accident, injury, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
*life/health/car/travel* insurance
I’ll need to **take out** extra car insurance for another driver.
The insurance doesn’t **cover** you for household items.

**Learner example:**
Lastly, could you please tell me what kind of clothes I should prepare and [whether] I have to buy insurance myself?

**integral /ˈɪn.trəɡəl/**

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] necessary and important as part of something

**Dictionary example:**
The Internet has become an integral part of modern life.

**Learner example:**
Over the last few years, computers have become an integral part of our lives.
**integrate** /ˈɪn.tɪɡreɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** integration
**Verbs:** integrate

**VERB [I or T]**

[C1] to become part of a group or society, or to help someone do this

**Dictionary example:**
After a few weeks of training he was fully integrated into the team.

**Learner example:**
I am [a] determined, spont[ane]ous person and I have the ability to integrate well.

**integration** /ˌɪn.tɪˈgreɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** integration
**Verbs:** integrate

**NOUN [U]**

[C1] when things or people are mixed, joined or combined

**Dictionary example:**
cultural integration

**Learner example:**
This may be explained by the increasing number of exchanges in the European Union, and the stronger economic integration of European Countries.

**Intellectual** /ˌɪn.təlˈek.tju.əl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** intellect, intellectual
**Adjectives:** intellectual
**Adverbs:** intellectually

**ADJECTIVE**

**THOUGHT**

[B2] relating to your ability to think and to understand things, especially complicated ideas

**Dictionary examples:**
intellectual and physical development
I like detective stories and romances – nothing too intellectual.
**Learner example:**
First of all, I don’t think your programme needs any improvement: in my opinion, your selection of films is already very satisfying because it includes both spectacular Hollywood movies and intellectual films.

**intelligence /ɪnˈtel.ɪ.dʒəns/**

Word family:
Nouns: intelligence
Adjectives: intelligent

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the ability to learn, understand and think about things

Dictionary examples:
an intelligence test
a child of high/average/low intelligence
It’s the intelligence of her writing that impresses me.

Learner example:
The dominant [species] among animals are pigs with their superior intelligence.

**intend /ɪnˈtend/**

Word family:
Nouns: intention, intent
Verbs: intend
Adjectives: intent

**VERB [T]**

be intended for
[C1] to be made, designed, or provided for a particular person or purpose

Dictionary examples:
The book is intended for anyone who wants to learn more about the Internet.
The course is intended for intermediate-level students.

Learner example:
The course is intended for business people who don’t have English as their mother tongue.
intense  /ɪnˈtens/  

Word family:
Nouns: intensity  
Verbs: intensify  
Adjectives: intense  
Adverbs: intensely  

ADJECTIVE

EXTREME

[C1] extreme or very strong  

Dictionary example:
intense heat/pain  

Learner example:
Most of the rooms we stayed in did not have air-conditioning, which caused many sleepless nights for the majority of us due to the intense heat.

intensive  /ɪnˈtens.ɪv/  

Word family:
Adjectives: intensive  
Adverbs: intensively  

ADJECTIVE

[B2] involving a lot of effort or activity in a short period of time  

Dictionary examples:
two weeks of intensive training  
an intensive course in English  
Intensive bombing had reduced the city to rubble.  

Learner example:
I am 23 years old and speak English fluently due to my intensive study of the language.

intensively  /ɪnˈten.sɪv.li/  

Word family:
Adjectives: intensive  
Adverbs: intensively

ADVERB

[C1] in way that involves a lot of work in a short period of time  

Dictionary example:
I spent three weeks working intensively on my thesis.
Learner example:
The canteen gets very busy and noisy at lunchtimes, but we all enjoy chatting to our friend after intensively studying in the classes.

**intention**  /ɪnˈten.tʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: intention, intent
Verbs: intend
Adjectives: intent

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] something that you want and plan to do

Dictionary examples:
It wasn’t my intention to exclude her from the list – I just forgot her.
I’ve no intention of changing my plans just to fit in with his.
He’s full of good intentions, but he never does anything about them!

Learner example:
I was very pleased to hear from your club, because it was always my intention to join such a group and make music with other people.

**interact**  /ˌɪnt.əˈrækt/

Word family:
Nouns: interaction
Verbs: interact
Adjectives: interactive

VERB [I]
[B2] to talk and do things with other people

Dictionary example:
At school, teachers said he interacted well with other students.

Learner example:
People say that when you use a computer you get addicted and don't interact with people.

**interaction**  /ˌɪnt.əˈræk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: interaction
Verbs: interact
Adjectives: interactive
NOUN [C]

[C1] the activity of talking and doing things with other people, or the way you do this

Dictionary example:
Our work involves a lot of interaction with the customers.

Learner example:
The interaction between the different groups in the Big Brother house is also very entertaining.

Interactive /ˌɪn.təˈræktɪv/  

Word family:
Nouns: interaction  
Verbs: interact  
Adjectives: interactive

ADJECTIVE

COMPUTER GAMES

[B2] Interactive computer games, programs, etc. involve the user by reacting to the way they use them.

Dictionary examples:  
an interactive game  
This is an interactive museum where children can actively manipulate the exhibits.

Learner example:  
In addition, you can play with several interactive game[s] and learn about the rules of the Olympic Games.

COMMUNICATION

[C1] involving communication between people

Dictionary example:  
interactive teaching methods

Learner example:  
Our special special temporary membership offer is just right for people who want to enjoy their holidays in a more social and interactive way.

interest /ˈɪn.træst/  

Word family:
Nouns: interest  
Adjectives: interested, interesting, uninterested, uninteresting  
Adverbs: interestingly

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NOUN

MONEY CHARGED
[C1] [u] money which is charged by a bank or other financial organization for borrowing money

Dictionary example:
Interest charges on an overdraft are usually quite high.

Learner example:
Extremely high interest rates and high unemployment were a fatal combination for many families.

MONEY EARNED
[C1] [u] money that you earn from keeping your money in an account in a bank or other financial organization

Dictionary example:
You should put the money in a savings account where it will earn interest.

be in sb's interest(s)
[C1] to help someone and give them an advantage

Dictionary example:
It may not be in your interests to change jobs so soon.

Learner example:
It is in my interests to meet new people and I find it easy to go and talk to people I do not know.

interestingly /ˈɪn.trə.stɪŋ.lɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: interest
Adjectives: interested, interesting, uninterested, uninteresting
Adverbs: interestingly

ADVERB
[C1] used to introduce information that you think is surprising and interesting

Dictionary example:
Interestingly, he never actually said that he was innocent.

Learner example:
Russians today prefer fast food due to a rapid lifestyle. Interestingly, this refers only to lunch time; about 80% of Russians will prefer eating [a] traditional Russian meal for dinner.
interfere /ˌɪnt.eˈfaɪə/ 

Word family:
Nouns: interference
Verbs: interfere

VERB [v]

TRY TO CONTROL
[B2] to try to control or become involved in a situation, in a way that is annoying

Dictionary examples:
I know he’s worried about us, but I wish he wouldn’t interfere.
You shouldn’t interfere in other people's business.

Learner example:
I would like to stress that very often famous people become reserved, bad-tempered and angry with the world for interfering in their lives.

CAUSE PROBLEMS
[C1] to prevent something from working effectively or from developing successfully

Dictionary example:
I try not to let my dancing classes interfere with my schoolwork.

Learner example:
We realise this activity would interfere with our visit to the Science Museum, but we, in exchange, would gladly give up our free time on Wednesday to perform the programme completely.

interference /ˌɪn.teˈfraɪənəs/

Word family:
Nouns: interference
Verbs: interfere

NOUN [u]

SITUATION
[C1] when someone tries to interfere in a situation

Dictionary example:
There have been claims of too much political interference in education.

Learner example:
The famous have all their gestures watched and judged. How can anyone live with so much interference?
**interior** /ɪnˈtɪə.rɪ.ə/

**NOUN**

[B2] [c] the inside part of something

**Dictionary examples:**
The estate agent had pictures of the house from the outside but none of its interior.
The car's interior is very impressive – wonderful leather seats and a wooden dashboard.

**Learner example:**
The interior is quite modern and clean.

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**Internal** /ɪnˈtɜː.nəl/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** internal

**Adverbs:** internally

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] existing or happening inside a person, object, organization, place or country

**Dictionary examples:**
He sustained injuries to his arms, legs and several internal **organs**.
The bank conducted its own internal investigation into the robbery.
The government warned its neighbours not to interfere in its internal **affairs**.

**Learner example:**
The letter box for internal post should be hung on the wall, so that pupils could make any suggestions about [the] school, or even complaints, directly to reception.

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**Internally** /ɪnˈtɜː.nə.l.i/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** internal

**Adverbs:** internally

**ADVERB**

[C1] inside a person, object, organization, place or country

**Dictionary example:**
This medicine is for external use only and should not be taken internally.

**Learner example:**
I am actually very interested in taking the course, because recently I have change[d] my job and one of my functions is to create a page on the intranet to share information about the company internally.
**interpret** /ɪnˈtɜː.prət/

Word family:
Nouns: interpretation, misinterpretation
Verbs: interpret, misinterpret

**VERB**

**LANGUAGE**
[B2] [I or T] to change what someone has said into a different language

*Dictionary example:*
We had to ask the guide to interpret for us.

*Learner example:*
My boss decided it [wa]s high time I tried to interpret for him outside our office.

**DECIDE MEANING**
[C1] [T] to decide what the intended meaning of something is

*Dictionary examples:*
It's difficult to interpret these statistics without knowing how they were obtained.
A jury should not interpret the silence of a defendant as a sign of guilt.

*Learner example:*
Musicians try to interpret it, but admittedly they will never find the whole meaning of it.

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**interrupt** /ˌɪn.təˈrʌpt/

Word family:
Nouns: interruption
Verbs: interrupt

**VERB**

**STOP HAPPENING**
[B2] [I or T] to stop something from happening for a short period

*Dictionary example:*
We had to interrupt our trip when we heard John's mother was ill.

*Learner example:*
Unfortunately, I am studying at university and I can't afford to interrupt my studies.
interruption /ˌɪnt.əˈrʌp.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: interruption
Verbs: interrupt

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] when an action or activity is interrupted, or something that interrupts someone or something

Dictionary example:
There were so many interruptions, I couldn't get on with my work.

Learner example:
I stayed two or three minutes in the darkness thinking that it was only a [brief] interruption, but it was not the case.

intransitive /ɪnˈtræn.zə.tɪv/ SPECIALIZED

ADJECTIVE

[B2] An intransitive verb does not have an object.

Dictionary examples:
In the sentence 'I tried to persuade him, but he wouldn't come', 'come' is an intransitive verb.
In the Wordlist, verbs which are intransitive are marked [I].

introduce /ˌɪn.trəˈdjuːs/

Word family:
Nouns: introduction
Verbs: introduce

VERB [T]

SOMETHING NEW

[B2] to make something exist, happen or be used for the first time

Dictionary examples:
The smaller 10 pence coin was introduced in 1992.
We have introduced a new training schedule for employees.

Learner example:
Mr. Dixon, you and your staff have already introduced a number of alterations that have improved the interior of the building.
introduction /ˌɪn.tɾəˈdʌk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: introduction
Verbs: introduce

NOUN

FIRST MEETING

[B2] [c or u] the action of telling someone another person's name the first time that they meet

Dictionary example:
You'll have to do/make the introductions – I don't know everyone's name.

Learner example:
As we didn't know each other, the meeting started with the introduction of everybody.

TEXT

[B2] [c] the opening text of a book, speech, article, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Read the introduction to the article and decide what it will be about.
The book has an introduction by Antonia Byatt.

Learner example:
Report introduction: The purpose to this report is to give suggestion[s] of how to make the reception [area] more welcoming for everyone.

SOMETHING NEW

[B2] [u] when you make something exist, happen or be used for the first time

Dictionary examples:
The introduction of new working practices has dramatically improved productivity.
Within a few years of their introduction, CDs were outselling vinyl records.

Learner example:
With the introduction of the computer, we can now access [the] Internet to communicate with our relatives and friends living abroad.

BASIC KNOWLEDGE

[B2] [c] a book or course which provides basic knowledge about a subject

Dictionary example:
an introduction to psychology

Learner example:
Please send me some information about your club and tell me about courses like "[an] introduction to flying".
FIRST EXPERIENCE

[C1] [NO PLURAL] the first time someone experiences something

Dictionary example:
It was our first introduction to great poetry.

Learner example:
In 1998 it was the first introduction to home internet access and as we can see from the chart, less than 10% of people had one at home.

invade /ɪnˈveɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: invasion
Verbs: invade

VERB

WAR

[B2] I [I or T] to enter a country by force in order to take control of it

Dictionary example:
Concentrations of troops near the border look set to invade within the next few days.

Learner example:
Hitler invaded France.

PLACE

[C1] [I] to enter a place in large numbers

Dictionary example:
Every summer the town is invaded by tourists.

Learner example:
As tourists invade us in large hoards, the menace of destroying the green values of our land appears.

invaluable /ɪnˈvæl.ju.ə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: value
Verbs: value
Adjectives: valuable, invaluable

ADJECTIVE

[C1] extremely useful
Dictionary example:
Her contacts in government proved invaluable to the company.

Learner example:
16 June, 2004 Dear Mr. Alcott, I would like to thank you for [the] organisation of the event which allowed me to obtain invaluable information on up-to-date labour market trends and career opportunities.

invasion /ɪnˈveɪ.zən/

Word family:
Nouns: invasion
Verbs: invade

NOUN [C or U]

WAR

[B2] when an army enters a country by force in order to take control of it

Dictionary example:
They were planning to mount an invasion of the north of the country.

Learner example:
Then, we went to the North of D[en]mark to see what remains of [the] Viking invasions.

invent /ɪnˈvent/

Word family:
Nouns: invention, inventor
Verbs: invent

VERB [T]

NOT TRUE

[B2] to think of a story or explanation in order to deceive someone

Dictionary example:
But I didn't invent the story – everything I told you is true.

Learner example:
We knew that our parents wouldn't let us travel alone so we had to invent a story to avoid [them realizing] what happened.
inventor /ˈɪnˌvent.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: invention, inventor
Verbs: invent

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who designs and makes new things

Dictionary example:
He was the inventor of the vacuum cleaner.

Learner example:
[The] mobile phone is also very important these days, thanks to Lars Magnus Ericsson, who was the inventor of mobile phones.

inverted commas /ˈɪnˌvɜː.tɪdˈkɒm.əz/

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] the " " punctuation marks that are put around a word or phrase to show that someone else has written or said it

Dictionary example:
Direct speech should be shown in inverted commas.

invest /ˈɪnˈvest/

Word family:
Nouns: investment, investor
Verbs: invest

VERB [I or T]
MONEY
[B2] to give money to a bank, business, etc., or buy something, because you hope to get a profit

Dictionary examples:
The institute will invest 5 million in the project.
He's not certain whether to invest in the real estate market.

Learner example:
However, you could invest the extra money in the infrastructure.

TIME/ENERGY, ETC.
[B2] to use a lot of time, effort, or emotions because you want to succeed
Dictionary example:
You have all invested significant amounts of time and energy in making this project the success that it is.

Learner example:
So, investing a bit of time and care on yourself might be the reason for your 90th birthday party!

investigate /ɪnˈves.tɪ.gət/

Word family:
Nouns: investigation, investigator
Verbs: investigate

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to try to discover all the facts about something, especially a crime or accident

Dictionary examples:
Police are investigating allegations of corruption involving senior executives.
We are of course investigating how an error like this could have occurred.

Learner example:
John, who was the husband of Julia, went to his office and started investigating the kidnapping.

investigation /ɪnˌves.tɪˈgeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: investigation, investigator
Verbs: investigate

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when officials try to discover all the facts about something, especially a crime or an accident

Dictionary examples:
to carry out/hold an investigation
An investigation has been under way for several days into the disappearance of a thirteen–year–old boy.
a full/thorough investigation of the incident
Currently, the individuals who might have caused the accident are subject to/under investigation.

Learner example:
After a month–long investigation of the environment, I found we still don’t do enough to protect the environment.
investigator /ɪnˈves.tɪˌgeɪ.tər/

Word family:
Nouns: investigation, investigator
Verbs: investigate

NOUN [c]
[B2] a person whose job is to examine a crime, accident, etc. in order to discover the truth

Dictionary examples:
Investigators have studied the possible effects of contamination.
a private investigator

Learner example:
My name is Jacques Martinov, and I am a private investigator.

investment /ɪnˈvest.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: investment, investor
Verbs: invest

NOUN
MONEY
[B2] [c or u] the money that you put in a bank, business, etc. in order to make a profit, or the act of doing this

Dictionary examples:
Stocks are regarded as good long-term investments.
The account requires a minimum investment of $1000.

Learner example:
I would like to join one of your team[s] to learn much more about my hobby: investments [i]n shares.

TIME/EFFORT, ETC.
[B2] [c] something that you do or have, in order to have more in the future

Dictionary examples:
Going to college is an investment in the future.
There's been a significant investment of time and energy in order to make the project a success.

Learner example:
Of course I was able to purchase a second-hand one but I thought that it was a good investment to have a new computer provided with up-to-date software.
**Investor** /ɪnˈves.tər/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** investment, investor
- **Verbs:** invest

**Noun [c]**

[B2] a person who puts money into a bank, business, etc. in order to make a profit

**Dictionary examples:**
A New York investor offered to acquire the company's shares for $13 each.
Small investors are hoping that the markets will improve.

**Learner example:**
This should be done by lowering taxes and preparing other incentives for potential investors.

**Invisible** /ɪnˈvɪz.ə.bl/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** vision
- **Adjectives:** invisible, visible, visual
- **Adverbs:** visibly

**Adjective**

[B2] impossible to see

**Dictionary examples:**
The aircraft is designed to be invisible to radar.
The house was invisible from the road.

**Learner example:**
[At] that moment I really wished I could disappear or become invisible!

**Invite** /ɪnˈvaɪt/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** invitation
- **Verbs:** invite

**Verb [T]**

**Ask officially**
[C1] to formally ask someone to do something

**Dictionary example:**
I was invited to appear on television.
Learner example:
We invite your newspaper to reconsider its position, hoping that the council will think about our proposals.

**involve /ɪnˈvɑːlv/**

Word family:
Nouns: involvement
Verbs: involve
Adjectives: involved

**VERB [T]**

TAKE PART
[B2] to make someone be part of an activity or process

Dictionary example:
I prefer teaching methods that actively involve students in learning.

Learner example:
Trying to involve children and young people in general, interactive activities could be really successful.

**involved /ɪnˈvɔlvrd/**

Word family:
Nouns: involvement
Verbs: involve
Adjectives: involved

**ADJECTIVE**

be/get involved (in/with sth)
[B2] to do things and be part of an activity or event

Dictionary examples:
How did you get involved in acting?
She’s been involved with animal rights for many years.

Learner example:
According to your letter, you want to encourage more people to get involved in the swimming club and the chess club.
**involvement** /ɪnˈvɒlv.mənt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** involvement

**Verbs:** involve

**Adjectives:** involved

**NOUN [c or u]**

[B2] when someone or something is involved in an activity or event

**Dictionary examples:**

The team's continued involvement in the competition is uncertain.
He denies any involvement in the attack.

**Learner example:**

By reading we get a sort of personal involvement with the characters, it's [as] if it was our own story.

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**irregular** /ɪˈreg.jə.lər/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** irregular, regular

**Adverbs:** regularly

**ADJECTIVE**

**TIME**

[B2] Irregular actions or events happen with a different amount of time between each one.

**Dictionary example:**

They met at irregular intervals.

**Learner example:**

To make matters worse, the meal times are irregular, so as a result I am skinny.

**SHAPE**

[B2] not smooth or straight, or having parts that are different sizes

**Dictionary example:**

an irregular coastline

**Learner example:**

In my hurry, I never saw the irregular floor and I fell [over]!
irresponsible /ˌɪr.ɪˈspɒnt.sə.bl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: responsibility  
Adjectives: irresponsible, responsible  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] not thinking about the possible bad results of what you are doing  

Dictionary examples:  
an irresponsible attitude  
irresponsible behaviour  

Learner example:  
Of course cinemas and schools do not allow people [to] use mobile phones inside the buildings, but the existence of irresponsible people who do not respect the prohibitions [make]s everything worse.

irritate /ˈɪr.i.tət/  

Word family:  
Nouns: irritation  
Verbs: irritate  
Adjectives: irritated, irritating, irritable  

VERB [T]  
[C1] to annoy someone  

Dictionary example:  
His comments really irritated me.  

Learner example:  
Children get h[y]peractive and irritate other passengers.

irritated /ˈɪr.i.ˌteɪtɪd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: irritation  
Verbs: irritate  
Adjectives: irritated, irritating, irritable  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] annoyed  

Dictionary example:  
Ben began to get increasingly irritated by/with her questions.
**Learner example:**
Tom noticed that she was irritated about something.

**irritating /ˈɪr.rə.tɪŋ/**

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**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] making you feel annoyed

**Dictionary example:**
an irritating habit

**Learner example:**
John was absolutely fed up with Bill's irritating behaviour.

**isolated /ˈaɪsə.leɪ.tid/**

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**ADJECTIVE**

FAR AWAY

[C1] a long way from other places

**Dictionary example:**
an isolated village in the mountains

**Learner example:**
You might get lost in an isolated region without anyone to help you.

ALONE

[C1] alone and not having help or support from other people

**Dictionary example:**
Kazuo felt very isolated at his new school.

**Learner example:**
Before you even know it, you'll feel isolated and alone because other people will have forgotten about you.
### isolation /ˌaɪ.səˈleɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** isolation
- **Adjectives:** isolated

#### NOUN

**SEPARATE**

[C1] [u] the state of being separate from other people, places, or things

**Dictionary example:**
the country's economic isolation from the rest of the world

**Learner example:**
Due to the isolation, the country had to feed itself with everything which was needed.

### issue /ˈɪʃ.uː/

**NOUN [C]**

**MAGAZINE**

[B2] the newspaper, magazine, etc. that is produced on a particular day/week/month

**Dictionary example:**
Have you seen the latest issue of Computer World?

**Learner example:**
Having seen your advertisement in the 4th issue of Asahi News, I hasten to write this letter.

#### take issue (with sb/sth)

[C1] to disagree with what someone says or writes

**Dictionary example:**
I would take issue with you on that.

**Learner example:**
On behalf of the staff who worked for this event, I would like to take issue with the report's inaccuracies and unfair remarks.
**it /ɪt/**

**PRONOUN**

**SEEM**

[B2] used as the subject of verbs such as 'seem', 'appear' and 'look'

**Dictionary example:**
It seemed unfair to leave her at home.

**Learner example:**
It seemed fantastic but we knew our parents would never agree.

**it's /ɪts/**

[B2] used to say the name of a person or thing when the person you are speaking to does not know

**Dictionary example:**
It's your Dad on the phone.

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**Itch /ɪtʃ/**

**VERB**

**SKIN**

[B2] If a part of your body itches, it feels uncomfortable and you want to rub it with your nails.

**Dictionary example:**
Woollen sweaters make my arms itch.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand I loathe jumpers since they make me itch, so I buy them once in a blue moon!

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**item /ˈaɪ.təm/**

**NOUN [C]**

**NEWS**

[B2] a piece of news on television or radio, or in a newspaper

**Dictionary example:**
a small item on the back page of the local newspaper

**Learner example:**
Last week, in the "East London Journal", I read an item about your opening an Investor Club.
**itinerary /əˈtɪn.ər.i/**

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a list of places that you plan to visit on a journey

**Dictionary example:**
The President's itinerary includes visits to Boston and New York.

**Learner example:**
Finally, although the itinerary involved a visit to St. Andrews, for some unknown reasons we never went there and I was really disappointed.

**itself /ɪtˈself/**

**PRONOUN**

**in itself**

[B2] used emphasize that something is true of one particular thing but that other things may have to be considered

**Dictionary example:**
The plan wasn't illegal in itself but it would lead to some doubtful practices.

**Learner example:**
To begin with, a car, in my opinion, can't be harmful in itself.
jam /dʒæm/  

NOUN

TRAFFIC

[B2] [c] (also traffic jam) a line of cars, trucks, etc. that are moving slowly or not moving

Dictionary example:
We were stuck in a jam for hours.

Learner example:
On a bike, you don’t have to wait if there is a jam or something like that.

BLOCK

[C1] [c] something that is stuck in a machine or that prevents the parts of a machine from moving

Dictionary example:
The photocopier has a paper jam.

VERB

STUCK

[C1] [i or ɪ] to get stuck or make something get stuck

Dictionary examples:
The machine keeps jamming.
Dirt has jammed the engine.

Learner example:
I understand the request for a new printer could be considered expensive, but it would benefit the office in the long run by diminishing the waste of paper and toner due to the paper jamming the printer.

jargon /ˈdʒɑːɡən/  

NOUN [u]

[C1] words and phrases used by particular groups of people that are difficult for other people to understand
Dictionary example:
legal jargon

Learner example:
Although you communicate with your colleagues in the afternoon, if you only get 'jargon' there and see your friends from your own country every day without speaking in English, it certainly doesn't help you improve your ability.

**jaw** /dʒɔː:/

NOUN [c]
[B2] the lower part of your face which moves when you open your mouth

Dictionary examples:
a broken jaw
He has a strong/square jaw.

Learner example:
Some of Jem's features such as his curved nose, his cruel jaw or even his hands, made Mary think [of] Joss Merlyn.

**jealous** /ˈdʒeləs/

Word family:
Nouns: jealousy
Adjectives: jealous
Adverbs: jealously

ADJECTIVE

WANTING SOMETHING
[B2] unhappy and angry because you want something that someone else has

Dictionary example:
He had always been very jealous of his brother's good looks.

Learner example:
Why had this man in his nightmare told him that one could be jealous of his success?

**jealously** /ˈdʒeləsli/

Word family:
Nouns: jealousy
Adjectives: jealous
Adverbs: jealously
ADVERB

[B2] in a jealous way

Dictionary example:
She eyed Gwen's engagement ring jealously.

jealousy /ˈdʒeləsi/

Word family:
Nouns: jealousy
Adjectives: jealous
Adverbs: jealously

NOUN [u]

[C1] a feeling of unhappiness or anger because you want what someone else has or fear that someone will take what you have

Dictionary examples:
He broke his brother's new bike in a fit of jealousy.
Jealousy can ruin relationships.

Learner example:
What is more, the most successful colleagues generated some jealousy and incomprehension [in] the others.

jewel /ˈdʒuː.əl/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a valuable stone that is used to make jewellery or to decorate objects

Dictionary example:
She was wearing a large gold necklace set with jewels.

Learner example:
We opened it and we were left speechless as in the chest there were the most shiny jewels and coins we had ever seen.

job /dʒɔb/

NOUN

RESPONSIBILITY

[B2] [NO PLURAL] something that is your responsibility
**Dictionary examples:**
She believed her job as a politician was to represent the views of her party and the people who voted for her.
I know it's not my job to tell you how to run your life, but I do think you've made a mistake.

**Learner example:**
One day, my boss said to me: "Serve tea every morning". I'm a computer operator. I'm not his wife. It is not my job.

**do a good/excellent, etc. job**
[B2] to do something well/very well, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
She did a great job of organizing the event.

**Learner example:**
Dear Bill, I think you did a very good job writing this chapter.

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**joint /dʒɔɪnt/**

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** join

**Adjectives:** joint

**Adverbs:** jointly

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] belonging to or shared between two or more people

**Dictionary examples:**
a joint bank account
The project was a joint effort between the two schools.
The two Russian ice-skaters came joint second in the world championship.
Adrian has a joint honours degree in English and philosophy.

**NOUN [C]**

**PLACE**
[C1] informal a place where something is sold, especially a restaurant or bar

**Dictionary example:**
a pizza joint

**Learner example:**
The following day a visit was scheduled to "a typical English restaurant" which turned out to be a hamburger joint.
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Learner example:
What I miss, however, in our library are the books and journals devoted to science.

**journalism** /ˈdʒɜː.nə.lɪ.zm/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** journalism, journalist

**NOUN [u]**  
[B2] the work of collecting, writing and publishing news stories and articles in newspapers and magazines or broadcasting them on the radio and television

**Dictionary example:**  
I did a postgraduate degree in journalism.

**Learner example:**  
She told the leader of the band that she was studying journalism and that her dream was to write for Rolling Stone Magazine.

**joy** /dʒɔɪ/  

**NOUN**  

**HAPPINESS**  
[B2] [u] great happiness

**Dictionary examples:**  
They were filled with joy when their first child was born.  
She wept for joy when she was told that her husband was still alive.

**Learner example:**  
Well, you should be bouncing up and down with joy (just kidding)!

**CAUSE OF HAPPINESS**  
[B2] [c] something or someone that makes you feel very happy

**Dictionary examples:**  
Listening to music is one of his greatest joys.  
the joys of parenthood  
She's a joy to work with.

**Learner example:**  
Take the train and experience the joy of travelling.
judge /dʒʌdʒ/  

Word family:  
Nouns: judge, judgment  
Verbs: judge  

NOUN [c]  

COURT  
[B2] someone who controls a trial in court, decides how criminals should be punished, and makes decisions about legal matters  

Dictionary example:  
The judge ruled that they had acted correctly.  

Learner example:  
To the surprise of everyone in the village, the judge found her guilty but didn't send her to jail because he thought she should take care of Linda, who had no other relatives.  

VERB  

judging by/from (also to judge by/from)  
[B2] used to express the reasons why you have a particular opinion  

Dictionary example:  
Judging by what he said, I think it's very unlikely that he'll be able to support your application.  

Learner example:  
I didn't like San Diego so much – just judging by my first impression.  

COMPETITION  
[C1] [I or T] to officially decide who will be the winner of a competition  

Dictionary example:  
I've been asked to judge the art competition.  

Learner example:  
If you don't object, we would like to see you judging the competition and giving prizes to the winners.  

judgment (also judgement) /ˈdʒʌdʒ.mənt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: judge, judgment  
Verbs: judge
NOUN

OPINION
[B2] [c] an opinion about someone or something that you decide on after thinking carefully

Dictionary example:
It proved difficult to come to/form/make a judgment about how well the school was performing.

Learner example:
Your judgment about the other performers is completely unfair: they were also very good.

jump /dʒʌmp/

VERB

FEAR
[B2] [i] to make a sudden movement because you are frightened or surprised

Dictionary example:
Her scream made me jump.

Learner example:
The noise of a doorbell made me jump.

junior /ˈdʒuː ni.ər/

ADJECTIVE

LOW RANK
[B2] low or lower in rank or position

Dictionary examples:
a junior minister
junior office staff

Learner example:
There were six junior clerks and a teacher from the bank in a teaching room when suddenly the chairman of the bank came in.

YOUNG PEOPLE
[B2] for or relating to young people

Dictionary example:
a junior tennis tournament
Learner example:
I am used to working with children, as an instructor for a junior football team in my city.

**junk** /dʒʌŋk/

**NOUN [u] INFORMAL**
[C1] old things which have little value

**Dictionary example:**
His car is just a heap of junk.

**Learner example:**
I would also like to get rid of the junk in the other bedroom.

**junk food** /ˈdʒʌŋkˌfuːd/

**NOUN [u]**
[B2] food which is unhealthy but which is quick and easy to eat

**Dictionary example:**
He eats far too much junk food.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays young people often have junk food such as chips, beef burgers and so on.

**junk mail** /dʒʌŋkˌmeɪl/

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] letters or emails sent by companies to advertise their goods and services

**Dictionary example:**
Most of these letters are junk mail.

**Learner example:**
I collect the post which is usually junk mail.
jury /ˈdʒʊə.ri/

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]

COURT
[B2] a group of people who have been chosen to listen to all the facts in a trial in a law court and to decide whether a person is guilty or not guilty, or whether a claim has been proved

Dictionary examples:
- members of the jury
- The jury was/were unable to agree.
- Police officers aren't usually allowed to be/sit/serve on a jury.

Learner example:
The accused is defended by a famous lawyer who tells his wife that a loving wife's confirmation of her husband's alibi will not convince the jury.

COMPETITION
[C1] a group of people who decide the winner of a competition

Dictionary example:
The jury must now decide.

Learner example:
People who think they are talented enough to sing and appear on TV apply for the show and go to auditions to sing their heart out in front of a jury.

just /dʒʌst/

Word family:
Nouns: justice, injustice
Adjectives: just

ADVERB

just as
[B2] at the same time as

Dictionary example:
She woke up just as we got there.

Learner example:
Just as I was turning on the radio somebody knocked at the door.

it's just as well
[C1] used to say that it is lucky that something happened
Dictionary example:
It's just as well we brought an umbrella.

Learner example:
It is just as well that my friends had cars to give me a lift to the school.

I/you/we, etc. will just have to do sth
[C1] used to say that there is nothing else someone can do

Dictionary example:
You'll just have to wait.

Learner example:
We will just have to wait and see.....

ADJECTIVE
[C1] fair or morally right

Dictionary example:
a just society

Learner example:
He is really involved in what he is doing and does not fear [facing] the difficulties if it is to defend a just cause.

justice /ˈdʒʌstɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: justice, injustice
Adjectives: just

NOUN [u]
FAIRNESS
[B2] behaviour or treatment that is fair and morally correct

Dictionary examples:
There's no justice in the world when people can be made to suffer like that.
The winner has been disqualified for cheating, so justice has been done.

Learner example:
Both of them symbolize courage, [a] love of justice, [and a] fight for freedom, which makes them look like heroes.

LAW
[B2] the system of laws which judges and punishes people

Dictionary examples:
The justice system in this country consists of a series of law courts at different levels.
The police are doing all they can to bring those responsible for the bombing to justice.
They are victims of a miscarriage of justice.
Learner example:
I hope by the time I [am] out of prison, [the] justice [system] will have changed.

justified /ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: justification
Verbs: justify
Adjectives: justifiable, justified, unjustified

ADJECTIVE
[C1] fair or having a good reason

Dictionary examples:
justified criticism
He's perfectly justified in asking for a salary increase.

Learner example:
Finally, I would strongly recommend that steps are taken to remedy matters and feel we are justified in requesting partial compensation.

justify /ˈdʒʌstɪfaɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: justification
Verbs: justify
Adjectives: justifiable, justified, unjustified

VERB [T]
GIVE/BE REASON
[B2] to give or to be a good reason for

Dictionary examples:
I can't really justify taking another day off work.
Are you sure that these measures are justified?

Learner example:
The fact that you want to be the best in your job does not justify your attitude.

justify yourself
[B2] If you justify yourself, you give a good reason for what you have done.

Dictionary example:
It was the only thing that I could do – I don't have to justify myself to anyone.

Learner example:
How we can justify ourselves, when we are completely against captivity?
**juvenile** /ˈdʒuː.vən.əl/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] by, for, or relating to young people

**Dictionary example:**
juvenile crime

**Learner example:**
Among many aspects of crime, researchers have been keenly studying juvenile crime.
keen /kiːn/

ADJECTIVE

VERY GOOD

[C1] very good or well developed

Dictionary example:
a keen sense of smell

Learner example:
Furthermore, she has a keen sense of humour and does not mind a practical joke, which is an advantage with children.

keep /kiːp/

Word family:
Nouns: keeper
Verbs: keep

VERB (kept, kept)

keep sb waiting

[B2] to be late so that someone has to wait for you

Dictionary examples:
I'm sorry to have kept you waiting.
The dentist kept me waiting for ages.

Learner example:
A week later, when we were going to have our second lesson, she kept us waiting for almost an hour.

keep a/your promise

[B2] to do what you have promised to do

Dictionary example:
James kept his promise and repaid all of the money he had borrowed.

Learner example:
She didn't keep her promise and she ruined my life.
keep notes/records, etc.
[B2] to write something down in order to remember it

**Dictionary example:**
Remember to keep a record of how much you spend.

**Learner example:**
Furthermore, a computer helps us to keep records by saving file[s].

keep your/an eye on sb/sth
[B2] to watch or look after someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
Could you keep an eye on this pan of soup for a moment?

**Learner example:**
You have to supply [e]verything they need and keep an eye on them all the time.

**FOOD**
[B2] If food or drink keeps, it remains fresh.

**Dictionary example:**
Once opened, this product will keep for three days if refrigerated.

**ANIMALS**
[B2] to have and look after animals

**Dictionary example:**
Our neighbours keep chickens.

**Learner example:**
It is cruel to keep dogs, cats, [and] birds in flats.

keep sb company
[B2] to stay with someone so that they are not alone

**Dictionary example:**
Come and keep me company, Isabel.

**Learner example:**
I wish you came and kept me company.

keep sb/sth in mind
[B2] to remember to consider someone or something that may be useful in the future

**Dictionary example:**
I'll keep you in mind if another job comes up.

**Learner example:**
But we should keep in mind that books improve our vocabulary and, what's more, our imagination.
**keep track**
[C1] to continue to know about someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**
He changes jobs so often I can’t keep track any more.  
Be sure to keep track of the time so you won't be late.

**Learner example:**
Trying to keep track of these changes by translating them would be an inappropriate task.

**keep your word**
[C1] to do what you said you would do

**Dictionary example:**
He agreed to come and I'm sure he'll keep his word.

**Learner example:**
It turned out that the company that had been hired to organize it did not keep their word.

**keep sb going**
[C1] to provide what someone needs for a short period of time

**Dictionary example:**
Dinner is at eight, but I had an apple to keep me going.

**Learner example:**
Because of health concerns, advertisements lately show the people in Holland how important it is to have a good breakfast and that it will keep you going the whole day.

**PROVIDE MONEY**
[C1] [r] to provide enough money for someone to live

**Dictionary example:**
I can’t keep a family on that salary.

**Learner example:**
The economy ha[d] been developed and people could earn money in order to keep the family.

**keep your cool**
[C1] to remain calm

**Dictionary example:**
You did well to keep your cool in all that panic.

**Learner example:**
Whatever the problem is, keep your cool, don’t panic.

**keep an eye out for sb/sth**
[C1] to watch carefully for someone or something to appear

**Dictionary example:**
Keep an eye out for the delivery van.
Learner example:
Although individually we try to deliver the best care possible for our individual patients, we do keep an ear or an eye out for the other members of the team that day.

keep pace with *sb/sth*
[C1] to move or develop at the same speed as someone or something else

Dictionary example:
We have to keep pace with the changing times.

Learner example:
It was first published a century ago and what amazes people most is that [it] keeps pace with the development of the country without leaving out references to our history and tradition.

keep *sb posted*
[C1] to make certain that someone always knows what is happening

Dictionary example:
Keep me posted on anything that happens while I’m away.

Learner example:
We will keep our members posted on the best eating places in town.

keep a low profile
[C1] to try not to be noticed

Dictionary example:
She has kept a low profile since the divorce.

Learner example:
Finally, I believe that the best way to handle these issues is to try to keep a low profile at all times and to remain indifferent to gossip.

**key** /ki:/

**NOUN [C]**

**KEYBOARD**
[B2] one of the parts that you press with your fingers on a computer or musical instrument to produce letters, numbers, symbols or musical notes

Dictionary examples:
Press the shift key to write in capital letters.
piano keys

Learner example:
What is more, you can get the information you need in just one second by pressing the "enter" key on a computer.
ADJECTIVE

IMPORTANT
[B2] very important in influencing or achieving something

Dictionary examples:
She was a key figure in the international art world.
a key factor in tackling the problem

Learner example:
Unfortunately one day I decided that it was time to become more independent and I didn’t ask a key question.

be key to sth
[C1] to be very important in influencing or achieving something

Dictionary example:
Early diagnosis is key to your chances of surviving.

Learner example:
Distribution is key to achieving economic growth and the positioning of domestic and imported goods.

VERB

key in sth or key sth in PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to put information into a computer using a keyboard

Dictionary example:
I've got all the data now but it still needs to be keyed in.

Learner example:
Just key in the appropriate information and in a few seconds you will receive prices and conditions.

kick /kɪk/

VERB [I or T]

kick in PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to start to be effective or to happen

Dictionary example:
The new tax rate kicks in next month.

Learner example:
It is at this time that the hormones start to kick in resulting in most of them having to suffer the side effects.
**kick off** **PHRASAL VERB**

[C1] When a football match or other event kicks off, it starts.

**Dictionary example:**
What time does the match kick off?

**kick sb out** **PHRASAL VERB**

[C1] to force someone to leave a place or organization

**Dictionary example:**
His wife kicked him out.

**Learner example:**
He will kick you out of his house without thanking you.

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**kill** /kɪl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** killer, killing

**Verbs:** kill

**VERB [T]**

**kill time**

[B2] to do something while you are waiting for something else to happen or have nothing else to do

**Dictionary example:**
We killed time playing video games.

**Learner example:**
When you are at home alone and have nothing to do, you can kill time watching television.

**CAUSE PAIN**

[C1] **INFORMAL** to cause you a lot of pain or effort

**Dictionary examples:**
My feet are killing me.
It wouldn't kill you to tidy up occasionally.

**Learner example:**
I didn't have enough room to move and the seat belt was broken so when we finally arrived [in] Edinburgh my back was killing me.
kind /kəɪnd/

Word family:
Nouns: kindness
Adjectives: kind, unkind
Adverbs: kindly

NOUN [c]

kind of INFORMAL
[B2] used to describe something approximately

Dictionary examples:
It's a kind of shed.
He was kind of half laughing and half crying.

Learner example:
I know that the Frene Hotel is kind of expensive, but it's just for one night so I think we can make it.

kindness /ˈkaɪnd.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: kindness
Adjectives: kind, unkind
Adverbs: kindly

NOUN [u]

[B2] the quality of being kind

Dictionary example:
love and kindness

Learner example:
Thank you again for your kindness and hospitality.

king /kɪŋ/

NOUN [c]

BEST PERSON
[C1] the best or most important person in a particular activity

Dictionary example:
He's the new king of pop music.
Learner example:
He is the king of football, which is not at all an exag[g]eration, even though he is retired now.

kingdom /ˈkɪŋ.dəm/

NOUN [C]
COUNTRY
[B2] a country ruled by a king or queen

Dictionary example:
the kingdom of Sweden

Learner example:
The kingdom Chosun lasted until the beginning of [the] 20th century.

kneel /niːl/

VERB [I] (knelt or kneeled, knelt or kneeled)
[B2] to go down into, or stay in, a position where one or both knees are on the ground

Dictionary examples:
She knelt (down) beside the child.
He knelt in front of the altar and prayed.

Learner example:
Robert knelt down by her, prono[u]ncing the simple words "Will you marry me?"

knob /nɒb/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a round handle, or a round button on a machine

Dictionary examples:
a door knob
Turn the black knob to switch on the radio.

Learner example:
It's so obvious that when we turn a knob on or when we switch on something [and] there is no electricity, we are at a loss!
knock  /nɔk/

VERB

knock sth down PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to destroy a building or part of a building

Dictionary example:
They've knocked down the old cinema.

Learner example:
Since many of the office building are almost empty I also think that we should have them knocked down and replaced by green parks or other areas where no cars are to be allowed.

knock sb out PHRASAL VERB

HIT SOMEONE
[B2] to make someone become unconscious, usually by hitting them on the head

Dictionary example:
He was knocked out halfway through the fight.

Learner example:
Chris knocked him out with a strong punch without doubting that he was a criminal.

DEFEAT IN COMPETITION
[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to defeat a person or team in a competition so they cannot take part any more

Dictionary example:
The French team were knocked out in the semi final.

knock sth/sb over PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to hit or push something or someone, especially accidentally, so that they fall to the ground or onto their side

Dictionary examples:
I knocked a bottle of wine over while I was reaching for a dish.
He banged into me so hard that he nearly knocked me over.

Learner example:
I knocked over the girl's cup, which was still full of milk.
know /nəʊ/

Word family:
Nouns: knowledge, unknown
Verbs: know
Adjectives: known, unknown, knowledgeable
Adverbs: knowingly

VERB (knew, known)

as far as I know
[B2] used to say that you think something is true, but cannot be sure

Dictionary example:
As far as I know, he's never been in trouble with the police.

Learner example:
As far as I know, accommodation at Camp California is in tents or log cabins.

know better (than to do sth)
[B2] to have the intelligence or judgment not to do something

Dictionary example:
She should have known better than to eat so much. No wonder she feels sick now.

Learner example:
I should have known better but I had to tell it to someone.

I know
[B2] used when you agree with something someone has just said

Dictionary example:
"It's a lovely day, isn't it?" "I know – let's hope it lasts."

you never know
[B2] used to say that something could be possible although it does not seem likely

Dictionary example:
You never know – you might win the lottery.

Learner example:
You never know, maybe I'll find something interesting and I'll change my point of view.

before you know it
[C1] very soon

Dictionary example:
We'll be there before you know it.

Learner example:
It is a bit dark inside and especially in winter, it is dark before you know it.
**know sth inside out**
[C1] to know everything about something

**Dictionary example:**
He knows the system inside out.

**Learner example:**
The participants got to know Britain inside out and they are happy with the knowledge they gained.

**know what you are talking about**
[C1] to understand a subject because of your experience

**Dictionary example:**
He doesn’t know what he’s talking about – he’s never even been to Africa.

**Learner example:**
I beli[e]ve that you don’t really know what you’re talking about.

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**knowledge /ˈnɒl.ɪdʒ/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** knowledge, unknown
**Verbs:** know
**Adjectives:** known, unknown, knowledgeable
**Adverbs:** knowingly

**NOUN**

**to (the best of) my knowledge**
[B2] used to say that you think that something is true, but cannot be sure

**Dictionary example:**
To the best of my knowledge, she’s never worked abroad.

**Learner example:**
Besides, to the best of my knowledge, nowhere in the city can [you] try such lovely mushrooms.

**common knowledge**
[B2] something that a lot of people know

**Dictionary example:**
It's common knowledge that he spent time in jail.

**Learner example:**
It is common knowledge that such attention [in the mass–media] inevitably tells on relationships in the family.

**a working knowledge of sth**
[B2] knowledge about something which is good enough to be useful
Dictionary example:
She has a working knowledge of German and Russian.

Learner example:
Furthermore, I have a working knowledge of English, Spanish, Catalan and Italian.

knowledgeable /ˈnɒl.ɪdʒ.ə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: knowledge, unknown
Verbs: know
Adjectives: known, unknown, knowledgeable
Adverbs: knowingly

ADJECTIVE
[C1] knowing a lot

Dictionary example:
He's very knowledgeable about art.

Learner example:
The teaching staff are largely responsible for the quality of the classes, as they're very knowledgeable and patient; being able to find them after classes, though, was impossible.

known /nəʊn/

Word family:
Nouns: knowledge, unknown
Verbs: know
Adjectives: known, unknown, knowledgeable
Adverbs: knowingly

ADJECTIVE
FAMILIAR
[B2] recognised or known about by most people

Dictionary examples:
These people are known criminals.
He is known to the police because of his previous criminal record.

be known to do sth
[C1] if something or someone is known to do something, people know that it is true or happens

Dictionary examples:
He is known to dislike opera.
Her car was known to break down frequently.
Learner example:
Firstly, the development of technology is known to cause ob[e]sity.
**label** /ˈleɪ.bəl/

**VERB** [ɪ] (–ll– or US usually –l–)

**INFORMATION**
[C1] to fix a small piece of paper or other material to something which gives information about it

**Dictionary examples:**
All food has to be labelled with 'best before' or 'use by' dates.
The parcel was clearly labelled 'Fragile'.

**Learner example:**
Moreover, the book shelves are clearly labelled and the books are in alphabetical order.

**labour** /ˈleɪ.bər/

**NOUN**

**WORK**
[C1] [u] work, especially the type of work that needs a lot of physical effort

**Dictionary examples:**
The car parts themselves are not expensive, it's the labour that costs the money.
manual labour

**Learner example:**
My contribution towards this project is that I will provide two of my trucks and labour for the transportation of garbage within the community to the dumping sites.

**WORKERS**
[C1] [u] workers, especially people who do practical work with their hands

**Dictionary examples:**
skilled/unskilled labour
casual labour

**Learner example:**
This is seen in some AIDS programme[s] by developed countries to developing countries where many poor people including women and children benefit from skilled labour from abroad.
the labour market
[C1] the number of people who are available and willing to work

Dictionary example:
More women have entered the labour market in recent years.

Learner example:
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE best suits [the] situation of a young Pole entering the labour market.

lack /læk/

VERB [T]

NOT HAVE
[B2] to not have or not have enough of something that is needed or wanted

Dictionary examples:
He just lacks a little confidence.
What we lack in this house is space to store things.
We are lacking three members of staff due to illness.

Learner example:
He lacks confidence due to such a terrible appearance.

be lacking in sth
[C1] to not have a quality

Dictionary example:
He's totally lacking in charm of any sort.

Learner example:
On the other hand, Japanese children are lacking in creativity and originality.

ladder /ˈlædər/

NOUN [C]

STAGES
[C1] a series of increasingly important jobs or stages in a particular type of work or process

Dictionary examples:
a first step on the employment ladder
He moved rapidly up the corporate ladder.
Learner example:
Far too often it is not "the key" but "the missing link", preventing us from taking the next step on the career ladder.

**land /lænd/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** land, landing
- **Verbs:** land

**NOUN**

**NOT SEA**

[B2] [u] the surface of the Earth that is not sea

**Dictionary examples:**
It is cheaper to drill for oil on land than at sea.
The treaty has led to a dramatic reduction in the number of land-based missiles in Europe.

**Learner example:**
Firstly, the car is the fastest way of transportation by land [that] we have.

**VERB**

**land in/on, etc.**

[C1] If an object or person lands somewhere, they fall to the ground there.

**Dictionary examples:**
The ball landed in the neighbour's garden.
She landed flat on her back.

**Learner example:**
Then, when your booking form landed on my door mat, I decided to take matters into my own hands and to pay a visit to this conference.

**landing /ˈlæn.dɪŋ/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** land, landing
- **Verbs:** land

**NOUN** [C]

[B2] an arrival on the ground of an aircraft or boat

**Dictionary example:**
One person has died after the pilot of a light aircraft was forced to make a crash/emergency landing in a field.
Learner example:
The company said our landing would depend on the weather forecast.

**landlady /ˈlændˌleɪd.i/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a woman who you rent a room or a house from

**Dictionary example:**
My landlady doesn't let us have guests.

**Learner example:**
The thing is our landlady loves money and we have to pay plenty of money excluding [the] accommodation fee.

**landlord /ˈlænd.ˈloʊd/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a man who you rent a room or house from

**Dictionary example:**
I've asked our landlord to fix the window.

**Learner example:**
I came downstairs [and] saw my landlord, [who] seemed very angry.

**landmark /ˈlænd.ˈmɑːk/**

**NOUN [C]**

**BUILDING**

[C1] a building that you can easily recognize, especially one that helps you to know where you are

**Dictionary example:**
a historic landmark

**Learner example:**
What they enjoyed most was the bus tour of London, on Tuesday, as it was a chance for them to see all the famous landmarks without walking.
lane /leɪn/

NOUN [C]

ROAD
[B2] a narrow road in the countryside or in a town

Dictionary example:
He drives so fast along those narrow country lanes.

Learner example:
I think the best place to buy all this junk food is from my aunty’s sweet shop, just 2 miles down your lane.

PART
[B2] part of a road or track that is separated from the other parts, usually by a painted line

Dictionary examples:
the inside/middle/outside lane
the fast/slow lane
They’re widening the road from two to three lanes.

Learner example:
For example, most buses drive in an extra lane.

language /ˈlæŋ.wɪdʒ/

NOUN

TYPE OF WORDS
[C1] [u] words of a particular type, especially the words used by people in a particular job or academic field

Dictionary examples:
legal language
the language of business

Learner example:
English has become the language of science, so it seems, even though some of the papers, studies and publications are hard to read and understand.

COMPUTERS
[C1] [c or u] a system of instructions that is used to write computer programs

Dictionary example:
I’m not familiar with that language.
Learner example:
Students must have knowledge of at least one programming language, preferably Visual C++.

foul language
[C1] very rude and offensive words

Dictionary example:
There was a lot of foul language in the movie.

Learner example:
It is the responsibility of the parents not to fight or use any foul language in front of the kids, as they may learn and use it in front of others.

strong language
[C1] words that some people might consider to be offensive

Dictionary example:
The movie contains strong language.

Learner example:
But what I do see is local kids standing by the corner, chat[t]ing, smoking fags and using strong language.

lap /læp/

NOUN [C]

BODY
[B2] Your lap is the top part of your legs when you are sitting down.

Dictionary example:
Come on kids – sit on my lap and I'll read you a story.

Learner example:
Clara opened her eyes and she was sit[t]ing [o]n [a] comfortable sofa in her warm room, and in her lap was [a] history book.

SPORTS
[B2] one complete turn around a race track or from one end of a swimming pool to the other

Dictionary example:
He's two laps behind the leaders.

Learner example:
The race began and David was 2nd after 25 laps, behind Nilson's rear bumper.
**large /lɑːdʒ/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** large
**Adverbs:** largely

**ADJECTIVE**

**by and large**
[C1] in general

**Dictionary example:**
By and large, people have welcomed the changes.

**Learner example:**
By and large, it is clear that we all enjoy some kind of sport.

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**largely /ˈlɑːdʒ.li/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** large
**Adverbs:** largely

**ADVERB**

[B2] almost completely

**Dictionary examples:**
a largely male company
Their complaints have been largely ignored.
Until recently, the civil war had been largely unreported in the press.

**Learner example:**
What I'm trying to say is that images, film-frames, videos and sound clips would be largely accepted by the young people because we're moving into a new high-technology age.

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**laser /ˈleɪ.zə/**

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a machine that produces a strong beam of light that has medical and technical uses or a beam of light produced by a machine like this

**Dictionary examples:**
laser beam
laser surgery
These appliances have been the key to medical achievements, such as laser-based surgery or different kinds of diagnosis and treatment.

**last /lɑːst/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** last
**Adjectives:** last
**Adverbs:** last, lastly

**ADJECTIVE, DETERMINER**
**the last person/thing, etc.**
**[B2] the least expected or wanted person or thing**

**Dictionary examples:**
Three extra people to feed – that's the last thing I need!
The last thing I wanted was to make you unhappy.
Matthew is the last person I'd expect to be interested in dance.
He's the last person I'd trust with my keys.

**Learner example:**
I thought it would be the last thing I wanted, but it wasn't. I've really enjoyed this opportunity.

**ADVERB**
**AFTER ALL OTHERS**
**[B2] after everything or everyone else**

**Dictionary examples:**
I wasn't expecting to win the race but I didn't think I'd come last!
We've still got to check the figures but we'll do that last.

**Learner example:**
When I reached the other end of the pool, my heart suddenly stopped and I just couldn't move my legs to continue swimming. So, I arrived last.

**last but not least**
**[B2] something that you say to introduce the last person or thing on a list**

**Dictionary example:**
This is Jeremy, this is Cath and, last but not least, this is Eva.

**Learner example:**
And, last but not least, some complaints were made [about] the entertainment the café provides.
the last
[B2] a person or thing that does something after all the others

Dictionary example:
We were the last to get there.

Learner example:
After a short time, the last of Mrs. O'Connell's guests arrived.

the day/week/year, etc. before last
[B2] the day, week, year, etc. before the one that has just finished

Dictionary example:
I only had my hair cut the week before last.

Learner example:
But the year before last I went with my parents on holiday and we had a lot of fun.

BE ENOUGH
[C1] to be enough for a period of time

Dictionary examples:
I've only got £30 to last me till the end of the month.
We've got enough food to last another week.

Learner example:
Until now half of the Filipinos in the Philippines who [devote] themselves to farming are still on [a] hand to mouth existence, having just enough food to last until the next harvest.

lastly ˈlɑːst.li/

Word family:
Nouns: last
Adjectives: last
Adverbs: last, lastly

ADVERB
[B2] finally

Dictionary example:
And lastly, I'd like to thank everyone who took part in the event.

Learner example:
Lastly, I'd like to say that it's very kind of you to suggest bringing something back for me.
last-minute /ˈlɑːstˌmɪnɪt/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] done at the latest possible opportunity

Dictionary example:
a last-minute cancellation

Learner example:
I could come the following day to help you [with] the last-minute preparations if you want [me] to.

late /leɪt/

Word family:
Adjectives: late, latest
Adverbs: lately, later

ADVERB

NEAR THE END
[B2] near the end of a period of time

Dictionary examples:
We talked late into the night.
As late as the 1980s they were still using horses on this farm.

Learner example:
Firstly, he usually starts working at eight in the morning and he keeps on writing and phoning till late in the evening.

later /ˈleɪ.tər/

Word family:
Adjectives: late, latest
Adverbs: lately, later

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

IN THE FUTURE
[B2] happening at a time in the future, or after the time you have mentioned

Dictionary examples:
We could catch a later train.
You can always change your password at a later date.

Learner example:
He said he'll come at a later date.
**latter** /ˈlæt.ər/  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**  
[B2] near or towards the end of something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Building of the new library should begin in the latter part of next year.  
In the latter stages of the fight he began to tire.  

**Learner example:**  
I agree with the latter opinion.  

**PRONOUN**  

the latter  
[B2] the second of two people, things or groups previously mentioned  

**Dictionary example:**  
My boss offered me more money or a car, and I chose the latter.  

**Learner example:**  
The former is a Chinese restaurant and the latter an Indian.  

**laughter** /ˈlɑːftər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** laugh, laughter  
**Verbs:** laugh  

**NOUN [U]**  
[B2] the act or sound of laughing  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She roared with laughter.  
As we approached the hall we could hear the sound of laughter.  

**Learner example:**  
There was a roar of laughter.  

**launch** /ˈlɑːntʃ/  

**VERB [T]**  

**BEGIN**  
[B2] to begin an important plan or activity
Dictionary examples:
The scheme was launched by the government a year ago.

Learner example:
Dear Phil, I was very proud last Monday when you asked me to help you to launch this association.

NEW PRODUCT

[B2] If a company launches a product or service, it makes it available for the first time.

Dictionary examples:
The book was launched last February.
The airline will launch its new transatlantic service next month.

Learner example:
The firm was launching a new product and Peter was the manager in charge [of] making this product the most desirable thing to buy.

SEND

[C1] to send a spacecraft or bomb into the sky, or a ship into the water

Dictionary examples:
A spokesman for the dockyard said they hoped to launch the first submarine within two years.
to launch a missile

Learner example:
Could our grandparents or grandparents' parents imagine that one day, we would be able to launch rockets, to have satellites in the sky?

NOUN [C]

START OF ACTIVITY

[C1] the start of an important plan or activity or the process of making a new product or service available

Dictionary examples:
The launch of their new campaign began today with a press conference.
How much champagne will we need for the launch?
Illness prevented her attending the launch party for her latest novel.

Learner example:
As for the natural resources, it is not very effective as nothing has changed since the launch of the campaign.

LEAVE LAND

[C1] the launching of a spacecraft, ship, or weapon

Dictionary example:
The launch of the space shuttle was delayed for 24 hours because of bad weather.
Learner example:
Since I was a young boy I was constantly imagining that I was able to travel through time and be an eye-witness to some of mankind's most significant moments – the birth of Christ, the discovery of America, and even up to recent events such as the launch of the first space shuttle.

### laundry /ˈloːn.dri/

NOUN [u]
[B2] clothes, sheets, etc. that need to be washed

**Dictionary example:**

to *do* the laundry

**Learner example:**
Does the camp have laundry facilities?

### law /loː/

Word family:
Nouns: law, lawyer

NOUN

RULE
[B2] [c or u] an official rule in a country

**Dictionary examples:**
There are laws against drinking in the street.
The laws governing the possession of firearms are being reviewed.
They led the fight to impose laws on smoking.
They have passed a new law to ban fox hunting.

**Learner example:**
I think it would be a good idea to let shop owner[s] decide themselves about opening time and not to constrict this by law.

**the law**
[B2] the system of official rules in a country

**Dictionary examples:**
What does the law say about having alcohol in the blood while driving?
Of course robbery is against the law!
The judge ruled that the directors had knowingly broken the law.
You can't take that course of action and remain within the law.

**Learner example:**
As a result, the law is being constantly broken.
by law
[C1] If you have to do something by law, it is illegal not to do it.

Dictionary example:
They have to provide a contract by law.

Learner example:
Swedish organisations and [companies] are forced by law to put forward programmes for employing more women and improv[ing] their conditions.

lawn /lɔːn/

NOUN [c]
[C1] an area of grass that is cut

Dictionary example:
Will you mow the lawn at the weekend?

Learner example:
Please find enclosed a map of Brighton. Concerning the house, I ask you to mow the lawn regularly and to water the flowers and the green plants every day.

lay /leɪ/

VERB [t] (laid, laid)

lay eggs
[B2] If an animal lays eggs, it produces them out of its body.

Dictionary example:
The hens have laid a lot of eggs this week.

Learner example:
The only thing they can do is to lay eggs.

lay sth down/in/on, etc.
[C1] to put something down somewhere carefully

Dictionary examples:
She laid the baby on the bed.
He laid the tray down on the table.
She laid aside her book and went to answer the phone.

Learner example:
Veterans lay flowers on the graves of those who’d died during the War.
layer /ˈleɪ.ə/

NOUN [c]

[B2] an amount of a substance covering a surface, or one of several amounts of substance, each on top of the other

Dictionary examples:
the ozone layer
A thick layer of dust lay over everything.
There was a thin layer of oil on the surface of the water.
We stripped several layers of paint off the door.

Learner example:
I think clothes will have many gadgets on them like a small oxygen mask [or] a hat designed to protect people from the strong rays of the sun at midday because the ozone layer will be destroyed in a hundred years' [time].

layout /ˈleɪ.aʊt/

NOUN [c]

[C1] the way that something is arranged

Dictionary examples:
Pay attention to the layout of your report.
Do you like the layout of the kitchen?

Learner example:
Concerning the layout of the new centre, I think that the changes you proposed to the size and location of the coffee bar will be of invaluable help.

laziness /ˈleɪ.zi.nəs/
**lazy /ˈleɪ.zi/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** laziness
- **Adjectives:** lazy

**ADJECTIVE**

- **RELAXED**
  - [B2] slow and relaxed

  **Dictionary example:**
  a lazy morning/weekend

  **Learner example:**
  All in all we spent a lazy holiday there with fine weather and a warm blue sea.

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**lead /liːd/**

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** lead, leader, leadership
- **Verbs:** lead, mislead
- **Adjectives:** lead, leading, misleading

**VERB (led, led)**

- **lead into/to/towards, etc.**
  - [B2] If something, for example a path or road, leads somewhere, it goes in that direction.

  **Dictionary examples:**
  That path leads to the beach.
  There's a track that leads directly to the reservoir.
  A narrow trail of blood led directly into the cave.

  **Learner example:**
  I discovered a small path which led to an old castle we had never seen before.

- **BE WINNING**
  - [B2] [I or T] to be winning a game or a competition

  **Dictionary examples:**
  After thirty minutes the challengers were leading by two goals.
  With two laps to go Ngomo led by less than two seconds.
  The Lions lead the Hawks 28 – 9.

  **Learner example:**
  Marseille led 1–0 versus Milan AC in the match which qualified the winner for the semi-finals.
CONTROL
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to be in control of a group, country, or situation

Dictionary examples:
I think we've chosen the right person to lead the expedition.
I've asked Gemma to lead the discussion.
Who will be leading the enquiry into the accident?

Learner example:
I also led a group of people cleaning the wood just outside the city.

lead a busy/normal/quiet, etc. life
[B2] to live in a particular way

Dictionary example:
He was able to lead a normal life despite his illness.

Learner example:
Owing to the great speed of technological development, people need to lead a faster life [than before].

NOUN
WINNING
[B2] [n0 plural] a winning position during a race or other situation where people are competing, or a position ahead of other people

Dictionary examples:
For the first time in the race Harrison is in the lead.
With a final burst of speed she went/moved into the lead.
After last night's win Johnson has taken the lead in the championship table.
By the end of the day's play Davies had a lead of three points.
The whole family walked down to the beach, with Mum in the lead.

Learner example:
David was in the lead with a revolver tightly held in his hand.

leader /ˈliː.dər/

Word family:
Nouns: lead, leader, leadership
Verbs: lead, mislead
Adjectives: lead, leading, misleading

NOUN [C]

WINNER
[C1] someone or something that is winning during a race or other situation where people are competing
Dictionary examples:
He’s fallen two laps behind the leaders.
Microsoft is a world leader in software design.

Learner example:
The work experience with SuNatCo must, [without] doubt, positively affect your future career, as our firm is a world leader in the sphere of communications.

leadership /ˈliː.də.ʃɪp/

Word family:
Nouns: lead, leader, leadership
Verbs: lead, mislead
Adjectives: lead, leading, misleading

NOUN [U]

JOB
[C1] the job of being in control of a group, country, or situation

Dictionary examples:
The group flourished under her firm leadership.
R&M gained market leadership by selling products that were of superior quality.

Learner example:
Apart from his charismatic leadership and his pioneering spirit, Eleftherios Venizelos was very close to people who were impoverished and deeply disappointed at that time.

the leadership
[C1] the people in control of a group, country, or situation

Dictionary examples:
There is growing discontent with the leadership.
The election for the leadership of the council will take place on Tuesday.

Learner example:
His reappearance is when he wins the leadership of the Social Democratic Party and when a few months later he becomes Prime-Minster.

QUALITY
[C1] the set of characteristics that make a good leader

Dictionary examples:
What the company lacks is leadership.
He lacks leadership qualities/skills.

Learner example:
I also have strong leadership skills and I can lead a team, if necessary.
**leading  /ˈliː.dɪŋ/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** lead, leader, leadership  
**Verbs:** lead, mislead  
**Adjectives:** lead, leading, misleading

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[B2] very important or most important

**Dictionary examples:**
- a leading expert on the country's ecology
- the world's leading manufacturer of audio equipment

**Learner example:**
Indeed hard work plays the leading role concerning both family welfare and [the] national economy.

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**leaflet  /ˈliːf.lət/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a piece of folded paper or a small book which contains information

**Dictionary example:**
I picked up a useful leaflet on how to fill in tax forms.

**Learner example:**
Another idea is to place a table where students, staff and visitors can find some information about the school and their activities, some leaflets and brochures.

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**leak /liːk/**

**VERB**

**LIQUID**

[B2] [I or T] If a liquid or gas leaks, it comes out of a hole by accident, and if a container leaks, it allows liquid or gas to come out when it should not.

**Dictionary examples:**
- Water was leaking from the pipe.
- Oil leaked out of the car.
- The tin was leaking.
- The car leaked oil all over the drive.

**Learner example:**
There is always a possibility that this tent is leaking.
NOUN [C]

HOLE
[B2] a hole in something that a liquid or gas comes out of, or the liquid or gas that comes out

Dictionary examples:
There's water on the floor – we must have a leak.
If you suspect a gas leak, phone the emergency number.

Learner example:
The theatre restaurant was closed because there was a serious leak in a [pipe] and the kitchen was flooded.

lean /liːn/

VERB [I or T] (leaned or leant, leaned or leant)

lean (sth) back/forward/out, etc.
[B2] to move the top part of your body in a particular direction

Dictionary examples:
She leaned forward and whispered in my ear.
He was leaning out of the window.
Lean your head back a bit.

Learner example:
John loved figures, combining them into long lines, counting them and solving difficult problems. And he had a secret. He saw numbers in different colours. [...] John tried to hide his papers with a book but Mr. Robinson leaned forward and whispered: "My number one is always red".

lean (sth) against/on sth
[B2] to rest against something for support, or to move something into this position

Dictionary examples:
She leaned her head on his shoulder.
His spade was leaning against the fence.

Learner example:
She turned around and saw this boy leaning against the wall.

learn /lɜːn/ (learned or learnt, learned or learnt)

Word family:
Nouns: learner, learning
Verbs: learn
VERB

CHANGE BEHAVIOUR
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to start to understand that you must change the way you behave

Dictionary examples:
She'll have to learn that she can't have everything she wants.
She soon learnt not to contradict him.
He's not afraid to learn from his mistakes.

Learner example:
I am sure that the organis[e]rs will learn from their mistakes and that next year you will enjoy it.

learner /ˈlɜːnər/

Word family:
Nouns: learner, learning
Verbs: learn

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who is getting knowledge or a new skill

Dictionary example:
learners of English

Learner example:
She is very shy, so her Japanese didn't improve very rapidly, but she was a very industrious learner.

learning /ˈlɜːnɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: learner, learning
Verbs: learn

NOUN [u]
[B2] the process of getting knowledge or a new skill

Dictionary examples:
language learning
This technique makes learning fun.
For the first month in her new job she was on a steep learning curve.

Learner example:
These events are not only to entertain students, they are also a part of the learning process, as by communicating with each other, students learn the language.
least /liːst/

**ADVERB**

**at least**

[B2] used to reduce the effect of a statement

**Dictionary example:**
I've met the President – at least, he shook my hand once.

**Learner example:**
But after years of developing my slalom, I wanted to learn something new, [s]o, I started Hot-Dogging. Hot-Dog is great fun. At least, people say so.

**last but not least**

[B2] something that you say to introduce the last person or thing on a list

**Dictionary example:**
This is Jeremy, this is Cath and, last but not least, this is Eva.

**Learner example:**
And, last but not least, some complaints were made [about] the entertainment the café provides.

**PRONOUN**

**LESS**

[B2] less than anyone or anything else

**Dictionary examples:**
He contributed least to the workshop.
I like the green one least of all.
He’s the relative I like (the) least.
Giving her a bed for the night was the least I could do.

**Learner example:**
Taking you to the airport was the least I could do for such a good friend.

**at the very least**

[C1] not less than, and probably much more than

**Dictionary examples:**
At the very least, you should apologize.
We should earn £500 at the very least.

**Learner example:**
Thus, I trust you will agree that at the very least I deserve a letter of explanation from you and a substantial refund of my money.

**to say the least**

[C1] used to emphasize that you could have said something in a much stronger way
Dictionary example:
We were surprised, to say the least.

Learner example:
You get slightly bored, to say the least.

[**B2**] the smallest amount

Dictionary examples:
She earns the least money of all of us.
I spent the least time on the third question.

Learner example:
My favourite way to travel is by plane, because I think that the most important point when you are travelling is to arrive [at] your destination in the least time.

leave /liːv/

**VERB** *(left, left)*

**STAY IN SAME CONDITION**

[**B2**] [T] to cause something to stay in a particular condition

Dictionary examples:
Leave that chair where it is.
Don't leave any lights on, will you?
I'll have to go back – I think I've left the iron on.
You can leave the window open.

Learner example:
And I heard my husband shouting: "Mag, do you always have to leave all the lights on?"

**leave sb alone**

[**B2**] to stop speaking to or annoying someone

Dictionary example:
Leave me alone! I'm trying to work.

Learner example:
I asked [him] to leave me alone and [un]plugged the phone.

**leave sb doing sth**

[C1] If you leave something or someone doing something, you allow them to continue doing it, or they continue doing it when you go away.

Dictionary example:
I left the children watching television.
Learner example:
She also has the tendency to leave the children doing what they want, sometimes without realising the consequen[c]es.

lecturer /ˈlek.tʃər.ə/

Word family:
Nouns: lecture, lecturer
Verbs: lecture

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who teaches at a university or college

Dictionary example:
a lecturer in psychology

Learner example:
In addition, my lecturers can’t give me particular explanations for my questions.

leek /liːk/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a long white and green vegetable that smells and tastes similar to an onion

Dictionary example:
leek soup

Learner example:
I had some roasted chicken pieces with some leek and broccoli and roasted potatoes and Jan had his favourite spaghetti with cream sauce.

left-wing /ˌleftˈwɪŋ/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] relating to the belief that wealth and power should be shared equally

Dictionary example:
He is interested in left-wing politics.

Learner example:
Women’s politics are usually followed by the left-wing parties in Austria.
legal /ˈliː.ɡəl/

Word family:
Adjectives: illegal, legal
Adverbs: illegally, legally

ADJECTIVE

TO DO WITH LAW
[B2] relating to the law

Dictionary examples:
legal advice
a legal obligation/requirement
your legal rights

Learner example:
Unless I hear from you within ten days, I shall have to take legal advice on the matter.

ALLOWED
[B2] allowed by the law

Dictionary example:
Is abortion legal in your country?

Learner example:
Can anybody say how any enterprise should or must work? Is it legal?

legal action
[C1] a legal process in a court

Dictionary example:
They are planning to take legal action against the company.

Learner example:
If we do not get a satisfactory answer to this letter, apologising and offering the compensation that the students deserve, we will have no other option but to take legal action.

legally /ˈliː.ɡəli/

Word family:
Adjectives: illegal, legal
Adverbs: illegally, legally

ADVERB
[B2] as stated or allowed by the law

Dictionary example:
Children under sixteen are not legally allowed to buy cigarettes.
Learner example:
He already had a driving licence, so by that time he could legally drive his own Ferrari.

**legend** /ˈledʒ.ənd/

Word family:
Nouns: legend
Adjectives: legendary

**STORY**
[B2] [c or u] an old story or set of stories from ancient times

Dictionary examples:
The dance was based on several Hindu legends.
She is writing a thesis on Irish legend and mythology.
Legend has it that he always wore his boots in bed.

**FAME**
[C1] [c] a famous person

Dictionary examples:
a living legend
Jazz legend, Ella Fitzgerald, once sang in this bar.

Learner example:
The audience at the London Palladium was much more quiet, partly because we were in a theatre, partly because everyone was spe[e]chless in front of such a living legend.

**legendary** /ˈledʒ.əˌn.dri/

Word family:
Nouns: legend
Adjectives: legendary

**ADJECTIVE**
FAMOUS
[C1] famous for being excellent

Dictionary examples:
the legendary guitarist Jimi Hendrix
He became editor of the legendary Irish journal, 'The Bell'.

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Learner example:
If I went back to the beginning of [the] 70s, then I would probably have [had] a chance to work with Bill Gates and his 'legendary crew'.

OLD
[C1] from a legend

Dictionary example:
a legendary Greek hero

Learner example:
The last article concerned Hercules, the legendary hero.

lend /lend/ (lent, lent)

VERB

BANK
[B2] [I or τ] If a bank lends money, it gives money to someone who then pays the money back in small amounts over a period.

Dictionary examples:
The bank refuses to lend to students.
The bank agreed to lend him $5000.

length /lɛŋθ/

Word family:
Nouns: length
Verbs: lengthen
Adjectives: lengthy

NOUN [C or U]

TIME
[B2] the amount of time something takes

Dictionary examples:
the length of a film/speech/play
He is unable to concentrate on his work for any length of time.

Learner example:
We will need you to start the talk at 7:00 p.m. with a length of one hour.

BOOK, ETC.
[C1] the amount of writing in a book or document
Dictionary examples:
He’s written books of various lengths on the subject.
All of your essays will be about the same length.

lengthen /ˈlen.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: length
Verbs: lengthen
Adjectives: lengthy

VERB [i or T]
[C1] to become longer or to make something longer

Dictionary example:
There are plans to lengthen the school day.

Learner example:
Furthermore, I suggest [...] that you lengthen the stay in Cambridge which was definitely too short.

lengthy /ˈlen.kəi/

Word family:
Nouns: length
Verbs: lengthen
Adjectives: lengthy

ADJECTIVE
[C1] continuing for a long time

Dictionary examples:
a lengthy discussion/process
Many airline passengers face lengthy delays because of the strike.

Learner example:
It is worth watch[ing] because it is a really lovely story and you can gain a lot of optimism from it by realising that problems are not always as big as they seem to be, but as it is a soap opera it is extremely lengthy.

leopard /ˈlep.əd/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a large wild cat that has yellow fur with black spots on it and lives in Africa and southern Asia
Dictionary example:
We saw leopards in their natural habitat.

Learner example:
We saw different kinds of animals like a leopard, a buffalo and so on.

less /les/

Word family:
Verbs: lessen
Adverbs: less

ADVERB

more or less
[B2] almost or approximately

Dictionary examples:
We've more or less finished work on the house.
He more or less admitted he'd done it.
The new window will cost £500 more or less.

Learner example:
I will [now] give you some information, so that you know more or less what you can expect.

I/he, etc. couldn't care less INFORMAL
[C1] used to emphasize that someone is not interested in or worried about something or someone

Dictionary example:
I couldn't care less what people think.

Learner example:
There was hunger, there was poverty and the king couldn't care less about his people['s] well-being.

lessen /ˈles.n/
Learner example:
Should you give back the students’ money and take into consideration our complaints, I am sure that you will lessen our disappointment.

lesson /ˈles.ən/

NOUN [C]
EXPERIENCE
[B2] an experience which teaches you how to behave better in a similar situation in the future

Dictionary examples:
There is a lesson for all parents in this tragic accident. My parents made me pay back all the money and it was a lesson I never forgot. We can learn important lessons from this disaster.

Learner example:
I think he learned a valuable lesson.

learn your lesson
[B2] to decide not to do something again because it has caused you problems in the past

Dictionary example:
I’m not going out without my umbrella again – I’ve learnt my lesson!

Learner example:
She learnt her lesson and she won’t go out before [an] exam any more.

let /let/

VERB (letting, let, let)

let sb/sth in/past/through, etc.
[B2] to allow someone or something to move to a particular place

Dictionary examples:
They won’t let us past the gate. The roof lets in a lot of rain.

Learner example:
I had got so drunk that I could not control myself, so the doorman would not let me in.

let me/us
[B2] something that you say when you are offering to help someone
Dictionary example:
Let me carry your cases.

**let alone**
[C1] used to emphasize that something is more impossible than another thing

Dictionary example:
You couldn't trust her to look after your dog, let alone your child.

**Learner example:**
We are surrounded by amazing pieces of technology which we do not fully understand, let alone use to their full capacity.

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**level** /ˈlev,əl/

NOUN [C]

**AMOUNT**
[B2] the amount or number of something

Dictionary examples:
Inflation is going to rise 2% from its present level.
Chess requires a very high level of concentration.
There is some danger of low level radiation.

**Learner example:**
Your body requires a high level of nutrients to keep body functions working smoothly.

**HEIGHT**
[B2] the height of something

Dictionary example:
The water level in the lake is much higher after heavy rain.

**Learner example:**
Also, due to global warming, sea levels might rise and [the] risk of flooding will also rise.

**RANK**
[C1] a position within a system in which people are arranged according to their importance

Dictionary example:
These are subjects for discussion at management level.

**Learner example:**
But there is one big problem if the women can reach the upper management level: those women won't have any children.
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] flat or horizontal

**Dictionary examples:**
Make sure the camera is level before you take the picture.
Before I fix it to the wall, would you say this shelf was level?

**liability** /ˌlaɪ.əˈbɪl.ə.ti/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** liability
**Adjectives:** liable

**NOUN**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

[C1] [u] when you are legally responsible for something

**Dictionary example:**
They have admitted liability for the damage caused.

**Learner example:**
As soon as I had noticed it, I went to complain to the coach driver and he just disclaimed liability.

**TROUBLE**

[C1] [no plural] someone or something that is likely to cause you a lot of trouble

**Dictionary example:**
Wherever we go she upsets someone – she's a real liability.

**Learner example:**
It destroys the individual, brings shame to his family, and [he becomes] a liability instead of an asset to his society.

**liable** /ˈlaɪ.ə.bl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** liability
**Adjectives:** liable

**ADJECTIVE**

**RESPONSIBLE**

[C1] legally responsible

**Dictionary example:**
Corporate officials are liable for the safety of their employees.
Learner example:
As per our terms and conditions you are liable to pay for any damages occurred during the move and that is why we paid more money or premium to your Company than the others.

**liar** /ˈlaɪ.ər/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** liar, lie  
**Verbs:** lie  

**NOUN [C]**  
[B2] someone who tells lies  

*Dictionary examples:*  
He's such a liar – you can't trust a word he says.  
You liar – I never touched it!  

Learner example:  
The plan works: the jury thinks that the wife is a notorious liar and her husband is found innocent.

**liberal** /ˈlɪb.ər.əl/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[SOCIETY] accepting beliefs and behaviour that are new or different from your own  

*Dictionary examples:*  
a liberal society/attitude  
Her parents were far more liberal than mine.  

Learner example:  
In a liberal society everything depends on a mixture of wise legislation and responsible individual behavior.

**POLITICS**  
[C1] Liberal political ideas emphasize the need to make new laws as society changes and the need for government to provide social services.  

*Dictionary example:*  
They are one of a group of liberal parties in the European Union.  

Learner example:  
He studied law in Paris and got involved in politics as a member of the liberal party during the first years of the last Century.
liberation /ˌlɪb.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: liberty, liberation

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] when something or someone is released or made free

Dictionary examples:
the liberation of France from Nazi occupation
Leaving school was such a liberation for me.

Learner example:
Moreover, with the liberation of Greece, he was appointed as the First Governor of the new state.

liberty /ˈlɪb.ə.ti/ 

Word family:
Nouns: liberty, liberation

NOUN [U]

FREEDOM
[B2] the freedom to live as you wish or go where you want

Dictionary examples:
For most citizens, liberty means the freedom to practise their religious or political beliefs.
Hundreds of political prisoners are to be given their liberty.
Of the ten men who escaped this morning from Dartmoor Prison, only two are still at liberty.

Learner example:
Personally, I think [a zoo] is a cruel way to [im]prison them after such a long period of time [when] they have been useful to Man, who is now depriving them of their liberty, preventing them from hunting and forcing them to eat what they are given.

take the liberty of doing sth
[C1] to do something that will have an effect on someone else, without asking their permission

Dictionary example:
I took the liberty of booking theatre seats for us.

Learner example:
I have taken the liberty of listing some of my ideas and suggestions and hope they will be of interest to you.
**lick** /lɪk/

**VERB** [r]

[B2] to move your tongue across the surface of something

**Dictionary examples:**
He licked the chocolate off his fingers.
She licked the stamps and stuck them on the parcel.

**Learner example:**
As soon as I come home, she jumps on me and licks my face. [...] Princess is my ideal dog.

**lid** /lɪd/

**NOUN** [c]

[B2] a cover on a container, which can be lifted up or removed

**Dictionary examples:**
Can you get the lid off this jar?
Put a lid on the saucepan.

**lie** /laɪ/

**VERB** [i] (lying, lay, lain)

**lie ahead PHRASAL VERB**
[C1] If an event or situation that will cause problems lies ahead, it will happen in the future.

**Dictionary example:**
He's under no illusions about the difficulties that lie ahead for the industry.

**Learner example:**
They help prepare our children for what lies ahead of them.

**life** /laɪf/ (PLURAL lives)

**NOUN**

**PERSON'S EXISTENCE**

[B2] [c] the existence of a person
Dictionary examples:
How many lives will be lost to AIDS?
A simple mixture of glucose and water can save lives in many parts of the world.

Learner example:
Finally if you witness an accident you [should] inform the police quickly, which can save lives.

ENERGY

[B2] [u] energy or enthusiasm

Dictionary example:
She's so full of life.

Learner example:
Above all, I like children very much because they're full of life [and] always make a great impression on me when I have a chat with them.

for life

[C1] for the whole of someone's life

Dictionary example:
I will have to take this medicine for life.

Learner example:
A wedding opens a new life when the two parties commit to each other for life.

lifestyle  /ˈlaɪf.staɪl/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the way that you live

Dictionary examples:
He doesn't have a very healthy lifestyle.
She needs a pretty high income to support her lifestyle.
an alternative lifestyle

Learner example:
I would like to go on an adventure like this, with a group of people with different backgrounds, cultures and lifestyles.

lifetime  /ˈlaɪf.tarm/

NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]
[B2] the period of time that someone is alive
**Dictionary examples:**

We'll see a tremendous lot of technological changes during/in our lifetime.

Winners of the competition will receive the holiday of a lifetime.

I've only been working here two days, but it seems like a lifetime.

A watch of this quality should last a lifetime.

Marriage is no longer always seen as a lifetime commitment.

**Learner example:**

I'm sure you would love it, meeting so many famous musicians, who you might meet only once in a lifetime.

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**light /laɪt/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** light, lighter, lighting

**Verbs:** light

**Adjectives:** light

**Adverbs:** lightly

**NOUN**

**in the light of sth**

[C1] If something is done or happens in the light of facts, it is done or happens because of those facts.

**Dictionary example:**

The drug has been withdrawn in the light of new research.

**Learner example:**

In the light of this news, we took this issue as a class project and investigated it by interviewing residents.

**VERB** (lit or lighted, lit or lighted)

**MAKE BRIGHT**

[B2] [ɪ] to produce light somewhere so that you can see things

**Dictionary examples:**

The stage had been lit with candles.

Fireworks lit up the sky.

**Learner example:**

Lightning lit up my bedroom and I saw a shadow moving outside the house.
### lighting /ˈlaɪt.ɪŋ/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** light, lighter, lighting
- **Verbs:** light
- **Adjectives:** light
- **Adverbs:** lightly

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the light created by electrical equipment, candles, etc.

- **Dictionary example:**
  We have put some lighting in the garden.

- **Learner example:**
  I fixed the lighting on the ceiling and attached several spotlights to the walls.

### lightly /ˈlaɪt.li/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** light, lighter, lighting
- **Verbs:** light
- **Adjectives:** light
- **Adverbs:** lightly

**ADVERB**

- **NOT MUCH**
  [C1] not much

- **Dictionary example:**
  lightly cooked vegetables

### like /laɪk/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** dislike, like

**PREPOSITION**

- **TYPICAL OF**
  [B2] typical or characteristic of

- **Dictionary examples:**
  That's just like Maisie to turn up half an hour late to her own party!
  It's not like you to be so quiet – are you all right?
like mad
[B2] a lot

**Dictionary example:**
The band practised like mad before their first concert.

**Learner example:**
It was raining like mad, so we were wet to the skin.

like crazy **INFORMAL**
[C1] doing something a lot or in a fast way

**Dictionary example:**
We worked like crazy to get everything finished.

**Learner example:**
My heart was beating like crazy and when the ski-boat started its journey along the blue waves of the sea...

likely /ˈlaɪ.kli/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** likelihood
**Adjectives:** likely, unlikely

**ADVERB**
[C1] probably

**Dictionary example:**
She'll most likely come without him.

**Learner example:**
You will most likely not get there before 2.30. Welcome!

limit /ˈlɪm.ɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** limit, limitation
**Verbs:** limit
**Adjectives:** limited, unlimited

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to control something so that it is less than a particular amount or number

**Dictionary examples:**
I've been asked to limit my speech to ten minutes maximum.
Having so little money to spend on an apartment does limit you in your choice.
In general, kids and teenagers are, at home, allowed to do almost anything they want, which sometimes put[s] parents in a very difficult position when trying to [e]stablish rules in order to limit the freedom of the young.

**limitation**  /ˌlɪm.ɪˈteɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** limit, limitation
**Verbs:** limit
**Adjectives:** limited, unlimited

**NOUN**

**RULE**

[C1] [c or u] a rule or situation that limits something

**Dictionary example:**
You can't write everything you want because of space limitations.

**Learner example:**
The only thing that is crucial now is that ministries of culture and tourism should set strict limitations about building and constructing in order not to [destroy] the stunning views of our beautiful country.

**limitations**

[C1] things that someone or something is not good at doing

**Dictionary example:**
Both films show her limitations as an actress.

**Learner example:**
I would like to be a super-woman but I will have to live with my limitations.

**limited**  /ˈlɪm.ɪ.tɪd/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** limit, limitation
**Verbs:** limit
**Adjectives:** limited, unlimited

**ADJECTIVE**

**WITHIN RANGE**

[B2] kept within a particular size, range, time, etc.
Dictionary examples:
Places on the bus are limited to fifty – so book early!
Free places on the course will be available for a limited period (of time).

Learner example:
Above all, would it possible to enjoy the offer in September or is it limited to July?

line /lain/

NOUN [C]

TELEPHONE
[B2] the connection between two telephones

Dictionary examples:
I'm afraid your line's been disconnected because your last bill hasn't been paid.
If you want to air your opinions live on the radio, the lines will be open from eight o'clock.
I've got Chris Foster on the line for you. Do you want to take it now or call her back later?
Please hold the line. I'll see if she's available.

Learner example:
I have been told that if I also get a modem and connect to my telephone line and the PC, I could get in contact with different kinds of bulletin boards that your members use.

PRODUCT
[C1] a type of product that a company sells

Dictionary example:
They're advertising a new line in garden furniture.

Learner example:
If, on the one hand, the changing market is forcing us to remove some product lines, on the other it is giving us new opportunities, as is the case for handhelds.

a fine/thin line
[C1] If there is a fine line between one thing and another, they are very similar. You often say this when one thing is acceptable and the other is not.

Dictionary example:
There's a thin line between courage and foolishness.

Learner example:
It took me 6 months to realise that there is a fine line between telling off and psychological abuse.

VERB [T]

line (sb/sth) up or line up (sb/sth) PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to arrange people or things in a row or to stand in a row
Dictionary examples:
A fight broke out behind me as we lined up to receive our food rations.
The soldiers lined us up against a wall and I thought they were going to shoot us.

Learner example:
A lot of customers had lined up after me.

line sb/sth up PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to plan for something to happen

Dictionary example:
What future projects have you lined up?

Learner example:
Nonetheless, we are also eager to help out in other projects that you have lined up.

linguistic /ˈlɪŋɡwɪstɪk/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] relating to language or linguistics

Dictionary example:
I'm particularly interested in the linguistic development of young children.

Learner example:
Firstly, the claim that only one hour per day was required in order to obtain linguistic fluency is an unrealistic assumption.

link /lɪŋk/

NOUN [C]

CONNECTION
[B2] a connection between two people, things or ideas

Dictionary examples:
There's a direct link between diet and heart disease.
Their links with Britain are still strong.

Learner example:
There is a direct bus link between the two locations: this is bus line number six.

VERB [T]
[B2] to make a connection between two or more people, things or ideas
Dictionary examples:
The explosions are not thought to be linked in any way.
The use of CFCs has been linked to the hole in the ozone layer.

Learner example:
The technological revolution taking place today can be directly linked to the amazing evolution [of] communication.

list /list/

VERB [T]
[B2] to make a list, or to include something in a list

Dictionary example:
I've listed some useful reading material on the handout.

Learner example:
I listed some reasons why we should apply for this job.

listener /ˈlɪs.ənər/

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who listens

Dictionary examples:
The new radio station already has twelve million listeners.
She's a good listener.

Learner example:
She is a good listener, as well as quite talkative.

literacy /ˈlɪt.ər.ə.si/

NOUN [U]
[C1] the ability to read and write

Dictionary example:
Adult literacy is low in this area.

Learner example:
School on the one hand has been a place to learn the important basi[c]s, like literacy and numeracy.
literally /ˈlɪt.ər.i.l.i/

Word family:
Adjectives: literal
Adverbs: literally

ADVERB
[B2] having the real or original meaning of a word or phrase

Dictionary example:
They were responsible for literally millions of deaths.

Learner example:
Sometimes they literally go mad; they bite their mates or even kill their own children.

literary /ˈlɪt.ər.i.r.i/

Word family:
Nouns: literature
Adjectives: literary, illiterate, literate

ADJECTIVE
[B2] connected with literature

Dictionary examples:
a literary critic
literary prizes
a literary style

Learner example:
Since I am aware of your interest in literature, I have chosen a literary figure.

litter /ˈlɪt.ər/

NOUN [u]
[B2] pieces of paper and other waste that are left in public places

Dictionary example:
The streets were full of litter.

Learner example:
There [is] a lot of litter on the streets.
little /ˈlɪt.l/  

ADJECTIVE

SHORT

[B2] short in time or distance

Dictionary examples:
It'll only take a little while to finish this.
Let's have a little break.
It's only a little way to the school.

Learner example:
I was on a phone for a little while and the lights went out... who knows why!!

EMPHASIZE

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] used to show affection or dislike for someone or something

Dictionary examples:
Oh, what a sweet little house!
It's not a bad little restaurant, this, is it?
He's a nasty little man.

Learner example:
"Oh no Mr. Dracula...don't hurt me! Please don't hurt me!" I said desperately. "With such a pretty little neck? Oh no! I have to give you just a tiny little bite..."

PRONOUN

little by little

[B2] a small amount at a time

Dictionary example:
Little by little, the boy learned to trust us.

Learner example:
However, as the time went by, I couldn't but feel my dream disappearing little by little.

ADVERB

a little

[B2] FORMAL slightly

Dictionary example:
There's only a little further to go.

Learner example:
I'm a little surprised by my "popularity".

NOT ENOUGH

[C1] not much or not enough
Dictionary examples:
a little-known fact
Little did he know what lay in store for him.

Learner example:
Little did I know that I would be even more confused afterwards.

live

Word family:
Nouns: living
Verbs: live
Adjectives: lively, living

VERB /lɪv/

live for sth/sb PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to have something or someone as the most important thing in your life

Dictionary example:
She just lives for music.

Learner example:
They are passionate, [and] live for their football team.

live on sth PHRASAL VERB

MONEY
[B2] If you live on an amount of money, that is the money that you use to buy the things that you need.

Dictionary example:
We lived on very little when we first got married.

Learner example:
They spent 2 years [there] and lived on their small salaries from several part-time jobs they had managed to get.

FOOD
[B2] to only eat a particular type of food

Dictionary example:
I more or less live on pasta.

Learner example:
It may sound funny to live on "carrots", but as a matter of fact, veg[e]tarians do survive, so why shouldn't you?
live together **PHRASAL VERB**

**[B2]** If two people live together, they share a house and have a sexual relationship but are not married

**Dictionary example:**
Nowadays many young people live together before they get married.

**Learner example:**
They [had] lived together for about 3 years but she [found out] he had been cheating [on] her and she didn't want to stay with him any more.

live up to **sth** **PHRASAL VERB**

**[B2]** to be as good as someone hopes

**Dictionary example:**
Did the trip live up to your **expectations**?

**Learner example:**
To my regret, the evening totally failed to live up to my expectations.

live with **sb** **PHRASAL VERB**

**[B2]** to share a home with someone and have a sexual relationship with them although you are not married

**Dictionary example:**
She's living with her boyfriend.

**Learner example:**
Her sister, a twenty-year-old timid girl called Amanda, used to live with her boyfriend in Birmingham.

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**liver** /
ˈlivər/

**NOUN [C or U]**

**[B2]** a large organ in your body that cleans your blood

**Dictionary example:**
He has something wrong with his liver.

**Learner example:**
The odd glass of wine is fine but every day is damaging and can ruin your liver.
living /ˈlɪv.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: living
Verbs: live
Adjectives: lively, living

ADJECTIVE
[B2] alive now

Dictionary examples:
living things/creatures/organisms
He is probably the best known living architect.

Learner example:
Environmental protection activists point out that living creatures shouldn't be deprived of their natural background and most endangered species could be saved from extinction by creating more national parks.

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the money that you earn from your job

Dictionary examples:
What do you do for a living?
You can earn/make a good living in sales if you have the right attitude.

Learner example:
You should try to earn a living [from] painting.

load /ləʊd/

Word family:
Nouns: load, overload
Verbs: load, unload

NOUN [C]

AMOUNT CARRIED
[B2] something that is carried, often by a vehicle

Dictionary examples:
The maximum load for this elevator is eight persons.
One truck involved in the accident was carrying a heavy load of coal.

Learner example:
Quite honestly I think that you are pulling too big a load.
VERB [I or T]

VEHICLE
[B2] to put a lot of things into a vehicle or machine

Dictionary examples:
How long will it take to load this sand onto the lorry?
Let's load up the car and then we can go.
to load the dishwasher/washing machine

Learner example:
Thus the situation was rather dramatic, the lorry had to be loaded before the sun rose.

MACHINE
[B2] to put information or a program onto a computer

Dictionary example:
You need to load this program onto your computer.

Learner example:
The shop keeper loaded 12 games onto it which I chose.

loaf /ləʊf/

NOUN [C] (PLURAL loaves)
[B2] bread that has been baked in one large piece so that it can be cut into smaller pieces

Dictionary example:
a loaf of bread

Learner example:
I was often sent by my mother to the next shop to buy a loaf of bread, some milk and sometimes fruit and vegetables.

loan /ləʊn/

NOUN [C]

on loan
[C1] If something is on loan, someone is borrowing it.

Dictionary example:
Both paintings are on loan from the city museum.

Learner example:
For example, you can always take out on loan any video you like from our cent[re].
**lobby /ˈlɒb.i/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] an area inside the main entrance of a building

**Dictionary examples:**
the hotel lobby
I'll meet you in the lobby at 5.30.

**Learner example:**
He unpacked his things, took a shower and went to the lobby [to] wait for Hanna.

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**locate /ləvˈkərt/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** location
**Verbs:** locate, relocate

**VERB [T]**

[FIND] to find or discover the exact position of something

**Dictionary example:**
Police are still trying to locate the suspect.

**Learner example:**
He tried to locate the wall and took a calm step forward.

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**location /ləvˈkər.ʃən/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** location
**Verbs:** locate, relocate

**NOUN [C]**

**on location**

[C1] If a film or television programme is made on location, it is made at a place suitable to the story.

**Dictionary example:**
The movie was shot on location in Kenya.

**Learner example:**
We can’t help mentioning the nice shots on location.
**lock /lɒk/**

Word family:
Nouns: lock
Verbs: lock, unlock

**VERB**

lock *sth/sb* away/in, etc.
[B2] to put something or someone in a place or container that is fastened with a key

Dictionary examples:
She locked herself in her bedroom.
Most of my jewellery is locked away in a safe.

Learner example:
When Mary asked her not to reveal the secret, Pat ran away, went home, and locked herself in her bedroom.

**log /lɒg/**

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] a thick piece of tree trunk or branch, especially one cut for burning on a fire

Dictionary example:
Let's put another log on the fire.

Learner example:
People used to cook with fire logs but they don't do it any more.

**VERB**

log in/on **PHRASAL VERB**
[B2] to connect a computer to a system of computers by typing your name and often a password, usually so that you can start working

Dictionary example:
I tried to log in as normal but nothing happened.

Learner example:
Well you need a computer and you have to log on [to] the Internet.

log off/out **PHRASAL VERB**
[B2] to stop a computer being connected to a computer system, usually when you want to stop working

Dictionary example:
We were all asked to log off while some changes were made to the system.
Learner example:
I know that most students just log off the computers, but they [are] still switch[ed] on and [use] energy.

logic /ˈlɒdʒ.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: logic
Adjectives: logical
Adverbs: logically

NOUN [U]
[C1] the use of reason, or the science of using reason

Dictionary examples:
I fail to see the logic behind his argument.
If prices go up, wages will go up too – that's just logic.
There's no logic in the decision to reduce staff when orders are the highest for years.

Learner example:
It lacked any logic or interest for me.

logical /ˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: logic
Adjectives: logical
Adverbs: logically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] using reason

Dictionary example:
a logical choice/conclusion

Learner example:
When someone is logical and smart and loves life, he is not in danger when he drives a car.

loneliness /ˈləʊn.lju.nes/
**Dictionary example:**
I wasn't prepared for the loneliness of living in a small village.

**Learner example:**
Frankenstein is a book that explores the feelings of loneliness and solitude, and the consequences that this has on human relationships.

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**lonely /ˈləʊn.li/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** loneliness

**Adjectives:** lonely

**ADJECTIVE**

**PLACE**

[B2] A lonely place is a long way from where people live.

**Dictionary example:**
a lonely stretch of Arizona highway

**Learner example:**
In this lonely place strange things happened.

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**long /lɒŋ/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** longing

**Verbs:** long

**ADVERB**

**before (very/too) long**

[B2] soon

**Dictionary example:**
They'll be home before very long.

**Learner example:**
Before long they realized that most of the animals which lived there could be big bu[si]ness in Europe.

**for long**

[C1] for a long time

**Dictionary example:**
Have you been waiting for long?
Learner example:
There're departures every half an hour to the city centre, so you won't have to wait for long.

long ago
[C1] If something happened long ago, it happened a great amount of time ago.

Dictionary examples:
I think we met once, long ago.
It was not long ago that I last saw him.

Learner example:
Not so long ago, you could ring each Dutch doorbell of your choice at 6 pm and you’d find the whole family gathered around the kitchen table, having their supper.

long–distance /ˌlɒŋˈdɪs.tənts/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] travelling or communicating between two places that are a long way apart

Dictionary examples:
a long–distance runner
long–distance lorry drivers
a long–distance phone call

Learner example:
I’ve also made some long–distance call[s] which I’d like to pay for.

long–term /ˌlɒŋˈtɜːrm/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] continuing a long time into the future

Dictionary examples:
long–term unemployment
long–term care for the seriously ill
the long–term effects of the drug

Learner example:
I was deeply impressed by the long–term cooperation between the zoo and the school.
**long term** /ˈlɒŋˌtɜːm/  

**NOUN**  

_in the long term_  
[B2] over a period of time that continues a long way into the future  

(Dictionary example:)  
This decision may make financial sense now, but it will have serious consequences in the long term.  

(Learner example:)  
I understand this is a big investment but I can see the advantage [of] easier communication and a better environment. In the long term this [will be] more economical for us.

**long-time** /ˈlɒŋ.taim/  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**  
[C1] describes someone who has been in a particular position for a long period  

(Dictionary example:)  
A long-time friend of the chairman said she had expected the resignation.  

(Learner example:)  
I have now known her for 13 years both as a student and on a familiar level, since I am a long-time friend [of] her husband’s.

**look** /lʊk/  

**Word family:**  
_Nouns:_ look  
_Verbs:_ look, overlook  

**VERB**  

_look as if/as though_  
[B2] used to describe the appearance of a person or thing  

(Dictionary examples:)  
Bradley looked as if he had seen a ghost.  
She looked as though she was going to cry.  

(Learner example:)  
The dress is made of bright blue silk, it’s long and looks as if it was [made] for [a] queen.
DIRECTION
[B2] [i] to face a particular direction

Dictionary examples:
The garden looks south.
This window looks out onto the lake.

Learner example:
I [would] like a room which looks out onto the garden.

look on the bright side
[C1] to find good things in a bad situation

Dictionary example:
Look on the bright side – no one was badly hurt.

Learner example:
I am quite self-confident and I usually look on the bright side, as I am not keen on pessimistic thoughts.

NOUN

APPEARANCE
[B2] [c] an expression on someone's face

Dictionary examples:
She had a worried look about her.
She gave me a questioning look.

Learner example:
China was attacking France, everyone started screaming, and the look of panic on my history teacher[’s] face was almost funny.

the look of sb/sth
[B2] the appearance of someone or something

Dictionary examples:
They liked the look of the hotel, but it was too expensive.
I don't like the look of that fence.

Learner example:
We have to make it more attractive to them by improving the look of our town.

FASHION
[C1] [NO PLURAL] a style or fashion

Dictionary example:
the new look for the summer
Learner example:
Shopping [...] gives you a feeling of being in another world, a world where dreams can come true – dreams of becoming more beautiful by buying new clothes and accessories for the new look you have always wanted.

loose /luːs/

Word family:
Verbs: loosen
Adjectives: loose

ADJECTIVE

NOT FIXED
[B2] not firmly fixed in position

Dictionary examples:
Her hair was hanging loose about her shoulders.
The nails in the bridge had worked themselves loose.
There were some loose wires hanging out of the wall.

Learner example:
I now wear my long hair loose and I [have] dyed it black.

lose /luːz/ (lost, lost)

Word family:
Nouns: loss
Verbs: lose
Adjectives: lost

VERB

lose your life
[B2] to die

Dictionary example:
Millions of young men lost their lives in the war.

Learner example:
A man who ha[s] experience after a lot of years driving [is less likely] to lose his life in an accident than another new driver.

lose interest/patience, etc.
[B2] to stop feeling something good
Dictionary examples:
I'm rapidly losing interest in the whole subject.
He kept on crying and I lost my patience.

Learner example:
Moreover the microphone suddenly wouldn't work anymore, and even though I desperately tried to speak up, people began to lose interest in both my speech and me and simply started to talk to each other instead.

**lose your temper**
[B2] to suddenly become angry

**Dictionary example:**
The children behaved so badly that I lost my temper.

**Learner example:**
Yesterday, I must confess, I lost my temper with my son.

**TIME/OPPORTUNITY**
[B2] [ɪ] to waste something such as time or an opportunity

**Dictionary examples:**
Four million hours were lost last year through stress-related illnesses.
We lost valuable time stuck in traffic.
Because of illness, she lost the chance of a place in the team.

**Learner example:**
You lose a lot of time when you have to find a place to park.

**lose touch**
[B2] to stop communicating with someone, usually because they do not live near you now

**Dictionary example:**
We lost touch over the years.

**Learner example:**
When he went into the information centre, he saw Mary, wh[o] he used to go out with – [for] some reason, they [had] lost touch with each other.

**lose track**
[B2] to not know what is happening to someone or something any more

**Dictionary example:**
I've lost track of how much we've spent.

**Learner example:**
Time passed like an arrow and they lost track of time until they realised it started to getting dark.

**lose your voice**
[B2] to become unable to speak, often because of an illness
Dictionary example:
She had a bad cold and was losing her voice.

Learner example:
I immediately became agitated and at the precise moment of my speech I lost my voice completely.

MONEY
[C1] to make less money than you spend

Dictionary examples:
He lost a lot of money on the house sale.
Her company lost over £2 million last year.

Learner example:
The reported information about the income was completely wrong; in fact, the target figure we had set has been fully reached and this obviously means that the hospital didn’t lose any money.

lose your head
[C1] to stop being calm in a difficult situation

Dictionary example:
I saw the fire and I lost my head.

Learner example:
She has never lost her head in dangerous situations and she always knows what to do.

loss /lɒs/

Word family:
Nouns: loss
Verbs: lose
Adjectives: lost

NOUN

NOT HAVING
[B2] [c or u] when you no longer have something or have less of something

Dictionary examples:
Many parents feel a sense of loss when their children leave home.
He suffered a gradual loss of memory.
There will be substantial job losses if the factory closes down.

blood/hair/weight loss

Learner example:
I had been working on this manuscript for an article in a computer magazine on the topic "How to prevent loss of data if the electric power is cut off."
DEATH
[B2] [c or u] the death of a person

Dictionary example:
They never got over the loss of their son.

Learner example:
And so John remained alone, haunted by the terrible loss.

MONEY
[C1] [c] when a business spends more money than it earns

Dictionary example:
The company announced a pre-tax loss of three million pounds.

Learner example:
It suffered a major loss over a period of 15 years, roughly from 1978 to 1994.

lost /lɒst/

Word family:
Nouns: loss
Verbs: lose
Adjectives: lost

ADJECTIVE

be lost without sb/sth
[C1] informal to be unable to live or work without someone or something

Dictionary example:
She's lost without her computer.

Learner example:
It showed us how we would be lost without this transportation system.

NEW SITUATION
[C1] not knowing what to do in a new situation

Dictionary example:
It was his first day in the office and he seemed a bit lost.

Learner example:
I would recommend a visit [to] a restaurant or the theatre the first evening. I can imagine that some of the guests felt a bit lost.
lounge  /laʊndʒ/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a room in a hotel, theatre, airport, etc. where people can relax or wait

Dictionary example:
Drinks were served in the lounge.

Learner example:
In the central lounge you'll find an automatic bus ticket machine.

love  /lʌv/

Word family:
Nouns: love, lover
Verbs: love
Adjectives: lovely

NOUN
INTEREST
[B2] [c or u] something that interests you a lot

Dictionary examples:
I don't share my boyfriend's love of sport.
Music is one of her greatest loves.

Learner example:
Both of them symbolize courage, love of justice, fight for freedom, which makes them look like heroes.

low  /ləʊ/

Word family:
Verbs: lower
Adjectives: low

ADJECTIVE
BAD QUALITY
[B2] of bad quality, especially when referring to something that is not as good as it should be

Dictionary examples:
low standards/quality
I have rather a low opinion of him.
Learner example:
However, it is necessary to add that few people could afford much food because of poverty and the low quality of life which they had.

SOUND
[B2] deep or quiet

Dictionary examples:
a low voice
a low note

Learner example:
Right after I had said that, I noticed that someone was pointing at me with a gun, [and] a low voice said: 'If I were you I wouldn't move, follow me'.

NOT IMPORTANT
[C1] not important or powerful

Dictionary examples:
He held a low rank in the army.
New furniture is a very low priority at the moment.

Learner example:
Luminaries claim that the team spirit and the sense of competition have vanished, and it has been proven that exercise has a low priority compared to other recreational activities.

UNHAPPY
[C1] unhappy and without energy

Dictionary example:
Illness of any sort can leave you feeling low.

Learner example:
She never feels low and I am in high spirits being with her because she has got a sense of humour.

keep a low profile
[C1] to try not to be noticed

Dictionary example:
She has kept a low profile since the divorce.

Learner example:
Finally, I believe that the best way to handle these issues is to try to keep a low profile at all times and to remain indifferent to gossip.
lower  /ˈləʊ.ər/  

Word family:  
Verbs: lower  
Adjectives: low  

VERB [T]  

MOVE  
[B2] to move something into a low position  

Dictionary examples:  
They lowered the coffin into the grave.  
Heavily pregnant by now, she lowered herself carefully into the chair.  
He lowered his eyes in embarrassment when he saw me.  

Learner example:  
But when she asked who wanted to be a cleaner, nobody raised his hand and I felt so [a]shame[d] that I lowered my head.  

REDUCE  
[B2] to reduce the amount or level of something  

Dictionary examples:  
Interest rates have been lowered again.  
Boil for 5 minutes, then lower the heat and simmer for half an hour.  
Please lower your voice.  
We will never lower our standards.  

Learner example:  
This should be done by lowering taxes and preparing other incentives for potential investors.  

loyal  /ˈlɔɪ.l/  

Word family:  
Nouns: loyalty  
Adjectives: loyal, disloyal  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] always liking and supporting someone or something, sometimes when other people do not  

Dictionary examples:  
Jack has been a loyal worker in this company for almost 50 years.  
When all her other friends deserted her, Steve remained loyal.  
She’s very loyal to her friends.  

Learner example:  
One of the most beautiful things [i]n the world is true and loyal friendship.
### loyalty /ˈlɔɪ.əlti/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** loyalty
- **Adjectives:** loyal, disloyal

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the quality of being loyal

**Dictionary examples:**
- His loyalty was never in question.
- Her loyalty to the cause is impressive.

**Learner example:**
What I can say is that [pets] [ar]e ideal when they obey and show loyalty to you.

### luck /lʌk/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** luck
- **Adjectives:** lucky, unlucky
- **Adverbs:** luckily

**NOUN [u]**

**SUCCESS**

[B2] success

**Dictionary examples:**
- Have you had any luck with booking your flight?
- He tried to get into Harvard but with no luck.
- Then I met this gorgeous woman and I couldn't believe my luck.

**Learner example:**
As you might suppose, I couldn't believe my luck when I found out that I'd won first prize in the competition.

**be in luck** **INFORMAL**

[C1] to be lucky or to be able to have or do what you want

**Dictionary example:**
"Do you have any tuna sandwiches?" "You're in luck – there's one left."

**Learner example:**
I was in luck, because my friend, who lived in the same area, had his private car and gave me a lift every day.
**lung /lʌŋ/**

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] one of the two organs inside your chest that are used for breathing

**Dictionary example:**
lung cancer

**Learner example:**
People suffering from lung diseases go there to be cured.

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**luxurious /lʌkˈʃʊə.ri.əs/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** luxury
**Adjectives:** luxurious

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] very comfortable and expensive

**Dictionary examples:**
They have a very luxurious house.
luxurious fabrics

**Learner example:**
As far as the hotel is concerned, I feel that it wasn't a luxurious one.

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**luxury /ˈlʌk.ʃr.i/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** luxury
**Adjectives:** luxurious

**NOUN**
**THING THAT GIVES PLEASURE**
[B2] [U NO PLURAL] something which gives you a lot of pleasure but which you cannot often do or have

**Dictionary example:**
A day off work is such a luxury.

**Learner example:**
I think that to have this museum is a luxury for our city and we must visit [it].

**EXPENSIVE THING**
[C1] [c] something expensive which is pleasant to have but is not necessary
**Dictionary examples:**
luxuries, such as champagne and chocolate
I like to buy myself **little** luxuries from time to time.

**Learner example:**
At the time, [the] majority [of] consumers had no money to spend on luxuries.

**lyrics**  /ˈlɪr.ɪks/  

**NOUN [PLURAL]** 
[B2] the words of a song

**Dictionary example:**
I've downloaded the lyrics of that song you like.

**Learner example:**
One of the greatest [of] these musicians is Caetano Veloso, whose lyrics and melodies [touch] the hearts and souls of music lovers in Brazil and all around the world.
### machinery /ˌmæˈʃiː.nəri/

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** machine, machinery

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] machines, often large machines

**Dictionary example:**  
industrial/farm machinery

**Learner example:**  
The use of heavy machinery is more and more frequent and consequently the amount of petrol used is higher.

### mad /mæd/ (madder, maddest)

**ADJECTIVE**

**like mad**  
[B2] a lot

**Dictionary example:**  
The band practised like mad before their first concert.

**Learner example:**  
It was raining like mad, so we were wet to the skin.

### madam /ˈmæd.əm/

**NOUN**

**Dear Madam**  
[B2] a way of beginning a formal letter to a woman whose name you do not know

**Dictionary example:**  
Dear Madam, I am writing to inform you...
**Learner example:**
Dear Sir or Madam, With reference to your newspaper report of 17th July, I am writing to correct some points in this report.

**magic** /ˈmædʒ.ɪk/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** magic
**Adjectives:** magic, magical

**NOUN [u]**

**SPECIAL QUALITY**
[B2] a quality that makes something or someone seem special or exciting

**Dictionary example:**
No one could fail to enjoy the magic of this wonderful city.

**Learner example:**
But everyone [was] thinking of the elections and couldn't feel the "magic" of Christmas Day...

**magical** /ˈmædʒ.ɪ.kəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** magic
**Adjectives:** magic, magical

**ADJECTIVE**

**WONDERFUL**
[B2] special, beautiful or exciting

**Dictionary examples:**
It was a magical night.
The setting for the concert was quite magical.

**Learner example:**
I think you should go to Cracow – [a] beautiful, old city with original, historical monuments, works of art and many cafes and jazz clubs with [a] magical atmosphere.

**MAGIC**
[B2] with special powers

**Dictionary example:**
magical powers

**Learner example:**
We cherish the belief in a magical force outside ourselves which sooner or later will deliver us these dreams.
magistrate /ˈmædʒ.ɪ.streɪt/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a type of judge who deals with less serious crimes

Dictionary example:
The case will be heard by a magistrate.

Learner example:
In public life women have reached positions as magistrates, coun[cillo]rs and ministers.

magnetic /mægˈnet.ɪk/

ADJECTIVE

METAL
[C1] with the power of a magnet

Dictionary example:
a magnetic field

Learner example:
The worst of all is that even little children of the age of nine or ten years old now have their own mobile phone which makes them totally irresponsible and especially affected [by] the magnetic energy the phone has, which is very harmful to children.

PERSONALITY
[C1] having a character that attracts people to you

Dictionary example:
He has a magnetic personality.

Learner example:
Ivan has a magnetic personality, which draws people to him.

magnificently /mægˈnɪf.ɪ.snt.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: magnificent
Adverbs: magnificently

ADVERB
[C1] extremely well

Dictionary example:
I thought she coped magnificently.
Learner example:
This small drawback did not affect either the dance display or the horse show, which were both performed magnificently.

main /meɪn/

Word family:
Adjectives: main
Adverbs: mainly

ADJECTIVE [ ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN ]

the main thing
[B2] the most important fact in a situation

Dictionary example:
You're happy and that's the main thing.

Learner example:
The main thing is to be happy and to love yourself.

maintain /meɪnˈteɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: maintenance
Verbs: maintain

VERB [ T ]

CONTINUE TO HAVE
[B2] to make a situation or activity continue in the same way

Dictionary examples:
The army has been brought in to maintain order in the region.
We have standards to maintain.
The two countries have maintained close links over the years.

Learner example:
To sum up, I consider that although the role of footballers is less important than the need [ for ] doctors, they should not be paid less than doctors, in order to maintain the high quality of this game.

KEEP IN GOOD CONDITION
[B2] to keep a road, machine, building, etc. in good condition

Dictionary examples:
A large house costs a lot to maintain.
The roads generally are very poorly maintained.
Learner example:
Due to my education and my experience in maintaining machines, I am sure that I can do a good job in your club.

**maintenance** /ˈmeɪn.tə.nəns/

Word family:
Nouns: maintenance
Verbs: maintain

**NOUN [U]**
[B2] the work needed to keep a road, building, machine, etc. in good condition

Dictionary examples:
car maintenance classes
Old houses require too much maintenance.
I need a garden that's very low maintenance.

Learner example:
Many people can't afford to have a car as maintenance is very expensive.

**major** /ˈmeɪ.dʒər/  

Word family:
Nouns: majority
Adjectives: major

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**
[B2] more important, bigger or more serious than others of the same type

Dictionary examples:
This is a major problem for people in this region.
Sugar is a major cause of tooth decay.
America has played a major role in the peace process.
Citrus fruits are a major source of vitamin C.
There has been a major change in attitudes recently.

Learner example:
Some major changes are really necessary.

**majority** /meɪˈdʒɔr.i/
NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] more than half of a group of people or things

Dictionary examples:
The majority of our employees have university degrees.
A large majority of people approve of the death sentence.
The vast majority of smokers claim they would like to give up.
In Britain women are in the majority.
the majority decision

Learner example:
However the majority of the teachers found that buying movies was not a good idea.

make /meɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: maker
Verbs: make

VERB [T] (made, made)

earn
[B2] to earn

Dictionary examples:
She makes around £50 000 a year as a doctor.
How do you make a living as a painter?
Both companies have made huge profits/losses.

Learner example:
The truth is that our grandparents worked very hard to make a living.

make the/sb’s bed
[B2] to put sheets and covers on a bed or to make the sheets and covers on a bed neat

Dictionary examples:
Have you made the bed?
The kids don’t always have time to make their beds before school.

Learner example:
Driving through the mountains we didn’t reach the cabin until late at night. So we just made the beds and went off to sleep.

make the most of sth
[B2] to take full advantage of something because it may not last long

Dictionary example:
We should make the most of this good weather.
Learner example:
Remember, always try to make the most of your life.

**make the best of sth**
[B2] to try to be positive about a situation you do not like but cannot change

Dictionary example:
Our hotel room is pretty small, but we'll just have to make the best of it.

Learner example:
Unfortunately I don’t have very much spare time so we will have to arrange it carefully in order to make the best of your time in London.

**make a (big) difference**
[B2] to improve a situation (a lot)

Dictionary example:
Exercise can make a big difference to your health.

Learner example:
It wouldn’t make a big difference in my life, but it would be good.

**to make matters worse**
[B2] to make a situation more difficult, unpleasant, etc.

Dictionary example:
To make matters worse, our car broke down!

Learner example:
To make matters worse, the newspaper said they only played for thirty-five minutes.

**make a fool (out) of sb**
[B2] to make someone look stupid intentionally

Dictionary example:
She was always trying to make a fool out of me in front of my friends.

Learner example:
He thought I had tried to make a fool of him but no, I was really desperate to get him as my boyfriend.

**make a fool of yourself**
[B2] to behave in a silly or embarrassing way

Dictionary example:
I got very excited and made a fool of myself.

Learner example:
I had to leave that shop in full embarrassment and I also made a fool of myself.

**make fun of sb/sth**
[B2] to make a joke about someone or something in an unkind way
Dictionary example:
The other children at school used to make fun of his hair.

Learner example:
I didn't want to tell other people because I didn't want them to make fun of me.

make sense
[B2] to have a meaning or reason that you can understand

Dictionary example:
He's written me this note but it doesn't make any sense.

Learner example:
Eighty kilometres in the mountains just to [look at] views doesn't make any sense to me.

make sense
[B2] to be a good thing to do

Dictionary example:
It makes sense to buy now while prices are low.

Learner example:
Therefore it make[s] sense to use the innovation[s].

make time
[C1] to leave enough time to do something although you are busy

Dictionary examples:
You have to make time to do your homework.
He never made enough time for family life.

Learner example:
I'm terribly sorry for not being able to make time to pick you up when you arrive.

SUITABLE
[C1] to have the necessary qualities to become something

Dictionary examples:
He would make a really nice dad.
I wouldn't make a very good lawyer.
It's a very exciting story – it would make a great film.

Learner example:
That is why I think I would make a good judge.

make it
[C1] to be successful

Dictionary example:
Very few actors actually make it.

Learner example:
People who belong to this social [group] are much more determined to “make it” in life.
make ends meet
[C1] to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need

Dictionary example:
I've taken a second job in the evenings just to make ends meet.

Learner example:
Most students support themselves and barely make ends meet every month.

make an exception
[C1] to not treat someone or something according to the usual rules

Dictionary example:
They don't usually take cheques, but they said they'd make an exception in my case.

Learner example:
Unfortunately, they were not flexible enough to make an exception, but on the other hand we know about the problem now and can avoid it in the future.

make yourself at home
[C1] to behave in a relaxed way in a place, as if it was your own home

Dictionary example:
Take off your coat and make yourself at home.

Learner example:
Please relax and make yourself at home and help yourself.

make a note of sth
[C1] to write down information about something

Dictionary example:
Let me make a note of your phone number.

Learner example:
After talking to other members, I have made a note of the main problems they considered the most urgent to be solved.

make a point of doing sth
[C1] to be certain that you always do a particular thing

Dictionary example:
He made a point of learning all the names of his staff.

Learner example:
I was not expecting to meet him that night, because I thought he would be busy and not have time to talk to anyone, but being so special as he is, he made a point of talking to everybody.

make yourself understood
[C1] to say something to someone in a way that they understand

Dictionary example:
I had a little difficulty making myself understood.
**Learner example:**
(Find enclosed a paper slip on which I have written a destination, number of tickets, etc., in the German language – use it just in case you can't make yourselves understood.)

| **maker**  
| /ˈmeɪ.kə/ |
| **Word family:** |
| **Nouns:** maker |
| **Verbs:** make |
| **NOUN [c]** |
| **[B2]** the person or company that makes a product |
| **Dictionary examples:** |
| They're the biggest maker of fast-food products in the UK. |
| The makers of the film will want to see a decent return on their investment. |
| **Learner example:** |
| NISSAN is a famous Japanese car maker as you know. |

| **male**  
| /meɪl/ |
| **NOUN [c]** |
| **[B2]** a male person or animal |
| **Dictionary example:** |
| In 1987, 27 percent of adult males smoked. |
| **Learner example:** |
| I am a 30–year old Swedish male with a diploma in gardening. |

| **mammal**  
| /ˈmæm.əl/ |
| **NOUN [c]** |
| **[C1]** an animal that feeds its babies on milk from its body |
| **Dictionary example:** |
| Dolphins and other sea mammals are being harmed by waste in the oceans. |
| **Learner example:** |
| To admire some of the sea mammals, like the dol[ph]ins and the whales, the best possible spot would be a small, isolated Aegean isle. |
**man**  /mæn/

**NOUN**

**PEOPLE**

[B2] [u] used to refer to both men and women

**Dictionary example:**
Man is still more intelligent than the cleverest robot.

**Learner example:**
Man must create the conditions so that [animals] can live, eat and procreate without strain.

**manage**  /ˈmæn.idʒ/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** management, manager

**Verbs:** manage

**VERB**

**USE TIME/MONEY**

[C1] [t] to use or organize your time or money

**Dictionary example:**
He’s no good at managing his money.

**Learner example:**
London is the third most expensive city in the world after Tok[yo] and N.Y, so you will have to manage your money quite carefully.

**management**  /ˈmæn.idʒ.mənt/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** management, manager

**Verbs:** manage

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the control and organization of something

**Dictionary examples:**
The company has suffered from several years of bad management.
a management training scheme

**Learner example:**
I also know the basic rules of good management.
mankind /mænˈkaɪnd/

NOUN [u]
[B2] all people, considered as a group

Dictionary example:
the history of mankind

Learner example:
Since the beginning of human civilization, mankind has never ceased to be mesmerized by folklore and stories of princes and princesses.

manner /ˈmæn.ər/

NOUN
WAY
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the way something happens or something is done

Dictionary examples:
She stared at me in an accusing manner.
They dealt with the problem in a very efficient manner.

Learner example:
I don't know if you [will] follow my advice, but [in] whichever manner you spend the money, I [hope] you are glad.

manners
[B2] polite ways of behaving with other people

Dictionary examples:
It's bad manners to eat with your mouth open.
It's considered good manners in some societies to leave a little food on your plate.

Learner example:
Professional waiters are polite, tolerant and show good manners.

BEHAVIOUR
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the way in which a person talks and behaves with other people

Dictionary examples:
an aggressive/friendly/rude manner
As soon as he realized that we weren't going to buy anything, his whole manner changed.

Learner example:
I stared at him in anger, and the poor man, afraid of my rude manner, went out [of] the cafe.
mansion /ˈmæn.tʃən/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a very large expensive house

Dictionary example:
The street is lined with enormous mansions where the rich and famous live.

Learner example:
Do you want to live in a grand mansion, an expensive flat or even a castle?

manual /ˈmæn.dʒu.əl/

ADJECTIVE

PHYSICAL WORK
[B2] involving physical work rather than mental work

Dictionary examples:
unskilled manual labour
750 manual workers will lose their jobs as a result of company cutbacks.
Computer-controlled robots are taking over manual jobs in many industries.

Learner example:
But, on the other hand, I sometimes think that [this] [tech]nology [is] the cause of the end of certain activities such as farming, or manual work.

WITH HANDS
[B2] done or operated with the hands

Dictionary examples:
the manual sorting of letters
She tried to cure the pain in my knee by putting manual pressure on the joint.

Learner example:
It has both manual and automatic functions so it has a lot of possibilities.

NOUN [C]
[B2] a book that tells you how to use something or do something

Dictionary example:
You can download the manual for the computer if you need to.

Learner example:
Now I need to read some manuals at work.
**manufacture** /ˌmæn.jʊˈfæk.tʃər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** manufacturer, manufacturing  
**Verbs:** manufacture  

**VERB [T]**  
[B2] to produce goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines  

**Dictionary examples:**  
He works for a company that manufactures car parts.  
The report notes a rapid decline in manufactured goods.  

**Learner example:**  
In the past I have worked in a company which manufactures computer games.

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**manufacturer** /ˌmæn.jʊˈfæk.tʃər.ər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** manufacturer, manufacturing  
**Verbs:** manufacture  

**NOUN [C]**  
[B2] a company that produces goods in large numbers  

**Dictionary example:**  
a shoe manufacturer  

**Learner example:**  
[A]ir pollution could be reduced if car manufacturers and companies made effective filters [for] car exhausts and factory chimneys.

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**manufacturing** /ˌmæn.jʊˈfæk.tʃərɪŋ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** manufacturer, manufacturing  
**Verbs:** manufacture  

**NOUN [U]**  
[B2] the business of producing goods in large numbers  

**Dictionary examples:**  
car/food manufacturing  
the manufacturing of military equipment  
the manufacturing industry  

**Learner example:**  
I am a translat[o]r for a manufacturing company.
**many** /ˈmen.i/

**DETERMINER; PRONOUN**

**as many as**

[C1] used before a number or amount to show that the number or amount is large

**Dictionary example:**
As many as 6,000 people may have been infected with the disease.

**Learner example:**
As many as 90% of them went to [the] cinema on a regular basis in 1990, with the peak of [a] 95% attendance rate taking place in 1996.

**marathon** /ˈmær.ə.θən/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a running race of slightly over 26 miles (42.195 kilometres)

**Dictionary examples:**
the London/New York marathon
She did/ran her first marathon in just under three hours.

**Learner example:**
How many hours of training per week are necessary if I want to run the marathon next year?

**march** /mɑːtʃ/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] an organized walk by a group to show that they disagree with something

**Dictionary example:**
She’s going on a march on Saturday in protest over the closure of the hospital.

**Learner example:**
There were protest marches and doctors, nurses, and the population forced the government to find a solution to the problem.

**VERB [i]**

**SHOW DISAGREEMENT**

[C1] to walk through a public place as a group to show that you disagree with something
Dictionary example:
Around twenty thousand people marched through the city today to protest against the proposed new law.

Learner example:
This was a time of rupture, a scream for freedom, for love, and for peace. Young boys and girls marched against war and at the same time killed themselves with drugs.

SOLDIERS' WALK

[C1] When soldiers march, they walk together with regular steps.

Dictionary example:
The soldiers marched 90 miles in three days.

Learner example:
Even when the Romans marched against Greece, the Greek people couldn’t unite against their new and powerful enemy and that’s why they were conquered.

mark /mɑːrk/  

NOUN [C]

DIFFERENT AREA

[B2] a small area on the surface of something which is damaged, dirty or different in some way

Dictionary examples:
There were dirty marks on her trousers where she had wiped her hands.  
His fingers had left marks on the table's polished surface.  
She had a red mark on her arm where she'd burnt herself.

Learner example:
But one day, when I was about ten years old, my father had hurt me on the face and I had a blue mark on [my] cheek.

SYMBOL

[C1] a symbol which is used for giving information

Dictionary examples:
I've put a mark on the map where I think we should go for a picnic.  
What do those marks in the middle of the road mean?

Learner example:
As you walk through the valley, always following the red marks on the path, you will run into many interesting views: from climbers climbing the walls of the valley to waterfalls coming from the top of it.
VERB

PIECE OF WORK
[B2] [ɪ or ɪː] to check a piece of work or an exam, showing mistakes and giving a letter or number to say how good it is

Dictionary examples:
I was up half the night marking exam papers.
You’ll be marked down for poor spelling and punctuation.

Learner example:
Computers even sell tickets on stations, mark exam papers and help us to talk with people all over the world via [the] internet.

SHOW PLACE
[B2] [θ] to show where something is by drawing or putting something somewhere

Dictionary examples:
I've marked my street on the map for you.
X marks the spot where the treasure is buried.

Learner example:
On the map we have marked a black dot on the place where you will find the hotel.

DAMAGE/MAKE DIRTY
[C1] [t] to leave an area of dirt or damage on something

Dictionary example:
Make sure you don’t mark the paintwork while you’re moving the furniture around.

market /ˈmɑːkɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: market, marketing

NOUN [C]

BUYING GROUP
[C1] all the people who want to buy a particular product, or the area where they live

Dictionary examples:
Is there a market for second-hand jewellery?
Spain is our largest market.
They've increased their share of the market by 10% over the past year.

Learner example:
We had been researching the market for a year.
the labour market
[C1] the number of people who are available and willing to work

**Dictionary example:**
More women have **entered** the labour market in recent years.

**Learner example:**
WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE best suits [the] situation of a young Pole entering the labour market.

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**marketing** /ˈmɑː.kɪ.tɪŋ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** market, marketing

**NOUN [U]**
[B2] work that involves encouraging people to buy a product or service

**Dictionary example:**
a career in marketing/sales and marketing

**Learner example:**
I am studying marketing now so I will be available at the end of April.

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**martial art** /ˌmɑː.ʃəlˈɑːt/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] one of the traditional Japanese or Chinese skills of fighting, done as sports in many countries, for example karate or kung fu

**Dictionary example:**
Kuk Sool Won is a martial art from Korea.

**Learner example:**
I often practise martial arts on one of its grass[y] areas.

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**masculine** /ˈmæs.kjə.lɪn/

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] having qualities that are typical of men

**Dictionary example:**
a masculine appearance/voice
Learner example:
Life, nowadays is so hard for women: they have to cope with so many things every day, from their children to their job, not to mention housework, and the result [of] that is that women are more and more stressed, "masculine" I dare to say, and less and less "feminine".

mask /maːsk/  
NOUN [c]  
[B2] a covering for the face which protects, hides or decorates the person wearing it

Dictionary examples:
a gas mask  
a surgical mask  
The bank robbers wore masks throughout the raid.

Learner example:
Suddenly five men with masks jump[ed] from nowhere into the bank and started to threat[en] us with their guns.

mass /mæs/  
Word family:  
Nouns: mass  
Adjectives: massive, mass

NOUN  
a mass of sth  
[B2] a large number or amount of something

Dictionary examples:  
He always has a mass of books and papers on his desk.  
The forest is a mass of colour in autumn.  
She had a mass of blond curls.

Learner example:  
But people are bewildered because of [a] mass of information.

masses  
[B2] informal a lot

Dictionary example:  
I’ve got masses of work to do.

Learner example:  
Modern society [is] replacing the eliminated problems by masses of new ones.
**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[C1] having an effect on or involving a large number of people

*Dictionary examples:*
They hope the new movie will appeal to a mass audience.
weapons of mass destruction
Opposition groups plan to stage mass demonstrations all over the country.

*Learner example:*
Television was a major step forward in the media world which combined the best of all the major mechanisms of mass communication.

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**massive /ˈmæs.ɪv/**

*Word family:*
*Nouns: mass*
*Adjectives: massive, mass*

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very large in size, amount or number

*Dictionary examples:*
They've got a massive house.
She died after taking a massive overdose of drugs.
If the drought continues, deaths will occur on a massive scale.

*Learner example:*
Sea pollution can be reduced if [people] take more care [with] oil tankers, to reduce massive oil spills.

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**master /ˈmɑː.stə/**

*NOUN [C]*

*IN CHARGE*

[B2] a man who is in charge of a servant or a dog

*Dictionary example:*
With careful training, a dog will obey its master completely.

*Learner example:*
We must [remember] that we are masters of the car not the servants of the car.

**Master's (degree)**

[C1] a higher university qualification
Dictionary example:
to study for a Master's degree

Learner example:
I have recently done [a] Master's Degree in International Business and of course used my laptop.

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**mat /mæt/**

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a piece of thick material that you put on the floor, often in order to protect it

Dictionary example:
There's a mat by the door for you to wipe your feet on.

Learner example:
Last but not least, many Japanese style hotels and restaurants now have square holes in tatami (straw mat) rooms so that foreign visitors can comfortably stretch their legs under the low table without having to be seated on folded legs like Zen monks!

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**match /mætʃ/**

**NOUN**

**STICK**

[B2] [c] a thin, wooden stick which produces a flame when you rub one end of it against a rough surface

Dictionary example:
a box of matches

Learner example:
Finally I took all my courage and lit a match.

**VERB**

**BE AS GOOD AS**

[C1] [ı] to be as good as someone or something else

Dictionary example:
It would be difficult to match the service this airline gives to its customers.

Learner example:
In all these ways that your establishment failed to match the claims made for it in your publicity, we feel entitled to a full refund and I therefore urge you to improve the facilities of your museum or withdraw the advertisement to avoid further complaints.
material  /məˈtrɪə.ri.əl/  

Word family:
Nouns: material, materialism, materialist  
Adjectives: materialist, materialistic  

NOUN  

PHYSICAL SUBSTANCE  
[B2] [c or u] a physical substance that has a particular quality or is used for a particular purpose  

Dictionary examples:  
building materials, such as stone  
Crude oil is used as the raw material for making plastics.  

Learner example:  
In addition, some waste materials are carried to the incinerator where they are burnt completely at very high temperatures.  

INFORMATION  
[C1] [u] the facts or ideas in a piece of writing  

Dictionary example:  
I'm collecting material for an article that I'm writing.  

Learner example:  
They are mainly interested in gathering material and data.  

mathematical  /ˌmæθ.əˈmæt.ɪkəl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: maths  
Adjectives: mathematical  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] relating to mathematics  

Dictionary example:  
a mathematical formula  

Learner example:  
Furthermore, he studied the human body and invented mathematical formulas to describe his findings.
matter /ˈmæt.ər/

NOUN

SITUATION
[B2] [c] a subject or situation that you need to think about, discuss, or deal with

Dictionary examples:
Could I talk to you about a personal matter?
Alois denied any knowledge of the matter.
Will you phone me back – it’s a matter of some importance.
Talking about the world's problems is one thing, but solving them is another matter altogether.

Learner example:
On another matter, I'd like to tell your parents that they don't need to get me any present, but if they insist I'd like you to pick me a novel.

to make matters worse
[B2] to make a situation more difficult, unpleasant, etc.

Dictionary example:
To make matters worse, our car broke down!

Learner example:
To make matters worse, the newspaper said they only played for thirty-five minutes.

as a matter of fact
[B2] used to emphasize that something is true, especially when it is surprising

Dictionary example:
As a matter of fact, I used to live next door to him.

Learner example:
As a matter of fact I didn't enjoy Nice much.

no matter how/what/when, etc.
[B2] used to emphasize that something cannot be changed

Dictionary example:
I never manage to lose any weight, no matter how hard I try.

Learner example:
No matter where you are [or] what you do, apparently you need electricity.

a matter of course
[C1] If something happens as a matter of course, it always happens as part of the normal process or system.

Dictionary example:
Babies were tested for the disease as a matter of course.
Learner example:
The transform[ation] has succeeded so far and caused enormous changes in ordinary life as a matter of course, including eating habits.

**it's only a matter of time**
[C1] If you say that it is only a matter of time before something happens, you are sure it will happen but you do not know when.

Dictionary example:
It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed on this road.

Learner example:
In my opinion it is only a matter of time before it is decided to [put] an end to this country being a kingdom.

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**mature** /məˈtʃuə/  

Word family:  
**Adjectives:** mature, immature

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] Mature people behave like adults in a way that shows they are well developed emotionally.

Dictionary example:  
She seems very mature for thirteen.

Learner example:  
Every time I thought of it before entering college, I expected to find intelligent, kind, [and] mature people, [though] of course, some rude, mean and stupid people as well.

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**may** /meɪ/  

**MODAL VERB**

**may have**  
[B2] used to talk about things that possibly happened in the past or might possibly have happened by a certain time in the future

Dictionary examples:  
The explosion may have been caused by a faulty electrical connection.  
That may not have been Mike's brother you met – I think his cousin is staying with him at the moment.  
Helen may have already left by the time you arrive.
Learner example:
Besides, your report is full of mistakes, so it seem[s] to me that you may not have been well informed.

may as well
[B2] used to suggest doing something, often when there is nothing better to do

Dictionary examples:
We may as well start the meeting – the others will be here soon.
If the shops are closed, we may as well go home.

may as well do sth
[C1] If you may as well do something, it will not spoil the situation if you do that thing.

Dictionary example:
If we’re not waiting for Karen, we might as well go now.

Learner example:
She turned round quickly, and then paused, seemingly unable to find her words. A few minutes later, she began hesitantly: “After all, you may as well know.

mayor /meər/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the person who is elected to be the leader of the group that governs a town or city

Dictionary example:
the mayor of Coventry

Learner example:
As I am sure you know, my name is Jane Brown, and I am the mayor’s secretary.

me /miː/

PRONOUN

take it from me
[C1] accept that what I say is true, because I know or have experienced it

Dictionary example:
You could be doing a much less interesting job, take it from me.

Learner example:
As you pro[b]ably already know, Greeks love sport so, take it from me, you won’t have difficulty in finding sports facilities of any kind, wherever you decide to go.
**mean /miːn/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** meaning

**Verbs:** mean

**Adjectives:** meaningful

**VERB** [T] *(meant, meant)*

**be meant for sb/sth**

[C1] to be made or created for someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
These toys are really meant for babies.

**Learner example:**
Cities are meant for human activities and not for heavy traffic.

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT GENEROUS**

[B2] A mean person does not like spending money, especially on other people.

**Dictionary examples:**
He's too mean to buy her a ring.
My landlord's very mean with the heating – it's only on for two hours each day.

**Learner example:**
She was so mean that she got divorced because she didn't want to share her money with anybody else, although she loved her husband very much.

**NOT KIND**

[B2] unkind or unpleasant

**Dictionary examples:**
Stop being so mean to me!
She just said it to be mean.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand people, when driving a car, can be very mean and wicked, and they sure don't have a bit of respect for the next man.

**meaning /ˈmiː.nɪŋ/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** meaning

**Verbs:** mean

**Adjectives:** meaningful
**NOUN**

**PURPOSE**

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] purpose or emotional importance

**Dictionary examples:**
She felt that her life had no meaning.
The birth of her first grandchild gave new meaning to her life.
the meaning of life

**Learner example:**
We can give meaning [to] our lives, with everyday little things.

**meaningful /ˈmiːniŋ.fʊl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** meaning
**Verbs:** mean
**Adjectives:** meaningful

**ADJECTIVE**

**USEFUL**

[B2] useful, serious, or important

**Dictionary example:**
a meaningful discussion

**Learner example:**
First of all, I think this camp could be very meaningful for children, to be close to nature and to understand Japan.

**WITH MEANING**

[B2] having a clear meaning which people can understand

**Dictionary example:**
The information needs to be presented in a meaningful way.

**Learner example:**
The music is really amazing and the lyrics are so meaningful.

**means /miːnz/**

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

**METHOD**

[B2] a method or way of doing something
**Dictionary examples:**
They had no means of communication.
We need to find some other means of transport.
The family had no means of support.

**Learner example:**
Main transport services 1. The buses This is the cheapest means of transport but I would not recommend it.

**by no means; not by any means**
[C1] used as a way of emphasizing something negative or difficult

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm not an expert by any means.
This is by no means the end of the matter.

**Learner example:**
For one thing, the fight against air pollution is by no means an easy mission.

**by means of**
[C1] using

**Dictionary example:**
She tried to explain by means of sign language.

**Learner example:**
Another plus of the Voiceover CD is the availability of teachers, who can be easily reached by means of a telephone, but this kind of service is expensive.

**meantime /ˈmiːntaɪm/**

**NOUN**

**in the meantime**
[B2] in the time between two things happening, or while something else is happening

**Dictionary example:**
Your computer won't be arriving till Thursday. In the meantime, you can use Jude's.

**Learner example:**
In the meantime, I decided to buy a new bicycle.

**measure /ˈmeər/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** measurement
**Verbs:** measure
VERB

FIND SIZE
[B2] [ɪ] to discover the exact size or amount of something, or to be of a particular size

Dictionary examples:
"Will the table fit in here?" "I don't know – let's measure it."
He measured the flour into the bowl.
This machine measures your heart rate.
The area, measuring 5 miles by 3 miles, has been purchased by the army.

Learner example:
I measured how long they played [for], because I was one of the group's fans.

BE SIZE
[C1] to be a certain size

Dictionary example:
a whale measuring around 60 feet in length.

Learner example:
Both [are] of navy–blue col[ou]r measuring about 32 cm high and 14 cm wide and both have a white ribbon attached to the handle.

NOUN

METHOD
[B2] [c] a way of achieving something or dealing with a situation

Dictionary examples:
These measures were designed to improve car safety.
We must take preventative measures to stop the spread of the disease.
This arrangement is only a temporary measure.

security measures

Learner example:
There are a lot of measures that we have taken in [the] last three years.

measurement /ˈmeʒ.ə.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: measurement
Verbs: measure
NOUN

SIZE

[B2] [c often plural] the exact size, shape, degree or strength of something which you discover by measuring it

Dictionary examples:
The measurements of both rooms were identical.
They've taken measurements of air quality around the bus station.

Learner example:
We sat day and night to document the results of our measurements of polluted ground all over Sweden.

mechanical /ˈmə̅kən.ɪk/  

Word family:
Nouns: mechanic, mechanism
Adjectives: mechanical

ADJECTIVE

MACHINES

[B2] relating to or operated by machines

Dictionary examples:
a mechanical device
a mechanical engineer
The plane appears to have crashed because of a mechanical problem.

Learner example:
First of all, the car had a mechanical defect and I needed to stay almost five hours in an old and dirty garage, waiting [for] the car to be fixed.

mechanism /ˈmek.o.nɪz.əm/  

Word family:
Nouns: mechanic, mechanism
Adjectives: mechanical

NOUN [C]

PART OF EQUIPMENT

[C1] a part of a piece of equipment that does a particular job

Dictionary example:
The clock's winding mechanism had broken.
**Learner example:**
Most chairs’ adjusting mechanism failed to work properly and they are not comfortable to sit on.

**SYSTEM**
[C1] a system for achieving something, or the way that a system works

**Dictionary example:**
We need a mechanism for resolving this sort of dispute.

**Learner example:**
The definition of market here not only means a traditional marketplace for goods exchange and barter, but it extends further to a supply–sell mechanism which domina[te]s the normal liv[es] of all [in]habitants.

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**medal** /ˈmed.əl/

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a metal disc given as a prize in a competition or given to someone who has been very brave

**Dictionary examples:**
an Olympic medal
She won three gold medals.
He was awarded a medal for bravery.

**Learner example:**
[T]hey can also take part in sport[s] competitions and win a medal.

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**media** /ˈmiː.d.i.ə/

**NOUN [+ SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]**

the media
[B2] newspapers, magazines, radio and television considered as a group

**Dictionary examples:**
the local/national media
media attention/coverage/hype/reports
The issue has been much discussed in the media.

**Learner example:**
All things considere[d], I don’t want the media to reveal their private life.
**medical** /ˈmed.ɪ.kəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** medicine, medication
**Adjectives:** medical
**Adverbs:** medically

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] relating to medicine and different ways of curing illness

**Dictionary examples:**
medical advice
treatment
medical student
team

She has a medical condition that makes it hard for her to work.

**Learner example:**
With the help of medical technology doctors can cure more and more patients [and] do many kinds of operations.

**medieval** (also mediaeval) /ˌmedˈiː.vəl/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] relating to the period in Europe between about AD 500 and AD 1500

**Dictionary examples:**
medieval building/painting/town
manuscript

**Learner example:**
On our way around the lake we would have [the opportunity] of visiting a huge medieval castle which is said to be haunted.

**meet** /miːt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** meeting
**Verbs:** meet

**VERB** (met, met)

[ENough]

[C1] [T] to be a big enough amount or of a good enough quality for something
Dictionary examples:
We couldn't find a house that met our needs/requirements.
This old building will never meet the new fire regulations.

Learner example:
Finally, as regards the Internet centre only two computers were available, which did not meet the needs of a Museum like this.

make ends meet
[C1] to have just enough money to pay for the things that you need

Dictionary example:
I've taken a second job in the evenings just to make ends meet.

Learner example:
Most students support themselves and barely make ends meet every month.

melt /melt/  
VERB [I or T]
[B2] If something melts, it changes from a solid into a liquid because of heat and if you melt something, you heat it until it becomes liquid.

Dictionary examples:
The snow usually melts by mid March.
Melt the chocolate slowly so that it doesn't burn.
melted cheese

Learner example:
Walking out of the station he saw her! Tall, blond and with eyes that could melt ice.

membership /ˈmem.bəˌʃɪp/  
Word family:
Nouns: member, membership

NOUN

PEOPLE
[C1] [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB OR U] the people who belong to a group or an organization

Dictionary example:
Union membership is now over three million and rising.

Learner example:
First of all, we found that our club's membership is actually falling.
memo /ˈmem.əʊ/

**NOUN [C]** (PLURAL memos)

[C1] a written message sent from one member of an organization to another

**Dictionary example:**
Did you see the memo about expenses?

**Learner example:**
Dear College Principal, The student committee has received your memo about the proposed changes to the Sports Centre.

memorable /ˈmem.ərə.bl/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** memory, memorial  
**Adjectives:** memorable

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] If an occasion is memorable, you will remember it for a long time because it is so good.

**Dictionary examples:**
a memorable performance  
a memorable evening

**Learner example:**
It was a memorable birthday party because they bought me a bass guitar that I couldn't buy because of its high price.

mental /ˈmen.təl/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** mentality  
**Adjectives:** mental  
**Adverbs:** mentally

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[B2] relating to the mind, or involving the process of thinking

**Dictionary examples:**
mental health/illness  
She had a mental picture of how the house would look when they finished decorating it.

**Learner example:**
His theories have changed our attitude towards mental illness (and mental health) completely.
mentality /ˈmen tæl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: mentality
Adjectives: mental
Adverbs: mentally

NOUN [c]
[C1] a person's opinions or way of thinking

Dictionary example:
I can't understand the mentality of people who hunt animals for fun.

Learner example:
This is why the changing mentality of men plays an important role.

mentally /ˈmen təl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: mentality
Adjectives: mental
Adverbs: mentally

ADVERB
[B2] connected with or related to the mind

Dictionary examples:
mentally ill
It's going to be a tough competition but I'm mentally prepared for it.

Learner example:
Most people believe that team sport[s] help children to become healthier, both mentally and physically, but there are those who have objections to this statement.

mention /ˈmen.tʃən/

VERB [T]

not to mention
[B2] used to emphasize the importance of something that you are adding to a list

Dictionary example:
The resort has great hotels and restaurants, not to mention some of the best skiing in the region.

Learner example:
It is crowded everywhere, the shop assistants are stressed, you get to wait for hours to pay for your goods, not to mention the time you must wait to get them wrapped.
NOUN [C or U]

[B2] a brief remark

Dictionary examples:
When I ordered the catalogue, there was no mention of any payment.
The report made no mention of the problem.
The story didn’t even get a mention in the newspaper.

Learner example:
In the advertisement there’s no mention about getting any money back but I think it was such a disappointing evening that you should give it back to me.

merely /ˈmɛəli/

Word family:
Adjectives: mere
Adverbs: merely

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

SMALL

[B2] used to emphasize that something is not large or important

Dictionary examples:
It cost a mere twenty dollars.
The mere thought of eating octopus makes me feel sick.

Learner example:
The fight was just a mere coincidence.

merely /ˈmɛəli/

Word family:
Adjectives: mere
Adverbs: merely

ADVERB

ONLY

[B2] used to emphasize that you mean exactly what you are saying and nothing more

Dictionary examples:
I wasn’t complaining, I merely said that I was tired.
I didn’t say that you had to go – I merely suggested that you might like to go.
Learner example:
Of course this is merely a suggestion, and if you have got anything else in mind please don’t hesitate to let me know.

**merit** /ˈmer.ɪt/

**NOUN [C or U] FORMAL**

[C1] good qualities which deserve praise

**Dictionary examples:**
His ideas have merit.
We debated the merits of using television in the classroom.
Every application has to be judged on its own merits (=judged by considering the qualities of each).

**Learner example:**
Nevertheless, everything has its own merits.

**mess** /mes/

**Word family:**
Nouns: mess
Adjectives: messy

**NOUN**

**PROBLEMS**

[B2] [NO PLURAL] a situation that is full of problems

**Dictionary examples:**
She said that her life was a mess.
The company’s finances are in a mess.
If he hadn’t lied, he wouldn’t be in this mess now.

**Learner example:**
How on earth did I get into this mess?

**VERB**

**mess about/around** PHRASAL VERB

**PLAY**

[C1] INFORMAL to spend time playing and doing things with no particular purpose

**Dictionary examples:**
I was just messing around on the computer.
She’d spent the day with friends, just messing about.
Learner example:
Well, you could do baby-sitting, but if you don’t like kids messing around, don’t worry, there are many other jobs.

WASTE TIME
[C1] to waste time, often by doing things that are not important

Dictionary example:
Stop messing around and do your homework!

Learner example:
Every day we are informed about young people “causing problems”, "trouble" [or] "messing around".

mess up sth or mess sth up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] INFORMAL to spoil something, or to do something badly

Dictionary examples:
Don’t try to cook lunch without me – you’ll only mess it up.
I feel I’ve messed up my chances of getting the job.

Learner example:
I ignored the price and just pa[i]d because I didn’t want to mess up the evening.

message /ˈmes.idʒ/

NOUN [C]

IDEA
[B2] the most important idea in a book, film or play

Dictionary examples:
The book conveys a complex message.
The film’s message is that ultimately, rich and poor are alike.

Learner example:
It has a clear message: if you desire something, you can [achieve] whatever you want, but [only] with enormous effort and the danger of losing everything you possess[s].

microphone /ˈmaɪ.krə.fəʊn/

NOUN [C]

[B2] a piece of equipment that you speak into to make your voice louder, or to record your voice or other sounds
Dictionary examples:
The interviewer asked her to speak into/use the microphone.
My laptop has a built-in microphone.

Learner example:
Then we had to plug [in] all [the] electric instruments, speakers, lights and microphones.

middle /ˈmɪd.əl/

NOUN

in the middle of nowhere
[B2] a long way from places where people live

Dictionary example:
His car broke down in the middle of nowhere.

Learner example:
You know I really don't want to [get] lost in the middle of nowhere.

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

CENTRAL
[B2] in a central position

Dictionary examples:
The knives and forks are in the middle drawer.
Our company rents the middle warehouse.

Learner example:
After some minute[s] and as I was going [along] in the middle [a]ne, the car stopped.

NOT HIGH OR LOW
[C1] neither high nor low in importance, amount or size

Dictionary examples:
middle managers
middle income families

Learner example:
However, women are mostly found in the low and middle income jobs and they are often working part–time.
might /mɑɪt/

MODAL VERB

**might have**
[B2] used to talk about things that possibly happened in the past or could possibly have happened by some time in the future

**Dictionary examples:**
It might have been Alex who called.
The rain might have stopped by lunchtime.

**Learner example:**
First of all, you might have been thinking you have to go to a sports club or somewhere and exercise very hard to keep fit.

**might as well**
[B2] used to suggest doing something, often when there is nothing better to do

**Dictionary examples:**
We might as well walk there.
As you already know so much about the subject, you might as well skip this lecture.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion, you might as well ask your neighbours if they can look after your flat for one day.

**you might like/want to...**
[C1] used to politely suggest something

**Dictionary example:**
You might want to try a different approach next time.

**Learner example:**
You might want to consider requesting your staff to learn a second language such as German, French or Spanish.

**might as well do sth**
[C1] If you may/might as well do something, it will not spoil the situation if you do that thing.

**Dictionary example:**
If we're not waiting for Karen, we might as well go now.

**Learner example:**
I'm not happy to tell you this but I might as well be frank about it as we both want the visit to be a delightful as possible to our members.
migration /ˈmɪɡrəʃən/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] when people go to another place to live or find work, or when an animal or bird moves to another place, usually when the season changes

Dictionary examples:
There was a mass migration of poor farmers into the cities.
The butterflies come to Mexico during their annual migration.

Learner example:
There is also migration, people from little villages in the interior migrate to the coast.

mild /ˈmaɪld/

ADJECTIVE

FOOD
[B2] describes food or a food flavour that is not very strong

Dictionary example:
a mild chilli sauce

Learner example:
Korean food is quite hot and usually served with rice, but Thai food is mild and sometimes a little bit sour.

SLIGHT
[C1] not violent, severe or extreme

Dictionary examples:
She can't accept even mild criticism of her work.
He has suffered a mild heart attack – nothing too serious.
a mild form of pneumonia

Learner example:
Music has either a strong or a mild impact (depending [on] the person) on our lives.

mile /ˈmaɪl/

NOUN [C]

miles
[C1] a very long distance
Dictionary examples:
We drove **for** miles along dusty roads.
Her cottage is miles **from** the nearest village.

Learner example:
And then, when it seems as if you have walked for miles, you enter the magnificent Forum Romanum.

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**mind** /ˈmaɪnd/

**NOUN [C]**

**bear/keep sb/sth in mind**  
[B2] to remember to consider someone or something that may be useful in the future

**Dictionary examples:**
I'll keep you in mind if another job comes up.  
Bear in mind that there's a public holiday next week.

**Learner example:**
But we should keep in mind that books improve our vocabulary and, what's more, our imagination.

**to my mind**  
[B2] used to emphasize that you are giving your own opinion

**Dictionary example:**
To my mind, the play was rather disappointing.

**Learner example:**
To my mind, The Picture of Dorian Gray is probably his best novel.

**cross your mind**  
[B2] if an idea crosses your mind, you think about it for a short time.

**Dictionary example:**
It never crossed my mind that she might be married.

**Learner example:**
The first thought that crossed his mind was to call the police immediately and that was what he actually did.

**have/keep an open mind**  
[B2] to wait until you know all the facts before you form an opinion about something or judge someone

**Dictionary example:**
We're keeping an open mind about the causes of the fire.

**Learner example:**
To listen, to communicate, [and] to have an open mind are a way of life [nowadays].

**put/set sb's mind at ease/at rest**  
[C1] if you put or set sb's mind at ease or rest, you say something to someone to stop them worrying

**Dictionary example:**
I was really worried about the tests, but talking to the doctor put my mind at rest.
Learner example:
I hope my letter will put your mind at rest.

**put your mind to sth**
[C1] to give your full attention to something and try very hard to do it

Dictionary example:
You could win if you put your mind to it.

Learner example:
With all the technology available, the task is actually quite simple if you put your mind to it.

**be in two minds**
[C1] to have difficulty making a decision

Dictionary example:
I'm in two minds about accepting his offer.

Learner example:
If you are in two minds about having to share your room with someone else, there you can easily rent a studio apartment close to the college, which is situated in the centre of the city.

**come to mind**
[C1] If an idea comes to mind, you think of it.

Dictionary example:
I was thinking about who might be suitable for this job, and your name came to mind.

Learner example:
Positives did come from that crisis – more efficient engines, lighter vehicles and lead–free petrol are just some of the examples that come to mind.

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**mine** /maɪn/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** mine, miner, mining

**NOUN [C]**

**UNDERGROUND**
[B2] an underground system of holes and passages where people dig out coal or other minerals

Dictionary examples:
a coal/salt/gold mine
My grandfather used to work down the mines.

Learner example:
It is a more or less industrial region with many co[al] mines.
**miner** /ˈmɛr.nə/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** mine, miner, mining  
**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] someone who works in a mine  
**Dictionary example:**  
a coal miner  
**Learner example:**  
We are used to strikes in our country so when we heard that the miners had refused to work we did not despair.

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**mingle** /ˈmɪŋ.gl/  
**VERB**  
**TALK**  
[C1][i] to meet and talk to a lot of people at a party or similar event  
**Dictionary example:**  
The party will be a good opportunity to mingle with the other students.  
**Learner example:**  
If you have some time and money to spend go on holiday to an English-speaking country and try to mingle with the locals.

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**minimal** /ˈmɪn.ɪ.məl/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** minimum  
**Verbs:** minimize  
**Adjectives:** minimum, minimal  
**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] very small in amount  
**Dictionary example:**  
Damage to the building was minimal.  
**Learner example:**  
Bigger car parks would be built near the MRT station so that people may park their cars at the car park having to pay a minimal rate and use the train to bring them to their workplace.
minimize /ˈmɪn.ɪ.mai/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** minimum  
**Verbs:** minimize  
**Adjectives:** minimum, minimal  

**VERB [T]** (also UK minimise)  
[C1] to make the amount of something that is unpleasant or not wanted as small as possible  

**Dictionary example:**  
Airport staff are trying to minimize the inconvenience caused to passengers.  

**Learner example:**  
Try to minimize your working time and spend more time with other people.  

mining /ˈmair.nɪŋ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** mine, miner, mining  

**NOUN [U]**  
[C1] the industry or activity of removing substances such as coal or metal from the ground by digging  

**Dictionary example:**  
coal/salt mining  

**Learner example:**  
My company deals mostly with the mining, processing and benefic[i]ation of magnesite ore. Most of our final products are sold abroad.  

minister /ˈmɪn.i.stər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** minister, ministry  

**NOUN [C]**  
[B2] a member of the government in Britain and many other countries who is in charge of a particular department or has an important position in it  

**Dictionary examples:**  
the foreign/health minister  
the Minister of/for Education
Learner example:
He was elected minister of sports, creating some laws to help the players to be more independent.

ministry /ˈmɪn.i.stri/

Word family:
Nouns: minister, ministry

NOUN [C]
[C1] a government department which is responsible for a particular subject

Dictionary examples:
the Ministry of Defence/Agriculture
a Foreign Ministry spokesman

Learner example:
According to a majority of students, it's quite economical for them to go to state schools since the Turkish Ministry of Education gives them scholarships.

minor /ˈmɪn.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: minority
Adjectives: minor

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not important or serious

Dictionary examples:
a minor offence/operation
She suffered only minor injuries.
It requires a few minor adjustments.

Learner example:
Happily they were found by some hunters and escaped with minor injuries.

minority /maɪˈnər.i.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: minority
Adjectives: minor

NOUN
LESS THAN HALF
[B2] [NO PLURAL] less than half of a group of people or things
Dictionary examples:
It's only a tiny minority of people who are causing the problem.
Children with single parents at my school were very much in the minority.
This section of the bookstore caters for minority interests.

Learner example:
On the other hand, the minority of people who believe the opposite maybe want to see the animals and to watch their movements.

RACE
[C1] [c] a group of people whose race is different from the race of most of the people where they live

Dictionary examples:
ethnic/religious minorities
The plan was designed to help women and minorities overcome discrimination in the workplace.

Learner example:
The novel reveals very clearly to the reader how minorities are exploited and scorned by society.

mint /ˈmɪnt/

NOUN [U]
[B2] a herb whose leaves have a strong fresh smell and taste and are used for giving flavour to food and drinks such as tea

Dictionary example:
a bunch of mint

Learner example:
I’d recommend his special lamb chop with mint sauce, it’s just so delicious.

minute /ˈmɪn.ɪt/

NOUN [C]
(at) any minute; any minute now
[B2] very soon

Dictionary example:
Her train should be arriving any minute.

Learner example:
The evil creatures who were bound to come out of the dark would see Carla any minute now.

the last minute
[B2] the latest time possible
**Dictionary example:**
The concert was cancelled **at** the last minute.

**Learner example:**
Unfortunately, the next evening, one hour before the beginning of the show, we learnt that [the main] actors ha[d] been changed at the last minute.

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**miracle** /ˈmɪr.ə.kl/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] something that is very surprising or difficult to believe

**Dictionary examples:**
an economic miracle
Looking at the state of his car, it’s a miracle *(that)* he wasn’t killed.
I can’t promise a miracle **cure**, but I think we can improve things.

**Learner example:**
Every single day we hear about new products, new methods, new technological miracles which have turned our daily lives [upside down].

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**misbehave** /ˌmɪs.bɪˈheɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** behaviour
- **Verbs:** behave, **misbehave**

**VERB [I]**

[C1] to behave badly

**Dictionary example:**
If you misbehave, you will be punished – it’s as simple as that.

**Learner example:**
Firstly, an apology is due to all nearby residents whose lives were disturbed by a few somewhat misbehaving students.

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**miserable** /ˈmɪz.ər.ə.bl/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** misery
- **Adjectives:** miserable
ADJECTIVE

UNPLEASANT

[B2] very unpleasant or bad, and causing someone to feel unhappy

Dictionary examples:
miserable weather
Families here are living in miserable conditions.

Learner example:
Heathcliff [always swears revenge because of] the miserable situation the other character[s] have put him in.

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Word family:
Nouns: misery
Adjectives: miserable

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] great suffering or unhappiness

Dictionary examples:
The war brought misery to millions of people.
We have witnessed the most appalling scenes of human misery.
Ten years of marriage to him have made her life a misery.

Learner example:
[A] few hours of amusement for us might mean a whole life of misery for the animals.

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Word family:
Nouns: fortune, misfortune
Adjectives: fortunate, unfortunate
Adverbs: fortunately, unfortunately

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] bad luck, or an unlucky event

Dictionary example:
He had the misfortune to fall in love with a married woman.

Learner example:
But try not to wear black because they believe it brings bad luck and misfortune.
misinform /ˌmɪs.ɪnˈfɔːm/

Word family:
Nouns: information
Verbs: inform, misinform
Adjectives: informative

VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]
[C1] to give someone false information

Dictionary example:
I'm afraid you've been misinformed about your exam results.

Learner example:
From the article, I got the impression that your reporter was misinformed about certain facts which are crucial for a better [understanding] of the event.

mislead /mɪsˈliːd/

Word family:
Nouns: lead, leader, leadership
Verbs: lead, mislead
Adjectives: lead, leading, misleading

VERB [T] (misled)
[C1] to make someone believe something that is untrue by giving them information that is wrong or not complete

Dictionary example:
She claims the public was misled by the government.

Learner example:
As a member of the charity organisation, I was very much upset by the report, as it was totally against the fact[s], which would certainly mislead the readers.

misleading /mɪsˈliːd.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: lead, leader, leadership
Verbs: lead, mislead
Adjectives: lead, leading, misleading

ADJECTIVE
[B2] making someone believe something that is untrue

Dictionary example:
misleading information/statements
Learner example:
I found it rather misleading and I would like to provide true information about the festival.

miss /mɪs/

Word family:
Verbs: miss
Adjectives: missing

VERB

FAIL TO DO
[B2] [t] to fail to do something at the correct time or to be too late to do something or see something or someone

Dictionary examples:
I must finish this letter or I'll miss the post.
Helen? I'm sorry, you've just missed her.

Learner example:
I have to finish or I'll miss the last post.

NOT HIT
[B2] [t or ŋ] to not hit or catch something as you intended

Dictionary examples:
It should have been such an easy goal and he missed.
He threw a book at me, but it missed.
The bullet missed his heart by a couple of centimetres.

Learner example:
He aimed for the heart, and, when he was about to fire, an innocent pigeon landed on his rifle.
Paul wasn't expecting this, and his shot missed the judge.

NOUN

give sth a miss
[C1] to not do an activity

Dictionary example:
I think I'll give aerobics a miss this evening.

Learner example:
For this reason, I don't encourage you to buy the Spanish version of these CDs. I think you should give it a miss. Kind regards
**mission** /ˈmɪʃ.ən/  

**NOUN [c]**  

**PURPOSE**  

[B2] someone's duty or purpose in life  

**Dictionary example:**  
Her mission in life was to help the poor.  

**Learner example:**  
You think that you are "great", since you can cope with both the job and lots of other "missions" in life, education, sports and so on.

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**mist** /mɪst/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** mist  
**Adjectives:** misty  

**NOUN [c or u]**  

[B2] small drops of water in the air which make it difficult to see objects which are not near  

**Dictionary examples:**  
The early-morning mist soon lifted/cleared.  
The mountain villages seem to be permanently covered in mist.

**Learner example:**  
The mist was getting thicker all the time and the rain was coming down harder.

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**mistaken** /mɪˈster.kən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** mistake  
**Adjectives:** mistaken  

**ADJECTIVE**  

[C1] If you are mistaken, or you have a mistaken belief, you are wrong about something.  

**Dictionary example:**  
If you think you can behave like that, you are mistaken.  

**Learner example:**  
First of all, you mentioned in the article that we promised 45 stalls for that day, but you are completely mistaken as we announced only 35.

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**misty /ˈmɪs.ti/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** mist
- **Adjectives:** misty

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] If the weather is misty, there is a cloud of small drops of water in the air, which makes it difficult to see objects which are not near.

**Dictionary example:**
a cold and misty morning

**Learner example:**
But the evenings were a bit cold and misty.

**misunderstand /mɪsˌʌn.dəˈstænd/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** misunderstanding, understanding
- **Verbs:** misunderstand, understand
- **Adjectives:** understandable, understanding
- **Adverbs:** understandably

**VERB [T]**

**NOT UNDERSTAND**

[B2] to not understand someone or something correctly

**Dictionary example:**
He misunderstood the question completely.

**Learner example:**
He meant that he had misunderstood the situation.

**misunderstanding /mɪsˌʌn.dəˈstændɪŋ/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** misunderstanding, understanding
- **Verbs:** misunderstand, understand
- **Adjectives:** understandable, understanding
- **Adverbs:** understandably

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when someone does not understand something correctly
Dictionary example:
There must have been a misunderstanding.

Learner example:
I think that there is a misunderstanding about the day that I [should] pick up the keys [from] your neighbours.

misuse

Word family:
Nouns: use, user, misuse, usefulness
Verbs: use, misuse
Adjectives: useful, useless

VERB /ˌmɪsˈjuːz/
[C1] to use something in the wrong way or for the wrong purpose

Dictionary example:
He misused his position to obtain money dishonestly.

Learner example:
By doing this the money won’t be misused because we won’t have to build a new indoor court that will not be used at all times.

NOUN /ˌmɪsˈjuːs/
[C1] the use of something in the wrong way or for the wrong purpose

Dictionary example:
They accused him of the misuse of power.

Learner example:
Can we disregard the consequences there may be of the misuse of the above innovations of technology?

mix /mɪks/

Word family:
Nouns: mix, mixture
Verbs: mix

VERB
MEET
[B2] [I] to meet and talk to people

Dictionary example:
She enjoys going to parties and mixing with people.
Learner example:
I like mixing with people.

**mixture** /ˈmɪks.tʃər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** mix, mixture
**Verbs:** mix

**NOUN**

**SUBSTANCE**

[B2] [C or U] a substance made of other substances that have been combined

**Dictionary examples:**
The mixture of flour, water and yeast is then left in a warm place for four hours.
Add milk to the mixture and stir until smooth.

**STYLES / IDEAS**

[B2] [NO PLURAL] when there is a combination of two or more ideas, qualities, styles, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
Their house is decorated in a mixture of styles.
Their latest CD is a mixture of new and old songs.

**Learner example:**
The result is a very strange mixture of different styles.

**mode** /məʊd/

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a way of doing something

**Dictionary example:**
a mode of transport

**Learner example:**
In conclusion, I think that both modes of education play a great role in educating children to be good members of society.
**moderate**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** moderation
- **Verbs:** moderate
- **Adjectives:** moderate
- **Adverbs:** moderately

**ADJECTIVE** /ˈmɒd.ərət/

[C1] average in size or amount and not too much

**Dictionary examples:**
- a moderate increase in salaries
- moderate growth

Eating a moderate amount of fat is healthy.

**Learner example:**
A moderate increase in cinema attendance was noted until the year 1996.

**moderation** /ˌmɒd.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** moderation
- **Verbs:** moderate
- **Adjectives:** moderate
- **Adverbs:** moderately

**NOUN**

**in moderation**

[C1] If you do something in moderation, you do not do it too much.

**Dictionary example:**
I only drink alcohol in moderation.

**Learner example:**
While shopping can make one feel good and even has its positive impact on the retail economy, I think it should be done in moderation.

**modest** /ˈmɒd.ɪst/

Word family:
- **Adjectives:** modest
- **Adverbs:** modestly
ADJECTIVE

NOT LARGE

[B2] not large in size or amount, or not expensive or important

Dictionary examples:
1. a modest amount of money
2. They live in a fairly modest house, considering their wealth.
3. There has been a modest improvement in housing conditions for the poor.
4. The party made modest gains in the elections, but nothing like the huge gains that were predicted.

Learner example:
Finally, I hope that my modest report will help the management of our college to achieve their aim.

NOT PROUD

[C1] If you are modest, you do not talk in a proud way about your skills or successes.

Dictionary example:
He's very modest about his achievements.

Learner example:
Earning a lot she is still very modest and does not show any signs of vanity at all.

modestly /ˈmɒd.ɪst.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: modest
Adverbs: modestly

ADVERB

BY SMALL AMOUNT

[C1] by a modest amount

Dictionary example:
At just £9, the DVD is very modestly priced.

modification /ˌmɒd.ɪˈfɪ.kən/
**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] a small change to something

**Dictionary example:**
We've made a few modifications to the system.

**Learner example:**
Although I am very happy with the current design of my house I may make some modifications in the future.

**modify** /ˈmɒd.i.fai/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** modification
**Verbs:** modify

**VERB [T]**

[C1] to change something in order to improve it

**Dictionary example:**
The plans will have to be modified to reduce costs.

**Learner example:**
To sum up, the Work Experience in Britain Programme should be modified as it was a far cry from what we had been led to expect.

**moment** /ˈməʊ.mənt/

**NOUN**

**for the moment**

[B2] If you do something for the moment, you are doing it now, but might do something different in the future.

**Dictionary example:**
Let's carry on with what we agreed for the moment.

**Learner example:**
For the moment I am unemployed so I have plenty of time to give [you] a hand.

**monitor** /ˈmɒn.i.tər/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a screen that shows information or pictures, usually connected to a computer
Dictionary example:
I've bought a bigger monitor for my computer.

Learner example:
We know our world from TV screens and computer monitors.

**VERB [t]**

[C1] to watch something carefully and record your results

**Dictionary examples:**
to monitor progress
The new findings suggest that women ought to monitor their cholesterol levels.

**Learner example:**
Their life is being monitored and broadcast throughout the country, and every week the audience decide who has to leave.

**monotonous** /məˈnɒt.ən.əs/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] If something is monotonous, it is boring because it stays the same.

**Dictionary examples:**
a monotonous voice
monotonous work

**Learner example:**
The voice of the speaker is monotonous and lacks any rhythm or modulation, intrinsic parts of any language without which proper acquisition of it is impossible.

**monument** /ˈmɒn.jʊ.mənt/

**NOUN [c]**

**STRUCTURE**

[B2] a structure that is built to make people remember an event in history or a famous person

**Dictionary example:**
In the square in front of the hotel stands a monument to all the people killed in the war.

**Learner example:**
First I went to see the Larienki Park and admired the beautiful monument to the greatest Polish composer – Chopin.
### mood /ˈmuːd/

**Noun [C or U]**

**be in a mood**

[B2] to not be friendly to other people because you are feeling angry

**Dictionary example:**
Ignore him – he's in a mood.

**Learner example:**
I didn’t mind the rain, actually I prefer rain when I am in a mood like that.

### moon /ˈmuːn/

**Noun**

**be over the moon** INFORMAL

[B2] to be very pleased about something

**Dictionary example:**
She was over the moon about her results.

**Learner example:**
It’s very kind of you to let me use things in your flat. I’m over the moon!

### moonlight /ˈmuːn.laɪt/

**Noun [U]**

[B2] light that comes from the moon

**Dictionary example:**
In the moonlight, she looked even more beautiful.

**Learner example:**
The floor was dark, [and] the moonlight which came through the window gave the only light.

### moral /ˈmɒr.əl/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** immoral, moral

**Adverbs:** morally
**ADJECTIVE**

**BELIEFS**

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] relating to beliefs about what is right or wrong

Dictionary examples:
- moral standards/values
- a moral issue

She condemned the proposed law on moral grounds.

Learner example:
Ad[d]itionally team sport gives children a strong chara[c]ter and it contributes to the [develop]ment of ethical values and moral principles that makes them fair athletes and pe[ople].

**GOOD BEHAVIOUR**

[C1] behaving in ways considered by most people to be correct and honest

Dictionary example:
She's a very moral woman.

Learner example:
He couldn't tolerate anybody disturbing childrens' lives for the sake of money, because he was a very moral man.

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a moral way

Dictionary example:
- morally wrong/unacceptable

Learner example:
Doesn't it seems morally wrong? Animals need their space and natural surroundings to survive.

**DETERMINER; PRONOUN**

**more and more**

[B2] an increasing number

Dictionary example:
More and more people are choosing not to buy a car.
Learner example:
More and more youngsters have problems with reading and writing.

ADVERB

**more or less**
[B2] almost or approximately

Dictionary examples:
We've more or less finished work on the house.
He more or less admitted he'd done it.
The new window will cost £500 more or less.

Learner example:
I will [now] give you some information, so that you know more or less what you can expect.

**more and more**
[B2] more as time passes

Dictionary example:
It's becoming more and more expensive to buy property in the city.

Learner example:
Cycling is getting more and more popular in Poland.

*moreover /ˌmɔːˈrəʊ.və/*

ADVERB FORMAL

[B2] also and more importantly

Dictionary examples:
The whole report is badly written. Moreover, it's inaccurate.
It is a cheap and, moreover, effective way of dealing with the problem.

Learner example:
Because it is a well-known hotel it should be easy to find it. Moreover, it is really well-located, so it will allow you to move around the city without any problem.

*most /məʊst/

Word family:
Adverbs: most, mostly

ADVERB

**for the most part**
[C1] mostly or usually
Dictionary example:
I enjoyed it for the most part.

Learner example:
First of all, for the most part, people have to use computers in their jobs.

PRONOUN

MORE
[B2] more than anyone or anything else

Dictionary examples:
Everyone was generous but Lizzie gave the most.
This one costs the most.

make the most of sth
[B2] to take full advantage of something because it may not last long

Dictionary example:
We should make the most of this good weather.

Learner example:
Remember, always try to make the most of your life.

mother /ˈmʌðər/

NOUN [C]

mother tongue
[B2] the first language that you learn when you are a child

Dictionary example:
Italian is my mother tongue but I started to learn English when I was six.

Learner example:
I can speak English and French fluently, added to my mother tongue, Japanese.

mother–in–law /ˈmʌðər.ɪn.ˈlɔː/ 

NOUN [C] (plural mothers–in–law)
[B2] the mother of your husband or wife

Dictionary example:
I get on well with my mother–in–law.

Learner example:
I was a little afraid of getting into contact with my mother–in–law.
**motivate** /ˈməʊ.tɪ.vət/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** motivation, motive  
**Verbs:** motivate  
**Adjectives:** motivated  

**VERB [T]**

**ENTHUSIASTIC**  
[C1] to make someone enthusiastic about doing something  

**Dictionary example:**  
Teaching is all about motivating people to learn.  

**Learner example:**  
There are a lot of tools that can be used to motivate people and it is the Human Resources department who should take care of using them properly.

**CAUSE**  
[C1] to cause someone to behave in a particular way  

**Dictionary example:**  
Some people are motivated by greed.  

**Learner example:**  
Most of us are motivated by fear.

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**motivated** /ˈməʊ.tɪˌveɪ.tɪd/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** motivation, motive  
**Verbs:** motivate  
**Adjectives:** motivated  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] enthusiastic and determined to succeed  

**Dictionary example:**  
a very motivated student  

**Learner example:**  
Furthermore, after a break people are often very motivated to go on with their education.
motivation /ˌməʊ.tɪˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: motivation, motive
Verbs: motivate
Adjectives: motivated

NOUN

[B2] [u] enthusiasm for doing something

Dictionary example:
There is a lack of motivation among the staff.

Learner example:
I hope my motivation and my capacity [for hard work] [will] help me cope with the work successfully.

REASON

[C1] [c] the need or reason for doing something

Dictionary example:
What was the motivation for the attack?

Learner example:
Although money is the main motivation, for many people, to work I have come across many people who ha[ve] worked volunt[ari]ly or [for] less money to gain relev[a]nt experience.

motive /ˈməʊ.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: motivation, motive
Verbs: motivate
Adjectives: motivated

NOUN [c]

[B2] a reason for doing something

Dictionary examples:
The police don’t yet know the motive for the killing.
What was the motive behind the bombing?

Learner example:
It was not likely that he had done the murder – because there was no motive.

motor /ˈməʊ.tər/
NOUN [c]
[B2] the part of a machine or vehicle that changes electricity or fuel into movement and makes it work

Dictionary example:
The pump is powered by a small electric motor.

Learner example:
The boat is 26 feet long; it is a sailboat with an inboard motor.

motorist /ˈməʊ.tɪr.i.st/

Word family:
Nouns: motor, motorist

NOUN [c]
[B2] a person who drives a car

Dictionary example:
Motorists will be hit hard by the rise in fuel prices.

Learner example:
According to motorists, cars are better than bikes, as you feel more comfortable and relaxed inside them.

mouth /maʊθ/

NOUN [c]

mouth of a river
[C1] where a river goes into the sea

Dictionary example:
It is a small village, by the mouth of a river.

Learner example:
The mouth of the river with a narrow exit to the sea, provided an extra excitement because of the pressure of the water when joining the sea.

move /muːv/

Word family:
Nouns: movement
Verbs: move, remove
Adjectives: moving
VERB

TIME
[B2] [1] to change the time or order of something

Dictionary example:
We need to move the meeting back a few days.

Learner example:
Unfortunately, we have to move the time of our departure [be]cause of technical problems.

FEELING
[B2] [T OFTEN PASSIVE] to make someone have strong feelings of sadness or sympathy

Dictionary examples:
I was deeply moved by his speech.
Many people were moved to tears.

Learner example:
I was very moved: it was so beautiful!

NOUN [C]

ACTION
[C1] an action taken to achieve something

Dictionary examples:
Buying those shares was a good move.
It was a good career move.
The latest policies are clearly a move towards democracy.

Learner example:
I have also come to [the] conclusion that showing [the] canteen [in the film] would not be a good move because it is very noisy.

CHANGE OF PLACE
[C1] when you go to live or work in a different place

Dictionary example:
We've had four moves in three years.

movement  /ˈmuːv.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: movement
Verbs: move, remove
Adjectives: moving
NOUN

CHANGE OF POSITION
[B2] [c or  u] a change of position or place

Dictionary examples:
He made a sudden movement and frightened the bird away.
For a long time after the accident, he had no movement in his legs.
Her movements were rather clumsy.

Learner example:
She must sit for two hours without any movement.

GROUP
[C1] [c] a group of people with the same beliefs who work together to achieve something

Dictionary examples:
the women's movement
the labour movement

Learner example:
Obviously what started some time ago as a feminist movement has now grown to the level of independence, economically and most important, socially.

moving  /ˈmuː.vɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: movement
Verbs: move, remove
Adjectives: moving

ADJECTIVE
[B2] causing strong feelings of sadness or sympathy

Dictionary example:
She read a moving speech at the funeral.

Learner example:
It was [a] really moving story.

much  /mʌtʃ/

DETERMINER, PRONOUN (more, most)

A LOT OF
[C1] formal a lot of
Dictionary examples:
Much of the evidence was unreliable.
Much work remains to be done.

Learner example:
Much of the influence that people [come under] to change [their] eating habits comes from TV, [e]specially advertisements.

not much of a sth
[C1] used when you want to say that a person or thing is not a very good example of something

Dictionary examples:
I’m not much of a cook.
It’s not much of a job, but it pays the bills.

Learner example:
I’m not much of a royalist but I think she’s the symbol of everything that’s Danish.

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mud /mʌd/

Word family:
Nouns: mud
Adjectives: muddy

NOUN [u]
[B2] a thick liquid mixture of soil and water, or this mixture after it has dried

Dictionary examples:
You've got mud on your shoes.
He'd been playing football and was covered in mud.

Learner example:
It may sound funny, but mud, gravel and snow lying on the school's floors is not a nice sight, so we change our shoes without questioning that rule.

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muddy /ˈmʌdi/

Word family:
Nouns: mud
Adjectives: muddy

ADJECTIVE
[B2] covered by or containing mud
**Dictionary examples:**
a muddy stream
muddy boots
You’ve made the kitchen floor all muddy.

**Learner example:**
I went out into the kitchen. I looked around to see if I could see him, but he was gone, only the wet, muddy footprints were left.

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**municipal** /ˈmjuːnɪs.ɪ.pəl/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] relating or belonging to the government of a town or city

**Dictionary examples:**
- municipal tennis courts
- a municipal council/election

**Learner example:**
Another problem is that the municipal authority in the location proposed has a very negative attitude towards companies of [our] kind, imposing very high taxes.

**muscle** /ˈmʌs.l/

**NOUN [C or U]**

**IN BODY**

[B2] one of many pieces of tissue in the body that are connected to bones and which produce movement by becoming longer or shorter

**Dictionary examples:**
- neck/back/leg/stomach muscles
- facial muscles
- These exercises build muscle and increase stamina.

**Learner example:**
It tones the muscles in this area and provides us with stamina and good health.

**music** /ˈmjuː.zɪk/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** music, musical, musician
- **Adjectives:** musical
- **Adverbs:** musically

**NOUN [U]**

**face the music**

[C1] to accept punishment or criticism for something bad that you have done

**Dictionary example:**
At the end of the day I had to go home and face the music.
**Learner example:**
Teenagers who live with their parents have to face the music about the long bills their parents receive monthly!

**musical**  /ˈmjuː.zɪ.kəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** music, musical, musician
**Adjectives:** musical
**Adverbs:** musically

**ABILITY**
[C1] good at playing music

**Dictionary example:**
She comes from a very musical family.

**Learner example:**
[These] people are very musical and, therefore, you will find folk songs and even unique dances.

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a play or film in which singing and dancing tell part of the story

**Dictionary examples:**
a Broadway musical
A Little Night Music is one of Sondheim’s greatest musicals.

**Learner example:**
It is always a great opportunity to enjoy a musical when you go on holiday to London.

**must**  /mʌst/

**MODAL VERB**

**LIKELY**
[B2] used to show that you think something is very likely or certain to be true

**Dictionary examples:**
Harry’s been driving all day – he must be tired.
It must have been very upsetting for her.
There’s no food left – they must have eaten it all.
She must be very wealthy.

**Learner example:**
I must have been seven years old at that time.
**mustard  /ˈmʌstəd/**

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] a thick, spicy yellow or brown sauce often eaten in small amounts with meat

**Dictionary example:**
a teaspoon of mustard

**Learner example:**
You just ask for what you want put in it – ham, eggs, salad, chicken, mustard, etc.

**mutter  /ˈmʌt.ər/**

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to speak quietly so that your voice is difficult to hear, often when complaining about something

**Dictionary examples:**
He was muttering (away) to himself.
He muttered something about the restaurant being too expensive.

**Learner example:**
"Emile Zola is the best writer", he muttered.

**mutual  /ˈmjuː.tʃu.əl/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**OPINION**

[C1] When two or more people have a mutual feeling, they have the same opinion about each other.

**Dictionary examples:**
mutual admiration/respect
He doesn't like her, and I suspect the feeling's mutual.

**Learner example:**
It will hugely contribute to better understanding between the parties as well as add to a mutual respect and trust.

**FRIEND/INTEREST**

[C1] When two or more people have a mutual friend or interest, they have the same one.
Dictionary example:
Andrew and Jean were introduced to each other by a mutual friend.

Learner example:
They need someone who would help their dead, but still living, bodies look good and they find a victim – their mutual lover (Bruce Willis).

myself /maɪˈself/

PRONOUN

EMPHASIS

[B2] used to emphasize 'I' as the subject of a sentence

Dictionary examples:
I myself don't like a heavy meal at lunchtime.
I'll tell her myself.

Learner example:
Dear editor of 'The Student Tourist Guidebook' [I am writing] regard[ing] your latest student tourist guidebook, which I myself found very useful on my latest trip to Lampton.

(all) to myself

[C1] for my use only

Dictionary examples:
I'll have the flat all to myself this weekend.
I need a couple of hours to myself.

Learner example:
This is because if I live[d] in a triple-storey [house], I would get a room all to myself.

mysterious /miˈstɪər.i.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: mystery
Adjectives: mysterious
Adverbs: mysteriously

ADJECTIVE

[B2] strange or unknown, and not explained or understood

Dictionary examples:
a mysterious stranger
the mysterious death of her son
He died in mysterious circumstances, and there is still a possibility that it was murder.
Learner example:
He went to the Hotel because he wanted to find out who was the person that had sent him a mysterious letter a few days ago.

**mysteriously** /ˈmɪstrə.rɪ.əs.li/

Word family:
Nouns: mystery
Adjectives: mysterious
Adverbs: mysteriously

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is mysterious

Dictionary examples:
"Perhaps, and perhaps not," she said mysteriously.  
Mysteriously, the light came on, although no one was near the switch.

Learner example:
Mysteriously, their character always dies tragically or goes abroad and [is] never seen again.

**myth** /mɪθ/

NOUN

STORY
[B2] [c or u] an ancient story about gods and brave people, often one that explains an event in history or the natural world

Dictionary examples:
ancient myths  
the gods and goddesses of Greek and Roman myth

Learner example:
I spent three days there thinking about myths and legends and having a lot of fun.

FALSE IDEA
[C1] [c] an idea that is not true but is believed by many people

Dictionary example:
It's a myth that men are better drivers than women.

Learner example:
There is this myth that when you are on [holiday] you should spend your whole time at the beach, practically doing nothing.
N

nail /neɪl/

NOUN [C]

METAL
[B2] a thin piece of metal with a sharp end, used to join pieces of wood together

Dictionary examples:
a three-inch nail
I stepped on a nail sticking out of the floorboards.
Hammer a nail into the wall and we'll hang the mirror from it.

Learner example:
Sometimes in food given to animals by visitors you can find pieces of glass, nails or even poison.

BODY PART
[B2] the hard surface at the end of your fingers and toes

Dictionary examples:
Stop biting your nails!
nail clippers
a nail file

Learner example:
She went to the hairdresser to have her hair cut, to the nails shop to have her nails done and finally she made her face up.

naive /ˈneɪiv/ (not an OED word)

ADJECTIVE
[C1] If someone is naive, they believe things too easily and do not have enough experience of the world.

Dictionary example:
I was much younger then, and very naive.

Learner example:
It might sound a bit idealistic and naive, but I think this concept of communication will make the world a better place.
naked /ˈneɪ.kɪd/

ADJECTIVE

NO CLOTHES
[B2] not wearing clothes

Dictionary examples:
a naked man
naked bodies
He was naked to the waist.
The children were half naked.

Learner example:
I cried out in anger and that was a mistake, because the girls turned around and looked at me, standing there naked.

NOT HIDDEN
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] A naked feeling or quality is not hidden, although it is bad.

Dictionary example:
naked aggression

Learner example:
This programme presents the naked truth about Brazil, this so called "Tropical Paradise".

name /neɪm/

Word family:
Nouns: name
Verbs: name
Adverbs: namely

NOUN

REPUTATION
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] the reputation that someone or something has

Dictionary examples:
She went to court to clear her name.
Their actions gave British football a bad name in Europe at that time.
They're trying to restore the good name of the manufacturer.

Learner example:
He's the only one concerned about the good name of the family.
**VERB [T]**

**CHOOSE**

[B2] to choose someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**
Just name the time and the place and I'll be there.
Name your **conditions/terms/price**.
Ms Martinez has been named (as) the new Democratic candidate.

**Learner example:**
He has [been] named as the best Latin singer and he has [won] two Grammys.

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**namely /ˈneɪm.li/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: name
Verbs: name
Adverbs: **namely**

**ADVERB**

[C1] used when you are going to give more detail about something you have just said

**Dictionary example:**
She learned an important lesson from failing that exam, namely that nothing is ever certain.

**Learner example:**
This network is used by the four most used means of transport in our city (namely, bus, car, bicycle and motorcycle) and has been plagued by problems such as potholes, poor drainage and poor use (or lack!) of traffic signs.

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**nap /næp/**

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a short sleep

**Dictionary example:**
He likes to **have/take** a nap after lunch.

**Learner example:**
He usually takes a nap after lunch and at night goes to bed about 10.00 p.m.
narrow  /ˈnær.əʊ/  

Word family:  
Verbs: narrow  
Adjectives: narrow  
Adverbs: narrowly  

VERB

MAKE SMALLER  
[C1] to become less wide or to make something less wide

Dictionary examples:  
The road has been narrowed to one lane.  
His eyes narrowed angrily.

Learner example:  
Driving as well as parking has become a difficult task in Copenhagen City as the City Council [has] over the last [few] years deliberately cut down the numbers of parking places, raised the fees and narrowed the roads and streets.

narrowly  /ˈnær.əʊ.li/  

Word family:  
Verbs: narrow  
Adjectives: narrow  
Adverbs: narrowly  

ADVERB

[B2] only by a small amount

Dictionary examples:  
He narrowly escaped death in the accident.  
She narrowly missed winning an Oscar.

Learner example:  
They narrowly escaped crash[ing] with the car in [the] opposite lane.

narrow-minded  /ˌnær.əʊˈmaɪn.dɪd/  

ADJECTIVE

[C1] not willing to accept new ideas or opinions different from your own

Dictionary example:  
My family are very narrow-minded.
Learner example:
He is a bit narrow-minded and at first he'll drive you crazy but once you get to know him, he'll be good company.

nasty /ˈnɑː.sti/

ADJECTIVE

ANGRY

[B2] very angry or violent

Dictionary example:
When I asked for the money, he turned really nasty.

Learner example:
He can sometimes be very nasty and say and do horrible things on and [off] the pitch.

nation /ˈneɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: nation, nationality
Adjectives: national

NOUN [C]

[B2] a country or the people living in a country

Dictionary examples:
the industrial nations
All the nations of the world will be represented at the conference.
Practically the whole nation watched the ceremony on television.

Learner example:
At that time, everyone should have devoted their life to the nation.

nationwide /ˌneɪ.ʃənˈwaɪd/

ADJECTIVE

[B2] existing or happening in all parts of a particular country

Dictionary examples:
a nationwide network/chain of shops
a nationwide survey

Learner example:
The nationwide blackout was the first in the past decade.
ADVERB
[B2] in all parts of a country

Dictionary example:
Schools nationwide are experiencing a shortage of teachers.

Learner example:
On Thursday, Friday or Saturday you could visit the annual festival, which is well-known nationwide for the music, costumes and dance of the local people.

native /ˈneɪ.tɪv/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

PLACE BORN
[B2] Your native town or country is the place where you were born.

Dictionary examples:
She returned to live and work in her native Japan.
She’s a native Californian.

Learner example:
I am good, because in my native country, Austria, I worked in a cinema.

your native language/tongue
[B2] the first language that you learn

Dictionary example:
French is his native tongue.

Learner example:
My native language is Russian but I speak English fluently and I have been learning Latin for two years.

FIRST PEOPLE
[B2] relating to the first people to live in an area

Dictionary examples:
The Aborigines are the native inhabitants of Australia.
the native population
native customs and traditions

Learner example:
I am very happy to tell you about my trip to the Amazon forest native inhabitants museum.
native speaker /ˌneɪ.tɪvˈspiː.kər/  
NOUN [c]  
[B2] someone who has spoken a particular language since they were a baby, rather than having learnt it as a child or adult  
Dictionary examples:  
All our teachers are native speakers of English.  
a native-speaker dictionary  
Learner example:  
My knowledge in foreign languages has to get better and the best way to do [that] is to get in contact with native speakers.

natural /ˈnætʃ.ər.əl/  
Word family:  
Nouns: nature  
Adjectives: natural, unnatural  
Adverbs: naturally  
ADJECTIVE  
EXPECTED  
[B2] normal or expected  
Dictionary examples:  
Of course you’re upset – it’s only natural.  
It’s natural that you should feel anxious when you first leave home.  
It’s quite natural to experience a few doubts just before you get married.  
Learner example:  
So, of course, it was quite a natural thing for me to learn [to] driv[e] a car as early as possible, and that was at the age of 18 when one could apply for a driving licence.

FROM BIRTH  
[C1] If you have a natural characteristic, it is something you have been born with.  
Dictionary examples:  
a natural talent  
She’s a natural athlete/blonde.  
Learner example:  
Also my natural talent for entertaining people together with my past experience should be very useful working at [the] new theme park.
naturally /ˈnætʃ.əl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: nature
Adjectives: natural, unnatural
Adverbs: naturally

ADVERB

AS EXPECTED
[B2] as you would expect

Dictionary example:
Naturally, he was very disappointed.

Learner example:
Naturally we had to take his word for it.

NORMALLY
[B2] in a normal way

Dictionary example:
Relax and try to behave naturally.

Learner example:
As a result they can't behave naturally at all and become sick.

LIFE
[C1] happening or existing as part of nature and not made or done by people

Dictionary examples:
A healthy body will be able to fight off the illness naturally without the use of medicine.
He has naturally blonde hair.

Learner example:
Sometimes people say women are naturally stronger than men.

nature /ˈneɪ.tʃə/
Dictionary examples:
As a child Juliana had a lovely nature – everyone liked her.
It’s not really in her nature to be aggressive.
He is by nature inclined to be rather lazy.

Learner example:
Jane wasn’t very suspicious by nature, but there was something weird in that.

Type
[C1] [No plural] Formal type

Dictionary examples:
What exactly is the nature of your business?
I don’t like hunting and things of that nature.

Learner example:
He claims that he did not improve his English because of the nature of the job.

naughty /ˈnɔː.ti/

Adjective
[B2] When children are naughty, or their behaviour is naughty, they behave badly.

Dictionary examples:
You naughty boy!
Now that’s naughty – you mustn’t throw food on the floor!
Our boss treats us all like naughty schoolchildren.

Learner example:
But some naughty students in my class were throwing paper aeroplanes when the teacher was writing something on the board.

navy /ˈneɪ.vi/

Noun [C + singular or plural verb]
[B2] The part of a country’s armed forces which is trained to operate at sea

Dictionary examples:
My brother is an officer in the Navy.
Gabriel joined the navy in 1997.
a navy ship/vessel

Learner example:
Best of all, not only am I familiar [with the] life-style on a ship but I also know a lot of things about ship[s] because I was in the navy.
near /nɪə/  

PREPOSITION  

TIME  
[B2] close in time  

Dictionary examples:  
He arrived near the end of the lesson.  
It was nearer four when we finally arrived.  
We can decide which route to take nearer the time.  

nowhere near  
[C1] not close in distance, time, amount or quality  

Dictionary examples:  
The house was nowhere near the sea.  
It's nowhere near time for us to leave yet.  
I'm nowhere near finishing the book – I'm only half-way through it.  
He's nowhere near as tall as his sister.  

Learner example:  
Although people are well aware of the current situation in Switzerland, they prefer looking at other countries and comparing us to them (we are nowhere near as fat as them).  

anywhere near sth  
[C1] used in questions and negatives to mean 'close to being or doing something'  

Dictionary example:  
The house isn't anywhere near ready.  

Learner example:  
We could not have gone anywhere near 5000 miles because all our minibuses were broken down – we even stayed in one place for 8 days.  

ADVERB  

TIME  
[B2] close in time  

Dictionary examples:  
Her birthday was getting nearer and I still hadn't bought her a present.  
As the date of his operation drew near, he became more and more anxious.  

Learner example:  
I would appreciate very much if you could reply as soon as possible, as the school holiday is drawing near.
**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

**in the near future**
[B2] at a time that is not far away

**Dictionary example:**
Space travel may become very common in the near future.

**Learner example:**
I look forward to receiving your reply in the near future.

**nearly /ˈnɪə.li/**

**ADVERB**

**not nearly (as/so)**
[C1] a lot less

**Dictionary examples:**
It's not nearly as expensive as I thought.
There are not nearly enough jobs to go round.

**Learner example:**
However this is not nearly enough, since we are restricted when it comes to using nuclear power [and] there is always a constant search for other energy sources.

**neatly /ˈniːt.li/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** neat
**Adverbs:** neatly

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a tidy way

**Dictionary examples:**
neatly dressed
a neatly folded pile of clothes

**Learner example:**
The performers are all neatly dressed.
necessarily /ˈnesərəli/  

Word family:
Nouns: necessity 
Adjectives: necessary, unnecessary 
Adverbs: necessarily, unnecessarily 

ADVERB

[B2] used in negatives to mean 'in every case' or 'therefore'

Dictionary examples:
That's not necessarily true.
The fact that something is cheap doesn't necessarily mean it's of low quality.
You may love someone without necessarily wanting to marry them.

Learner example:
The most important point in a job interview is to give a good impression, which does not necessarily mean how you look.

necessity /ˈnesəti/  

Word family:
Nouns: necessity 
Adjectives: necessary, unnecessary 
Adverbs: necessarily, unnecessarily 

NOUN

NEED

[C1] [u] the need for something

Dictionary examples:
There's no financial necessity for her to work.
Sewing is something I do out of necessity, not for pleasure.

Learner example:
Therefore, the most important lesson to learn is to acknowledge the necessity of education and the struggle to make it happen.

SOMETHING NEEDED

[C1] [c] something you need

Dictionary example:
Most people seem to consider a car a necessity, not a luxury.

Learner example:
Mobile phones first appeared as a necessity in worldwide communications because, as the different business domains began to expand, the need for information and detailed facts about numerous aspects have emerged.
**neck** /nek/

NOUN [C]

**be a pain in the neck** INFORMAL
[C1] to be annoying

**Dictionary example:**
My brother can be a real pain in the neck sometimes.

**Learner example:**
He's adorable although sometimes he can really be a pain in the neck (don't tell him I wrote this.)

**need** /niːd/

Word family:
Nouns: need
Verbs: need
Adjectives: needless

NOUN

**NECESSARY THING**
[B2] [NO PLURAL] something that is necessary to have or do

**Dictionary examples:**
There's a growing need for cheap housing in the larger cities.
Is there any need to change the current system?

**Learner example:**
In conclusion, I believe that human beings will always have the need for knowledge and entertainment at the same time.

**no need**
[B2] If there is no need to do something or no need for something, it is not necessary or it is wrong.

**Dictionary examples:**
There's no need to go to the shops – there's plenty of food in the fridge.
I understand why she was angry but there was no need for that kind of language.
There's no need to shout, for goodness sake! Just calm down.

**Learner example:**
He told me that I could trust him with the ticket and that there was no need for me to take it home.

**be in need of sth**
[B2] to need something
Dictionary example:
My car’s in desperate need of repair.

Learner example:
He is also constantly in need of money.

needs
[B2] the things you need in order to have a good life

Dictionary examples:
her emotional needs
The city is struggling to meet the needs of its homeless people.

Learner example:
I love swimming and cycling and that is why I want to ask if there are any facilities that could suit my needs?

needle  /ˈniː.dl/

NOUN [C]
SEWING
[B2] a thin, pointed metal object with a small hole at one end for thread, used in sewing

Dictionary example:
a needle and thread

Learner example:
It was impossible for me to open the door, it was like [thread]ing a needle with gloves [on].

needless  /ˈniː.d.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: need
Verbs: need
Adjectives: needless

ADJECTIVE

needless to say
[C1] as you would expect

Dictionary example:
Needless to say, it rained the whole time we were there.

Learner example:
Needless to say, bribes are a frequent occur[rence].
negative /ˈnegəтив/

Word family:
Adjectives: negative
Adverbs: negatively

ADJECTIVE

BAD
[B2] A negative effect is bad and causes damage to something.

Dictionary example:
Terrorist threats have had a very negative effect/impact on tourism.

Learner example:
Even if it provides a lot of advantages, this revolution in the world of communication [also] has a negative impact on our society.

NO
[B2] expressing the answer no

Dictionary example:
We received a negative answer to our request.

Learner example:
Museums are the best example to show how life was in the past but when you ask teenagers [whether] they have been in a museum you will get a negative answer.

negatively /ˈnegəтив.ли/

Word family:
Adjectives: negative
Adverbs: negatively

ADVERB

[B2] with a bad effect

Dictionary example:
They were very negatively affected by the changes.

Learner example:
Despite the huge facilities, technology has affected our lives negatively.
**neglect**  /nɪˈglek(t)/

Word family:
Nouns: negligence
Verbs: neglect
Adjectives: negligent

**VERB [T]**

**NOT GIVE ATTENTION**
[C1] to not give enough care or attention to something or someone

*Dictionary examples:*
to neglect your appearance
Some of these kids have been badly neglected in the past.

*Learner example:*
Is sport neglected by young people nowadays?

**NOUN [U]**
[C1] when you do not give enough care or attention to something or someone

*Dictionary example:*
to suffer years of neglect

*Learner example:*
First of all, concerning the coaches, all I can say is that they were in a complete state of neglect.

**negotiate**  /nɪˈɡəʊ.ʃiˌeɪ.t/  **negotiation**  /nɪˌɡəʊ.ʃiˈeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: negotiation
Verbs: negotiate

**VERB**
[C1] [I or T] to try to make or change an agreement by discussion

*Dictionary example:*
to negotiate with employers about working conditions

*Learner example:*
You should also negotiate the best terms for our client.
NOUN [C]

[C1] when people try to make or change an agreement by discussion

Dictionary example:
Peace negotiations are due to start.

Learner example:
The classes on different subjects connected with the practice of our work equipted us with essential techniques in business negotiations.

neighbour /ˈneɪr.bə/ 

Word family:
Nouns: neighbour, neighbourhood
Adjectives: neighbouring

NOUN [C]

BEING NEAR

[B2] someone or something that is near or next to someone or something else

Dictionary examples:
The French make more films than some of their European neighbours.
Take 5 minutes to discuss this with your neighbour.

Learner example:
As a neighbour of Lithuania and Ukraine we had to learn [the] Russian language.

neighbouring /ˈneɪ.bər.iŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: neighbour, neighbourhood
Adjectives: neighbouring

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

[B2] near or next to somewhere

Dictionary examples:
neighbouring countries/states
She married a man from the neighbouring village.

Learner example:
We have to do concerts in the neighbouring towns.
neither /ˈnɛðər/  
ADVERB  
[B2] used to say that a negative fact is also true of someone or something else  
Dictionary examples:  
Jerry doesn't like it, and neither do I.  
Her family wouldn't help her and neither would anyone else.  
She's not very tall and neither is her husband.  
Learner example:  
Of course, she never thought those would be the lucky numbers and neither did her husband, so he forgot to ask her about the ticket later.  
PRONOUN; DETERMINER  
[B2] not either of two people or things  
Dictionary examples:  
Luckily, neither child was hurt in the accident.  
Neither of us had ever been to London before.  
They gave us two keys, but neither worked.  
"Which one would you choose?" "Neither."  
Learner example:  
Three years ago, when I was in Japan, my parents were both working and neither of them were at home by the time I got back from school.  
CONJUNCTION  
neither ... nor  
[B2] used when a negative fact is true of two people or things or when someone or something does not have either of two qualities  
Dictionary examples:  
Neither he nor his mother would talk to the police.  
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nerve /nɜːv/  
Word family:  
Nouns: nerves, nerve, nervousness  
Adjectives: nervous  
Adverbs: nervously  

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nerves
[C1] worry or anxiety about something that is going to happen

**Dictionary examples:**
I sometimes suffer from nerves when I'm speaking in public.
I need something to **calm my nerves**.

**Learner example:**
You might feel you need it to calm your nerves, but for obvious reasons (the law) it is better not to.

get on sb's nerves
[C1] to annoy someone, especially by doing something again and again

**Dictionary example:**
Please stop making that noise! It really gets on my nerves.

**Learner example:**
My neighbour is always quarrelling with his wife. It's getting on my nerves!

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nerves /nɜːvz/
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**Word family:**
**Nouns:** nerves, nerve, nervousness
**Adjectives:** nervous
**Adverbs:** nervously

**NERVOUS**
[B2] the state of being nervous

**Dictionary examples:**
I always suffer from nerves before a match.
I need something to calm my nerves.

**Learner example:**
I had to calm my nerves.

**steady/strong nerves**
[B2] the ability to be calm in difficult situations

**Dictionary example:**
You need a cool head and steady nerves for this job.

**Learner example:**
I know very well you have steady nerves but what is strong can become weak as well.
**get on sb's nerves**

[B2] to annoy someone, especially by doing something again and again

**Dictionary example:**
If we spend too much time together, we end up getting on each other's nerves.

**Learner example:**
Sometimes, receiving a phone call can disturb very important events in [a person's] life, but [it] also get[s] on people's nerves when you use it in a public place like a train...

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**nervously**  /ˈnɜː.vəs.lɪ/

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**ADVERB**

[B2] in a worried and anxious way

**Dictionary example:**

to giggle/laugh nervously

**Learner example:**

As always the girls sat down in the fifth row and waited nervously for the event to begin.

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**nervousness**  /ˈnɜː.vəs.nəs/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** nerves, nerve, nervousness

**Adjectives:** nervous

**Adverbs:** nervously

**NOUN [U]**

[C1] the state of being nervous

**Dictionary example:**

Her nervousness was obvious when she spoke.

**Learner example:**

Remember, by and large, failures are sparked off by nervousness.
**network** /ˈnet.wɜːk/  

**NOUN [C]**

**CONNECTED PARTS**
[B2] a system or group of connected parts

**Dictionary examples:**
a road/rail network  
Massive investment is needed to modernise the country's *telephone* network.  
We could reduce our costs by developing a more efficient *distribution* network.  
a network of spies/a spy network

**Learner example:**
Switzerland is a safe, small and beautiful country [that is] perfect to travel [in], because of the best publi[c] transport network in the world.

**COMPUTERS**
[B2] a set of computers that are connected to each other

**Dictionary example:**
All our offices are on the same network.

**Learner example:**
[In the future,] the fridge, the television, the stove and the Hi-Fi equipment will be attached to a computer network.

**PEOPLE**
[C1] a group of people who know each other or who work together

**Dictionary example:**
a large network of friends

**Learner example:**
It is quite easy to build a network of friends worldwide when travelling abroad.

**COMPANY**
[C1] a large television or radio company that broadcasts programs in many areas

**Dictionary example:**
She worked for the network for more than 10 years.

**Learner example:**
So the Swiss television network decided to produce a Swiss soap opera.

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**networking** /ˈnet.wɜː.kɪŋ/

**NOUN [U]**
[C1] the activity of meeting and contacting people who might be useful to know, especially for your job

**Dictionary example:**
I often go to networking events.

**Learner example:**
I am sure there are many other benefits working can bring to us, apart from the enjoyment, networking, etc. that I have mentioned above, and of course the money it makes.

**neutral** /ˈnjuː.trəl/

**ADJECTIVE**

**INDEPENDENT**
[C1] independent and not supporting any side in an argument, fight, or competition

**Dictionary examples:**
neutral ground/territory
He decided to remain/stay neutral on the issue.

**Learner example:**
Thus, its main advantage is that the information you get is not provided by a company or something like that but by a neutral person.

**COLOUR**
[C1] Neutral colours are not strong or bright.

**Dictionary example:**
Try neutral creams and greys.

**Learner example:**
Throughout the house the carpets are brand new and lovely neutral colours.
**never** /ˈnev.ər/

**ADVERB**

**NOT**

[B2] used to emphasize something negative

**Dictionary example:**
I never knew you lived around here.

**Learner example:**
I never knew what happened after I left.

**never-ending** /ˌnev.əˈrɛnd.ɪŋ/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] If something is never-ending, it continues for ever.

**Dictionary example:**
The housework in this place is just never-ending.

**Learner example:**
We are often forced to study till about thirty years of age, and it really appears to be [a] never-ending story.

**nevertheless** /ˌnev.ə.ðəˈles/  

**ADVERB**

[B2] despite that

**Dictionary example:**
I knew a lot about the subject already, but her talk was interesting nevertheless.

**Learner example:**
Both the options you gave seem very interesting. Nevertheless, I get the impression that working with animals is much more fun, don't you think?

**new** /njuː/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** news  

**Adjectives:** new  

**Adverbs:** newly
**ADJECTIVE**

**new blood**  
[C1] new people in an organization who will provide new ideas and energy  

**Dictionary example:**  
We need some new blood in the organization.  

**Learner example:**  
It will give new opportunities to new generations and thus will [provide] new blood in the different organisations.

**newly**  
/ˈnjuː.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** news  
**Adjectives:** new  
**Adverbs:** newly

**ADVERB**

**recently**  
[B2] recently  

**Dictionary examples:**  
the newly formed residents’ association  
Newly–discovered documents cast doubt on the guilt of the two men.  

**Learner example:**  
The book is about a newly qualified doctor, Andrew Manson, who starts his career [in] a small town.

**news**  
/njuːz/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** news  
**Adjectives:** new  
**Adverbs:** newly

**NOUN [u]**

**be bad/good news for sb**  
[C1] to affect someone badly/well  

**Dictionary example:**  
This weather is bad news for farmers.  

**Learner example:**  
Focusing now on Kavanagh Catering Services, it could be said that for them price is [the] main variable – obviously this [is] good news for students.
**newsletter** /ˈnjuːzˌlet.ə/  

**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] a regular report with information for people who belong to an organization or who are interested in a particular subject

**Dictionary example:**
a monthly newsletter about business and the environment

**Learner example:**
And if you decide to use our newsletter service, you'll always be up-to-date.

**next** /nekst/  

**ADJECTIVE**

the next best thing  
[C1] the thing that is best, if you cannot have or do the thing you really want

**Dictionary example:**
Coaching football is the next best thing to playing.

**Learner example:**
For many working people, there is hardly time to cook and prepare your dinner, so the next best thing is to rush into a Macdonalds' or Burger King.

**PRONOUN**

thing following  
[B2] the person or thing that follows the present person or thing

**Dictionary examples:**
Who's next to see the nurse?  
Blue roses? Whatever next?

the weekend/week/Thursday, etc. after next  
[B2] the weekend/week/Thursday, etc. that follows the next one

**Dictionary example:**
We're seeing Paul the Saturday after next.

**nicely** /ˈnaɪ.sli/  

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** nice  
**Adverbs:** nicely
**ADVERB**

**WELL**

[B2] well

**Dictionary examples:**
That table would fit nicely in the bedroom.
His business is **doing** very nicely.

**Learner example:**
It is a pleasant, easy book with useful, active vocabulary and short, nicely constructed sentences.

**PLEASANTLY**

[B2] in a pleasant way

**Dictionary examples:**
She's always very nicely dressed.
If you ask your dad nicely, he might drive you there.

**Learner example:**
All the rooms are big, clean and nicely decorated.

**nickname** /ˈnɪk.əm/  

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a name used informally instead of your real name

**Dictionary example:**
His behaviour has earned him the nickname 'Mad Dog'.

**Learner example:**
In school I had the nickname the Joker, because I had the ability to make other people laugh.

**night** /naɪt/  

**Word family:**
Nouns: midnight, night

**NOUN [C or U]**

**a sleepless night**

[C1] a night when you are not able to sleep

**Dictionary example:**
He'd spent a sleepless night worrying about his exam.
Learner example:
Most of the rooms we stayed in did not have air-conditioning, which caused many sleepless nights to the majority of us due to the intense heat.

ninety /ˈnɜːtn.iː/

**NUMBER**

**(be) in your nineties**
[B2] to be aged between 90 and 99

**Dictionary example:**
He is in his nineties now.

the nineties
[B2] the years from 1990–1999

**Dictionary example:**
I spent most of the nineties travelling around the world.

**Learner example:**
Another aspect which shows us the danger that the car represents to human life in the nineties is pollution.

no /nəʊ/

**DETERMINER**

**no wonder**
[B2] it is not surprising

**Dictionary examples:**
No wonder the children are excited – this is the first time they've been abroad.
"If brutal killers like these two are at work, it is no wonder that so many people have fled," he said.

**Learner example:**
No wonder that people are more tired and are not interested in reading books as much as in the past.

**no need**
[B2] If there is no need to do something or no need for something, it is not necessary or it is wrong.

**Dictionary examples:**
There's no need to go to the shops – there's plenty of food in the fridge.
I understand why she was angry but there was no need for that kind of language.
There's no need to shout, for goodness' sake! Just calm down.
Learner example:
He told me that I could trust him with the ticket and that there was no need for me to take it home.

**be no good or be not any/much good**
[B2] to not be useful, helpful or valuable

Dictionary examples:
Boots are no good if they aren't waterproof.
Food aid isn't much good until the fighting stops.

Learner example:
When [it] is raining, you get wet and that's no good to anyone.

**no such thing**
[B2] used to emphasize that something does not exist

Dictionary example:
There's no such thing as ghosts!

Learner example:
But when I asked for these, I was told that no such thing existed and so the advertisement was once again proved wrong.

**no matter how/what/when, etc.**
[B2] used to emphasize that something cannot be changed

Dictionary example:
I never manage to lose any weight, no matter how hard I try.

Learner example:
No matter where you are [or] what you do, apparently you need electricity.

**no doubt**
[C1] used to say that something is very likely

Dictionary example:
No doubt she'll spend the money on new clothes.

Learner example:
No doubt I will find the skills acquired [on] the course, especially speaking skills, most useful in my future contacts with clients from English-speaking countries.

**no ... whatsoever**
[C1] none at all

Dictionary example:
There's no evidence whatsoever that she was involved.

Learner example:
Moreover, the hotel we were finally dumped in was situated miles from Edinburgh city centre and there was no entertainment whatsoever arranged for the evening, even though all the travellers were more or less stuck there.
noble  /ˈnəʊ.bl/

ADJECTIVE

GOOD
[C1] honest, brave, and kind

Dictionary examples:
a noble gesture
He was a generous, noble man.

Learner example:
Charity is a very noble way of spending your money and it is definitely a way in which you would want to be remembered.

SOCIAL GROUP
[C1] belonging to the highest social group of a society

Dictionary example:
She was born into an ancient, noble family.

Learner example:
Capodistrias, coming from a noble family of the Ionian islands played, as a diplomat and mainly as Russia's Foreign Minister, an important role to the new European structure after the destruction of Napoleon's Empire (1814).

nod  /nɒd/ (–dd–)

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to move your head up and down as a way of agreeing, to give someone a sign, or to point to something

Dictionary examples:
Many people in the audience nodded in agreement.
When I suggested a walk, Elena nodded enthusiastically.
She looked up and nodded for me to come in.

Learner example:
She approached him calmly, showing no signs of nervousness or uncertainty. "Do you have it?"
He nodded and shoved his hand into the left pocket of his jacket.

nominate  /ˈnɒm.ɪ.net/

Word family:
Nouns: nomination
Verbs: nominate
VERB [r]
[C1] to officially suggest a person for a job or a position in an organization, or to suggest a person or their work for a prize

Dictionary examples:
Judges are nominated by the governor.
The film was nominated for an Academy Award.
He was nominated as best actor.

Learner example:
Being an Ambassador for Youth bears [a] lot of responsibility, not only because the person must be [of] outstanding character and well-known, but also because they must behave accordingly and be able to convey a positive message. After deep consideration, I have decided to nominate Jovanotti, alias Lorenzo Cherubini.

nomination /ˌnɒm.ɪˈneɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: nomination
Verbs: nominate

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] the act of officially suggesting a person for a job or their work for a prize

Dictionary examples:
to seek/win a nomination
He won the Democratic nomination for mayor of Chicago.
She has just received her fourth Oscar nomination.

Learner example:
Please allow me to support this nomination by pointing out some facts.

none /nʌn/

PRONOUN
be none of sb's business
[B2] If something is none of someone's business, they do not need to know about it, although they want to, because it does not affect them.

Dictionary example:
I'm certainly not going to tell Lara how much money I've spent – it's none of her business!

Learner example:
You might think it's none of my business, but I simply have to say this.
**nonetheless** /ˌnʌn.ðəˈles/  
**ADVERB**  
[C1] despite what has just been said  

**Dictionary example:**  
He was extremely rude in meetings. Nonetheless, his arguments found some support.

**Learner example:**  
Nonetheless, all the people from whom I have received letters are satisfied, as well as their children, who enjoyed the stories and the pony rides very much.

**non-existent** /ˌnɒn.ɪgˈzɪs.tənt/  
**Word family:**  
*Nouns:* existence  
*Verbs:* exist  
*Adjectives:* existing, *non-existent*  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] not existing  

**Dictionary example:**  
We knew our chances of success were non-existent.

**Learner example:**  
The rooms weren’t very tidy and room service is non-existent.

**nonsense** /ˈnɒn.sənts/  
**Word family:**  
*Nouns:* nonsense, sense, *sensibility*  
*Verbs:* sense  
*Adjectives:* sensible, *senseless*  
*Adverbs:* sensibly  

**NOUN [U NO PLURAL]**  

**SILLY**  
[B2] If something someone has said or written is nonsense, it is silly and not true.

**Dictionary examples:**  
She talks such nonsense sometimes.  
He dismissed the accusations as *complete/utter* nonsense.  
What a load of nonsense!  
It’s nonsense to suggest that they could have cheated.
Learner example:
I feel totally disappointed and I would like my money back, because everything in the advertisement was nonsense.

**non-smoking** /ˌnɒnˈsmɔː.kɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: smoke, smoker, smoking
Adjectives: non-smoking, smoky

ADJECTIVE
[B2] describes a place where people are not allowed to smoke

Dictionary example:
Let’s get a table in the non-smoking area.

Learner example:
You can also choose between a smoking and a non-smoking area.

**nor** /nɔːr/

CONJUNCTION

**neither ... nor**
[B2] used when a negative fact is true of two people or things or when someone or something does not have either of two qualities

Dictionary examples:
Neither he nor his mother would talk to the police.
Their performance was neither entertaining nor educational.

Learner example:
I was just having a bath when the lights went out. [...] No lights at all, neither the cooker nor the fridge were working in my flat, so what had happened?

ADVERB
[B2] used to say that a negative fact is also true of someone else

Dictionary examples:
"I don’t like cats.” "Nor do I.”
I’ve never been to Iceland.” "Nor have I.”
I can’t be at the meeting and nor can Andrew.

Learner example:
In fact when Mrs. McGillicuddy told the train assist[ant] about that, he did not believe her. Nor did the Police, [to] whom Mrs. McGillicuddy wrote about what she had seen.
**norm /nɔːm/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** norm, normality
- **Adjectives:** normal, abnormal
- **Adverbs:** normally

**NOUN**

**the norm**
- [C1] the usual way that something happens

**Dictionary example:**
Short-term job contracts are the norm nowadays.

**Learner example:**
The graph indicates the norm for children per family in three different countries.

**SOCIETY**
- [C1] [c] an accepted way of behaving in a particular society

**Dictionary example:**
cultural/social norms

**Learner example:**
Social norms and values, as well as the national regulations, differ from countr[y] to countr[y], resulting in the different view upon such [an] issue [as] child labour.

**normal /ˈnɔː.məl/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** norm, normality
- **Adjectives:** normal, abnormal
- **Adverbs:** normally

**ADJECTIVE**

**return to normal**
- [C1] to go back to a previous condition

**Dictionary example:**
Life has begun to return to normal now that the war is over.

**Learner example:**
After exactly ten minutes the electricity was switched on again and our life returned to normal – what a relief!
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**ADVERB**

**ordinary**

[B2] in the ordinary way that you would expect

**Dictionary examples:**
Both lungs are now functioning normally.
She's behaving perfectly normally for a two-year-old.

**Learner example:**
But the truth is that those animals are not behaving normally.

**not**

/B2/ used to say 'no' or 'not' strongly

**Dictionary examples:**
"Was he a nuisance?" "No, not at all."
I'm not at all happy about it.

**Learner example:**
I sensed that invisible hand was touching my shoulder, but it didn't scare me, not at all.

**not only**

[B2] used to say that more than one thing is true

**Dictionary examples:**
Not only was the hotel expensive, it was dirty too.
You have let down not only yourself, but the entire team.

**Learner example:**
In this show, not only can we see the latest fashions, sportswear, make-up and hairstyles, but we can also enter for free.

**not half as good/bad/exciting, etc.**

[B2] informal to be much less good/bad/exciting, etc. than something else

**Dictionary example:**
Her new book's not half as good as the last one.
Learner example:
Probably they wouldn’t be half as famous as they are without press photographers, journalist[s], etc.

not to mention
[B2] used to emphasize the importance of something that you are adding to a list

Dictionary example:
The resort has great hotels and restaurants, not to mention some of the best skiing in the region.

Learner example:
It is crowded everywhere, the shop assistant[s] are stressed, you get to wait for hours to pay for your goods, not to mention the time you must wait to get them wrapped.

not quite
[B2] almost but not completely

Dictionary examples:
I’m not quite sure that I understand this.
The colours almost match but not quite.
He didn’t get quite enough votes to win.

Learner example:
The student cafe has a welcoming atmosphere and most people said it was nice to sit and drink coffee [there]. [T]he only problem is that there are not quite enough tables and chairs for everyone at busy times.

not a/one
[C1] used to emphasize that there is nothing of what you are talking about

Dictionary examples:
Not one person came to hear him talk.
“You haven’t heard from Nick, have you?” “Not a word.”

Learner example:
Nowadays, I can only see buildings and roads. Not one single tree to refresh yourself from the hot and tropical sun at midday.

certainly/definitely/hopefully not
[C1] used after an adverb in short, negative replies

Dictionary examples:
“She’s not exactly poor, is she?” “Certainly not.”
“We won’t need much money, will we?” “Hopefully not.”

Learner example:
That’s nice, but do you think that money is all that matters? Definitely not!
**notable** /ˈnəʊ.tə.bl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** note  
**Verbs:** note  
**Adjectives:** notable  
**Adverbs:** notably  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] important or interesting  

**Dictionary example:**  
With one notable exception, everyone replied to my letter.  

**Learner example:**  
A notable exception is the advertising of so-called "slow-food" restaurants, which promote [a] healthy lifestyle.

**notably** /ˈnəʊtә.blɪ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** note  
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**ADVERB**  
[C1] especially or most importantly  

**Dictionary example:**  
They have begun attracting investors, most notably big Japanese financial houses.  

**Learner example:**  
As I have already indicated, the content (what they teach you) [is] very good, notably the training of speaking skills and a number of special courses, for example: How to Negotiate.
NOUN

EXPLANATION

[B2] [c] a short explanation or an extra piece of information that is given at the bottom of a page or at the back of a book

Dictionary example:
See note 3, page 37.

make a note of *sth*

[C1] to write down information about something

Dictionary example:
Let me make a note of your phone number.

Learner example:
After talking to other members, I have made a note of the main problems they considered the most urgent to be solved.

compare notes

[C1] If two people compare notes, they tell each other what they think about something that they have both done.

Dictionary example:
We compared notes about our experiences in China.

Learner example:
In conclusion, regular meetings between parents and school teachers [...] help both parties to compare notes, acting in the best interest[s] of the children.

take note (of *sth*)

[C1] to pay careful attention to something

Dictionary examples:
Make sure you take note of what she says. Safety standards are being tightened. Employers, take note.

Learner example:
I thank you for taking note of my view.

FEELING

[C1] [NO PLURAL] a particular feeling or mood

Dictionary examples:
a sad/serious/positive note
His speech had just the right note of sympathy.

Learner example:
On a more practical note: I found the information pack I received beforehand insufficient.
note down  sth or note  sth down  PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to write something so that you do not forget it

Dictionary example:
I noted down their web address.

Learner example:
There were [a] couple of things I noted down during the show.

nothing  /ˈnʌð.ɪŋ/

PRONOUN

nothing but
[B2] no other thing than

Dictionary example:
She did nothing but criticize.

Learner example:
You can read books in the open air while nothing but sea surrounds you.

have nothing to do with  sb/sth
[B2] to have no connection or influence with someone or something

Dictionary example:
He made his own decision – I had nothing to do with it.

Learner example:
Of course, I tried to explain [to] him that I had nothing to do with the vanishing of the cake but he didn’t trust me.

be/have nothing to do with  sb
[B2] If something is or has nothing to do with you, you have no good reason to know about it or be involved with it.

Dictionary example:
I wish he wouldn't offer advice on my marriage – it's nothing to do with him.

Learner example:
The party was horrible: the guests were all talking about things that had nothing to do with me.

for nothing
[B2] without a successful result

Dictionary example:
I've come all this way for nothing.
Learner example:
Unfortunately, I waited for nothing. The TV repair man didn't come!

**stop at nothing**
[C1] to be willing to do anything in order to achieve something

**Dictionary example:**
He will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

**Learner example:**
They stopped at nothing to get the higher scores, to make themselves noticed, even if that meant telling some lies to a teacher about a schoolmate.

**nothing of the sort/kind**
[C1] used to emphasize that something is not true

**Dictionary examples:**
He said that he was a legitimate businessman – in fact, he was nothing of the sort.
It was supposed to be a gourmet meal, but it was nothing of the kind.

**Learner example:**
Let me reassure you, nothing of the sort is happening at the moment.

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**notice /ˈnəʊ.tɪs/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** notice

**Verbs:** notice

**Adjectives:** noticeable, unnoticed

**NOUN**

**at short notice**
[C1] only a short time before something happens

**Dictionary example:**
I had to give a speech at very short notice.

**Learner example:**
The fact that the speech by the famous actor was cancelled at short notice was disappointing.

**noticeable /ˈnəʊ.tɪs.ə.bl/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** notice

**Verbs:** notice

**Adjectives:** noticeable, unnoticed

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**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] easy to see or be aware of

**Dictionary example:**
There was a noticeable **difference** in his behaviour after the injury.

**Learner example:**
What was noticeable all over Warsaw were the overfilled garbage cans and litter in the streets that nobody cleaned up.

**noticeably** /ˈnəʊ.tɪ.sə.bli/

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a way that is noticeable

**Dictionary examples:**
He was noticeably reluctant to meet her.
The new results were noticeably better than the last ones.

**Learner example:**
The teachers' salaries are noticeably the largest part in the charts.

**notify** /ˈnəʊ.tɪ.faɪ/

**VERB [T] FORMAL**

[C1] to officially tell someone about something

**Dictionary examples:**
You should notify the police if you are involved in a road accident.
The court notified her that her trial date had been postponed.

**Learner example:**
You must notify the director if you are not going to sleep in your room.

**notion** /ˈnəʊ.ʃən/

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] an idea or belief

**Dictionary example:**
The notion of sharing is unknown to most two-year-olds.
Learner example:
Unfortunately, in ancient Greece, although the notion of the republic and democracy were invented and quite successfully developed there, not being a noble citizen could be cruelly disappointing and painful.

**notorious** /nəʊˈtɔːri.əs/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] famous for something bad

Dictionary examples:
a notorious criminal
She was notorious for her bad temper.

Learner example:
Apart from this, Bristol is notorious for its poor social policy for the people who are on the poverty line.

**notwithstanding** /ˌnɒt.wɪθˈstæn.dɪŋ/

ADVERB; PREPOSITION FORMAL
[C1] despite

Dictionary example:
Injuries notwithstanding, he won the semi-final match.

Learner example:
Notwithstanding this zealous kind of complaint, it would appear to me that they had great fun during the third day when after the English lesson they went to the swimming pool.

**novelist** /ˈnɒv.əl.ɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: novel, novelist

NOUN [C]
[B2] a person who writes novels

Dictionary example:
His father was a novelist.

Learner example:
My teacher has told me that you are a British novelist who writes crime stories, and you have come to live in our area.
**now /naʊ/**

**ADVERB**

**LENGTH OF TIME**

[B2] used to show the length of time that something has been happening, from the time it began until the present

**Dictionary examples:**
I've lived in Cambridge for two years now.
She's been a vegetarian for ten years now.

**now and then**

[B2] If something happens now and then, it happens sometimes but not very often.

**Dictionary example:**
I love chocolate, but I only eat it now and then.

**Learner example:**
If you really love to have a snack now and then, try to eat fruit and vegetables, instead of sweets.

**any day/minute/time, etc. now**

[B2] used to say that something will happen very soon

**Dictionary example:**
We're expecting our second child any day now.

**Learner example:**
The evil creatures who were bound to come out of the dark [w]ould see Carla any minute now.

**every now and then**

[C1] sometimes, but not often

**Dictionary example:**
We still meet up every now and then.

**Learner example:**
Each day choose 10 new words and learn them by heart. In a week you will have learned 70 new words, and in a year 3640, a lot of words. Please, do not forget to repeat them every now and then.

**CONJUNCTION** *(also now that)*

[B2] as a result of a new situation

**Dictionary examples:**
Now that I've got a car I can visit her more often.
You should help in the house more, now you're older.
She's enjoying the job now that she's got more responsibility.
Learner example:
Now I am in England for further studies, I would be very grateful to you if you will give me the opportunity to join your club.

nowhere /ˈnəʊ.weə/

ADVERB

in the middle of nowhere
[B2] a long way from places where people live

Dictionary example:
His car broke down in the middle of nowhere.

Learner example:
You know I really don't want to [get] lost in the middle of nowhere.

from/out of nowhere
[B2] If someone or something appears out of nowhere, it appears suddenly or unexpectedly.

Dictionary example:
The car came out of nowhere and we had to swerve to miss it.

Learner example:
I was lying all alone on the beach, then suddenly, out of nowhere, right behind me those strange creatures appeared.

nowhere near
[C1] not close in distance, time, amount or quality

Dictionary examples:
The house was nowhere near the sea.
It's nowhere near time for us to leave yet.
I'm nowhere near finishing the book – I'm only half-way through it.
He's nowhere near as tall as his sister.

Learner example:
Although people are well aware of the current situation in Switzerland, they prefer looking at other countries and comparing us to them (we are nowhere near as fat as them).

cellular /ˈnjuː.klɪər/

ADJECTIVE

POWER

[B2] relating to the energy that is released when the nucleus of an atom is divided
Dictionary examples:
nuclear energy/power
a nuclear power plant
the nuclear industry

Learner example:
Anyway, the manager of that centre called me in order to inform me that I would [be doing]
research on nuclear power and atoms.

WEAPONS
[B2] relating to weapons that use nuclear power

Dictionary examples:
a nuclear war/attack
nuclear disarmament

Learner example:
I think that the car isn't the greatest danger to human life today, because I believe the greatest
danger is the nuclear bomb.

nuisance /ˈnjuːsənts/

NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]
[B2] a person, thing, or situation that annoys you or causes problems for you

Dictionary examples:
I've forgotten my umbrella – what a nuisance!
It's such a nuisance having to rewrite those letters.
I hate to be a nuisance, but could you help me?
Local residents claimed that the noise was causing a public nuisance.

Learner example:
It's comfortable, fast and it [avoid]s the nuisance of having to take public transport in the rush hour.

number /ˈnʌm.bər/

Word family:
Nouns: number
Verbs: number, outnumber
Adjectives: innumerable, numerous

NOUN

a number of sth
[B2] several
**Dictionary examples:**
There were a number of journalists present at the public meeting.
We’ve had quite a number of complaints about the programme.

**Learner example:**
There are a number of errors in your article.

**VERB [T]**

**GIVE A NUMBER**

[C1] to give something a number

**Dictionary example:**
Each volume was numbered and indexed.

**Learner example:**
The bus to Finspang is numbered 410 and there is at least one bus departuring for Finspang every hour.

**numeros** /ˈnjuː.mərəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** number
**Verbs:** number, outnumber
**Adjectives:** innumerable, numerous

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] many

**Dictionary examples:**
We have discussed these plans on numerous occasions.
Shops of this type, once rare, are now numerous.

**Learner example:**
The fact that my country produces numerous talented skaters is also a factor that helps me enjoy skating.

**nursery** /ˈnɜː.sər.i/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a place where young children and babies are taken care of while their parents are at work

**Dictionary example:**
Does Jake go to a nursery or a childminder?

**Learner example:**
I enjoy working with children because I was working in a nursery.
nut /nʌt/

NOUN [c]
[B2] the dry fruit of some trees which grows in a hard shell, and can often be eaten

Dictionary examples:
a Brazil/cashew nut
Sprinkle some roasted chopped nuts on top.

Learner example:
Finally I would like to inform you that one of our students has [an] allergy to all sorts of nuts.

nutrition /njuːˈtrɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: nutrition
Adjectives: nutritional, nutritious

NOUN [u]
[C1] the food that you eat and the way that it affects your health

Dictionary example:
Good nutrition is essential for growing children.

Learner example:
So, good exercise combined with the right nutrition (low fat, vegetables etc.) [will] alter our lives and help us feel and appear more relaxed.

nutritional /njuːˈtrɪʃ.ən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: nutrition
Adjectives: nutritional, nutritious

ADJECTIVE
[C1] relating to the food that you eat and the way it affects your health

Dictionary example:
These snacks have very little nutritional value.

Learner example:
Today, individuals have less time to prepare homemade food with high nutritional value.
**nutritious** /njuːˈtrɪʃ.əs/

Word family:

**Nouns:** nutrition

**Adjectives:** nutritional, nutritious

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] Nutritious food contains substances that your body needs to stay healthy.

*Dictionary example:*

a nutritious meal

*Learner example:*

They seem to have discovered that salads and pasta can be as tasty and nutritious as red meat.

**nutshell** /ˈnʌtʃel/

**NOUN**

**in a nutshell**

[C1] something that you say when you are describing something using as few words as possible

*Dictionary example:*

The answer, in a nutshell, is yes.

*Learner example:*

To put it in a nutshell, they all provide good food at reasonable prices.
oak /əʊk/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a large tree found in northern countries, or the wood of this tree

Dictionary example:
an oak table/cupboard

Learner example:
There is a very old oak [in the] middle of the garden.

obese /əʊˈbiːs/ 

Word family:
Nouns: obesity
Adjectives: obese

ADJECTIVE
[C1] extremely fat

Dictionary example:
Currently, 15% of the population are classified as obese.

Learner example:
Less physical activity and [a] poor diet can lead to being overweight or even obese.

obesity /əʊˈbiːs.ə.ti/ 

Word family:
Nouns: obesity
Adjectives: obese

NOUN [U]
[C1] the state of being extremely fat

Dictionary example:
The government is concerned about childhood obesity.
Learner example:
Many researchers say that obesity and other adult diseases are getting common as we eat more western food.

obey /əˈbeɪ/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to do what you are told to do by a person, rule, or instruction

Dictionary examples:
The soldiers refused to obey (orders).
They must obey the rules of international law.
People failing to obey the law will be fined.

Learner example:
I have strict parents who tell me what to do and what not to do every day. If I don’t obey them, I’ll be punished for sure.

object

Word family:
Nouns: objection
Verbs: object

NOUN [C] /ˈɒb.dʒɪkt/

the object of sth
[C1] the purpose of something

Dictionary examples:
The object of the game is to score more points than the opposing team.
The object of the exercise is to complete the task within the time limit.

Learner example:
First of all, the object of the programme is to provide students [with] opportunities to develop useful skills through [a] 6-week work experience in Britain.

VERB [I] /əbˈdʒekt/

[B2] to feel or say that you do not like or do not approve of something or someone

Dictionary examples:
He objects to the label 'magician' which he is often given.
Would anyone object if we started the meeting now?
No–one objected when the boss said it was time to go home.

Learner example:
I would like to object to what the reporter said in his conclusion.
**objection** /əbˈdʒek.ʃən/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** objection
- **Verbs:** object

**NOUN [c or u]**

[B2] when someone says that they do not like or approve of something or someone

**Dictionary examples:**
Our main objection to the factory is that it will be noisy.
I have no objections if you want to stay an extra day.

**Learner example:**
As far as the film programme [is concerned], I have no objections and feel fairly satisfied.

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**objective** /əbˈdʒek.tɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** object, objective
- **Adjectives:** objective
- **Adverbs:** objectively

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] something that you are trying to achieve

**Dictionary examples:**
Her main/prime objective now is simply to stay in power.
Can the sales force achieve/meet its financial objectives?

**Learner example:**
Do you think I [will] have [the right] conditions to do the [diving] course and achieve my objectives?

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] only influenced by facts and not by feelings

**Dictionary example:**
I try to be objective when I criticize someone's work.

**Learner example:**
Friends can be more objective concerning your faults and can give you [a] different point of view.
objectively /əˈbɪdʒek.trɪv.li/

Word family:
Nouns: object, objective
Adjectives: objective
Adverbs: objectively

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is only influenced by facts and not by feelings

Dictionary example:
This test assesses all candidates objectively.

Learner example:
The articles are objectively written and what is more they are comprehensible to the majority of people.

obligation /ˌɑb.lɪˈgeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: obligation
Verbs: oblige
Adjectives: obligatory

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] something that you do because it is your duty or because you feel you have to

Dictionary examples:
If you have not signed a contract, you are under no obligation to pay them any money.
You have a legal obligation to ensure your child receives a proper education.

Learner example:
I think it would be preferable to do [the trip] in July, which is a holiday period and so I won’t have any special obligations.

obligatory /əˈblɪɡ.e.tær.i/

Word family:
Nouns: obligation
Verbs: oblige
Adjectives: obligatory

ADJECTIVE

COMPULSORY
[C1] If something is obligatory, you must do it because of a rule or duty.
Dictionary example:
obligatory military service

Learner example:
I think this is a very good way of encouraging people to learn to like exercise without them having to do it because it is obligatory.

oblige  /əˈblaɪdʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: obligation
Verbs: oblige
Adjectives: obligatory

VERB

be obliged to do sth
[B2] to be forced to do something

Dictionary example:
Sellers are not legally obliged to accept the highest offer.

Learner example:
Besides, I don't want to wear any protective head-gear, which all the riders are obliged to wear.

[C1] [I or T] FORMAL to be helpful

Dictionary example:
The manager was only too happy to oblige.

Learner example:
I understand that you attach a great deal of value to the views of your visitors. I am happy to oblige.

observation  /ˌɒb.zəˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: observation, observer
Verbs: observe
Adjectives: observant

NOUN

WATCHING
[B2] [U] when someone watches someone or something carefully

Dictionary examples:
The doctor wants to keep him under observation for a week.
She has very good powers of observation.
**Learner example:**
But actually it is boring when you're almost always under observation.

**REMARK**
[C1] [c] a remark about something that you have noticed

**Dictionary example:**
He made an interesting observation.

**Learner example:**
I'd like to make some observations regarding your CDs.

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**observe** /əbˈzɜːv/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** observation, observer
**Verbs:** observe
**Adjectives:** observant

**VERB [$T$]**

**WATCH**
[B2] to watch someone or something carefully

**Dictionary examples:**
The role of scientists is to observe and describe the world, not to try to control it.
He spent a year in the jungle, observing how deforestation is affecting local peoples.
Children learn by observing adults.

**Learner example:**
To support [the] idea [of] mak[ing] a short video about daily life at our school I have spen[t] some time discussing it with other students, observing and anal[y]sing an av[era]ge day in our school.

**NOTICE**
[C1] **FORMAL** to notice something

**Dictionary examples:**
Jack observed a look of anxiety on his brother's face.
The guards failed to observe who delivered the package.
In all these films one observes that directors are taking a new interest in Native American culture.
Differences in speech styles may be observed between other social groups.

**Learner example:**
Two trends can be observed: one, "sociological", giving women [a] more and more important role in our country, and the other, "cultural", still keeping them to three "sacred things" – household, kids and [the] church.
obsessed /əbˈsest/

Word family:
Nouns: obsession
Adjectives: obsessed, obsessive

ADJECTIVE

be obsessed by/with sb/sth
[B2] to think about someone or something all the time

Dictionary example:
to be obsessed with money/work

Learner example:
While she was walking her brain got more and more obsessed with the idea....... "I have to tell this story!"

obsession /əbˈseʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: obsession
Adjectives: obsessed, obsessive

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] something or someone that you think about all the time

Dictionary examples:
an unhealthy obsession with death
her chocolate obsession
He's always wanted to find his natural mother but recently it's become an obsession.

Learner example:
Shopping is an obsession for all of us.

obsolete /ˈɒb.səl.iːt/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not used now

Dictionary examples:
obsolete equipment
Will books become obsolete because of computers?

Learner example:
The museum's advertisement promises an exciting experience, so students were surprised to find [so] many obsolete machines of no interest.
obstacle /ˈɒb.stə.kəl/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] something that makes it hard for you to go somewhere or to succeed at something

**Dictionary examples:**
to overcome an obstacle
His refusal to talk is the main obstacle to peace.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays if you are a member of a football club, for example, you have to pay a great amount of money. This can be an obstacle for a lot of young people.

obtain /əbˈteɪn/ FORMAL

**VERB [t]**

[B2] FORMAL to get something

**Dictionary examples:**
to obtain permission
First editions of these books are now almost impossible to obtain.
In the second experiment they obtained a very clear result.
Sugar is obtained by crushing and processing sugar cane.

**Learner example:**
Now, he has obtained a permit from other countries to plant sugar in their countries.

occasion /əˈkeɪ.ʒən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** occasion
**Adjectives:** occasional
**Adverbs:** occasionally

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a time when something happens

**Dictionary examples:**
That was a previous/separate occasion.
We met on several occasions to discuss the issue.
I've heard him be rude to her on a number of occasions.
Learner example:
On one occasion our teacher left the class.

**occasional** /əˈker.ʒən.əl/

Word family:
**Nouns**: occasion
**Adjectives**: occasional
**Adverbs**: occasionally

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] not happening or done often or regularly

**Dictionary examples:**
I play the occasional game of football.
He has the occasional cigar after dinner.

**Learner example:**
Of course, sometimes, there are theatre performances but I would prefer a permanent theatre to these occasional performances.

**occasionally** /əˈker.ʒən.əli/

Word family:
**Nouns**: occasion
**Adjectives**: occasional
**Adverbs**: occasionally

**ADVERB**
[B2] sometimes but not often

**Dictionary examples:**
I see him occasionally in town.
Occasionally I'll have a piece of chocolate, but it's quite rare.

**Learner example:**
I will need to use the computer to contact my friend on E-Mail and occasionally listen to a couple of CDs.

**occupation** /ˌɒk.jəˈpeɪ.ʃən/

**NOUN** **FORMAL**

**HOBBY**
[C1] [C] **FORMAL** something that you do in your free time
Dictionary example:
He has a few occupations, such as gardening and woodwork.

Learner example:
She made literature classes an engaging activity and fun and turned reading into an absorbing and fascinating occupation.

occupy /ˈɒk.jʊ.pai/

VERB [v]

FILL
[B2] to fill or use a place or period of time

Dictionary examples:
His book collection occupies most of the room.
All the seats were occupied.
The babies seem to occupy all our time.

Learner example:
An intelligent solution to this is the bicycle, which can be parked almost everywhere and occupies little space.

KEEP BUSY
[B2] to keep someone busy or interested

Dictionary examples:
On long car journeys I occupy myself with solving maths puzzles.
The new toys kept the kids occupied for hours.

Learner example:
So in order to keep myself occupied for a while, I went to the restaurant, except it wasn’t open.

CONTROL
[C1] to move into a place and take control of it

Dictionary example:
The troops eventually occupied most of the island.

Learner example:
It’s a show called "Taxa" based on true stor[ies]. It takes you back to 1942, when Denmark was occupied by Germany.

occur /əˈkɜːr/ (-rr-)

Word family:
Nouns: occurrence
Verbs: occur
VERB [i]

[B2] to happen, often without being planned

**Dictionary examples:**
An accident involving over ten vehicles has occurred in the east-bound lane.
If any of these symptoms occur while you are taking the medicine, consult your doctor immediately.

**Learner example:**
Furthermore, I think that most accidents that occur with cars are due to the irresponsibility of some drivers and I think strong measures should be taken in order to punish them.

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**occurrence** /əˈkʌr.əntʃər/  

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** occurrence
- **Verbs:** occur

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] something that happens or how often it happens

**Dictionary examples:**
Street fights are an everyday occurrence in this area of the city.
The study compares the occurrence of heart disease in various countries.

**Learner example:**
When workers began to threaten a strike, about twenty days ago, people were instructed on how to tackle such an occurrence – you know, we are well organised and like to have emergency plans for any danger.

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**odd** /əd/  

**Word family:**
- **Adjectives:** odd
- **Adverbs:** oddly

**ADJECTIVE**

**STRANGE**

[B2] strange or unusual

**Dictionary examples:**
Her father was an odd man.
What an odd thing to say.
It struck me as odd that he hadn't called.
That's odd – I'm sure I put my keys in this drawer and yet they're not here.
It's a bit odd that no-one's seen him.
Learner example:
That struck me as odd, since it had never happened before.

odds /ɒdz/  
NOUN [PLURAL]  
PROBABILITY  
[C1] the probability that a particular thing will or will not happen  
Dictionary examples:  
If you drive a car all your life, the odds are that you'll have an accident at some point.  
There are heavy odds against people succeeding in such a bad economic climate.  
What are the odds on him being re-elected?  
The odds are stacked against a woman succeeding in the business.  
Learner example:  
After all, on the battlefield for promotion, men still have a vital interest to set the odds against women in favour of their own opportunities.

of /ɒv/  
PREPOSITION  
JUDGMENT  
[B2] used after an adjective when judging someone's behaviour  
Dictionary examples:  
It was very nice of you to think of us.  
It was a bit mean of him to mention her weight.  
Thank you so much for my present. How thoughtful of you.  
Learner example:  
It was most thoughtful of you to invite us and I warmly appreciate your hospitality.  
RELATING TO  
[C1] about or relating to  
Dictionary examples:  
Speaking of Elizabeth, here she is.  
Let us consider the events of the last five months.  
We know very little of her childhood.  
Learner example:  
Speaking of sightseeing, many thought that visiting other sights – like the Folk Museum – should not be compulsory.
off  /ɒf/

ADVERB

DISTANCE/TIME
[C1] far in distance or time

Dictionary examples:
You can see the village off in the distance.
My holidays seem a long way off.
The exams are so far off that I’m not even thinking about them yet.

Learner example:
Allow me to start by saying that one day, which may lie not so far off in the future, people will visit the buildings which were formerly known as “Educational Institutions” like we visit museums to gape at the sheer size of the Dinosaurs...

PREPOSITION

NEAR
[B2] near to a building or place

Dictionary example:
an island off the coast of Spain

Learner example:
He spent all night off the coast, (unfinished)

off duty
[B2] If someone such as a doctor or a soldier is off duty, they are not working.

Dictionary example:
What time are you off duty tomorrow?

Learner example:
Sometimes I come off duty at ten p.m.

off the record
[C1] If you say something off the record, you do not want the public to know about it.

Dictionary example:
Off the record, ministers are saying the president must resign.

Learner example:
Off the record, how come that your reporter can print such lies when knowing they are perhaps hurting certain people in this important matter?
ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

FOOD

[B2] If food or drink is off, it is not now fresh and good to eat or drink.

Dictionary example:
This milk smells off.

Learner example:
Who knows if the food isn't off?

offence /əˈfɛnts/  

Word family:
Nouns: offence, offender  
Verbs: offend  
Adjectives: offensive

NOUN

CRIME

[B2] [c] a crime

Dictionary examples:
Driving without a licence is an offence.
a serious/minor offence
a criminal offence
He committed several serious offences.
It's the third time that he's been convicted of a drug offence.

Learner example:
Finally, using a bike [keeps] you free of any parking problem [or] parking offence and your bike will wait [for] you all day long, [because] it won't be towed-away!

UPSET FEELINGS

[B2] [u] when something rude makes someone upset or angry

Dictionary examples:
I really didn't mean to cause/give any offence – I was just stating my opinion.
Do you think he took offence at what I said about his hair?
If you don't mind, I'd rather go on my own – no offence, but I think it would be better.

Learner example:
Now, about that organisation of yours. What is it actually doing? No offence, I just wonder are you saving nature or just writing articles about it?
offend /əˈfend/

Word family:
Nouns: offence, offender
Verbs: offend
Adjectives: offensive

VERB [T]
[B2] to make someone upset or angry

Dictionary examples:
I think she was a bit offended that she hadn't been invited to the party. He looked a offended when you called him middle-aged. If the sight of a few dirty dishes offends you, then I think you've got problems!

Learner example:
I know that she was not offended but I will never forget my stupid question.

offender /əˈfen.dər/

Word family:
Nouns: offence, offender
Verbs: offend
Adjectives: offensive

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who has committed a crime

Dictionary examples:
first-time offenders sex offenders young offenders

Learner example:
The ticket fare is very reasonable, [and] there [are] always police p[a]tro[l]ing around, protecting the people from offenders.

offensive /əˈfen.sɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: offence, offender
Verbs: offend
Adjectives: offensive

ADJECTIVE
[B2] likely to make people angry or upset
Dictionary examples:
This programme contains language that some viewers might find offensive.
He told some really offensive sexist jokes.

Learner example:
Dear Sir/Madam, The review on the Westfield Music Festival was both offensive and incorrect.

offer  /ˈɑf.ər/  

VERB
AGREE TO PAY
[C1] [ɪ] to say that you will pay a particular amount of money

Dictionary examples:
I offered him £500 for the car.
Police have offered a $1,000 reward for information.

Learner example:
My company will offer 20 percent more than the minimum wage that exists for the same type of work in Canada.

NOUN [C]
on offer
[B2] available

Dictionary examples:
We were amazed at the range of products on offer.
You should find out about the services on offer.

Learner example:
The swimming pool is also on offer [to] tourists. Another advantage of the hotel is that it is not far from the cent[re].

office  /ˈɒf.is/  

NOUN
JOB
[C1] [juː] an important job in an organization

Dictionary examples:
Some people think he has been in office for too long.
She held the office of mayor for eight years.
Learner example:
The former Polish prime minister was a woman – Hanna Suchocka – and she was able to remain in office for 15 months, in the time when the life expectancy of governments in Poland is about half a year.

**officer /ˈɒf.ɪ.sər/**

Word family:
Nouns: officer, official
Adjectives: official
Adverbs: officially

NOUN [c]

MILITARY

[B2] ! someone with an important job in a military organization

Dictionary examples:
a naval officer
an army officer

Learner example:
He was an officer in [the] army.

**official /əˈfɪʃ.əl/**

Word family:
Nouns: officer, official
Adjectives: official
Adverbs: officially

ADJECTIVE

APPROVED

[B2] approved by the government or someone in authority

Dictionary examples:
the official language of Singapore
an official document

There is to be an official inquiry into the incident.
The queen will attend the official opening of the theatre in June.

Learner example:
I have worked as an official translator in [the] British Embass[y] in Seoul.
officially /əˈfɪʃ.əl.i/

Word family:
**Nouns:** officer, official
**Adjectives:** official
**Adverbs:** officially

**ADVERB**
[C1] formally and in a way agreed to or arranged by people in positions of authority

**Dictionary examples:**
The new hospital was officially opened yesterday.
The royal engagement was announced officially this morning.

**Learner example:**
If I could travel back to any place and time in history, I would choose the day when Wor[l]d War II was officially declared over.

often /ˈɒf.ən/

**ADVERB**

**NORMAL/TRUE**
[B2] If something often happens or is often true, it is normal for it to happen or it is usually true.

**Dictionary examples:**
Brothers and sisters often argue.
Headaches are often caused by stress.
Christmas is often mild in Britain.

**Learner example:**
Very often, people link classical music to Austrian or German [composers], [such] as Mozart or Handel, but rarely to England and genius[es] [such] as Haydn and Purcell.

old /əʊld/

**ADJECTIVE**

**the old days**
[C1] a period in the past

**Dictionary example:**
In the old days large families were much more common.
the same old arguments/face/story, etc.
[C1] INFORMAL something or someone you have seen or heard many times before

Dictionary examples:
Every day I see the same old faces.
Politicians repeat the same old arguments time and time again.

Learner example:
I think that it is the same old story with media all over the world that they tend to present the news in [an] exaggerated manner.

omit /əˈmɪt/ (-tt-)

Word family:
Nouns: omission
Verbs: omit

VERB [T]
[C1] to not include something

Dictionary examples:
She was omitted from the list of contributors to the report.
The Prince's tour conveniently omitted the most deprived areas of the city.

Learner example:
The advertisement had omitted some important facts about the school, like the rare possibility of taking the exam, the problems with transport, the lack of advertised social activities.

omit to do sth
[C1] to not do something

Dictionary example:
She omitted to mention where she was going.

Learner example:
Thus, no-one else could fill the gap if they omit to teach their children basic principles of living [in] society.

on /ɒn/

PREPOSITION

TOUCH/HIT
[B2] used to show what happens as a result of touching or hitting against something
Dictionary examples:
You'll cut yourself on that knife if you're not careful.
I hit my head on the shelf as I was standing up.

Learner example:
Suddenly I hit my head on the bed as the man was talking.

FOOD/FUEL

[B2] used to show something which is used as food or fuel

Dictionary examples:
What do frogs live on?
Does this radio run on batteries?

Learner example:
All new cars run on unleaded fuel which is a benefit to the environment.

on account of *sth*

[B2] because of something

Dictionary example:
He doesn't eat any dairy products on account of the diet he is following.

Learner example:
On account of its location, it is always busy.

on behalf of *sb or on sb's behalf*

[B2] If you do something on behalf of someone, you do it for them or instead of them.

Dictionary examples:
On behalf of the entire company, I would like to thank you for all your work.
Unfortunately, George cannot be with us today so I am pleased to accept this award on his behalf.

Learner example:
I am writing on behalf of our college English club members to welcome you to our city.

on balance

[B2] used to give your opinion after you have considered all the facts about something

Dictionary example:
On balance, I'd prefer to come straight home.

Learner example:
On balance, no matter how important or useful computers may be, they will never replace the pleasure of re-reading familiar pages of your favourite books.

on condition that

[B2] only if
Dictionary example:
I'll come with you on condition that we're back before midnight.

Learner example:
I would like to do this on condition that you will not mention my name [on] the website.

on duty
[B2] If someone such as a doctor or a soldier is on duty, they are working.

Dictionary example:
What time are you on duty tomorrow?

Learner example:
I was on duty in front of the major's house with another soldier.

on top of sth
[B2] in addition to something else that is bad

Dictionary examples:
On top of all this bad luck, he lost his mobile phone.
And then, on top of everything else, her car was stolen!

Learner example:
On top of everything, the weather was bad and the sea was so cold that I couldn't swim.

on the one hand ... on the other hand
[B2] used when you are comparing two different ideas or opinions

Dictionary example:
On the one hand, computer games develop many skills, but on the other, they mean kids don't get enough exercise.

Learner example:
On the one hand, I know from my experience that it's much easier in life if you know more about everything, but on the other hand, I'd say that if someone [had given] me a chance (when I was kid) to study what I enjoy, probably I'd have more possibility to develop my skills.

on offer
[B2] available

Dictionary examples:
We were amazed at the range of products on offer.
You should find out about the services on offer.

Learner example:
The swimming pool is also on offer to tourists. Another advantage of the hotel is that it is not far from the centre.

be on a committee/panel, etc.
[C1] to be a member of a group or organization
Dictionary examples:
She's on the playgroup committee.
How many people are on your staff?
She's a researcher on a women's magazine.

Learner example:
As a student on the committee which organises this, I have to say that there have been some problems with the experience, and also that some changes should be made in order to make a better programme.

on the basis of *sth*
[C1] having something as a reason

Dictionary example:
Marks are awarded on the basis of progress and performance.

Learner example:
On the basis of the points mentioned above, it is a foregone conclusion that young people do not face any severe problems.

be on the ball INFORMAL
[C1] to be quick to understand and react to things

Dictionary example:
She's over ninety, but she's still on the ball.

Learner example:
When you're at Sants station, you'll need to be on the ball to find the tube.

on air
[C1] on television or radio

Dictionary example:
The radio station is on air from 6.00 a.m.

Learner example:
It is on air at 8.30 p.m. every Thursday and Saturday.

on the grounds of/that
[C1] because of a particular reason

Dictionary examples:
You cannot discriminate on the grounds of religion.
I refused on the grounds that it was too risky.

Learner example:
I am convinced that it is better than Southside College on the grounds that a great mass of students are satisfied.

on hold
[C1] If a plan or activity is on hold, it will not be done until a later time.
Dictionary example:
The project is on hold until we get more money.

Learner example:
What's more, it might, intentionally or not, raise awareness on issues that might have been put on hold by authorities, such as the legalization of soft drugs.

on hold
[C1] waiting to speak to someone on the telephone

Dictionary example:
His secretary put me on hold.

Learner example:
The day after, I called your office and after being put on hold, the person answering the phone was unwilling to come up with a proper reply.

on the horizon
[C1] likely to happen soon

Dictionary example:
Economic recovery is on the horizon.

Learner example:
Often this is justified as a result of society being collectively afraid that a shortage of fuel is on the horizon.

on the increase
[C1] If something is on the increase, it is happening more often.

Dictionary example:
Violent crime is on the increase.

Learner example:
[The] number of motorists is on the increase everywhere in the world.

on loan
[C1] If something is on loan, someone is borrowing it.

Dictionary example:
Both paintings are on loan from the city museum.

Learner example:
For example, you can always take out on loan any video you like from our centre.

on location
[C1] If a film or television programme is made on location, it is made at a place suitable to the story.

Dictionary example:
The movie was shot on location in Kenya.
**Learner example:**
We can’t help mentioning the nice shots on location.

**on the road**
[C1] driving or travelling, usually over a long distance

**Dictionary example:**
We’d been on the road for 48 hours.

**Learner example:**
I have experienced sitting behind a steering wheel on the road for many years.

**on track**
[C1] making progress and likely to succeed

**Dictionary examples:**
A fighter from Edinburgh is on track to become world heavyweight boxing champion.
We’ve got a lot of work to do but we’re on the right track.

**Learner example:**
The sales teams are well on track and bringing [in] new customers every day.

**on show**
[C1] being shown to the public

**Dictionary example:**
Her designs are currently on show at the Museum of Modern Art.

**Learner example:**
One of the facilit[ies] that really make[s] a difference is the Art Gallery, with its great exhibition on show, as well as the Art Library.

**on site**
[C1] inside a factory, office building, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
There are two restaurants on site.
They provide on-site childcare facilities for employees.

**Learner example:**
A small period of training on site is required a few days before the beginning of the job itself and how many interesting people you will meet!

**ADVERB**

**HAPPENING**
[B2] happening or planned
**Dictionary examples:**
I'm busy tomorrow, but I've got nothing on the day after.
I've got a lot on at the moment.
Do you know what's on at the cinema?
Is the party still on for tomorrow?

**MOVING FORWARD**
[B2] in a way which results in forward movement

**Dictionary examples:**
You cycle on and I'll meet you there.
Move on, please, and let the ambulance through.

**Learner example:**
I had just got [on] the subway when it stopped and didn't move on.

**WORKING**
[B2] working or being used

**Dictionary example:**
The heating has been on all day.

**Learner example:**
For example, the staff shouldn't leave the lights [on] and the heating's on when they don't need to use it.

**once /wʌn təs/**

**ADVERB**

**for once**
[B2] used to mean that something is happening that does not usually happen

**Dictionary example:**
For once, the bus came on time.

**Learner example:**
We would take lots of pictures, and play our own instruments, and if we get lucky enough, we would even touch the very stones and for once be embraced by magic itself.

**(every) once in a while**
[B2] sometimes but not often

**Dictionary example:**
We do go to the beach once in a while.

**Learner example:**
She did not say very much except for "oh" and "yes, yes" every once in a while.
at once
[C1] at the same time

**Dictionary example:**
They all started talking at once.

**Learner example:**
The study centre is really small and all the students talk at once.

all at once
[C1] suddenly

**Dictionary example:**
All at once he stood up and walked out of the room.

**Learner example:**
All at once, everything started to work again.

CONJUNCTION
[B2] as soon as

**Dictionary examples:**
Once I've found somewhere to live I'll send you my address.
Remember that you won't be able to cancel the contract once you've signed.

**Learner example:**
I'll write back soon once I know exactly when I can visit you.

one /ˈwʌn/

PRONOUN

**one by one**
[B2] separately, one after the other

**Dictionary examples:**
One by one the old buildings in the city have been demolished and replaced with modern tower blocks.
They entered the room one by one.

**Learner example:**
So, he decides to investigate his death and he meets Harry's friends, one by one, to [find out] how he died, but they tell him different stories.

**one at a time**
[B2] separately

**Dictionary example:**
Eat them one at a time.
Learner example:
The story was a horrible one but it had a harmless ending. The mad man kills one at a time, but in the end, the producer of the film says: "Cut, we'll take everything once again."

one after another
[B2] (also one after the other) many, in a series, especially with very little time between them

Dictionary examples:
They had four children one after another.
She ate the chocolates one after the other until the box was finished.

Learner example:
Little parties organised one after another by [the] representatives of different countries gave me [an] opportunity to try the French, Spanish or Japanese specialities.

ANY PERSON
[C1] FORMAL any person in general

Dictionary example:
One ought to respect one's parents.

Learner example:
One can learn the beauty of the Greek language by simply reading the headings and will [soon] find that "The Step" is the best newspaper of all.

DETERMINER

FUTURE TIME
[B2] used to refer to a time in the future which is not yet decided

Dictionary examples:
Why don't we meet for lunch one day next week?
I'd like to go skiing one Christmas.

Learner example:
I would be very glad if Enrico could stay with you one summer.

PARTICULAR TIME
[B2] used to refer to a particular occasion while avoiding stating the exact moment

Dictionary examples:
I met him one day in the park.
One night we stayed up talking till dawn.
He was attacked as he was walking home from work late one afternoon.

Learner example:
One afternoon, my mum called me asking what I was doing.

SINGLE
[B2] a single thing
Dictionary examples:
Do you think five of us will manage to squeeze into the one car?
There's too much data to fit onto just one disk.
I think we should paint the bedroom all one colour.

Learner example:
I would recommend just the one hotel: Riverside Hotel, which offers great value.

ONLY
[B2] used when saying there is no other person or thing

Dictionary examples:
He's the one person you can rely on in an emergency.
This may be your one and only opportunity to meet her.
My final guest on tonight's show needs no introduction. Please welcome the one and only Michael Jordan!

Learner example:
Often it's the one and only possibility for young children to see wild animals or unknown animals from the other side of the world in real life.

one way or another
[B2] in some way that is not stated

Dictionary examples:
One way or another these bills have to be paid.
Everyone at the party was related in one way or another.

Learner example:
All of them made a big difference to our personal life and have affected it one way or another.

one way or the other
[B2] in any way that is possible

Dictionary example:
We have to make a decision one way or the other about what needs to be done.

Learner example:
Our transportation system nowadays is also very well organised and there is a wide range of buses, subways, etc. with which you can reach your destination one way or the other.

oneself /wʌnˈself/

PRONOUN FORMAL
[C1] the reflexive form of the pronoun 'one' when it refers to the person speaking or people in general

Dictionary example:
How else should one protect oneself and one's family?
Learner example:
One must ask oneself: "Why is this happening?"

only /ˈəʊn.li/

**ADVERB**

I only hope (that) ... /I only wish ... (that)

[B2] used to emphasize what you are hoping or wishing for

**Dictionary examples:**
I only hope you know what you’re doing.
I only wish that they would keep in touch more regularly.

**Learner example:**
I only hope I can have the chance to see her too.

not only

[B2] used to say that more than one thing is true

**Dictionary examples:**
Not only did he turn up late, he also forgot his books.
If this project fails it will affect not only our department, but also the whole organization.

**Learner example:**
Not only did she introduce me to her friends but she also introduced me to her brother.

onto (also on to) /ˈɒn.tu/

**PREPOSITION**

**CHANGING SUBJECT**

[B2] used to show that you are starting to talk about a different subject

**Dictionary example:**
How did we get onto this subject?

**Learner example:**
Let’s move onto another topic!
have/keep an open mind

[B2] to wait until you know all the facts before you form an opinion about something or judge someone

Dictionary example:
We're keeping an open mind about the causes of the fire.

Learner example:
To listen, to communicate, [and] to have an open mind are a way of life [nowadays].

NOT COVERED

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] without a roof or cover

Dictionary example:
an open courtyard

Learner example:
You can hardly find anything more lovely than driving through the Scottish landscape in an open car.

open to discussion/suggestions, etc.

[C1] willing to consider a discussion/suggestions, etc.

Dictionary example:
This is only a proposal. I'm open to suggestions.

Learner example:
He seems open to ideas like this, and I am sure he will not cancel at the last minute!

START OFFICIALLY

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] If a business or activity opens, it starts officially for the first time, and if you open it, you make it start officially for the first time.

Dictionary examples:
That restaurant's new – it only opened last month.
The Olympic Games open tomorrow.
The new hospital will be officially opened by the mayor on Tuesday.
Learner example:
Well, I reckon that you can take photographs [of] the old castle and also the Classic Museum, which was opened by Queen Victoria 100 years ago.

opening /ˈəʊ.pənɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: opening, openness
Verbs: open
Adjectives: open, opening
Adverbs: openly

NOUN

CEREMONY
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] a ceremony at the beginning of an event or activity

Dictionary example:
The official opening of the new school will take place next month.

Learner example:
The festival starts with a huge opening parade.

BEGINNING
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] the beginning of something

Dictionary example:
The opening of the novel is amazing.

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] happening at the beginning of an event or activity

Dictionary examples:
her opening remarks
the opening night

Learner example:
Also we could offer free drinks from our new products [on] the opening night, so we could [get] their first impressions.

openly /ˈəʊ.pən.li/

Word family:
Nouns: opening, openness
Verbs: open
Adjectives: open, opening
Adverbs: openly
ADVERB

[C1] without hiding any of your thoughts or feelings

Dictionary examples:
They were openly dismissive of my suggestions.
He talks quite openly about his feelings.
We discussed our reservations about the contract quite openly.

Learner example:
I do hope that you are willing to cooperate, though I cannot say it openly.

open-minded /ˌəʊ.pənˈmaɪn.dɪd/

ADJECTIVE

[C1] willing to consider ideas and opinions that are new or different to your own

Dictionary example:
Luckily, both my parents were very open-minded.

Learner example:
He is also open-minded and very reliable.

operate /ˈɒp.ər.eɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: operation, operator
Verbs: operate

VERB

MACHINE

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] If a machine operates, it does what it is designed to do, and if you operate it, you make it do what it is designed to do.

Dictionary examples:
You have to be trained to operate the machinery.
These new sewing machines are easy to operate.
How do you operate the remote control unit?

Learner example:
Lots of things are operated by computers now like airplanes, elevators, ticket machines, and so on.

ORGANIZATION

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] If an organization or business operates, it is working, and if you operate it, you manage it and make it work.
Dictionary example:
Our company is operating under very difficult conditions at present.

Learner example:
Now we can get to Lampton by a coach service which is operated by ABC Coaches.

**operation** /ˌɒp.əˈreɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
**Nouns:** operation, operator

**Verbs:** operate

**NOUN [c]**

**PLANNED ACTIVITY**

[C1] [c] an activity which is planned to achieve something

**Dictionary examples:**
- a military/peacekeeping operation
- Following the earthquake, a large-scale rescue operation was launched.
  The operation to fly in supplies will begin as soon as possible.

**ORGANIZATION**

[C1] [c] an organization or business

**Dictionary example:**
- a large commercial operation

**Learner example:**
- If I cannot receive any satisfactory reply this month, I will write to the newspaper to expose your operation.

**WORK**

[C1] [u] the fact of operating or being active

**Dictionary examples:**
- There are several reactors of the type in operation at the moment.
- We expect the new scheme for assessing claims to come into operation early next year.

**Learner example:**
- We see computers in operation at work as well as in almost every home.

**operator** /ˈɒp.ər.eɪ.tə/

Word family:
**Nouns:** operation, operator

**Verbs:** operate
PERSON CONTROLLING MACHINE
[B2] someone whose job is to use and control a machine or vehicle

Dictionary example:
a computer operator

Learner example:
Last year I was working in a printing company as a Macintosh operator.

COMPANY
[B2] a company that does a particular type of business

Dictionary example:
a tour operator

Learner example:
If once more we are not satisfied, tour operators organize several types of safari holidays wherever we like.

opinion /əˈpɪn.ən/ NOUN

OF GROUP
[B2] [u] the thoughts or beliefs that a group of people have

Dictionary examples:
Eventually, the government will have to take notice of public opinion.
There is a diverse range of opinion on the issue.
There was a difference of opinion as to the desirability of the project.
Opinion is divided as to whether the treatment actually works.
Both performances were excellent, it's simply a matter of opinion as to whose was better.

Learner example:
I would like to add that when it comes to public opinion there is a great variety of different points of view – that is why this article, which asserts that "performers were second-rate" seems to be unfair.

have a high/law opinion of sb/sth
[C1] to think that someone or something is good/bad

Dictionary example:
He has a low opinion of doctors.

Learner example:
He had a very high opinion of this particular course.
opponent /əˈpəʊ.nənt/

NOUN [c]

SPORT
[B2] someone who you compete against in a game or competition

Dictionary example:
In the second game, her opponent hurt her leg and had to retire.

Learner example:
Carmelita was her opponent in the vol[ley]ball final.

PERSON WHO DISAGREES
[B2] someone who disagrees with an action or belief and tries to change it

Dictionary examples:
a political opponent
Leading opponents of the proposed cuts in defence spending will meet later today.

Learner example:
First of all let me look at the arguments used to support cycling and then at those of its opponents, who prefer travelling by car.

opportunity /ˌɒp.əˈtjuː.nə.ti/

NOUN

CHANCE OF JOB
[B2] [C USUALLY PLURAL] the chance to get a job

Dictionary examples:
employment/job opportunities
opportunities for young graduates
There are far more opportunities now for school leavers than there were fifty years ago.

Learner example:
And many people don't have any other job opportunities so they would be stuck with [these] bad jobs.

take the/this opportunity to do sth
[B2] to use an occasion to do or say something

Dictionary example:
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you.

Learner example:
Most of the comments [are] not right at all. I would like to take this opportunity to correct them.
### oppose  /əˈpəʊz/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** opposite, opposition  
**Verbs:** oppose  
**Adjectives:** opposite, opposed  
**Adverbs:** opposite

**VERB [T]**  
[B2] to disagree with a plan or activity and to try to change or stop it  

**Dictionary examples:**  
They both opposed the plan.  
The proposed new examination system has been vigorously opposed by teachers.

**Learner example:**  
Some of them were defending the idea that the car is the most lethal object that anybody can have, and others who opposed that idea said that the car is and [will] always be the best invention made by humanity.

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**ADJECTIVE**  
be opposed to sth  
[C1] to disagree with a plan or activity  

**Dictionary example:**  
We're not opposed to tax increases.

**Learner example:**  
As you can see, Greendale Park is a very precious place for the majority of the residents, and they are opposed to the council's plan.
opposite  /ˈɒp.ə.zɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: opposite, opposition
Verbs: oppose
Adjectives: opposite, opposed
Adverbs: opposite

ADJECTIVE

DIFFERENT

[B2] completely different

Dictionary examples:
All the traffic was going in the opposite direction.
Police attempts to calm the violence had the opposite effect.

Learner example:
The uncle had warned her so that she wouldn't infer with what happened at the inn, but it had the opposite effect on Mary.

the opposite sex

[C1] people who are the other sex from you

Dictionary example:
He would never dare to speak to a member of the opposite sex.

Learner example:
This is not only about trying to impress (preferably) a person of the opposite sex, but fashion also gives you a great chance to express yourself.

opposition  /ˌɒp.əˈzɪʃn/

Word family:
Nouns: opposite, opposition
Verbs: oppose
Adjectives: opposite, opposed
Adverbs: opposite

NOUN [u]

DISAGREEMENT

[C1] strong disagreement

Dictionary examples:
There is fierce/strong opposition to the proposed changes.
The unions are in opposition to the government over the issue of privatization.
Learner example:
The students, in an attempt to demonstrate the opposition of the Greek people to the military regime, occupied their schools for many days.

**the opposition**
[C1] the political parties in a country that are not part of the government

Dictionary example:
The opposition is arguing for a review of the policy.

Learner example:
He was elected MP for a record of 9 times [and] was the leader of EPE for many years, leading the opposition when Georgios Papandreou, Andreas' father was in power.

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**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** option
- **Verbs:** opt
- **Adjectives:** optional

**VERB [i]**
[C1] to choose something or to decide to do something

Dictionary examples:
Mike opted for early retirement.
Most people opt to have the operation.

Learner example:
My recommendation today is to take in[to] consideration people's views and opt for the 'Park and Ride'.

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**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** optimism, optimist
- **Adjectives:** optimistic

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] someone who always believes that good things will happen

Dictionary example:
She's an optimist.

Learner example:
She is an incurable optimist with a great sense of humour.
optimistic /ˌɒp.tɪˈmɪstɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: optimism, optimist
Adjectives: optimistic

ADJECTIVE

[B2] always believing that good things will happen

Dictionary example:
She is optimistic about her chances of winning a gold medal.

Learner example:
I'm not very optimistic about them being sensitive enough to try to produce [fewer] cars, putting human life before their profits.

option /ˈɒp.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: option
Verbs: opt
Adjectives: optional

NOUN [C]

have no option (but to do sth)

[C1] to not have the possibility of doing something else

Dictionary example:
We didn't want to dismiss him, but we had no option.

Learner example:
For example, [on] the first day, Monday, students have the day free with their host parents but there are some of them who work all day and the students have no option but to stay alone in the house.

optional /ˈɒp.ʃən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: option
Verbs: opt
Adjectives: optional

ADJECTIVE

[B2] If something is optional, you can choose whether to do it, pay it, buy it, etc.

Dictionary example:
English is compulsory for all students, but art and music are optional.
Learner example:
Refer[r]ing to optional lessons, it was recommended that Speaking and Listening, Computer [Studies] and Business English are suitable for filming.

or /ɔː/ or /ɔːr/

CONJUNCTION

CHANGE
[B2] used to change or correct something you have said

Dictionary examples:
We told the truth, or most of it.
Rosalind, or Roz to her friends, took the initiative.
Things have been going quite well recently. Or they were, up until two days ago.

Learner example:
She is the one [who goes] around with all Rebecca's secrets. Or, almost all the secrets.

or else
[B2] used to say what will happen if another thing does not happen

Dictionary example:
We must be there by six, or else we'll miss the beginning.

Learner example:
[He] told me to hurry up, or else I would miss my bus.

REASON
[C1] used to give a reason for something you have said

Dictionary example:
She must love him or she wouldn't have stayed with him all these years.

or two
[C1] used to show a very small number, usually one or two

Dictionary example:
I'd like to say a word or two about loyalty.

Learner example:
Many fathers do not realize what they are missing by not demanding the privilege of staying at home with the child, at least for a month or two.
oral  /ˈɔː.rəl/

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] spoken, not written

*Dictionary example:* an oral agreement/exam

*Learner example:* To sum it up, watching TV improves our oral skills and is a better way of taking notice of the world outside, whereas books improve our writing and reading skills.

orchestral  /ɔːˈkes.trəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** orchestra
**Adjectives:** orchestral

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] played by, written for or to do with an orchestra

*Dictionary example:* an orchestral arrangement

*Learner example:* The lyrics are about life, love, pain and death but the most important thing is how th[ese] lyrics match with the orchestral part of the song.

order  /ˈɔː.dər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** order, disorder

**NOUN**

**INSTRUCTION**
[B2] [c] an instruction that someone must obey

*Dictionary examples:* The soldiers fired as soon as their commander gave the order.
Soldiers must obey orders.

*Learner example:* Today I can still remember my last order: "Put that light out!"

**TIDY**
[B2] [u] a situation in which everything is in its correct place
Dictionary examples:
I like to put everything in order before I go away.
The house was so untidy that she spent the whole day trying to establish some sort of order.

Learner example:
Everything was clean and in order.

VERB

INSTRUCT
[B2] [ɪnstrʌkt] to give someone an instruction that they must obey

Dictionary examples:
The management has ordered a cutback in spending.
"Wait over there," she ordered.
They ordered him to leave the room.

Learner example:
Then, the men ordered him to walk back to the museum as if nothing had happened.

organ /ˈɔːɡən/

NOUN [C]

BODY
[C1] a part of an animal or plant that has a special purpose

Dictionary examples:
an external/Internal/reproductive organ
an organ donor/transplant

Learner example:
Now you can replace or heal almost every bone or organ in a human body.

organic /ˌɔːgəˈnɪk/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not using artificial chemicals when keeping animals or growing plants for food

Dictionary example:
organic food/fruit/farms/farmers/vegetables

Learner example:
Also, people care more about what really is in the food they eat and so interest in organic food is increasing.
organization (also UK organisation) /ˌɔː.gən.əˈziər.ʒən/  

Word family:
Nouns: organization, organizer  
Verbs: organize  
Adjectives: disorganized, organized

NOUN  

ARRANGEMENT  

[C1] [u] the way that parts of something are arranged  

Dictionary example:
I'm trying to improve the organization of my computer files.

Learner example:
He also stressed the importance of timing and organisation of your speech and the procedure of business meetings.

organize (also UK organise) /ˈɔː.gən.aɪz/  

Word family:
Nouns: organization, organizer  
Verbs: organize  
Adjectives: disorganized, organized

VERB [T]  

ARRANGING  

[B2] to do or arrange something according to a particular system  

Dictionary example:
The books were organized on the shelves according to their size.

Learner example:
Now Museums are big, have lots of light and you can find the latest technology in them. They are organized in such a different way.

organized (also UK organised) /ˈɔː.gən.aɪzd/  

Word family:
Nouns: organization, organizer  
Verbs: organize  
Adjectives: disorganized, organized
ADJECTIVE

PLANNED

[B2] planned or arranged

Dictionary examples:
We didn't go on an organized tour.
The letters had been placed in organized piles, one for each letter of the alphabet.

Learner example:
Are there any organised trips?

GOOD AT PLANNING

[B2] describes someone who is able to plan things carefully and keep things tidy

Dictionary example:
She's not a very organized person and she always arrives late at meetings.

Learner example:
I am also [a] very organised person and extremely healthy.

organizer (also UK organiser) /ˈɔː.gənaɪ.zər/

Word family:
Nouns: organization, organizer
Verbs: organize
Adjectives: disorganized, organized

NOUN [C]

[B2] someone who plans an event or activity

Dictionary examples:
conference/exhibition organizers
There aren't enough seats for all the guests – I must tell the organizers.

Learner example:
According to the organisers, they sold over 5,000 tickets.

origin /ˈɔːr.i.dʒɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: origin, original
Verbs: originate
Adjectives: original
Adverbs: originally
NOUN [C or U]

CAUSE
[B2] (also origins) the cause of something, or where something begins or comes from

Dictionary examples:
What's the origin of that saying?
It's a book about the origins of the universe.
The furniture was French in origin.

Learner example:
The cooking is based on traditional recipes of Westfalian origin and it is tasty but often very rich!

COUNTRY/RACE, ETC.
[C1] the country, race, or social class of a person's family

Dictionary examples:
He is of North African origin.
What is your origin?
The president's family was of humble origins.

Learner example:
The rules are very simple, they can be understood by everyone, regardless of age, origin or social status.

original /əˈrɪdʒ.ə.nəl/

Word family:
Nouns: origin, original
Verbs: originate
Adjectives: original
Adverbs: originally

ADJECTIVE

PAINTING, ETC.
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] describes a piece of work produced by an artist or writer and not a copy

Dictionary examples:
an original drawing/manuscript
Is this an original Rembrandt?

Learner example:
The War Theatre is visited daily by thousands of people from all over the world because of its fantastic Van Gogh original paintings.
NOUN [c]
[B2] something that is in the form in which it was first created and has not been copied or changed

Dictionary example:
If the painting is an original, it will be very valuable.

Learner example:
She was paying him, but not as much as she would need to [to] buy the original.

originally /əˈrɪdʒ.ɪ.nə.li/

Word family:
Nouns: origin, original
Verbs: originate
Adjectives: original
Adverbs: originally

ADVERB
[B2] at the beginning or before any changes

Dictionary example:
Originally it was a bedroom, but we turned it into a study.

Learner example:
I've been living in England for 6 months and I have studied English for 8 years in Sweden, where I was originally born.

other /ˈʌð.ə/

DETERMINER

in other words
[B2] used to introduce an explanation that is simpler than the one given earlier

Dictionary example:
He was economical with the truth – in other words, he was lying.

Learner example:
We are able to use zoos as a place where we can spend our free time with our children. In other words, it is a good place for the family.

c the other way round/around
[B2] happening in the opposite way

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Dictionary example:
I thought the older people would be more offended than the young people, but it was the other way round.

Learner example:
As you know, I did that the other way round for the States.

or other INFORMAL
[C1] used when you cannot or do not want to be exact about the information you are giving

Dictionary examples:
The event was held in some park or other.
We'll find someone or other to help us.

Learner example:
Maybe you hate the memory of boring literature classes at school, but I'm sure each of you is interested in some subject or other.

other than
[C1] FORMAL different from or except

Dictionary examples:
Holidays other than those in this brochure do not have free places for children.
The form cannot be signed by anyone other than yourself.
There's nothing on TV tonight, other than rubbish.

Learner example:
There are no vegetarian alternatives other than cheese sandwiches, which our members find very depressing.

other than that
[C1] except for the thing you have just said

Dictionary example:
My arm was a bit sore – other than that I was fine.

Learner example:
Currently, I only have a small corner in the room whereas my sisters get a bigger portion. This means I have to keep all my things under the bed. Other than that, I would like a big beautiful garden because I love nature.

PRONOUN

others
[B2] more ones

Dictionary examples:
This one is broken – do you have any others?
I only know about this book, but there might be others.
Learner example:
In fact, we [might] manage to do some interesting activities such as mountain biking in Sintra, canoeing in Teja, etc. You would be glad to see how many interesting people we [might] meet while doing those activities and any others that you would like to [do].

otherwise /ˈʌðə waɪz/

ADVERB

NOT INCLUDING

[B2] except for what has just been referred to

Dictionary examples:
The bike needs a new saddle, but otherwise it's in good condition.
The poor sound quality ruined an otherwise splendid film.

Learner example:
This seemed the high point of an otherwise dull and disorganised event.

DIFFERENTLY

[C1] different to what has just been stated

Dictionary examples:
I'll meet you there at 6 o'clock, unless I hear otherwise.
The police believe he is the thief, but all the evidence suggests otherwise.
Under the law, a person is presumed innocent until proved otherwise.
Marion Morrison, otherwise known as the film star John Wayne, was born in 1907.
I can't meet you on Tuesday – I'm otherwise engaged.

Learner example:
An important event in the history of Greece was the Civil War between the cities of Athens and Sparti around 400 B.C., otherwise known as [the] Pelopon[n]esian War.

ought to /ɔt.tu:/

MODAL VERB

TRUE

[B2] used to say that you expect something to be true or that you expect something to happen

Dictionary examples:
She ought to be home by now.
He ought to pass the exam this time.
Learner example:
All the students ought to know how famous you are. You are a very well-known writer who was born in Rhodes.

**out**  /əut/  

**ADVERB**

**LIGHT/FIRE**

[B2] If a light or fire is out, it is no longer shining or burning.

**Dictionary examples:**
When we got home, all the lights were out.
Is that fire completely out?

**Learner example:**
I looked out through the window to check if the lights were out in the windows of the block of flats next to ours.

**NOT ACCURATE**

[C1] not accurate

**Dictionary example:**
Your figures are out by £300.

**outcome**  /ˈaʊ.t.kʌm/  

**NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]**

[C1] the final result of an activity or process

**Dictionary example:**
It's too early to predict the outcome of the meeting.

**Learner example:**
In order to ensure a pleasant end-of-term activity and to avoid yet another negative outcome, it is necessary for us to dispose of a great sum of money.

**outer**  /ˈəʊ.tə/  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[B2] on the edge or surface of something
Dictionary examples:
Remove the outer layers of the onion.
the outer lane of the motorway
outer London

Learner example:
Perhaps you could give some consideration to the outer building, like renovation work.

outgoing  /ˌaʊtˈɡəʊ.ɪŋ/

ADJECTIVE

FRIENDLY

[C1] Someone who is outgoing is friendly, talks a lot, and enjoys meeting people.

Dictionary example:
Anne is very outgoing, but her sister's quite shy.

Learner example:
He is very outgoing, friendly and communicative.

outline  /ˈaʊt.laɪn/

NOUN [C]

DESCRIPTION

[B2] a short description of the most important ideas or facts about something

Dictionary examples:
If you read the minutes of the meeting, they'll give you a brief/broad outline of what was discussed.
Some novelists start by writing an outline.

Learner example:
Perhaps a brief outline of the party will help you to make your decision.

VERB [T]

[B2] to describe only the most important ideas or facts about something

Dictionary example:
At the interview she outlined what I would be doing.

Learner example:
First of all, I will briefly outline some personal details.
outlook /ˈaʊt.lok/

**NOUN [NO PLURAL]**

**FUTURE**
[C1] the likely future situation

**Dictionary examples:**
The outlook **for** the economy is bleak.
The outlook **for** today is cloudy and dry at first with showers later.

**Learner example:**
The outlook for all three companies is bright over the next 5 years.

outnumber /ˌaʊtˈnʌm.bər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** number  
**Verbs:** number, outnumber  
**Adjectives:** innumerable, numerous

**VERB [T]**
[C1] to be larger in number than another group

**Dictionary example:**
Women now far outnumber men on language courses.

**Learner example:**
An annual average rate of 10% GDP growth for the past ten years has created more than 7 million new jobs, which outnumbered the number of new male entrants.

out of /ˈaʊt.əv/

**PREPOSITION**

**NO LONGER IN CONDITION**
[B2] no longer in a particular condition or situation

**Dictionary example:**
The patient is now out of danger.

**Learner example:**
She told me that D was out of danger and that she will have other information tomorrow.

**BECAUSE OF**
[B2] used to show the reason why someone does something
Dictionary examples:
I took the job out of necessity because we had no money left.
Just out of interest, how much did it cost you?
I only went there out of curiosity.

Learner example:
When the warrior had left, the explorer [explored the cave] out of curiosity and [to] his big surprise found the treasure.

be out of sth
[B2] to have no more of something left

Dictionary example:
We're nearly out of petrol.

Learner example:
By then I was out of money so I start[ed] walking.

be out of breath
[B2] to be breathing quickly because you have been running, walking fast, etc.

Dictionary example:
He burst into the room, red-faced and out of breath.

Learner example:
I find that shopping is very good exercise too! By the time you have completed the whole High Street, you will be out of breath.

out of control
[B2] If something or someone is out of control, you cannot influence, limit or direct them.

Dictionary example:
The car skidded and went out of control, crashing into an oncoming truck.

Learner example:
I had just driven through Piazza Duomo, when another car came round a corner much too fast, skidded, and went out of control.

out of nowhere
[B2] If someone or something appears out of nowhere, it appears suddenly or unexpectedly.

Dictionary example:
The car came out of nowhere and we had to swerve to miss it.

Learner example:
I was lying all alone on the beach, then suddenly, out of nowhere, right behind me those strange creatures appeared.

be out of practice
[B2] to not do something well because you have not done it recently
Dictionary example:
I didn't play very well today – I'm out of practice.

Learner example:
I think playing in the club will be a great opportunity for me so as not to be out of practice.

out of stock
[B2] not available in a shop

Dictionary example:
The book is out of stock at the moment.

Learner example:
And sometimes the item you are looking for is out of stock.

out of season
[C1] If vegetables or fruit are out of season, they are not usually available at that time.

Dictionary example:
Strawberries are out of season at the moment.

Learner example:
As our place was famous for fresh sea food, I bought crabs and salmon although they were out of season and expensive.

out of tune
[C1] singing or playing the wrong notes

Dictionary example:
The piano is out of tune.

Learner example:
Even if you sing out of tune please call us.

out of the blue
[C1] If something happens out of the blue, it is completely unexpected.

Dictionary example:
One day, out of the blue, she announced that she was leaving.

Learner example:
Dear Kim, I was extremely happy when I received your letter out of the blue.

out of action
[C1] damaged or hurt and not able to operate or play sports

Dictionary example:
I'm afraid my car's out of action.
They've got three players out of action.

Learner example:
The air-condition[ing] in my room was out of action and the hotel manager didn't care.
outrage /ˈaʊt.reɪdʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: outrage
Verbs: outrage
Adjectives: outrageous

VERB [T]
[C1] to cause someone to feel very angry, shocked, or upset

Dictionary example:
The proposed pay cut outraged the staff.

Learner example:
I was outraged when I was given a copy of an article published in your magazine.

outrageous /aʊtˈreɪ.dʒəs/

Word family:
Nouns: outrage
Verbs: outrage
Adjectives: outrageous

ADJECTIVE
[B2] shocking or extreme

Dictionary examples:
outrageous behaviour/clothes
That's an outrageous thing to say!
The prices in that restaurant were outrageous.

Learner example:
The only negative thing to be said about [this restaurant] is that the prices are outrageous, but [it is] worth every penny.

outside

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] /ˈaʊt.saired/

NOT IN BUILDING
[B2] not in a building

Dictionary example:
an outside light

Learner example:
I was going to say to him to turn on the outside light, but seeing his face, I changed my mind.
DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION
[C1] coming from another place or organization

Dictionary example:
The company has called in outside experts.

NOUN  /ˈaʊt.saɪd/
the outside
[B2] the outer part or side of something

Dictionary examples:
The outside of the house needs painting.
The house looks larger when looked at from the outside.

Learner example:
It had been dark in the room since the door was locked from the outside.

outskirts  /ˈaʊt.skɜːts/

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] the outer area of a city or town

Dictionary examples:
There are plans to build a new stadium on the outskirts of Liverpool.
They live in Melbourne’s south-eastern outskirts.

Learner example:
In spite of travelling for hours a day, I prefer staying on the outskirts of London.

outstanding  /ˌaʊtˈstæn.dɪŋ/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] excellent and much better than most

Dictionary examples:
an outstanding achievement
It’s an area of outstanding natural beauty.
This is an outstanding first novel.

Learner example:
Although it was an outstanding festival, I would like to point out some problems [which] happened there.
**outweigh**  /ˌaʊtˈweɪ/  

Word family:  
**Nouns**: weight  
**Verbs**: weigh, *outweigh*  
**Adjectives**: overweight

**VERB**  [V]  
[C1] to be greater or more important than something else

*Dictionary example:*  
The benefits of this treatment far outweigh the risks.

*Learner example:*  
However, in my opinion the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages and competition is a natural phenomenon that we should accept.

**oval**  /ˈəʊ.vəl/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] in the shape of an egg or a slightly flat circle

*Dictionary examples:*  
an oval mirror  
an oval face

*Learner example:*  
It was green, oval and opaque.

**over**  /ˈəʊ.vər/  

**PREPOSITION**  

**USING**  
[B2] using

*Dictionary examples:*  
They spoke over the phone.  
We heard the news over the radio.

*Learner example:*  
She laughed over the phone, and said "It's really like you".
DIFFERENT SURFACE
[B2] describes the way an object moves or is moved so that a different part of it is facing up

Dictionary example:
She turned another page over.

Learner example:
A big truck had turned over and blocked the road and there was no other way for us to go, so we had to wait.

over and over (again)
[B2] happening or done many times

Dictionary example:
I read the article over and over till it made sense.

Learner example:
I've been searching in newspapers over and over again and finally after a couple of days I found something.

all over again
[B2] repeated from the beginning

Dictionary example:
We had to start all over again.

Learner example:
After that I went back to my home in Ribeirao Preto to begin my routine all over again.

overall /ˌəʊ.vəˈrɔːl/

ADVERB; ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] in general rather than in particular, or including all the people or things in a particular group or situation

Dictionary examples:
The overall situation is good, despite a few minor problems.
Overall, it has been a good year.
The overall winner, after ten games, will receive $50,000.

Learner example:
Overall these two restaurants are worth [going] to for nice meals.
**overcome /ˌəʊ.vəˈkʌm/ (overcame, overcome)**

**VERB [T]**

**DEAL WITH**

[B2] to deal with and control a problem or feeling

**Dictionary examples:**
I admire the way she has overcome her difficulties/problems and made a success of her life. Eventually he managed to overcome his shyness in class.

**Learner example:**
Trying to overcome my fear, I was slowly going toward the dangerous stranger.

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**overcrowded /ˌəʊ.vəˈkraʊ.dɪd/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** crowd  
**Adjectives:** crowded, overcrowded

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] containing too many people or things

**Dictionary example:**
an overcrowded classroom/prison

**Learner example:**
As you arrive about midday, the trams are likely to be overcrowded.

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**overdo /ˌəʊ.vəˈduː/**

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** do, overdo

**VERB [T] (overdid, overdone)**

[C1] to do or use too much of something

**Dictionary example:**
I went to the gym yesterday, but I think I overdid it a bit.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, people usually overdo it and prefer making use of the modern technology to meeting a friend.
**overdraft**  /ˈəʊ.və.drɑːft/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** overdraft

**Adjectives:** overdrawn

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] If you have an overdraft, you have taken more money out of your bank account than you had in it.

**Dictionary example:**
a £250 overdraft

**Learner example:**
In addition, some young people use credit card[s] to buy luxurious products, which lead[s] to bank overdrafts.

**overdrawn**  /ˌəʊ.vəˈdrɔːn/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** overdraft

**Adjectives:** overdrawn

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] If you are overdrawn, you have taken more money out of your bank account than you had in it.

**Dictionary example:**
We've gone £200 overdrawn!

**Learner example:**
In other words their expenditure [is] much more than their income. They get into debt and [are] mostly overdrawn.

**overestimate**  /ˌəʊ.və.rɪˈestɪmeɪt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** estimate

**Verbs:** estimate, underestimate, overestimate

**Adjectives:** estimated

**VERB [I or T]**

[C1] to guess or think that something is or will be bigger or better than it really is

**Dictionary example:**
They overestimated her ability to do the job.
Learner example:
In spite of the progress achieved in promoting the social status of women, one should not overestimate the significance of these achievements to ordinary women’s careers.

overlook /ˌəʊ.vəˈlʊk/

Word family:
Nouns: look
Verbs: look, overlook

VERB [T]

SEE FROM ABOVE
[B2] to have a view of something from above

Dictionary examples:
Our hotel room overlooked the harbour.
The house is surrounded by trees, so it’s not overlooked at all.

Learner example:
The apartment was very big and there was a balcony which overlooked the beach.

overseas /ˌəʊ.vəˈsiːz/

ADJECTIVE; ADVERB
[B2] in, from or to other countries

Dictionary examples:
We need to open up the overseas markets.
There are a lot of overseas students in Cambridge.
Many more people work overseas these days.

Learner example:
It is suggested that one of our English as a Foreign Language lessons should be filmed, as there are some 100 overseas students who are from over 30 countries in our school.

overtake /ˌəʊ.vəˈteɪk/ (overtook, overtaken)

VERB

VEHICLE
[B2] [I or T] to go past a vehicle or person that is going in the same direction
Dictionary examples:
We were overtaken by a red sports car.
Always check your rear view mirror before you overtake (another car).

Learner example:
Of course it is easier [for a bike] to overtake the cars in traffic jams.

**BIGGER**

[C1] [ɪə] to go past something by being a greater amount or degree

Dictionary examples:
Our US sales have now overtaken our sales in Europe.
We’d planned to hold a meeting tomorrow, but **events** have overtaken us.

Learner example:
This however was projected to be overtaken by people coming from the 35–49 year old bracket by 2006.

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**overtime** /ˈəʊ.və.tɜrm/

NOUN [U]

[B2] extra time that you work after your usual working hours

Dictionary example:
unpaid overtime

Learner example:
You can't go on living like this, chasing around and always being press[ur]ed by your work and all this overtime.

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**overview** /ˈəʊ.və.vjuː/

NOUN [C]

DESCRIPTION

[C1] a short description giving the most important facts about something

Dictionary example:
I'll just **give** you an overview of the job.

Learner example:
This report will give a brief overview of my experiences from my recent attend[an]ce [on] their April course.

KNOWLEDGE

[C1] knowledge of the general features of something
Dictionary example:
Having spent some time there, she had a good overview of the market.

Learner example:
As my main interest was to get an overview of the current market situation, I was simply impressed by the variety of companies that you've presented.

**overweight** /ˌəʊ>vəˈwɜːt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** weight
**Verbs:** weigh, outweig
**Adjectives:** overweight

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] too heavy or too fat

**Dictionary example:**
He's still a few pounds overweight.

**Learner example:**
In England the majority of people are either overweight or underweight.

**overwhelm** /ˌəʊ>vəˈwelm/

**Word family:**
**Verbs:** overwhelm
**Adjectives:** overwhelming

**VERB [T]**
[C1] If a feeling or situation overwhelms someone, it has an effect that is too strong or extreme.

**Dictionary example:**
She was overwhelmed by the excitement of it all.

**Learner example:**
I am sure the students from the acting classes will be overwhelmed by the grandeur of the 200-seat theatre.

**overwhelming** /ˌəʊ>vəˈwel.mɪŋ/
ADJECTIVE
[C1] very strong in effect or large in amount

Dictionary examples:
She felt an overwhelming urge/desire/need to tell someone about what had happened.
She said how much she appreciated the overwhelming generosity of the public in responding to
the appeal.
An overwhelming majority have voted in favour of the proposal.

Learner example:
Therefore, the overwhelming majority of school-leavers annually strive to enter a state institution
of higher education.

overworked /ˌəʊ.vəˈwɜːkt/

Word family:
Nouns: work, worker
Verbs: work
Adjectives: working, overworked

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Someone who is overworked has to work too much.

Dictionary example:
We're overworked and underpaid.

Learner example:
People are overworked and often choose fast food for dinner.

owe /əʊ/

VERB [+ TWO OBJECTS]

owe sb an apology/explanation/favour, etc.
[B2] to have to give something to someone because they deserve it

Dictionary example:
I think you owe me an explanation/apology.

Learner example:
I owe you a favour.
owing to /ˈəʊ.ɪŋˌtuː/

PREPOSITION
[B2] because of

Dictionary example:
The concert has been cancelled owing to low ticket sales.

Learner example:
To start with, [it] is a great idea to change rooms because the[y] are too crowded, owing to the fact that there a lot of people.

owl /aʊl/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a bird with a flat face, large eyes, and strong curved nails, which hunts small mammals at night

Dictionary example:
We heard an owl hooting in the night.

Learner example:
I could hear a[n] owl hooting in the tree nearby.

ownership /ˈəʊ.nə.ʃɪp/

Word family:
Nouns: owner, ownership
Verbs: own

NOUN [u]
[C1] when you own something

Dictionary example:
Do you have any proof of ownership for this car?

Learner example:
As people’s disposable income rises, more and more people can now afford cars. Furthermore, cheap imports from the newly industrialised countries ha[ve] also contributed to the increase in car ownership.
oxygen  /ˈɒk.sɪ.dʒən/

NOUN [u]
[B2] a gas that is in the air and that animals need to live

Dictionary example:
an oxygen tank

Learner example:
Everybody needs oxygen and trees produce oxygen.

ozone  /ˈəʊ.zən/

NOUN [u]
[C1] a form of oxygen that exists high in the atmosphere

Dictionary example:
the ozone layer

Learner example:
There is probably no child who hasn’t heard about the holes in the ozone layer or the greenhouse effect.
pace /pɛs/

NOUN

SPEED

[B2] [u] the speed at which someone or something moves or does something

Dictionary examples:
a slow/fast pace
I don't like the pace of modern life.
These changes seem to be happening at too fast a pace.

Learner example:
I am living at a much faster pace.

keep pace with sb/sth

[C1] to move or develop at the same speed as someone or something else

Dictionary example:
We have to keep pace with the changing times.

Learner example:
It was first published a century ago and what amazes people most is that [it] keeps pace with the development of the country without leaving out references to our history and tradition.

pack /pæk/

Word family:
Nouns: pack, package
Verbs: pack, unpack
Adjectives: packed

VERB [I or T]

pack up (sth) or pack (sth) up PHRASAL VERB

[B2] to collect all your things together when you have finished doing something

Dictionary examples:
I just need a few minutes to pack up my equipment and then we can leave.
I'm about to pack my things up and go home.
I got to the market just as it was closing and everyone was packing up.
Learner example:
They packed up all the equipment [and got ready] to leave, because most of them had to attend school the next day.

NOUN [C]

SET OF PRODUCTS
[B2] a set of products or other things that are wrapped up together

Dictionary examples:
The information pack consists of a brochure and a map.
I bought a large pack of tissues.

package /ˈpæk.idʒ/  

Word family:
Nouns: pack, package
Verbs: pack, unpack
Adjectives: packed

NOUN [C]

PARCEL
[B2] a parcel

Dictionary examples:
The postman has just delivered a package for you.
The package was wrapped in plain brown paper.

Learner example:
It was a call from the post office saying that the package he was waiting [for had arrived].

GROUP OF THINGS
[B2] a related group of things when they are offered together as a single unit

Dictionary examples:
The computer comes with a software package.
This ski package includes flights, hotel accommodation, and a six-day lift pass.

Learner example:
Lastly, I need to know if all meals are included in your package.

packed /pækt/  

Word family:
Nouns: pack, package
Verbs: pack, unpack
Adjectives: packed
**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very crowded

**Dictionary examples:**
The hall was packed.
The bus was packed with schoolchildren.

**Learner example:**
If you want to meet and photograph the local people, the place to go is the Wednesday market. It is always packed with farmers, children, older people and so on.

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**NOUN**

**EMOTIONAL**

[B2] [u] sadness or mental suffering caused by an unpleasant event

**Dictionary examples:**
I can't describe the pain I **suffered** when he died.
The parents are still in great pain **over** the death of their child.

**Learner example:**
He had caused me so much pain that I was unable to forgive him anymore.

**be a pain** **INFORMAL**

[B2] to be annoying

**Dictionary examples:**
Having to keep the bikes in the house is such a pain.
My sister was being a real pain.

**Learner example:**
It was really a pain to pay that much for only a box of metal and a screen, but I think it is really going to help me.

**be a pain in the neck** **INFORMAL**

[C1] to be annoying

**Dictionary example:**
My brother can be a real pain in the neck sometimes.

**Learner example:**
He's adorable although sometimes he can really be a pain in the neck (don't tell him I wrote this.)
**painless** /ˈpeɪn.fəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** pain
**Adjectives:** painful

**ADJECTIVE**

**EMOTIONAL**

[B2] making you feel sad or upset

**Dictionary example:**
The old photograph brought back painful memories.

**Learner example:**
You know, I went through this painful decision just a few months ago, when I started working for a new company that pays me more, but gives me less time for my hobbies.

**pale** /peɪl/

**ADJECTIVE**

**FACE**

[B2] If your face is pale, it has less colour than usual because you are ill or frightened.

**Dictionary example:**
You're looking pale – do you feel ill?

**Learner example:**
Her face was pale and she was feeling that something would go wrong.

**palm** /pɑːm/

**NOUN [C]**

**TREE**

[C1] a palm tree

**Dictionary example:**
They sat beneath a palm tree.

**Learner example:**
Santorini was a picturesque island, with many rural areas, sensational deserted beaches with palm trees.
### Pancake

**Pancake /ˈpæn.kək/**

**Noun [C]**

[B2] a thin, flat food made from flour, milk, and egg mixed together and cooked in a pan

**Dictionary example:**
We had pancakes with lemon.

**Learner example:**
You can't come to Holland without trying the Dutch pancakes, which are much better than the English ones.

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### Panel

**Panel /ˈpæn.əl/**

**Noun [C]**

**People**

[C1] a group of people who are chosen to discuss something or make a decision about something

**Dictionary example:**
a panel of experts

**Learner example:**
We can justify our opinion about the quality by referring to the extremely varied and constructive social programme, which is also organised by a panel of experts, sociologists and psychologists.

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### Panic

**Panic /ˈpæn.ɪk/**

**Noun [C or U]**

[B2] a sudden, strong feeling of worry or fear that makes you unable to think or behave calmly

**Dictionary examples:**
a state of panic
Panic spread through the crowd as the wind and rain grew worse.
Carmel was in a panic about her exam.
He got in(to) a panic that he would forget his lines on stage.

**Learner example:**
All [the] people in the church thought it would be a perfect wedding ceremony, but there were two things missing: the bride and the bridegroom! After [this] was realised, there was panic!
VERB [I or T] *(panicking, panicked, panicked)*

[B2] to suddenly feel so worried or frightened that you cannot think or behave calmly, or to make someone feel this way

**Dictionary examples:**
Don't panic! We've got plenty of time.
The sound of gunfire panicked the crowd.
The boss always panics over/about the budget every month.

**Learner example:**
David started thinking that a thief may have come [in]to their house. "Don't panic", he told his wife.

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**paperwork** /*ˈper.ə.wɜːk*/

**NOUN [U]**

[B2] the part of a job that involves producing reports, writing letters, organizing information, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
Many office jobs involve a lot of unnecessary paperwork.

**Learner example:**
As I am good [at] paperwork, I think [it would] be great if I [could] help you in the office.

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**parachute** /*ˈpær.əʃuːt*/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a large piece of special cloth used to cause someone or something it is attached to drop slowly and safely from an aircraft to the ground

**Dictionary example:**
He used a parachute to jump to safety.

**Learner example:**
Those minutes, up in the air, feeling the wind in my face, were fantastic... and then I was terrified when I couldn't open the parachute!

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**parade** /*pəˈreɪd*/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a line of people or vehicles that moves through a public place as a way of celebrating an occasion
Dictionary example:
a **victory** parade

**Learner example:**
The festival starts with a huge opening parade.

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**paradise** /ˈpær.ə.dais/

**NOUN**
[C1] [c or u] a perfect place or situation

**Dictionary examples:**
a tropical paradise
a shoppers' paradise

**Learner example:**
Our online-catalogue is a true shopping paradise.

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**parliament** /ˈpɑː.lɪ.mənt/

**NOUN [C U + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]**
[B2] in some countries, a group of people who make the laws for the country

**Dictionary examples:**
On Tuesday the country's parliament voted to establish its own army.
She was **elected** to Parliament in 1997.

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**part** /paːt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** part
**Adjectives:** partial
**Adverbs:** partly, partially

**NOUN**
**have/play a part in sth**
[B2] to be one of the people or things that are involved in an event or situation

**Dictionary example:**
People forget to wash their hands and that plays a part in spreading colds and flu.
Learner example:
Technology plays an important part in this situation, because I don't think that adults are playing computer games for Batman or Spiderman, for example, but for the special effects and the graphics.

MACHINE
[B2] [c] a piece of a machine or vehicle

Dictionary examples:
aircraft parts
spare parts

Learner example:
We were lucky to have some spare parts with us and finally Tom managed to repair his car.

for the most part
[C1] mostly or usually

Dictionary example:
I enjoyed it for the most part.

Learner example:
First of all, for the most part, people have to use computers in their jobs.

|partial|ˈpɑː.ʃəl/

Word family:
Nouns: part
Adjectives: partial
Adverbs: partly, partially

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not complete

Dictionary example:
The general has ordered a partial withdrawal of troops from the area.

Learner example:
In conclusion, I am [very] disappointed and therefore, I believe that I am entitled to a partial refund.

|partially|ˈpɑː.ʃəl.ɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: part
Adjectives: partial
Adverbs: partly, partially
ADVERB

[C1] not completely

Dictionary example:
partially cooked

Learner example:
Building a parking area outside the city centre would partially solve this problem.

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Word family:
Nouns: participant
Verbs: participate

NOUN [c]

[C1] someone who is involved in an activity

Dictionary example:
All participants finishing the race will receive a medal.

Learner example:
I was one of the participants who helped a charity organization to raise money for the local hospital.

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Word family:
Nouns: participant
Verbs: participate

VERB [i]

[B2] to take part in or become involved in an activity

Dictionary example:
She never participates in any of our discussions, does she?

Learner example:
So, all the students can participate in different activities.

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Word family:
Adjectives: particular
Adverbs: particularly
ADJECTIVE

SPECIAL

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] special, or this and not any other

Dictionary examples:
She wanted a particular type of olive oil.
Is there any particular restaurant you’d like to go to?
He wouldn’t take just any book – he had to have this particular one!
"Why did you ask?" "Oh, no particular reason, just making conversation."

Learner example:
Are you a fan of a particular team?

NOT EASILY SATISFIED

[C1] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] choosing things carefully and not easily satisfied, or making sure that things are exactly as you want them to be

Dictionary example:
Teenagers are very particular about the clothes they’ll wear.

Learner example:
When I chose you I was very particular about the quality of the service you offer and you guaranteed professional service.

partner /ˈpɑːt.nər/  

NOUN [C]

BUSINESS

[B2] one of two or more people who own a business

Dictionary examples:
junior/senior partner
My business partner handles international sales.

Learner example:
Don’t spend the evenings with your business partners, but with your women, children and friends.

partnership /ˈpɑːt.nəʃɪp/  

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] when two people or organizations work together to achieve something

Dictionary example:
She’s gone into partnership with someone she used to work with.
Learner example:
I really need the money you're offering, mainly to set up that kindergarten school I've told you about, where I would work in partnership with a friend.

**pass** /ˈpaːs/  
VERB 

**pass (the) time**  
[B2] to spend time doing something 

**Dictionary example:**  
We passed the time reading and swimming.  

**Learner example:**  
What's more, I would have to read to pass the time!  

**pass a law**  
[B2] to officially approve of something and make it into a law or rule 

**Dictionary example:**  
The government passed a law to restrict the sale of guns.  

**Learner example:**  
I hope the government will pass a law which could [control] all these sort of things.  

**noun [c]**  
TEST RESULT  
[B2] a successful result in an exam 

**Dictionary example:**  
A pass in this exam is above 60%.  

**passage** /ˈpæs.ɪdʒ/  
NOUN 

CONNECTING WAY  
[B2] [c] a long, narrow space that connects one room or place to another 

**Dictionary examples:**  
The bathroom's on the right at the end of the passage.  
There's a passage to the side of the house, leading to the garden.
Learner example:
We saw a big house but it was old and locked. We found a secret passage between the trees and we got inside.

PART
[B2] [c] a short part of a book, speech, or piece of music

Dictionary example:
Several passages from the book were printed in a national newspaper before it was published.

Learner example:
She would read a passage for us every night before we fell asleep.

passion /ˈpæʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: passion
Adjectives: passionate
Adverbs: passionately

NOUN [C or U]

LOVE
[B2] a very powerful feeling, for example of sexual attraction, love, hate, anger or other emotion

Dictionary examples:
She saw the passion in his eyes.
Football arouses a lot of passion in fans.
Politics and philosophy were his lifelong passions.

Learner example:
Surfing is my passion.

a passion for sth
[C1] when you like something very much

Dictionary example:
a passion for football

Learner example:
I always had a passion for writing and for 3 years I wrote many articles in my school magazine.
passionate /ˈpæʃ.ən.t/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** passion  
**Adjectives:** passionate  
**Adverbs:** passionately  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] having very strong feelings or emotions  

**Dictionary examples:**  
a passionate speech  
a passionate kiss  
The child’s mother made a passionate appeal for help.  
Joe is passionate about baseball.  

**Learner example:**  
I wrote a passionate article about how to protect our environment.

passionately /ˈpæʃ.ən.t.li/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** passion  
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**Adverbs:** passionately  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in a way that shows strong feelings or emotions  

**Dictionary examples:**  
I walked into the room and found them arguing passionately.  
Ann has always believed passionately in women’s rights.  

**Learner example:**  
We met in our favourite pub, we kissed each other passionately like the first time, and then we sat down.

passive /ˈpæs.iv/  
**ADJECTIVE**  
**NO ACTION**  
[B2] letting things happen to you and not taking action  

**Dictionary example:**  
Women at that time were expected to be passive.
Learner example:
Television provides a passive form of entertainment and so just watching it is much easier than reading books which needs concentration.

past  /paːst/

PREPOSITION; ADVERB

AFTER LIMIT
[B2] above a particular age or further than a particular point

Dictionary examples:
This meat is past its sell-by date.
She's past the age where she needs a babysitter.

pastry  /ˈpeɪ.strɪ/

NOUN

MIXTURE
[C1] [u] a mixture of flour, fat, and water that is cooked, usually used to cover or contain other food

Dictionary example:
I made some pastry for the pie.

Learner example:
The most popular sweet dish is called "Apfelstrudel", which is a bit of potato pastry filled with apples and nuts.

CAKE
[C1] [c] a small cake that is made with pastry

Dictionary example:
We had coffee and pastries.

Learner example:
They don't want to miss their sweet pastries and "Sacher tortes", [which] Austria is famous for.
**path /paːθ/**

**NOUN [c]**

**ACTIONS**

[B2] a set of actions over a period of time, especially ones which lead to a goal or result

**Dictionary examples:**

a career path
The path to success has many difficulties.

**Learner example:**

Maybe you could talk about your latest book "Murder on Avenue B" or about your path to fame.

**patience /ˈpeɪʃənts/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** patience, impatience

**Adjectives:** impatient, patient

**Adverbs:** impatiently, patiently

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the quality of being able to stay calm and not get angry, especially when something takes a long time

**Dictionary examples:**

You have to have such a lot of patience when you're dealing with kids.
In the end, I lost my patience and shouted at her.
He's a good teacher, but he doesn't have much patience with the slower pupils.

**Learner example:**

I have patience with animals and care [for] them with love.

**patiently /ˈpeɪʃənt.li/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** patience, impatience

**Adjectives:** impatient, patient

**Adverbs:** impatiently, patiently

**ADVERB**

[B2] in a patient way

**Dictionary example:**

There was a queue of people waiting patiently for the bus to arrive.
Learner example:
She made her way slowly to the waiting room and patiently waited for the train to arrive.

**pattern /ˈpæt.ən/**

**NOUN [C]**

**WAY**

[B2] a particular way that something is often done or repeated

**Dictionary examples:**
The pattern of family life has been changing over recent years. Many behaviour(al) patterns have been identified in this study of chimpanzees.

Learner example:
If the alarm-clock had worked, everything would have follow[ed] its usual pattern but this time I woke up too late.

**GUIDE**

[B2] a drawing, shape or set of instructions that helps you to make something

**Dictionary example:**
a dress/knitting pattern

Learner example:
Approximately three years ago I started to sew my own clothes. I always buy a pattern and follow every instruction given.

**pause /pɔːz/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a short period in which something such as a sound or an activity is stopped before starting again

**Dictionary examples:**
There will be a brief pause in the concert while the piano is moved into place. After a long, awkward pause someone asked a question. She spoke for three quarters of an hour without a pause.

Learner example:
I would like to correct the journalist [by] saying to him that RADIANT played for 1 hour without any pause.
VERB

EQUIPMENT

[B2] [I or T] to make a CD, DVD, etc. stop for a short time by pressing a button

Dictionary example:
Can you pause the film there, please?

Learner example:
I paused the video I was watching, wondering what that [knocking sound] was.

paw /poː/

NOUN [C]

[B2] the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog or bear

Dictionary example:
I found paw prints in the kitchen.

Learner example:
My cat is only 2 years old. She is very beautiful with her long [b]ushy tail and soft paws.

pay /peɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: pay, payment
Verbs: pay, repay
Adjectives: payable, underpaid, unpaid

VERB (paid, paid)

pay sb/sth a visit or pay a visit to sb/sth

[B2] to visit a person or place, usually for a short time

Dictionary example:
We thought we’d pay Sam a visit while we were in Oxford.

Learner example:
P.S: Wherever you decide to go, do not fail to pay me a visit!

payable /ˈpeɪ.ə.bl/
ADJECTIVE

TO BE PAID

[C1] describes something to be paid

Dictionary example:
Rent is payable monthly.

Learner example:
We were informed by you that there would be nothing extra to be paid but in fact several admission fees were payable.

FOR PERSON

[C1] If a cheque is payable to a person, that person's name is written on the cheque and the money will be paid to them.

Dictionary example:
Cheques should be made payable to 'Express Enterprises'.

Learner example:
Please make your cheque payable to "Mr. C. ZHANG". I am looking forward to receiving your answer and the cheque I claimed before the end of this month.

payment /ˈpeɪ.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: pay, payment
Verbs: pay, repay
Adjectives: payable, underpaid, unpaid

NOUN

AMOUNT PAID

[B2] [c] an amount of money paid

Dictionary examples:
We need a deposit of £165 followed by twelve monthly payments of £60. When is the first payment due?

Learner example:
Now people can buy or sell things from their home. [T]hey don't have to go to the bank, if they want [to] make a payment.

ACT

[B2] [u] the act of paying

Dictionary examples:
They will accept payment by credit card.
Usually we ask for payment on receipt of the goods.
**Learner example:**
Finally, we employees have been facing delays on payment of our wages.

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**peace** /piːs/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** peace
- **Adjectives:** peaceful
- **Adverbs:** peacefully

**NOUN [U]**

**NO VIOLENCE**
[B2] when there is no war, violence or arguing

**Dictionary examples:**
- peace talks
- a peace agreement

Now that the war is over may there be lasting peace between our nations. She’s very good at keeping (the) peace within the family.

**Learner example:**
World peace was being threatened by the Gulf War, major countries were taking sides and preparing to fight each other, millions of lives were in danger but no one seemed to care enough.

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**peaceful** /ˈpiːs.fəl/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** peace
- **Adjectives:** peaceful
- **Adverbs:** peacefully

**ADJECTIVE**

**NO VIOLENCE**
[B2] without violence

**Dictionary example:**
a peaceful demonstration/protest

**Learner example:**
Leipzig is well-known in the world because of the beginning of the peaceful revolution in 1989 in Germany.
peacefully /ˈpiːs.əli/  

Word family:  
Nouns: peace  
Adjectives: peaceful  
Adverbs: peacefully  

ADVERB  
[B2] in a peaceful way  

Dictionary example:  
He died peacefully at home.  

Learner example:  
There were a beautiful bride and a handsome bridegroom who were sleeping peacefully with smiles on their faces.

peak /piːk/  

NOUN [c]  
HIGHEST POINT  
[B2] the highest level or value of something  

Dictionary examples:  
peak travel times  
Holiday flights reach a peak during August.  
Here we see an athlete at the peak of her fitness and career.  

Learner example:  
The situation gets worse, especially [during] peak hours, when people go to work or school and when they return home.

peasant /ˈpez.ənt/  

NOUN [c]  
[C1] a poor person who works on the land, usually in a poor country  

Dictionary example:  
a peasant farmer  

Learner example:  
Monteiro made a lot of trips to see and speak with fishermen and peasants.
peculiar /prˈkjuːliər/

ADJECTIVE

STRANGE

[B2] unusual and strange, sometimes in an unpleasant way

Dictionary examples:
She has the most peculiar ideas.
What a peculiar smell!
It’s peculiar that they didn’t tell us they were going away.
The video on road accidents made me feel rather peculiar.

Learner example:
Yesterday I had a birthday and my friend Pat suggested that I should visit a fortune-teller. We went along to visit the most peculiar woman I have ever met in my life.

pedal /ˈped.əl/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a part of a machine that you press with your foot to operate or move the machine

Dictionary examples:
the brake pedal
This sewing machine is operated by a foot pedal.
He stood up on the pedals of his bike to get extra power as he cycled up the hill.

Learner example:
It has a comfortable seat, big pedals and a [w]onderful inscription “RIDER”.

peel /piːl/

VERB

FOOD

[B2] [ɪ] to remove the skin of fruit and vegetables

Dictionary example:
Peel and chop the onions.

Learner example:
We are a family of four and everybody peels vegetables, does [the] washing–up and makes coffee.
peer /ˈpiər/  

NOUN [c]  
[C1] someone who is the same age, or who has the same social position or abilities as other members of a group  

Dictionary example:  
Most teenagers want to be accepted by their peers.  

Learner example:  
It could be a little boring, especially when you are young and all you want is to be with your peers, stay out [all night], get back early in the morning and sleep until afternoon.

penalty /ˈpen.əli/  

NOUN [c]  
PUNISHMENT  
[B2] a punishment for doing something that is against a law or rule  

Dictionary examples:  
The violation carries a penalty of up to three years in prison.  
Currently, ticket holders pay a penalty equal to 25% of the ticket price when they change their flight plans.  

Learner example:  
Although, the government can increase the penalties for negligent driving. In this regard, police officers are already paying more attention to drunk drivers.  

SPORT  
[B2] an advantage given in some sports to a team or player when the opposing team or player breaks a rule  

Dictionary example:  
The referee awarded a penalty kick.  

Learner example:  
After twenty more minutes of playing or I should say fighting, none of us could score and finally the match had to be decided by penalties.

pension /ˈpent.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: pension, pensioner
NOUN [c]
[B2] a sum of money paid regularly by the government or a private company to a person who has stopped working because they are old or ill

Dictionary examples:
a pension plan
a state/private pension
He won't be able to draw his pension until he's 65.

Learner example:
Moreover, you'll have to pay attention to your health, if you don't want to die before [you get] your pension.

pensioner /ˈpentʃənər/

Word family:
Nouns: pension, pensioner

NOUN [c]
[C1] a person who is receiving a pension

Dictionary example:
Many pensioners are worried about rises in heating costs.

Learner example:
Probably the era of soap operas will end when there [ar]e no more housewives and pensioners to watch them.

people /ˈpiːpl/

NOUN

the people
[C1] all the ordinary people in a country

Dictionary example:
The rebels have gained the support of the people.

Learner example:
John Paul II is one of the few popes – if not the only one – to have actually been in contact with the people.
**perceive** /pəˈsiːv/

Word family:
Nouns: perception
Verbs: perceive
Adjectives: perceptive

VERB [T] FORMAL

THINK
[C1] to think of something or someone in a particular way

Dictionary example:
The British are often perceived as being very formal.

Learner example:
However, travelling with parents or other family members is generally perceived as less exciting and interesting than travelling with friends.

**percentage** /pəˈsen.tɪdʒ/

NOUN
[B2] [c] an amount of something, often expressed as a number out of 100

Dictionary examples:
What percentage of women return to work after having a baby?
Interest rates have risen by two percentage points.

Learner example:
If "today's youngsters" are asked where they would like to have lunch, a high percentage of them will probably answer "McDonalds".

**perfect**

Word family:
Adjectives: perfect, imperfect
Adverbs: perfectly

NOUN [NO PLURAL] /ˈpɜː.fɪkt/ SPECIALIZED

the perfect (tense)
[B2] the tense of a verb that shows action that has happened in the past or before another time or event
Dictionary examples:
the present/past perfect
In English, the perfect is formed with a form of the verb 'have' and the past participle of the verb – for example, "She has visited Mexico."

perfection /pəˈfek.ʃən/

NOUN [u]
[C1] when someone or something is perfect

Dictionary examples:
She strives for perfection in everything she does.
chicken legs cooked to perfection

Learner example:
Moreover, he is hard-working and always strives for perfection.

perfectly /ˈpɜːfɪkt.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: perfect, imperfect
Adverbs: perfectly

ADVERB

EMPHASIS
[B2] used to emphasize the word that follows

Dictionary examples:
To be perfectly honest, I don't care any more.
You know perfectly well what the matter is.
I made it perfectly clear to him what I meant.
I was perfectly happy on my own.

Learner example:
I told them I hadn't brought a map because I knew the way perfectly well.

perform /pəˈfɔːm/

Word family:
Nouns: performance, performer
Verbs: perform
**VERB**

**DO**

[B2] [T] **FORMAL** to do a job or a piece of work

**Dictionary examples:**
Computers can perform a variety of tasks.
The operation will be performed next week.
Most of the students performed well in the exam.

**Learner example:**
The technology of computers can [produce] special effects [i]n films and cartoons, it can also be used to perform some kind[s] of surgery.

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**Word family:**
**Nouns:** performance, performer
**Verbs:** perform

**NOUN**

**HOW SUCCESSFUL**

[B2] [U] **how successful someone or something is**

**Dictionary examples:**
The new suits help swimmers to improve their performance.
High-performance cars are the most expensive.
This was a very **impressive** performance by the young player, who scored 12 points within the first 10 minutes.

**Learner example:**
I do some exercises in order to improve my performance in the water.

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**NOUN** [c]

[C1] **something special in addition to the money you are paid that you are given because of your job**

**Dictionary example:**
Free child care for preschool children of employees was a popular perk.

**Learner example:**
The economy nowadays is so technologically driven it is common belief that having a job in the computer industry means high pay an[d] perks.
permanently /ˈpɜː.mə.nənt.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: permanent
Adverbs: permanently

ADVERB
[B2] always and forever

Dictionary examples:
I seem to be permanently broke.
Michael and his family have settled permanently in Brazil.

Learner example:
Although I am not permanently employed, I found it very interesting to help skilled instructors teach other people to swim and surf.

permit

Word family:
Nouns: permission
Verbs: permit

VERB /pəˈmɪt/ FORMAL SLIGHTLY (tt-)

MAKE POSSIBLE
[C1] [i] to make something possible

Dictionary example:
The match starts at 3 pm, weather permitting.

Learner example:
In my mind there is little to improve in this programme except increasing the [amount] of family accommodation and – budget permitting – the occasions for weekend trips.

NOUN [C] /ˈpɜː.mɪt/ [C1] an official document that allows you to do something

Dictionary examples:
a work permit
You need a permit to park your car here.

Learner example:
I am able to start as soon as possible and due to my grandfather [being] Italian also have d[ual] na[t]jonality, which means that I don't even need [a] work permit.
**person** /ˈpɜːsən/ (PLURAL people)

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** person, personality

**Adjectives:** personal, impersonal

**Adverbs:** personally

**NOUN [C]**

**in person**

[B2] If you do something in person, you go somewhere to do it yourself.

**Dictionary example:**
You have to collect the document in person.

**Learner example:**
I am looking forward [to] meeting you in person.

**personal** /ˈpɜːsən.əl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** person, personality

**Adjectives:** personal, impersonal

**Adverbs:** personally

**ADJECTIVE**

**personal hygiene**

[C1] how clean a person's body, teeth, hair, etc. are

**Dictionary example:**
Her personal hygiene is not as good as it should be.

**Learner example:**
The ones that need medical services at home have hardly had anyone, and no one has helped them with personal hygiene.

**personality** /ˌpɜːsəˈnæl.ə.ti/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** person, personality

**Adjectives:** personal, impersonal

**Adverbs:** personally
NOUN

CHARACTER
[B2] [c or u] the type of person you are, which is shown by the way you behave, feel and think

Dictionary examples:
She has a very warm personality.
He is well qualified for the job, but he does lack personality.

Learner example:
I mean, when she dances, she transmits strength and a big personality.

FAMOUS PERSON
[B2] [c] a famous person

Dictionary example:
The show is hosted by a popular TV personality.

Learner example:
What is more, you could take part in the festival without paying for it and meet some famous personalities from the world of music.

personally /ˈpɜː.sən.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: person, personality
Adjectives: personal, impersonal
Adverbs: personally

ADVERB

NOT SOMEONE ELSE
[B2] done by or affecting one person and not by someone else

Dictionary examples:
These figures should be correct because I've checked them personally.
He believes that parents should be made personally responsible for their children's behaviour.

Learner example:
At the end of the concert, when it was after midnight and everyone had already left, the group came up to each of us (who helped out) and thanked us personally!

take sth personally
[C1] to think that someone is criticizing you or to feel that a failure or bad situation is your fault

Dictionary example:
You mustn't take everything so personally.
Learner example:
She tends to take things too personally, and sometimes she over[re]acts.

**personnel** /ˌpɜːsnˈel/

**NOUN**
[C1] [PLURAL] the people who work for an organization

**Dictionary example:**
military personnel

**Learner example:**
We also employ 10000 workers in 10 factories across the country and additional administrative personnel.

**perspective** /pəˈspek.tɪv/

**NOUN**
WAY OF THINKING
[C1] [c] the way you think about something

**Dictionary example:**
Being unemployed has made me see things from a different perspective.

**Learner example:**
We have performed a class survey and interviewed Fordham residents, who see this issue from a different perspective.

**persuade** /pəˈswɛrd/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** persuasion
**Verbs:** persuade
**Adjectives:** persuasive

**VERB [T]**
MAKE SOMEONE BELIEVE
[B2] to make someone believe that something is true

**Dictionary examples:**
Their argument failed to persuade me.
It's no use trying to persuade him (that) you're innocent.
Learner example:
My friends persuaded me that everything was going well.

persuasive  /ˌpəˈswər.i/  

Word family:
Nouns: persuasion
Verbs: persuade
Adjectives: persuasive

ADJECTIVE
[C1] able to make people agree to do something

Dictionary example:
It's a very persuasive argument.

Learner example:
The presentation and the enthusiasm of the representatives was very persuasive and appealing.

pessimistic  /ˌpɛs.ɪˈmɪs.tɪk/  

ADJECTIVE
[B2] always believing that bad things are likely to happen

Dictionary examples:
The tone of the meeting was very pessimistic.
The doctors are pessimistic about his chances of recovery.

Learner example:
In his book, [the] most important thing is his character. He has never been pessimistic, he has never hated his parents.

petrified  /ˈpet.rr.fəd/  

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely frightened

Dictionary example:
I'm petrified of spiders.

Learner example:
I was petrified as well as confused.
pharmacist /ˈfɑː.mə.sɪst/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** pharmacist, pharmacy

**NOUN [C]**
- [B2] someone who is trained to prepare or sell medicines

  **Dictionary example:**
  The pharmacist gave me some medicine.

phase /feɪz/

**NOUN [C]**
- [B2] a stage or period which is part of a longer period

  **Dictionary examples:**
  The **first** phase of the project is likely to be completed by August.
  We're entering a new phase in international relations.
  When I was in my early teens I **went through** a phase of only wearing black.

  **Learner example:**
  Many people disagree about the best phase of a man's life but I definit[ely] believe that [the] teenage years are the most beautiful of your life and I have many reasons for believing that!

phenomenon /fɪˈnɒm.ɪ.nən/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** phenomenon
- **Adjectives:** phenomenal

**NOUN [C] (phenomena)**
- [C1] something that exists or happens, usually something unusual

  **Dictionary examples:**
  storms, lightning, and other natural phenomena
  Road rage seems to be a fairly recent phenomenon.

  **Learner example:**
  An unexpected phenomenon that someone called "drunkenness tourism" has appeared in the Mediterranean villages and towns.
**philosopher**  /ˈfɪˌlɒs.ə.fə/

*Word family:*
*Nouns: philosopher, philosophy*  
*Adjectives: philosophical*

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] someone who studies or writes about the meaning of life

*Dictionary example:*
Plato was a Greek philosopher.

*Learner example:*
He wasn't a teacher, he wasn't a philosopher, but he was a great artist.

**philosophy**  /ˈfɪˌlɒs.ə.fi/

*Word family:*
*Nouns: philosopher, philosophy*  
*Adjectives: philosophical*

**NOUN**

*STUDY [B2] [U] the study or writing of ideas about the meaning of life, or a particular set of ideas about the meaning of life*

*Dictionary example:*
Descartes is considered by many to be the father of modern philosophy.

*Learner example:*
We have been enthusiastic students of history, literature and philosophy for three years now.

*WAY OF THINKING [C1] [C] a way of thinking about what should be done in life*

*Dictionary example:*
My philosophy has always been to give those with ability the chance to progress.

*Learner example:*
Brighton college has changed its philosophy considerably over the past decades.

**photograph**  /ˈfəʊ.tə.grɑːf/

*Word family:*
*Nouns: photo, photograph, photographer, photography*  
*Verbs: photograph*  

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VERB [7]

[B2] to take a picture using a camera

Dictionary examples:
I prefer photographing people rather than places.
MacKay was photographed leaving the building.

Learner example:
This city is not big as you know, so we don't have m[any] interesting buildings to be photographed.

physical /ˈfɪz.i.kəl/

Word family:
Adjectives: physical
Adverbs: physically

ADJECTIVE

BODY

[B2] related to the body

Dictionary examples:
physical exercise/fitness/strength/disabilities
physical appearance

Learner example:
Eighty kilometres is a pretty long distance and there is a [danger] that our trip would turn out to be a gruelling experience because of physical exhaustion.

physically /ˈfɪz.i.kli/

Word family:
Adjectives: physical
Adverbs: physically

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that relates to the body or someone's appearance

Dictionary examples:
physically active/fit
Physically I find him very attractive.
The work is physically demanding.
Special holidays are available for physically disabled people.

Learner example:
Most people believe that team sport[s] help children to become healthier, both mentally and physically, but there are those who have objections to this statement.
pick  /pɪk/

VERB [ɪ]

pick on sb PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to choose a person and criticize or treat them unfairly

Dictionary example:
The other boys pick on him because he’s so small.

Learner example:
They gave themselves names and acted as gangs rather than just groups of friends, and started picking on younger people, or mem[b]ers of other gang[s], trying to start fights with them.

pick up sth or pick sth up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to learn a new skill or language by practising it rather than being taught it

Dictionary example:
When you live in a country you soon pick up the language.

Learner example:
I am [a] very good swimmer and I know some basic sailing techniques which I picked up while I was in Canada.

picture  /ˈpɪk.tʃə/  

Word family:
Nouns: picture
Adjectives: picturesque

NOUN

IDEA
[B2] [USUALLY NO PLURAL] an idea of what something is like

Dictionary example:
After watching the news, I had a clearer picture of what was happening.

Learner example:
The next day we will go round the area so you will have a general picture in your mind.

TV
[B2] [c] an image seen on a television or cinema screen

Dictionary example:
We can’t get a clear picture.
Learner example:
Another important point for me is that things like listening [to] music or watching TV sounds better and the pictures on TV are being improved, because the machines [are becoming] better.

**put/keep sb in the picture** INFORMAL
[C1] to explain to someone what is happening

Dictionary example:
Jim had no idea what was going on till I put him in the picture.

Learner example:
Tell him you are friends of mine. (I will put him in the picture!)

**VERB [T]**
[C1] to imagine something in a particular way

Dictionary example:
The house isn't at all how I had pictured it.

Learner example:
Picture this: one house, one bathroom, one bedroom, approximately 100 cameras, 9 people from all possible walks of life and no contact with the world outside.

**picturesque** /ˌpɪk.tʃərˈesk/

Word family:
**Nouns:** picture
**Adjectives:** picturesque

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] A picturesque place is attractive to look at.

Dictionary example:
the picturesque narrow streets of the old city

Learner example:
Poland is a really nice country, with many historical buildings and picturesque places.

**piece** /piːs/

**NOUN [C]**

**ART/LITERATURE/MUSIC**
[B2] an example of artistic, written or musical work
Dictionary examples:
a beautiful piece of music
an orchestral piece
There was an interesting piece on alternative medicine in the newspaper yesterday.

Learner example:
My favourite music is an instrumental piece of music by Vangelis.

be a piece of cake
[B2] informal to be very easy

Dictionary example:
The exam itself was a piece of cake.

Learner example:
The article was a piece of cake though I didn’t expect to win.

pile /pɑːl/  

NOUN [C]
a pile of/ piles of sth
[B2] informal a lot of something

Dictionary examples:
I’ve got a pile of things to do today.
He’s got piles of money.

Learner example:
He was very disappointed, he didn’t want to leave but he had to because he had a pile of work waiting for him.

pile up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] If something unpleasant piles up, you get more and more of it.

Dictionary example:
My work’s really starting to pile up.

Learner example:
My work [has] piled up and I have to carry on.

pine /paɪn/ (also pine tree)  

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a tall tree with long, thin leaves shaped like needles
Dictionary example:
a pine forest

Learner example:
After a few days, we came to a small lake surrounded by pine trees.

pint /paɪnt/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a measure for liquid equal to about half a litre

Dictionary examples:
a pint of milk
a pint of beer

Learner example:
I thank everybody, hoping we'll see [each other] in the pub where I'll invite you for a pint of beer.

pitch /pɪtʃ/

NOUN

SPORTS AREA
[B2] [C] an area painted with lines for playing particular sports, especially football

Dictionary examples:
a football/hockey/cricket pitch
Supporters invaded the pitch.

Learner example:
For example, you can have free access to the football pitch, the basketball court and even to the golf course.

VERB

pitch a tent
[B2] to choose a place for a tent and put it there

Dictionary example:
We pitched our tent in a field.

Learner example:
After pitching my tent I could not wait to hike the moors.
pity /ˈpɪt.i/

Word family:
Nouns: pity
Verbs: pity
Adjectives: pitiful

NOUN

SYMPATHY
[B2] [u] a feeling of sympathy and understanding for someone else's unhappiness or difficult situation

Dictionary examples:
The girl stood gazing in/with pity at the old lion in the cage.
We took pity on a couple of people waiting in the rain for a bus and gave them a lift.

Learner example:
But the young man insisted so much that I took pity on him and in the end I agreed to help him.

place /plərs/

Word family:
Nouns: place, replacement, displacement
Verbs: place, replace, displace, misplace

NOUN

in place of sth
[B2] instead of something

Dictionary example:
Try adding fruit to your cereal in place of sugar.

Learner example:
Both television and books are very important for our education, for our lives, but never one in the place of the other!

take sb's place
[B2] to do something instead of someone else

Dictionary example:
If I can't make it to the theatre that night you can take my place.

Learner example:
First of all, it had been written that Danny Brook and Tina Truelove were starring, but Danny wasn't there and somebody else took his place.
in the first place
[B2] at the start of a situation

Dictionary example:
Why did you invite her in the first place?

Learner example:
In the first place, you were unknown people for me, but now you are my special foreign friends.

all over the place
[B2] in or to many different places

Dictionary example:
There were dirty dishes all over the place.

Learner example:
I am thinking of dog–dirt on the pavements, cans all over the place, [and] a lot of disgusting paintings on the walls in the public toilets, the underground and so on.

VERB [T]

place sth in/on, etc.
[B2] to put something somewhere carefully

Dictionary example:
She placed the letter in front of me.

Learner example:
Suddenly little Sophie, who was chewing a sweet, lifted the lady's hat, took the sweet out of her mouth and placed it on top of the lady's head.

place an advertisement/order, etc.
[C1] to arrange to have an advertisement/order, etc.

Dictionary example:
She placed an advert for a housekeeper in the local paper.

Learner example:
Place an advertisement on the board near the students' cant[een]. There are always people looking for flat–sharing.

SITUATION
[C1] to cause someone to be in a situation

Dictionary example:
One stupid action has placed us all at risk.

Learner example:
Lack of education placed them in the lowest range of salaries at that time.
plan  /plæn/

Word family:
Nouns: plan, planning
Verbs: plan

NOUN [c]

DRAWING
[B2] a drawing of a building, town, area, vehicle, machine, etc. which only shows its shape from above, its size, and the position of important details

Dictionary examples:
an architect's plans
a street plan
a seating plan

Learner example:
He uses a computer to help him draw 3D plans, electrical circuit plans and that kind of thing.

planning  /ˈplæn.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: plan, planning
Verbs: plan

NOUN [u]

DECIDING
[B2] the activity of thinking about and deciding what you are going to do or how you are going to do something

Dictionary example:
Events like these take months of careful planning.

Learner example:
It seems like you have been doing a lot of planning for our trip next week.

BUILDINGS
[C1] control over which buildings are built in an area

Dictionary example:
town planning

Learner example:
Town planning and some income-tax rules are two other prominent factors.
**plant** /plɑːnt/

**VERB** [v]

**plant a bomb**
[B2] to put a bomb somewhere so that it will explode there

**Dictionary example:**
Rebels had planted several bombs near the base.

**Learner example:**
As a result, [they] accused him of having planted a bomb in the Airport of Recife, in the city where he lived.

**platform** /ˈplæt.fɔːm/

**NOUN** [C]

**RAISED SURFACE**
[B2] a raised surface for people to stand on that is higher than the ground

**Dictionary examples:**
a **viewing platform**
This brilliant young violinist has appeared on **concert platforms** all round the world.

**Learner example:**
It was dangerous, but I knew I had do it, bung[ee] jumping! My instructor said 1, 2, 3, and then he said: "Go", so I jumped from the platform where I was standing.

**play** /pleɪ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** play, player
**Verbs:** play

**VERB**

**play a joke/trick on sb**
[B2] to deceive someone in order to make them laugh

**Dictionary examples:**
I played a trick on her and pretended I'd forgotten her birthday.
She didn't realise they were just playing a joke on her.

**Learner example:**
His best friend John couldn't put up with Pat always revealing his secrets, so decided to play a trick on him.
play a part in *sth*  
[B2] to be one of the people or things that are involved in an event or situation

**Dictionary example:**
Alcohol plays a part in around 60% of violent crime.

**Learner example:**
Technology plays an important part in this situation, because I don't think that adults are playing computer games for Batman or Spiderman, for example, but for the special effec[t]s and the gra[phics].

**NOUN**

**CHILDREN**  
[B2] [u] when children enjoy themselves with toys and games

**Dictionary example:**
a play area

**Learner example:**
And it has [a] play area for children to enjoy themselves.

**pleasurable** /ˈpleʒərəbl/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** pleasure  
**Verbs:** please  
**Adjectives:** pleasant, pleased, unpleasant, pleasurable  
**Adverbs:** pleasantly

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] enjoyable

**Dictionary example:**
a pleasurable experience

**Learner example:**
Not that I would like to be locked up forever without a career or personal growth and just dozens of children of my own scampering around, but it certainly is pleasurable to drift off dreaming for a while in those huge castles.

**plot** /ˈplɔt/  

**NOUN [C]**

**STORY**  
Dictionary examples:
The film has a very simple plot.
The plots of his books are basically all the same.

Learner example:
A film with a good plot, special effects, sound quality and some computer animations can turn into a real experience if watched with friends or relatives.

**plug** /plʌg/

**VERB**

**plug** *sth in** PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to connect a piece of electrical equipment to an electricity supply or to another piece of equipment

Dictionary example:
Could you plug the iron in for me?

Learner example:
It allows anybody to call from anywhere without having to plug it in a wall!

**plumber** /ˈplʌmər/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] someone whose job is to repair or connect water pipes, and things like toilets and baths

Dictionary example:
When is the plumber coming to mend the burst pipe?

Learner example:
In the past I worked as a plumber.

**plunge** /plʌndʒ/

**VERB**

**become lower**
[C1] [i] to become lower in temperature, value, etc. very suddenly and quickly

Dictionary example:
Temperatures plunged below zero.
Learner example:
Five years later the German trend plunged and the Spanish followed, both reaching marks of 1.3 and 1.2 average children per family respectively.

plus /plʌs/

NOUN [C]
[B2] (PLURAL pluses or plusses) INFORMAL an advantage or a good feature

Dictionary example:
Your teaching experience will be a plus in this job.

Learner example:
Free accommodation is a plus for me, but there are some points which I want to [find out about].

point /pɔɪnt/

Word family:
Nouns: point
Verbs: point
Adjectives: pointless

NOUN

SHARP END
[B2] [C] the thin, sharp end of something

Dictionary example:
the point of a needle

IMPORTANT OPINION
[B2] [NO PLURAL] an opinion or fact that deserves to be considered seriously, or which other people agree is true

Dictionary examples:
"She's always complaining that the office is cold." – "Well, she's got a point."
"How are we going to get there if there are no trains?" – "Good point."

Learner example:
First of all, in your picture you can reveal the style of life of teenagers (I think it is a good point).

the point
[B2] the most important part of what someone says or writes
Dictionary examples:
The point is, if you don’t claim the money now you might never get it.
I think she missed the point of what you were saying.
I thought he was never going to get to the point.

Learner example:
I’m in a hurry, so I will come directly to the point.

REASON
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the reason for or purpose of something

Dictionary examples:
I’d try to explain to her how I feel but there’s no point because she won’t listen.
There's no point in inviting her – she never comes to parties.
What's the point of studying if you can't get a job afterwards?

Learner example:
Obviously, there is no point in saying "famous people have a right to their own live[s]."

TIME
[B2] [c] a particular time or stage in an event or process

Dictionary examples:
At one point, he seemed to completely forget what he was saying.
At that point, a soldier opened fire on the car.
It has got to the point where I can’t bear to speak to him.
If, at this point, you decide to leave, that is fine.

Learner example:
At one point, I realised that it was 3 a.m. and many people were leaving the disco.

MATHEMATICS
[B2] [c] the mark (.) that is used to separate the two parts of a decimal

Dictionary example:
One mile equals one point six (1.6) kilometres.

be at/on the point of doing sth
[B2] to be going to do something very soon

Dictionary example:
I was at the point of walking out when he suddenly spoke to me.

Learner example:
In fact he simulated his death to escape from the police, who were on the point of catching him for [his] penicillin racket.

up to a point
[B2] partly

Dictionary example:
What he says is true up to a point.
Learner example:
I agree up to a point with the statement give[n], but if the journalists [di]dn't follow them, people wouldn't know [so] much about them.

**sb’s strong point**
[C1] something that someone is very good at

Dictionary example:
Cooking is not my strong point.

Learner example:
She’s got a lot of strong points, more than weaknesses.

**make a point of doing sth**
[C1] to be certain that you always do a particular thing

Dictionary example:
He made a point of learning all the names of his staff.

Learner example:
I was not expecting to meet him that night, because I thought he would be busy and not have time to talk to anyone, but being so special as he is, he made a point of talking to everybody.

**VERB**

**point out** sth or **point** sth out **PHRASAL VERB**
[B2] to tell someone about some information, often because they do not know it or have forgotten it

Dictionary examples:
He was planning to book a rock-climbing holiday, till I pointed out that Carla is afraid of heights. I feel I should point out how dangerous it is.

Learner example:
I would like to point out some incorrect information.

**pointless** /ˈpɔɪnt.ləs/

Word family:
**Nouns:** point
**Verbs:** point
**Adjectives:** pointless

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] Something that is pointless has no purpose.

Dictionary examples:
pointless arguments/conflict
a pointless exercise
It would be pointless to argue with him.
Learner example:
Moreover, people who meet through e-mails and chatrooms can confirm that talking or sending messages to someone you can’t see is pointless and boring.

point of view /ˌpoint.əvˈvjuː/

NOUN [C]

OPINION
[B2] an opinion

Dictionary examples:
I can certainly understand her point of view.
You have to be willing to see other people’s points of view.

Learner example:
That is my point of view.

WAY OF THINKING
[B2] a way of thinking about a situation

Dictionary examples:
From the point of view of personal savings, the cut in interest rates is bad news. From a medical/scientific point of view, it is an important achievement.

Learner example:
In addition, it is not useful to keep animals in cages even from a scientific point of view.

poison /ˈpɔɪ.zən/

Word family:
Nouns: poison
Adjectives: poisonous

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a substance that can make you ill or kill you if you eat or drink it

Dictionary example:
Someone had put poison in her drink.

Learner example:
The third day they were in the forest, Pablo was hurt by a piece of wood with poison on it.

VERB [T]

KILL
[B2] to try to kill someone by giving them a dangerous substance to drink or eat
Dictionary example:
He tried to poison his wife.

Learner example:
Therefore, Matthew decided to kill Pat. He poisoned Pat by putting poisonous ice-cubes into Pat’s wine glass.

MAKE DANGEROUS
[B2] to put poison or a dangerous substance in something

Dictionary example:
They poisoned the city’s water supply.

Learner example:
Everyday millions of animals die, millions of acres of forest are burnt, millions of gallons of water are poisoned.

poisonous /ˈpɔɪ.zən.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: poison
Adjectives: poisonous

ADJECTIVE

SUBSTANCE
[B2] very harmful and able to cause illness or death

Dictionary examples:
poisonous chemicals
Can you tell the difference between poisonous mushrooms and edible varieties?

Learner example:
On the other hand, the people in the future will probably wear clothes to protect themselves from the polluted air and water, the harmful ultra-violet rays from the sun and all the dangerous and poisonous gases or chemicals which [are the] result of a developed country.

ANIMAL

Dictionary example:
a poisonous snake

Learner example:
Some of the animals, like poisonous snakes, crocodiles, [and] lions, are kept in special cages.
**polar bear /ˌpəʊl.əˈber/**

NOUN [c]
[B2] a large, white bear that lives in areas near the North Pole

Dictionary example:
Polar bears can be very dangerous.

Learner example:
So it's very difficult to create real-life conditions for some animals, for instance for polar bears and eagles.

**policy /ˈpɒl.ə.si/**

NOUN [c]

PLAN
[B2] a set of ideas or a plan of what to do in particular situations that has been agreed officially by a group of people, a business organization, a government or a political party

Dictionary examples:
They believe that the European Community needs a common foreign and security policy.
What is your party's policy on immigration?

Learner example:
In fact, more and more countries are [creating] new enviro[n]mental policies.

AGREEMENT
[C1] an agreement that you have with an insurance company

Dictionary example:
Does your policy cover medical costs?

Learner example:
Working in an insurance company often means 'selling the air', but when you see that a person gets out of a difficult situation just because he or she has an insurance policy, you begin to love this job.

**politeness /pəˈlaɪt.nəs/**

Word family:
Nouns: politeness
Adjectives: impolite, polite
Adverbs: politely
NOUN [u]
[B2] the state of being polite

Dictionary example:
We were impressed by their politeness.

Learner example:
Moreover, I have other qualities such as politeness, thus I am capable of looking after members of the public.

politically /pəˈlɪt.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: politician, politics
Adjectives: political

ADV
[C1] in a way that is connected with politics

Dictionary examples:
Politically, she is very experienced.
a politically active group

Learner example:
Nowadays most women have equal chances of education, are permitted to work, sign any bureaucratic papers with no need of their husbands' countersignature, are politically active and have an important professional career.

pollute /pəˈluːt/

Word family:
Nouns: pollution
Verbs: pollute

VERB [T]
[B2] to make water, air, soil, etc. dirty or harmful

Dictionary example:
We need a fuel that won't pollute the environment.

Learner example:
Most of them don't pollute the environment, and they don't create traffic jams on the roads.
**pond** /pɒnd/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] an area of water smaller than a lake, often artificially made

*Dictionary example:*

da duck pond

*Learner example:*

After that, we’ll visit "Suizenji-Park" which is a real Japanese Garden with a pond and many kinds of flowers and trees.

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**pony** /ˈpəʊ.ni/

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a small horse

*Dictionary example:*

I have a pony.

*Learner example:*

The forest is inhabited by wild bears, wild ponies, golden eagles and non-poisonous snakes.

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**pool** /puːl/

**NOUN**

**LIQUID**

[B2] [c] a small area of water or a small amount of liquid on a surface

*Dictionary examples:*

We dipped our feet in a shallow pool by the rocks.

a pool of blood

*Learner example:*

When I came into the kitchen, I saw a pool of blood [o]n the floor.

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**poor** /pɔːr/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** poor

**Adjectives:** poor, poorly

**Adverbs:** poorly
ADJECTIVE

BAD
[B2] of very low quality

Dictionary examples:
poor health
Last year's exam results were poor.
a poor harvest

Learner example:
But the quality of [the] food was poor.

NO SKILL
[B2] not having much skill at a particular activity

Dictionary examples:
Her spelling has always been poor.
Sam's a poor swimmer.

Learner example:
Since I was a teenager, I've often drawn and painted but without any kind of teaching, so my tec[h]nique is poor.

be poor in sth
[B2] If something is poor in a particular substance, it has very little of the substance.

Dictionary example:
Avoid foods which are high in calories but poor in nutrients.

Learner example:
They couldn't avoid a diet poor in vitamins, because of the shortage of food.

NOUN

the poor
[C1] people who are poor

Dictionary example:
She spent her life working with the poor.

Learner example:
It is widely believed that under his management, Greece advanced economically and socially, made steps forward concerning the relationships with other countries and people, (especially the poor) loved him, for he made them feel important.
poorly /ˈpɔːli/

Word family:
Nouns: poor
Adjectives: poor, poorly
Adverbs: poorly

ADVERB
[C1] badly

Dictionary example:
poorly educated

Learner example:
On the contrary, to my mind both issues were handled rather poorly.

ADJECTIVE
[C1] ill

Dictionary example:
Rosie was feeling poorly so I put her to bed.

Learner example:
When a colleague is absent [due to] feeling poorly, I can automatically do the duties of that person because we work as a group.

pop /pɒp/

VERB (−pp−)

pop in/out/over, etc.
[B2] informal to go to a particular place

Dictionary examples:
Doug's just popped out for a few minutes.
I'll pop into the supermarket on my way home.
Why don't you pop in/over and see us this afternoon?

Learner example:
Who could imagine life without the telephone? Not being able to call your friend and ask if you can pop in for a moment?

popular /ˈpɒp.ju.ələ/
ADJECTIVE

GENERAL
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] for or involving ordinary people rather than specialists or very educated people

Dictionary examples:
popular entertainment/culture
The issue was given full coverage in the popular press.

Learner example:
Due to his studies in Persian folklore and popular culture, he is the progenitor of anthropology in Iran.

popularity /ˌpɒp.jʊˈlær.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: popularity
Adjectives: popular, unpopular

NOUN [U]
[B2] the quality of being liked by many people

Dictionary example:
the increasing popularity of organic food

Learner example:
We agreed that something had to be done to promote the popularity of local films.

populate /ˈpɒp.jə.leɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: population
Verbs: populate

VERB

be populated
[C1] If an area is populated by people or animals, they live in that area.

Dictionary examples:
The countryside is densely/sparsely populated.
The forest was populated by rare and colourful birds.

Learner example:
Hong Kong is a densely populated city.
population /ˌpɒp.jʊˈleɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: population
Verbs: populate

NOUN

PEOPLE

[B2] [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] all the people living in a particular area, or all the people or animals of a particular type

Dictionary examples:
a 9% rise in the prison population
The dolphin population has been seriously affected by tuna fishing.

Learner example:
Their yellow and black stripe has a mysterious beauty (which is the main reason for the hug[e] decrease [in the] tiger population).

portable /ˈpɔː.tə.bl/

ADJECTIVE

[C1] able to be carried

Dictionary example:
a portable computer

Learner example:
Laptops are indeed a portable office.

portion /ˈpɔːʃən/

NOUN [C]

FOOD

[B2] the amount of food served to one person, especially in a restaurant

Dictionary example:
The portions are very generous in this restaurant.

Learner example:
I think you should take [a] packed lunch with you, because the restaurant is far too expensive and the portions are too small.
PART
[C1] a part or share of something larger

Dictionary examples:
A large/major portion of the company's profit goes straight back into new projects.
I accept my portion of the blame.

Learner example:
Such an event will probably attract publicity (TV, radio, newspapers) and since we are a new company, we will have the opportunity to become know[n] to a large portion of the population in a short amount of time.

portrait /ˈpɔː.trət/

Word family:
Nouns: portrait, portrayal
Verbs: portray

NOUN [C]
[B2] a painting, drawing, or photograph of someone

Dictionary examples:
a portrait painter
She's commissioned an artist to paint her portrait/paint a portrait of her.

Learner example:
Downstairs we can find pictures [by] old masters and a great portrait of the Spanish King Charles the Third.

pose /pəʊz/

VERB

pose a danger/problem/threat, etc.
[C1] to cause a problem

Dictionary example:
A lot of these chemicals pose very real threats to our health.

Learner example:
I hope everyone agrees with me that the new types of communication do not pose a threat to face-to-face communication, but probably [reinforce] it.

BE STILL
[C1] [I] to stay in a particular position so that someone can paint or photograph you
Dictionary example:
The two leaders posed for photographs outside the White House.

Learner example:
The tourists are allowed to touch the seals, and the seals are willing to pose for the photographs.

posh /pɒʃ/  
ADJECTIVE  
EXPENSIVE  
[B2] INFORMAL (of places and things) expensive and of high quality

Dictionary examples:  
a posh hotel  
He takes her to some really posh restaurants.

Learner example:  
First of all, the 'Kaya' is quite a big, posh restaurant [whose] interiors are like [a] traditional Korean house.

position /pəˈzɪʃ.ən/  
NOUN  
RANK  
[B2] [c] your level of importance in a company or society

Dictionary examples:  
the position of women in society  
Whether or not you’re given a car depends on your position in the company.

Learner example:  
Perhaps the style of their dress will indicate their position in society too.

JOB  
[B2] [c] FORMAL a job

Dictionary example:  
She applied for a position in the firm that I work for.

Learner example:  
Dear Mr. Greenfield I am writing in response to the advertisement which I saw published in my local newspaper, as I would like to apply for the position you offer.

be in a position to do sth  
[C1] to be able to do something because of your situation
**Dictionary example:**
I'm not in a position to talk about this at the moment.

**Learner example:**
But no one is in a position to know about it yet, since now it is just an option.

**be in position**
[C1] If someone or something is in position, they are in the place that they should be in.

**Dictionary example:**
The police were all in position.

**Learner example:**
Remember to stay calm when you are in the car with the instructor, wear your seatbelt and check that all your mirrors are in position.

**put sb in a difficult position**
[C1] to cause someone to be in a difficult situation

**Dictionary example:**
When two of your best friends argue it puts you in a very difficult position.

**Learner example:**
I know that I will put you in a difficult position with my absence but I must leave.

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**positive /ˈpɒzə.tɪv/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** positive

**Adverbs:** positively

**ADJECTIVE**

**GOOD**
[B2] A positive effect is good and makes something better.

**Dictionary example:**
The improved diet has had a positive effect on his mood.

**Learner example:**
All the colours and the smell of fresh and dried flowers has such a positive effect on me that life feels great.

**YES**
[B2] expressing the answer yes

**Dictionary example:**
We received a positive answer/response from the minister.
Learner example:
I am looking forward to your positive response.

CERTAIN
[B2] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] certain that something is true

Dictionary examples:
"Are you sure you saw him?" "Absolutely positive."
I'm positive that I switched it off.

Learner example:
I'm positive that my experience will be useful in another shop like yours.

positively /ˈpɒz.ə.tɪv.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: positive
Adverbs: positively

ADVERB
[B2] in a good or hopeful way

Dictionary example:
I don't respond very positively to being bossed around – it just makes me angry.

Learner example:
Modern technology also affects [my life] positively in the lab I work for.

possess /pəˈzes/

Word family:
Nouns: possession
Verbs: possess
Adjectives: possessive

VERB
[C1] [T] FORMAL to have or own something

Dictionary example:
He was found guilty of possessing an illegal weapon.

Learner example:
She was lucky to possess a single nice-looking long dress for special occasions, so there was no point in wasting time choosing the appropriate dress.
possession /pəˈzeʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: possession
Verbs: possess
Adjectives: possessive

NOUN

[B2] [C USUALLY PLURAL] something that you own or that you are carrying with you at any time

Dictionary example:
Please remember to take all your personal possessions with you when you leave the aircraft.

Learner example:
Talking about using your possessions, can I use your electronic appliances such as computers [and] CD players while you are away?

possibility /ˌpɒs.əˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: possibility, impossibility
Adjectives: impossible, possible
Adverbs: possibly

NOUN

[OPTION  [B2] [C] something that you can choose to do from a number of options

Dictionary examples:
We could take on extra staff – that’s one possibility.
"Have you decided what to do?" "No, I’m still considering the various possibilities."

Learner example:
Another possibility is to go to the London Transport Museum, which is very close and free for students.

possible /ˈpɒs.ə.bl/
whenever possible
[B2] every time it is possible

Dictionary example:
I try to use olive oil whenever possible.

Learner example:
My friends have always regarded me as a cheerful, active girl, who is glad to help out whenever possible.

wherever possible
[B2] every time it is possible

Dictionary examples:
Wherever possible I use honey instead of sugar.
We try to sell local fruit and vegetables wherever possible.

Learner example:
We can work together [in a] number of ways, for example, we can plant trees wherever possible and we can place bins [in the necessary areas which will help the public to dispose [of] waste items.

the best/cheapest/worst, etc. possible
[C1] the best/cheapest/worst, etc. that can happen or exist

Dictionary example:
We need to complete the work in the shortest possible time.

Learner example:
But I strongly believe that with good will and enough effort from both sides – our clubs members and you – we will work everything out in the best possible way!

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ADVERB

EMPHASIS
[B2] used with 'can' or 'could' for emphasis

Dictionary examples:
We'll do everything we possibly can to help.
I couldn't possibly ask you to do that.
Learner example:
My opinion is that everyone who possibly can go by bicycle should do that.

post /ˈpəʊst/  

Word family:  
Nouns: post  
Verbs: post  
Adjectives: postal

NOUN

JOB  
[B2] [c] a job in a company or organization

Dictionary examples:  
Teaching posts are advertised in Tuesday's edition of the paper.  
She’s held the post for thirteen years.  
They have several vacant posts.

Learner example:  
In addition, I have worked [in] a similar job so I have already gained the experience needed for the post.

VERB [T]

keep sb posted  
[C1] to make certain that someone always knows what is happening

Dictionary example:  
Keep me posted on anything that happens while I’m away.

Learner example:  
We will keep our members posted on the best eating places in town.

postal /ˈpəʊst.əl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: post  
Verbs: post  
Adjectives: postal

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]  
[C1] relating to the system of sending letters and parcels

Dictionary example:  
the postal service/system
**Learner example:**
It's just another strike that has affected our everyday life, and Polish postal services in particular.

**posture** /ˈpɒstər/  
NOUN [U]  
[C1] the position of your back, shoulders, etc. when you are standing or sitting

**Dictionary example:**  
She has very good posture.

**Learner example:**  
As for the furniture, replacing old rickety chairs would result in better working conditions and prevent fatigue, stress, incapacity for work due to bad posture, therefore speeding up productivity and doing away with complaints about pain and poor health.

**potential** /ˈpəʊtən.tʃəl/  
Word family:  
Nouns: potential  
Adjectives: potential  
Adverbs: potentially

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]**  
[B2] possible when the necessary conditions exist

**Dictionary examples:**  
A number of potential buyers have expressed interest in the company.  
Many potential customers are waiting for a fall in prices before buying.  
The accident is a reminder of the potential dangers involved in oil production.

**Learner example:**  
As a potential customer, I need some further information.

**NOUN [U]**  
[B2] someone's or something's ability to develop, achieve or succeed

**Dictionary examples:**  
The region has enormous potential for economic development.  
I don't feel I'm achieving my full potential in my present job.  
You have the potential to reach the top of your profession.  
I think this room has got a lot of potential.

**Learner example:**  
The sheer potential for communication it offers is overwhelming.
potentially /pəˈten.tʃəl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: potential
Adjectives: potential
Adverbs: potentially

ADVERB
[B2] possibly

Dictionary examples:
- Hepatitis is a potentially fatal disease.
- This crisis is potentially the most serious in the organization's history.

Learner example:
- One must not ignore [the fact] that mobile phones are potentially harmful: scientific experiments tend to show that microwaves produced by phones may cause cancers and tumours.

pottery /ˈpɔt.əri/

NOUN [u]

OBJECTS
[B2] plates, bowls, etc. that are made from clay

Dictionary example:
- They sell pottery and other handmade goods.

Learner example:
- You can see very precious pottery and take pictures [of] old goods in antique shop[s].

ACTIVITY
[B2] the activity or skill of making plates, bowls, etc. from clay

Dictionary example:
- I am doing pottery evening classes.

Learner example:
- So I suggest we should print new ones with the latest information, for example about our new pottery courses.
pound /paʊnd/

NOUN [c]

WEIGHT
[B2] a unit for measuring weight

Dictionary examples:
One pound is approximately equal to 454 grams.
One kilogram is roughly the same as 2.2 lbs.
There are 16 ounces in one pound.
Ann's baby weighed eight and a half pounds at birth.

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to hit or beat repeatedly with a lot of force, or to crush something by hitting it repeatedly

Dictionary examples:
I could feel my heart pounding as I went on stage to collect the prize.
The city was pounded to rubble during the war.
He pounded on the door demanding to be let in.

Learner example:
Tina's heart began to pound when suddenly, she heard her name being called out loud!

pour /pɔːr/

VERB

pour into/out/from, etc.
[B2] to flow quickly and in large amounts

Dictionary example:
Blood was pouring from my leg.

Learner example:
He woke up and cleaned off the blood that poured from his injured eyebrow.

PHRASAL VERB

pour sth out or pour out sth
[B2] If you pour out your feelings or thoughts, you talk very honestly about what is making you sad.

Dictionary example:
She listened quietly while he poured out his troubles.
**Learner example:**
She let me pour out my feelings, a thing I did not do to anyone.

**poverty /ˈpɒv.ə.ti/**

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the condition of being extremely poor

**Dictionary examples:**
Two million people in the city live in poverty.
He emigrated to Australia to escape the poverty of his birthplace.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I think that our grandparents lived in poverty without amenities.

**power /ˈpaʊər/**

**Word family:**

*Nouns:* power

*Adjectives:* powerful

*Adverbs:* powerfully

**NOUN**

**CONTROL**

[B2] [u] control or influence over people and events

**Dictionary example:**
I've no power over him – he does what he wants to.

**Learner example:**
People can't be trusted [with] power. [T]hey will always reach for more.

**POLITICS**

[C1] [u] political control in a country

**Dictionary examples:**
They have been in power too long.
When did this government come to power?

**Learner example:**
It happened in the November of 1973 and it is the University students' rebellion against the outlaw military government which had come to power in 1967 after a violent coup.

**do everything in your power to do sth**

[C1] to do everything that you are able and allowed to do in order to achieve something
Dictionary example:
I've done everything in my power to help him.

Learner example:
I think of myself as an open-minded and cheerful person and if I get the job I will do everything in my power to make sure your visitors will have a great time at the theme park.

COUNTRY
[C1] [c] a country that has a lot of influence over others

Dictionary example:
a major world power

Learner example:
Unfortunately this trend continues into adulthood and has become so bad that in a world power like the United States, one in every three people are considered clinically obese.

STRENGTH
[C1] [u] strength or force

Dictionary example:
economic/military power

Learner example:
We have enough population and economic power to set up a complete city.

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powerful /ˈpaʊəfl/  

Word family:
Nouns: power
Adjectives: powerful
Adverbs: powerfully

ADJECTIVE

EFFECT
[B2] having a strong effect on people

Dictionary example:
a powerful effect/influence

Learner example:
The importance of this invention is that the information transmitted on it reaches a lot of people at the same time, so it's a very powerful [method] of communication in our society.
powerfully /ˈpaʊə.fəli/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** power  
**Adjectives:** powerful  
**Adverbs:** powerfully

**ADVERB**  
[B2] in a powerful way  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She kicked the ball so powerfully that it flew over the hedge.  
Klaus is a very powerfully-built man.

**Learner example:**  
Mary moved to her aunt's house, an inn, but she had got married to a strange, powerfully-built man.

practical /ˈpræktɪkəl/  

Word family:  
**Adjectives:** practical  
**Adverbs:** practically

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] relating to experience, real situations or actions rather than ideas or imagination

**Dictionary examples:**  
Qualifications are important but practical experience is always an advantage.  
The service offers young people practical advice on finding a job.  
What's the use of theoretical knowledge that has no practical application?

**Learner example:**  
Before making up my mind, I would like to gain some experience through practical activities.

POSSIBLE  
[C1] able to be done successfully

**Dictionary examples:**  
a practical solution  
The plan is simply not practical.

**Learner example:**  
This is not a very practical solution for the employees.
SUITABLE
[C1] suitable or useful for a situation which may involve some difficulty

Dictionary examples:
practical clothes/shoes
Pale carpets just aren't practical if you have kids.

Learner example:
Instead of being practical, our clothes need to be extravagant.

practically /ˈpræk.tɪk.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: practical
Adverbs: practically

ADVERB
[B2] almost or very nearly

Dictionary examples:
She blamed me for practically every mistake in the report.
These changes would cost us practically nothing.
It's practically impossible for me to get home in less than an hour.
They used to argue all the time and now they've practically stopped talking to each other.

Learner example:
Today it is used [in] practically all spheres and its influence on people is not unnotic[e]able.

practice /ˈpræk.tɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: practice
Verbs: practise

NOUN
be out of practice
[B2] to not do something well because you have not done it recently

Dictionary example:
I didn't play very well today – I'm out of practice.

Learner example:
I think playing in the club will be a great opportunity for me so as not to be out of practice.

in practice
[B2] in a real situation
Dictionary example:
In practice, the new laws have had little effect.

Learner example:
When you leave school, you have knowledge but you do not know how to use it in practice.

**put something into practice**
[C1] to do something in reality that has been planned or talked about

**Dictionary examples:**
Next month we will have a chance to put these ideas into practice.
How do you intend to put these proposals into practice?

**Learner example:**
The doctors cannot really put all their skills into practice.

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**practise**  /ˈpræktɪs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** practice
**Verbs:** practise

**VERB [I or T]**

**WORK**
[C1] to work as a doctor or a lawyer

**Dictionary example:**
to practise medicine/law

**Learner example:**
Many wom[e]n practise law and become judges.

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**praise**  /preɪz/

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to express admiration or approval about the achievements or characteristics of a person or thing

**Dictionary examples:**
He should be praised for his honesty.
My parents always praised me when I did well at school.
He was highly praised for his research on heart disease.

**Learner example:**
In fact, my grade was the best in the class and my Math[s] teacher praised me for being so careful and correct.
NOUN [u]
[C1] words you say to show that you admire someone or something

Dictionary examples:
They deserve praise for their achievements.
Her first novel won a lot of praise from the critics.

Learner example:
This may sound like glowing praise, but Michael really deserves it.

prawn /prɔːn/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a small sea animal which you can eat, and which has a shell and ten legs

Dictionary example:
a prawn sandwich

Learner example:
Li-Chuong's specialities are sweet and sour pork, prawns and .. rice!

pray /preɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: prayer
Verbs: pray

VERB [i]
HOPE
[B2] to hope for something very much

Dictionary example:
We're praying for good weather for tomorrow's cricket match.

Learner example:
I am very di[sa]ppointed with this event and praying that it will happen again next year.

precaution /prɪˈkɔːʃən/

NOUN [c]
[C1] something that you do to prevent bad things happening in the future
Dictionary examples:
Driving alone at night can be dangerous, so always **take** precautions.
They called the doctor **as a precaution**.
He took the precaution of locking the door.

**Learner example:**
The dancing and the horse shows were indeed cancelled, as a precaution out of fear of the weather becoming even worse.

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**precious /ˈpresh.əs/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**VALUABLE**

[B2] rare and very valuable

**Dictionary examples:**
a precious **vase**
a precious **gift**
a precious **metal/stone**

**Learner example:**
I am so sorry because I broke a precious vase you had in your bedroom.

**IMPORTANT**

[B2] very important to you

**Dictionary examples:**
a precious **moment/memory**
His books are his most precious **possessions**.
Time is precious – don't waste it.

**Learner example:**
Love is something precious which we all want to have.

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**precise /prɪˈsaɪs/**

**Word family:**
**Adjectives:** precise
**Adverbs:** precisely

**ADJECTIVE**

**EXACT**

[B2] exact and accurate
Dictionary examples:
The precise location of the house is a secret.
He caught me at the precise moment that I fainted.

Learner example:
I would appreciate [it] if you were more precise next time with your report.

to be precise
[B2] used to give exact details about something

Dictionary examples:
We met in 1994 – on October 1st to be precise.
There was a good turnout for the meeting – twelve of us to be precise.

Learner example:
It’s in Central London, to be precise.

precisely /prɪˈsaɪ.sli/

Word family:
Adjectives: precise
Adverbs: precisely

ADVERB

EXACT
[B2] exactly

Dictionary examples:
The fireworks begin at eight o’clock precisely.
What do you think the problem is, precisely?

Learner example:
He was born in the countryside, more precisely in Bourgogne, and he had always lived there.

FOR EMPHASIS
[B2] used to emphasize what you are saying

Dictionary examples:
"You look tired – you should go home and rest." – "I'm going to do precisely that."
But it's precisely because of the noise that they're thinking of moving.

Learner example:
Books may not be interactive, but that's precisely where their advantage is.

AGREEMENT
[C1] used to agree with what someone else says

Dictionary example:
"It's not the shape I dislike, it's the colour." – "Precisely!"
**predator** /ˈpred.ə.tər/  

NOUN [c]  
[C1] an animal that kills and eats other animals  

Dictionary example:  
These animals have remarkably few predators.  

Learner example:  
Ferocious animals, such as tigers, lions and snakes (anacondas) can be seen in these areas, but for those who are not used to forests, these predators may only become visible once they are attacked.

**predictable** /prɪˈdɪk.tə.bl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: prediction  
Verbs: predict  
Adjectives: predictable, unpredictable  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] happening or behaving in a way you expect and not unusual or interesting  

Dictionary example:  
Comets appear at predictable times.  

Learner example:  
When I was younger I read many books. I prefer[ri]ed m[y]stery stories, but now [they] are very predictable for me.

**prediction** /prɪˈdɪk.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: prediction  
Verbs: predict  
Adjectives: predictable, unpredictable  

NOUN [c or u]  
[B2] when you say what will happen in the future  

Dictionary examples:  
Please don’t ask me to make any predictions about tomorrow's meeting.  
No one believed her prediction that the world would end on November 12.  

Learner example:  
But in case my predictions are right, maybe you should buy a new pair of shorts?
preferable /ˈpref.ərəbl/  

Word family:
Nouns: preference  
Verbs: prefer  
Adjectives: preferable  
Adverbs: preferably  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] better or more suitable  

Dictionary examples:  
Staying at home is preferable to going out with someone you don’t like.  
Surely a diplomatic solution is preferable to war.  

Learner example:  
I think it would be preferable to do it in July, which is a holiday period.

preferably /ˈpref.ərəbli/  

Word family:
Nouns: preference  
Verbs: prefer  
Adjectives: preferable  
Adverbs: preferably  

ADVERB  
[B2] if possible  

Dictionary example:  
Water the plants twice a week, preferably in the morning.  

Learner example:  
I think you should spend more time with your friends, preferably in the fresh country air.

preference /ˈpref.ərənts/  

Word family:
Nouns: preference  
Verbs: prefer  
Adjectives: preferable  
Adverbs: preferably  

NOUN  
[B2] [C or U] when you like something or someone more than another person or thing
Dictionary examples:
We have white and brown bread. Do you have a preference? Her preference is for comfortable rather than stylish clothes. I have a preference for sweet food over spicy. Choosing furniture is largely a matter of personal preference.

Learner example:
On the other hand, those who are in favour of keeping on with traditional education argue that no free choice of preferences can be made until one has received a basic education involving the study of different fields of knowledge.

prefix /ˈpriː.fɪks/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a letter or group of letters added to the beginning of a word to make a new word

Dictionary example:
In the word 'unimportant', 'un-' is a prefix.

pregnancy /ˈpreg.nən.si/

Word family:
Nouns: pregnancy
Adjectives: pregnant

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] when a woman is pregnant

Dictionary example:
a teenage pregnancy

Learner example:
The reduced risk of further pregnancies in conjunction with less remuneration for their work makes these women seem more attractive to employers.

prejudice /ˈpredʒ.ʊ.dɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: prejudice
Adjectives: prejudiced
**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] an unfair and unreasonable opinion or feeling, especially when formed without enough thought or knowledge

**Dictionary examples:**
Laws against **racial** prejudice must be strictly enforced.
He claims that prejudice **against** homosexuals would cease overnight if all the gay stars in the country were honest about their sexuality.

**Learner example:**
What is really amazing is that Biko, who is banned but 'free' of any prejudice, who doesn’t discriminate **against** anybody, 'frees' Mr Woods (who is not banned) from his narrow-minded and intolerant views and gives another aim to Woods' life.

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**prejudiced** /ˈpredʒ.ə.dɪst/

**Word family:**
Nouns: prejudice
Adjectives: prejudiced

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] feeling dislike for a group of people or treating them unfairly because they are a different race, sex, religion, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
Are the police prejudiced **against** black people?

**Learner example:**
Men have been very prejudiced **against** women in this sector, so it has been hard to prove the opposite.

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**preliminary** /prɪˈlɪm.ər.i/

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**
[C1] done or happening in order to prepare for the main event or activity

**Dictionary example:**
a preliminary **discussion/meeting**

**Learner example:**
Picasso would start with a lot of preliminary sketches and then go on to paint his final picture, where the main figures – a woman and a horse – are screaming in despair.
premises /ˈprem.ɪs.i.z/  

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

[C1] the land and buildings owned by someone, especially by a company or organization

**Dictionary examples:**
The company is moving to new premises.
The ice cream is made on the premises.
The security guards escorted the protesters off the premises.

**Learner example:**
The staff will have more space to work in as our local branch is moving to larger premises, and better work conditions will be provided to them.

preparation /ˌprep.əˈreɪʃən/  

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** preparation
- **Verbs:** prepare
- **Adjectives:** prepared

**NOUN**

**preparations**

[B2] plans or arrangements that you make to prepare for something

**Dictionary examples:**
- **wedding preparations**
  We are making preparations to fly Mr Goodall to the nearest hospital.
  Preparations for the opening ceremony are well under way.

**Learner example:**
I would really like to help you with the preparations the day before but it's impossible for me to come.

prepared /prəˈpeəd/  

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** preparation
- **Verbs:** prepare
- **Adjectives:** prepared
be prepared to do sth
[B2] to be willing, or happy to agree to do something

Dictionary examples:
Would you be prepared to help me get things ready for the party?
People are not really prepared to talk about these kinds of personal problems.

Learner example:
I'm prepared to offer quite a lot in order to give the animals a better life.

made earlier
[B2] done or made earlier

Dictionary example:
The spokesperson read a prepared statement.

Learner example:
More fast-food and prepared meals are available than a few years ago.

presence /ˈprez.əntz/

Word family:
Nouns: presence, present
Verbs: present
Adjectives: present
Adverbs: presently

noun

in a place
[B2] [no plural] when someone or something is in a place

Dictionary examples:
She was anxious about the presence of so many people.
The presence of pollen in the atmosphere causes hay fever in some people.
He's usually quite polite in my presence.
The document was signed in the presence of two witnesses.

Learner example:
Your presence here at the club would be really benefic[ial] for the students.
**present**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** presence, present
- **Verbs:** present
- **Adjectives:** present
- **Adverbs:** presently

**VERB [r] /prɪˈzent/**

**GIVE**

[B2] to give, provide or make known

**Dictionary examples:**
The winners were presented with medals.
The documentary presented us with a balanced view of the issue.
He presented the report to his colleagues at the meeting.

**Learner example:**
It had to be realistic, so when we finished we presented it to the directors of my school.

**TV/RADIO**

[B2] to introduce a television or radio show

**Dictionary example:**
She presents the late-night news.

**PLAY/FILM**

[B2] to show a new play or film

**Dictionary example:**
The school is presenting 'West Side Story' this term.

**Learner example:**
I am writing to complain about the organization of the musical show that the Circle Theatre presented.

**present a danger/difficulty/problem, etc.**

[C1] to cause a danger/difficulty/problem, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
The interview didn't present her with any difficulty.
The final exam may present some problems.

**Learner example:**
Medical services do not present any serious problem at the moment.
**presentation  /ˌprez.ənˈteɪ.ʃən/**

Word family:
Nouns: present, presentation, presenter
Verbs: present

**NOUN**

**CEREMONY**

[B2] a formal occasion when prizes, qualifications, etc. are given to those who have won or achieved them or the act of giving them

Dictionary example:
The presentation of prizes and certificates will take place in the main hall.

**presenter  /prɪˈzen.tər/**

Word family:
Nouns: present, presentation, presenter
Verbs: present

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] someone who introduces a television or radio show

Dictionary examples:
a news/sports presenter
children's television presenters

Learner example:
Suddenly, a news presenter came on with an unusual message.

**presently  /ˈprez.ənt.li/**

Word family:
Nouns: presence, present
Verbs: present
Adjectives: present
Adverbs: presently

**ADVERB**

[C1] now

Dictionary example:
He's presently living with his parents.

Learner example:
I am presently working as [a] sales assistant in "La Suze," a lingerie shop in the city.
**preservation** /ˌprez.əˈver.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: preservation
Verbs: preserve

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] when you keep something the same or prevent it from being damaged or destroyed

**Dictionary examples:**
the preservation of peace
the preservation of wildlife

**Learner example:**
I was asked to investigate the current situation in my area, concerning the efforts to cut down on the use of energy and natural resources, in order to contribute to the preservation of the environment.

**preserve** /prɪˈzɜːv/

Word family:
Nouns: preservation
Verbs: preserve

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to keep something the same or prevent it from being damaged or destroyed

**Dictionary examples:**
to preserve the environment
We want to preserve the character of the town while improving the facilities.

**Learner example:**
It is a fundamental necessity for everybody to try to do something in order to preserve the health of our planet.

**presidency** /ˈprez.i.dənt.sə/

Word family:
Nouns: presidency, president
Adjectives: presidential

**NOUN [C usually no plural]**
[B2] the job of being president, or the period when someone is a president
Dictionary examples:
He has announced that he is running for the presidency.
She won the presidency by a wide margin.

Learner example:
His presidency finished in 1384 (2005), but Iranians will never forget him.

presidential /ˌprez.ɪˈden.tʃəl/

Word family:
Nouns: presidency, president
Adjectives: presidential

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] relating to the president of a country

Dictionary example:
a presidential candidate

Learner example:
Anyway, now Laura was counting to 10 as her brother was putting a bomb in the presidential car.

press /pres/

NOUN

the press
[B2] newspapers and magazines, or the people who write them

Dictionary examples:
the local/national press
press reports

Learner example:
I helped them with most of the practical arrangements, [such] as meetings with the press, dinners and so on.

good/bad press
[C1] praise or criticism from newspapers, magazines, television, etc.

Dictionary example:
She's had a lot of bad press recently.

Learner example:
I also insist that you write a note of apology to the organisers, for bad press won't help either the charity or the hospital.
pressure /ˈpreʃər/

NOUN

MAKE SOMEONE DO

[B2] [u] when someone tries to make someone else do something by arguing, persuading, etc.

Dictionary examples:
public/political pressure
Teachers are under pressure to work longer hours.
Pressure to abandon the new motorway is increasing.
The government is facing pressure from environmental campaigners.
He only asked her under pressure from his wife.

Learner example:
I understand that you must work a lot because of the pressure from your boss, but I will in spite of that warn you and ask you to think over the situation.

put pressure on sb
[B2] to try to force someone to do something

Dictionary example:
They're putting pressure on me to make a decision.

Learner example:
She puts a lot of pressure on me and beli[es]ves that I can do it in the same way as she did.

PROBLEMS

[B2] [c or u] a difficult situation that makes you feel worried or unhappy

Dictionary examples:
She's got a lot of pressure on her at work just now.
Be nice to him – he's been under a lot of pressure recently.
Can you work well under pressure?
the pressures of work

Learner example:
I have two younger sisters so I think I can cope with the pressure of helping out in the summer camps.

LIQUID/GAS

[C1] [c or u] the force that a liquid or gas produces when it presses against an area

Dictionary example:
water pressure
Learner example:
The process of hydro-electric power generation is using the water pressure from the reservoir to generate the power, which is then transported to a transformer station through high voltage cables.

**prestige** /presˈtiːʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: prestige
Adjectives: prestigious

**NOUN [U]**
[C1] when people feel respect and admiration for you, often because you are successful

Dictionary example:
His company has gained international prestige.

Learner example:
Many companies nowadays are organising some cultural or sports events in order to strengthen the company’s prestige.

**prestigious** /presˈtɪdʒ.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: prestige
Adjectives: prestigious

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] respected and admired, usually because of being important

Dictionary example:
a prestigious award

Learner example:
The jobs that were prestigious in the past seem to be the opposite now.

**presumably** /prɪˈzjuː.mə.bli/

Word family:
Nouns: presumption
Verbs: presume
Adverbs: presumably

**ADVERB**
[B2] used to say what you think is the likely situation
**Dictionary examples:**
They can presumably afford to buy a bigger apartment.
Presumably he just forgot to send the letter.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I would recommend depart[ing] at 8 o’clock because it will presumably be less crowded than at 10 o’clock.

**pretend /prɪˈtend/**

**VERB [i]**

[B2] to behave as if something is true when it is not

**Dictionary examples:**
She’s not really hurt – she’s only pretending.
He pretended (that) he didn’t mind, but I knew that he did.
Were you just pretending to be interested?
Of course I was angry – I can’t pretend otherwise.

**Learner example:**
Be calm or at least pretend you are.
pretty /ˈprɪt.i/

ADVERB INFORMAL

pretty much/well
[B2] almost

Dictionary examples:
I've pretty much finished here.
She knows pretty well everything there is to know on the subject.

Learner example:
You can pretty much tell your mother any problem you have and she'll try her best to help you out.

prevention /prɪˈvent.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: prevention
Verbs: prevent
Adjectives: preventive

NOUN [U]
[B2] when you stop something from happening or stop someone from doing something

Dictionary examples:
crime prevention
The organization is committed to disease prevention and education.

Learner example:
I think prevention is the best medicine.

price /praɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: price
Verbs: price
Adjectives: priceless

NOUN

RESULT
[C1] [NO PLURAL] the unpleasant results that you must accept or experience for getting or doing something
Dictionary example:
Suspension from the club was a **high/small** price to pay for his mistake.

Learner example:
What really characterizes Michael is his love for life, his continuous joy, which sometimes can become rather annoying, but this is just a small price to pay for all his success.

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**
[C1] to say what the price of something is

**Dictionary examples:**
The car is priced at £28 000.
There is a lack of reasonably priced housing for rent.

**Learner example:**
Both games are priced at approximately £30.

**priceless** /ˈpraɪs.ləs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** price
**Verbs:** price
**Adjectives:** priceless

**ADJECTIVE**

**VALUABLE**
[B2] very valuable

**Dictionary example:**
a priceless antique/painting

**Learner example:**
She had five unique paintings [by] Van Gogh which were priceless.

**IMPORTANT**
[C1] very important or useful

**Dictionary example:**
A trip round the world is a priceless opportunity.

**Learner example:**
It would [be] sad if not unfair for my friend to [miss] this unique and priceless opportunity.
pride /praɪd/

NOUN [u]

SATISFACTION
[B2] a feeling of satisfaction at your achievements or the achievements of your family or friends

Dictionary examples:
She felt a great sense of pride as she watched him accept the award.
The whole community takes pride in the school.

Learner example:
I take pride in you and your patience.

RESPECT FOR YOURSELF
[B2] the respect that you feel for yourself

Dictionary example:
She has too much pride to accept any help.

Learner example:
Not only did I lose £50, but also some pride and self-respect.

primarily /praɪˈmer.ə.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: primary
Adverbs: primarily

ADVERB
[B2] mainly

Dictionary example:
She's known primarily as a novelist but she also writes poetry.

Learner example:
"The Vagabond Dog" – one of his best short stories – is primarily naturalistic.

primary /ˈprær.mə.ri/

Word family:
Adjectives: primary
Adverbs: primarily

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] most important
Dictionary example:
Her primary responsibility is to train new employees.

Learner example:
You can listen to music and generally use it for fun but the primary reason that computer[s] were invented was for communication.

**prime minister** /ˌpraɪmˈmɪn.ɪ.stə/

NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]
[B2] the leader of the government in some countries

Learner example:
Yesterday I heard that animal rights activists have met the prime minister: maybe the situation will change.

**primitive** /ˈprɪm.ɪ.tɪv/

ADJECTIVE

NOT DEVELOPED
[C1] relating to human society at a very early stage of development, with people living in a simple way without machines or a writing system

Dictionary examples:
primitive man
primitive societies

Learner example:
Young people nowadays are more exposed to the world news, whereas primitive societies were rather isolated and had nothing to do with the outside world.

BASIC
[C1] DISAPPROVING very basic or old-fashioned

Dictionary example:
The conditions at the campsite were rather primitive.

Learner example:
Students will not appreciate their primitive meals at any cost, even a low one.
principal /ˈprɪnsəpəl/  

NOUN [c]  
[B2] the person in charge of a school or college  

Dictionary example:  
She is principal of a London school.  

Learner example:  
Another thing you need to be aware of is that the teachers, the Principal and the whole class will be invited and we want this party to be a success because we deeply respect Mr Brown.

principle /ˈprɪnsəpl/  

NOUN  
IDEA  
[C1] [c] a basic idea or rule that explains or controls how something happens or works  

Dictionary examples:  
the principles of the criminal justice system  
The country is run on socialist principles.  
The organization works on the principle that all members have the same rights.  

Learner example:  
Many laws in our legislation have been created according to his principles and beliefs.

print /prɪnt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: printer, print  
Verbs: print  

NOUN  
PICTURE  
[C1] [c] a copy of a picture made using photography or by pressing paper onto a design covered in ink  

Dictionary example:  
a print of Van Gogh’s 'Sunflowers'  

Learner example:  
MIS operates two computers, one for word processing and another for scanning and reproducing prints, drawings and photos.
VERB [T]

BOOKS/NEWSPAPERS
[B2] to produce books, newspapers, magazines, etc., usually in large quantities, using machines

Dictionary example:
Fifty thousand booklets have been printed for the exhibition.

Learner example:
We should also have a more efficient tourist service – it [is] years since we last printed brochures of our town!

INCLUDE WRITING
[B2] to include a piece of writing in a newspaper or magazine

Dictionary example:
They printed his letter in Tuesday's paper.

Learner example:
Please take this into consideration and print a corrected version of the article.

prior /praɪər/ 

ADJECTIVE

BEFORE
[C1] existing or happening before something else

Dictionary example:
The course requires no prior knowledge of Spanish.

Learner example:
Referring to our prior correspondence I would like to inform you that I accept your friendly offer for being once again your interpreter on your one-week-tour through our country.

prior to sth
[C1] before a particular time or event

Dictionary example:
the weeks prior to her death

Learner example:
I'd like to tell you about my expectations prior to the conference.
priority /praɪˈɔr.ə.ti/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] something that is very important and must be dealt with before other things

Dictionary examples:
The management did not seem to consider office safety to be a priority.
My first/top priority is to find somewhere to live.
You have to learn to get your priorities right/straight.
Banks normally give priority to large businesses when deciding on loans.
Official business requirements obviously take/have priority over personal requests.

Learner example:
We need to show films [that are] enjoyable for all kinds of people, always giving priority to the quality.

privacy /ˈprɪv.ə.si/

Word family:
Nouns: privacy
Verbs: privatize
Adjectives: private
Adverbs: privately

NOUN [U]
[B2] the right to be alone and do things without other people seeing or hearing you

Dictionary examples:
I hate sharing a bedroom – I never get any privacy.
The new law is designed to protect people’s privacy.

Learner example:
Well, it seems that a young, modern and successful man can have no privacy at all.

private /ˈprəɪ.vət/

Word family:
Nouns: privacy
Verbs: privatize
Adjectives: private
Adverbs: privately

ADJECTIVE

NOT OFFICIAL
[B2] controlled or paid for by a person or company and not by the government
Dictionary examples:
private education/healthcare
a private doctor/dentist

Learner example:
I have been working as an English teacher for small children at a private school for three years.

in private
[B2] in a place where nobody else can hear you or see what you are doing

Dictionary example:
The meeting was held in private.

Learner example:
I agree that this should be in private.

privately /ˈpraɪ.və.tli/

Word family:
Nouns: privacy
Verbs: privatize
Adjectives: private
Adverbs: privately

ADVERB
[B2] in secret, or with only one or two other people present

Dictionary examples:
She spoke privately with the manager.
Despite his public support, privately he was worried.

Learner example:
I'll pick you up from the station so we will have the opportunity to chat privately.

privatize /ˈpraɪ.və.taɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: privacy
Verbs: privatize
Adjectives: private
Adverbs: privately

VERB [T] (ALSO UK privatise)
[C1] If an industry or organization owned by the government is privatized, it is sold to private companies.

Dictionary example:
The government plans to privatize many aspects of health care.
Learner example:
The companies were privatised or closed down.

privilege  /ˈprɪv.əl.i.dʒ/  

Word family:  
Nouns: privilege  
Adjectives: privileged  

NOUN

ADVANTAGE  
[C1][c or u] an advantage that only one person or group has, usually because of their position or because they are rich  

Dictionary example:  
She was born into a life of privilege.  

Learner example:  
There are only a few things that have been worrying me a bit: firstly I would like to enjoy the privilege of having my own parking place.

OPPORTUNITY  
[C1][c] an opportunity to do something special or enjoyable  

Dictionary example:  
I had the privilege of meeting the Queen.  

Learner example:  
I have attended several events in benefit of The Foundation but this one was particularly special and memorable as I had the pleasure and the privilege of meeting Elton again – it is really a great privilege to be friendly with someone so special as he is.

privileged  /ˈprɪv.əl.idʒd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: privilege  
Adjectives: privileged  

ADJECTIVE

ADVANTAGE  
[C1] having an advantage that only one person or group has, usually because of their position or because they are rich  

Dictionary examples:  
a privileged upbringing  
As an ambassador, she enjoys a very privileged status.
**Learner example:**
Today we [are] so privileged, life has become so easy in many ways.

**pro /prəʊ/**

**NOUN [C] (PLURAL pros)**

**the pros and cons**
[B2] the advantages and disadvantages of something

**Dictionary example:**
We discussed the pros and cons of buying a bigger house.

**Learner example:**
But balancing the pros and cons, music is good.

**probability /ˌprɒb.əˈbrɪl.ə.ti/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** probability

**Adjectives:** probable

**Adverbs:** probably

**NOUN**
[C1] [c or u] how likely it is that something will happen

**Dictionary examples:**
What's the probability of winning?
There's a **high** probability that he'll get the job.

**Learner example:**
The statistics say that if one woman gets married to one man, the probability that they will get divorced is 50 percent.

**probable /ˈprɒb.ə.bl/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** probability

**Adjectives:** probable

**Adverbs:** probably

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] likely to be true or likely to happen
Dictionary examples:
The probable cause of death was heart failure.
An election in June seems increasingly probable.
It is probable that share prices will fall still further.

Learner example:
Surely the older you are, the less probable it is that you’ll choose a bike.

**problematic /ˌprəˈbləˈmæt.ɪk/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** problem
**Adjectives:** problematic

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] full of problems or difficulties

**Dictionary example:**
He has a very problematic relationship with his father.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, there were some problematic issues.

**procedure /prəˈsiːd/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** procedure, process
**Verbs:** process

**NOUN [c or u]**
[B2] the official or usual way of doing something

**Dictionary examples:**
The company has new procedures for dealing with complaints.
You must follow correct procedure at all times.

**Learner example:**
Despite being a disorganised procedure, it was successful and many people wanted to attend next year’s festival.

**proceed /prəˈsiːd/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** proceedings
**Verbs:** proceed
CONTINUE
[C1] to continue to happen

Dictionary example:
His lawyers have decided not to proceed with the case.

Learner example:
I am not sure which is the best way to proceed with this problem.

process  /ˈprəʊ.ses/

Word family:
Nouns: procedure, process
Verbs: process

NOUN [C]

ACTIONS
[B2] a series of actions that you take in order to achieve a result

Dictionary examples:
the peace process
Increasing the number of women in top management jobs will be a slow process.
This decision may delay the process of European unification.
The party has begun the painful process of rethinking its policies and strategy.
Going to court to obtain compensation is a long process.

Learner example:
But the situation is getting worse because of the decisions of the European Union, which is trying to unify the education of Europe without respecting the wishes of the students who are trying to stop this process.

CHANGES
[B2] a series of changes that happen naturally

Dictionary examples:
the ageing process
It's all part of the learning process.

Learner example:
These events are not only to entertain students, but they are also a part of the learning process, as by communicating with each other students learn the language.

VERB [T]

[B2] to deal with documents in an official way

Dictionary example:
Visa applications take 28 days to process.
**produce**

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

**VERB** [T] /prəˈdjuːs/  

*CAUSE*
[B2] to cause a reaction or result

**Dictionary examples:**
The prime minister's speech produced an angry response from the opposition.
Her remarks produced an awkward silence.
If used on delicate skin, this cream may produce a stinging sensation.

**Learner example:**
I was fascinated by the perfection of the classic[al] sculptures: they were perfectly proportioned, every part was functional to the beauty of the whole sculpture. It's really different [to] looking at them in a book! I suggest everybody [should go and] look at them: it produces a magic effect!

**SHOW**
[C1] to show or offer something to someone

**Dictionary example:**
One of the men suddenly produced a gun from his pocket.

**Learner example:**
Robert had produced a bottle of champagne, which they had em[p]tied to the last drop.

**producer** /prəˈdjuː.sə/  

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

**NOUN** [C]

*FILM, ETC.*
[B2] someone who controls how a film, play, programme, or musical recording is made

**Dictionary example:**
a film/Hollywood/movie/record producer
Learner example:
I'm sure they are going to be very interested in your first steps as an actor, but also in your later career as a film producer.

GOODS/FOOD
[C1] a company, country, or person that makes goods or grows food

Dictionary example:
Australia is one of the world’s main producers of wool.

Learner example:
For example, in several countries people who live in the countryside actually are the main producers of wheat and also the meat that people need in their daily life.

production /prəˈdʌk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

NOUN

MAKING
[B2] [u] when you make or grow something

Dictionary examples:
Sand is used in the production of glass.
The company's new model will be going into production early next year.

Learner example:
More people can enjoy music than before, because of [the] mass production of recorded music.

AMOUNT
[B2] [u] the amount of something that is made or grown by a country or a company

Dictionary examples:
We need to increase production by 20%.
Swedish industrial production has fallen steadily this year.
Wheat production has risen over the years.

Learner example:
He became famous because he did a lot of things in this country in a year, like giving them a good education, and increasing their production.

FILM/MUSIC
[B2] [c or u] when someone controls how a film, play, programme, or musical recording is made
Dictionary example:
She’s hoping to get into television production.

Learner example:
Indeed, Northwood cinema enables people to discover films from all over the world – from a small Brazilian production to a 3 hour Bollywood movie.

productive /prəˈdʌk.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

ADJECTIVE

USEFUL
[B2] producing a good or useful result

Dictionary example:
We had a very productive meeting and sorted out a lot of problems.

Learner example:
Some people think that by keeping animals in [a] zoo we can observe them, and try to understand the way they [live]; of course, you can learn things, but it would be more productive to observe them when they are free.

LARGE AMOUNT
[B2] producing a large amount of goods, food, work, etc.

Dictionary examples:
productive land
a productive worker

Learner example:
When the weather is good, I am in the appropriate mood to be productive at work.

productivity /ˌprɒd.ʌkˈtɪv.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

NOUN [u]
[C1] the rate at which goods are produced or work is done
**Dictionary example:**
We need to increase productivity by 50%.

**Learner example:**
Though time-consuming, these staff would need to undergo re-training to be able to achieve the highest level of productivity, besides getting accustomed to the nick-nacks of the Production Department.

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**profession** /prəˈfeʃ.ən/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** profession, professional

**Adjectives:** professional, unprofessional

**NOUN**

PEOPLE

[B2] [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] the people who do a type of work considered as a group

**Dictionary example:**
The medical profession has expressed concern about the new drug.

**Learner example:**
One day, [when] I had an exam, the examiner asked me questions about the legal profession.

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**professional** /prəˈfeʃ.ən.əl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** profession, professional

**Adjectives:** professional, unprofessional

**ADJECTIVE**

JOB

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] relating to a job that needs special training or education

**Dictionary examples:**
Chris, you're a nurse, so can I ask your professional opinion on bandaging ankles? You should get some professional advice about your finances.

**Learner example:**
I want to play safe by saying that I am not an architect, therefore I am not able to give professional advice.
PAID
[B2] someone who earns money for doing a sport or activity which most other people do as a hobby

Dictionary example:
a rugby professional

Learner example:
Finally, I wondered whether it would be possible to explain how long it take[s] an amateur to become a professional. Despite know[ing] almost nothing about tennis I would like to win a championship in the future.

TRAINED
[C1] someone who does a job that needs special training or education

Dictionary example:
health professionals

Learner example:
Computer skills and knowledge are really important for researchers and media professionals.

profile  /ˈprəʊ.fəl/

DESCRIPTION
[B2] a short description of a person, organization, etc., giving the main details about them

Dictionary examples:
He's updated his Facebook profile.
We include a photograph and short profile of all the candidates.

Learner example:
I hope [the] above information suits the profile of [the] person you are looking for [for] the job.

PUBLIC IMAGE
[C1] the amount of public attention that someone or something receives

Dictionary examples:
The firm has a high profile due to the recent media coverage.
The advertising campaign aims to raise the profile of the company.

Learner example:
I believe that this is a great idea, as it will help raise the profile of our club in our college, and therefore may help increase interest in the club and possibly its membership.
keep a low profile
[C1] to try not to be noticed

Dictionary example:
She has kept a low profile since the divorce.

Learner example:
Finally, I believe that the best way to handle these issues is to try to keep a low profile at all times and to remain indifferent to gossip.

profit  /ˈprɒf.ɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: profit
Adjectives: profitable

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] money that you get from selling goods or services for more than they cost to produce or provide

Dictionary examples:
She makes a big profit from selling waste material to textile companies.
Company profits are down on last year's figures.
He sold his house at a huge profit.

Learner example:
Also, supermarket owners have put in a vast amount of money to find out the best way to [display] goods in order to get the most profit.

profitable  /ˈprɒf.ɪ.tə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: profit
Adjectives: profitable

ADJECTIVE

MONEY
[B2] resulting in or likely to result in a profit or an advantage

Dictionary example:
Over the years it has developed into a highly profitable business.

Learner example:
It is [a] very profitable business.

USEFUL
[C1] useful or likely to give you an advantage
Dictionary examples:
a profitable discussion
I made profitable use of my time, mixing with a lot of different people and practising my Spanish.

Learner example:
The 'language-shower', as it is called, can sometimes be more productive, efficient and profitable in terms of assimilating knowledge than any course given by highly est[eem]ed professors.

programme /ˈprəʊ.græm/

NOUN [c]

PLAN
[B2] a plan of events or activities with a particular purpose

Dictionary example:
The college offers an excellent social programme.

Learner example:
First of all I have to say that the school social programme was the best and I really enjoyed it.

programmer /ˈprəʊ.græ.mər/

Word family:
Nouns: program, programming, programmer

NOUN [c]

[C1] someone who writes computer programs as a job

Dictionary example:
We employ six programmers on the project.

Learner example:
I'm a 35-year old programmer in a small company.

programming /ˈprəʊ.græ.mɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: program, programming, programmer

NOUN [u]

[B2] when someone writes computer programs

Dictionary example:
We learned how to do programming.
Learner example:
I’m very keen on programming and I have made a lot of small utility programs for both Mac and PC.

### progress

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**NOUN [u]** /ˈprəʊˌgres/

**in progress**
[B2] happening or being done now

**Dictionary example:**
Repair work is in progress on the south-bound lane of the motorway and will continue until June.

**Learner example:**
[in] the lower part of your advertisement, it also said there was a theatre restaurant, [but] in fact, it was closed because internal decoration was in progress.

**VERB [i]** /prəˈgres/

**IMPROVE**
[B2] to improve or develop in skills, knowledge, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
My Spanish never really progressed beyond the stage of being able to order drinks at the bar.

**Learner example:**
I have to warn you than I’m not an expert in terms of musical basics, but I’m eager to learn them because I know no-one can progress without learning them; so the main job will be to do that.

### progression /prəˈgreʃ.ən/

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**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] when something or someone changes to the next stage of development

**Dictionary examples:**

- a logical/natural progression

Drugs can stop the progression of the disease.
Learner example:
Sharing information between people is a crucial point of peoples’ education and it can help in their career progression.

**progressive** /ˌprəˈɡres.ɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** progress, progression
- **Verbs:** progress
- **Adjectives:** progressive

**ADJECTIVE**

**MODERN**
[B2] thinking or behaving in a new or modern way

**Dictionary examples:**
progressive ideas/attitudes
a progressive school

**Learner example:**
I hear [that] some progressive companies don’t really approve of company cars and are trying to keep them to [a] minimum.

**GRADUAL**
[C1] developing or happening gradually

**Dictionary examples:**
There's been a progressive decline in the standard of living over the past few years.
a progressive disease

**Learner example:**
It was not a quick change, on the contrary it was a progressive change which was accelerated by some factors during the last two decades.

**prohibit** /ˈprəʊ源源不断ˈhɪb.i.t/

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**
[B2] to officially forbid something

**Dictionary examples:**
Motor vehicles are prohibited from driving in the town centre.
The government introduced a law prohibiting tobacco advertisements on TV.
Parking is strictly prohibited between these gates.
Perhaps we should prohibit the traffic and create a new cheap bus service for the inhabitants and the tourists.

**project** /ˈprɒdʒ.ekt/

**noun [C]**

**work**
[B2] a carefully planned piece of work that has a particular purpose

**Dictionary examples:**
a scientific *research* project
My next project is decorating the kitchen.
Her latest project is a film based on the life of a nineteenth-century artist.

**Learner example:**
It is also related to my research project.

**projection** /prəˈdʒek.ʃən/

**noun**

**calculation**
[C1] [c] a calculation or guess about the future based on information that you have

**Dictionary example:**
government projections of population growth

**Learner example:**
The line graph shows the Cinema attendance between 1990 and the present, with projections to 2010.

**image**
[C1] [u] when a film or an image is projected onto a screen or wall

**Dictionary example:**
the projection of moving images

**Learner example:**
Talks and slide projection could be interesting for [o]lder people but not so exciting for younger people, who would prefer some more "active" entertainment like visits to discos, barbecues, quiz night, karaoke nights, fancy-dress parties and other similar happenings.
**prolong  /prəˈlaŋ/**

Word family:
Verbs: prolong
Adjectives: prolonged

**VERB [T]**

[C1] to make something last longer

*Dictionary example:*
Eating a good diet can prolong your life.

*Learner example:*
However, nobody expects the strike to be prolonged for more than a week.

**prolonged  /prəˈlɒŋd/**

Word family:
Verbs: prolong
Adjectives: prolonged

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] continuing for a long time

*Dictionary examples:*
a prolonged illness
Avoid prolonged exposure to the sun.

*Learner example:*
What surprised us was the prolonged delay we had to suffer during our departure from Heathrow.

**prominent  /ˈprɒm.ən.t/**

**ADJECTIVE**

*IMPORTANT*

[C1] important or famous

*Dictionary example:*
a prominent figure

*Learner example:*
It starts with two very important works of Albrecht Durer, one of the most prominent painters of his time, not only in Germany.
promise /ˈprɒm.ɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: promise
Verbs: promise
Adjectives: promising

VERB

promise to be *sth
[B2] If something promises to be good, exciting, etc., people expect that it will be
good, exciting, etc.

Dictionary example:
It promises to be a really exciting game.

Learner example:
I'm looking forward to start[ing] this trip with you and Chris. It promises to be very exciting!

NOUN [C]

keep/break a promise
[B2] to do/not do what you said that you would do

Dictionary example:
If I make a promise, I like to keep it.

Learner example:
In addition, you didn't keep your promise.

promising /ˈprɒm.ɪ�ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: promise
Verbs: promise
Adjectives: promising

ADJECTIVE

[C1] likely to be very good or successful in the future

Dictionary examples:
a promising student
a promising start to the game

Learner example:
Once a promising football player starts his career he becomes an attractive "thing" to sponsors
and football clubs.
**promote /prəˈmeɪt/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** promotion
- **Verbs:** promote

**VERB [T]**

**ADVERTISE**

[B2] to advertise something

**Dictionary example:**
The band is promoting their new album.

**Learner example:**
At that moment I and a large number of people behind me discovered that I was talking to a person made out of wax. [It] was there to promote the museum.

**ENCOURAGE**

[C1] to encourage something to happen or develop

**Dictionary examples:**
to promote peace
It has long been known that regular exercise promotes all-round good health.
Greenpeace works to promote awareness of the dangers that threaten our planet today.

**Learner example:**
A notable exception is the advertising of so-called "slow-food" restaurants, which promote [a] healthy lifestyle.

**promotion /prəˈmeɪʃn/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** promotion
- **Verbs:** promote

**NOUN**

**ADVERTISEMENT**

[B2] [C or U] activities to advertise something

**Dictionary examples:**
a sales promotion
They're giving away free T-shirts as a special promotion.
Obviously as sales manager he'll be very involved in the promotion and marketing of the product.

**Learner example:**
There are different kinds of jobs people do during the festival, e.g. some organisational work, doing promotion for the different events or sell[ing] tickets for the concerts.

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JOB
[B2] [c or u] when someone is given a more important job in the same organization

Dictionary examples:
Did Steve get the promotion he wanted?
The job offers excellent promotion prospects.

Learner example:
I would like to congratulate you on your promotion.

ENCOURAGE
[C1] [u no plural] when you encourage something to happen or develop

Dictionary example:
the promotion of a healthy lifestyle

Learner example:
I would like an education more based on the needs of the country, but not only on the economic ones but also on the spiritual ones, such as the development of a cultural identity, the promotion of the arts, and the encouragement of an ecologically friendly way of producing wealth for the country as a whole.

prompt /ˈprɒmp t/  

Word family:
Adjectives: prompt
Adverbs: promptly

ADJECTIVE
[B2] done or acting quickly and without waiting, or arriving at the correct time

Dictionary examples:
prompt payment
a prompt reply
His prompt action certainly saved my life.

Learner example:
I look forward to your prompt reply.

promptly /ˈprɒmpt.li/  

Word family:
Adjectives: prompt
Adverbs: promptly

ADVERB
[B2] quickly, without delay, or at the arranged time
Dictionary examples:
We'll have to leave fairly promptly if we want to catch that train.
We try to answer readers' letters as promptly as we can.
She promised she'd keep it secret and promptly went and told Ben!

Learner example:
It provides a business lunch which is not very expensive and is served promptly.

proof /pruːf/

Word family:
Nouns: proof
Verbs: prove

NOUN [u]
[B2] a fact or a piece of information that shows something exists or is true

Dictionary examples:
She showed us her passport as proof of her identity.
Do they have any proof that it was Hampson who stole the goods?
Keep your receipt as proof of purchase.

Learner example:
The smile of a child is the best proof of the utility of zoos.

proper noun /ˈprɒp.əˌnaʊn/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a word or group of words that is the name of a person or place and always begins with a capital letter

Dictionary example:
'London' is a proper noun.

property /ˈprɒp.ə.ti/

NOUN

BUILDING
[B2] [c or u] a building or area of land

Dictionary examples:
He owns a number of properties in the centre of London.
The notice said 'Private Property, Keep Off.'
Learner example:
Every shopkeeper and houseowner should maintain their property, looking after gardens and plants that surround it, trying to keep rubbish out of sight.

**proportion** /ˈprəʊpər.n/  
NOUN  
**PART OF TOTAL**  
[C1] [c] a part of a total number or amount  
**Dictionary examples:**  
Children make up a large proportion of the world’s population.  
The class consists of men and women in roughly equal proportions.

**Learner example:**  
A significant proportion of the respondents (80%) said that they are not pleased with dangerous roads and the queues during the rush-hours and they also encounter difficulties in finding a safe house to rent.

**proposal** /ˈprəʊposal/  
Word family:  
**Nouns:** proposal, proposition  
**Verbs:** propose  
**Adjectives:** proposed  
NOUN [C]  
**PLAN**  
[B2] a suggestion for a plan  
**Dictionary examples:**  
a proposal to raise taxes  
The proposal for a new sports hall has been rejected.  
There has been an angry reaction to the government’s proposal to reduce unemployment benefit.  
There was anger at the proposal that a UN peacekeeping force should be sent to the area.

**Learner example:**  
I would like you to consider my proposal [and] give me [your] response as soon as possible.

**MARRY**  
[B2] when someone asks someone to marry them  
**Dictionary example:**  
As a young woman, she received several proposals.
Learner example:
After this, things went perfectly well, and Mary accepted his proposal to marry him.

**propose** /prəˈpəʊz/ 

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** proposal, proposition
**Verbs:** propose
**Adjectives:** proposed

**VERB**

**SUGGEST**
[B2] [ɪ] to suggest a plan or action

**Dictionary examples:**
I propose that we delay our decision until we have more information.
proposed changes

**Learner example:**
I think [the] most important [thing] is that you understand our language. So I propose that you [attend] a school for the first two month[s].

**propose to do sth**
[B2] to intend to do something

**Dictionary example:**
They propose to cycle across Europe.

**Learner example:**
I propose to build a new hotel following the traditional architecture of the village.

**MARRY**
[B2] [ɪ] to ask someone to marry you

**Dictionary example:**
He proposed to me on my birthday.

**Learner example:**
First he caught everybod[y's] attention and straightaway he proposed marriage to her.

**proposed** /prəˈpəʊzd/ 

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** proposal, proposition
**Verbs:** propose
**Adjectives:** proposed
ADJECTIVE  
[B2] suggested as an idea or plan

Dictionary example:  
The proposed road would cut right through the forest.

Learner example:  
I will need information about the price of the proposed vacation.

**proposition** /ˌprɒp.əˈzɪʃ.ən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: proposal, proposition  
Verbs: propose  
Adjectives: proposed

NOUN [C]  
[C1] an offer or suggestion, usually in business

Dictionary example:  
an attractive/interesting proposition

Learner example:  
If you will consider this proposition positively, then we would like to produce a deal for you to become our only importer in Britain.

**prospect** /ˈprɒs.pekt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: prospect  
Adjectives: prospective

NOUN  
POSSIBILITY  
[B2] [c or u] the possibility that something good might happen in the future

Dictionary examples:  
Is there any prospect of the weather improving?  
Job prospects for graduates in the sciences are good.  
We've been warned that there is a prospect of flooding due to the heavy rains.

Learner example:  
With our effort, I am sure things will be realized and the prospect is bright.

**sb's prospects**  
[B2] the possibility of being successful
Dictionary example:
The course will improve his career prospects.

Learner example:
I could learn many things from picking fruit and vegetables and improve my job prospects.

**prospective /prəˈspek.tɪv/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** prospect
**Adjectives:** prospective

**ADJECTIVE**

**prospective buyers/employers/parents, etc.**
[C1] Prospective buyers, employers, parents, etc., are not yet buyers, employers, parents, etc., but are expected to be in the future.

**Dictionary example:**
We hold an open day for prospective students.

**Learner example:**
The page is useful for prospective students as well as for people who are already studying and plan to go abroad.

**prosperity /prɒsˈper.ə.ti/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** prosperity
**Verbs:** prosper
**Adjectives:** prosperous

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] when a person or group of people is successful, usually by earning a lot of money

**Dictionary example:**
Our nation's prosperity comes from oil.

**Learner example:**
It is a typical tradition and the rice means prosperity for the couple.
prosperous /ˈprɒs.pər.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: prosperity
Verbs: prosper
Adjectives: prosperous

ADJECTIVE
[C1] successful, usually by earning a lot of money

Dictionary example:
He is a prosperous car dealer.

Learner example:
Of course our employees will also benefit from the company becoming more prosperous.

prostitute /ˈprɒs.tɪ.tjuːt/

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone whose job is having sex with people

Dictionary example:
There were a lot of prostitutes working in the area.

Learner example:
Some people say they are prostitutes while others deny it.

protection /prəˈtek.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: protection
Verbs: protect
Adjectives: protective

NOUN [U]
[B2] the act of protecting or state of being protected

Dictionary examples:
This coat doesn't provide any protection against the rain.
Their tent gave/offered little protection against the severe storm.
New legislation still does not offer adequate protection for many endangered species.

Learner example:
I prefer to be accommodated in a log cabin because it gives better protection against the weather and I can sleep much better in it.
protective  /prəˈtek.trɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: protection
Verbs: protect
Adjectives: protective

ADJECTIVE

GIVING PROTECTION
[B2] giving protection

Dictionary examples:
protective clothing
a protective mask

Learner example:
Besides, I don't want to wear any protective head-gear, which all the riders are obliged to wear.

WANTING TO PROTECT
[C1] wanting to protect someone from criticism, hurt, danger, etc. because you like them

Dictionary examples:
It's easy to be too protective towards/of your children.
She's fiercely protective of the man she married 29 years ago.

Learner example:
She is very protective with children [in] her custody and can get very aggressive to protect them from strangers or dogs.

protein  /ˈprəʊ.tiːn/

NOUN [u]
[C1] food such as meat, cheese, fish, or eggs that is necessary for the body to grow and be strong

Dictionary example:
Nuts and fish both contain protein.

Learner example:
In miso soup, a lot of ingredients which have protein are used, and protein is a useful element to keep our body healthy.
protest  /ˈprəʊ.test/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] when people show that they disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs, etc.

Dictionary examples:
- a public protest against the war
- a peaceful/violent protest

Learner example:
I believe that we could force the authorities to do something for us by joining [together] in a very big protest.

VERB /prəˈtest/

protest (about/against/at sth)
[B2] to show that you disagree with something by standing somewhere, shouting, carrying signs, etc.

Dictionary examples:
- They’re on strike to protest against job losses.
- Students were protesting about cuts to the education budget.

Learner example:
Undoubtedly, the human rights’ defenders would protest.

COMPLAIN
[B2] [I or T] to say something forcefully or complain about something

Dictionary examples:
- A lot of people protested about the new working hours.
- They protested bitterly to their employers, but they wouldn't listen.
- A young girl was crying, protesting that she didn't want to leave her mother.

Learner example:
I'd also like to point out that although the service is pleasant, it's a bit slow, which often makes the customers impatient and leads them to protest.

proud  /praʊd/

Word family:
Adjectives: proud
Adverbs: proudly
ADJECTIVE

be too proud (to do sth)
[B2] to not be able to do something, especially ask for help, because you are too embarrassed

Dictionary example:
He’s too proud to ask you for any money.

Learner example:
She didn’t want people to see her like this. She was too proud, too proud...

proudly /ˈpraʊd.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: proud
Adverbs: proudly

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that shows you are pleased about something you have done, something you own, or someone you know

Dictionary examples:
He proudly held out his trophy for us to admire.
There were photographs of all her children proudly displayed on the mantelpiece.

Learner example:
"Congratulations Alison!" her mum said proudly.

prove /pruːv/

Word family:
Nouns: proof
Verbs: prove

VERB [T]

RESULT
[B2] to show a particular result or quality after a period of time

Dictionary examples:
The operation proved a complete success.
The new treatment has proved to be very effective.

Learner example:
John proved to be a good friend and I really thank him for what he did for me.
provided (that) /prəˈvɑːrd.id.ðət/ (also providing (that))

CONJUNCTION

[B2] if, or only if

Dictionary example:
He's welcome to come along, provided that he behaves himself.

Learner example:
Finally, provided that you have some money to spend, you can always have a great time strolling through shopping halls.

provider /prəˈvɑːr.deə/ 

Word family:
Nouns: provider, provision
Verbs: provide

NOUN [C]

[C1] someone who provides something

Dictionary examples:
an Internet service provider
The bank is now a major provider of financial services to industry.
Until her illness she was the main provider in the family.

Learner example:
I would like to complain about my gas and electricity provider Energy Plus.

provision /prəˈvɪʒ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: provider, provision
Verbs: provide

NOUN

[C1] [c or u] when something is provided

Dictionary examples:
The provision of good public transport will be essential for developing the area.
Of course there's provision in the plan for population increase.
When designing buildings in this area, you have to make provision against earthquakes.

Learner example:
Following serious complaints from students, I have read through the three proposals given to me regarding provision of food in the institute.
psychological /ˌsaɪ.kəlˈɒdʒ.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: psychologist, psychology
Adjectives: psychological
Adverbs: psychologically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to the human mind and feelings

Dictionary examples:
psychological problems
He claims that the constant aircraft noise has a bad psychological effect on the residents.
We are concerned with the physical and psychological well-being of our employees.

Learner example:
To sum up, taking up team sports [is important] for school children as they are provided with important psychological and social [experiences] vital for their lives.

psychologically /ˌsaɪ.kəlˈɒdʒ.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: psychologist, psychology
Adjectives: psychological
Adverbs: psychologically

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is connected to a person's psychological state

Dictionary example:
psychologically disturbed

Learner example:
It makes us like robots and [we] feel bad psychologically, because we want to be different and free [to wear what we want].

psychologist /saɪˈkɒl.ə.dʒɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: psychologist, psychology
Adjectives: psychological
Adverbs: psychologically

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who studies the human mind and human emotions and behaviour, and how different situations have an effect on them
Dictionary examples:
a child psychologist
an educational psychologist

Learner example:
Some psychologists claim that forcing pupils to study subjects they don't like can be frustrating for them or even reduce their intellectual potential.

**psychology** /saɪˈkɒl.ə.dʒi/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** psychologist, psychology
**Adjectives:** psychological
**Adverbs:** psychologically

**NOUN [u]**
[B2] the scientific study of the way the human mind works and how it influences behaviour, or the influence of a particular person's character on their behaviour

Dictionary examples:
She studied psychology at Harvard.
a lecturer in psychology
child psychology
the psychology of the soldier

Learner example:
I think it would be a nice experience for me because I am studying psychology.

**public** /ˈpʌb.lɪk/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** publicity
**Adjectives:** public
**Adverbs:** publicly

**ADJECTIVE**

**PEOPLE**

[B2] relating to or involving people in general, rather than being limited to a particular group of people

Dictionary examples:
Public opinion has turned against him.
Is it really in the public interest to publish this information?
We need to increase public awareness of the disease.
The results will not be made public until tomorrow.
We will not go public with the results until tomorrow.
Learner example:
I would like to add that when it comes to public opinion there is a great variety of different points of view – that is why this article, which asserts that "performers were second-rate" seems to be unfair.

**NOUN**

**in public**
[B2] in a place where other people, especially people you do not know, can hear you and see what you are doing

Dictionary example:
He shouldn't behave like that in public.

Learner example:
This shyness makes it hard for me to speak in public, or even to go out with my friends as often as I should.

**be in the public eye**
[C1] to be famous and often featured in the media

Dictionary example:
Her new role means that she will be in the public eye.

Learner example:
But being famous also means that you are always in the public eye, which is a major drawback.

**publication** /ˈpʌb.lɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: publication, publisher
Verbs: publish

**NOUN**

**BOOK, ETC.**
[B2] [c] a book, magazine, newspaper or document in which information or stories are published

Dictionary example:
Our latest publication is a magazine for surfers.

Learner example:
Dear Sir, I am taking the opportunity to write to you [as] I used your publication "The Student Tourist Guidebook" during my last trip to Lampton.

**PRINTING**
[B2] [U] the act of making information or stories available to people in a printed form

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Dictionary examples:
The brochure will be ready for publication in September.
Will you arrange the publication of the names of the winners?
When is the publication date?

Learner example:
First, I would like to thank you for the publication of [this] article.

**publicity /ˈpʌb.lɪs.ə.ti/**

Word family:
Nouns: publicity
Adjectives: public
Adverbs: publicly

**NOUN [U]**
[B2] advertising or information about someone or something in the newspaper, on television, etc.

Dictionary examples:
bad/good publicity
We've planned an exciting publicity campaign with our advertisers.
The pop group's arrival by hot-air balloon was just a publicity stunt.

Learner example:
We could also prepare a special publicity campaign because we want all the people in Britain [to] know how wonderful our town is.

**publicly /ˈpʌb.lɪ.kli/**

Word family:
Nouns: publicity
Adjectives: public
Adverbs: publicly

**ADVERB**
[C1] If something is done publicly, it is done so that everyone can know about it

Dictionary example:
The company publicly apologized and agreed to contribute some money to charity.

Learner example:
It would be a sound opportunity for our singers to perform their new albums and make their work publicly known.
**publisher** /ˈpʌb.lɪ.ʃər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** publication, publisher
**Verbs:** publish

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a company or person who prepares and prints books, newspapers, magazines, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
He works for a publisher in Edinburgh.

**Learner example:**
I suggest that the music publisher should organise more concerts for us and give us more chances to listen [to] “real music” not just tapes.

**pudding** /ˈpʊd.ɪŋ/

**NOUN [c or u]**
[B2] a sweet dish that is usually eaten as the last part of a meal

**Dictionary examples:**
We've got apple pie for pudding.
 a sticky toffee pudding

**Learner example:**
The pudding was delicious.

**pull** /pʊl/

**VERB**

**pull yourself along/up, etc.**
[B2] to take hold of something and use effort to move your body forwards or up

**Dictionary example:**
She pulled herself up the stairs, holding onto the rail.

**Learner example:**
Rollo and the police ran after him and then Rollo fired wounding Harry, who started to pull himself up the stairs to a manhole above his head and then he died.
### pulse /pʌls/  
**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] the regular movement of blood through your body when your heart is beating  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She put her fingers on my wrist to take my pulse (=count the number of beats per minute).  
My pulse rate is 70.  

**Learner example:**  
Nowadays, stressful things are all around you. They have bad effects on your work, private life or education, as well as sometimes causing you health problems such as high blood pressure, an irregular pulse, etc.

### punch /pʌntʃ/  
**NOUN [c]**  
[B2] when you hit someone or something with your fist  

**Dictionary example:**  
a punch on the nose  

**Learner example:**  
He gave me a punch and we started to fight.  

**VERB [t]**  
[B2] to hit someone or something with your fist  

**Dictionary example:**  
He punched him in the stomach.  

**Learner example:**  
She start[ed] crying and she punched me!

### punishment /ˈpʌn.ɪʃ.mənt/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** punishment  
**Verbs:** punish  

**NOUN [c or u]**  
[B2] when someone is punished  

**Dictionary examples:**  
He had to stay in his bedroom as a punishment for fighting.  
Many people think that the death penalty is too severe a punishment for any crime.
Learner example:
I was punished, nearly expelled, but Pat didn’t receive any punishment.

**purchase /ˈpɜːtʃəs/ FORMAL**

**VERB [t]**

[B2] to buy

**Dictionary examples:**
Tickets must be purchased two weeks in advance.
She purchased her first house with the money.

**Learner example:**
Of course I was able to purchase a second-hand one but I thought that it was a good investment to have a new computer with up-to-date software.

**NOUN**

**THING BOUGHT**

[B2] [c] something that you buy

**Dictionary examples:**
How do you wish to pay for your purchases?
a major purchase

**Learner example:**
The other day I was standing in a large department store waiting to pay for a couple of films for my camera when the assistant announced that the computer which controlled the till had stopped working. So there we were: a shop full of customers, money at the ready, waiting to make our purchases.

**ACT OF BUYING**

[B2] [c or u] the act of buying something

**Dictionary examples:**
New restrictions have been placed on the purchase of guns.
A house is the most expensive purchase that most people ever make.
No purchase is necessary for you to enter this competition.
This product may be frozen. If required, freeze on day of purchase.

**Learner example:**
Report on the purchase of English videos
**pure** /ˈpjoʊə/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** purity  
**Adjectives:** pure  
**Adverbs:** purely  

**ADJECTIVE**  

**EMPHASIS**  
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] used to emphasize that a feeling, quality, or state is completely and only that thing  

**Dictionary examples:**  
pure coincidence  
Her face had a look of pure delight.  

**Learner example:**  
It switches your mind off and stre[t]ches all your muscles at the same time. It's pure refreshment!  

**purely** /ˈpjʊə.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** purity  
**Adjectives:** pure  
**Adverbs:** purely  

**ADVERB**  
[C1] only  

**Dictionary example:**  
She married him purely for his money.  

**Learner example:**  
And we had to arrange our social programme purely by ourselves.  

**purity** /ˈpjoʊ.ri.ti/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** purity  
**Adjectives:** pure  
**Adverbs:** purely  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] the quality of being pure
Dictionary example:
air purity

Learner example:
The beauty, purity and power of Chinese poems is hard to resist.

pursue /pəˈsjuː/: 

Word family:
Nouns: pursuit
Verbs: pursue

VERB [T]
[C1] If you pursue a plan, activity, or situation, you try to do it or achieve it, usually over a long period of time.

Dictionary examples:
She decided to pursue a career in television.
We suspect that our boss is pursuing a hidden agenda.

Learner example:
I will be shortly pursuing a degree course in computing and I would like to obtain first the entry qualification that is required for the degree course.

push /pʊʃ/: 

Word family:
Nouns: push
Verbs: push
Adjectives: pushy

VERB
push (sb) for sth/to do sth
[B2] to try hard to achieve something or to make someone do something

Dictionary examples:
Local residents are pushing for the road to be made wider.
We had to push them to accept our terms, but they finally agreed to the deal.

Learner example:
Governments should push young artists to get involve[d] in their work.

push yourself
[B2] to make yourself work very hard in order to achieve something

Dictionary example:
She really pushed herself when she was at school.
Learner example:
Don’t push yourself too hard and remember to drink more water.

ENCOURAGE
[C1] [ɪ] to try to make someone do something that they do not want to do

Dictionary example:
My mother pushed me into having ballet lessons.

Learner example:
The biggest help though was my parents who were really understan[ding] and didn’t push me too hard into learning English and that why I succe[e]ded.

NOUN

ENCOURAGEMENT
[C1] [ɪ] encouragement to make someone do something

Dictionary example:
I’m sure he’ll go, he just needs a little push that’s all.

Learner example:
I knew before what I was capable of doing but I really needed a push.

**put**  /ˈpʊt/

VERB [ɪ] (putting, put, put)

CAUSE
[B2] to cause someone or something to be in a particular condition or situation

Dictionary examples:
What’s put you in such a bad mood?
I’m not prepared to put my children at risk.
I’m looking forward to putting my ideas into practice.
He’s putting me under pressure to change my mind.
The terrorists were put on trial six years after the bombing.

Learner example:
If we put my plan into practice, we can help to resolve the city’s financial problems and reduce local taxes.

**put an end to** _sth_
[B2] to cause something to stop

Dictionary example:
We must put an end to this violence.
Learner example:
That is all I can say about [what] I have seen [on] my last visit to the zoo, and in my opinion the authorities have to do something in order to put an end to it.

**put pressure on sb**
[B2] to try to force someone to do something

**Dictionary example:**
They're putting pressure on me to make a decision.

**Learner example:**
She puts a lot of pressure on me and believes that I can do it in the same way as she did.

**put sb in a difficult position**
[C1] to cause someone to be in a difficult situation

**Dictionary example:**
When two of your best friends argue it puts you in a very difficult position.

**Learner example:**
I know that I will put you in a difficult position with my absence but I must leave.

**put your mind to sth**
[C1] to give your full attention to something and try very hard to do it

**Dictionary example:**
You could win if you put your mind to it.

**Learner example:**
With all the technology available, the task is actually quite simple if you put your mind to it.

**put something into practice**
[C1] to do something in reality that has been planned or talked about

**Dictionary examples:**
Next month we will have a chance to put these ideas into practice. How do you intend to put these proposals into practice?

**Learner example:**
The doctors cannot really put all their skills into practice.

**put a stop to sth**
[C1] to end something unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
We must put a stop to the violence.

**Learner example:**
Maybe these new activities (video – videogames), which are quite distracting, are at the same time so addictive that youngsters find it hard to put a stop to it.
puzzle  /ˈpʌz.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: puzzle
Verbs: puzzle
Adjectives: puzzled

VERB
[C1] to make someone confused because they do not understand something

Dictionary example:
I was puzzled by what he said.

Learner example:
Dear Fiona, I was really touched by your concern regarding our daily life at the moment but I was also quite puzzled.

puzzled /ˈpʌz.əld/

Word family:
Nouns: puzzle
Verbs: puzzle
Adjectives: puzzled

ADJECTIVE
[B2] confused because you do not understand something

Dictionary examples:
He had a puzzled look on his face.
I'm a bit puzzled that I haven't heard from Liz for so long.

Learner example:
To the editor, I am puzzled by the report which appeared on yesterday's page 2, concerning the Westfield Music Festival.

pyjamas /ˈpaːdʒəməz/

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] soft loose clothing which is worn in bed and consists of trousers and a type of shirt

Dictionary example:
I need a new pair of pyjamas.

Learner example:
The horrible embarrassing moment was about to happen. Smiling, the clerk said: “Sorry madams, you are in pyjamas”

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pyramid  /ˈpɪr.ə.mɪd/

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] a shape with a square base and four triangular sides that meet to form a point at the top

**Dictionary example:**
The stones were shaped into a pyramid.

**Learner example:**
The King was living in his great palace with a view [of] the biggest pyramid in the village, smaller ones were [situated] around it.
qualification /ˌkwɒl.iˈfəˌkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: qualification
Verbs: qualify, disqualify
Adjectives: qualified, unqualified

NOUN

COMPETITION

[C1] [u] success in getting into a competition

Dictionary example:
England's qualification for the World Cup.

Learner example:
The video tells how particular national teams got through their qualification for finals and then presents the most interesting games that took place in Italy '92.

qualified /ˈkwɒl.i.fəd/

Word family:
Nouns: qualification
Verbs: qualify, disqualify
Adjectives: qualified, unqualified

ADJECTIVE

HAVING SKILLS

[B2] having the skills, qualities or experience that you need in order to do something

Dictionary examples:
John is really the best qualified to make that decision.
I'm not really qualified to give advice on the subject.

Learner example:
I don't think that anyone else in my country is qualified to take over his seat.
**qualify** /ˈkwɒl.ɪ.fai/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** qualification  
**Verbs:** qualify, disqualify  
**Adjectives:** qualified, unqualified  

**VERB**

**PASS EXAMS**

[B2] [I or T] to pass the exams that allow you to do a particular job

**Dictionary examples:**
She hopes to qualify as a lawyer at the end of the year.  
He qualified in medicine in 1992.  
This course qualifies you to teach in any secondary school.

**BE ALLOWED**

[B2] [I or T] If you qualify for something, you are allowed to do it or have it.

**Dictionary examples:**
To qualify for the competition you need to be over 18.  
She doesn't qualify for maternity leave because she hasn't been in her job long enough.

**Learner example:**
If you think I qualify for the job, you can contact me at the address written above.

**SPORT**

[B2] [I] to succeed in getting into a competition or in reaching a particular stage in a competition

**Dictionary examples:**
Nigeria were the first team to qualify for the World Cup.  
Both sides failed to qualify.

**Learner example:**
I left the stadium disappointed, fearing that Portugal would not qualify for the World Championships once more.

**quality** /ˈkwɒl.i.ti/  

**NOUN**

**CHARACTER**

[B2] [c] a part of someone's character
Dictionary examples:
leadership qualities
He has a lot of good qualities but being organized isn't one of them.
She's a woman of great personal qualities.
I don't think he has the right qualities to be a teacher.

Learner example:
Moreover, I have other qualities such as politeness, [and] I feel pleased when helping people, thus I am capable of looking after members of the public.

quantity /ˈkwɒntə.ti/

NOUN [C or U]

LARGE AMOUNT
[B2] a lot of something

Dictionary example:
I'm just amazed at the quantity of food that gets eaten.

Learner example:
What surprised me was the quantity of incorrect figures reported in your article.

quarrel /ˈkwɔr.l/  

NOUN [C]

[B2] an argument

Dictionary examples:
She had a quarrel with her neighbour.
They had a quarrel about/over money a few months back.

Learner example:
Sometimes, we can have quarrels with our parents who refuse to support our ideas.

VERB [I]

[B2] to argue

Dictionary example:
I was always quarrelling with my brother.

Learner example:
In spite of that, I found it difficult to forgive her as she had hurt my feelings; that's why the only thing I could tell her since we had quarrelled was: "It serves you right, I'll hate you for the rest of your life!"
**query /ˈkwɪəri/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a question

**Dictionary example:**
If you have any queries about your treatment, the doctor will answer them.

**Learner example:**
If you have any further queries, please contact me on 01–234567.

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**question /ˈkwes.tʃən/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** question

**Verbs:** question

**Adjectives:** questionable

**NOUN**

**Problem**

[B2] [c] a situation or problem that needs to be dealt with or considered

**Dictionary examples:**
This raises the question of teacher pay.
Two important questions arise from this debate.

**Learner example:**
Then it raises an important question: "[Do] museums provide enough to interest young people?"

**Doubt**

[B2] [u] doubt or uncertainty

**Dictionary examples:**
There's no question that this was an accidental fire.
There's no question about whose fault it is.
Whether children are reading fewer books is open to question.
This latest report calls into question the safety of the drug.
His ability has never been in question.

**Learner example:**
There's no question that it was absolutely great!

**be a question of**

[C1] used for saying what the most important issue is in a situation

**Dictionary example:**
Someone needs to be here – it's a question of who would be the best person.
Learner example:
The choice is a question of price.

VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]

ASK
[B2] to ask a person about something, especially officially

Dictionary examples:
Several men were questioned by police yesterday about the burglary. 68% of those questioned in the survey thought noise levels had increased.

Learner example:
A total of 60 per cent of those questioned suggested that we should find sponsorship for all activities. 30 per cent of those questioned said that there are not enough seats in the reception area.

EXPRESS DOUBT
[B2] to feel or express doubt about something

Dictionary examples:
I'm not for a moment questioning your decision. I'm just questioning whether we need the extra staff.

Learner example:
It may sound funny, but mud, gravel and snow lying on the school's floors is not a nice sight, so we change our shoes without questioning that rule.

queue /ˈkjuː:/

VERB [I] (ALSO queue up)
[B2] to wait in a line of people, often to buy something

Dictionary examples:
We had to queue for three hours to get in. Dozens of people were queueing up to get tickets.

Learner example:
I queued for at least an hour because the ticket machine broke down.

quiet /ˈkwɪət/

Word family:
Nouns: quiet
Adjectives: quiet
Adverbs: quietly
**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when there is little or no noise

**Dictionary example:**
She needs a bit of **peace and quiet**.

**Learner example:**
At least if you were working in a museum, you would probably have some peace and quiet.

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**ADVERB**

**not quite**

[B2] almost but not completely

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm not quite sure that I understand this.
The colours almost match but not quite.
He didn't get quite **enough** votes to win.

**Learner example:**
The student cafe has a welcoming atmosphere and most people said it was nice to sit and to **drink coffee** [there]. **[T]**he only problem is that there are not quite **enough** tables and chairs for everyone at busy times.

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**VERB [I or T]**

**REPEAT**

[C1] to repeat the words that someone else has said or written

**Dictionary examples:**
I was quoting **from** Marx.
Can I quote you **on that**?
"If they're flexible, we're flexible", the official was quoted **as saying**.

**Learner example:**
Let me quote another sentence: "...carefully selected host families".

**GIVE EXAMPLE**

[C1] to give a fact or example to support what you are saying
Dictionary example:
The minister quoted recent unemployment figures.

Learner example:
We would like to quote some facts to support our points of view.
race /reɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: race, racism, racist
Adjectives: racial, racist
Adverbs: racially

NOUN

PEOPLE
[C1] [c or u] one of the groups that people are divided into according to physical characteristics such as colour of skin

Dictionary examples:
people of many different races
Discrimination on grounds of race will not be tolerated.
An increasing number of people in the country are of mixed race.

Learner example:
A student was taught how to lead negotiations with a business partner regardless of their age, nationality, race and culture.

FOR POWER
[C1] [c] a situation in which people compete against each other for power, control or success

Dictionary example:
the race for governor

Learner example:
The race for sponsors and TV-minutes has begun.

VERB

race along/down/over, etc.
[C1] to move somewhere very quickly

Dictionary example:
I raced over to see what was the matter.

Learner example:
Crying, she raced back to William and together they went home.
racial  /ˈreɪ.ʃəl/

Word family:
Nouns: race, racism, racist
Adjectives: racial, racist
Adverbs: racially

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to people's race

Dictionary examples:
a racial minority
racial discrimination/prejudice
racial conflict/tension
racial equality

Learner example:
It also prevent[s] us from pre-judging foreign people, which is very important in a community where racial discrimination is common.

racially  /ˈreɪ.ʃəl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: race, racism, racist
Adjectives: racial, racist
Adverbs: racially

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is connected to someone's race

Dictionary example:
racially motivated attacks

Learner example:
He respects people's values and rights and can easily integrate and assert himself in a multi-cultural or racially diversified environment.

racism  /ˈreɪ.sɪ.zəm/

Word family:
Nouns: race, racism, racist
Adjectives: racial, racist
Adverbs: racially

NOUN [u]
[B2] the belief that other races of people are not as good as your own, or the unfair treatment of people because they belong to a particular race
**Dictionary example:**
The authorities are taking steps to **fight/tackle** racism in schools.

**Learner example:**
If we were all tolerant, racial segregation wouldn't exist. Hopefully racism [is tending] to disappear [now].

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**radiation** /ˌreɪ.diˈeɪ.ʃən/

**noun [u]**
[C1] a form of energy that comes from a nuclear reaction and that in large amounts can be very dangerous

**Dictionary examples:**
dangerously high **levels of** radiation
radiation sickness

**Learner example:**
It's true that in the last few years we have actually polluted much of our air with smoke or radiation from power plants, but we're working on that.

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**radical** /ˈræd.ɪ.kəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** radical
**Adjectives:** radical
**Adverbs:** radically

**Adjective**

**CHANGE**
[C1] A radical change is very big and important.

**Dictionary example:**
radical **reform**

**Learner example:**
Have you ever wondered if tourism can bring radical changes in an area?

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**radically** /ˈræd.ɪ.kli/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** radical
**Adjectives:** radical
**Adverbs:** radically
ADVERB
[C1] in a way that shows radical change or beliefs

Dictionary examples:
The company has changed radically in recent years.
Barker introduced some radically new ideas.

Learner example:
During the last decades our eating habits have changed radically in Sweden.

rage /ˈreɪdʒ/

NOUN [C or U]
ANGER
[B2] very strong anger that you cannot control

Dictionary examples:
My main feeling was one of rage.
I was frightened because I had never seen him in such a rage before.
He flew into a rage over the smallest mistake.

Learner example:
However, they flew into [a] rage when one of Paul’s friends was poisoned by [the] food, after having dinner in the hotel restaurant.

rainbow /ˈreɪn.bəʊ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a half circle of seven colours that you see in the sky when rain is falling and the sun is shining

Dictionary examples:
We could see a rainbow.
The butterfly’s wings were shimmering with all the colours of the rainbow.

Learner example:
[In the future,] clothes design will be comfortable, practical, nice to look at and in all the colours of the rainbow because people will move [around] a lot and be happy and therefore require practical and colourful clothing.
raise /reɪz/

VERB [r]

raise a question/subject, etc.
[B2] to start talking about a subject that you want other people to consider

Dictionary examples:
I'd like to raise the subject of staffing levels.
I thought I'd raise the issue with Sally at the meeting.

Learner example:
Then it raises an important question: "[Do] museums provide enough to interest young people?"

MONEY
[B2] to collect money from different people in order to do a particular thing

Dictionary example:
They were raising money for charity.

Learner example:
What I liked the most about it is not the fact that we raised a lot of money, but that we enjoyed an amazing show in which I took [an] active part.

CHILD
[B2] [OFTEN PASSIVE] to take care of a child until he or she is completely grown

Dictionary examples:
Her parents died when she was a baby so she was raised by her grandparents.
She raised the family on her own.

Learner example:
I was born and raised on a Greek island called Evia.

raise your voice
[C1] to speak loudly and angrily to someone

Dictionary example:
He never raised his voice at the children.

Learner example:
Not every au-pair family is pleasant. And believe me, mine was giving me hell on earth. [...] After I returned home I took some time to learn not to freak out when someone raised his voice and eventually I started to see my time in Germany as a great [lesson in] life.
random /ˈræn.dəm/

Word family:
Adjectives: random
Adverbs: randomly

ADJECTIVE

CHANCE
[C1] happening, done or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan

Dictionary examples:
random checks/tests/attacks
We asked a random sample/selection of people what they thought.

Learner example:
I will put my remarks in random order.

at random
[C1] chosen by chance

Dictionary example:
Winners will be chosen at random.

Learner example:
The rooms suggested to be [filmed] have not been chosen at random.

randomly /ˈræn.dəm.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: random
Adverbs: randomly

ADVERB

[C1] in a random way

Dictionary example:
The books were randomly arranged on the shelves.

Learner example:
It is based on the survey of the Language Institute's students, who were randomly selected.
range /rɛɪndʒ/

NOUN

AMOUNT
[B2] [c] the amount or number between a particular set of limits

Dictionary examples:
The price range is from $100 to $200.
The product is aimed at young people in the 18–25 age range.

Learner example:
The age range of the club is from eighteen to thirty years old and our club has different nationalities.

MOUNTAINS
[B2] [c] a line of hills or mountains

Dictionary example:
The country is divided by a huge mountain range.

Learner example:
I wish I knew more about the volcanoes, earthquakes, and mountain ranges all over the world.

VERB

range from sth to sth/between sth and sth
[B2] to have an upper and a lower limit in amount, number, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Dress sizes range from petite to extra large.
Prices range between $50 and $250.

Learner example:
It offers lots of fabulous things ranging from drinks to modern music.

rank /ræŋk/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a position in an organization, such as the army, showing someone's importance

Dictionary examples:
Senior/high/junior/low rank
He has just been promoted to the rank of captain.

Learner example:
Women were denied [a] higher rank and their job was limited to [mundane] tasks.
VERB [i or T]

[C1] to have a position in a list which shows things or people in order of importance, or to give someone or something a position on such a list

Dictionary examples:
He ranked number one in the world at the start of the competition.
The city's canals now rank among the world's dirtiest.

Learner example:
From being [in] an amat[eu]r league to ranked top 3 in the world is a considerable achiev[e]ment.

rape  /rɛrp/

VERB [r]

[B2] I to force someone to have sex when they do not want to

Dictionary example:
She was pulled from the car and raped.

Learner example:
I thought that they wanted to rape me.

NOUN [c or u]

[B2] I the crime of forcing someone to have sex when they do not want to

Dictionary examples:
He had committed several rapes.
He was convicted of rape.

Learner example:
Last month the police caught a man for rape and he confessed [to] several other crimes.

rapid  /ˈræp.ɪd/

Word family:
Adjectives: rapid
Adverbs: rapidly

ADJECTIVE

[B2] fast or sudden

Dictionary example:
The 1990s were a period of rapid change/growth.

Learner example:
With the rapid development of technology, shopping [on] the Internet is becoming very popular.
**rapidly** /ˈræp.ɪd.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: rapid
Adverbs: rapidly

**ADVERB**

[B2] quickly or suddenly

**Dictionary example:**
Prices have increased rapidly in the last few months.

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**rare** /rəˈri/  

Word family:
Nouns: rarity
Adjectives: rare
Adverbs: rarely

**ADJECTIVE**

MEAT

[C1] If meat is rare, it is still red because it has only been cooked for a short time.

**Dictionary example:**
a rare steak

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**rarity** /ˈrə.rə.ti/  

Word family:
Nouns: rarity
Adjectives: rare
Adverbs: rarely

**NOUN**

be a rarity

[C1] to be unusual

**Dictionary example:**
Genuine enthusiasm is a rarity.

**Learner example:**
Hot meals were a rarity.

[C1] [U] the fact that something is not common

**Dictionary example:**
Precious stones are valued for their rarity.

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Learner example:
Another group of objects would be those that are valuable – or even priceless – because of their rarity.

rate /reɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: rate, rating

HOW MANY
[B2] how often something happens, or how many people something happens to

Dictionary examples:
the rate of unemployment
The birth rate has fallen.
The drug has a high success/failure rate.

Learner example:
The topic[s] we have in mind are – why people commit a crime, why the crime rate has risen in Britain, [and] of course [some discussion] about your latest novel.

PAYMENT
[B2] a fixed amount of money given for something

Dictionary examples:
the interest rate
Rates of pay are very low.

Learner example:
I think it would be a good thing to help the [restaurant] by either giving them a subsidy or lending [them] money at a low rate.

SPEED
[C1] the speed at which something happens

Dictionary examples:
the patient's heart rate
Our rate of progress is too slow.
The disease was spreading at an alarming rate.

Learner example:
The actual rate of our company's growth demands increasing quality and productivity.

first-/second-/third-rate
[C1] very good, bad, or very bad

Dictionary example:
a first-rate hotel
Learner example:
For example, our town is famous for its first-rate tennis team, so he could continue his training in tennis here and also do other sports like volleyball and basketball.

VERB [T]
[C1] to judge the quality or ability of someone or something

Dictionary example:
How do you rate her as a singer?

Learner example:
We [did] a survey among our members that rated value for money, cost, staff, and the like.

rather /ˈrɑː.ðə/

ADVERB MORE EXACTLY
[B2] used to change something you have just said and make it more correct

Dictionary example:
She'll go to London on Thursday, or rather, she will if she has to.

Learner example:
The food – or rather, leftovers – that she gave him was barely enough to feed a baby.

rating /ˈreɪ.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: rate, rating

NOUN [C1] a measurement of how good or popular something or someone is

Dictionary example:
A high percentage of Americans gave the President a positive rating.

Learner example:
Overall your rating was excellent!

ratio /ˈreɪ.ʃi.əʊ/ (PLURAL ratios)

NOUN [C]
[C1] the relationship between two groups or amounts, which expresses how much bigger one is than the other
Dictionary examples:
The ratio of men to women at the conference was ten to one/10:1.
The school is trying to improve its pupil-teacher ratio.

Learner example:
First, the ratio between cost and the perceived value has become better since 2004, i.e., the guests are more satisfied now and believe that your service is worth the money.

**rational /ˈræʃ.ən.əl/**

Word family:
Adjectives: irrational, rational

ADJECTIVE
[C1] showing clear thought and reason

Dictionary examples:
He was too upset to be rational.
a rational argument/debate/explanation

Learner example:
Be as rational as you can and you will pass your driving test the first time.

**raw /rɔː/**

ADJECTIVE
NATURAL [B2] in the natural state

Dictionary examples:
raw sugar
raw materials

Learner example:
Finally, I think the designers will make use of the raw materials and create an innovative look for all of us.

**ray /reɪ/**

NOUN [C]

BEAM [B2] a narrow beam of light, heat, etc. travelling in a straight line from its place of origin
**Dictionary examples:**
A ray of sunshine shone through a gap in the clouds. Light rays bend as they pass from air to water.

**Learner example:**
She just couldn't see any way of finding her camping equipment in the basement, where there was not even a single ray of light to guide her.

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**razor** /ˈreɪ.zər/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a piece of equipment with a sharp blade used for removing hair from the face, legs, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
Did you pack a razor?

**Learner example:**
Oh yes, she could vividly remember the last time he hurt her, only then it was with a razor.

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**reach** /riːtʃ/

**VERB**

reach a decision/agreement/conclusion, etc.

[B2] to make a decision/agreement/conclusion, etc. about something

**Dictionary examples:**
She reached the conclusion that there was no more she could do. We'll inform you when a decision has been reached.

**Learner example:**
After having thought about this video, I reached the following conclusions: we must film the lessons which are the most important and the activities which take a great part [of the] day at school.

**LEVEL**

[B2] [t] to get to a particular level, situation, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
The temperature is expected to reach 30°C today. He's just reached the grand age of 95. They easily reached their target/goal of raising £100,000. I've reached the point where I can't take any more.

**Learner example:**
My dad ha[s] already reached the age of 60.
STRETCH
[B2] [ɪ] or [t] to stretch out your arm in order to get or touch something

Dictionary examples:
He reached for the phone and knocked over a glass.
The child reached down/out/over and picked up the kitten.
He reached out and grabbed her arm.
Can you reach me (down) that book?

Learner example:
So when I reached out my hand, I suddenly felt another hand.

can/can't/could, etc. reach (sth)
[B2] to be able to touch or take something with your hand

Dictionary examples:
Could you get that book down for me – I can't reach.
She’s grown so tall that she can reach the door handle now.

Learner example:
Then I looked around my car and saw my handbag. I could hardly reach it but after some effort I got it.

TELEPHONE
[B2] [tə] to speak to someone on the telephone

Dictionary example:
You can reach him at home.

Learner example:
I have been trying to reach him the whole day but I didn't get any answer.

NOUN [u]

DISTANCE
[B2] the distance that can be travelled, especially easily

Dictionary example:
We live (easy) reach of the station.

Learner example:
Our city, Sardab, is located just two kilometers from [the] Caspian Sea, [and] it is within easy reach [of] the capital of our province.

TOUCH
[B2] Someone's reach is the distance within which they can stretch out their arm and touch something.
Dictionary examples:
I like to keep a notebook and pencil within reach.
The top shelf is out of reach.
Make sure that you keep all medicines out of the reach of children.

**react** /riˈækt/

Word family:
Nouns: reaction
Verbs: react

VERB [i]

**SAY OR DO**
[B2] to say, do, or feel something because of something else that has been said or done

**Dictionary examples:**
He reacted angrily to her comments.
She called him all sorts of names, but he didn't react.

**Learner example:**
I reacted quickly and without panic.

**BAD EFFECT**
[C1] to become ill because something that you have eaten or used on your body has had a bad effect on you

**Dictionary examples:**
My skin reacts to most perfumes.
Many people react to penicillin.

**Learner example:**
One of her weaknesses is that she reacts [badly to] bird feathers, so it would be nice to find a family without birds.

**reaction** /riˈækʃn/

Word family:
Nouns: reaction
Verbs: react

NOUN [C]

**CAUSED BY SOMETHING**
[B2] something you say, feel, or do because of something that has happened
Dictionary examples:
What was his reaction to the news?
Reactions to the proposal have been mixed.
I love to watch people’s reactions when I say who I am.
There has been a widespread reaction against the government’s proposed tax increases.

Learner example:
Her reaction made it all worthwhile. She burst into tears and thanked us. That was an experience that I’ll never forget.

BAD EFFECT
[B2] an unpleasant effect resulting from eating particular things or taking particular drugs

Dictionary examples:
A number of people have had a bad reaction to this drug.
Some people have an allergic reaction to seafood.

Learner example:
There is one more thing that you have to note: two girls have an allergic reaction to nuts, so please make sure that our lunch is nut–free!

read /rɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: reader, reading, read, readership
Verbs: read

VERB (read, read)

read out sth or read sth out PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to read something and say the words aloud so that other people can hear

Dictionary example:
He read out the names of all the winners.

Learner example:
Michael sat in his favourite chair while his wife read out what had happened.

read over/through sth or read sth over/through PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to read something from the beginning to the end, especially to find mistakes

Dictionary example:
I read over my essay to check for errors.

Learner example:
I thought my eyes were deceiving me [so] I read the letter over again.

read up on sth PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to read a lot about a particular subject in order to learn about it
Dictionary example:
I've been reading up on American history.

Learner example:
For a long time I have been reading up on ancient Greek philosophy and I have been intrigued by the way they thought, their logic.

**readership** /ˈriː.də.shɪp/

Word family:
Nouns: reader, reading, read, readership
Verbs: read

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[C1] the number and type of people who read a particular newspaper, magazine, etc

Dictionary example:
These magazines have a very young readership.

Learner example:
The first one is an issue that has become one of the main subjects of the last ten years and affects the whole world, [so] it will interest your readership.

**readily** /ˈred.ə.li/

Word family:
Nouns: readiness
Adjectives: ready
Adverbs: readily

ADVERB

EASILY
[B2] quickly and easily

Dictionary example:
Information is readily **available** on the Internet.

WILLINGLY
[B2] willingly and without stopping to think

Dictionary examples:
He readily **admits** to having problems himself.
He readily **agreed** to help.
Learner example:
Drinking alcohol won't do you any good. There are a lot of friends who [would] readily help you if you decided to give it up.

**readiness** /ˈred.ɪ.nəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** readiness
**Adjectives:** ready
**Adverbs:** readily

**NOUN [u]**

**WILLING**
[C1] when someone is willing to do something

**Dictionary example:**
They expressed a readiness to accept our demands.

**Learner example:**
Usually, the clients appreciate his readiness to use their language and this has often been a significant factor in closing a deal.

**readjust** /ˌriː.əˈdʒʌst/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** adjustment
**Verbs:** adjust, readjust

**VERB**

**SMALL CHANGE**
[C1] [ɪ] to move something slightly or make a small change to something

**Dictionary example:**
He readjusted his tie.

**Learner example:**
Because the air conditioning was not working properly or because your unfriendly coach driver refused to readjust it, I got [a]cold [from] that day.
**real /riːl/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** reality
- **Adjectives:** real, realistic, unrealistic, unreal
- **Adverbs:** really, realistically

**ADJECTIVE**

**IMPORTANT**

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] being the most important or the main thing

**Dictionary examples:**
- The real problem, of course, is money.
- The real difficulty was the language, because my children don’t speak English.

**Learner example:**
- Nowadays people work most of the time with their computers, [and] the internet give[s] them the opportunity to download whatever they want, even books, but the real problem is that they do not have the time to read them.

**FOR EMPHASIS**

[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] used to emphasize a noun

**Dictionary examples:**
- She was a real help.
- It’s a real pain he’s not available tomorrow.

**Learner example:**
- In the advertisement it says "your perfect evening out", but it was a real disappointment.

**for real**

[B2] taken seriously, not pretended

**Dictionary example:**
- I thought it was just a practice, but apparently it was for real.

**Learner example:**
- You know I am a Casanova, but this time I know [it] is for real.

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**realistic /ˌrɪəˈlɪstɪk/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** reality
- **Adjectives:** real, realistic, unrealistic, unreal
- **Adverbs:** really, realistically

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ADJECTIVE

ACCEPTING SITUATION

[B2] accepting the true facts of a situation and not basing decisions on things that will not happen

Dictionary examples:
Let's be realistic – we're not going to finish this by Friday.
We have to be realistic about how much we can afford to pay.
It isn’t realistic to expect people to work for so little money.

Learner example:
We must be realistic, my friend. Eighty kilometres is a pretty long distance.

realistically /ˌrɪəˈlɪs.tɪk.li/

Word family:
Nouns: reality
Adjectives: real, realistic, unrealistic, unreal
Adverbs: really, realistically

ADVERB

SEEM REAL

[C1] in a way that shows things and people as they really are, or that makes them seem real

Dictionary example:
The characters are portrayed very realistically.

Learner example:
It was realistically captured in the TV reports you have seen.

reality /riˈæl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: reality
Adjectives: real, realistic, unrealistic, unreal
Adverbs: really, realistically

NOUN

FACTS

[B2] [U] the way things or situations really are and not the way you would like them to be
Dictionary examples:
Listening to music is my escape from reality.
Sooner or later you have to face up to reality.
He may seem charming but in reality he's actually an unpleasant person.

Learner example:
Finally, your report talks about an audience of less than 2,000 although we were in reality more than 5,000.

the reality/realities of sth
[B2] the truth about an unpleasant situation

Dictionary example:
the harsh realities of life

Learner example:
Besides we all know the realities of the modern world.

become a reality
[B2] to start to happen or exist

Dictionary example:
New jobs could become a reality by next month.

Learner example:
You have made my dream become a reality.

realization /ˌrɪ.əˌlærˈi.zər.i/ 

Word family:
Nouns: realization
Verbs: realize

NOUN (ALSO UK realisation)

NOTICING
[C1] [NO PLURAL] when you notice or understand something that you did not notice or understand before

Dictionary example:
There is a growing realization that education has benefits at many levels.

Learner example:
I suppose it is only when one starts to think about it that the realization comes about the fact that fashion is part of our everyday life.
realize (also UK realise) /ˈrɪəˌlaɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: realization
Verbs: realize

VERB [I or T]

realize an ambition/dream/goal, etc.
[C1] to achieve something that you have wanted for a long time

Dictionary example:
He had realized all his ambitions by the age of 30.

Learner example:
It's rather difficult for people to be able to realize their ambition.

rear /rɪər/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] at the back of something

Dictionary example:
There's a sticker on the rear door/window.

Learner example:
In his rear mirror he saw that all [the] lights on the airfield [were] on again.

NOUN

the rear
[C1] the back part of something

Dictionary examples:
First class accommodation is towards the rear of the train.
We walked round to the rear of the house.

Learner example:
The damage seems to be at the rear of the fridge where the motor is situated.

VERB
[C1] [T] If you rear children or young animals, you care for them until they are adults.

Dictionary example:
In these waters they breed and rear their young.
Learner example:
But still the main role of the woman is to rear her children and be a good assistant to her husband and take care of her home.

rearrange /ˌriː.əˈreɪndʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: arrangement
Verbs: arrange, rearrange

VERB [T]
[B2] to change the order or position of things

Dictionary example:
I've rearranged the furniture in my office.

Learner example:
Maybe you could rearrange the café to be more classical.

reason /ˈriː.zən/

Word family:
Nouns: reason, reasoning
Adjectives: reasonable, unreasonable
Adverbs: reasonably, unreasonably

NOUN RIGHT
[B2] [U] something that makes it right for you to think or do something

Dictionary examples:
I think we have reason to be concerned.
There is every reason to believe the project will be finished on time.
She suddenly hit him for no reason.

Learner example:
Animals in zoos are in captivity and not in their natural habitat. They live captured there for no reason, as we could learn about them from books or documentaries [instead].

reasonable /ˈriː.ən.ə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: reason, reasoning
Adjectives: reasonable, unreasonable
Adverbs: reasonably, unreasonably
ADJECTIVE

FAIR

[B2] fair and showing good judgment

Dictionary examples:
It's not reasonable to expect people to work such long hours.
If you tell him what happened, I'm sure he'll understand – he's a reasonable man.

Learner example:
In my opinion, reasonable rules are important for us but be[ing] too strict will bring stress, w[hi]ch causes kids [to] be afraid of many things.

BASED ON FACTS

[B2] based on facts that can be explained

Dictionary example:
There will be a reasonable explanation for all of this.

Learner example:
I hope you will be able to offer me a reasonable explanation [for] these mistakes and report correct information in your newspaper.

reasonably /ˈriː.zən.ə.bli/

Word family:
Nouns: reason, reasoning
Adjectives: reasonable, unreasonable
Adverbs: reasonably, unreasonably

ADVERB

reasonably good/successful/well, etc.

[B2] good/successful/well, etc. enough but not very good or very well

Dictionary example:
I did reasonably well at school but not as well as my sister.

Learner example:
I noticed the sound system wasn't perfect, but it was reasonably good.

GOOD JUDGMENT

[B2] in a fair way, showing good judgment

Dictionary example:
Stop shouting and let's discuss this reasonably.
reassure /ˌriː.əˈʃʊə/  

Word family:
Nouns: assurance, reassurance, self-assurance
Verbs: assure, reassure
Adjectives: reassuring, self-assured

VERB [T]  
[C1] to say something to stop someone from worrying  

Dictionary example:  
He reassured me that I would be paid soon.

Learner example:  
Making my own decisions gives me much stress because I am always so scared of the results and I need to be reassured that I am doing the right thing all the time.

reassuring /ˌriː.əˈʃʊə.rɪŋ/  

Word family:
Nouns: assurance, reassurance, self-assurance
Verbs: assure, reassure
Adjectives: reassuring, self-assured

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] making you feel less worried  

Dictionary example:  
a reassuring smile/voice

Learner example:  
It was a reassuring feeling.

rebel  

Word family:
Nouns: rebel, rebellion
Verbs: rebel
Adjectives: rebellious

NOUN [C] /ˈreb.əl/  
[B2] I someone who fights against the government in their country, especially a soldier  

Dictionary examples:  
The rebels took over the capital and set up a new government.  
Rebels seized control of the airport.
Learner example:
Suddenly, the police came onto the train, and killed all the rebels.

**VERB [i] /rɪˈbel/ (-ll-)**
[B2] to refuse to obey rules that you disagree with or do not like

**Dictionary example:**
Children often rebel against eating certain foods – Rory won’t eat vegetables.

**Learner example:**
His brother was never kind with her and she always wanted to rebel.

**rebellion /rɪˈbel.i.ən/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: rebel, rebellion
Verbs: rebel
Adjectives: rebellious

**NOUN [C or U]**
[C1] when people fight against the government in their country

**Dictionary example:**
Government troops defeated an armed rebellion in the south.

**Learner example:**
The rebellion of the students not only led to the freedom of Greece but it also inspired the local people and the people worldwide to fight for their freedom.

**rebellious /rɪˈbel.i.əs/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: rebel, rebellion
Verbs: rebel
Adjectives: rebellious

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] refusing to obey rules because you do not like authority

**Dictionary example:**
a rebellious teenager

**Learner example:**
"It was impossible for me to become submissive – I must have been rebellious from my very birth", she recalls.
rebuild /ˌriːˈbɪld/

Word family:
Nouns: builder, building
Verbs: build, rebuild

VERB [T] (rebuilt, rebuilt)

IMPROVE
[B2] to make a situation succeed again after something bad caused it to fail

Dictionary examples:
The country was still struggling to rebuild its economy after the war.
They had to rebuild their lives after the accident.

Learner example:
Since more and more people in our modern society have been living in a [highly] urbanized environment and they are isolated from the rest of nature, I think it is vital to make every effort to rebuild healthy relationships with nature.

recall /rɪˈkɔːl/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to remember something

Dictionary examples:
I don't recall arranging a time to meet.
Can you recall what happened that night?
I recall that he promised to send the document.

Learner example:
Right now, I can't recall much of that phone call.

receipt /rɪˈsiːt/

Word family:
Nouns: receipt, reception, receptionist
Verbs: receive
Adjectives: receptive

NOUN

RECEIVING
[B2] [u] FORMAL the act of receiving something

Dictionary example:
Items must be returned within fourteen days of receipt.
### receive /rɪˈsiːv/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** receipt, reception, receptionist  
**Verbs:** receive  
**Adjectives:** receptive  

**VERB [T]**  
**REACT**  
[C1] to react to a suggestion or piece of work in a particular way  

**Dictionary example:**  
His first book was not **well** received.  

**Learner example:**  
The English lessons in the mornings were well received but I wonder if it is possible to get more variety?  

### reception /rɪˈsepʃən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** receipt, reception, receptionist  
**Verbs:** receive  
**Adjectives:** receptive  

**NOUN**  
**PARTY**  
[B2] [c] a formal party that is given to celebrate a special event or to welcome someone  

**Dictionary example:**  
a **wedding** reception  

**Learner example:**  
Next month, I have to fly to London to attend a friend's wedding reception.  

**REACTION**  
[C1] [NO PLURAL] the way people react to something or someone  

**Dictionary example:**  
We were given a very **warm** reception.  

**Learner example:**  
Although we were given a very nice reception, problems began to appear already at the start.
recession /rɪˈseʃ.ən/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a period when the economy of a country is not successful and conditions for business are bad

Dictionary examples:
The latest report confirms that the economy is in recession.
The country is now in the deepest recession for over 40 years.

Learner example:
Now in Japan the recession is getting worse and unemployment is increasing.

recharge /ˌriːˈtʃɑːd/

VERB [T]
[C1] to fill a battery with electricity so that it can work again

Dictionary example:
You can recharge these batteries.

Learner example:
After buying your mobile phone, it is important to know that it can't be used for an unlimited time. It will have to be recharged and, in the end, it will let you down when most needed.

reckon /ˈrek.ən/

VERB [I or T]

THINK
[B2] to think that something is probably true

Dictionary examples:
I reckon he's going to leave.
How much do you reckon it's going to cost?
He reckons that he earns more in a week than I do in a month.

Learner example:
What do you reckon about the idea?
recognize (also UK recognise) /ˈrek.əɡ.naɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: recognition
Verbs: recognize

VERB [T]

ACCEPT
[B2] to accept that something is legal, true or important

Dictionary examples:
She recognized that she had been partly to blame.
The international community has refused to recognize the newly independent nation state.
Smoking is recognised as a leading cause of lung cancer.

Learner example:
Martins hero-worshipped Lime until the moment when he was forced to recognize that his best friend was the worst racketeer imaginable.

SHOW RESPECT
[C1] to officially show respect for someone for an achievement

Dictionary example:
He was recognized by the governor for his work with teenagers.

Learner example:
To sum up, Peter Smith deserves to be recognised for his efforts.

recommend /ˌrek.əˈmend/

Word family:
Nouns: recommendation
Verbs: recommend

VERB [T]

ADVISE
[B2] to advise someone that something should be done

Dictionary examples:
The report recommended that tourists avoid the region.
I recommend writing your feelings down on paper.
She has been recommended for promotion.

Learner example:
I recommend that you apply to work [at the festival] and you will have a great time!
recommendation /ˌrek.ə.mənˈdeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: recommendation
Verbs: recommend

NOUN

ADVICE
[B2] [c] a piece of advice about what to do in a particular situation

Dictionary examples:
The report makes the recommendation that more prisons should be built.
It's my recommendation that this factory be closed immediately.

Learner example:
I hope my recommendations are helpful, and I [hope] you have a great time!

SUITABLE
[B2] [c or u] a suggestion that someone or something is good or suitable for a particular purpose

Dictionary example:
I bought this book on Andy's recommendation.

Learner example:
The Chef's recommendation is Bulgogi made by beef.

reconsider /ˌriː.kənˈsid.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: consideration
Verbs: consider, reconsider
Adjectives: considerate, inconsiderate

VERB [I or T]
[C1] to think again about a decision or opinion and decide if you want to change it

Dictionary example:
We've been asked to reconsider the proposal.

Learner example:
We invite your newspaper to reconsider its position, hoping that the council will think about our proposals.
reconstruct /ˌriːkənˈstrʌkt/

Word family:
Nouns: construction, reconstruction
Verbs: construct, reconstruct
Adjectives: constructive

VERB [T]

BUILD AGAIN
[C1] to build something again after it has been damaged or destroyed

Dictionary example:
They reconstructed the palace exactly as it had been.

Learner example:
Dear Sir, The student committee greatly appreciate your efforts to resolve our current problems, in particular improving and reconstructing our sports centre.

reconstruction /ˌrɪkənˈstrʌk.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: construction, reconstruction
Verbs: construct, reconstruct
Adjectives: constructive

NOUN [C or U]

BUILD AGAIN
[C1] when you build something again after it has been damaged or destroyed

Dictionary example:
The reconstruction of the city took decades.

Learner example:
The classrooms are in need [of] immediate reconstruction.

record
**VERB** /rɪˈkɔːd/

**STORE INFORMATION**
[B2] [ɪ] to write down information or store it on a computer so that it can be used in the future

*Dictionary example:*
He recorded details of their conversation in his diary.

*Learner example:*
Another way to [highlight] the importance of books is to consider them as the "depots" of wisdom and knowledge that exist and ha[ve] been recorded since the beginning of History.

**SHOW MEASUREMENT**
[C1] [ɪ] If a device records a measurement, it shows that measurement.

*Dictionary example:*
The thermometer recorded a temperature of 30 degrees Celsius.

**NOUN** /ˈrek.ə:d/

**INFORMATION**
[B2] [ɔ or ʊ] information that is written on paper or stored on computer so that it can be used in the future

*Dictionary examples:*
medical/dental records
My teacher keeps a record of my absences.
This summer has been the hottest on record.

*Learner example:*
First of all, using [a] computer is most important for me because I can store my personal records such as [my] diary or expenses and I [can] send e-mail[s] to my friends who live abroad.

**put/set the record straight**
[C1] to tell people the true facts about a situation

*Dictionary example:*
I know they thought Alex was lying, and I wanted to put the record straight.

*Learner example:*
I hope that my letter will set the record straight and that the public shall be informed about the true events of that day.

**off the record**
[C1] If you say something off the record, you do not want the public to know about it.

*Dictionary example:*
Off the record, ministers are saying the president must resign.
Learner example:
Off the record, how come that your reporter can print such lies when knowing they are perhaps hurting certain people in this important matter?

**recording** /rɪˈkɔːdɪŋ/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** record, recording  
**Verbs:** record  

**NOUN**  
**PROCESS**  
[B2] [u] the process or business of putting sounds, especially music, onto a disc, magnetic tape, etc., using electronic equipment  

**Dictionary example:**  
a recording studio  

**Learner example:**  
I loved to sing and I decided to visit all the recording companies.

**recover** /rɪˈkʌvər/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** recovery  
**Verbs:** recover  

**VERB**  
**SITUATION**  
[B2] [ɪ] If a system or situation recovers, it returns to the way it was before something bad happened.  

**Dictionary example:**  
The economy was quick to recover after the election.  

**Learner example:**  
Lots of effort has been put in and finally our economy is recovering.  

**GET BACK**  
[C1] [ɪ] to get something back that has been lost or stolen  

**Dictionary example:**  
Police recovered the stolen money.  

**Learner example:**  
Moreover it might become virtually impossible to recover the money from that investment.
**recovery** /ˈrɪˌkʌv.ər.i/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** recovery  
**Verbs:** recover  

**NOUN**  
[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when you feel better or happier again after an illness, injury, or period of sadness  

**Dictionary example:**  
She only had the operation last month but she's **made a** full recovery.  

**Learner example:**  
I was sorry to hear that you were ill, and my family and I send you our best wishes for a speedy recovery.  

**SITUATION**  
[C1] [U NO PLURAL] when a system or situation returns to the way it was before something bad happened  

**Dictionary examples:**  
**economic** recovery  
The housing industry has **made a** remarkable recovery.  

**Learner example:**  
We are still waiting for the recovery in our economy but the political transformation and economic reforms are very painful for our society.  

**recreate** /ˌriːˈkriːət/  

**VERB [T]**  
[C1] to make something exist or happen again  

**Dictionary example:**  
They plan to recreate a typical English village in Japan.  

**Learner example:**  
We want people whose skills with a laser high-accuracy enamel paint brush could only be surpassed by the skill of those men in our past who wielded the original weapons we are now recreating.
recreation /ˌrek.rɪˈeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: recreation
Adjectives: recreational

NOUN [c or u]
[B2] activities that you do for enjoyment when you are not working

Dictionary examples:
Emma’s only form of recreation seems to be shopping.
a recreation area/centre

Learner example:
[Is] there any gym or other recreation facilities available in [the] Magnet Hotel?

recruit /rɪˈkrʊːt/

Word family:
Nouns: recruit, recruitment
Verbs: recruit

VERB
[C1] to try to persuade someone to work for a company or to join an organization

Dictionary example:

Learner example:
Secondly, the coach driver was quite a rude person and, as far as I am concerned, it would be a good idea to pay more attention when recruiting your staff.

recruitment /rɪˈkrʊːt.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: recruit, recruitment
Verbs: recruit

NOUN [u]
[C1] the process of finding people to work for a company or become a new member of an organization

Dictionary example:
The recession has forced a lot of companies to cut down on staff recruitment.

Learner example:
This is mainly due to the recent recruitment of office person[n]e in our department.
**rectangle** /ˈrek.tæŋ.gl/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** rectangle  
**Adjectives:** rectangular  

**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] a shape with four 90° angles and four sides, with opposite sides of equal length and two sides longer than the other two  

**Dictionary example:**  
The garden is in the shape of a rectangle.

**rectangular** /rekˈtæŋ.gjʊ.lə/  

Word family:  
**Nouns:** rectangle  
**Adjectives:** rectangular  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] shaped like a rectangle  

**Dictionary example:**  
a rectangular patch of grass  

**Learner example:**  
Between Rossio and the river there is a commercial district laid out in a rectangular pattern, where you can go shopping.

**rectify** /ˈrek.trɪ.fai/  

**VERB** [r] **FORMAL**  
[C1] to correct something or change it so that it is acceptable  

**Dictionary example:**  
The government has promised to rectify the situation.  

**Learner example:**  
I also hope as far as the article is concerned that you will kindly rectify the defamatory information revealed in the statement.
red /red/

ADJECTIVE (redder, reddest)

go red

[B2] If someone goes red, their face becomes red because they are embarrassed or angry.

Dictionary example:
He kissed her on the cheek and she went bright red.

Learner example:
When Paul saw the girl who had blond hair and bluish eyes, his face suddenly went red.

redevelop /ˌriː.dɪˈvel.əp/

Word family:
Nouns: development, developer, redevelopment
Verbs: develop, redevelop
Adjectives: developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

VERB [T]

[C1] to make a place more modern by improving old buildings or building new ones

Dictionary example:
There are plans to redevelop the city's waterfront area.

Learner example:
Most of the coastal villages lose their traditional element – their value – and they become redeveloped in order to be in accord with the growing need to attract people.

redevelopment /ˌriː.dɪˈvel.əp.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: development, developer, redevelopment
Verbs: develop, redevelop
Adjectives: developed, developing, underdeveloped, undeveloped

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] when a place is made more modern by improving old buildings or building new ones

Dictionary example:
There has been a lot of redevelopment in this area.
Learner example:
I would like to invite other people to support this proposal and to try to explain [to] the opposition how nice our city centre would be after the proposed redevelopment.

reduction /rɪˈdʌkʃn/

Word family:
Nouns: reduction
Verbs: reduce

NOUN [c or u]
[B2] when something is reduced

Dictionary examples:
a reduction in traffic
huge price reductions

Learner example:
As for the prices, they are reasonable and you can have a reduction if your group is over 16 people.

redundancy /rɪˈdʌn.dən.si/

Word family:
Nouns: redundancy
Adjectives: redundant

NOUN
[C1] [c or u] when your employer makes you stop working because there is not enough work

Dictionary example:
There have been a lot of redundancies in the mining industry.

Learner example:
Some people seems to be afraid of that prospect and reluctant to use the Net, because they think it means the end of any relationship between people and it can lead to redundancies.

redundant /rɪˈdʌn.dənt/

Word family:
Nouns: redundancy
Adjectives: redundant
ADJECTIVE

JOB

[B2] having lost your job because your employer no longer needs you

Dictionary example:
Half the workforce has been made redundant because of the decline in sales.

Learner example:
She had been made redundant and now, she has no job, no money, no friends and no home.

refer /rɪˈfɜːr/

Word family:
Nouns: referee, reference
Verbs: refer

VERB (–rr–)

refer to sb/sth PHRASAL VERB

TALK OR WRITE

[B2] to talk or write about someone or something, especially briefly

Dictionary examples:
She didn’t once refer to her son.
He always referred to his father as ‘the old man’.

Learner example:
In your book you refer to the ‘Hotel Astrid’ but they decided to close it last year.

RELATE TO

[C1] If writing or information refers to someone or something, it relates to that person or thing.

Dictionary example:
The sales figures refer to UK sales only.

Learner example:
Ancient Greece was divided into two groups. The contrast between those two groups was getting bigger and bigger and it ended up [as] a destructive war – destructive doesn’t refer only to deaths and city damage but also to the corruption of morals.

referee /ˌref.əˈriː/

Word family:
Nouns: referee, reference
Verbs: refer

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NOUN [c]  
[B2] a person who is in charge of a sports game and who makes certain that the rules are followed

Dictionary example:  
I think the referee made the wrong decision.

Learner example:  
Due to my back injur[y], I could not train and play with my team, so it would be a good idea to be a referee.

reference /ˈrefəˈrɛnts/  

Word family:  
Nouns: referee, reference  
Verbs: refer

NOUN  
with/in reference to sth  
[B2] FORMAL relating to something

Dictionary example:  
I am writing with reference to your letter of 15 March.

Learner example:  
I'm writing with reference to the advertisement I saw on the college noticeboard concerning some jobs during [the period] 18–23 March, when there is the International Sports Competition.

NAME/BOOK TITLE  
[B2] [c] a name or book title, etc. in a book or other piece of writing that tells you where information came from

Dictionary example:  
There's the usual list of references at the back of the book.

Learner example:  
I have information, and historical reference[s] [in] my collection, and I will be glad to share it with other members.

LETTER  
[B2] [c] a letter that is written by someone who knows you, to say if you are suitable for a job or course

Dictionary example:  
My old headteacher said he would write/give me a reference.

Learner example:  
i am enclosing references from my ex-managers.
MENTIONING
[C1] [c or u] when you briefly talk or write about someone or something

Dictionary examples:
In his book, he makes several references to his time in France.
She made no reference to her marital problems.

Learner example:
Finally, your article makes reference to "a sudden downpour of rain" which was actually a small shower which lasted no more than five minutes.

READING
[C1] [u] when you read something in order to get information

Dictionary example:
Please keep this handout for future reference.

Learner example:
Can you also provide us [with] the list [of all] 300 hotels for our reference.

reflect /rɪˈflekt/

Word family:
Nouns: reflection
Verbs: reflect

VERB

IMAGE
[B2] [ɪ] If a surface such as a mirror or water reflects something, you can see the image of that thing in the mirror, water, etc.

Dictionary example:
He saw himself reflected in the shop window.

Learner example:
We could see a little from the light coming from the moon that [was] reflected in a mirror.

SHOW
[B2] [ɪ] to show or be a sign of something

Dictionary examples:
The statistics reflect a change in people's spending habits.
The town's economic success is reflected in its shiny new buildings.

Learner example:
Your description of the people, their everyday life, their characters and their friendliness reflects that you really had an excellent time here.
THINK

[C1] to think in a serious and careful way

Dictionary examples:
In prison, he had plenty of time to reflect on the crimes he had committed.
I need some time to reflect.

Learner example:
As I mentioned, there were several points which you can reflect on.

reflection  /rɪˈflekt/  NOUN

Word family:
Nouns: reflection
Verbs: reflect

IMAGE

[B2] the image of something in a mirror, on a shiny surface, etc.

Dictionary example:
I saw my reflection in the window.

Learner example:
Have you seen your reflection in a mirror?

a reflection of sth

[C1] something that is a sign or result of a particular situation

Dictionary example:
The fact that soldiers are on the streets is a reflection of how terrified the government is.

Learner example:
Is it really a reflection of the way we live?

refresh  /rɪˈfreʃ/  VERB

Word family:
Nouns: refreshments
Verbs: refresh
Adjectives: refreshing

VERB

[C1] to make you feel less hot or tired

Dictionary example:
A cool drink should refresh you.
Learner example:
The bar is open from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. When you are in my house, refresh yourself, help yourself from the fridge, feel at your ease, and then call me by phone.

[C1] [i or ɪ] to make something more up-to-date or to make it look newer or more attractive

Dictionary examples:
Old furniture can be refreshed with a coat of paint.
Wait a minute – I need to refresh my memory on this.

Learner example:
The magazine is totally up-to-date with extreme question papers in which the reader has the opportunity to test or refresh his/her knowledge.

refreshing  /rɪˈfreʃ.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: refreshments
Verbs: refresh
Adjectives: refreshing

ADJECTIVE

DIFFERENT
[C1] different and interesting

Dictionary examples:
a refreshing change
It's refreshing to see a film that's so original.

Learner example:
Once you master the language quite well, listening to a news broadcast is a refreshing challenge that may require some serious concentration on your behalf.

FEEL BETTER
[C1] making you feel less hot or tired

Dictionary example:
a refreshing shower/swim

Learner example:
Last summer, I got a chance to visit there, and my breath was taken away by its soft sand, refreshing breeze, flocks of seagulls and poetic sunsets.
refugee /ˌref.ʒʊˈdʒiː/

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who has been forced to leave their country, especially because of a war

Dictionary examples:
a refugee camp
Thousands of refugees fled across the border.

Learner example:
This year I think I’d rather go to a refugee camp to organise a program for children.

refund

VERB [r] /riːˈfʌnd/
[C1] to give back money that someone has paid to you

Dictionary example:
They refunded the cost of our tickets.

Learner example:
For all these reasons, I’m sure you realise that I deserve at the very minimum to be refunded all the money I spent on the Trip and unless this is forthcoming I shall take the matter a step further.

refusal /rɪˈfjuː.zəl/

Word family:
Nouns: refusal
Verbs: refuse

NOUN [c or u]
[C1] when someone refuses to do or accept something

Dictionary examples:
Her refusal to cooperate didn't help her case.
What shocked me was his complete refusal to admit his mistake.

Learner example:
The refusal of students [to use] the college canteen led to a demonstration that was held at the main entrance.
regain /rɪˈgeɪn/

**VERB [Ir]**

[B2] to get something back again

**Dictionary examples:**
The government has regained control of the capital.
It was several hours before he regained consciousness.

**Learner example:**
He regained his health in a month, and helped police to capture the loan gang.

regard /rɪˈɡɑːd/  

**Word family:**
**Verbs:** regard  
**Adverbs:** regardless

**VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]**

**CONSIDER**
[B2] to think of someone or something in a particular way

**Dictionary examples:**
She is generally regarded as one of the greatest singers this century.
The plans were regarded with deep suspicion.

**Learner example:**
Certainly, riding a bicycle is regarded as a healthy way of travelling and I do agree with it.

**as regards sth**
[B2] used to introduce a subject

**Dictionary example:**
As regards payment, you will receive £300 per week plus accommodation.

**Learner example:**
As regards accommodation, we would like to stay in a hotel or a Bed and Breakfast, not at a campsite.

**NOUN [U] FORMAL**

**in/with regard to sth**
[B2] FORMAL relating to something

**Dictionary example:**
I am writing with regard to your letter of 24 June.

**Learner example:**
I am writing to you with regard to the International Arts Festival that was held recently.
RESPECT
[C1] respect or admiration for someone

Dictionary example:
I have the greatest regard for her.

Learner example:
She is held in high regard by other employees.

regardless /ˈrɪɡər.dələs/

Word family:
Verbs: regard
Adverbs: regardless

ADVERB
regardless of
[C1] without being affected or influenced by anything else that happens or exists

Dictionary example:
This job is open to all, regardless of previous experience.

Learner example:
People listen to music regardless of their age group or their social status.

region /ˈriː.dʒən/

Word family:
Nouns: region
Adjectives: regional

NOUN [c]
in the region of sth
[C1] approximately

Dictionary example:
It probably cost somewhere in the region of £900.

Learner example:
I am willing [to] pay rent in the region of £1000 to £1200 monthly.
regional  /ˈriː.dʒən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: region
Adjectives: regional

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to a particular area in a country or the world

Dictionary example:
a regional accent/dialect

Learner example:
Among these events, you'll be able to visit the annual regional food festival, in which you'll enjoy some delicious meals [and] stupendous cakes.

register  /ˈredʒ.i.stər/

Word family:
Nouns: registration, register
Verbs: register

NOUN

LANGUAGE STYLE
[C1] [c or u] the style of language, grammar, and words used in particular situations

Dictionary example:
a formal/informal register

regret  /rɪˈɡret/

VERB [ɪ] (–tt–)

SORRY TO SAY
[B2] FORMAL used to say that you are sorry that you have to tell someone about a situation

Dictionary examples:
We regret to inform you that the application has been refused.
The council regrets that the money is no longer available.

Learner example:
Dear editor, I regret to inform you about some untru[e] information which w[as] given in [the] last issue of your magazine.
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a feeling of sadness about a situation, often something that you wish you had not done

Dictionary examples:
I left school at 16, but I've had a great life and I have no regrets.
My only regret is that we didn't invite James.
The manager expressed regret at the number of staff reductions.
It is with deep/great regret that I announce Steve Adam's resignation.

Learner example:
Anyway, it was too late for regrets.

regular /ˈreg.jʊ.lə/  
Word family:  
Adjectives: irregular, regular  
Adverbs: regularly

ADJECTIVE
SAME TIME/SPACE  
[B2] repeated with the same amount of time or space between one thing and the next

Dictionary examples:
I suggested that we meet on a regular basis.
Plant the seedlings at regular intervals.

Learner example:
I'm willing to take care of your telescopes and to carry out a service on them at regular intervals so that they will work perfectly for many years.

regulate /ˈreg.jə.leɪt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: regulation  
Verbs: regulate

VERB [T]
ACTIVITY/PROCESS  
[C1] to control an activity or process, especially by using rules

Dictionary example:
laws regulating advertising
Learner example:
I think in the near future we will find a way to regulate and control the internet and prevent criminals from using it.

SPEED/TEMPERATURE
[C1] to control the speed, temperature, etc. of something

Dictionary example:
Babies find it difficult to regulate their body temperature.

Learner example:
I expressed a wish to the driver to regulate the temperature, but he was extremely rude to me as well as to other passengers.

**regulation /ˌreg.jʊˈleɪ.ʃən/**

Word family:
Nouns: regulation
Verbs: regulate

**NOUN**
RULE
[B2] [c] an official rule that controls how something is done

Dictionary examples:
building/safety/traffic regulations
There are various rules and regulations governing the procedure.

Learner example:
I would like the government to impose strict rules and regulations on capturing animals.

CONTROL
[C1] [u] when a process or activity is controlled

Dictionary example:
government regulation of interest rates

Learner example:
Proper regulation of program contents, monitoring children’s time watching television and using television as a media to promote other leisure activities are factors which could reduce but at the same time make [more] efficient the time spent in front of the television.

**rehearsal /rɪˈhɜːsl/**

Word family:
Nouns: rehearsal
Verbs: rehearse
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a time when all the people involved in a play, dance, etc. practise in order to prepare for a performance

Dictionary example:
We only had one rehearsal before the show.

Learner example:
I helped to organise the rehearsals of the different group[s] who were going to play in the concert.

rehearse /rɪˈhɜːs/

Word family:
Nouns: rehearsal
Verbs: rehearse

VERB [I or T]
[C1] to practise a play, dance, etc. in order to prepare for a performance

Dictionary example:
We usually rehearse on Wednesdays.

Learner example:
I can’t count how many nights I spent studying and studying for difficult exams, rehearsing for presentation[s] and so on.

reign /reɪn/

NOUN
[C1] [c] a period of time when a king or queen rules a country

Dictionary example:
the reign of Henry VIII

Learner example:
If I had the incredible opportunity to travel back in time and place, I would probably choose to go to Egypt during the reign of the Pharaohs to gain an insight [into] how this magical place really was so long ago.
**reinforce** /ˌriː.ɪnˈfɔːs/

VERB [T]

**OPINION**

[C1] to make an existing opinion, feeling or idea stronger

**Dictionary example:**
His behaviour merely reinforced my dislike of him.

**Learner example:**
The first unfavourable impression was reinforced the moment we arrived at the hotel.

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**reject** /rɪˈdʒekt/

Word family:
**Nouns:** rejection

**Verbs:** reject

VERB [T]

**NOT ACCEPT**

[B2] to refuse to accept or agree with something

**Dictionary examples:**
The United States government rejected the proposal.
The appeal was rejected by the High Court.
The prime minister rejected the suggestion that it was time for him to resign.

**Learner example:**
[S]he rejected the proposal for a long, long time, [but] she finally married the Crown Prince 6 years ago.

**JOB/COURSE**

[B2] to refuse to accept someone for a job, course, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
She applied to Cambridge University but was rejected.
He applied for a job as a chef, but he was rejected.

**PERSON**

[B2] to not give someone the love or attention they were expecting

**Dictionary example:**
She felt rejected by her husband.

**Learner example:**
"So you're Michael, the mis-understood artist, rejected by his family and friends," the man growled.
relate /rɪˈleɪt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative  
Verbs: relate  
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated  
Adverbs: relatively  

VERB  
relate to sb/sth PHRASAL VERB  
[C1] to be connected to, or to be about someone or something  

Dictionary example:  
Please provide all information relating to the claim.  

Learner example:  
And, finally, relating to your concern about the costs of the changes, we think that opening the Centre to the public would surely provide the required funds without having to impose a fee on the students, which would probably result in a radical decrease of their use of the facilities.  

relate to sb PHRASAL VERB  
[C1] to understand how someone feels  

Dictionary example:  
Most teenagers find it hard to relate to their parents.  

Learner example:  
A soap opera should always be dramatic and not produced too "polished" or "clean" because then people would see it more as a movie, and people never relate as much to a character in a movie as they do to a character played by a good, down-to-earth actor who is apparently struggling as much as everybody [else].  

related /rɪˈler.tɪd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative  
Verbs: relate  
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated  
Adverbs: relatively  

ADJECTIVE  
FAMILY  
[B2] If people are related, they belong to the same family.  

Dictionary examples:  
Of course Elise and Linda are related to each other – they’re cousins.  
We’re related by marriage only.
Learner example:
Although they're related to each other, they have rather different characters.

CONNECTED

[B2] connected

Dictionary examples:
We discussed unemployment and related issues.
There's been an increase in criminal activity related to drugs.

Learner example:
It is also related to my research project.

relation  /riˈleɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative
Verbs: relate
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated
Adverbs: relatively

NOUN

relations

[B2] the way in which two people or groups of people feel and behave towards each other

Dictionary examples:
Relations between the couple are said to be strained.
Britain enjoys friendly relations with Canada.

Learner example:
The second [film] is 'Alice' directed by the world's most respected man within the movie business – of course Woody Allen. Again the good old fellow is totally fascinated by people in general, human relations and reactions.

CONNECTION

[B2] [c or u] a connection between two or more things

Dictionary example:
The relation between smoking and lung cancer is well established.

Learner example:
Another drawback is the relation between space and time.

in relation to sth

[B2] when compared with something

Dictionary example:
Salaries are low in relation to the cost of living.
Learner example:
I think television has several advantages but also disadvantages in relation to books.

**in relation to sth**
[B2] about or relating to something

Dictionary example:
I'd like to ask you something in relation to what you said earlier.

Learner example:
In relation to last month's social program, the sightseeing tour of London was divine, although we didn't get to see the entire city.

**relationship** /rɪˈleɪ.ʃənʃɪp/

Word family:
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative
Verbs: relate
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated
Adverbs: relatively

**NOUN [C]**

**CONNECTION**
[B2] the way in which two things are connected

Dictionary example:
the relationship between sunburn and skin cancer

Learner example:
The relationship between mind and body has been proved by scientists.

**relative** /ˈrel.ə.trɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative
Verbs: relate
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated
Adverbs: relatively

**ADJECTIVE FORMAL**

**MEASURED**
[C1] being judged or measured in comparison with something else

Dictionary examples:
the relative prosperity of the West
We weighed up the relative advantages of driving there or going by train.
Learner example:
In order to get myself clear let me tell you that as an individual, I consider myself a dreamer and in the transition from my late teens to my relative maturity I've considered the words of Hesse in his novel "Gertrude": "The difference between our youth and maturity is that in the first stage we are selfish in all our feelings and actions, while in maturity our top priority is everyone else but ourselves..."

relatively /ˈrel.ə.tɪv.li/

Word family:
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative
Verbs: relate
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated
Adverbs: relatively

ADVERB
relatively good/bad/cheap, etc.
[B2] quite good/bad/cheap, etc. when compared to other similar things

Dictionary examples:
Eating out is relatively cheap.
Students will find the course relatively easy.

Learner example:
First of all, the most favorable time for me to travel is July, because I am in the final year of University, so I have to attend classes for a thesis almost throughout the year apart from July, when I can take a relatively long summer holiday.

relax /rɪˈlæks/

Word family:
Nouns: relaxation
Verbs: relax
Adjectives: relaxed, relaxing

VERB [I or T]
LESS STIFF
[C1] If a part of your body relaxes, it becomes less stiff, and if you relax it, you make it become less stiff.

Dictionary example:
Try these exercises to relax your neck muscles.
relaxed /rɪˈlækst/

Word family:
Nouns: relaxation
Verbs: relax
Adjectives: relaxed, relaxing

ADJECTIVE

SITUATION
[B2] A relaxed situation or place is comfortable and informal.

Dictionary example:
There was a very relaxed atmosphere at the party.

Learner example:
I love this place because [it] has a relaxed atmosphere and all the staff [are] very friendly.

release /rɪˈliːs/

VERB [T]

MAKE FREE
[B2] to allow a prisoner to be free

Dictionary examples:
Six hostages were released shortly before midday.
He was released from prison last week.

Learner example:
It all began when I was released from jail, after a two year conviction [for] jewel theft.

RECORD/FILM
[B2] to make a record or film available for people to buy or see

Dictionary example:
The band’s latest album will be released next week.

Learner example:
He has recently released a new CD on which he spent a lot of time and really made an effort.

INFORMATION
[C1] to let the public have news or information about something

Dictionary examples:
Police have not released the dead woman’s name.
The minister has released a statement explaining the reasons for his resignation.
Learner example:
The article made some valid points, such as the contradictory studies being released on a regular basis being the foundation of much confusion and that we should eat what we want, with a little commonsense of course.

SUBSTANCE
[C1] to let a substance flow out from somewhere

Dictionary example:
Dangerous chemicals were accidentally released into the river.

Learner example:
The gases released encourage the greenhouse effect, and it is possible to see a heavy smog floating over the city [on] some winter days.

NOUN
[B2] [c] a musical recording which is made available for the public to buy

Dictionary example:
Her latest release, a song about doomed love, she wrote herself.

Learner example:
(This department store) provide[s] the latest cds and dvds, so you are always up to date and never miss new releases.

MAKING FREE
[C1] [U NO PLURAL] when someone is allowed to leave prison, etc.

Dictionary example:
Her early release from prison led to a demonstration.

AREA/ATMOSPHERE
[C1] [u] when a substance is allowed to spread into the area or atmosphere around it

Dictionary example:
the release of toxic waste

Learner example:
In such a way we can minimise the impact of [the] deadly release of radio-active materials.

relevance /ˈrel.e.vəns/

Word family:
Nouns: relevance
Adjectives: relevant
NOUN [u]

[C1] the degree to which something is related or useful to what is happening or
being talked about

Dictionary example:
This point has no relevance to the discussion.

Learner example:
One may agree with what has been said or not, but nobody can deny the relevance of the issue, as
our future society depends on our present educational system.

relevant /ˈrel.ə.vənt/

Word family:
Nouns: relevance
Adjectives: relevant

ADJECTIVE

[B2] related or useful to what is happening or being talked about

Dictionary examples:
relevant information
Education should be relevant to children’s needs.

Learner example:
I had studied psychology but I couldn’t find a job relevant to my studies.

reliability /rɪˈlærəˌbɪlə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: reliability, reliance, self-reliance
Verbs: rely
Adjectives: reliable, unreliable, reliant, self-reliant

NOUN [u]

[C1] how reliable something is

Dictionary example:
I can’t vouch for the reliability of these figures.

Learner example:
Our customers appreciate in particular the reliability of our products and most of them are
prepared to pay a premium price for a high-quality product.
**relief /rɪˈliːf/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** relief

**Verbs:** relieve

**Adjectives:** relieved

**NOUN**

**GOOD FEELING**

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] the good feeling that you have when something unpleasant stops or does not happen

**Dictionary examples:**

It'll be such a relief when these exams are over.

"James can come tonight." "Well, that's a relief!"

I felt such a sense of relief when we finished the project.

**Learner example:**

She heard a[n] ambulance siren [in] the distance and with a sigh of relief, she lost consciousness.

**relieved /rɪˈliːvd/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** relief

**Verbs:** relieve

**Adjectives:** relieved

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] happy that something unpleasant has not happened or has ended

**Dictionary examples:**

I'm just relieved that she's safe and well.

I heard a noise and was relieved to find that it was only a cat.

**Learner example:**

She actually felt extremely relieved.

**religious /rɪˈlɪdʒ.əs/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** religion

**Adjectives:** religious
ADJECTIVE

OF RELIGION
[B2] relating to religion

Dictionary examples:
religious education
religious paintings

Learner example:
Last but not least, I think people need religious and spiritual support and [the] family has to be protected and preserved.

PERSON
[B2] having a strong belief in a religion

Dictionary examples:
He's a very religious man.
They are both deeply religious.

Learner example:
The majority of us are Catholics or very religious.

relocate /ˌriː.loʊˈkeɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: location
Verbs: locate, relocate

VERB [I or T]
[C1] to move to another place

Dictionary example:
The company relocated to Tokyo.

Learner example:
Well, as you know I was looking for a new job and for that reason I had to relocate to London in November.

reluctant /rɪˈlʌktənt/

Word family:
Adjectives: reluctant
Adverbs: reluctantly

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not wanting to do something
Dictionary example:
Many victims of crime are reluctant to go to the police.

Learner example:
However, Spanish husbands are very reluctant to share the housework.

reluctantly /rɪˈlʌkt.ənt.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: reluctant
Adverbs: reluctantly

ADVERB
[C1] in a reluctant way

Dictionary example:
She reluctantly agreed to step down as managing director.

Learner example:
Reluctantly I am forced to mention that my interpreter’s fee should be at least doubled.

rely /rɪˈlaɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: reliability, reliance, self-reliance
Verbs: rely
Adjectives: reliable, unreliable, reliant, self-reliant

VERB
rely on/upon sb/sth PHRASAL VERB

NEED
[B2] to need someone or something in order to be successful, work correctly, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Families rely more on women’s earnings than before.
The success of this project relies on everyone making an effort.

Learner example:
Another thing is that [people] rely on modern medicine more and more.

TRUST
[B2] to trust someone or something

Dictionary examples:
I know I can rely on you to help me.
British weather can never be relied on.
**Learner example:**
People rely on me as I always keep my promises.

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**remain** /riˈmeɪn/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** remains
- **Verbs:** remain
- **Adjectives:** remaining

**VERB**

**remain a secret/mystery, etc.**
[B2] to continue to be a secret/mystery, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
The exact date of the wedding remains a secret.
The true location of the treasure remains a mystery.

**Learner example:**
The tragic death of Pat Johnson was a fact..... Her secret remained a secret.

**remain at/in/with, etc.**
[B2] formal to stay in the same place

**Dictionary examples:**
She will remain at her mother's until I return.
The doctor ordered him to remain in bed for a few days.

**Learner example:**
Max went with me while the others remained in the room.

**CONTINUE TO EXIST**

[B2] [i] to continue to exist, especially after other things or people have gone

**Dictionary examples:**
Only a few hundred of these animals remain today.
After the flood, nothing remained of the village.

**Learner example:**
Of course, India must have changed a lot since Jules Verne wrote his book, but I think that its charm remains.
remaining /rɪˈmeɪ.nɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: remains
Verbs: remain
Adjectives: remaining

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] continuing to exist when other things or people have gone or been dealt with

Dictionary example:
Mix in half the butter and keep the remaining 50g for later.

Learner example:
So I decided to do nothing for the remaining week. I stayed at the beach and spent time swimming, reading and relaxing.

remains /rəˈmeɪnz/

Word family:
Nouns: remains
Verbs: remain
Adjectives: remaining

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] pieces or parts of something which continue to exist when most of it has been used, destroyed or taken away

Dictionary examples:
The remains of lunch were still on the table.
We visited the remains of a 12th-century monastery.

Learner example:
With old castles, historical remains, [and] wonderful views, it seems to be extremely interesting.

remark /rɪˈmaːk/

Word family:
Nouns: remark
Verbs: remark
Adjectives: remarkable
Adverbs: remarkably

VERB [T]
[B2] to say something that shows your opinion or states a fact
Dictionary examples:
He remarked that she was looking thin.
She remarked on how attractive he was.

Learner example:
Besides, as Chris remarked, this route may be very difficult.

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] something that you say, showing your opinion about something or stating a fact

Dictionary examples:
He made a remark about her clothes.
Her remarks on the employment question led to a heated discussion.

Learner example:
The man was surprised at her remark and double-checked it reluctantly.

remarkable /rɪˈmɑː.kə.bəl/

Word family:
**Nouns:** remark
**Verbs:** remark
**Adjectives:** remarkable
**Adverbs:** remarkably

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very unusual or noticeable in a way that you admire

Dictionary examples:
He is a truly remarkable man.
He has a remarkable memory.

Learner example:
It is a remarkable piece of literature, which portrays deep feelings of love and hate, depicts strong and unique characters, [and] reveals eternal concerns with good and bad, life and death.

remarkably /rɪˈmɑː.kə.bl.i/

Word family:
**Nouns:** remark
**Verbs:** remark
**Adjectives:** remarkable
**Adverbs:** remarkably

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a way that makes you feel surprised
Dictionary example:
She has remarkably good skin for her age.

Learner example:
As for your flight attendants, who are always friendly and remarkably helpful, it would be excellent if they were able to speak other languages apart from English.

**remedy** /ˈrem.ə.di/

**NOUN [C]**

**FOR AN ILLNESS**

[B2] something that makes you better when you are ill

**Dictionary examples:**
- a flu remedy
- an effective herbal remedy for headaches

**Learner example:**
But it is [debatable] [whether] animals are held to widen our human understanding and to create new remedies to cure people from illnesses or if they are [kept] just to amuse people.

**FOR A PROBLEM**

[B2] something that solves a problem

**Dictionary example:**
The remedy for the traffic problem is to encourage people to use public transport.

**Learner example:**
You should give your deputy more work, and have more free time, which I think is the best remedy in your case.

**reminder** /ˈrem.aɪn.dər/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** reminder

**Verbs:** remind

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] something that makes you remember something else

**Dictionary example:**
If he forgot to pay his rent, his landlady would send him a reminder.

**Learner example:**
"Time is precious" is not interpreted as "carpe diem", but rather as a constant reminder of all our duties, that should be done in as little time as possible to prove ourselves effective.
remote  /ˈrɪməut/  

ADJECTIVE

FAR AWAY

[B2] far away

Dictionary examples:
It was a remote mountain village with no electricity supply.
His voice sounded remote.

Learner example:
She grew up in a remote area in the North East of Thailand.

remove  /rɪˈmuːv/  

Word family:
Nouns: movement
Verbs: move, remove
Adjectives: moving

VERB [T]

TAKE OFF

[B2] to take something off

Dictionary examples:
Liz removed her jacket and hung it on a chair.
Carefully remove the lid, then stir the paint.

Learner example:
After, I was drenched to the skin and I had to remove all my clothes before going in[to] the restaurant, I let you imagine how ashamed I was when I went in[to] the restaurant completely naked!

render  /ˈren.dər/  

VERB [T] FORMAL

GIVE

[C1] to give someone a decision, opinion, help, etc

Dictionary example:
payment for services rendered
Learner example:
Finally, the students have only a 5% discount for the services rendered by the arts centre in contrast to the fact that we agreed initially that a 10% discount would be more adequate.

renew /rɪˈnjuː/

Word family:
Nouns: renewal
Verbs: renew
Adjectives: renewable

VERB [T]
[B2] to arrange to continue an official agreement that was going to end soon

Dictionary examples:
I've decided not to renew my membership of the tennis club this year.
I forgot to renew my season ticket.

Learner example:
As I had never been abroad before, I hurriedly went to an office where we can apply for a passport or renew it.

renewable /rɪˈnjuː.ə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: renewal
Verbs: renew
Adjectives: renewable

ADJECTIVE

ENERGY
[C1] A renewable form of energy can be produced as quickly as it is used.

Dictionary example:
a renewable energy source such as wind power

Learner example:
But the use of renewable energy sources is always a challenge.

renewal /rɪˈnjuː.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: renewal
Verbs: renew
Adjectives: renewable
NOUN [C or U]

AGREEMENT
[C1] when you renew an agreement, contract, etc.

Dictionary example:
Their licence is up for renewal.

Learner example:
I suggest we negotiate a new agreement next year, when the current agreement will be due for renewal.

renovate /ˈren.ə.vət/

Word family:
Nouns: renovation
Verbs: renovate

VERB [T]
[C1] to repair and decorate a building that is old and in bad condition

Dictionary example:
He has a business renovating old buildings.

Learner example:
We should also renovate the library and extend the opening hours.

renovation /ˌren.əˈveɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: renovation
Verbs: renovate

NOUN [U]
[C1] the act of repairing and decorating a building that is old and in bad condition

Dictionary example:
They spent all their savings on the renovation of an old cottage.

Learner example:
Dear Principal, In response to your memo, I am writing to provide you with some suggestions concerning the renovation of [the] Sports Centre, on behalf of the member of the student committee.
**reorganize** /ˌriːˈɔː.gən.aɪz/

**VERB** [I or T] (ALSO UK reorganise)
[C1] to organize something again in order to improve it

**Dictionary example:**
He's completely reorganized his schedule for the week.

**Learner example:**
We must focus our programme more [on] cultural exchange and less [o]n work; the students gained very little in this six weeks [so] we must reorganise this to improve the experience.

**repay** /rɪˈpeɪ/ (repaid, repaid)

**Word family:**
Nouns: pay, payment
Verbs: pay, repay
Adjectives: payable, underpaid, unpaid

**VERB [T]**

**MONEY**
[B2] to pay back money that you have borrowed

**Dictionary example:**
He had to sell his car to repay the loan.

**Learner example:**
We could make a deal, so that I could repay my debts.

**KINDNESS**
[B2] to do something kind for someone who has done something to help you

**Dictionary example:**
What can I do to repay you for your kindness?

**Learner example:**
It's always a ple[a]sure to see you and I hope I'll be able to repay your hospitality if you ever come to visit us in Cambridge.

**repeatedly** /rɪˈpiː.tɪd.li/

**Word family:**
Nouns: repetition
Verbs: repeat
Adjectives: repeated, repetitive
Adverbs: repeatedly
ADVERB

[C1] many times

Dictionary examples:
He telephoned repeatedly, begging her to return.
The European Union has repeatedly stressed the importance of language learning.

Learner example:
Once you pick up the new words and learn something, you need to say it repeatedly otherwise you will easily forget [it].

repetitive  /rɪˈpet.ə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: repetition
Verbs: repeat
Adjectives: repeated, repetitive
Adverbs: repeatedly

ADJECTIVE

[C1] doing or saying the same thing several times, especially in a way that is boring

Dictionary example:
a repetitive job

Learner example:
My grandparents used to say to my mum: "How can you wear it?! It hardly covers your b[o]ttom! When I was young..." (This is the beginning of a sentence when it starts to be little bit boring and extremely repetitive!)

replace  /rɪˈpleɪs/

Word family:
Nouns: place, replacement, displacement
Verbs: place, replace, displace, misplace

VERB [T]

BE USED INSTEAD
[B2] to start to be used instead of the thing or person that is being used now

Dictionary examples:
This system will replace the old one.
Tourism has replaced agriculture as the nation's main industry.

Learner example:
We felt very disappointed when we discovered that Danny had been replaced by an unknown and really bad actor.
replacement /ˈrɪˌpleɪs.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: place, replacement, displacement
Verbs: place, replace, displace, misplace

NOUN

THING OR PERSON

[B2] [c] the thing or person that replaces something or someone

Dictionary examples:
The agency sent a replacement for the secretary who resigned.
It's not going to be easy to find a replacement for you.

Learner example:
But the people responsible for the concert did their best to find [a] replacement.

PROCESS

[C1] [u] the process of replacing something with something else

Dictionary examples:
the replacement of existing computer equipment
replacement windows

Learner example:
But by using much larger desks, we will be able to use the equipment more efficiently and this will reduce the cost for the replacement of broken equipment.

represent /ˌrep.rɪˈzent/

Word family:
Nouns: representative, representation
Verbs: represent

VERB [T]

BE

[B2] to be equal to something

Dictionary examples:
In practice the figure represents a 10% pay cut.
The cancellation of the new road project represents a victory for protesters.

Learner example:
It [means] rec[y]cling 90% of the office material that we usually use. This represents a profit to the company which [would be] given to the employees, so they are motivated.
COMPETITION
[B2] to be the person from a country, school, etc. that is in a competition

Dictionary example:
He was chosen to represent France at the Olympics.

Learner example:
I was very fond of swimming so I was glad that I was the one to be picked to represent my swimming team at that particular competition.

BE SYMBOL
[B2] to be a sign or symbol of something

Dictionary example:
The crosses on the map represent churches.

Learner example:
I think the sea represents life and the sacrifices we make.

representative  /ˌrep.rɪˈzen.tə.tɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: representative, representation
Verbs: represent

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who speaks or does something officially for another person or group of people

Dictionary example:
The firm has two representatives in every European city.

Learner example:
Dear Mr Robertson, My name is ... and I am a student representative.

reproduce  /ˌriːprəˈdjuːs/

Word family:
Nouns: producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
Verbs: produce, reproduce
Adjectives: productive, unproductive

VERB

COPY
[C1] to make a copy of something
**Dictionary example:**
The diagram is reproduced by permission of the original author.

**Learner example:**
MI5 operates two computers, one for word processing and another for scanning and reproducing prints, drawings and photos.

**REPEAT**

[C1] to repeat something so that it is the same as before

**Dictionary examples:**
The new design unfortunately reproduced some of the problems of the earlier model.
We were unable to reproduce the results of our earlier research.

**Learner example:**
I overcame this by listening to tapes and by trying to reproduce the native speaker's sounds and stresses.

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**reproduction** /ˌriː.prəˈdʌk.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction
**Verbs:** produce, reproduce
**Adjectives:** productive, unproductive

**NOUN**

COPY

[C1] a copy of something, especially a painting

**Dictionary example:**
The picture is a reproduction of a Manet.

**Learner example:**
It would be great if the park provided some flight simulators and a reproduction of a space shuttle (so that people get a feeling of how it is to be an astronaut).

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**reptile** /ˈrep.təl/

**NOUN**

[C1] an animal which produces eggs and uses the heat of the sun to keep its blood warm

**Dictionary example:**
Tom liked the reptiles, especially the snakes and the lizards.
Learner example:
Even though the northern part of Italy has undergone rapid industrialisation, there remain large areas of wild uninhabited ground where a great number of wild animals (birds, reptiles, large mammals) can live.

**republic**  /ˈrɪpəb.lɪk/

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] a country with no king or queen but with an elected government

**Dictionary example:**
France is a republic.

**Learner example:**
Unfortunately in ancient Greece, although the notion of the republic and democracy were invented and quite successfully developed there, not being a noble citizen could be cruelly disappointing and painful.

**reputable**  /ˈrep.jə.tə.bl/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** reputation
**Adjectives:** reputable

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] known to be good and honest

**Dictionary example:**
a reputable organization

**Learner example:**
I believe such a reputable company [as you[rs] will not refuse to accept the responsibilities and prompt action will be taken in due course.

**reputation**  /ˌrep.jʊˈteɪ.ʃən/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** reputation
**Adjectives:** reputable

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] the opinion that people have about someone or something based on their behaviour or character in the past
Dictionary examples:
The company has a worldwide reputation for quality.
Both hotels have a good reputation.
He quickly earned a reputation as an entertaining speaker.

Learner example:
My country has a great reputation for food.

require /rɪˈkwaɪər/  
Word family:  
Nouns: requirement  
Verbs: require  

VERB [T]
require sb to do sth
[B2] FORMAL to officially demand that someone does something

Dictionary example:  
You are required by law to produce a valid passport.

Learner example:  
It may occur in the future that they are required to possess[s] knowledge of something they didn't study at school in order to get a job.

requirement /rɪˈkwaɪər.ment/  
Word family:  
Nouns: requirement  
Verbs: require  

NOUN [C]
[B2] something that you must do, or something you need

Dictionary examples:  
A good degree is a minimum requirement for many jobs.  
Valid insurance is a legal requirement.  
Students who fail to meet the requirements of the course will fail.  
college entrance requirements

Learner example:  
If you have any more requirements, please don't hesitate to contact me.
### research

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** research, researcher
- **Verbs:** research

**VERB [I or T]** /rɪˈsɜːʃ/  
[B2] to study a subject in detail or to try to find information about a subject

**Dictionary examples:**
- He spent several years researching a rare African dialect.
- She's researching possible cures for malaria.
- He went online to research flights and hotels.

**Learner example:**
- I had to write an article [called] Protect our Environment so I researched and studied a lot about it using [the] Internet and [the] library to find suitable details.

### researcher /rɪˈsɜːtʃ.ər/

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** research, researcher
- **Verbs:** research

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] someone who does research as a job

**Dictionary example:**
- Researchers uncovered new facts about his family.

**Learner example:**
- As researchers find out more about animals, we learn more about them and because of this we learn more about the world.

### resemble /rɪˈzem.bl/  

**Word family:**

- **Nouns:** resemblance
- **Verbs:** resemble

**VERB [T]**

[C1] to look like or be like someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**
- She resembles her father.
- After the earthquake, the city resembled a battlefield.
Learner example:
However, the most representative Romanian resorts resemble the ones in the Alps and maybe even exceed them in the respect of popularity among all walks of life and affordability.

**reserve** /rɪˈzɜːv/

Word family:
**Nouns:** reservation  
**Verbs:** reserve

NOUN

**AREA**  
[B2] [c] an area of land where animals and plants are protected

Dictionary example:  
We visited a huge reserve in Kenya.

Learner example:  
As soon as we reached Nakuru two days later, we entered the game reserve to have a look around before it got dark.

**resident** /ˈrez.i.dənt/

Word family:
**Nouns:** resident, residence  
**Adjectives:** residential, resident

NOUN [c]

[B2] someone who lives in a particular place

Dictionary examples:  
a resident of the UK/Australia  
Local residents were angry at the lack of parking spaces.

Learner example:  
We will have less anxious residents in cities, who will not hurry to go to work or will not be late home or at the office.

ADJECTIVE

[C1] living in a place

Dictionary example:  
She has been resident in Britain for most of her life.

Learner example:  
My name is ANA AMURRIO, born in Spain (Madrid) twenty four years ago, and resident in your country since July of [this] year.
**residential /ˌrez.iˈden.tʃəl/**

Word family:
Nouns: resident, residence
Adjectives: residential, resident

**ADJECTIVE**

WHERE PEOPLE LIVE

[B2] A residential area has only houses and not offices or factories.

**Dictionary example:**
It's a largely residential area with one or two shops.

**Learner example:**
'Varta' is situated in a quiet residential area and could be called 'a family restaurant'.

**resign /rɪˈzaɪn/**

Word family:
Nouns: resignation
Verbs: resign

**VERB [I or T]**

LEAVE JOB

[B2] to officially tell your employer that you are leaving your job

**Dictionary examples:**
She resigned as headteacher.
Two directors have resigned from the company.

**Learner example:**
So Laura stepped into her boss'[s] office, wished him a Merry Christmas and resigned.

**resist /rɪˈzɪst/**

Word family:
Nouns: resistance
Verbs: resist
Adjectives: irresistible

**VERB**

NOT DO

[B2] [I or T] to stop yourself from doing something that you want to do
Dictionary examples:
I can’t resist chocolate.
I just can’t resist reading other people’s mail.

Learner example:
How do we resist all these nice snacks, and stay slim?

FIGHT
[C1] [ɪ] to fight against something or someone that is attacking you

Dictionary example:
British troops resisted the attack for two days.

Learner example:
The Turkish ci[v]ilization was poorer than [the] Greek ci[v]ilisation and that is one more reason why [the] Greeks had to resist and fight their enemies.

resolve /rɪˈzɔlv/

Word family:
Nouns: resolution, resolve
Verbs: resolve

VERB [ɪ]
[C1] to solve or end a problem or difficulty

Dictionary example:
an attempt to resolve the dispute

Learner example:
The student committee greatly appreciate your efforts to resolve our current problems, in particular improving and reconstructing our sports centre.

resource /rɪˈzɔːs/

Word family:
Nouns: resource
Adjectives: resourceful

NOUN [c]
[B2] something useful that a country, person, or organization has which they can use

Dictionary examples:
natural resources
Britain’s mineral resources include oil, coal and gas deposits.
**Learner example:**
With all the resources on the Net, I don't need to go to the library as often as I used to.

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**respect** /rɪˈspekt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** respect, disrespect
**Verbs:** respect
**Adjectives:** respectable, respected, disrespectful, respectful
**Adverbs:** respectfully

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**NOUN**

**in this respect/in many respects**
[B2] in a particular way, or in many ways

**Dictionary example:**
The school has changed in many respects.

**Learner example:**
How's your friend Mike? He is in many respects better than [a] computer, isn't he? (Teasing you again, sorry).

**with respect to** sth **FORMAL**
[B2] relating to a particular thing

**Dictionary example:**
I am writing with respect to your letter of 24 June.

**Learner example:**
With respect to the ages of the members, they are between fifteen and twenty years old.

**in respect of** sth **FORMAL**
[C1] relating to a particular thing

**Dictionary example:**
I include payment in respect of your invoice of May 13th.

**Learner example:**
Instead of that, we should have more English grammar lessons – some of our English students are very interested in them, especially in respect of their exam this year.

**VERB** [T]

**ACCEPT IMPORTANCE**
[B2] If you respect someone's rights, customs, wishes, etc. you accept their importance and are careful not to do anything they would not want.

**Dictionary example:**
If you decide to do otherwise we will, of course, respect your wishes.
**Learner example:**
But the situation is getting worse because of the decisions of the European Union, which is trying to unif[y] Europe[an] education without respecting the wishes of the students, who are trying to stop this process.

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**ADJECTIVE**

**GOOD BEHAVIOUR**

[B2] behaving in a socially acceptable way or looking socially acceptable

**Dictionary examples:**
- a respectable family
- a respectable hotel

**Learner example:**
But no [o]ne could think of a respectable doctor poisoning two of his patients, which is what he actually did.

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**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] admired by people because of your knowledge, achievements, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
- a **highly** respected doctor/politician
- He is very **well** respected in the business world.

**Learner example:**
Looking at Pele's life, we discover that he was a respected man who did his [be]st to help others and his country.

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**respectful** /rɪˈspekt.fəl/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** respect, disrespect
- **Verbs:** respect
- **Adjectives:** respectable, respected, disrespectful, respectful
- **Adverbs:** respectfully

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] showing respect for someone or something

- **Dictionary example:**
  They treated us in a very respectful manner.

- **Learner example:**
  Were I not respectful of your work, I would say that your reporter did not attend this event and just imagined it.

**respective** /rɪˈspek.trɪv/  

Word family:
- **Adjectives:** respective
- **Adverbs:** irrespective, respectively

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**
[C1] relating to each of the people or things that you have just talked about

- **Dictionary example:**
  members of staff and their respective partners

- **Learner example:**
  Relatives and friends of the respective families were very successful in being guides for some hours.

**respectively** /rɪˈspek.trɪv.li/

Word family:
- **Adjectives:** respective
- **Adverbs:** irrespective, respectively

**ADVERB**
[C1] in a way that relates to each of the people or things that you have just talked about

- **Dictionary example:**
  They scored 10 and 17 points, respectively.
Learner example:
Not only [did] we reach our target figure but also, 85% of the revenue generated went to the hospital, and only 10% and 5% were for entertainment costs and administration costs, respectively.

respond /rɪˈspɒnd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: response  
Verbs: respond  

VERB [i]  
[B2] to say or do something as a reaction to something that has been said or done  

Dictionary examples:  
To every question, he responded "I don't know."  
I asked her what the time was, but she didn't respond.  
The government has responded by sending food and medical supplies to the region.  
How did she respond to the news?  
The police respond to emergencies in just a few minutes.  

Learner example:  
The two men didn't respond so David closed the door.

response /rɪˈspɒnts/  

Word family:  
Nouns: response  
Verbs: respond  

NOUN [C or U]  

ANSWER  
[B2] an answer or reaction to something that has been said or done  

Dictionary examples:  
Responses to our advertisement have been disappointing.  
The President's comments provoked an angry response from students.  
Her proposals met with an enthusiastic response.  

Learner example:  
[The telephone] is an easy way to contact others, better than writing a letter and waiting for a response.  

in response to  
[B2] as an answer to
**Dictionary example:**
I’m writing in response to your letter of 14 February.

**Learner example:**
I am writing in response to your advertisement, which appeared in the newspaper on November the 23rd, looking for a person to work at weekends in your cafe.

**Responsibility** /rɪˈspɒns.əˈbɪl.i.ti/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** responsibility  
**Adjectives:** irresponsible, responsible

**Noun [C or U]**
**Duty**
[B2] something that it is your job or duty to deal with

**Dictionary examples:**
The head of the department has various additional responsibilities.  
It is your responsibility to make sure that your homework is done on time.  
She takes her responsibilities as a nurse very seriously.  
Jenny, you have responsibility for clearing up the room after the class.

**Learner example:**
It is the country’s responsibility to supply the schools with everything needed.

**take/accept/claim responsibility for sth**
[B2] to say that you have done something or caused something to happen, especially something bad

**Dictionary example:**
No one has yet claimed responsibility for yesterday's bomb attack.

**Learner example:**
Sometimes he just take[s] all the responsibility for the projects, which he should not do, at least not alone.

**Responsible** /rɪˈspɒnt.əˈbl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** responsibility  
**Adjectives:** irresponsible, responsible

**Adjective**
**be responsible for sth/doing sth**
[B2] to be the person who caused something to happen, especially something bad
Dictionary example:
Who was responsible for the accident?

Learner example:
Sometimes walkers are also responsible for accidents, mainly when they are in a hurry.

GOOD JUDGMENT
[B2] showing good judgment and able to be trusted

Dictionary examples:
a hardworking and responsible employee
Let’s stay calm and try to behave like responsible adults.
Many big companies are now becoming more responsible about the way they operate.

Learner example:
I know it is a great responsibility looking after them but I think I am reliable and responsible.

IMPORTANT
[B2] A responsible job is important because you have to make decisions that affect other people.

Dictionary example:
It’s a very responsible job, being a teacher.

Learner example:
[The] people who I admire in today’s world are journalists. In my opinion, they have a very responsible job.

rest /rest/

Word family:
Nouns: rest
Verbs: rest
Adjectives: restless

VERB
rest your eyes/feet/legs, etc.
[B2] to stop using your eyes/feet/legs, etc., for a while because they are tired

Dictionary example:
He looked away from the computer screen to rest his eyes.

restart /ˌriːˈstɑːt/

Word family:
Nouns: start
Verbs: start, restart
VERB [r]

[C1] to start something again that had stopped

Dictionary example:
They want to restart the talks.

Learner example:
On the other hand, acco[r]ding to our recent survey, the company is getting [into a] better situation than it was beginning of this year and wants to restart trading with us.

[C1] If you restart a computer, you turn it off and then on again.

Dictionary example:
Try restarting your computer.

restless /ˈrest.ləs/

Word family:
Nouns: rest
Verbs: rest
Adjectives: restless

ADJECTIVE

NOT STILL
[C1] unable to be still or relax because you are bored or nervous

Dictionary example:
The audience was getting restless.

Learner example:
The children that travel become very restless when they cannot see any movies or are not offered any games or any other entertainment from the staff.

restore /rɪˈstoːr/

VERB [r]

REPAIR
[B2] to repair and clean something old

Dictionary examples:
The badly neglected paintings have all been carefully restored.
He restores antique furniture.

Learner example:
For example, the old church could be restored, to be as beautiful as it used to be.
MAKE EXIST
[C1] to make something good exist again

Dictionary examples:
Three wins in a row helped restore the team’s confidence.
Peace has now been restored in the region.

Learner example:
It would also restore our confidence in our paper if the correct version of events were printed, together with your statement of apology.

restrain /rɪˈstreɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: restraint
Verbs: restrain

VERB [T]
[C1] to stop someone doing something, sometimes by using force

Dictionary examples:
He became violent and had to be physically restrained.
I had to restrain myself from shouting at him.

Learner example:
Were the people aware of the variety of our social programme, they would have undoubtedly restrained themselves from belittling our college.

restrict /rɪˈstrɪkt/

Word family:
Nouns: restriction
Verbs: restrict
Adjectives: restricted, restrictive

VERB [T]
[C1] to limit something

Dictionary examples:
They’ve brought in new laws to restrict the sale of cigarettes.
The government has restricted freedom of movement into and out of the country.
I restrict myself to one cup of coffee a day.

Learner example:
We must try to restrict the use of water in agriculture.
restricted /riˈstrɪktid/

Word family:
Nouns: restriction
Verbs: restrict
Adjectives: restricted, restrictive

ADJECTIVE
[C1] controlled or limited

Dictionary example:
They do good food but the choice is fairly restricted.

Learner example:
The main problem with buses and the underground is their restricted opening hours and also the fact they don't [go] absolutely everywhere in the city.

restriction /riˈstrɪkʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: restriction
Verbs: restrict
Adjectives: restricted, restrictive

NOUN [C or U]

LIMIT
[C1] a situation or event that limits what people can do

Dictionary example:
For the first time, I could do exactly what I wanted, without any restrictions.

Learner example:
When people travel on their own, they can do what they want, without restrictions or limitations from their family.

result /ˈrezəlt/

VERB

result in sth PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to cause a particular situation to happen

Dictionary example:
The fire resulted in damage to their property.
Learner example:
It has resulted in a lack of repair services.

**resume /rɪˈzjuːm/ FORMAL**

**VERB [I or T]**

[C1] If an activity resumes, or if you resume it, it starts again after a pause.

**Dictionary examples:**
The talks are due to resume today.
Normal services will be resumed in the spring.
He stopped to take a sip of water and then resumed speaking.

**Learner example:**
I hope our two companies can resume their excellent cooperation in the future and I am looking forward to using one of your aircraft again.

**retail /ˈriː.teɪl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** retail, retailer

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] when products are sold to customers from shops

**Dictionary example:**
jobs in retail

**Learner example:**
Multinational companies like Walmart, Tesco, GSK, etc. have their retail outlets and manufacturing capacity all over the globe.

**rethink /ˌriːˈθɪŋk/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** thinker
**Verbs:** think, rethink
**Adjectives:** unthinkable

**VERB [I or T] (rethought)**

[C1] to change what you think about something or what you plan to do

**Dictionary example:**
We need to rethink our strategy.
Learner example:
The first time I failed due to my nervousness. After this first failure I started to rethink my strategy.

**retired /rɪˈtaɪəd/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** retirement
**Verbs:** retire
**Adjectives:** retired

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] having stopped working, often because you are old

**Dictionary examples:**
Both my parents are retired.
He is a retired airline pilot.

**Learner example:**
This person is a retired soldier who fought during World War II.

**retirement /rɪˈtaɪə.mənt/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** retirement
**Verbs:** retire
**Adjectives:** retired

**NOUN [C or U]**

**LEAVING JOB**
[B2] when you leave your job and stop working, usually because you are old

**Dictionary examples:**
Many teachers over the age of 50 are taking early retirement.
What is the normal retirement age in this country?

**Learner example:**
Dear Pamela, I really like you and am happy [about] our sharing the same office but I'm afraid that, because of your way of life, you will never reach the age of retirement.

**LIFE PERIOD**
[B2] the period of your life after you have stopped working

**Dictionary example:**
We wish you a long and happy retirement.
Learner example:
Before my retirement, I spent some 11 years in the U.S., Germany and Switzerland where I learned a lot about the different culture[s] and people's customs and manners.

**return**  /rɪˈtsn/  

VERB  

**return to sth**  
[B2] to start doing an activity again or talking about something again  

**Dictionary examples:**  
I returned to work three months after Susie was born.  
We keep returning to the same subject.  

**Learner example:**  
[In] August I must return to school, so I can only go to California in July.

**HAPPEN AGAIN**  
[B2] [i] to happen again or start to exist again  

**Dictionary example:**  
You must go to the doctor if the pain returns.  

**Learner example:**  
This made her calm down all of a sudden, and her voice returned.

**DO THE SAME**  
[C1] [r] to react to something that someone does or says by doing or saying the same  

**Dictionary examples:**  
I returned his smile.  
I must return Michael's call.  

**Learner example:**  
I still can't understand why she never returned my calls.

**return to normal**  
[C1] to go back to a previous condition  

**Dictionary example:**  
Life has begun to return to normal now that the war is over.  

**Learner example:**  
After exactly ten minutes the electricity was switched on again and our life returned to normal – what a relief!
**in return**

[B2] in exchange for something or as a reaction to something

**Dictionary example:**
I'd like to give them something in return for everything they've done for us.

**Learner example:**
I had a great time and in return I'd love to invite you to live at my house, while you are in Poland.

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**reveal** /rɪˈviːl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** revelation
**Verbs:** reveal

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**TELL**

[B2] to give someone a piece of information that is surprising or that was previously secret

**Dictionary examples:**
He was jailed for revealing secrets to the Russians.
It was revealed in this morning's papers that the couple intend to marry.

**Learner example:**
I immediately knew that something was wrong so I had a word with Pat. She denied having revealed my secret.

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**revenge** /rɪˈvendʒ/

**NOUN [U]**

[B2] something that you do to punish someone who has done something bad to you

**Dictionary examples:**
He's made life very difficult for me but I'll get/take my revenge.
He was looking for revenge against those who had helped oust him from his leadership position.

**Learner example:**
Lew Kuan Yee had sworn revenge against Michael, the detective who had sent him behind bars.
Revenue /ˈrev.ən.juː/

Noun [u] (also revenues)
[C1] large amounts of money received by a government as tax, or by a company

Dictionary example:
Revenue was up in the last quarter.

Learner example:
People like them need to compete for time as travelling via public transport may mean a loss of revenue.

Reverse /rɪˈvɜːs/ /rɪˈvəs/ /rɪˈvɜːs/

Word family:
Nouns: reversal, reverse
Verbs: reverse
Adjectives: irreversible, reversible

Verb

Drive backwards
[B2] [I or T] to drive a vehicle backwards

Dictionary examples:
I hate reversing into parking spaces.
She reversed the car into the parking space.

Learner example:
Inch by inch, I reversed and went forward, reversed and went forward... too far!

Change
[C1] [T] to change a situation or change the order of things so that it becomes the opposite

Dictionary examples:
Now that you have a job and I don't, our situations are reversed.
It is unlikely that the judge will reverse his decision.
Let's reverse the order – I'll give the first talk and you go second.

Learner example:
This trend should be reversed in the near future.

Noun [u]

In reverse
[C1] in the opposite order or way
Dictionary example:
Do the same steps but this time in reverse.

Learner example:
They want to see what they are not like, how they would not react and this, in reverse, helps them [to] find themselves.

review /rɪˈvjuː/

VERB [r]

GIVE OPINION
[B2] to give your opinion in a report about a book, film, television programme, etc.

Dictionary example:
He reviews films for the Times.

CONSIDER
[C1] to consider something again in order to decide if changes should be made

Dictionary examples:
The courts will review her case.
The committee is reviewing the current arrangement.

Learner example:
On the other hand I would like to ask you kindly to review my conditions of employment and to take in consideration my expenses, which I think would be more than correct.

revise /rɪˈvaɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: revision
Verbs: revise

VERB

CHANGE
[B2] [r] to change something so that it is more accurate or better than before

Dictionary example:
His publishers made him revise his manuscript three times.

Learner example:
I advi[s]e you to revise your schedule.
**revolution /ˌrev.əˈluː.ʃən/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** revolution
**Verbs:** revolt
**Adjectives:** revolutionary

**NOUN**

**POLITICS**
[B2] [c or u] a change in the way a country is governed, usually to a different political system and often involving violence or war

**Dictionary example:**
The French Revolution changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

**Learner example:**
It’s supposed to be read as a study [of] the Soviet dictatorship during the October revolution and beyond into the Cold War era.

**CHANGE**
[B2] [c] a very important change in the way that people do things

**Dictionary examples:**
a technological revolution
Penicillin produced a revolution in medicine.

**Learner example:**
The technological revolution taking place today can be directly linked to the amazing evolution of our communication abilities throughout these last years.

**revolutionary /ˌrev.əˈluː.ʃən.r.i/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** revolution
**Verbs:** revolt
**Adjectives:** revolutionary

**ADJECTIVE**

**CHANGE**
[B2] completely different from what was done before

**Dictionary example:**
The twentieth century brought about revolutionary changes in our lifestyles.

**Learner example:**
Maybe my ideas are too revolutionary but ... I think in this way Torino would be NICER!
POLITICS

[B2] involved in or relating to a revolution

Dictionary example:
a revolutionary leader/movement

reward /rɪˈwɔːd/

Word family:
Nouns: reward
Verbs: reward
Adjectives: rewarding

VERB [T]

[B2] to give someone a reward

Dictionary examples:
She was rewarded for her bravery.
The company rewarded him for his years of service with a gold watch.

Learner example:
She was so happy afterwards and was even rewarded with a medal.

rewarding /rɪˈwɔːd.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: reward
Verbs: reward
Adjectives: rewarding

ADJECTIVE

[C1] making you feel satisfied that you have done something well or done something helpful

Dictionary examples:
a rewarding experience
Teaching is hard work but it's very rewarding.

Learner example:
I led a workshop with children, which was a very rewarding experience, and performed for people of all ages and backgrounds.
### rewrite  /riːˈraɪt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** writer, writing  
**Verbs:** rewrite, write  
**Adjectives:** written

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to write something again in order to improve it

**Dictionary example:**
I had to rewrite my essay.

**Learner example:**
I trust you will give this matter your immediate attention and rewrite your report using the information given.

### rhythm  /ˈrɪð.əm/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** rhythm, rhyme  
**Verbs:** rhyme

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] a regular, repeating pattern of sound or movement

**Dictionary examples:**
He beat out a jazz rhythm on the drums.
I've got no sense of rhythm, so I'm a terrible dancer.
She lay back in the boat, feeling the gentle rhythm of the waves.

**Learner example:**
From then on I have been suffering from high blood pressure and disturbances of the rhythm of the heart-beat.

### rib  /rɪb/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] one of the curved bones in the chest

**Dictionary example:**
He cracked a rib in the accident.

**Learner example:**
I stayed there for 2 weeks with a broken leg, sore ribs and a couple of scars.
rich /rɪtʃ/

Word family:
Nouns: riches, richness
Verbs: enrich
Adjectives: rich

ADJECTIVE

FOOD
[B2] Rich food has a lot of fat, oil or eggs in it.

Dictionary example:
a rich sauce

Learner example:
The cooking [is] bas[ed] on traditional recipes of Westfalian origin and it is tasty but often very rich!

CONTAINING A LOT
[B2] containing a lot of something that is important or valuable

Dictionary examples:
The region is rich in minerals and coal deposits.
Both foods are rich in Vitamin C.
The country has vast oil reserves and rich deposits of other minerals.

Learner example:
Their lessons are valuable, rich in knowledge and fun[n]y.

NOUN

the rich
[C1] people who are rich

Dictionary example:
These ski resorts are for the rich.

Learner example:
What did the rich do all day?

richness /ˈrɪtʃ.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: riches, richness
Verbs: enrich
Adjectives: rich

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NOUN [u]

[C1] the interesting or impressive quality of something that shows how strong or varied it is

Dictionary example:
I was amazed by the richness of their traditions.

Learner example:
Cultures of Mexico: You will be able to discover the richness and variety of Mexican ancient cultures: – Mexica – Maya – Olmeca – Tolteca – Zapoteca – Chichimeca.

rid /rɪd/

ADJECTIVE

get rid of sth
[B2] to end something unpleasant

Dictionary example:
I can’t seem to get rid of this headache.

Learner example:
[The] first step is to get rid of smoking.

get rid of sb
[C1] to make someone leave

Dictionary example:
We finally got rid of my little sister by telling her scary stories.

Learner example:
Improving your English on your own (or a self-guide [on] how to get rid of your English teacher!)

ridiculous /rɪˈdɪk.ju.ləs/

ADJECTIVE

[B2] very silly

Dictionary examples:
I’ve never heard anything so ridiculous.
I’d look ridiculous in a hat like that.
It’s a ridiculous idea/suggestion.

Learner example:
So, it is just ridiculous to hear that there were fewer than 2000 people there.
right  /raɪt/

Word family:
**Nouns:** right
**Adjectives:** right
**Adverbs:** right, rightly

**ADJECTIVE**

**Morally Acceptable**
[B2] fair or morally acceptable

**Dictionary examples:**
It's not right to criticize him behind his back.
Someone had to tell him – I think you did the right thing.

**Learner example:**
Was he doing the right thing or he was just making matters worse?

**ADVERB**

**Correctly**
[B2] correctly

**Dictionary example:**
He guessed right most of the time.

**NOUN**

**Behaviour**
[B2] [u] morally correct behaviour

**Dictionary example:**
I've tried to teach them the difference between right and wrong.

**Learner example:**
He was raised not knowing the difference between right and wrong.

**Law**
[B2] [c] something that the law allows you to do

**Dictionary examples:**
the right to free speech
the right to vote

**Learner example:**
To sum up, famous people are the same as we are, and we all have the right to lead a private life and no right to break into their privacy.

**Have a/no right to do sth**
[C1] to have, or not have, a good reason for something
Dictionary examples:
He has a right to be angry.
She had no right to speak to me like that.

Learner example:
Finally, you have no right to say that we “did not reach our target figure” since the whole event was considered to be a success by many people.

rightly /ˈraɪt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: right
Adjectives: right
Adverbs: right, rightly

ADVERB
[B2] in a correct way

Dictionary examples:
He is rightly concerned about the situation.
They quite rightly complained to the manager.

Learner example:
If I remember rightly, there were over 5,000.

ring /rɪŋ/

NOUN [C]

CIRCLE
[B2] something that is the shape of a circle

Dictionary example:
The children sat in a ring around the teacher.

Learner example:
It is forced to jump into a ring of fire, if it does not want to do it, it will be hit.

SOUND
[B2] the sound a bell makes

Dictionary example:
The ring of the doorbell woke him up.

Learner example:
Walking down the street, he heard a noise: just the ring of the clock tower.
riot /raɪət/

NOUN [c]  
[C1] angry, violent behaviour by a crowd of people

Dictionary examples:  
a race riot  
Riots started in several cities.

Learner example:  
A riot started in the city but the police managed to stop it before anyone got seriously hurt.

rip /rɪp/ (−pp−)

VERB [i or t]  
TEAR  
[B2] to tear quickly and suddenly, or to tear something quickly and suddenly

Dictionary examples:  
His new trousers ripped when he bent down.  
She ripped her dress getting off her bike.  
He excitedly ripped open the parcel.

Learner example:  
While I was walking I stepped on my dress and ripped it.

rip sth out/off/from, etc.  
[C1] to remove something by pulling it away quickly

Dictionary example:  
Hedges had been ripped out to make larger fields.

Learner example:  
One leg was completely ripped off, while the other is just managing to hold on.

ripe /raɪp/

ADJECTIVE  
FRUIT, ETC.  
[B2] developed enough and ready to be eaten

Dictionary examples:  
ripe fruit  
Those bananas aren't ripe yet – they're still green.
Learner example:
There were a lot of beautiful, ripe, red strawberries and I couldn’t resist picking one of them.

**rip-off /ˈrip.ɒf/**

**NOUN [C]** **INFORMAL**
[C1] when someone is cheated by being made to pay too much for something

**Dictionary example:**
The food there is a real rip-off.

**Learner example:**
What is more, I am sure students won’t feel like it is a rip-off because prices are really reasonable.

**rise /raɪz/**

**VERB [i] (rose, risen)**

**INCREASE**
[B2] to increase in level

**Dictionary examples:**
rising temperatures
Prices rose by 10 percent.
Inflation is rising by 2.1% a month.

**Learner example:**
Also, due to global warming, sea levels might rise and the risk of flooding will also rise.

**NOUN [C]**

**INCREASE**
[B2] an increase in the level of something

**Dictionary examples:**
a sudden temperature rise
a 5% rise in inflation
August has seen a large rise in the number of unemployed.

**Learner example:**
There is also a steady rise in underweight girls among young girls of today.

**PAY**
[C1] an increase in the amount of money you earn

**Dictionary example:**
a pay rise
Learner example:
The reason is not only that we cannot manage to afford a pay rise for each of you but also we would like to organise two language courses in the USA.

**risk** /risk/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** risk
- **Verbs:** risk
- **Adjectives:** risky

**NOUN**

**BAD POSSIBILITY**

[B2] [c or u] the possibility of something bad happening

**Dictionary examples:**
the risk of heart disease
There is a slight risk that the blood could have become infected.
We want clean rivers and lakes, where you can swim without risk to your health.
It's a low/high-risk strategy.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays, everything is a risk, even at home we are in danger.

**at risk**

[B2] being in a situation where something bad is likely to happen

**Dictionary examples:**
All houses within 100 metres of the seas are at risk of flooding.
Releasing these prisoners puts the public at risk.

**Learner example:**
Lives are at risk!

**take a risk**

[B2] to do something although something bad might happen because of it

**Dictionary example:**
This time I'm not taking any risks – I'm going to get insured.

**Learner example:**
He had to take a risk if he wanted to save his love, Anne.

**SOMETHING BAD**

[C1] [c] something bad that might happen

**Dictionary example:**
There are more health risks when older women get pregnant.
Learner example:
Personally, I will continue using my mobile phone, no matter what the health risks are, and I will probably encourage my children to have one with them when they go places [further] away than our home or garden, in case something happens.

VERB [T]

DO SOMETHING

[B2] If you risk something bad, you do something although that bad thing might happen.

Dictionary example:
"It's dangerous to cross here."
"I'll just have to risk it."

Learner example:
You shouldn't risk damaging your health.

POSSIBLY loose

[B2] If you risk something important, you cause it to be in a dangerous situation where you might lose it.

Dictionary examples:
He risked his life to save me.
She risked her job by giving me that information.

Learner example:
If she had gone home by taxi, she would have not risked her life.

risky /ˈrɪs.ki/

Word family:
Nouns: risk
Verbs: risk
Adjectives: risky

ADJECTIVE

[B2] dangerous because something bad might happen

Dictionary examples:
It's risky to buy a car without some good advice.
Investing in shares is always a risky business.

Learner example:
[Cycling on] this road is a bit risky and demanding so I would agree with Chris [o]n that point.
rival /ˈraɪ.vəl/

Word family:
Nouns: rival, rivalry
Verbs: rival

NOUN [c]
[C1] someone or something that is competing with another person or thing

Dictionary example:
business/political rivals

Learner example:
Around 60% of our international rivals had their stands there, usually with 2–3 staff members always kept busy by [the] public.

river /ˈriv.ər/

NOUN [c]

mouth of a river
[C1] where a river goes into the sea

Dictionary example:
It is a small village, by the mouth of a river.

Learner example:
The mouth of the river with a [narrow] exit to the sea, provided an extra ex[c]itement because of the pressure of the water when joining the sea.

road /rəʊd/

NOUN [C or U]

on the road
[C1] driving or travelling, usually over a long distance

Dictionary example:
We’d been on the road for 48 hours.

Learner example:
I have experienced sitting behind a steering wheel on the road for many years.
robbery /ˈrɒb.əri/  

Word family:  
Nouns: robbery  
Verbs: rob  

NOUN [C or U]  
[B2] 1 the crime of stealing from somewhere or someone  

Dictionary examples:  
a bank robbery  
The gang admitted they had committed four recent robberies.  
He is in prison for armed robbery.  

Learner example:  
We were fed up with our lives and all the problems we had [so] one of us decided to organize a bank robbery. [At] first we laughed at him because it was such a silly idea but finally it was the only solution for us to become rich.

rocket /ˈrɒk.ɪt/  

NOUN [C]  
VEHICLE  
[B2] a tube–shaped device containing fuel and an engine that pushes a vehicle into space  

Dictionary example:  
They launched a rocket yesterday.  

Learner example:  
[With] computers, you can control machines [or] a rocket [or] a satellite.

rocky /ˈrɒk.i/  

Word family:  
Nouns: rock  
Adjectives: rocky  

ADJECTIVE  

WITH ROCKS  
[C1] with lots of rocks  

Dictionary example:  
a rocky beach
Learner example:
The walk around the lake is an extraordinary experience – seeing the majesty of the rocky mountains around the blue surface, which reflects the lights as a mirror, is unforgettable.

role /rəʊl/

NOUN [C]

PURPOSE
[B2] the job someone or something has in a particular situation

Dictionary examples:
What is his role in this project?
This part of the brain plays an important role in learning.
Six people have been put on trial for their role in the demonstrations.

Learner example:
In fact, computers play an important role in the office.

role model /ˈrəʊlˌmɒd.əl/

NOUN [C]

[C1] someone you try to behave like because you admire them

Dictionary example:
Jane is such a good role model for her younger sister.

Learner example:
Pele was voted Athlete of the Century for his outstanding performance and for being such a positive role model for other athletes and youth in general.

roll /rəʊl/

VERB

roll (sth) across/around/over, etc.
[B2] to move somewhere by turning in a circular direction, or to make something move this way

Dictionary examples:
The ball rolled through the goalkeeper's legs.
She rolled over onto her side.
The vase rolled off the edge of the table and smashed.
TURN OVER

[B2] [ɪ] to turn something around itself to make the shape of a ball or tube

Dictionary examples:
He was rolling a cigarette.
He rolled the clay into a ball in his hands.
As I got closer, the hedgehog rolled itself up into a ball.

roll down/in/off, etc.
[B2] to move somewhere smoothly

Dictionary examples:
Tears rolled down her face.
His car started rolling down the drive.

Learner example:
By this time, the rest of us were laughing so [hard that] tears were rolling down our cheeks.

NOUN [c]

TUBE
[B2] a piece of film, paper or cloth that is rolled into the shape of a tube

Dictionary examples:
a roll of carpet
a toilet roll

room /ˈruːm/

NOUN

room for improvement
[C1] if there is room for improvement, something can be made better.

Dictionary example:
His work isn't bad but there's still some room for improvement.

Learner example:
She is Polish, aged 29 and can speak English pretty well, but there is still room for improvement, that's why she wants to spend a year in England, looking after children in an English–speaking family.

roommate /ˈruːm.mæt/

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who you share a room, apartment, etc. with
Dictionary example:
He was my roommate while we were at college.

Learner example:
I was a student and lived together in a flat with my roommate Claudia.

root /ruːt/

NOUN [C]

PLANT PART
[B2] the part of a plant that grows under the ground and gets water and food from the soil

Dictionary example:
These plants have really deep roots.

Learner example:
I have gathered over three hundred species: flowers, roots, leaves and others.

roots
[B2] where someone or something originally comes from

Dictionary example:
the roots of modern jazz

Learner example:
I think people should know where our European pop and rock music has its roots.

the root of *sth
[C1] the cause of something, usually something bad

Dictionary examples:
We must get to the root of this problem.
Money is said to be the root of all evil.

Learner example:
Unfortunately none of us has ever tried to find the root of this problem but the influences that it has on the environment are obvious.

trope /rəʊp/

NOUN [C or U]

FOR TYING
[B2] very thick string made from twisted thread
Dictionary examples:
We tied the boat to a post with a length of rope.
a **coll of** rope

**Learner example:**
A few moments later she took out a rope from her backpack.

| **rotten** | /ˈrɒt.ən/ |
| **ADJECTIVE** | |
| **[B2]** Rotten vegetable or animal substances are decaying. |

**Dictionary example:**
rotten **eggs/fruit**

**Learner example:**
I'll tell you something – my freezer still smells of rotten fish.

| **rough** | /rʌf/ |
| **Word family:** | |
| **Adjectives:** | rough |
| **Adverbs:** | roughly |

**ADJECTIVE**

**SEA/WEATHER**

**[B2]** If the sea or weather is rough, there is a lot of strong wind and sometimes rain.

**Dictionary example:**
The boat sank in rough **seas** off the Swedish coast.

**Learner example:**
I went to the seaside but I was not allowed to bathe for they said that the sea was too rough.

**DIFFICULT**

**[B2]** difficult or unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
She’s having a rough **time** at work.

**Learner example:**
He did the mountain-route last year and he says that even he had a rough time.

**DANGEROUS**

**[C1]** dangerous or violent
Dictionary examples:
a rough part of town
Hockey can be quite a rough game.

Learner example:
I like him as a football player because he plays fair, not rough.

roughly /ˈrʌf.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: rough
Adverbs: roughly

ADVERB

NOT EXACTLY
[B2] approximately

Dictionary examples:
There has been an increase of roughly 2.25 million.
Roughly speaking, it’s 2.25 million.
We have roughly the same tastes.

Learner example:
These are very special cases and roughly speaking, confined to one thing.

round /raʊnd/

ADVERB

round and round
[B2] moving in a circle without stopping

Dictionary example:
We drove round and round trying to find the hotel.

Learner example:
It's not fun to look at an animal who is bored and only walks round and round.

NOUN [C]

first/second/third/final, etc., round
[B2] the first/second/third/final, etc. stage in a competition

Dictionary example:
He was beaten in the first round.
Learner example:
At five o'clock in the afternoon, the second round of the games will begin.

row¹ /rəʊ/

NOUN [C]

in a row
[B2] one after another without a break

Dictionary example:
He's just won the tournament for the fifth year in a row.

Learner example:
Maradona was the captain of the team, and since he arrived, the team won three championships in a row.

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to move a boat or move someone in a boat through the water using oars

Dictionary example:
We rowed to the other side of the lake.

Learner example:
In the end, they had to row all the way back to the beach and it was very late when they got home.

row² /rəʊ/

NOUN [C]

[B2] a loud, angry argument

Dictionary examples:
My parents often have rows.

a blazing row

Learner example:
The sun was shining, the birds were singing and all the people were happy, but I was very angry because I [had] had a row with my husband.

royal /ˈrɔɪ.əl/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to a queen or king and their family
Dictionary examples:
the royal family
a royal visit

Learner example:
Chris, Anne and I wanted to visit the royal palace.

rub /rʌb/

VERB [v] (-bb-)
PRESS WITH HANDS
[B2] to press your hand or a cloth on a surface and move it backwards and forwards

Dictionary examples:
She rubbed her hands together to warm them.
He rubbed himself dry with a towel.
Rub the stain with a damp cloth.

Learner example:
Paul suddenly saw something. A kind of shadow. He rubbed his eyes but there was nothing.

rub sth into/on, etc.
[B2] to move a substance backwards and forwards over a surface so that it covers it and goes into it

Dictionary examples:
I rubbed some suntan oil on her back.
Rub the butter into the flour.

rubber /ˈrʌb.ər/

NOUN
SUBSTANCE
[B2] [u] a strong material that bends easily, originally produced from the juice of a tropical tree, and used to make tyres, boots, etc.

Dictionary example:
shoes with rubber soles

Learner example:
Worst [of] all it seems to me is the way some zoos are regarded as places of entertainment like [a] circus, where the people are encouraged to laugh at animals when they 'perform their funny tricks' like eating bananas, swinging from rubber tyres and so on.
rubbish /ˈrʌb.iʃ/

NOUN [u]

BAD QUALITY
[B2] INFORMAL something that is of bad quality

Dictionary example:
There's so much rubbish on TV.

Learner example:
I was taught to believe that recorded music was rubbish compared to live music.

NONSENSE
[C1] something that is nonsense or wrong

Dictionary example:
Ignore him, he's talking rubbish.

Learner example:
For example, the advertisement where the worker eats only "Mars" and can work hard after it. It's rubbish.

rude /ruːd/

Word family:
Nouns: rudeness
Adjectives: rude
Adverbs: rudely

ADJECTIVE

WORDS/JOKES
[B2] Rude words or jokes relate to sex or going to the toilet.

Dictionary example:
He taught his little sister a lot of rude words.

Learner example:
She just wanted to shout rude words when finally she recognised her father... standing in front of her.
**rudely /ˈruːd.lɪ/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** rudeness

**Adjectives:** rude

**Adverbs:** rudely

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a rude way

**Dictionary example:**
He rudely pushed past us.

**Learner example:**
When I made an attempt to speak to the conductor, I was rudely told off and told to stay seated for the rest of the journey.

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**rudeness /ˈruːd.nəs/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** rudeness

**Adjectives:** rude

**Adverbs:** rudely

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] the quality of being rude

**Dictionary example:**
I was shocked by her rudeness.

**Learner example:**
Many complaints were made about the rudeness of the reception [staff].

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**ruin /ˈruː.ɪn/**

**NOUN**

be/lie in ruins

[C1] to be in a very bad state

**Dictionary example:**
The war left one million people dead and the country in ruins.

**Learner example:**
When my grandparents were young, Germany lay in ruins.
VERB [r]

[B2] to spoil or destroy something completely

**Dictionary examples:**
- They were late and the dinner was ruined.
- Her injury ruined her chances of winning the race.
- Huge modern hotels have ruined this once unspoilt coastline.

**Learner example:**
- But she didn't keep her promise and she ruined my life.

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**rule /ruːl/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns**: rule, ruler, ruling
- **Verbs**: rule

**NOUN**

**USUAL WAY**

[B2] [NO PLURAL] the usual way something is

**Dictionary examples:**
- an exception to the rule
- I visit my parents on Sunday, as a rule.

**Learner example:**
- As a rule, children who ride bikes change their bike[s] for cars [when they are older] and are pre[pa]red a little [for] how to behave on the road.

**a rule of thumb**

[C1] a way of calculating something, which is not exact but which will help you to be correct enough

**Dictionary example:**
- As a rule of thumb, you need one egg for every 125g flour.

**Learner example:**
- As a rule of thumb, one third of the people working in central Copenhagen [go] by car, one third by public transport, and one third by bike.

**VERB**

**CONTROL SOMEWHERE**

[B2] [I or T] to be in control of somewhere, usually a country

**Dictionary example:**
- They were ruled for many years by a dictator.
Learner example:
In the late 60s when Greece was ruled by a military government, many young students fled abroad to escape its cruelty.

**INFLUENCE SOMEONE**
[B2] [ɪnˈfljuːəns] to influence someone's thoughts or actions

**Dictionary example:**
His life is ruled by the demands of his job.

**Learner example:**
Our Earth has grown overcrowded and every inch of our life is ruled by computers.

**CONTROL**
[C1] to be in control of somewhere, usually a country

**Dictionary examples:**
They were ruled for many years by a dictator.
the ruling party

**Learner example:**
Cleopatra was the seventh queen of Egypt and ruled until 63 B.C. whe[n] she died.

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**ruler /ˈruː.lə/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** rule, ruler, ruling
**Verbs:** rule

**NOUN [C]**

**LEADER**
[C1] the leader of a country

**Dictionary example:**
He was the ruler of the country for over 20 years.

**Learner example:**
Versailles in France and the time of Louis XIV as the ruler would be my place and time I would choose to visit.

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**rumour /ˈruːəm/**

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] a fact that a lot of people are talking about although they do not know if it is true
Dictionary examples:
Rumours are going round the school about Mr Mason and his assistant. Someone has been spreading rumours about me. I heard a rumour that you were leaving.

Learner example:
However, the press shouldn't create rumours and hunt those people like animals.

run /rʌn/

Word family:
Nouns: run, runner, running
Verbs: run

VERB (running, ran, run)

TRAVEL
[B2] [ɪ] If trains or buses are running, they are available to travel on.

Dictionary examples:
Trains are still running, despite the snow.
A bus runs three times a day into town.
Buses are running an hour late, because of an earlier accident.

Learner example:
There is an easy way to get to the college: a service bus runs every 15 minutes, [and] the journey takes only 20 minutes.

LIQUID
[B2] [ɪ] If liquid runs somewhere, it flows.

Dictionary examples:
Tears ran down her face.
Have you got a tissue? My nose is running.

Learner example:
The warm urine ran through my underwear, [down] my legs and white socks, into my shoes and floated out on the floor.

USE COMPUTER
[B2] [ɪ] If you run a computer program, you use it on your computer.

Dictionary example:
Did you run a virus check this morning?

Learner example:
At this point the computer is unable to run any program.
WORKING
[C1] [ɪ or ɪ] If a piece of equipment is running, it is switched on and working, and if you run it, you switch it on and make it work.

Dictionary example:
The engine is running more smoothly now.

Learner example:
We could start a campaign where people are reminded not to leave their car, lorry or bus engines running for more than one minute if stationary.

PUBLISH
[C1] [ɪ] to publish something in a newspaper or magazine

Dictionary example:
All the papers are running this story on the front page.

Learner example:
If we run a story on "HIV Symptoms" we could have a very successful first issue.

NOUN [C]

SPORT
[B2] in cricket or baseball, a single point

Dictionary example:
to score a run

Learner example:
I liked the competition because both the teams played well and they scored good runs

In the long run
[B2] at a time that is far away in the future

Dictionary example:
It seems a lot of effort but I'm sure it's the best solution in the long run.

Learner example:
It costs a lot of money, but in the long run, it is worth it.

running /ˈrʌn.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: run, runner, running
Verbs: run

ADJECTIVE

running water
[C1] If a place has running water, it has a working water system.
Dictionary example:
They bought an old house with no electricity or running water.

Learner example:
It is hilarious to think that at the same time people in [the] north of Europe were still living a primitive and uncivilized life not even able to invent an axe, the Romans managed to install running water in their huge houses.

runway /ˈrʌn.wei/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a large road that aircraft use to land on or to start flying from

Dictionary example:
The runway was covered with snow.

Learner example:
The problem hit the headlines when a small Soviet aircraft missed the runway and touched down on a road exploding in two pieces and damaging many cars and the people sitting inside.

rural /ˈrʊə.rəl/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to the countryside and not to towns

Dictionary example:
The area is still very rural and undeveloped.

Learner example:
I live in a rural area far from any village, town, or city.

rush /rʌʃ/

VERB

HURRY
[B2] [I or T] to hurry or move quickly somewhere, or to make someone or something hurry or move quickly somewhere

Dictionary examples:
We had to rush to catch the bus.
We rushed out into the street to see what all the noise was.
The UN has rushed medical supplies to the disaster area.
Learner example:
I rushed to Tom's house, and when I reached it, he received me with a weird smile on his face.

**rush to do sth**
[B2] to do something quickly and enthusiastically

Dictionary example:
His friends rushed to congratulate him after the ceremony.

Learner example:
I was very happy and rushed to talk to them.

**FORCE ACTION**
[C1] [t] to make someone do something more quickly than they want to do it

Dictionary examples:
I refuse to be rushed into making a decision.
Don't try to rush him – he needs time to think about it.

Learner example:
It has always been very busy but these days people seem to have a harder time facing the fact that not everything can be rushed.

**NOUN [no plural]**

**HURRY**
[B2] when you have to hurry or move somewhere quickly

Dictionary examples:
Slow down! What's the rush?
Why is it always such a rush to get ready in the mornings?
Everyone seemed to be in a rush.
He was in a rush to get home.

Learner example:
That's because we are always stressed and always in a rush.

**rush hour** /ˈrʌʃ.aʊə/

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] the time when a lot of people are travelling to or from work and so roads and trains are very busy

Dictionary examples:
the morning/evening rush hour
I always try to travel outside the rush hours.
**Learner example:**
During rush hours, you often see cars lined up with just one person inside, each car polluting the environment.

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**rusty** /ˈrʌs.ti/

**ADJECTIVE**

**METAL**

[B2] Rusty metal has rust on its surface.

**Dictionary example:**
a rusty car/nail

**Learner example:**
It was very rusty but I repainted it and now it looks like a new bike.

**SKILL**

[B2] If a skill you had is now rusty, it is no longer good because you have forgotten it.

**Dictionary example:**
My French is a bit rusty.

**Learner example:**
However, I am rather "rusty" [at] using the morse code as well as using the codes of communication.
sack /sæk/  

VERB  
[B2] to tell someone to leave their job, usually because they have done something wrong

Dictionary examples:  
They sacked her for being late.  
He got sacked from his last job.

Learner example:  
What’s more, I was sacked from my workplace.

NOUN  
the sack  
[B2] When someone gets the sack or is given the sack, they are told to leave their job.

Dictionary example:  
He got the sack from his last job.

Learner example:  
My sister was working in a very good company in Rio and she got the sack, so she decided to go to Spain.

BAG  
[C1] [c] a large bag made of paper, plastic, or cloth and used to carry or store things

Dictionary example:  
sacks of coal

Learner example:  
The worst thing was with rubbish which wasn't collected. People in estates, special groups, used big bags and sacks to gather it.
sacred  /ˈseɪ.krid/

ADJECTIVE

HOLY

[C1] relating to a religion or considered to be holy

Dictionary examples:
sacred music
a sacred object

Learner example:
It is a volcanic island which has been enshrined as a sacred place.

sacrifice  /ˈsæk.rɪ.fɑːs/

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] something valuable that you give up in order to achieve something or help someone, or the act of giving it up

Dictionary examples:
We had to make sacrifices in order to pay for our children’s education.
They cared for their disabled son for 27 years, at great personal sacrifice.

Learner example:
It’s a small sacrifice but I think that it will serve him [well] in the long run.

VERB

[C1] [r] to give up something that is valuable to you in order to achieve something or help someone

Dictionary example:
Many women sacrifice interesting careers for their family.

Learner example:
We are very proud of our low costs […], a pleasing fact primarily based upon a large number of volunteers who sacrifice their spare time in our organisation.

sadly  /ˈsæd.li/

Word family:
Nouns: sadness
Verbs: sadden
Adjectives: sad
Adverbs: sadly
ADVERB

NOT HAPPY
[B2] in an unhappy way

Dictionary example:
"He's gone away for six months," she said sadly.

Learner example:
Alice quickly got in the car and waved sadly at her parents while Natalie drove off.

NOT SATISFACTORY
[B2] in a way that is not satisfactory

Dictionary examples:
Sadly, the treatment doesn’t work for all patients.
If you think she’ll let you do that, you’re sadly mistaken.

Learner example:
Some forms of entertainment which were popular decades ago have, sadly, disappeared.

sadness  /ˈsæd.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: sadness
Verbs: sadden
Adjectives: sad
Adverbs: sadly

NOUN [U]
[B2] being sad

Dictionary example:
Her sadness at her grandfather’s death was obvious.

Learner example:
What can be more real that when your lover is gone or taken away, your own soul is also alone, bitter and dark and there is nothing else than feelings of rev[e]nge, anger, frustration and sadness?

safe  /seɪf/

Word family:
Nouns: safety
Adjectives: safe, unsafe
Adverbs: safely
ADJECTIVE

WITHOUT RISK

[C1] not involving much risk

Dictionary examples:
Salmon is a safe option – most people like it.
He told us that these shares were a safe investment.

Learner example:
On the other hand, I could have chosen to stay in my town and start [at] the University. It would be
the recommended and most appropriate choice. I would get my degree and start a normal and
safe career.

safe to say

[C1] If it is safe to say something, you are sure it is correct.

Dictionary example:
I think it's safe to say that he'll be the next president.

Learner example:
It is probably safe to say that there are no good books about engineering written in Portuguese so
my teachers always use books written in English.

a safe place; somewhere safe

[C1] a place where something will not be lost or stolen

Dictionary example:
It's very valuable so put it somewhere safe.

Learner example:
Don't show off your money but keep it in a safe place.

in safe hands

[C1] being cared for or dealt with by someone skilled

Dictionary example:
The project is in safe hands – Jan has lots of experience.

Learner example:
He has also been trained as a lifeguard so the residents of your hotel would probably be in safe
hands.

safety /ˈserf.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: safety
Adjectives: safe, unsafe
Adverbs: safely
NOUN [u]

BEING SAFE
[B2] the state of being safe, or a place or situation where someone or something is safe

Dictionary examples:
food/road safety
The hostages were led to safety.
For your (comfort and) safety, we recommend you keep your seat belt loosely fastened during the flight.
Journalists may enter the danger zone but unfortunately we cannot guarantee their safety.
As the gunman opened fire, they all ran/dived for safety behind trees.
Police are concerned for the safety of the five-year-old.
He was led to a place of safety.

Learner example:
In my opinion, using a centre for shopping is a better idea because we are safer there and nowadays safety is important for many reasons.

HOW SAFE
[C1] how safe something is

Dictionary example:
Safety at the factory has been improved.

Learner example:
Safety regulations: Ten years ago, regulations on working did not exist.

sail /seɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: sailing, sailor
Verbs: sail

VERB

MOVE ON WATER
[B2] [i] When a boat or a ship sails, it travels on the water.

Dictionary examples:
The ship was sailing to China.
The boat sailed along/down the coast.
As the battleship sailed by/past, everyone on deck waved.

Learner example:
I started the film and we could all see a ship sailing towards the camera.
saint  /ˈseɪnt/

NOUN [c]

[C1] a dead person who has been officially respected by the Christian church for living their life in a holy way

Dictionary example:
Catherine of Siena was made a saint in 1461.

Learner example:
They were originally a mixture of a pagan and a religious feast related to [the] worshipping of two saints: St Antony in Lisbon and St. John in Porto.

sake  /seɪk/

NOUN

for the sake of sb/sth; for sb’s/sth’s sake
[B2] in order to help or bring advantage to someone or something

Dictionary examples:
Please do it, for David's sake.
Their parents only stayed together for the sake of the children.
I hope for both our sakes that you're right!
You should act on his advice, for your own sake.
For the sake of convenience, they combined the two departments.
For safety's sake, you shouldn't swim alone.

Learner example:
You should let your hair down once in a while, for your own sake, and for the sake of your family.

sale  /seɪl/

NOUN

sell
[B2] [c or u] the act of selling something, or the time when something is sold

Dictionary examples:
The sale of alcohol is now banned.
The building company gets 10% commission on each house sale.
I haven’t made a sale all morning.
**Learner example:**
We had arranged to meet him at the Ritz restaurant in order to deal [with] the sale of some products.

**sales**
[**B2**] the number of items sold

**Dictionary example:**
Our sales have doubled this year.

**Learner example:**
You should know that they are getting a marked increase in sales.

**salon** /ˈsæ.lɒn/

**NOUN** [**C**]
[**B2**] a place where women have their hair cut and put in a style

**Dictionary example:**
My hairdresser opened her own salon.

**Learner example:**
I had an appointment at my hairdresser’s and late as usual I parked outside the salon on a narrow dead-end-street where it was forbidden to park.

**salty** /ˈsɔːlti/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** salt
**Adjectives:** salty

**ADJECTIVE**
[**B2**] tasting of or containing salt

**Dictionary example:**
Is the soup too salty?

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, [the] Western one gave [good] service but [the] food was oily and salty.
same /seɪm/

ADJECTIVE

the same old arguments/face/story, etc.
[C1] INFORMAL something or someone you have seen or heard many times before

Dictionary examples:
Every day I see the same old faces.
Politicians repeat the same old arguments time and time again.

Learner example:
I think that it is the same old story with media all over the world that they tend to present the news in [an] exaggerated manner.

in the same way
[C1] similarly

Dictionary example:
In the same way, there are many citizens who feel unprotected by the police.

Learner example:
In the same way, grandmothers may be shocked when seeing their little children wearing extravagant clothes or really short skirts.

PRONOUN

the same
[B2] not changed

Dictionary examples:
After all these years you look exactly the same – you haven’t changed a bit.
Charles is just the same as always.

Learner example:
Prices are the same as in the golden days, but the atmosphere is friendlier and the linen-draped white tables look inviting.

all/just the same
[C1] despite what has just been said

Dictionary example:
He doesn’t earn much. All the same, he ought to pay for some of his own drinks.

Learner example:
I’m afraid 300 parking spaces will not suffice. All the same, I would recommend parking in the city centre, for commercial reasons.
ADVERB

the same
[B2] in the same way

Dictionary examples:
We treat all our children the same.
I need some time to myself, the same as anybody else.

sample /ˈsɑːmpl/  

NOUN [C]

PART OF GROUP
[B2] a small number of people from a larger group that is being tested or considered

Dictionary examples:
a random sample of voters
a nationally representative sample of 200 schools

Learner example:
This report is based on a sample of over 50 students.

SMALL AMOUNT
[B2] a small amount of something that shows you what it is like

Dictionary examples:
a free sample of chocolate
She brought in some samples of her work.
samples of carpet/curtain material

satellite /ˈsæt.aɪt/  

NOUN [C]
[B2] a piece of equipment that is sent into space around the Earth to receive and send signals or to collect information

Dictionary examples:
The World Cup was transmitted around the world by satellite.
satellite television/TV
a TV/weather satellite
Learner example:
To balance this, technology has developed a lot in the last decades and now people can have wild animal[s] inside their homes, [even though] they may be locked up on a CD–Rom or coming in a wave format through the satellite dish.

**satisfaction** /ˌsæt.ɪsˈfækʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction
Verbs: satisfy
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory
Adverbs: satisfactorily

**NOUN [u]**

FEELING
[B2] a pleasant feeling which you get when you receive something you wanted, or when you have done something you wanted to do

Dictionary examples:
She looked at the finished painting with satisfaction.
She got/obtained great satisfaction from/out of helping other people.
For me, job satisfaction is more important than the money.
She had the satisfaction of knowing that she'd done everything she could.

Learner example:
Whatever it [is], it must give us satisfaction.

**satisfactorily** /ˌsæt.ɪsˈfæk.tər.i.l.i/

Word family:
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction
Verbs: satisfy
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory
Adverbs: satisfactorily

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a satisfactory way

Dictionary example:
I'm sure these problems can be satisfactorily resolved.

Learner example:
The main problem is finding the most accurate meaning of some words, phrasal verbs, idioms etc. Dictionaries can do the job satisfactorily but the problem inside is left unsolved.
satisfactory /ˌsæt.ɪsˈfæk.tər.i/  

Word family:  
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction  
Verbs: satisfy  
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory  
Adverbs: satisfactorily

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] good enough  

Dictionary examples:  
We hope very much to find a satisfactory solution to the problem.  
The teachers seem to think his work is satisfactory.

Learner example:  
The service is satisfactory.

satisfied /ˈsæt.ɪs.fəd/  

Word family:  
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction  
Verbs: satisfy  
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory  
Adverbs: satisfactorily

ADJECTIVE  
be satisfied that  
[C1] If you are satisfied that something is true, you believe it.

Dictionary example:  
The judge was satisfied that she was telling the truth.

Learner example:  
I suppose that is only because they are satisfied that other nations than the British can strike.

satisfy /ˈsæt.ɪs.fai/  

Word family:  
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction  
Verbs: satisfy  
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory  
Adverbs: satisfactorily
VERB [T]

**PLEASE**

[B2] to please someone by giving them what they want or need

**Dictionary examples:**
They have 31 flavours of ice-cream – enough to satisfy everyone!
Come on, satisfy my **curiosity**, what happened last night?

**Learner example:**
But how can anyone satisfy a wealthy woman like her without giving her an expensive present?

**satisfy conditions/needs/requirements, etc.**

[C1] to have or provide something that is needed or wanted

**Dictionary example:**
She satisfies all the requirements for the job.

**Learner example:**
In general, the conference satisfied my needs.

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**save /seɪv/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** savings, saving
**Verbs:** save

**VERB**

**save a goal**

[B2] to prevent a player from scoring a goal

**Dictionary example:**
He saved two goals in the last minute of the game.

**save sb (from) doing sth**

[C1] to help someone avoid having to do something

**Dictionary example:**
We'll eat in a restaurant – it'll save you having to cook.

**Learner example:**
Building a new supermarket along with a multi-storey car park will save city dwellers from having to travel to the sub[u]rbs to buy what they need.
saving /ˈseɪ.vɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: savings, saving
Verbs: save

NOUN [c]

LESS MONEY
[C1] when you use or spend less money than you would usually have to

Dictionary example:
a saving of £20.

Learner example:
I know that it sounds as if the company had to spend a lot of money on retraining, but in the long term this will be a saving.

savings /ˈseɪ.vɪŋz/

Word family:
Nouns: savings, saving
Verbs: save

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] the money which you keep in an account in a bank or similar financial organization

Dictionary example:
He spent all his savings on an expensive car.

Learner example:
I also spent all my savings on executive-looking clothes.

say /seɪ/

VERB [T] (said, said)

be said to be
[B2] used to show that many people believe something about something

Dictionary example:
Drinking plenty of water is said to be good for your skin.

Learner example:
On our way around the lake we would have the possibility of visiting a huge medieval castle which is said to be haunted.
it goes without saying
[B2] If something goes without saying, it is obvious or generally accepted.

Dictionary example:
It goes without saying that smoking is harmful to your health.

Learner example:
It goes without saying that I will participate!

say *sth* to yourself
[C1] to think something but not speak

Dictionary example:
"I hope she likes me," he said to himself.

Learner example:
I remember saying to myself that "this little boy will survive" and after that I felt totally cool and calm and did what had to be done.

easier said than done
[C1] used to say that something seems like a good idea but it would be difficult to do

Dictionary example:
I want to ask her out, but it's easier said than done.

Learner example:
I know it's easier said than done but you have to try.

to say the least
[C1] used to emphasize that you could have said something in a much stronger way

Dictionary example:
We were surprised, to say the least.

Learner example:
You get slightly bored, to say the least.

needless to say
[C1] as you would expect

Dictionary example:
Needless to say, it rained the whole time we were there.

Learner example:
Needless to say, bribes are a frequent occurrence.

safe to say
[C1] If it is safe to say something, you are sure it is correct.

Dictionary example:
I think it's safe to say that he'll be the next president.
Learner example:
It is probably safe to say that there are no good books about engineering written in Portuguese so my teachers always use books written in English.

scale /skeɪl/

NOUN

SIZE

[B2] [NO PLURAL] the size or level of something

Dictionary examples:
We don't yet know the scale of the problem.
Nuclear weapons cause destruction on a massive scale.
My parents used to entertain friends on a large/small scale.

Learner example:
He leads an evil trade: they [carry out] smuggling on a grand scale and use the inn as a store.

MEASURE

[B2] [C] a set of numbers, amounts etc., used to measure or compare the level of something

Dictionary examples:
the Centigrade/Fahrenheit scale
How would you rate his work on a scale of 1 to 5?

Learner example:
In brief, I think it would be a very good idea to create a new scale of [salaries] based on our needs, in which doctors would be [higher] than professional footballers.

COMPARISON

[B2] [C or U] how the size of things on a map, model, etc. relates to the same things in real life

Dictionary examples:
a scale of 1:50 000
This map is large scale.
Is the bridge drawn to scale?
He was building a scale model of Concorde.

Learner example:
My f[r]iend gave me a 1/72 scale kit of "Supermarine Spitfire" for my birthday.

scales

[B2] a piece of equipment for measuring weight
**Dictionary example:**
kitchen/bathroom scales

**scan** /ˈskæn/  

**VERB [ɪ] (scanning, scanned)**

**COMPUTER**
[C1] to use a piece of equipment that copies words or pictures from paper into a computer

**Dictionary example:**
to scan photos into a computer

**Learner example:**
Instead of drawing some of our customers document[s] we will just scan them.

**READ**
[C1] (also scan through) to quickly read a piece of writing to understand the main meaning or to find a particular piece of information

**Dictionary example:**
I scanned the travel brochures looking for a cheap holiday.

**Learner example:**
So, I suggest that you buy a newspaper called "The Loot", sit down with a strong cup of coffee and scan it.

**scandal** /ˈskæn.dəl/  

**NOUN [C or U]**
[B2] something that shocks people because they think it is morally wrong

**Dictionary examples:**
a *financial/political* scandal
Their affair *caused/created* a scandal in the office.
If there is the slightest *suggestion/hint* of scandal, the public will no longer trust us.
It's a scandal *(that)* children could be treated in this way.

**Learner example:**
Among them are the increasingly popular reality shows and all the daily news about gossip and scandal.
**scar** /ˈskɑːr/

**NOUN [c]**

**ON SKIN**

[B2] a permanent mark left on the body from a cut or other injury

**Dictionary examples:**
- an ugly scar
- That burn will leave a nasty scar.

**Learner example:**
David is a tall man with black curly hair, black eyes, a big nose, [a] beard and a scar on his neck.

**MIND**

[C1] damage done to a person’s mind by a very unpleasant event or situation

**Dictionary example:**
- a psychological scar

**Learner example:**
A person who [has been] affluent since childhood might be said to not have the emotional scars of experiencing poverty during childhood and might be able to look at the world, and to the life as an adult, in a positive and constructive way.

**scarce** /ˈskərəs/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** scarcity
**Adjectives:** scarce
**Adverbs:** scarcely

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] rare or not available in large amounts

**Dictionary example:**
- scarce resources

**Learner example:**
In the context of Singapore, where land is scarce and widening or building of more roads is just not feasible, we have no choice but to choose what is best for everyone.

**scare** /ˈskɛər/

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** scare
**Adjectives:** scared, scary
**VERB [T]**

**Frighten**

[C1] to frighten a person or animal

**Dictionary example:**
Sudden, loud noises scare me.

**Learner example:**
You may think that Universal Video has gone mad: re-editing those old-fashioned horror movies that couldn't even scare your 6-year-old sister!

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**scene /siːn/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** scene, scenery

**Adjectives:** scenic

**NOUN**

**View**

[B2] [c] a view or picture of a place, event, or activity

**Dictionary examples:**
Lowry painted street scenes.
scenes of everyday life
There were scenes of great joy as the hostages were re-united with their families.

**Learner example:**
I like especially the scene of the garden with snow in winter.

**Place**

[B2] [C usually no plural] a place where an unpleasant event has happened

**Dictionary examples:**
The police arrived to find a scene of horrifying destruction.
Evidence was found at the scene of the crime.

**Learner example:**
She managed to recreate the scene of the crime, saying that she had swallowed a fish bone.

**the club/gay/music, etc. scene**

[B2] all the things connected with a particular way of life or activity

**Dictionary example:**
She's well known on the jazz scene.

**Learner example:**
Both of them are about the gay and lesbian scene.
**Scenic** /ˈsiː.nɪk/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** scene, scenery
- **Adjectives:** scenic

**Adjective**

[C1] having views of the attractive, natural things in the countryside

**Dictionary examples:**
- a scenic route
- an area of great scenic beauty

**Learner example:**
France is an area of great scenic beauty, famous for its excellent cooking and wine.

**Scent** /sent/

**Noun [c]**

[B2] a pleasant smell

**Dictionary example:**
the sweet scent of orange blossom

**Learner example:**
Flowers are in bloom and their scent triggers my romantic mood.

**Schedule** /ˈʃed.juːl/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** schedule
- **Verbs:** schedule
- **Adjectives:** scheduled

**Noun [C]**

[B2] a plan that gives events or activities and the times that they will happen or be done

**Dictionary examples:**
- I have a very busy schedule today.
- Will the work be completed on schedule?
- Everything went according to schedule.

**Learner example:**
Firstly, the programme beg[a]n exactly on schedule and the first group were KING CUP, not TORRENTS.
VERB [T OFTEN PASSIVE]
[B2] to arrange that an event or activity will happen at a particular time

Dictionary examples:
The meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow afternoon.
The train is scheduled to arrive at 8.45, but it’s running twenty minutes late.

Learner example:
My flight is scheduled to arrive at the airport at 10 o’clock in the morning.

scheduled /ˈʃed.juːld/

Word family:
Nouns: schedule
Verbs: schedule
Adjectives: scheduled

ADJECTIVE

PLANNED
[B2] planned to happen at a particular time or on a particular date

Dictionary example:
This programme will be broadcast half an hour later than the scheduled time.

Learner example:
The scheduled time for the arrival is 5.15 pm.

FLIGHT
[B2] travelling at a regular time each day or week

Dictionary example:
a scheduled flight

scheme /skiːm/

NOUN [C]
[B2] an official plan or system

Dictionary examples:
a training/housing/play scheme
a pension/savings scheme
There’s a new scheme in our town for recycling plastic bottles.
Class sizes will increase under the new scheme.
Learner example:
I reject any other possibilities like building a tunnel or a by-Pass, because compared to the Park and Ride scheme, they would be much too expensive.

scholar /ˈskɒl.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: scholar, scholarship

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone who has studied a subject and knows a lot about it

Dictionary examples:
a classics/history scholar
Dr Miles was a distinguished scholar of Russian history.

Learner example:
In the old days a scholar could spend years of his life in search of specific information, which now can be easily and inexpensively found at the click of a button!

scholarship /ˈskɒl.ə疹/

Word family:
Nouns: scholar, scholarship

NOUN
[C1] [c] an amount of money given to a person by an organization to pay for their education, usually at a college or university

Dictionary example:
She got a scholarship to the college.

Learner example:
In addition, is there any scholarship or financial support provided for students to apply for?

scientifically /ˌsaɪənˈtɪf.ɪkli/

Word family:
Nouns: science, scientist
Adjectives: scientific
Adverbs: scientifically

ADVERB
[B2] using scientific methods
Dictionary example:
scientifically proven

Learner example:
It is scientifically proven and well-known that the gas released by cars is toxic and quite dangerous to the environment – specially to the ozone layer.

**scope** /skæp/  

NOUN [u]  

**AMOUNT**  
[C1] how much a subject or situation relates to  

**Dictionary example:**  
Do we know the full scope of the problem yet?  

**Learner example:**  
The scope of this article exceeds the problem of the abuse of females.

**scratch** /skrætʃ/  

VERB  

**RUB SKIN**  
[B2] [ı or ɪ] to rub your skin with your nails, often to stop it itching  

**Dictionary examples:**  
My skin was so itchy, I was scratching all night.  
He was scratching (at) his mosquito bites.  
Hannah scratched her head thoughtfully.  

**HURT/DAMAGE**  
[B2] [ɪ] to make a slight cut or long, thin mark with a sharp object on a surface or on your skin  

**Dictionary examples:**  
I scratched myself on the roses.  
We scratched the paintwork trying to get the bed into Martha’s room.  
People have been scratching their names on this rock for years.  

**Learner example:**  
How can this ridiculous man accuse me of scratching his new car, thought Laura.  

**RUB SURFACE**  
[B2] [ı] to rub a hard surface with a sharp object, often making a noise
**Dictionary example:**
The dog’s scratching **at** the door – he wants to be let in.

**Learner example:**
Something scratched at the door.

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a slight cut or a long, thin mark made with a sharp object

**Dictionary example:**
I’ve got all these scratches on my arm from the cat.

**Learner example:**
I should like to join one of those courses to become more 'professional' in how to repair a scratch on the side [of the boat] or a hole in the sail.

**from scratch**
[C1] If you do something from scratch, you do it from the beginning.

**Dictionary example:**
We didn’t have any furniture of our own so we had to start from scratch.

**Learner example:**
That means you don’t have to start from scratch with your teacher.

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**script /skiːpt/**

**NOUN**

**WORDS**
[B2] [c] the words written for and spoken in a film, play, broadcast or speech

**Dictionary example:**
Bruce Robinson wrote the script **for** 'The Killing Fields'.

**Learner example:**
I didn’t get involved that much in writing a script because it was very hard and the director wrote most of it but the main idea of the background of the stage was m[ine], and I am very proud of it.

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**seal /siːl/**

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] an animal with smooth fur that eats fish and lives near the sea

**Dictionary example:**
We could see seals swimming near the coast.
Learner example:
After leaving the Orkney Islands, we went by boat to [the] Shetland Islands, because we wanted to observe the grey seals with their pups that were [o]n the northwest coast.

**search**  /sɔːtʃ/  
**VERB**

**POLICE**  
[B2] [ɪ] If the police search a place or a person, they look to see if they are hiding anything illegal, such as drugs.

**Dictionary examples:**
They were searched at the airport.
The men were searched for drugs and then released.

**Learner example:**
The undercover [patrol] searched our car rather roughly, looking for drugs.

**FIND ANSWER**  
[C1] [ɪ] to try to find an answer to a problem

**Dictionary example:**
Doctors are still searching for a cure.

**Learner example:**
The governments are therefore searching for solutions to compensate [for] the lack of financial resources.

**NOUN**

**FIND ANSWER**  
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] when you try to find an answer to a problem

**Dictionary example:**
the search for happiness

**Learner example:**
Hemingway fought in the Spanish Civil war and in World War II, always [i]n the search for answers to questions like "... what defines a man", or "... what happens to us in critical situations".

**season**  /ˈsiː.zən/  
**Word family:**
**Nouns:** season  
**Adjectives:** seasonal
in season
[B2] If vegetables or fruit are in season, they are available and ready to eat.

Dictionary example:
Asparagus is in season at the moment.

Learner example:
They celebrate Halloween in October when pumpkins are in season, that's why in the decorations they include them very often; most of the people carve the pumpkins and put some lights inside.

out of season
[C1] If vegetables or fruit are out of season, they are not usually available at that time.

Dictionary example:
Strawberries are out of season at the moment.

Learner example:
As our place was famous for fresh sea food, I bought crabs and salmon although they were out of season and expensive.

seasonal /ˈsiː.zən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: season
Adjectives: seasonal

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to or happening during a particular period in the year

Dictionary examples:
seasonal vegetables
seasonal farm work

Learner example:
I am a student and during my summer holiday I prefer to do some seasonal work.

seat /siːt/

VERB

be seated
[B2] to be sitting down

Dictionary example:
The director was seated on his right.
Learner example:
A big pink elephant was seated near me.

**second** /ˈsek.ənd/

Word family:
Adjectives: secondary
Adverbs: secondly

**ADVERB**

IN LIST
[B2] used to talk about the second in a series of things

**Dictionary example:**
Second, they failed to send written warning.

**Learner example:**
Second, the pedestrian area in the commercial centre has to grow, which would make this part of the town more pleasant for walking and would improve the opportunities for the shops.

**secondly** /ˈsek.ənd.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: secondary
Adverbs: secondly

**ADVERB**

[B2] used for introducing the second reason, idea, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
I want two things: firstly, more money, and secondly, better working hours.

**Learner example:**
Secondly, I didn’t know that you were working in an organization which is trying to save wildlife, but it sounds very exciting.

**secret** /ˈsiː.krɛt/

Word family:
Nouns: secret
Adjectives: secret
Adverbs: secretly
**the secret**
[B2] the best way of achieving something

**Dictionary examples:**
That's the secret to making a good cocktail.
So what's the secret of your success?

**Learner example:**
The secret of this diet is that you have to be very optimistic.

**in secret**
[B2] without telling other people

**Dictionary example:**
For years they met in secret.

**Learner example:**
We met in secret when Mary was busy.

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**secretary** /ˈsek.rə.tri/

**NOUN [c]**

**COMMITTEE**
[C1] the member of a committee who keeps records of meetings and deals with correspondence

**Dictionary example:**
I'm secretary of the tennis club this year.

**Learner example:**
From: Secretary of the Social Club To: Mr. Ford, Museum Director

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**sector** /ˈsek.tər/

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] one part of a country's economy

**Dictionary examples:**
In the financial sector, banks and insurance companies have both lost a lot of money.
The new government's policy is to transfer state industries from the public sector to the private sector.
Learner example:
Our software solutions are oriented towards the corporate sector where we are recognized as market leaders in this field.

secure /sɪˈkjʊər/  

Word family:  
Nouns: security, insecurity  
Adjectives: secure, insecure  

ADJECTIVE  
SAFE  
[B2] safe from danger or harm or not likely to end  

Dictionary examples:
I don't feel that the house is secure.
Her promotion has made her position in the company more secure.
The museum has been promised £22 million by the government, so its future is relatively secure.

Learner example:
I think homes in the future will be more secure.

CONFIDENT  
[B2] confident about yourself and the situation that you are in  

Dictionary example:
I need to feel secure in a relationship.

Learner example:
First of all, you feel secure because you know that all the members of the family love you.

COMPUTER  
[C1] designed to make sure that only the person who knows it can get onto a computer system, website, etc.

Dictionary example:
You will be issued with a secure password.

Learner example:
If you decided to work with our superb Direct Net, you would get a secure password which you have to change at your first log in and an electronic card which produces every minute a new combination.
security /ˈsɪkjʊərəti/

Word family:
Nouns: security, insecurity
Adjectives: secure, insecure

NOUN [u]

SAFE SITUATION
[C1] when something is not likely to fail or be lost

Dictionary examples:
If it's a choice between higher pay and job security, I'd prefer to keep my job.
I'm on a temporary contract and have little financial security.

Learner example:
They are the people who are already regarded as high class, but the reason for this prediction is that they have job security which has become a big issue in Korea after IMF, as well as [a] high salary.

see /si:/ (seeing, saw, seen)

VERB

INFORMATION
[B2] [ɪ] to find out information

Dictionary examples:
I'll just see what time the train gets in.
Let's see whether there is an early performance on Saturday.

Learner example:
I have looked in my calendar to see what time would be the best for you to come here.

CONSIDER
[B2] [ɪ] to imagine or think about something or someone in a particular way

Dictionary examples:
She didn't see herself as brave.
It was easy to see the gift as a sort of bribe.
As I see it/things/the situation, we'll have to get extra help.

Learner example:
If I compare the members of my family with these qualities, then I have to say that I don't see them as my best friends.

I'll/we'll see
[C1] used to say that you will make a decision about something later
Dictionary example:
"Dad, can I have a guitar?" "We'll see."

Learner example:
I'm sure I'd love to have four of them, but there's always the financial aspect. I'm just nineteen, I'll see...

Happen
[C1] [ɪ] to be the time or place where something happens

Dictionary example:
This decade has seen huge technological advances.

Learner example:
But the reason which has driven the strike is [that] the whole country has seen a cut in the subsidies given to unemployed people.

You see
[C1] used when you are giving an explanation about something

Dictionary examples:
I didn't know she was Welsh, you see.
You see, it was already late by that time.

Learner example:
Family matters had to stay in the family, you see.

Wait and see
[C1] to wait to discover what will happen

Dictionary example:
We'll wait and see what she says.

Learner example:
We will just have to wait and see.....

seed  /siːd/

noun

Plant
[B2] [c] a small round or oval object produced by a plant that a new plant can grow from

Dictionary examples:
Sow the seeds about 3 cm deep.
This chemical will stop the seeds from sprouting.
Learner example:
[For] several years, I have been very interested in flowers, fresh, dried and artificial and also different kinds of seeds.

Seek /siːk/ formal (sought, sought)

Verb [T]
Try to find
[B2] to try to find or get something

Dictionary examples:
"Are you actively seeking jobs?" she asked.
Hundreds of dissidents are seeking refuge/asylum in the US embassy.
Legal advice should be sought before you take any further action.

Learner example:
I am seeking employment and [am] interested in your offer.

Seem /siːm/

Word family:
Verbs: seem
Adverbs: seemingly

Verb
It seems...
[B2] used for saying that something appears to exist or be true

Dictionary examples:
It seems that the restaurants close early here.
It seems to me that she's in the wrong job.

Learner example:
It seems to me that you are wrong again.

Seemingly /ˈsiː.mɪŋ.li/

Word family:
Verbs: seem
Adverbs: seemingly

Adverb
[C1] appearing to be something without really being that thing
Dictionary example:
a seemingly harmless comment

Learner example:
You also claim that we did not reach our target figure – a statement seemingly based on pure assumption – which is completely incorrect.

**seize** /siːz/

**VERB** [T]

**HOLD**
[B2] to take hold of something quickly and firmly

Dictionary example:
I seized his arm and made him turn to look at me.

Learner example:
Besides, I think that the wild beasts have the right to live free and seize their prey in order to feed themselves.

**seize a chance/opportunity**
[B2] to do something quickly in order to use an opportunity

Dictionary example:
You need to seize every opportunity.

Learner example:
So we seize the opportunity to go to the sea.

**seldom** /ˈsel.dəm/

**ADVERB**
[B2] not often

Dictionary example:
We seldom go out in the evenings.

Learner example:
Alice was a quiet girl, she seldom talked, but he just couldn't stop talking.
selection /səˈlekJ.n/  

Word family:  
Nouns: selection  
Verbs: select  
Adjectives: selective

NOUN  

ACT OF CHOOSING  
[B2] [u] when someone or something is chosen  

Dictionary examples:  
the selection process  
We need to make a selection from these applicants.  
Success is achieved by the careful selection of projects.

Learner example:  
The selection of films and plays was well made, but I would have appreciated it if there had been more.

THINGS CHOSEN  
[B2] [c] a group of people or things that has been chosen  

Dictionary examples:  
Most schools would have a good selection of these books in their libraries.  
The larger shops are able to stock a wide selection of goods.

Learner example:  
There is a good selection of bar food.

selective /səˈlekJ.tɪv/  

Word family:  
Nouns: selection  
Verbs: select  
Adjectives: selective

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] intentionally choosing some things or people and not others  

Dictionary examples:  
As a teacher she was very selective, accepting only a small number of highly talented pupils.  
He seemed to have a very selective recall of past events.

Learner example:  
At the same time, this makes us extremely selective when it comes to the people we want working with us.
**self /ˌself/**

**NOUN** [C or U] (PLURAL selves)

[C1] your characteristics, including your personality, your abilities, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
our sense of self
his real true self

**Learner example:**
True recognition and happiness can’t be derived from television or front covers but only from one’s true self.

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**self-catering /ˌselfˈkeɪ.tə.rɪŋ/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] describes a holiday or place in which you have a kitchen so that you can cook meals for yourself

**Dictionary example:**
We decided to stay in self-catering accommodation rather than in a hotel.

**Learner example:**
It is situated in London so it seems to me that it would give you the opportunity to learn more about everyday English life. Moreover, the accommodation is top quality, as there are single rooms, and self-catering facilities.

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**self-centred /ˌselfˈsen.təd/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] interested only in yourself

**Dictionary example:**
Stop being so self-centred!

**Learner example:**
This way of thinking is very important because a person who spends a lot of time alone can become self-centred and insensitive to others.
self-confidence /ˌself ˈkɒn.fɪ.dənt/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** confidence, self-confidence  
**Adjectives:** confident, self-confident  
**Adverbs:** confidently  

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] being self-confident  

**Dictionary example:**  
Since she left home, her self-confidence has grown.  

**Learner example:**  
In my opinion, the reason for it is that not many people know how to prepare for [an] interview and gain self-confidence.

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self-confident /ˌself ˈkɒn.fɪ.dənt/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** confidence, self-confidence  
**Adjectives:** confident, self-confident  
**Adverbs:** confidently  

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] feeling sure about yourself and your abilities  

**Dictionary example:**  
He's a very self-confident young man.  

**Learner example:**  
So when the day came, she felt much more self-confident and determined than before.

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self-conscious /ˌselfˈkɒn.ʃəs/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** consciousness  
**Adjectives:** conscious, unconscious, self-conscious  
**Adverbs:** subconsciously, unconsciously  

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] nervous or uncomfortably aware of yourself and what people think about you or your actions  

**Dictionary example:**  
He looked uncomfortable, like a self-conscious adolescent who’s gone to the wrong party.
Learner example:
Video equipment however is something we have been wanting for a long time, for the following reasons: [...] – to enhance interpretation of body language as well as spoken language; this aspect is often neglected but of major importance; – to record and play back the students while speaking a monologue or discussing among a group: this enhances their fluency and makes them less self-conscious and thus more confident while expressing themselves in a foreign language; – last but not least: to make learning more fun and thus attract more students.

**self-esteem /ˌself.ɪˈstiːm/**

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] confidence in yourself and a belief in your qualities and abilities

**Dictionary example:**
She suffers from **low** self-esteem.

**Learner example:**
I think that the lack of self-esteem among men underlies the whole situation.

**selfishness /ˈsel.fɪʃ.nəs/**

**Word family:**

Nouns: selfishness
Adjectives: selfish

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] the quality of being selfish

**Dictionary example:**
I was appalled by his selfishness.

**Learner example:**
It seems to me that everywhere in the world, people are not necessarily aware of the fact that planet Earth is [the] most precious gift we have. Greed and selfishness are also very common in Switzerland, even if this country might be already a few steps further [forward] than others.

**sell /sel/ (sold, sold)**

**Word family:**

Nouns: seller
Verbs: sell
A LOT
[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to be bought in large numbers

Dictionary example:
His last book sold eight million copies.

Learner example:
The single with her new song sold more than 15 million copies, now she was a powerfull star.

semicolon /ˌsem.iˈkəʊ.lɒn/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a mark (;) used to separate parts of a sentence, or items in a list which already has commas

Dictionary example:
Use a semicolon to separate the groups of items in your list.

semi-detached /ˌsem.ɪ.dɪˈtætʃt/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] A semi-detached house has one wall that is joined to another house.

Dictionary example:
We live in a semi-detached house.

Learner example:
When I was in London I lived in a semi-detached house as well.

semi-final /ˌsem.iˈfaɪ.nəl/

NOUN [C USUALLY PLURAL]
[B2] one of the two games in a sports competition that are played to decide who will play in the final game

Dictionary examples:
Who's in the semi-finals?
She's the youngest player ever to get through to a semi-final.

Learner example:
One Sunday morning we had to play the cup semi-final against [our] great rival.
seminar /ˈsem.ɪ.nɑːr/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a meeting of a group of people with a teacher or expert for training, discussion, or study of a subject

Dictionary examples:
I attended practically every lecture and seminar when I was a student.
I’m giving a seminar on the latest developments in genetic engineering next week.
a seminar room

Learner example:
I also need this job because I need money to attend some seminars.

send /send/ (sent, sent)

VERB [t]
MAKE GO
[B2] to make someone go somewhere

Dictionary examples:
We’re sending the children to stay with my parents for a couple of weeks.
The commander has asked us to send reinforcements.
They’ve sent their son (away) to school in Scotland.
He was trying to explain but she became impatient and sent him away.

Learner example:
We should build more schools because we only have one, so we have to send our children away and none of us like that.

senior /ˈsiː.ni.ər/

ADJECTIVE
MORE IMPORTANT
[B2] having a more important job or position than someone else

Dictionary examples:
a senior executive
We work in the same team but she’s senior to me.
a senior government minister
Learner example:
She is also extrao[r]dinary in that she graduated from Harvard University and Tokyo University and used to work for the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs as a senior civil servant.

OLDER

[B2] relating to people who are older

Dictionary example:
You can’t use a senior ticket during the rush hour – you have to pay full fare.

Learner example:
When I got to the tickets desk before the show to buy my ticket I asked for a senior discount, and the woman told me there were no discounts available as I read on the advertising.

sensation /ˈsenˈseɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: sensation
Adjectives: sensational

NOUN

PHYSICAL

[B2] [c or u] a physical feeling, or the ability to physically feel things

Dictionary examples:
a burning sensation
I had no sensation of pain whatsoever.
The disease causes a loss of sensation in the fingers.

Learner example:
When I fell[i] into the water, I was shocked. I couldn’t move my right leg, the sensation was horrible.

FEELING/IDEA

[B2] [C usually no plural] a strange feeling or idea that you cannot explain

Dictionary example:
I had the odd sensation (that) someone was following me.

Learner example:
Suddenly I had the sensation that something was wrong.

EXCITEMENT

[B2] [no plural] a lot of excitement, surprise or interest

Dictionary example:
Their marriage caused a sensation.
Learner example:
In the poetry, she expressed her sad feeling, thinking of her brother who was in China as a soldier. It caused a sensation.

sensational /senˈseɪ.ʃən/  
Word family:  
Nouns: sensation  
Adjectives: sensational

ADJECTIVE

SHOCKING  
[C1] done in a way that is intended to shock people

Dictionary example:  
sensational journalism

Learner example:  
I think that the journalists desired sensational news far too much and they exaggerated.

sense /sɛnt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: nonsense, sense, sensibility  
Verbs: sense  
Adjectives: sensible, senseless  
Adverbs: sensibly

NOUN

GOOD JUDGMENT  
[B2] [u] good judgment, especially about practical things

Dictionary examples:  
I hope they'll have the (good) sense/have enough sense to shut the windows before they leave.  
There's no sense in waiting – the next train isn't for two hours.

Learner example:  
People should have the sense to dispose [of] all the waste properly.

ABILITY  
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the ability to do something

Dictionary examples:  
He's got a good sense of direction and hardly ever uses a map.  
good business sense
Learner example:
Animals are part of nature so they must be free [to] go where their sense of direction [leads them].

NATURAL ABILITY
[B2] [c] one of the five natural abilities of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste

Dictionary examples:
With her keen sense of smell, she could tell if you were a smoker from the other side of the room. My cold is so bad I've lost my sense of smell/taste.

Learner example:
You can enjoy a flight with all your five senses.

make sense
[B2] to have a meaning or reason that you can understand

Dictionary example:
He's written me this note but it doesn't make any sense.

Learner example:
Eighty kilometres in the mountains just to [look at] views doesn't make any sense to me.

make sense
[B2] to be a good thing to do

Dictionary example:
It makes sense to buy now while prices are low.

Learner example:
Therefore it make[s] sense to use the innovation[s].

MEANING
[B2] [c] one of the possible meanings of a word or phrase

Dictionary examples:
They are not immigrants, at least not in any sense that I understand. The packaging is green – in both senses of the word. Security defined in the broad/broadest sense of the term means getting at the root causes of trouble and helping to reduce regional conflicts.

Learner example:
The Empress was an ideal lady in every sense of the word.

in a sense
[C1] thinking about something in a particular way

Dictionary example:
In a sense, he's right.

Learner example:
In a sense this is correct, since you have to leave your natural environment to visit a place where no human being is meant to survive.
**sensibly /ˈsent.sə.bli/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** nonsense, sense, sensibility

**Verbs:** sense

**Adjectives:** sensible, senseless

**Adverbs:** sensibly

**ADVERB
[C1] in a sensible way**

**Dictionary examples:**
She behaved very sensibly about it.
They very sensibly decided to stay at home.

**Learner example:**
As time goes [by], these kids quite don't understand the importance of using money sensibly and saving money.

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**sensitive /ˈsent.sə.tɪv/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** sensitivity

**Adjectives:** sensitive, insensitive

**ADJECTIVE**

**UPSET
[B2] easily upset by the things people say or do**

**Dictionary examples:**
Her reply showed that she was very sensitive to criticism.
He was very sensitive about his scar and thought everyone was staring at him.

**Learner example:**
Nowadays we are not so sensitive.

**REACTING
[B2] able to react very quickly and easily**

**Dictionary examples:**
These scales are very sensitive.
He has a very sensitive nose.

**Learner example:**
I am very sensitive to noise, especially at night, and tend to catch a cold even in summer.

**EASILY DAMAGED
[B2] easy to damage and needing to be protected**
Dictionary example:
I have very sensitive skin.

SUBJECT
[B2] A sensitive subject or situation needs to be dealt with carefully in order to avoid upsetting people.

Dictionary examples:
Sex education and birth control are sensitive issues.
The stolen car contained military documents described as very sensitive.

Learner example:
I knew that I could not cry and shout because it was too important and sensitive a problem for us.

KIND
[B2] able to understand what people are feeling and deal with them in a way that does not upset them

Dictionary examples:
I want a man who's kind and sensitive.
Representatives of the company claim their plan will be sensitive to local needs.
In the movie, he plays a concerned and sensitive father trying to bring up two teenage children on his own.

Learner example:
One thing Bobby is good at is that he is bright and sensitive enough to protect you.

sensitivity /ˌsenˈtɪs.ɪˈtɪv.ə.ti/ 

Word family:
Nouns: sensitivity
Adjectives: sensitive, insensitive

NOUN [C]

KIND
[C1] the ability to understand how other people are feeling and to be helpful and kind to them

Dictionary example:
The police showed great sensitivity in their handling of the case.

Learner example:
It is written with sensitivity, honest[y], sincerity and objectiveness.

EASILY UPSET
[C1] the quality of being easily upset by things that people say or do
Dictionary example:
I should have warned you about her sensitivity to criticism.

Learner example:
One of her weaknesses would be her great sensitivity.

**sentence  */ˈsen.tənts/*

**NOUN [C]**

**PUNISHMENT**

[B2] a punishment that a judge gives to someone who has committed a crime

**Dictionary examples:**
He got a heavy/light sentence.
The offence carries a jail/prison/life/5-year sentence.

**Learner example:**
This is even worse than a real life sentence.

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to give a punishment to someone who has committed a crime

**Dictionary example:**
He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

**Learner example:**
Soon afterwards he gets imprisoned again and is sentenced to death. Sydney takes his place and is executed instead of him.

**separate**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** separation
**Verbs:** separate
**Adjectives:** separate, inseparable
**Adverbs:** separately

**ADJECTIVE */ˈsep.ər.ət/*

**NOT RELATED**

[B2] not affecting or related to each other

**Dictionary examples:**
I've asked him to turn his music down on three separate occasions.
I have my professional life and my private life and I try to keep them separate.
Three youths have been shot and killed in separate incidents this month.
Learner example:
She went to Lisbon, and we [ended up] living separate li[v]es.

**VERB** /ˈsep.ər.eɪt/

**DIVIDE**

[B2] [I or T] to divide into parts, or to make something divide into parts

**Dictionary examples:**
I separated the class into three groups.
The north and south of the country are separated by a mountain range.
You can get a special device for separating egg whites from yolks.
The top and bottom sections are quite difficult to separate.

Learner example:
On the other hand, more bins ought to be put in the centre to encourage people to separate their rubbish more carefully.

**MOVE APART**

[B2] [I or T] to move apart, or to make people move apart

**Dictionary examples:**
I shall separate you two if you don’t stop talking.
Somehow, in the rush to get out of the building, I got separated from my mother.
Perhaps we should separate now and meet up later.

Learner example:
I noticed that there were some people fighting, and we tried to separate them.

**HUSBAND/WIFE**

[B2] [I] to start to live in a different place from your husband or wife because the relationship has ended

**Dictionary example:**
My parents separated when I was four.

Learner example:
But his parents separated and John didn’t see his mother again, as well as his sister, after that day.

**separately** /ˈsep.ər.tə/
ADVERB

[B2] not together

Dictionary examples:
Detectives interviewed the men separately.
I tend to wear the jacket and skirt separately rather than as a suit.
I think we'd better deal with these two points separately.

Learner example:
They were living separately and missing each other.

separation /ˌsepəˈreɪʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: separation
Verbs: separate
Adjectives: separate, inseparable
Adverbs: separately

NOUN [C or U]

APART

[B2] when two or more people or things are separated

Dictionary examples:
During the war, many couples had to face long periods of separation.
After many years, the government finally abandoned its apartheid system of racial separation.

Learner example:
One of the most important project[s] is the separation of the rubbish and I think that it has worked, but it could work better.

NOT LIVE TOGETHER

[B2] the decision of two people who were married or living together to stop living together

Dictionary example:
They decided on a trial separation.

Learner example:
We lived for a time in peace but our happiness ceased because of his jealousy and fear [of losing] me, which was the cause of our daylong quarrels. There was no solution apart from separation.
sequence /ˈsiːkwəns/

NOUN

FILM
[C1] a part of a film or video game that shows one thing that happens

Dictionary example:
I particularly enjoyed the dream sequence.

Learner example:
However, the rest of the game is not as [polished] as the opening sequence: indeed, it seems that the developers simply re-used the graphical engine of the prequel, without even revamping it: the result is truly disappointing.

serial /ˈsə.ri.əl/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] describes a person who repeatedly commits the same serious crime, often using the same method, or a serious crime that is committed repeatedly by one person

Dictionary examples:
She wrote a thriller about a brutal serial killer.
a serial rapist
serial murders/killings

Learner example:
These pictures have never been broadcast because too many important people are involved in these serial killings.

NOUN [c]
[C1] a story in a magazine or on television or radio that is told in separate parts over a period of time

Dictionary example:
I'm watching a serial set in Yorkshire.

Learner example:
As I have already mentioned the quality of the English language used is exceptional and I would like to congratulate all the pe[ople] that take part in the serial.
series /ˈsɪə.riz/ (PLURAL series)

NOUN [C]
THINGS
[B2] several things or events of the same type that come one after the other

Dictionary examples:
He's had a series of tests at the hospital but they can't find anything wrong.
She gave a series of lectures at Warwick University last year on contemporary British writers.

Learner example:
The aim of this report is [to] make a series of suggestions on which lessons and other activities should be filmed.

BOOKS
[B2] a set of books published by the same company which deal with the same subject

Dictionary example:
They do a series on architecture throughout the ages.

Learner example:
We read all of Poirot and [the] [Miss] Marple series.

serious /ˈsɪə.rɪ.əs/

Word family:
Adjectives: serious
Adverbs: seriously

ADJECTIVE
NEEDING ATTENTION
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] needing or deserving your complete attention

Dictionary examples:
That's an interesting job offer – I'd give it some serious consideration if I were you.
We've got some serious talking to do, you and me.

Learner example:
I think it would be worthwhile to give serious thought to these animals.
seriously /ˈsɪə.rɪ.ə.sli/

Word family:
Adjectives: serious
Adverbs: seriously

ADVERB

NOT JOKING
[B2] in a way that shows that you are not joking

Dictionary examples:
Seriously now, did he really say that or are you just being silly?
You’re not seriously thinking of leaving, are you?

Learner example:
Seriously, Tom, I have noticed that you get angry very easily since your examinations started.

take sb/sth seriously
[B2] to consider a person, subject or situation to be important or dangerous and worth your attention or respect

Dictionary examples:
The police have to take any terrorist threat seriously.
You don’t take anything seriously, do you? It’s all one big joke to you.
She wants to be taken seriously as an actress.
These young actors take themselves so seriously!

Learner example:
I hope you take my suggestions seriously.

servant /ˈsɜː.vənt/

Word family:
Nouns: servant, service
Verbs: serve
Adjectives: self-service

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who works and lives in someone else’s house doing their cooking and cleaning, especially in the past

Dictionary example:
They employed more than 50 servants.

Learner example:
In this book, the author [includes] a detailed description of [the] two main characters: the rich English master PHILEAS FOGG and his French servant PASSEPARTOUT.
serve /sɜːv/  

Word family:  
Nouns: servant, service  
Verbs: serve  
Adjectives: self-service  

VERB

BE USEFUL
[C1] [I] to be useful as something  

Dictionary examples:  
It's a very entertaining film but it also serves an educational purpose.  
The spare bedroom also serves as a study.  
He hopes his son's death will serve to warn others about the dangers of owning a gun.  
Nothing serves to explain the violent fighting we have seen recently.  

Learner example:  
As for replanting, it will serve to rejuvenate our forests around Agrinio.

WORK
[C1] [I or T] to do work that helps society, for example in an organization such as the army or the government  

Dictionary examples:  
to serve in the army  
to serve on a committee/jury  
He served as mayor for 5 years.  
He always wanted to serve his country.  

Learner example:  
Women in the former GDR had the same rights and had to fulfill nearly the same duties (except the duty to serve in the army) as men.

service /ˈsɜːvɪs/  

Word family:  
Nouns: servant, service  
Verbs: serve  
Adjectives: self-service  

NOUN

EXTRA MONEY
[B2] [U] an amount of money charged for serving a customer in a restaurant, which is often paid directly to the waiter
Dictionary examples:
There is a 10% service charge included in the bill.
Does the bill include service?

Learner example:
The thing which annoyed me the most was that they have a 20% service charge, but I refused to pay it because there was no service.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT
[B2] [c] a government department that is responsible for a particular area of activity

Dictionary examples:
the diplomatic service
the security services

Learner example:
I was employed in the security service.

ARMED FORCES
[B2] [c or u] the armed forces, or work done in the armed forces

Dictionary examples:
He joined the air force in 1964 and spent ten years in the service.
Most of my family were in the services.
All men under thirty-five were told to report for military service within three days.
Service personnel are subject to the Official Secrets Act.

Learner example:
He finished his military service, and now he was on his way to his family, who had been waiting for him for a long time.

WORK
[C1] [u] the time you spend working for an organization

Dictionary example:
He retired last week after 25 years' service.

Learner example:
In my mind he is the perfect candidate, because due to his long service in the U.S. Army, where superiors are obliged to take care of their subordinates, he was in contact with young people from all kinds of ethnic backgrounds and social classes.

set /set/

Word family:
Nouns: setting
Verbs: set
VERB (setting, set, set)

EQUIPMENT

[B2] [T] to make a piece of equipment ready to be used

Dictionary examples:
The heating is set to come on at 5.00 p.m.
Have you set the video recorder?
I usually set my watch by the time signal on the radio.
He set the alarm for 7.00 a.m.

Learner example:
I had forgotten to set the alarm clock the previous night and by the time I got up it was already 9 o'clock.

BE IN PLACE

[B2] [T USUALLY PASSIVE] if something is set somewhere, it is in that place or position

Dictionary examples:
The campsite is set in the middle of a pine forest.
Our house is set back from the road.

Learner example:
The camp is set in a beautiful place in the heart of nature, with lots of opportunities to get out of the camp if you want to.

CONDITION

[B2] [T] to cause something or someone to be in the stated condition or situation

Dictionary examples:
It is believed that the building was set on fire deliberately.
She set fire to her neighbour's house.
After years in prison, the men who had wrongfully been found guilty of the bombing were finally set free.

Learner example:
A modern zoo must be [like] a forest, without cages, and the animals must be set free.

ACHIEVE

[B2] to give someone something to do or achieve

Dictionary examples:
Our teacher has set us a lot of homework.
He's set himself the goal/target of making his first million by the time he's 30.

Learner example:
I suggest it [would] be a good idea to set more projections next year.

set an example

[B2] to do something in a good way so that other people might try to copy you
Dictionary example:
Try to set a good example to the children.

Learner example:
It sets a good example for other museums.

set a record
[B2] to establish the best achievement so far in a sport or competition

Dictionary example:
Bolt has set a new world record.

LEVEL
[C1] to decide the level of something

Dictionary example:
The interest rate has been set at 5%.

Learner example:
In addition to all this, I must point out that our agreement regarding the student discount on all tickets was set at 10%, not 5%, as you mentioned on your handout.

set foot in/on sth
[C1] to go into a place or onto a piece of land

Dictionary example:
He told me never to set foot in his house again.

Learner example:
I dream of being the first one to set foot on a white sandy beach, to admire a new kind of vegetation: cranberry bushes, sweet potatoes, wild turkeys, a different climate; how scary and exciting at the same time!

NOUN [C]

TENNIS
[B2] a part of a game of tennis

Dictionary example:
They won in straight sets.

Learner example:
Finally we managed to win the [second] set so we were equal.

FILM/PLAY
[B2] the place where a film or play is performed or recorded, and the pictures, furniture, etc. that are used
Dictionary examples:
a film set
a stage set
a set designer
They first met on the set of 'Star Wars'.

Learner example:
Her father, John, was a stuntperson and he died in an unfortunate accident while he was perform[ing] [o]n a film set.

ADJECTIVE

be all set
[C] to be ready

Dictionary example:
We were all set to go when the phone rang.

Learner example:
So, there you go. I'm all set!

setback  /ˈset.bæk/

NOUN [c]
[C] a problem that makes something happen later or more slowly than it should

Dictionary example:
The project has suffered a series of setbacks this year.

Learner example:
A strong bond between you and your friends, with whom you can have discussions about personal setbacks, is another very vital point.

setting  /ˈset.in/

Word family:
Nouns: setting
Verbs: set

NOUN [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]

POSITION
[B2] the position of a house or other building

Dictionary example:
Their cottage is in a beautiful rural setting.
**Learner example:**
[It is] a beautiful setting with old architecture, trees and glittering water.

**BOOK/FILM, ETC.**

[B2] the time and the place in which the action of a book, movie, play, etc. happens

**Dictionary example:**
The play has its setting in a wartime prison camp.

**Learner example:**
The setting of "The Third Man" is Vienna after the Second World War.

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**settle /ˈset.l/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** settlement

**Verbs:** settle

**VERB**

**LIVE**

[B2] [I] to start living somewhere that you are going to live for a long time

**Dictionary examples:**
After they got married, they settled in Brighton.
He travelled around Europe before finally settling in Rome.

**Learner example:**
I can understand why you have decided to settle near the Loire Valley, which is one of the greatest parts of France.

**DECIDE**

[B2] [ɪ] to decide or arrange something

**Dictionary examples:**
Right, that's settled. We're going to Spain.
They haven't yet settled when the wedding is going to be.
"The tickets are £40 each." "Well, that settles that then – I can't afford that much."
I'd like to get this matter settled once and for all.
The details of the contract have not yet been settled.

**Learner example:**
I really hope it will not take you long to settle the matter.

**ARGUMENT**

[C1] [ɪ] If you settle an argument, you solve the problem and stop arguing.

**Dictionary examples:**
My father and I have agreed finally to settle our differences.
It took months to settle the dispute/strike.
Learner example:
Caroline and her husband had had an argument last week, but as he was going to be away for a few days, they had finally settled their differences.

SNOW/DUST, ETC.
[C1] [i] to move to a lower level and stay there

Dictionary examples:
The house had been empty for years, and dust had settled on all the surfaces.
Do you think the snow will settle?
The contents of this packet may settle.

Learner example:
Whenever I have cleaned my shelf(s) you can just watch the dust settle on [them].

settlement  /ˈset.l.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: settlement
Verbs: settle

NOUN [C]

AGREEMENT
[C1] an official agreement that finishes an argument

Dictionary example:
a peace settlement

Learner example:
All employees working for the public transport went on strike a week ago, and there is no settlement in sight.

seventy  /ˈsev.ənti/

NUMBER

(be) in your seventies
[B2] to be aged between 70 and 79

Dictionary example:
Both my parents are in their seventies.

Learner example:
After some minutes, an old man in his late seventies opened the door and told us in his trembling voice that Daisy wasn’t at home.
the seventies
[B2] the years from 1970–1979

Dictionary example:
I grew up in the seventies.

Learner example:
The nineties is, indeed, a reverse of the seventies.

severe /səˈvɪər/  

Word family:
Nouns: severity
Adjectives: severe
Adverbs: severely

ADJECTIVE

BAD
[B2] extremely bad

Dictionary examples:
a severe chest infection/leg injury/toothache
This is a school for children with severe learning difficulties.
In parts of Africa there is a severe food/water shortage.
There is expected to be a severe frost tonight.

Learner example:
Their life was a severe financial struggle, and Tom's dream was to run somewhere far away.

STRICT
[B2] a severe person is unfriendly or very strict

Dictionary examples:
She had her hair tied back in a severe style.
The teacher was a small, severe man.

Learner example:
Jane Eyre is sent to a school for orphans. [...] The atmosphere in school is no better, with little food and severe teachers.

severely /səˈvɪə.li/  

Word family:
Nouns: severity
Adjectives: severe
Adverbs: severely
**ADVERB**

[B2] very seriously

**Dictionary examples:**
Their daughter was severely injured in a car accident.
severely disabled
Job opportunities are severely limited/restricted at the moment.

**Learner example:**
In spite of trying to repair it, it is still severely damaged.

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**sewing** /ˈsəʊ.ɪŋ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** sewing
**Verbs:** sew

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] the activity of joining pieces of cloth together or repairing them with a needle and thread

**Dictionary example:**
I'm not very good at sewing.

**Learner example:**
I especially cherish the idea of finding myself in Camelot being a lady in waiting [to] Queen Guinevere – to spend my days reading, sewing, embroidering, learning about far off places and discoveries, adventures and the latest gossip from the court.

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**sex** /sɛks/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** sex
**Adjectives:** sexual, sexy

**NOUN [u]**
the opposite sex
[C1] people who are the other sex from you

**Dictionary example:**
He would never dare to speak to a member of the opposite sex.

**Learner example:**
This is not only about trying to impress (preferably) a person of the opposite sex, but fashion also gives you a great chance to express yourself.
sexual /ˈsekʃʊəl/

Word family:
Nouns: sex
Adjectives: sexual, sexy

ADJECTIVE

SEX
[B2] relating to the activity of sex

Dictionary examples:
a sexual relationship
Most people remember their first sexual experience.

Learner example:
Before continuing with the story I would like to remind [you] that having sexual relationships was common to everybody in Brave New World.

MALE OR FEMALE
[C1] relating to being male or female

Dictionary examples:
Sexual equality will not be achieved until there is more provision for childcare.
Some steps have been taken towards ending sexual discrimination.

Learner example:
But we must not forget that there is still sexual discrimination when women apply for jobs higher up in [a] hierarchy.

sexy /ˈsek.si/

Word family:
Nouns: sex
Adjectives: sexual, sexy

ADJECTIVE
[B2] attractive or exciting in a sexual way

Dictionary examples:
sexy underwear
He's very sexy.

Learner example:
Richard was only wearing Levis Jean[s] and a white T shirt but looked so sexy and handsome.
**Shabby** /ˈʃæb.i/  

**Adjective**  

**Untidy**  

[C1] looking untidy and in bad condition  

**Dictionary example:**  
shabby clothes/furniture  

**Learner example:**  
With neither lift nor room service provided our guests had to stay in dirty and shabby rooms on the 4th floor.

**Shade** /ʃeɪd/  

**Word family:**  

**Nouns:** shade, shadow  

**Noun**  

**Colour**  

[B2] [C] a colour, especially when referring to how dark or light it is  

**Dictionary example:**  
a pale/dark shade of grey  

**Learner example:**  
Not only was it a beautiful day but the sky was a magnificent shade of blue as well.  

**A shade**  

[C1] a small amount  

**Dictionary example:**  
He's perhaps a shade taller.  

**Learner example:**  
Their salaries are, even when the same job is done, mostly a shade under a man's salary.

**Shake** /ʃeɪk/  

**Word family:**  

**Verbs:** shake  

**Adjectives:** shaken
VERB (shook, shaken)

FEAR

[B2] [i] If you are shaking, your body makes quick short movements, or you feel as if it is doing so, because you are frightened or nervous.

Dictionary examples:
She was shaking as she opened the letter.
Her voice shook as she spoke about the person who attacked her.
I was shaking in my shoes/boots about having to tell Dad what I'd done.
I was shaking like a leaf before my exam.

Learner example:
She understood that it was absolutely foolish of her to stand [t]here shaking with fear.

shake your head

[B2] to move your head from side to side to mean 'no'

Dictionary example:
I asked him if he wanted to come and he just shook his head.

Learner example:
He just looked at me shaking his head and got into his car and drove off.

shallow /ˈʃæl.əʊ/

ADJECTIVE

NOT DEEP

[B2] not deep

Dictionary examples:
The stream was quite shallow so we were able to walk across it.
She told her children to stay in the shallow end (of the swimming pool).
Fry the onions in a shallow pan.
These beech trees have shallow roots.

Learner example:
A heavy body plunged into the shallow water of harbo[r] No 14.

shame /ʃeɪm/

Word family:
Nouns: shame
Adjectives: ashamed, shameful
BAD FEELING
[C1] [u] when you feel embarrassed and guilty about something bad that you have done

Dictionary examples:
He said he felt no shame for what he had done.
The children hung their heads in shame.
You can't go dressed like that – have you no shame?
In some societies, if a woman leaves her husband, it brings shame on her and her family.

Learner example:
It destroys the individual, brings shame to his family, and [is] a liability instead of an asset to his society.

shameful /ˈʃeɪm.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: shame
Adjectives: ashamed, shameful

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Something shameful is bad and should make you feel embarrassed and guilty.

Dictionary example:
shameful scenes

Learner example:
What a shameful way of wasting natural resources!

shape /ʃeɪp/

NOUN [C or U]
in good/bad, etc. shape
[B2] in good/bad, etc. health or condition

Dictionary example:
She runs every day so she's in great shape.

Learner example:
I am of the opinion that if you are in good shape and the distance is not too much, you should leave the car at home and use the bike.

keep in shape
[B2] to stay healthy and physically strong
Dictionary example:
It's important to keep in shape.

Learner example:
We want to keep in shape, and we are interested in a gym – do you have one or is there one close to there?

share  /ʃeə/

VERB [I or T]

DO TOGETHER
[B2] If two or more people share an activity, they each do some of it

Dictionary examples:
Shall we share the driving?
We shared the preparation for the party between us, so it wasn't too much work.

Learner example:
Ask your employer and other colleagues to share the work.

share your problems/thoughts/ideas, etc.
[C1] to tell someone your problems/thoughts, etc.

Dictionary example:
Would you like to share your thoughts with the group, Donald?

Learner example:
I have received your letter asking for my opinion about the Conference and have decided to write and share some of my thoughts.

NOUN [C]

PART
[B2] a part of something that has been divided

Dictionary examples:
The total bill comes to £80, so our share is £20.
We must make sure that everyone gets equal shares of the food.
The party's share of the vote fell from 39% to 24%.
She's not doing her share of the work.
We must all accept some share of the responsibility.
**sharp** /ʃɑːp/

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** sharpen

**Adjectives:** sharp

**Adverbs:** sharply, *sharp*

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### ADJECTIVE

**a sharp rise/increase/drop, etc.**

[B2] a sudden and very large increase or reduction in something

**Dictionary examples:**
- a sharp drop in temperature
- a sharp decline in the standard of living

There was a sharp *rise/increase* in the number of flu cases.

**Learner example:**
If you have in mind my recommendations you will see a sharp increase in the number of students.

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### MIND

[B2] quick to notice and understand things

**Dictionary example:**
- a sharp mind

**Learner example:**
She is an elderly woman who seems to be very weak but with an extrem[e]ly sharp mind.

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### CLEAR

[C1] A sharp image is very clear.

**Dictionary example:**
- a photograph in sharp focus

**Learner example:**
Quite the opposite, FFIX features beautiful pre-rendered 3D landscapes, along with real time characters: words are useless for describing such an achievement: the colo[u]r[s] are vivid, sharp, the animations are smooth...

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### ADVERB

### SUDDENLY

[C1] suddenly or immediately

**Dictionary example:**
- After the library, turn sharp *left/right.*

**Learner example:**
At the bus–stop you have to go straight on through the one–way street, then turn sharp left until you reach the staggered junction, [w]here you will see a taxi [rank].
EXACTLY
[C1] exactly at the stated time

Dictionary example:
The performance will begin at 7.30 sharp.

Learner example:
You have to wake him up at 8.00 AM sharp.

**sharply  */ʃɑː.pli/*

Word family:
Verbs: sharpen
Adjectives: sharp
Adverbs: sharply, sharp

**ADVERB**
[B2] quickly and suddenly

Dictionary examples:
Inflation has risen/fallen sharply.
His health improved/deteriorated sharply this week.

Learner example:
In the last few years, the trend of owning a mobile phone has increased sharply.

**shed  */ʃed/*

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a small building, usually made of wood, used for storing things

Dictionary examples:
a garden shed
a tool/bicycle shed

Learner example:
It was hidden in a shed that hardly anybody ever entered.

**VERB (shedding, shed, shed)**

**shed tears**
[C1] to cry

Dictionary example:
I shed a few tears when he left.
Learner example:
She was too preoccupied to talk to anybody and she had shed so many tears that she could cry no more.

**sheer /ʃɪə/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**EXTREME**

[C1] used to emphasize how strong a feeling or quality is

**Dictionary examples:**
a look of sheer delight/joy
sheer determination/hard work

**Learner example:**
My mind was filled with nothing else but the sheer joy about soon becoming acquainted with something entirely new and completely unfamiliar plus the eager anticipation about meeting my host-family.

**LARGE**

[C1] used to emphasize the large size or amount of something

**Dictionary example:**
The delays are due to the sheer volume of traffic.

**Learner example:**
Allow me to start by saying that one day, which may not lie so far off in the future, people will visit the buildings which were formerly known as "Educational Institutions" like we visit museums today to gape at the sheer size of the Dinosaurs...

**shell /ʃel/**

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] the hard outer covering of some creatures and of eggs, nuts, or seeds

**Dictionary examples:**
Brazil nuts have very hard shells.
A piece of shell fell into the cake mixture.
the shell of a snail/crab/tortoise
a shell necklace

**Learner example:**
Mainly I collect books, postcards, dolls, silver bracelets and sea shells.
shelter /ˈʃel.tə/

NOUN

PLACE
[B2] [c] a place that protects you from bad weather or danger

Dictionary example:
an bomb shelter

Learner example:
We all ran to hide [in] the little shelter we had built.

PROTECTION
[B2] [u] protection from bad weather or danger

Dictionary example:
We took shelter from the rain in a doorway.

Learner example:
John told me it was a [place] where we could find shelter.

shield /ʃiːld/

VERB [T]
[C1] to protect someone or something from something dangerous or unpleasant

Dictionary example:
to shield your eyes from the sun

Learner example:
On the other hand, children raised by wealthy families are believed to be so “well-pampered” that they are shielded from the harshness of real problems – such as poverty or malnutrition.

shift /ʃɪft/

VERB

CHANGE
[C1] [i or t] to change an idea, attitude, etc.

Dictionary examples:
We are trying to shift the emphasis from curing illness to preventing it.
Media attention has shifted recently onto environmental issues.
Learner example:
Since the 1990s, though, the situation has shifted.

MOVE STS
[C1] [r] to move something to another place

Dictionary example:
We need to shift all these boxes into the other room.

Learner example:
We are very pleased with the idea of shifting the changing rooms and sauna [to] by the pool and having the coffee bar extended where the changing rooms and sauna are at present.

NOUN

WORK
[B2] [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] a period of work in a place such as a factory or hospital, or the people who do that work

Dictionary examples:
As the night shift leave/leaves, the day shift arrive/arrives.
Are you on the night shift or the day shift?

Learner example:
I worked there in two shifts, in the mornings and in the evenings, for approximately 8–10 hours a day.

CHANGE
[C1] a change in something

Dictionary example:
There has been a dramatic shift in public opinion on this matter.

Learner example:
Proposal: Improving Zurich's transport and housing facilities Census results of the last three decades have shown a shift in families' preferences on where to live.

shine  /ʃaɪn/

Word family:
Verbs: shine
Adjectives: shiny

VERB (shone or shined, shone or shined)

REFLECT
[C1] [I or ɪ] If a surface shines, it reflects light, and if you shine it, you make it reflect light.
**Dictionary example:**
She polished her shoes until they shone.

**Learner example:**
I was so glad to see that little key shining in that box.

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**shiver /ˈʃɪv.ər/**

**VERB [i]**

[B2] to shake because you are cold or frightened

**Dictionary examples:**
She shivered with cold.
The poor dog – it’s shivering!

**Learner example:**
She was shivering not only because of the cold, but also because she had no idea what she was going to tell him.

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**shock /ʃɒk/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: shock
Verbs: shock
Adjectives: shocked, shocking

**VERB [i or T]**

[B2] to surprise and upset someone

**Dictionary examples:**
The advertisements were designed to shock – that was the whole point of the campaign.
I think it shocks him to hear women talking about sex.
The news of the accident shocked the family deeply.

**Learner example:**
They hardly could believe it, although that American woman always wants to shock them...

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**shoot /ʃuːt/**

**Word family:**
Nouns: shooting
Verbs: shoot
VERB (shot, shot)

FILM

[C1] [ɪ] to use a camera to record a film or take a photograph

Dictionary examples:
We shot four reels of film in Egypt.
The film was shot on location in Southern India.

Learner example:
Britney's was shot in a studio and she, hypothetically, was [o]n Mars.

shooting /ˈʃuː.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: shooting
Verbs: shoot

NOUN [C or U]

[B2] I when a gun is fired, or when someone is injured or killed by a bullet from a gun

Dictionary examples:
We heard some shooting in the night.
There have been a number of shootings in the capital this week.

Learner example:
He liked shooting very much and once [he went] [in]to the forest he didn't come back.

shopkeeper /ˈʃɒpˌkiː.pər/

NOUN [C]

[B2] someone who owns or manages a small shop

Dictionary example:
Local shopkeepers say business is good at the moment.

Learner example:
One of the major disadvantages is that the shopkeepers would have to work [until] midnight or perhaps on bank holidays.
short /ʃɔːt/

Word family:
Nouns: shortage, short
Verbs: shorten
Adjectives: short
Adverbs: shortly, short

ADJECTIVE

NAME
[B2] describes a name that is used as a shorter form of a name

Dictionary examples:
Her name’s Jo – it’s short for Josephine.
Her name’s Josephine, or Jo for short.

Learner example:
There is even a strange disease called Chronic Fatigue Syndrom[e] (CFS for short).

at short notice UK
[C1] only a short time before something happens

Dictionary example:
I had to give a speech at very short notice.

Learner example:
The fact that the speech by the famous actor was cancelled at short notice was disappointing.

NOUN

in short
[C1] in a few words

Dictionary example:
In short, we need more staff.

Learner example:
In short, ancient Chinese poems, mainly [from the] Jang D[yna]sty, constitute [the] background for
Chinese culture and set a touchstone for judgement in our life.

ADVERB

to cut a long story short
[C1] to mention only the final result or point of something without going into other
details

Dictionary example:
To cut a long story short, he never played baseball again.

Learner example:
Well, to cut a long story short, let’s say tuition yes, facilities no.
shortage /ˈʃɔː.tɪdʒ/

Word family:
Nouns: shortage, short
Verbs: shorten
Adjectives: short
Adverbs: shortly, short

NOUN [C]
[B2] when there is not enough of something

Dictionary examples:
There's a shortage of food and shelter in the refugee camps.
The long hot summer has led to serious water shortages.

Learner example:
Due to a shortage of teachers in summer I can [only] take holiday in July.

shortcoming /ˈʃɔː.tˌkʌm.ɪŋ/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a fault

Dictionary example:
I like him despite his shortcomings.

Learner example:
However, there were a few shortcomings I would like to mention.

shorten /ˈʃɔː.tən/

Word family:
Nouns: shortage, short
Verbs: shorten
Adjectives: short
Adverbs: shortly, short

VERB [I or T]
[C1] to become shorter or to make something shorter

Dictionary example:
Smoking shortens your life.

Learner example:
Maybe we could shorten the free day to half a day and make use of the other half to bring them out for some sightseeing and familiarisation.
shortly  /ˈʃɔːt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: shortage, short
Verbs: shorten
Adjectives: short
Adverbs: shortly, short

ADVERB

SOON

[B2] soon

Dictionary example:
We will shortly be arriving in King's Cross Station.

Learner example:
I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

short-term  /ˌʃɔːtˈtɜːm/

ADJECTIVE

[B2] lasting a short time, or relating to a short period of time

Dictionary examples:
short-term memory
a short-term weather forecast

Learner example:
Setting up restricted areas for animals is a nice idea, but due to the overall pollution, it is only a short-term solution.

short term  /ˈʃɔːtˌtɜːm/

NOUN

in the short term

[B2] over a period of time that only continues for a short way into the future

Dictionary example:
We need to save money in the short term.

Learner example:
You should think in the long term and you shouldn't try to [achieve] all your goals in the short term.
shot /ʃɒt/

NOUN [c]

WEAPON
[B2] when a bullet is fired from a gun

Dictionary example:
He fired four shots at the car as it drove off.

Learner example:
Suddenly he heard a shot and the lights went out.

SPORT
[B2] when someone tries to score points in sports such as football by hitting or throwing the ball

Dictionary examples:
And that was a great shot by Lineker!
Nadal's forehand shot down the line won him the match.

Learner example:
I enjoy this sport because it forces me to improve my self control when playing: if I miss a shot, I have to stay very calm because it's the best way to achieve the next shot.

FILM
[B2] a photograph

Dictionary example:
I got/took some really good shots of the harbour at sunset.

Learner example:
[A] few months ago I had [the] chance to work abroad and see some of the Middle Eastern countries, where I took a lot of good shots.

should /ʃʊd/

MODAL VERB

why should/shouldn't...?
[B2] used to ask or give the reason for something, especially when you are surprised or angry about it

Dictionary examples:
He wants me to give him my old car, but why should I?
Why shouldn't she get a new car if she wants one?
Learner example:
And personally I say "why should I read something in a book which I can watch on TV?"

show /ʃəʊ/

VERB (showed, shown)

PROVE

[B2] [ɪ] If numbers, results, facts, etc. show something, they prove that it is true.

Dictionary examples:
Research shows that 40% of the programme's viewers are aged over 55.
Sales figures showed a significant increase last month.
She has shown herself to be a highly competent manager.
His diaries show him to have been an extremely insecure person.
The diaries show that he was very insecure.
Our research has shown (us) how little we know about this disease.

Learner example:
Experiments have even shown some astonishing results, that apes for example have the same abilities as humans.

EXPRESS

[B2] [ɪ] to express a feeling so that other people are able to notice it

Dictionary examples:
He finds it difficult to show affection.
She showed enormous courage when she rescued him from the fire.
You should show your parents more respect/show more respect to your parents.

Learner example:
I think a face can show so much and some day I hope I could become a photographer.

EASY TO SEE

[C1] [ɪ] or [ɪ] to be easy or possible to see, or to make something easy or possible to see

Dictionary examples:
The sadness really shows on her face.
Light-coloured carpets show the dirt.

Learner example:
Their hair was turning grey and their faces showed the first wrinkles.
NOUN [C]

PUBLIC EVENT
[B2] an event at which a group of similar things are brought together for the public to see

Dictionary examples:
a fashion/flower show
There were some amazing new cars at the motor show.
They put on a show of his work at the National Museum of American Art.

Learner example:
I do not know if it is possible to make any change[s], but we saw an ad in "Time Out" magazine last week about a fashion show which we would like to see.

on show
[C1] being shown to the public

Dictionary example:
Her designs are currently on show at the Museum of Modern Art.

Learner example:
One of the facilit[ies] that really make[s] a difference is the Art Gallery, with its great exhibition on show, as well as the Art Library.

shower /ʃaʊə/

VERB

WASH
[B2] to wash standing under a shower

Dictionary example:
We all showered before breakfast.

Learner example:
Singing is a hobby of mine but unfortunately I can only do it when I'm showering or cleaning up my flat.

shrink /ʃrɪŋk/

VERB [I or T] (shrank, shrunk)
[B2] to become smaller, or to make something smaller
Dictionary examples:
Your sweater will shrink if you wash it at too high a temperature.
The company's profits have shrunk from £5.5 million to £1.25 million.

Learner example:
After 5 seconds I started shrinking until I was as small as the smallest toe on my foot.

**shut** /ʃʌt/

**VERB** [I or T] (shutting, shut, shut)

**shut (sth) down** or **shut down (sth)** **PHRASAL VERB**
[**B2**] If a business or organization shuts down or someone shuts it down, it closes.

Dictionary example:
The company plans to shut down four factories and cut 10 000 jobs.

Learner example:
A great [number] of zoos ought to be shut down.

**shut (sb) up** **PHRASAL VERB INFORMAL**
[**B2**] to stop talking or making a noise, or to make someone do this

Dictionary examples:
I wish you'd shut up for a moment and listen to what the rest of us have to say.
Just shut up and get on with your work!
My dad never stops talking. It's impossible to shut him up!

Learner example:
You must still remember that time we walked along the street, singing blues and rock, it's incredible the way that people shouted at us to shut up.

**ADJECTIVE** [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

**keep your mouth shut**
[**B2**] **INFORMAL** to not talk about something

Dictionary example:
If you don't keep your mouth shut, there'll be trouble.

Learner example:
She made every effort to keep her mouth shut but it disturbed her to be the only one to know the truth, apart from her brother.
**shuttle** /ˈʃʌt.l/  

**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] a bus, train, plane, etc. which travels regularly between two places, usually a short distance  

**Dictionary examples:**  
the London–Glasgow shuttle  
There’s a shuttle **service** between the airport and the city centre.

**Learner example:**  
I am convinced that a centre with less traffic and more pedestrianised areas will attract more other people. Especially if there is a parking opportunity outside of the centre with well-organised shuttle buses to the centre.

**shyness** /ˈʃaɪ.nəs/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** shyness  
**Adjectives:** shy  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] the state of being shy  

**Dictionary example:**  
When I met the Queen, I was overcome with shyness.

**Learner example:**  
Some of them were encouraged by their work-fellows to overcome their initial shyness.

**sick** /sɪk/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** sickness  
**Adjectives:** sick  

**ADJECTIVE**  

**be sick of sth**  
[B2] informal to be bored with or annoyed about something that has been happening for a long time  

**Dictionary example:**  
I’m sick of people telling me how to run my life.

**Learner example:**  
Michael was sick of seeing the same story happen all over again.
sickness /ˈsɪk.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: sickness
Adjectives: sick

NOUN [u]
[B2] when you are ill

Dictionary examples:
There's a lot of sickness around this winter.
She's had three weeks off for sickness this year.

Learner example:
The simpl[e] joy and happiness will help you to feel in good shape and keep away any sickness.

side /saɪd/

NOUN

PART OF SITUATION
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] part of a situation that can be considered or dealt with separately

Dictionary example:
She looks after the financial side of things.

Learner example:
Finally, I think for me the most important [thing] is to enjoy life – don’t be worried [about] little things and always find the funny side of each situation.

CHARACTER
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] a part of someone's character

Dictionary example:
She has a very practical side.

Learner example:
In fact the film describes the actions of this politi[c]ian, also saying something not very "Politically Correct", but true: he reveals that no one is always good, everyone has a dark hidden side.

side by side
[B2] If two things or people are side by side, they are next to each other.

Dictionary example:
We sat side by side on the sofa.

Learner example:
It is not rare to see two people walking side by side, both talking on the phone.
from side to side
[B2] If something moves from side to side, it moves from left to right and back again repeatedly.

Dictionary example:
swinging from side to side

Learner example:
I began to understand it when I went [to] Kenya in 1986, because I had the wonderful chance to look at the animals in their natural [surroundings], without being in a cage, walking nervously from side to side.

OPPOSING GROUP
[B2] [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB] one of the people or groups who are arguing, fighting, or competing

Dictionary examples:
Whose side is he on?
Whenever we argue he always takes Alice's side.
This is a war which neither side can win.
Don't be angry with me – I'm on your side.

Learner example:
I hope you'll be on my side.

OPINION
[B2] [C] a way of considering something, especially when there is disagreement about it

Dictionary examples:
There are at least two sides to every question.
I've listened to your side of the story, but I still think you were wrong to do what you did.

Learner example:
This shows the other side of technology.

look on the bright side
[C1] to find good things in a bad situation

Dictionary example:
Look on the bright side – no one was badly hurt.

Learner example:
I am quite self-confident and I usually look on the bright side, as I am not keen on pessimistic thoughts.
**side effect** /ˈsайд.ɪ.фект/  
**NOUN [c]**  
**MEDICINE**  
[C1] another effect that a drug has on your body in addition to the main effect for which the doctor has given you the drug  
**Dictionary example:**  
Headaches are one side effect of this drug.  
**Learner example:**  
Now, we have come up with something called Phyto essence that is designed to overcome skin problems effectively without causing any harmful side effects.

**sigh** /saɪ/  
**VERB [i]**  
[B2] to breathe out slowly and noisily, often because you are annoyed or unhappy  
**Dictionary examples:**  
She sighed deeply and sat down.  
"I wish he was here," she sighed.  
**Learner example:**  
Having solid ground beneath her feet again she sighed with relief for having survived this adventure.  
**NOUN [c]**  
[B2] the sound that is made when someone sighs  
**Dictionary example:**  
He read the letter and gave a deep sigh.  
**Learner example:**  
I entered the house with a deep sigh!

**sight** /saɪt/  
**NOUN**  
**the sight of sb/sth**  
[B2] when you see someone or something
Dictionary examples:
The sight of so much blood had shocked him.
The child laughed at the sight of the clockwork toy.
She hated/loathed the sight of her former husband.

Learner example:
Just think; drinking our cold beers against the sight of the pounding waves and feeling the wind on our faces.

AREA SEEN
[B2] [u] the area that it is possible for you to see

Dictionary examples:
You should always keep sight of your bags while you’re at the airport.
I dare not let the children out of my sight in this park.
The police officer was hidden out of sight behind a tree.
The castle came into sight as we went round a bend in the road.
We’re looking for a house which is within sight of the mountains.

Learner example:
Dear Editor, This morning when I opened my newspaper, my eyes caught sight of an article called "Failure of festival", and I read it.

at first sight
[B2] when you first see or hear about something or someone

Dictionary examples:
It may, at first sight, seem a surprising choice.
It was love at first sight!

Learner example:
Nowadays shopping is considered one of the most enjoyable activities, especially if you are a woman and you are out to buy clothes. At first sight it is, but shopping is not always enjoyable.

sign /saɪn/

NOUN [c]

MARK
[B2] a written or printed mark which has a standard meaning

Dictionary examples:
+ and – are mathematical signs.
£ is the sign for the British pound.

no sign of sb/sth
[B2] If there is no sign of someone or something, you cannot see them.
Dictionary examples:
By eight o’clock, there was still no sign of Janne.
She said she’d left the book on the table, but there’s no sign of it.

Learner example:
He was supposed to come on Wednesday just like you told me but there was no sign of him.

signal /ˈsig.nəl/

NOUN [C]

ACTION
[B2] a movement, light, or sound which gives information, or tells people what to do

Dictionary examples:
At a signal from their teacher, the children all held up their flags.
Don’t move until I give the signal.
The firework was a signal that the festival had started.
The police officer gave us a signal to stop.
The signal for a race to start is often the firing of a gun.

Learner example:
The signal was given. We started side by side but soon I overtook him.

WAVE
[B2] a series of light waves or sound waves which are sent to a radio, television, mobile phone, etc.

Dictionary example:
I can’t get a phone signal here.

Learner example:
On the other hand you can face problems with signal transmission.

significance /ˈsɪgnɪf.ɪ.kəns/

Word family:
Nouns: significance
Adjectives: significant, insignificant
Adverbs: significantly

NOUN [U]
[C1] the importance or meaning of something
Dictionary examples:
I still don’t understand the significance of his remark.
This is a development which has great economic significance for the region.

Learner example:
In spite of the progress achieved in promoting the social status of women, one should not overestimate the significance of these achievements to ordinary women’s careers.

significant /sɪgˈnɪf.ɪ.kənt/

Word family:
Nouns: significance
Adjectives: significant, insignificant
Adverbs: significantly

ADJECTIVE
[B2] important or noticeable

Dictionary examples:
There has been a significant increase in the number of women students in recent years.
These measures will save a significant amount of money.
The talks between the USA and Russia were very significant for the relationship between the two countries.

Learner example:
One of the most significant invention[s] is [the] computer.

significantly /sɪɡˈnɪf.ɪ.kænt.lɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: significance
Adjectives: significant, insignificant
Adverbs: significantly

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is easy to see or by a large amount

Dictionary example:
My piano playing has improved significantly since I’ve had a new teacher.

Learner example:
Also, with today’s machines, factories have significantly increased their production.
silence  /ˈsaɪ.lənts/

Word family:
Nouns: silence
Adjectives: silent
Adverbs: silently

NOUN

PERIOD OF TIME
[B2] [c or u] a period of time in which there is complete quiet or no speaking

Dictionary example:
There were long silences during the discussion.

Learner example:
The progress of the story is very slow, but the author is descri[b]ing hard conditions, hard characters [and] long silences, which is quite t[y]pical of his way [of writing].

silent  /ˈsaɪ.lənt/

Word family:
Nouns: silence
Adjectives: silent
Adverbs: silently

ADJECTIVE

NO SPEAKING
[B2] without talking

Dictionary examples:
She whispered a silent prayer that her wounded brother would not die.
The police officer told the criminal that he had the right to remain silent.
The minister was silent on/about his plans for the future.
Arthur has always been the strong, silent type.

Learner example:
When they were there, Aunt Patience was obliged by her husband to go to her room and remain silent.

silently  /ˈsaɪ.lənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: silence
Adjectives: silent
Adverbs: silently
**ADVERB**

[B2] without making any noise

**Dictionary examples:**
She wept silently as she read the letter.
He silently vowed to take revenge.

**Learner example:**
After waiting silently for two minutes, she dropped the phone.

**similarity** /ˌsɪm.ɪˈlær.ə.ti/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** similarity
**Adjectives:** similar
**Adverbs:** similarly

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when two things or people are similar, or a way in which they are similar

**Dictionary examples:**
I can see the similarity between you and your mother.
The book bears several striking similarities to last year's bestseller.

**Learner example:**
Another similarity between the two was their appearance.

**similarly** /ˌsɪm.ɪ.lə.li/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** similarity
**Adjectives:** similar
**Adverbs:** similarly

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a similar way

**Dictionary examples:**
The children were similarly dressed.
Cars must stop at red traffic lights; similarly, bicycles should stop too.

**Learner example:**
Business people would like to have a car park in the city centre, whereas most residents are against it, mainly because of the horrible noise made by cars. Similarly, some students, who are concerned about pollution, prefer the car park to be on the outskirts of the city.
**simple** /ˈsɪmpl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** simplicity, simplification  
**Verbs:** simplify  
**Adjectives:** simple  
**Adverbs:** simply  

**ADJECTIVE**  

**IMPORTANT**  
[B2] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] used to describe the one important fact, truth, etc.  

**Dictionary example:**  
We didn’t go swimming for the simple reason that the water was too cold.  

**Learner example:**  
I’m very fond of working with animals, and the simple reason is that I’m plan[n]ing to become a vet.  

**simplicity** /sɪmˈplɪs.ɪ.ti/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** simplicity, simplification  
**Verbs:** simplify  
**Adjectives:** simple  
**Adverbs:** simply  

**NOUN [u]**  
[C1] the quality of being simple  

**Dictionary examples:**  
The advantage of the plan is its simplicity.  
The examination was simplicity itself.  
I admire the simplicity of her designs.  

**Learner example:**  
Video facilities are rated as quite good [by] the students, and computer programmes have gained almost everybody’s compl[i]ments for their simplicity and efficacy.  

**simplify** /ˈsɪmpl.i.faɪ/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** simplicity, simplification  
**Verbs:** simplify  
**Adjectives:** simple  
**Adverbs:** simply
VERB [1]
[C1] to make something less complicated and therefore easier to do or understand

Dictionary examples:
the new, simplified tax system
He tried to simplify the story for the younger audience.

Learner example:
The technology has probably simplified life [i]n a way that no one could beli[e]ve was possible about 20 years ago.

simply /ˈsɪmpli/

Word family:
Nouns: simplicity, simplification
Verbs: simplify
Adjectives: simple
Adverbs: simply

ADVERB

EMPHASIS
[B2] used to emphasize what you are saying

Dictionary examples:
We simply don't have the time.
You look simply beautiful in that dress.
The hunger in parts of Africa is terrible – there's (quite) simply no other word for it.

Learner example:
It's said that most of the centre's sports facilities are very expensive, [but] that is simply not true.

ONLY
[B2] only

Dictionary example:
A lot of people miss out on this opportunity simply because they don't know about it.

Learner example:
I am very interested in fashion, simply because it is a style, an attitude, a way of life.

NOT COMPLICATED
[B2] in a way which is not complicated or difficult to understand

Dictionary example:
He explained it as simply as he could, but the class still didn't understand.

Learner example:
Try to organize your work as simply as possible.
**simulation** /ˌsɪm.əˈleɪ.ʃən/

NOUN [C or U]

[C1] a model of something that can be used to teach someone how to do something, or the process of making such a model

**Dictionary example:**
Students can study a computer simulation of these atomic processes.

**Learner example:**
Civilisation is one of the best-selling simulation games of all time.

**simultaneous** /ˌsɪm.əˈlən.i.əs/

Word family:
Adjectives: simultaneous
Adverbs: simultaneously

ADJECTIVE

[C1] If two or more things are simultaneous, they happen or exist at the same time.

**Dictionary example:**
simultaneous translation

**Learner example:**
The people I most admire are simultaneous interpreter[s].

**simultaneously** /ˌsɪm.əˈlən.i.əs.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: simultaneous
Adverbs: simultaneously

ADVERB

[B2] at the same time

**Dictionary example:**
Two children answered the teacher's question simultaneously.

**Learner example:**
The floods of information pour towards you and go through your brain simultaneously.

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since /sɪntʃ/  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] from a time in the past until a later time or until now  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Emma went to work in New York a year ago, and we haven’t seen her since.  
He started working for the company when he left school, and has been there **ever** since.  
I’ve **long** since forgotten any Latin I ever learned.  

**Learner example:**  
It was my grandmother who introduced me to teddy bears and she wanted me to love them as she did. When she died, I got all her bears and have been taking care of them ever since.  

sincere /sɪnˈsɪər/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** sincerity  
**Adjectives:** sincere  
**Adverbs:** sincerely  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[HONEST] honest and saying or showing what you really feel or believe  

**Dictionary example:**  
He seems to be sincere.  

**Learner example:**  
During these years I have also found her to be honest, sincere, hard-working and imagin[ate]ive.  

sincere apologies/thanks, etc. **FORMAL**  
[C1] used to add emphasis when you are expressing a feeling  

**Dictionary example:**  
The family wishes to express their sincere thanks to all the staff at the hospital.  

**Learner example:**  
Again, sincere gratitude for your kind work.  

sincerely /sɪnˈsɪə.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** sincerity  
**Adjectives:** sincere  
**Adverbs:** sincerely  

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**ADVERB**

**EMPHASIS**

[C1] in a sincere way

**Dictionary example:**
I sincerely **hope** that this never happens again.

**Learner example:**
I sincerely hope that you improve your services.

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**ADJECTIVE**

**ONE**

[B2] **[ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]** only one

**Dictionary examples:**
- There was a single light in the corner of the room.
- Not a single person offered to help her.

**Learner example:**
The night was calm and not a single sound was disturbing her.

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**VERB** *(sank, sunk)*

**FALL**

[B2] [I] to move or make something move to a lower position or level

**Dictionary examples:**
- The sun glowed red as it sank slowly below the horizon.
- Student numbers have sunk considerably this year.

**Learner example:**
Dora's face grew pale and she sank [into] a chair.

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**VERB** *(sip, sipped)*

**[C1]** to drink, taking only a small amount at a time
Dictionary example:
She sipped her champagne.

Learner example:
The reasons for my choice are far from being profound: maybe it is only the desire of going back to a time when wom[e]n [...] could spend all the time brushing their hair or sipping tea, without feeling guilty for wasting their time.

**sir /sɜː/ FORMAL**

NOUN

Dear Sir

[B2] a way of beginning a formal letter to a man whose name you do not know

Dictionary example:
Dear Sir, I am writing to...

Learner example:
Dear Sir or Madam, With reference to your advertisement in the Wall Street Journal [...

**sister-in-law /ˈsɪs.tər.ɪn.loʊ/**

NOUN [C] (plural sisters-in-law)

[B2] a woman married to your brother, or the sister of your husband or wife

Dictionary example:
My sister-in-law is a great cook.

Learner example:
So, I and a sister-in-law had to stay with our little sons without any entertainment at the hotel.

**sit /sɪt/ (sitting, sat, sat)**

VERB [I]

TEST/EXAM

[B2] to take a test or exam

Dictionary example:
I had to sit an exam the next day.

Learner example:
Visiting you in July is just perfect because schools will have closed and I will have already sat my exams at the English school.
**site** /ˈsaɪt/

**NOUN [C]**

**on site**
[C1] inside a factory, office building, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
There are two restaurants on site.
They provide on-site childcare facilities for employees.

**Learner example:**
A small period of training on site is required a few days before the beginning of the job itself and how many interesting people you will meet!

**sixty** /ˈsɪk.sti/

**NUMBER**

**(be) in your sixties**
[B2] to be aged between 60 and 69

**Dictionary example:**
I took up yoga in my sixties.

**Learner example:**
She is in her middle sixties, but still very active and lively.

**the sixties**
[B2] the years from 1960 through 1969

**Dictionary example:**
I still love all that music from the sixties.

**Learner example:**
Another problem is the demoli[t]ion of old houses that took place during the sixties.

**skeleton** /ˈskel.ə.tən/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] the structure made of all the bones in the body of a person or animal

**Dictionary examples:**
We found an old sheep skeleton up on the cliffs.
Her long illness reduced her to a skeleton.
Learner example:
In the USA, they enjoy dressing up in costumes, most of the time as skeletons, witches or ghosts.

**a skeleton crew/staff/service**
[C1] the smallest number of people that you need to keep an organization working

**Dictionary example:**
The Red Cross has withdrawn all but a skeleton staff from the country.

**Learner example:**
The life-rescuing services are on call and a skeleton staff remains in all hospitals.

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**sketch** /ˈskɛtʃ/  

**NOUN [C]**

**PICTURE**
[C1] a picture that you draw quickly and with few details

**Dictionary example:**
He did a quick sketch of the cat.

**Learner example:**
Picasso would start with a lot of preliminary sketches and then go on to paint his final picture where the main figures – a woman and a horse – are screaming in despair.

**ACTING**
[C1] a short piece of acting about a funny situation

**Dictionary example:**
They wrote most of their sketches themselves.

**Learner example:**
It's a partly live show, but it also contains earlier recorded "sketches", often with funny stunts.

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**skilful** /ˈskɪl.fəl/  

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** skill  
**Adjectives:** skilful, skilled

**ADJECTIVE**

**GOOD AT**
[B2] good at doing something
Dictionary examples:
a skilful artist
Police officers have to be skilful drivers.

Learner example:
Indeed they were very popular, because five very skilful and talen[t]ed teachers did the courses.

DONE WELL
[C1] done or made very well

Dictionary example:
skilful use of language

Learner example:
I do hope that my skilful and smart notes will help you to judge the situation properly.

skilled /skɪld/

Word family:
Nouns: skill
Adjectives: skilful, skilled

ADJECTIVE
[B2] having the abilities needed to do an activity or job well

Dictionary examples:
a highly skilled photographer
My mother is very skilled at/in dressmaking.

Learner example:
I know you [need] some skilled people to build the boat and therefore I hope I can join your club to help you.

skin /skɪn/

NOUN [C or U]

FRUIT
[B2] the outer layer of a fruit or vegetable

Dictionary example:
a banana/potato skin

Learner example:
Unfortunately, I didn’t notice the banana skin, which was lying on the pavement next to me.
**skip** /skɪp/

**VERB [ɪ]**

**NOT DO**

[B2] to not do something that you usually do or that you should do

**Dictionary example:**
I think I'll skip lunch today – I’m not very hungry.

**Learner example:**
He felt a bit sick and so he skipped the meal.

**AVOID**

[C1] to avoid reading or talking about something by starting to read or talk about the next thing instead

**Dictionary example:**
I usually skip the boring bits.

**Learner example:**
This sharpen[s] your translating skills and your vocabulary (since you can't just skip words you don't understand even if you get the general idea).

**slam** /slæm/

**VERB (–mm–)**

**CLOSE**

[B2] [I or T] to close with great force, or to make something close with great force

**Dictionary examples:**
The wind made the door/window slam (shut).
Close the door carefully, don’t slam it.

**Learner example:**
Once the door slammed behind her, the tears came...

**slam sth down/onto/into, etc.**

[B2] to put something somewhere or to hit something with great force

**Dictionary examples:**
She slammed the phone down.
He slammed the on when a child ran in front of his car.
He stopped suddenly, and the car behind slammed into him.

**Learner example:**
Then he slammed down the receiver.
slang  /slæŋ/

NOUN [u]
[C1] informal language, often language that is only used by people who belong to a particular group

Dictionary example:
prison slang

Learner example:
That’s because communication with natives and not experienced English teachers will probably make you enrich your idiomatic and slang vocabulary [rather] than your academic vocabulary.

slap  /slæp/

VERB [ɪ] (-pp–)
[B2] to hit someone with the flat, inside part of your hand

Dictionary examples:
She slapped his face.
She slapped him across the face.
His friends slapped him on the back when he said he was getting married.

Learner example:
She shouted and slapped my face.

slash  /slæʃ/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a mark (/) used in writing to separate words or numbers, often to show a choice of connection

Dictionary example:
Visit our website, bbc.co.uk/radio4.

slave  /sleɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: slave, slavery

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who is owned by someone else and has to work for them
Dictionary example:
I'm tired of being treated like a slave!

Learner example:
I know you’re lazy sometimes but don’t worry you don’t have to work [like] a slave.

**slavery** /ˈsleɪ.vəri/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** slave, slavery

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] the system of owning slaves, or the condition of being a slave

**Dictionary example:**
They campaigned for the abolition of slavery.

**Learner example:**
From the condition of slavery, the Greeks passed to life in a fully developed and democratic country.

**sleepless** /ˈsliːp.ləs/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** sleep
**Verbs:** sleep
**Adjectives:** asleep, sleepy, sleepless

**ADJECTIVE**

**a sleepless night**
[C1] a night when you are not able to sleep

**Dictionary example:**
He'd spent a sleepless night worrying about his exam.

**Learner example:**
Most of the rooms we stayed in did not have air-conditioning, which caused many sleepless nights to the majority of us due to the intense heat.

**sleepy** /ˈsliːp.i/
ADJECTIVE

PLACE

[C1] quiet and with little activity

Dictionary example:
a sleepy little town

Learner example:
I don't know much about it because it never got into my remote, sleepy village.

slice /slaɪs/

VERB [T]

[B2] to cut something into thin, flat pieces

Dictionary examples:
Slice the mushrooms thinly and fry in butter.
Could you slice me a very thin piece of cake/slice a very thin piece of cake for me?

slide /slaɪd/

VERB (slid, slid)

slide (sth) across/down/along, etc.
[B2] to move smoothly over a surface, or to make something move smoothly over a surface

Dictionary examples:
He likes sliding on the ice.
He slid the letter into his pocket.
We've got one of those doors in the kitchen that slides open.

Learner example:
I slid down the slope and when trying to brake, the brakes locked.

slight /slɛɪt/

Word family:
Adjectives: slight
Adverbs: slightly

ADJECTIVE

[B2] small and not important
Dictionary examples:
a slight improvement
We're having a slight problem with our computer system.
I haven't the slightest idea what he's talking about.

Learner example:
To conclude, today's way of eating is not really healthy, but we can notice a slight improvement.

slightly /ˈslært.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: slight
Adverbs: slightly

ADVERB
[B2] a little

Dictionary examples:
She's slightly taller than her sister.
I'm slightly upset she forgot my birthday.

Learner example:
Even at night, it will take you only slightly longer to get from A to B, provided you are near the city centre.

slippery /ˈslɪp.ər.i/

Word family:
Verbs: slip
Adjectives: slippery

ADJECTIVE
[C1] smooth and wet and difficult to hold or walk on

Dictionary example:
Be careful – the floor's slippery.

Learner example:
We arrived at the mountain at seven o'clock [in] the morning and because the previous night it [had been] raining, the rocks were slippery.
slogan /ˈsləʊ.gən/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a short phrase that is easy to remember and is used to make people notice something

Dictionary example:
an advertising slogan

Learner example:
Our slogan is "BE CREATIVE".

slope /sləʊp/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a surface or piece of land that is high at one end and low at the other

Dictionary examples:
There's a steep slope to climb before we're at the top.
a mountain/ski slope

Learner example:
During [the] daytime, we all went up to the slopes for skiing.

slot /slɒt/

NOUN [c]

HOLE
[C1] a long, narrow hole that you put something into, especially money

Dictionary example:
Put the coin in the slot.

Learner example:
Instead of inserting a coin, you put your card in a slot and then dial the number.

TIME
[C1] a period of time that you allow for something in a plan

Dictionary example:
The programme is being moved to a later slot.

Learner example:
Customers will also be able to choose the date and even the time slot for the delivery.
slow /sləʊ/

Word family:
Verbs: slow
Adjectives: slow
Adverbs: slowly

ADJECTIVE

NOT EXCITING

[B2] not exciting

Dictionary example:
I find his films very slow.

Learner example:
The begin[n]ing of the movie is slow, but the last hour is incredible.

VERB [I or T]

slow (sb/sth) down/up or slow down/up (sb/sth) PHRASAL VERB

[B2] to become slower, or to make someone or something become slower

Dictionary examples:
Slow down, you two, you're walking too fast!
If I run with Christina she tends to slow me down.
We slowed up when we saw the police.

Learner example:
Suddenly a car slowed down not far from him.

slow down PHRASAL VERB

[B2] If someone slows down, they become less active.

Dictionary example:
The doctor told me I should slow down and not work so hard.

Learner example:
First of all, you must slow down at work or better yet, take a holiday for a week or two.

smart /smɑːt/

ADJECTIVE

TECHNOLOGY

[C1] using computers or information stored in electronic form
Dictionary examples:
a smart phone
smart bombs

Learner example:
Some telephones are only operated by "smart cards".

**smash**  /ˈsmæʃ/  
VERB  [B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to break into a lot of pieces with a loud noise, or to make something break into a lot of pieces with a loud noise

**Dictionary examples:**
Rioters ran through the city centre smashing **windows** and looting shops.
She dropped her cup and watched it smash to pieces on the stone floor.

**Learner example:**
Then the two men tried to smash the door [down].

**smell**  /smel/  
VERB (smelled or smelt, smelled or smelt)  
ABILITY  [B2] [ɪ] to have the ability to notice or discover that a substance is present by using your nose

**Dictionary examples:**
Humans can't smell as well as dogs.
What I hate most about having a cold is not being able to smell.

NOUN
ABILITY  [B2] [ʌ] the ability to notice smells

**Dictionary examples:**
Smell is one of the five senses.
Dogs have a very good sense of smell.

UNPLEASANT  [B2] [ɛ] an unpleasant smell

**Dictionary example:**
I wish I could get rid of that smell in the bathroom.
Learner example:
People who were on the bus wondered where that smell came from.

**smog /smɒg/**

NOUN [u]
[C1] air pollution in a city that is a mixture of smoke, gases, and chemicals

Dictionary example:
Smog hung over the city.

Learner example:
This will reduce smog and pollution, which has become an increasing problem for Castlecross.

**smoker /ˈsməʊ.kə/**

Word family:
Nouns: smoke, smoker, smoking
Adjectives: non-smoking, smoky

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who smokes tobacco regularly

Dictionary example:
a cigarette/pipe smoker

Learner example:
You can go for a walk, (which is good for you), eat well-balanced food and try not to smoke (if you are a heavy smoker).

**smooth /smuːð/**

Word family:
Adjectives: smooth
Adverbs: smoothly

ADJECTIVE

PROCESS
[C1] happening without problems or difficulties

Dictionary example:
Her job is to help students make a smooth transition from high school to college.
Learner example:
As far as I am concerned, not only will this create a bad public reputation but it will also disturb the smooth running of both the hospital and our charity organisation.

smoothly /ˈsmuːð.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: smooth
Adverbs: smoothly

ADVERB
WITHOUT PROBLEMS
[B2] without any problems or difficulties

Dictionary examples:
Everything was going smoothly before Darren arrived.
All the machinery was running smoothly.

Learner example:
I hope everything goes smoothly.

smuggle /ˈsmʌg.l/

VERB [r]
[C1] to take something into or out of a place in an illegal or secret way

Dictionary example:
He was arrested for smuggling cocaine into Britain.

Learner example:
Somehow they manage to get themselves trapped in a vicious circle of crime, under the influence of a magician who forces them to smuggle jewels for him.

sneeze /sniːz/

VERB [i]
[B2] When you sneeze, air and often small drops of liquid suddenly come out of your nose and mouth in a way you cannot control.

Dictionary example:
Cats make him sneeze – I think he's allergic to them.

Learner example:
We were sneezing all the time and had a fever.
snore /ˈsnɔː/  

**VERB [i]**

[B2] to breathe in a very noisy way while you are sleeping

**Dictionary example:**
He was snoring so much it kept me awake.

**Learner example:**
You know, we can live together as long as you don't snore like you did last time.

so /səʊ/  

**ADVERB**

**if so**
[B2] if this is the case

**Dictionary example:**
It might rain this afternoon. If so, we'll have to have the party indoors.

**Learner example:**
Will you be in time for dinner? If so, I'll cook your favourite dish.

**so as to**
[B2] in order to

**Dictionary example:**
I always keep fruit in the fridge so as to keep insects off it.

**Learner example:**
I could come on 8th July so as to be there on Tim's birthday.

to do so  
[C1] if you do this, or if this is done

**Dictionary examples:**
They want to build a completely new school, but to do so would cost far too much. I would strongly advise you against taking out a loan of this size. To do so would be a great risk to your business.

**Learner example:**
It is generally believed that if [a] better education is provided, children are better prepared for adult life. To do so, money is essential.

**even so**  
[C1] used to emphasize that something surprising is true despite what you have just said
Dictionary example:
Car prices have gone down a lot, but even so, we couldn't afford to buy one.

Learner example:
I'm sure many of [these things] happened due to bad luck, but even so, there are some arrangements that, I bel[ie]ve, can easily be improved.

so as not to do *sth*
[C1] used for saying what the purpose of an action is

Dictionary example:
He went in very quietly so as not to wake the baby.

Learner example:
Secondly, I think we should plan some other kind of activities in case of bad weather and we should have more than one bus with us so as not to waste time in case it breaks down.

soak /səʊk/  

Word family:
Verbs: soak
Adjectives: soaked, soaking

VERB [I or T]

PUT IN LIQUID
[B2] If you soak something, or let it soak, you put it in a liquid for a period of time.

Dictionary examples:
Soak the bread in the milk.
He left the pan in the sink to soak.

Learner example:
I was just enjoying [the] warm sand, soaking my feet in cold water, when his shadow obscured the sun.

MAKE WET
[C1] If liquid soaks somewhere or soaks something, it makes something very wet.

Dictionary examples:
The rain soaked my clothes.
The ink soaked through the paper onto the table.

Learner example:
The fish tank had been upended causing the fish to drop dead and the water [had] soaked the fitted carpet.
soak up sth or soak sth [B2] to enjoy the effects of an experience

Dictionary examples:
We arrived early at the festival to soak up the atmosphere.
I spent two weeks in Greece soaking up the sun.

Learner example:
I like a lazy rest, so I took advantage of [the] sunny weather and sandy beach and soaked up the sun all day long.

soaked /səʊkt/

Word family:
Verbs: soak
Adjectives: soaked, soaking

soaking /ˈsoʊkɪŋ/

Word family:
Verbs: soak
Adjectives: soaked, soaking

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soaring /ˈsɔːr.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Verbs: soar
Adjectives: soaring

ADJECTIVE
[C1] increasing very quickly

Dictionary example:
soaring property prices

Learner example:
This is due to soaring house prices, especially in urban areas.

sob /sɒb/

VERB [i] (–bb–)
[B2] to cry in a noisy way

Dictionary example:
We found her sobbing in a corner.

Learner example:
Suddenly one of our group member[s] started to sob.

so-called /ˌsəʊˈkɔːld/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

NOT AS NAMED
[B2] used to show that you think a word that is used to describe someone or something is wrong

Dictionary example:
It was one of his so-called friends who supplied him with the drugs that killed him.

Learner example:
This so-called “Perfect Evening” was so disappointing, as well as discouraging [us from] coming to your Circle Theatre again.

KNOWN AS
[B2] used to show that this is an informal, little known, or new name that something or someone is know as
**Dictionary example:**
Married taxpayers are hit hard by the so-called marriage penalty.

**Learner example:**
There are lots of so-called workaholics who suffer from heart-attacks, high-blood-pressure or general nervousness.

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**social /ˈsəʊ.ʃəl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** society, socialism, socialist
**Verbs:** socialize
**Adjectives:** sociable, social, anti-social

**ADJECTIVE**

[SOCIOLOGY]

[B2] relating to society and the way people live

**Dictionary examples:**
social classes/groups
social trends/change/equality/justice/differences

**Learner example:**
There are ecological, technical, and social problems.

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**socialist /ˈsəʊ.ʃəl.ɪst/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** society, socialism, socialist
**Verbs:** socialize
**Adjectives:** sociable, social, anti-social

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] someone who supports socialism

**Dictionary example:**
My parents are socialists.

**Learner example:**
It was the first time in history that socialists were a majority in the government.
socialize (also UK socialise) /ˈsəʊ.ʃəl.aɪz/  

Word family:  
Nouns: society, socialism, socialist  
Verbs: socialize  
Adjectives: sociable, social, anti-social  

VERB [i]  
[B2] to spend time enjoying yourself with other people  

Dictionary examples:  
I tend not to socialize with my colleagues.  
I hope Adrian's actually doing some work at college – he seems to spend all his time socializing!  

Learner example:  
With reference to the accommodation I would rather stay in a tent because I think it is the best way to socialize.  

society /səˈsæri.ə.ti/  

Word family:  
Nouns: society, socialism, socialist  
Verbs: socialize  
Adjectives: sociable, social, anti-social  

NOUN  
ORGANIZATION  
[B2] [c] an organization for people who have the same interest or aim  

Dictionary examples:  
an amateur dramatic society  
the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  

Learner example:  
I read an article about the "Riding Society of Warlingham" in the local newspaper and I was fascinated by its ideas.  

softness /ˈsɒft.nəs/  

Word family:  
Nouns: softness  
Adjectives: soft  
Adverbs: softly  

NOUN [u]  
[B2] the quality of being soft  

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Dictionary example:
Just feel the softness of the baby’s skin!

Learner example:
The room has only a few lamps and the furniture is worn down and has lost its softness.

soil /sɔɪl/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the top layer of earth that plants grow in

Dictionary example:
light/heavy/sandy soil

Learner example:
Many couples with young children and old people prefer fresh grass and natural soil to concrete and cement in a city.

solar /ˈsəʊ.lər/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] relating to, or involving the sun

Dictionary examples:
solar energy
a solar cell/panel
solar heating

Learner example:
It will save a lot of electricity as solar energy is used.

sole /səʊl/

Word family:
Adjectives: sole
Adverbs: solely

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[C1] only or not shared with anyone else

Dictionary examples:
My sole objective is to make the information more widely available.
The sole survivor of the accident was found in the water after six hours.
She has sole responsibility for the project.
Learner example:
Creating a library for this sole purpose would be ideal for our school’s language department.

solely /ˈsəʊl.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: sole
Adverbs: solely

ADVERB
[C1] only and not involving anyone or anything else

Dictionary examples:
I bought it solely for that purpose.
It seems he's not solely to blame for the accident.
The product's success cannot be explained solely by the popularity of the ads.

Learner example:
In my opinion, everything depends solely on us and taking everyday decisions determines our future.

solicitor /səˈlɪs.ɪ.tər/

NOUN [C]
[C1] in Britain, a lawyer who gives legal advice and help, and who works in the lower courts of law

Dictionary example:
We got a solicitor to draw up the contract.

Learner example:
If we [do] not hear from you within 10 days we shall be obliged to put the matter in the hands of our solicitors, which is not what we desire.

solid /ˈsɒl.ɪd/

ADJECTIVE

HARD
[B2] hard and firm, without holes or spaces
Dictionary examples:
solid ground/rock
a solid object
a solid structure

Learner example:
Having solid ground beneath her feet again she sighed with relief for having survived this adventure.

STRONG
[B2] strong and not easily broken or damaged

Dictionary example:
solid furniture

Learner example:
[If] you have an accident, you have less chance [of] get[ting] hurt if you are sitting in [a] big, solid vehicle.

NOT LIQUID/GAS
[C1] not a liquid or a gas

Dictionary examples:
Liquid and solid waste is collected in the tank.
Freeze the mixture for about 3 hours or so until solid.

Learner example:
Of the total amount of electrical power produced in the world, solid fuel is by far the most important contributor (44%).

solid gold/silver/wood, etc.
[C1] gold/silver/wood, etc. with nothing added

Dictionary example:
a solid silver bracelet

Learner example:
The dark marble is easy to keep clean and the solid brass handles look luxur[ious].

solidarity /ˌsɒl.ɪˈdær.ə.ti/

NOUN [u]
[C1] agreement and support between people in a group who have similar aims or beliefs

Dictionary example:
Several lecturers joined the march to show solidarity with their students.
Learner example:

All the people were dancing, singing, laughing and enjoying their time in the company of these beautiful children from poor African streets, with a great sense of solidarity.

solitude /ˈsɒl.ɪ.tjuːd/

Word family:
Nouns: solitude
Adjectives: solitary

NOUN [u]
[C1] being alone

Dictionary example:
He went upstairs to read the letter in solitude.

Learner example:
You’ll find true solitude and a place for serious contemplation of life’s big questions.

solo /ˈsəʊ.ləʊ/

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]; ADVERB
[B2] done alone by one person only

Dictionary examples:
a solo performance/flight
to sail/fly solo
He used to play with a group but now he has gone solo/has a solo career.

Learner example:
They all started with a solo career.

NOUN [c] (PLURAL solos)
[B2] a piece of music for one person or one instrument

Dictionary examples:
a trumpet solo
Parker’s solo on 'A Night in Tunisia' was so amazing that the pianist backing him simply stopped playing.

Learner example:
They were amazing, the drummer was so fast – when he was playing the drum solo, I couldn’t even see his hands and his drum sticks.
some /ˈsʌm/  

DETERMINER

LARGE AMOUNT

[B2] a large amount or number of something

Dictionary examples:
It'll be some time before we meet again.
It was some years later when they next met.
We discussed the problem at some length.

Learner example:
It's some years ago now, sixteen years I think.

NOT USING NAME

[C1] used to refer to a particular person or thing without stating exactly which one

Dictionary examples:
Some lucky person will win more than $1 000 000 in the competition.
Some idiot's locked the door!
There must be some way you can relieve the pain.

Learner example:
Maybe you hate the memory of these boring literature classes at school, but I'm sure each of you is interested in some subject or other.

somehow /ˈsʌm.haʊ/  

ADVERB

REASON NOT CLEAR

[B2] for a reason which is not clear

Dictionary example:
I know what we're doing is legal, but somehow it doesn't feel right.

Learner example:
I did not know who was talking to me but somehow I knew that it must be an urgent matter. Why else [w]ould a stranger wake me in the middle of the night?
### something /ˈsʌm.θɪŋ/

**PRONOUN**

be/have something to do with *sth/sb*

[C1] to be related to something or a cause of something but not in a way which you know about or understand

**Dictionary example:**
It might have something to do with the way it's made.

**Learner example:**
Well, it has something to do with politics, but as you know, I don't understand a word of it because I don't care about it.

### somewhat /ˈsʌm.wɒt/ FORMAL SLIGHTLY

**ADVERB**

[C1] slightly

**Dictionary examples:**
The resort has changed somewhat over the last few years.
She's somewhat more confident than she used to be.
We were somewhat tired after our long walk.

**Learner example:**
We found the written article to be somewhat inaccurate, since several facts were mistaken and others were blown out of proportion.

### somewhere /ˈsʌm.weə/

**ADVERB**

somewhere around/between, etc.

[B2] approximately

**Dictionary examples:**
Somewhere between 900 and 1100 minor crimes are reported in this city every week.
It will take us somewhere between three and four hours to get to Madrid.
The company's annual turnover is somewhere around £70.7 million.

**Learner example:**
The gathering will take place somewhere between the first and second week of the month, so you can come somewhere around then.
son-in-law /ˈsan.ɪn.lɔː/

NOUN [C] (PLURAL sons-in-law)
[B2] your daughter's husband

Dictionary example:
My son-in-law helped me mend the fence.

soon /suːn/

ADVERB

sooner or later
[B2] used to say that you do not know exactly when something will happen, but you are certain that it will happen

Dictionary example:
Sooner or later she's going to realize what a mistake she's made.

Learner example:
Anyway I think that sooner or later you will have problems with your heart or stomach.

no sooner ... than
[C1] used to show that something happens immediately after something else

Dictionary example:
No sooner had we got home than the phone rang.

Learner example:
No sooner had I entered a pub than the waitress smiled warmly at me.

sophisticated /soˈfɪst.ɪ.kə.tɪd/

ADJECTIVE

WITH EXPERIENCE
[B2] well-educated and having experience of the world or knowledge of culture

Dictionary examples:
She was slim, svelte and sophisticated.
I don't suppose I have any books that would suit your sophisticated tastes.
He was older than me and from London and I thought him very sophisticated.

Learner example:
Her conversation was very sophisticated.
ADVANCED
[B2] A sophisticated machine or system is very advanced and works in a clever way.

Dictionary examples:
I think a more sophisticated approach is needed to solve this problem.
These are among the most sophisticated weapons in the world.

Learner example:
These days we can use [a] computer, television [or other] sophisticated equipment.

sorry /ˈsɒr.i/

ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

SAYING NO
[B2] used to show politeness when refusing something or disagreeing

Dictionary examples:
I'm sorry but I think you've made a mistake.
I'm sorry, I can't agree.
I'm sorry, but I just don't think it's a good idea.
Sorry, you can't go in there.

Learner example:
I am sorry, but I completely disagree with the comments you have [made about] the festival.

sort /sɔːt/

NOUN

sort of INFORMAL
[B2] used to describe something approximately

Dictionary examples:
It's a sort of pale orange colour.
They were sort of waving.

Learner example:
I sort of felt like I had done my part to make the concert a suc[c]ess.

VERB [T]

ORDER
[B2] to arrange things into different groups or types or into an order
Dictionary examples:
Paper, plastic and cans are sorted for recycling.
I'm going to sort these old books into those to be kept and those to be thrown away.
You can use the computer to sort the newspaper articles alphabetically, by date, or by subject.

soul /soʊl/

NOUN

SPIRIT
[B2] ! [c] the part of a person which is not their body, which some people believe continues to exist after they die

Dictionary example:
She suffered greatly while she was alive, so let us hope her soul is now at peace.

Learner example:
Finally, two very old and serious aunts, a friend of the[irs], my Grandma and a [retired] couple from our neighbourhood were ready to call any soul from heaven to talk to us.

PERSON
[B2] [c] informal a person

Dictionary example:
I didn’t see a soul when I went out.

Learner example:
Unlike a year ago, she did not tell a soul.

sound /saʊnd/

VERB

sound angry/happy/rude, etc.
[B2] to seem angry, happy, rude, etc. when you speak

Dictionary examples:
He sounded very depressed when we spoke on the telephone yesterday.
At the press conference, he sounded at his most relaxed.

Learner example:
He sounded so excited!
**soundtrack** /ˈsaʊnd.træk/

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] the music used in a film or a television programme

**Dictionary example:**
The film's soundtrack includes music by Bob Marley.

**Learner example:**
The first time I heard it was in a movie, named "8 Mile". This song was the soundtrack of that movie.

**source** /sɔːs/

**NOUN [c]**

**COME FROM**

[B2] where something comes from

**Dictionary examples:**
a source of heat/energy/light
Oranges are a good source of vitamin C.
Experts are trying to track down the source of the contamination in the water supply.
We walked up the river to its source in the hills.
Money is often a source of tension and disagreements in young married couples.

**Learner example:**
Fish is a great source of vitamins.

**PERSON**

[C1] someone who gives information to the police, newspapers, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
The story came from a source within government.

**Learner example:**
For the next report, I advise you to get the correct information from the source.

**sow** /səʊ/

**VERB [T] (sowed, sown, sowed)**

[C1] to put seeds into the ground

**Dictionary example:**
to sow seeds/crops
Learner example:
Farmers had to plough, sow and harvest cotton on their own, using their labour and hands.

**soya** /ˈsoɪ.ə/

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] a substance made from beans and used to make many foods

**Dictionary example:**
This milk is made from soya.

**Learner example:**
[We offer] a huge range of soya products, energy bars, jam and spreads, suitable for diabetic[s], and a good choice of herbal teas.

**space** /ˈspeɪs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** space
**Adjectives:** spacious

**NOUN**

**AREA AROUND**
[B2] [u] that which is around everything that exists and which is continuous in all directions

**Dictionary examples:**
He was absent-mindedly staring/gazing into space.
Virtual Reality aims to give us artificial worlds to explore, outside normal space and time.

**Learner example:**
Just think of this one example when you go to visit a zoo and you see the elephant or the tiger or lion walking up and down and up and down in their "prison" and staring into space.

**spacious** /ˈspər.ʃəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** space
**Adjectives:** spacious

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] large and with a lot of space
**Dictionary example:**
a spacious apartment/office

**Learner example:**
The rooms are spacious enough but they are very cold and that means that during the winter we have to wear many clothes in order to stay warm.

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spam /spæm/
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**NOUN [u]**

[C1] emails that you do not want, usually advertisements

**Dictionary example:**
Most of the emails I receive are spam.

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spare /speər/
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**VERB**

**GIVE**

[C1] [r] to give time or money to someone

**Dictionary examples:**
I have to go soon, but I can spare a few minutes.
Can you spare me some change?

**Learner example:**
Thank you for sparing your time to read my letter and I look forward to the next edition of your newspaper.

**to spare**

[C1] If you have time, money, etc. to spare, you have more than you need.

**Dictionary example:**
I arrived at the station with more than an hour to spare.

**Learner example:**
I even started to do the shopping on the Net, and I think this is the perfect solution for the business[s] woman with family and little time to spare.
sparkling /ˈspɑːrk.lɪŋ/

**ADJECTIVE**

**SHINING**

[B2] shining brightly because of reflected light

**Dictionary example:**
sparkling diamonds

**Learner example:**
Finally, my college is not far from the coast, where you [will] find beautiful beaches and the sparkling, blue sea.

**SPECIAL**

[C1] special or exciting

**Dictionary examples:**
a sparkling performance
sparkling conversation

**Learner example:**
After, [it's] time for lunch with a lot of Champagne (for a more sparkling atmosphere!).

speak /spiːk/ (spoke, spoken)

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** speaker, speech  
**Verbs:** speak  
**Adjectives:** speechless

**VERB**

**generally/personally, etc. speaking**

[B2] used to explain that you are talking about something in a general/personal, etc. way

**Dictionary example:**
Well, generally speaking, it's quicker if you take the train.

**Learner example:**
Generally speaking, the best way to keep fit is to live a healthy life.

**IN PUBLIC**

[B2] [ɪ] to make a speech to a large group of people

**Dictionary example:**
She was invited to speak at a conference in Madrid.
Learner example:
On behalf of all its members, I would like to invite you to speak at one of our meetings.

**speak for/on behalf of sb**
[C1] to express the feelings, opinions, etc. of another person or a group of people

Dictionary example:
I've been chosen to speak on behalf of the whole class.

Learner example:
I am sure that I speak on behalf of the rest of the members of this club.

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**special**
/ˈspeʃ.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: specialist, speciality
Verbs: specialize
Adjectives: special
Adverbs: specially

**ADJECTIVE**

**special attention/care/treatment**
[B2] treatment that is better than usual

Dictionary example:
I don't expect special treatment – I just want to be treated fairly.

Learner example:
As you know, an Austin Healey needs special treatment.

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**specialist**
/ˈspeʃ.ə.l.ɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: specialist, speciality
Verbs: specialize
Adjectives: special
Adverbs: specially

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] someone who has a lot of experience, knowledge, or skill in a particular subject

Dictionary examples:
a software specialist
She’s a specialist in modern French literature.
She’s a specialist in childhood illnesses.
a leading cancer/eye specialist
**Learner example:**
Now, fully equipped and powerful computers can be so small and mobile that some specialists predict that new devices will replace [the] book.

**speciality /ˌspeʃ.iˈæl.ə.ti/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** specialist, speciality
- **Verbs:** specialize
- **Adjectives:** special
- **Adverbs:** specially

**NOUN [C]**
[C1] a product, skill, etc. that a person or place is especially known for

**Dictionary example:**
We tasted a local speciality made from goat's cheese.

**Learner example:**
But even McDonald's realised there is another trend on the rise – local food and specialities – and therefore[es] started putting them on their menu.

**specialize (ALSO UK specialise) /ˈspeʃ.əlaɪz/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** specialist, speciality
- **Verbs:** specialize
- **Adjectives:** special
- **Adverbs:** specially

**VERB [I]**
[B2] to spend most of your time studying one particular subject or doing one type of business

**Dictionary examples:**
She's hired a lawyer who specializes in divorce cases.
a restaurant that specialises in seafood
I enjoy working in general medicine, but I hope to be able to specialize in the future.

**Learner example:**
Some specialise in acting and others [work] back stage like adjusting the sound or light and preparing the outfits.
**species** /ˈspɪː.ʃiːz/ (PLURAL species)

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a group of plants or animals which share similar characteristics

**Dictionary examples:**
Mountain gorillas are an **endangered** species.
Over a hundred species **of** insect are found in this area.

**Learner example:**
Then I wrote an article about saving endangered species.

**specific** /spaˈsɪf.ɪk/

**Word family:**
_Nouns:_ specification
_Verbs:_ specify
_Adjectives:_ specific
_Adverbs:_ specifically

**ADJECTIVE**

**PARTICULAR THING**

[B2] used to refer to a particular thing and not something general

**Dictionary examples:**
English for specific purposes
The disease seems to be specific **to** certain types of plant.
Is there anything specific you want from the shops?

**Learner example:**
We need to see animals, study them, and in some cases find out why specific types of animals can’t live in the nature which we have spoiled.

**EXACT**

[C1] exact or containing details

**Dictionary example:**
Could you **be** more specific **about** the problem?

**Learner example:**
To be more specific, our students discovered that the majority of your exhibits did not function at all.
specifically /spəˈsɪf.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: specification
Verbs: specify
Adjectives: specific
Adverbs: specifically

**ADVERB**

PARTICULAR PURPOSE

[C1] for a particular reason, purpose, etc.

Dictionary examples:
They're designed specifically for children.
She bought it specifically to wear at the wedding.

Learner example:
I specifically chose to travel with you since your travel brochure promised a half-day trip to St. Andrews, where I was to meet my friend Ann.

EXACTLY

[C1] exactly or in detail

Dictionary examples:
I specifically told them that she doesn't eat meat.
The law specifically prohibits acts of this kind.

Learner example:
More specifically, students have to complete numerous questions with very long answers for four different subjects, and the time available for each subject is three hours.

specification /ˌspes.ɪf.ɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: specification
Verbs: specify
Adjectives: specific
Adverbs: specifically

**NOUN [C]** FORMAL

[C1] a detailed description of how something should be done, made, etc.

Dictionary example:
They are made exactly to the customer's specifications.

Learner example:
Translating technical specifications prepared by no[n]-native speakers can often cause serious problems.
**specify** /ˈspes.ɪ.fai/

Word family:
Nouns: specification
Verbs: specify
Adjectives: specific
Adverbs: specifically

**VERB [T]**
[B2] to state or describe something clearly and exactly

**Dictionary examples:**
He said we should meet but didn't specify a time.
The peace treaty clearly specifies the terms for the withdrawal of troops.
The newspaper report did not specify how the men were killed.
My contract specifies (that) I must give a month's notice if I leave my job.
The loan must be repaid within a specified period/by a specified date.

**Learner example:**
You did not specify what kind of work you are supposed to do either in a restaurant or in a museum.

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**spectator** /spekˈteɪ.tə/

Noun [c]
[B2] someone who watches an event, sport, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
They won 4–0 in front of over 40 000 cheering spectators.

**Learner example:**
At midnight sharp, fireworks covered the concert hall and I, as well as the rest of [the] spectators, felt the excitement and delight I've never felt before.

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**spectrum** /ˈspek.trəm/

Noun [c] (spectra)

All possibilities
[C1] all the different ideas, opinions, possibilities, etc. that exist

**Dictionary example:**
He has support from across the whole political spectrum.
Learner example:
At the other end of the spectrum of opinions you can find some people who need to park in the city for business matters, like a local shopkeeper I talked to, who is afraid of losing customers.

speculation /ˌspek.əˈleɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: speculation
Verbs: speculate

NOUN [u]
[C1] when people guess about something without having enough information to be certain

Dictionary example:
She has dismissed the claims as pure speculation.

Learner example:
I seriously urge your organisation to base your reports on hard facts instead of speculation.

speech /spiːtʃ/

Word family:
Nouns: speaker, speech
Verbs: speak
Adjectives: speechless

NOUN

FORMAL TALK
[B2] [c] a formal talk given usually to a large number of people on a special occasion

Dictionary examples:
I had to give/make a speech at my brother's wedding.
The Governor of New York delivered a rousing speech to the national convention.
He gave the after-dinner speech.
Did you hear her acceptance speech at the Oscars ceremony?

Learner example:
I suggest that if you want to invite someone to give a speech, you have to invite athletes.
speechless /ˈspiːtʃ.ələs/

Word family:
Nouns: speaker, speech
Verbs: speak
Adjectives: speechless

ADJECTIVE
[C1] unable to speak because you are so angry, shocked, surprised, etc.

Dictionary example:
I couldn't believe what he was telling me – I was speechless.

Learner example:
Last year, I had the opportunity to visit Chania [again] with my family and I was speechless when I understood that everything has undergone rapid change, because of tourism.

speed /spiːd/

NOUN

MOVEMENT
[B2] [u] very fast movement

Dictionary examples:
I get a real thrill from speed.
He put on a sudden burst of speed.
Both cars were travelling at speed when the accident happened.

Learner example:
Every summer I go to watersports because I like water. I'm very good at swimming and I like the speed of some watersports.

up to speed
[C1] having all the most recent information about a subject or activity

Dictionary example:
The course should bring you up to speed with the latest techniques.

Learner example:
Apart [from] this you can keep yourself up to speed with what's happening around the world on various fronts.

exceed the speed limit
[C1] to drive faster than you are allowed to according to the law

Dictionary example:
She was caught exceeding the speed limit.
Learner example:
There are three ground rules you have to follow: stop at stop-signs, don't exceed the speed limit and don't be in the way of other cars.

sphere /sfaɪər/

NOUN [C]
[C1] a subject or area of knowledge, work, etc.

Dictionary example:
the political sphere

Learner example:
There is a very big crew, all of them very good in their sphere of work.

spin /spɪn/

VERB [I or T] (spinning, spun)

TURN
[C1] If something spins or you spin something, it turns around and around quickly.

Dictionary example:
The car spun across the road.

Learner example:
When the valve of the reservoir is opened, it passes through a pipe and it makes the turbine spin.

spine /spaɪn/

NOUN [C]
[C1] the long structure of bones down the centre of your back, which supports your body

Dictionary example:
She injured her spine in a riding accident.

Learner example:
I had to carry my luggage to my room on the 3rd floor, which was hard as I suffer from a spine injury.
spirit /ˈspɪr.ɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: spirit
Adjectives: spiritual
Adverbs: spiritually

NOUN

WAY OF FEELING
[B2] [NO PLURAL] the way people think and feel about something

Dictionary examples:
The players have a very strong team spirit.
As rock musicians in the 1960s, they were very much part of the spirit of the age/times.
We acted in a spirit of cooperation.

Learner example:
In addition to [that], you should invite athletes who have experience in sports to speak about team spirit and the role that sports [have] in our life.

in good/high/low, etc. spirits
[B2] feeling good/excited/unhappy, etc.

Dictionary example:
The whole class was in good spirits that day.

Learner example:
I was in high spirits until I got my paper back.

GHOST
[B2] [C] a form of a dead person such as a ghost

Dictionary example:
an evil spirit

Learner example:
I thought the house could have ghosts or spirits and because of this, I tried to convince myself that it ha[d] been [my] imagination, but suddenly the lights went out.

NOT BODY
[C1] [C or U] the part of a person which is not their body, which some people believe continues to exist after they die

Dictionary example:
I believe my spirit will live on after I die.

Learner example:
I would like to tell [José San Martin] that even if he could not reach his goal, without him, we would still [be] a dependent country. Furthermore, that his spirit was, is and will be in our hearts and minds.
DRINK
[C1] ! [c] a strong alcoholic drink, such as whisky or vodka

Dictionary example:
I don't often drink spirits.

Learner example:
There will be [starter]s, meat, fish, desserts... and a lot of Rioja's wine, of course! Champagne and spirits too.

spiritual /ˈspɪr.tju.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: spirit
Adjectives: spiritual
Adverbs: spiritually

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to deep feelings and beliefs, especially religious beliefs

Dictionary example:
Traditional ways of life fulfilled both economic and spiritual needs.

Learner example:
I'd like to get in contact with the amazing spiritual life in [India]. There is no other country in the world with so many different religions and sects.

splash /splæʃ/

VERB

LIQUID
[B2] [I or T] If a liquid splashes or you splash a liquid, drops of it hit or fall on something.

Dictionary examples:
Water was splashing from a hole in the roof.
Unfortunately some paint splashed onto the rug.
She splashed her face with cold water.

Learner example:
But in some towns we stayed [in], there were public swimming pools so we could even splash in the water.

splash about/around/through, etc.
[B2] to move in water so that drops of it go in all directions
Dictionary example:
The children splashed about in the puddles.

Learner example:
So we were splashing around and then went to dry ourselves.

NOUN [C]

SOUND
[B2] the sound of something falling into or moving in water

Dictionary example:
They sat listening to the splash of raindrops on the lake.

Learner example:
My friend, the mechanic Alex, heard a strange noise, a very powerful splash in the sea, [and] a lot of water came into the boat.

splendid /ˈsplen.dɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: splendour
Adjectives: splendid

ADJECTIVE
[C1] very good or very beautiful, special, etc.

Dictionary examples:
a splendid idea
a splendid view

Learner example:
As far as interviewing sports personalities is concerned, it would be a splendid idea to interview Gerry Armstrong because he would be able to inform students about football, as he is a very good player.

split /ˈsplɪt/

VERB (splitting, split, split)

DIVIDE
[B2] [I or T] (also split up) to divide into smaller parts or groups, or to divide something into smaller parts or groups
Dictionary examples:
The prize was split between Susan and Kate. 
Split the aubergines in half and cover with breadcrumbs. 
The teacher split the children into three groups.

Learner example:
In my opinion we might just split a full-time salary.

SHARE
[C1] [ɪ] to share something by dividing it into smaller parts

Dictionary example:
The cost of the wedding will be split between the two families.

Learner example:
Sharing is cheaper since you always split the bills two or more ways and in your own place you cook your own food.

spoil /spɔɪl/

Word family:
Verbs: spoil
Adjectives: unspoiled

VERB [ɪ] (spoiled or spoilt, spoiled or spoilt)

CHILD
[C1] If you spoil a child, you let them have anything they want or do anything they want, usually making them badly behaved.

Dictionary example:
Her children are completely spoiled.

Learner example:
Few children are more spoiled than Japanese children.

spokesman /ˈspəʊks.mən/

NOUN [c] (plural spokesmen)
[C1] a man who is chosen to speak officially for a group or organization

Dictionary example:
He was the spokesman for their organization.

Learner example:
Becoming spokesman or woman for a good cause will lead to more popularity of and more attention for the cause.
spokesperson /ˈspəʊksˌpɜːsən/

**NOUN [C]** *(PLURAL spokespeople)*

[C1] someone who is chosen to speak officially for a group or organization

**Dictionary example:**
She was the spokesperson for the group.

**Learner example:**
As the local community spokesperson, my ability to plan, initiate and execute the cleaning of rivers, within our local community as a start, will be beneficial to the "Protect our river" requirements.

sponsor /ˈspɒn.ər/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** sponsor, sponsorship

**Verbs:** sponsor

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to give money to someone to support an activity, event, or organization, sometimes as a way to advertise your company or product

**Dictionary examples:**
The team is sponsored by JVC, so the players wear the letters JVC on their shirts.
Eva said she was doing a ten-mile walk for charity and asked if I’d sponsor her for £1 a mile.

**Learner example:**
The whole [event] is organized by university students and is sponsored by local firms.

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a person or organization that gives money to support an activity, event, etc

**Dictionary example:**
All the major theatres now have sponsors, especially for high-cost productions.

**Learner example:**
Last but not least I am also very keen on supporting the club in general, like finding a sponsor or becoming a member of the board.

sponsorship /ˈspɒnt.ʃɪp/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** sponsor, sponsorship

**Verbs:** sponsor
NOUN [u]
[C1] when someone gives money to support something

Dictionary example:
We wanted to set up a youth club, and asked local businesses for sponsorship.

Learner example:
The aim of this proposal is to explain the reason why our company can sponsor our country’s tennis championship and outline the benefits we will gain from this sponsorship.

**sporty** /ˈspɔː.ti/  

Word family:
Nouns: sport  
Adjectives: sporty

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Sporty people are good at sports.

Dictionary example:
I’m not very sporty.

Learner example:
Our events this summer ha[ve] proved that the sporty young people in the International students’ sports club are both ambitious and know how to have fun.

**spot** /ˈspɒt/  

Word family:
Nouns: spot  
Verbs: spot  
Adjectives: spotless

NOUN [c]

PLACE
[B2] a place

Dictionary example:
This looks like a nice spot for a picnic.

Learner example:
Lake Frene is just a lake, there’s nothing to do and it’s a crowded spot.

SKIN
[B2] an unpleasant, small, red mark on your skin
**Dictionary example:**
He suffered badly with spots as a teenager.

**VERB [T] \((-tt-)\)**

[B2] to see or notice something or someone

**Dictionary examples:**
I've just spotted Malcolm – he's over there, near the entrance.  
If you spot any mistakes in the article just mark them with a pencil.  
The police spotted him driving a stolen car.  
I soon spotted what was wrong with the printer.  
The policewoman spotted that I hadn't got my seat belt on and signalled me to stop.

**Learner example:**
It is very easy to spot because there is a big sign [for] the hotel next to the building.

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**NOUN [C]**

[B2] liquid in a container which forces it out in small drops

**Dictionary examples:**
hair spray
spray paint

**Learner example:**
Actually, there was an attempt to cut down on using and producing sprays which destroy the ozon[e] layer.

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to force liquid out of a container in many small drops

**Dictionary examples:**
The fields are sprayed with pesticides.  
She sprayed a little perfume on her wrists.  
Vandals had sprayed graffiti on the wall.

**Learner example:**
I quickly helped [the] others to decorate the hall – we blew up as many balloons as we could and sprayed them with gold and silver.
spread /spred/

VERB (spread, spread)

GRADUALLY AFFECT
[B2] [i] to gradually affect a larger area

Dictionary examples:
The fire spread very rapidly because of the strong wind.
It started off as cancer of the liver but it spread to other areas of the body.

Learner example:
It seemed that the fire might spread more.

INFORMATION
[B2] [i or τ] If information spreads, or if someone spreads it, it is communicated to many people.

Dictionary examples:
News of his victory spread quickly.
Have you been spreading gossip about them again?

Learner example:
The news spread all over the village.

COVER AREA
[B2] [i or τ] (also spread out) to cover an area

Dictionary examples:
The suburbs spread for miles in every direction.
Our offices are spread (out) over a very wide area.

Learner example:
It has about 500 [in]habitants, who live in 128 houses, which are spread over a big area.

ARRANGE
[C1] [τ] (also spread out) to arrange something over a large area, especially something that was folded

Dictionary examples:
I spread a blanket over his legs.
We spread the map on the floor.
He spread the cards out on the table.
She spread out her towel on the sand and lay down.

Learner example:
She looked at all the diaries that were all spread out around her on the bed.
**NOUN**

**MOVEMENT**

[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when something moves to cover a larger area or affect a larger number of people

*Dictionary examples:*
Jazz records fostered the spread of American culture.
More should be done to stop the spread of this disease.

*Learner example:*
It is true that these days people have much more choice in entertainment, the spread of computers and video games is just one example.

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**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a chart produced on a computer which helps you to do business calculations and planning

*Dictionary example:*
She prepared a spreadsheet with the new sales information.

*Learner example:*
I would be very interested in joining your club, in order to learn how to use basic software like word processing, spreadsheet or database software.

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**NOUN**

**WATER**

[C1] [c] a place where water comes out of the ground

*Dictionary example:*
hot springs

*Learner example:*
Also there is a hot spring beside a river.
spy /spaɪ/

VERB

INFORMATION
[C1] [I] to secretly try to discover information about a person, country, etc.

Dictionary example:
He was accused of spying.

Learner example:
Also, some countries have fears about foreigners coming from underdeveloped countries and may consider some of them as a source of troubles including crimes, spying and maybe terrorism.

squash /skwɒʃ/

VERB

CRUSH FLAT
[B2] [T] to crush something into a flat shape

Dictionary example:
He accidentally sat on her hat and squashed it.

PUSH INTO
[B2] [I T OFTEN PASSIVE] to push someone or something into a small space

Dictionary example:
The kids were all squashed into the back seat.

Learner example:
My idea of fun is not getting up at seven o'clock in the morning to take a bus where we are squashed by lots of rude people we don't even know.

squeeze /skwiːz/

VERB [T]

PRESS
[B2] to press something firmly
Dictionary examples:
She squeezed his hand and said goodbye.
Cut the lemon in half and squeeze the juice into the bowl.
Once he had finished cleaning the floor, he squeezed the cloth out.
He reloaded the gun, took aim and then squeezed the trigger.

Learner example:
It must have been nine o’clock and I was there, sitting in my armchair, squeezing a cushion in my arms.

squeeze through/past, etc.
[C1] to move somewhere where there is very little space

Dictionary example:
She squeezed through a narrow gap in the wall.

Learner example:
There are a huge number of workers every morning trying to squeeze through the tiny door.

stab /stæb/

VERB [T] (–bb–)
[B2] to push a knife into someone

Dictionary examples:
She was stabbed in the arm.
The victim had been stabbed to death.

Learner example:
She raised the knife high in the air and stabbed it right into her stomach.

stability /stəˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: stability
Adjectives: stable

NOUN [U]
[C1] when something is not likely to change or move

Dictionary example:
political/financial stability

Learner example:
In Yugoslavia sport was an important factor contributing to the overall stability of the federation.
stable /ˈster.bl/  

Word family:  
Nouns: stability  
Adjectives: stable  

ADJECTIVE  

SITUATION  
[C1] not likely to change, become worse, or end suddenly  

Dictionary examples:  
Prices have remained fairly stable in recent years.  
The doctor said his condition was stable.  
a stable relationship  

Learner example:  
That is due to [the] low economic development of this country, which is nowadays relatively stable.  

PERSON  
[C1] mentally calm and not easily upset  

Dictionary example:  
He's not a very stable person.  

Learner example:  
Children with [a] good coping mechanism are emotionally stable in facing their problems.  

stage /steɪdʒ/  

NOUN [C]  

PART  
[B2] a period of development, or a particular time in a process  

Dictionary examples:  
The project is in its final stages and should be completed by August.  
They did the last stage of their journey on foot.  
Our marriage is going through a difficult stage at the moment.  
Their youngest child is at the stage where she can say individual words but not full sentences.  
I'm not tired at the moment but I will need a rest at some stage during the walk.  
At this stage, most children are able to read simple words.  
Andrew spends all his spare time playing with his computer but it's probably just a stage he's going through.
**Learner example:**
At that stage of our holiday, we stayed quiet [for] some days in order to rest a bit after all those hours of driving.

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**staggering** /ˈstæg.ə.rɪŋ/

**Word family:**
*Verbs:* stagger
*Adjectives:* staggering

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] very shocking and surprising

**Dictionary example:**
He earns a staggering amount of money.

**Learner example:**
However, it is expected to rise to a staggering 98% in 2010.

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**stain** /steɪn/

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a dirty mark on something that is difficult to remove

**Dictionary examples:**
a blood/grass stain
You can remove a red wine stain from a carpet by sprinkling salt over it.

**Learner example:**
I realised that I had a stain on my trousers.

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**staircase** /ˈsteə.keɪs/

**NOUN [c]**
[C1] a set of stairs and the structure around them

**Dictionary example:**
a spiral staircase

**Learner example:**
The second floor can only be accessed by an outside staircase or a pole that runs through the second floor, like those at fire fighters' stations.
stale /ˈsteɪl/  

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] old and not fresh  

Dictionary examples:  
stale bread  
Cake goes stale quickly if it’s not covered.  

Learner example:  
Furthermore, the food was nothing special – the bread for breakfast was stale and the rice for dinner was cold.  

stamina /ˈstæm.i.nə/  

NOUN [U]  
[C1] the physical or mental energy that allows you to do something for a long time  

Dictionary example:  
Marathon runners need a lot of stamina.  

Learner example:  
She is a healthy strong girl with stamina.  

stamp /stæmp/  

VERB  

MARK  
[B2] [ɪ] to put a mark on an object either by printing on it or pushing into it with a small tool  

Dictionary examples:  
It is necessary to stamp your passport.  
Every carton of yoghurt is stamped with a sell–by date.  

Learner example:  
There was only a small sign stamped on the door, saying that it was "closed for repairs".  

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stand /stand/

VERB (stood, stood)

stand (sth) in/against/by, etc. sth

[B2] to be in or to put something in a particular place or position

Dictionary examples:
His walking stick stood by the door.
You’ll have to stand the sofa on its end to get it through the door.
The room was empty except for a wardrobe standing in one corner.

Learner example:
As he stepped forward I knelt down and pulled his leg, so that he fell over and hit a small table standing beside the sofa.

NOT BE DESTROYED

[C1] [i] if a building stands, it has not been destroyed.

Dictionary example:
After the earthquake not a single building was left standing in the village.

Learner example:
The city was filled of magnificent monuments, some of them still standing today.

stand at sth

[C1] to be at a particular level, amount, height, etc.

Dictionary example:
Inflation currently stands at 3 per cent.

Learner example:
It was overtaken by furniture and equipment, which stood at 23 per cent in 2001, but only at 15% in 1981.

ACCEPT

[C1] [t] to be able to accept or deal with a difficult situation

Dictionary examples:
She couldn’t stand the pressures of the job.
The pain was more than he could stand.

Learner example:
Finally, last week we had a meeting and we decided to complain about that because nobody could stand the situation any more.

NOUN

FOR SELLING/SHOWING

[C1] [c] a table or small structure from which goods are sold or shown
Dictionary examples:
a hot dog stand
Visit our stand at the trade fair.

Learner example:
It would be extremely beneficial to our company to have a stand there next year.

standard /ˈstænd/  

NOUN

QUALITY
[B2] [c or u] a level of quality, especially a level that is acceptable

Dictionary examples:
a high standard of service
low safety standards
His work was below standard.
She sets very high standards for herself.
This essay is not of an acceptable standard – do it again.

Learner example:
In conclusion, I hope that my ideas will help to improve [the] standards of this café and will bring more customers [in] the future.

standard of living
[B2] how much money and comfort someone has

Dictionary example:
a low/high standard of living

Learner example:
I think we would have a better standard of living if we had this situation.

ADJECTIVE
[B2] usual rather than special, especially when thought of as being correct or acceptable

Dictionary examples:
White is the standard colour for this model of refrigerator.
These are standard procedures for handling radioactive waste.
The metre is the standard unit for measuring length in the SI system.

Learner example:
It should be a standard price.
star /stɑːr/

NOUN [C]

BEST

[C1] someone or something that is better than all the others in a group

Dictionary examples:
He is one of our star players.
She was the star of the English class.

Learner example:
He led Brazil to win two more World Cups, and in both of them he was the star player, the black prince.

two-star/three-star, etc.

[C1] used to show how good a restaurant or hotel is

Dictionary example:
a five-star hotel

Learner example:
Also the facilities were great and people started building houses, and the small village became an attractive town with museums, universities, wonderful beaches, five-star hotels and other beautiful facilities.

stare /steər/

VERB [i]

[B2] to look at someone or something for a long time and not move your eyes

Dictionary examples:
Don't stare at people like that, it's rude.
Chuck sat quietly for hours staring into the distance, thinking of what might have been.

Learner example:
David had seen her once before in a park, staring at him.

start /stɑːt/

Word family:
Nouns: start
Verbs: start, restart
VERB [i or T]

BUSINESS
[B2] (also start up) If a business or other organization starts, or if someone starts one, it is created and starts to operate.

Dictionary examples:
She started her own software company.
A lot of new restaurants have started up in the region.

Learner example:
It was the first time in many years he had the opportunity or time to think over his situation and life. He had started his company fifteen years ago and had been successful.

SWITCH ON
[B2] If you start a machine or an engine, you switch it on, and if a machine or engine starts, it begins to work.

Dictionary examples:
The car wouldn't start.
Do you know how to start the lawn mower?

Learner example:
The car would not start and it was impossible to get a taxi because it was Saturday evening, so the only thing we could do was to run all the way to the school.

to start with
[B2] used before saying the first thing in a list of things

Dictionary example:
To start with, we need better computers. Then we need more training.

Learner example:
There is some information I should tell you about. To start with, the T.V repairman didn't come on Wednesday morning as expected.

NOUN

from start to finish
[C1] from the beginning of something to its end

Dictionary example:
I enjoyed the film from start to finish.

Learner example:
I found out that the service itself should last at least one and half hour[s] from start to finish.

for a start
[C1] used when you are giving the first in a list of reasons or things

Dictionary example:
I won't be going – I've got too much homework for a start.
**Learner example:**
So this creates an awareness of the obligation to look after oneself for a start.

**starve /stɑːv/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** starvation
- **Verbs:** starve
- **Adjectives:** starving

**VERB [I or T]**

[C1] to become ill or die because you do not have enough food, or to make someone ill or die because they do not have enough food

**Dictionary example:**
Many people have starved to death in parts of Africa.

**Learner example:**
People were starving to death and various crimes took place.

**starving /ˈstɑːv.ɪŋ/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** starvation
- **Verbs:** starve
- **Adjectives:** starving

**ADJECTIVE**

**ILL/DYING**

[B2] ill or dying because there is not enough food

**Dictionary example:**
starving people

**Learner example:**
What shocked me most was the misery and poverty: thousands of homeless people roaming the streets starving and cold.

**HUNGRY**

[B2] informal very hungry

**Dictionary example:**
I'm absolutely starving.

**Learner example:**
I've always been greedy, but [at] that moment, while my Chemistry teacher was explaining a difficult lesson, I was really starving.
state  /steɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: statement
Verbs: state

NOUN [C]

CONDITION

[B2] the condition that something or someone is in

Dictionary examples:
The building is in a terrible state.
She was found wandering in a confused state (of mind).
Give me the keys – you’re in no fit state to drive.
After the accident I was in a state of shock.
I came home to an unhappy state of affairs.
The kitchen was in its original state, with a 1920s sink and stove.

Learner example:
Some people say TV can be harmful because it keeps our mind in a passive state.

COUNTRY

[C1] a country or its government

Dictionary examples:
The drought is worst in the central African states.
Britain is one of the member states of the European Union.
The government was determined to reduce the number of state–owned industries.
Some theatres receive a small amount of funding from the state.

Learner example:
I opted, since I must talk about my country’s history, to choose an event not from the [w]hole history of the Greek nation, but from that of the independent Greek state (kingdom or republic, it depends [on] the period), which ha[d] a life of about 270–280 years.

VERB [T] FORMAL SLIGHTLY

[B2] to officially say or write something

Dictionary examples:
Our warranty clearly states the limits of our liability.
Union members stated (that) they were unhappy with the proposal.
Please state why you wish to apply for this grant.
Children in the stated areas were at risk from a lack of food, the report said.

Learner example:
Dear Mr Thomas, I’ve read your advertis[e]ment in [the] last issue of "The Traveller", [where] you state that you are looking for people to work on your campsites with English–speaking tourists.

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ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] provided, created or done by the state

Dictionary examples:
state education/industries
state control
state funding/pensions

Learner example:
In general, the rules at private schools are much [strict]er than the ones at state schools.

statement /ˈsteɪ.t.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: statement
Verbs: state

NOUN [C]

THING SAID
[B2] something that someone says or writes officially

Dictionary examples:
The government is expected to issue a statement about the investigation to the press.
He produced a signed statement from the prisoner.
We were not surprised by their statement that the train services would be reduced.

Learner example:
Dear Editor Referring to your article of today, I want to correct some statements [made].

state-of-the-art /ˌsteɪt.əv.ðiˈɑːt/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] using the newest ideas, designs, and materials

Dictionary example:
It is a computer system that uses state-of-the-art technology.

Learner example:
It is the impressive and simply state-of-the-art graphics that entice the player to spend hours in front of the screen.
**statistic  /stəˈtɪs.tɪk/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** statistics, statistic

**Adjectives:** statistical

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a fact in the form of a number that shows information about something

**Dictionary example:**
Statistics show that skin cancer is becoming more common.

**Learner example:**
Women have always been as bright and educated as men – statistics show that in Germany there are more women entering for exams at the universities than there are men.

**statistical  /stəˈtɪs.tɪk.əl/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** statistics, statistic

**Adjectives:** statistical

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] relating to statistics

**Dictionary example:**
There is no statistical evidence to support his claims.

**Learner example:**
I just wondered why your newspaper didn't stick to the statistical figures and the pie chart we announced on the next day [after] the fund-raising activity.

**statistics  /stəˈtɪs.tɪks/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** statistics, statistic

**Adjectives:** statistical

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

[B2] a collection of facts in the form of numbers that shows information about something

**Dictionary examples:**
Statistics show/suggest that women live longer than men.
According to official statistics, the Japanese work longer hours than workers in most other industrialized countries.
Learner example:
According to statistics based on the questionnaires, the majority of students feel the most enthusiasm for [their] English class.

**status** /ˈsteɪ.təs/

NOUN [u]
[C1] an accepted or official position, especially in a social group

**Dictionary examples:**
The association works to promote the status of retired people as useful members of the community.
There has been an increase in applications for refugee status.
The success of her book has given her unexpected celebrity status.
Applicants should have a degree or a qualification of equal status.

**Learner example:**
Their status and income were shadowed by the state.

**status symbol** /ˈsteɪ.təsˌsɪm.bəl/

NOUN [c]
[C1] something that people want to have because they think it will make people admire them

**Dictionary example:**
For him, a big car is an important status symbol.

**Learner example:**
Jobs now play a very important role as status symbols.

**stay** /steɪ/

VERB [i]

**stay away from** sth PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to avoid becoming involved in something that will have a bad effect on you

**Dictionary example:**
Stay away from drugs of any sort.

**Learner example:**
He started a help-program[me] to help children to stay away from criminality and do something useful with their lives.
stay on PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to continue to be in a place, job or school after other people have left

Dictionary example:
I stayed on an extra year at school.

stay out PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to not come home at night, or to go home late

Dictionary examples:
Our cat usually stays out at night.
My mum won't let me stay out late.

Learner example:
Firstly, I like it so much because we have no school and we can stay out for as long as we want.

stay over PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to spend the night somewhere instead of returning to your home or continuing your journey

Dictionary example:
Why don't you stay over and drive back in the morning?

Learner example:
We stay[ed] over in a hotel and the next morning Tom brought me home.

stay up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to go to bed later than usual

Dictionary example:
We stayed up (late) to watch a film.

Learner example:
In Vegas, we were staying up all night gambling.

steadily /ˈsted.i/ WORD family:
Adjectives: steady
Adverbs: steadily

ADVERB
[B2] at a gradual, regular rate

Dictionary example:
Prices have increased steadily since the war.
Learner example:
In the past people didn't read books all the time. Neither did their kids at school. Today they read even less books but the number of copied and read articles or book extracts has increased steadily.

steady  /ˈsted.i/

Word family:
Adjectives: steady
Adverbs: steadily

ADJECTIVE

GRADUAL
[B2] happening at a gradual, regular rate

Dictionary examples:
The procession moved through the streets at a steady pace.
Orders for new ships are rising, after several years of steady decline.
Over the last 10 years, he has produced a steady flow/stream of articles and papers.
Progress has been slow but steady.

Learner example:
There is also a steady rise in underweight young girls today.

STILL
[B2] still and not shaking

Dictionary examples:
You need steady hands to be a dentist.
Make sure you hold the ladder steady.

Learner example:
I know very well you have steady nerves but what is strong can turn weak as well.

NOT CHANGING
[C1] not changing

Dictionary example:
She drove at a steady speed.

Learner example:
Once on the road, keep a steady speed (not too slow, not too fast) and try to look confident.
steam /stiːm/

NOUN [u]

GAS
[B2] the hot gas that is produced when water boils

Dictionary examples:
Steam rose from the simmering stew.
a steam engine
the age of steam
The pump is driven by steam.

Learner example:
I've been interested in trains, in particular steam trains, since my childhood.

steel /stiːl/

NOUN [u]

[B2] a very strong metal made from iron, used for making knives, machines, etc.

Dictionary examples:
steel pipes
a stainless steel sink

Learner example:
The object that I would choose is without any doubt my Katana, my Japanese Sword. It is a weapon that reminds me of my childhood games. I also like the form, and the cool steel of the blade.

steep /stiːp/

ADJECTIVE

LARGE
[C1] A steep increase or fall in something is very big and quick.

Dictionary example:
There has been a steep increase/rise in prices.

Learner example:
However, there was a steep increase in 1978 to 1982 when the figure reached about 60 million tonnes.
steer /ˈstɪər/  
VERB  
CONTROL DIRECTION

[B2] [I or T] to control the direction of a vehicle

Dictionary examples:
She carefully steered the car around the potholes.
This car is very easy to steer.

Learner example:
After an hour she could keep [her] balance but she still had problems steering, but that didn't matter.

steering wheel /ˈstɪə.rɪŋˌwiːl/  
NOUN [C]

[B2] a wheel that you turn to control the direction of a vehicle

Dictionary example:
He took both hands off the steering wheel.

Learner example:
After leaving your house on Monday morning, I gripped the steering wheel, fixed my eyes firmly on the road, and bravely drove my way up to Scotland.

stem /stem/  
VERB [T] (stemming, stemmed)

stem from sth PHRASAL VERB
[C1] to develop as the result of something

Dictionary example:
Her problems stem from childhood.

Learner example:
This educational approach stems from strong family values and religious beliefs.
**step** /ˈstep/  

**NOUN [c]**  

**STAGE**  

[B2] one of the things that you do to achieve something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
What's the next step in the programme?  
We must stay one step ahead of our competitors.  
Most people believe that the decision to cut interest rates was a step in the right direction.  
The President took the unusual step of altering his prepared speech in order to condemn the terrorist attack.  

**Learner example:**  
We'd like to know how it feels to be in the film business, how you started and the steps you've taken to be where you are now.  

**step by step** [C1] moving slowly from one stage of something to the next  

**Dictionary example:**  
I know there's a lot to prepare, but just take things step by step and don't worry.  

**Learner example:**  
The book actually guides you step by step on how you can cope with this fear and defeat it.  

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**stepfather** /ˈstepˌfɑːð.ər/  

**NOUN [c]**  

[B2] the man who is married to your mother but is not your father  

**Dictionary example:**  
His stepfather gave him a job.  

**Learner example:**  
Once, Matthew told Pat that he was mistreated by his stepfather in his childhood.  

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**stepmother** /ˈstepˌmʌð.ər/  

**NOUN [c]**  

[B2] the woman who has married your father but is not your mother  

**Dictionary example:**  
My stepmother is only a few years older than me.
Learner example:
He made up his mind to defeat them, and asked his stepmother for some kibidango, one of [the] traditional snacks in Japan.

**stereotype** /ˈster.i.oʊ.tæp/  
**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** stereotype  
**Adjectives:** stereotypical  

**NOUN [c]**  
[C1] a fixed idea that people have about what a particular type of person is like, especially an idea that is wrong  

**Dictionary example:**  
racial stereotypes  

**Learner example:**  
It seems commonly accepted that the new “high-tech” society has turned us into lazy people, without aims, targets, even hobbies in our spare time, unless watching videos or playing computer games. I am a student, I am young and I know a lot of people like me who do not fit in this stereotype.

**stick** /stɪk/  
**Word family:**  
**Verbs:** stick  
**Adjectives:** sticky, stuck  

**VERB (stuck, stuck)**  
**stick (sth) in/into/through, etc.**  
[B2] If something sharp sticks into something, it goes into it, and if you stick something sharp somewhere, you push it into something.  

**Dictionary example:**  
The nurse stuck the needle into his arm.  

**Learner example:**  
The body of his boss’s wife lay on the ground, a knife stuck in her heart.
stiff /stɪf/

ADJECTIVE

HARD
[B2] hard and difficult to bend

Dictionary examples:
stiff cardboard
a stiff collar
His clothes were stiff with dried mud.

DIFFICULT TO MOVE
[B2] not easy to move

Dictionary examples:
The handle on this door is rather stiff.
My knee is rather stiff this morning.

Learner example:
She tried to sit up straight and quickly realised all her mus[c]les were stiff from non activity.

ADVERB

bored/scared/worried, etc. stiff
[B2] extremely bored/scared/worried, etc.

Dictionary example:
The lecture was awful – I was bored stiff!

Learner example:
Squeaky noises coming out from the deep corners of my house frightened me. I [was] scared stiff.

still /stɪl/

ADVERB

better/worse still
[B2] even better/worse

Dictionary examples:
I'll meet you at the theatre. No, better still, let's meet in a pub and have a drink first.
I'm worried that his car has broken down, or worse still, that he's had an accident.

Learner example:
To my mind, the best place to do the painting is my bedroom, because you'll have plenty of space to work, and, better still, we won't bother anybody.
ADJECTIVE

NOT MOVING
[B2] not moving

Dictionary examples:
Children find it difficult to sit/stand/stay still for very long.
I can't brush your hair if you don't keep/hold still.

Learner example:
I'd like to have my dog painted, too, but I'm afraid that'll be impossible because it won't stay still!

stimulate /ˈstim.jʊ.leɪt/

VERB

ENCOURAGE
[B2] [ɪ] to encourage something to grow, develop or become active

Dictionary example:
The government plans to cut taxes in order to stimulate the economy.

Learner example:
This would hopefully stimulate the opening of several outdoor cafés downtown that we need as alternative meeting points for adults and youngsters.

MAKE EXCITED
[B2] [ɪ] or [ɪ] to make someone excited and interested about something

Dictionary examples:
The film was intended to stimulate and amuse.
Good teachers should ask questions that stimulate students to think.

Learner example:
I really enjoy watching [the] movies which are provided in your theatre because all [the] movies that I have seen are thought-provoking enough to stimulate our interest.

stock /stɒk/

NOUN [u]

SHOP
[B2] all the goods that are available in a shop
**Dictionary examples:**
We're expecting some new stock in this afternoon.
This shop sells its old stock at a very low prices.
We'll be getting our new stock **in** on Friday.

**Learner example:**
In [the] fashion industry, [a] sale begins at the end of each season and just lasts a short time,
because those [shop] owners want to make room for new stock.

**in stock/out of stock**

[B2] available/not available in a shop

**Dictionary example:**
The book is out of stock at the moment.

**Learner example:**
And sometimes the item you are looking for is out of stock.

**VERB** [T]

[C1] to have something available for people to buy

**Dictionary example:**
We stock a good range of spices.

**Learner example:**
Besides, unless you are quite wealthy, you can [only] buy what is in the shops and these tend to
stock only what is in fashion, so it is hard not to be 'in'.

**stocking** /ˈstɒk.ɪŋ/

**NOUN** [C]

[C1] a very thin piece of clothing that covers a woman's foot and leg

**Dictionary example:**
a pair of stockings

**Learner example:**
Try to avoid miniskirts, fishnet stockings and sexy outfits in general, we are "mountain people"
and are not very keen on this kind of fashion!

**stock market** /ˈstɒk.mɑː.ˌkɪt/

**NOUN** [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]

[C1] the place where stocks and shares in companies are bought and sold

**Dictionary example:**
Stock markets around the world are reacting to news of the US president's announcement.
Learner example:
The second unlucky job was office workers whose business was related [to] the stock market in Korea.

**stool** /ˈstuːl/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a seat that does not have a back or arms

**Dictionary examples:**
a bar/kitchen/piano stool
a three-legged stool

**Learner example:**
Despite being provided with a machine which gives out hot and cold drinks, the cafeteria does not contain any table, stool or chair.

**stop** /stɒp/

**VERB (−pp−)**

**stop at nothing**
[C1] to be willing to do anything in order to achieve something

**Dictionary example:**
He will stop at nothing to get what he wants.

**Learner example:**
They stopped at nothing to get the higher scores, to make themselves noticed, even if that meant telling some lies to a teacher about a schoolmate.

**NOUN [C]**

**put a stop to sth**
[C1] to end something unpleasant

**Dictionary example:**
We must put a stop to the violence.

**Learner example:**
Maybe these new activities (video – videogames), which are quite distract[ng], are at the same time so addictive that youngsters find it hard to put a stop to it.
**stopover**  /ˈstɒp.əʊ.və/  

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a short stop between parts of a journey, especially a plane journey

**Dictionary example:**
The plane tickets include a two-night stopover in Singapore.

**Learner example:**
We both thought that it was a good idea to have that stop-over at your place as it was on our route to Norway anyhow.

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**storage**  /ˈstɔː.rɪdʒ/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** storage
**Verbs:** store

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when you put things in a safe place until they are needed

**Dictionary example:**
We’ve had to build some cupboards to give us more storage space.

**Learner example:**
I think that is [what] our future home will be like, [with] lots of clever storage, [and] probably a few robots to do all the chores like washing up, hoovering and cleaning the windows.

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**store**  /stoː/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** storage
**Verbs:** store

**NOUN [c]**

**in store**  

[C1] going to happen soon

**Dictionary examples:**
You never know what’s in store for you.
There’s a bit of a shock in store for him when he gets home tonight!

**Learner example:**
Nobody knows what the future will have in store!
VERB [T]

KEEP
[B2] to put or keep things in a special place for use in the future

Dictionary examples:
I stored my possessions in my mother’s house while I was living in Spain.
I’ve stored my thick sweaters and jackets (away) until next winter.

Learner example:
Then we can just go to the fridge where all the fresh food is stored ready to eat.

COMPUTER
[B2] to keep information on a computer

Dictionary example:
The data is stored on a hard disk and backed up on a CD.

Learner example:
First of all, using [a] computer is important for me because I can store my personal records such as [my] diary or expenses.

storey /ˈstoːri/  

NOUN [C]
[B2] a level of a building

Dictionary examples:
a three-storey house
Their new house has four storeys including the basement.

Learner example:
It is a one-storey building in [the] Russian style with one, rather small, room with a bar and 10 tables.

stormy /ˈstoʊ.mi/  

Word family:
Nouns: storm
Adjectives: stormy

ADJECTIVE

WEATHER
[B2] If it is stormy, the weather is bad with a lot of wind and rain.
Dictionary examples:
a stormy night
stormy seas

Learner example:
It was a cold and stormy night.

ARGUING
[C1] A stormy relationship or situation involves a lot of anger and arguments.

Dictionary examples:
a stormy relationship
a stormy meeting/debate

Learner example:
I had not expected that you would contact me again (especially after our stormy discussion a month ago).

story /ˈstoːri/

NOUN [C]

REPORT
[B2] a report in a newspaper or on a news broadcast of something that has happened

Dictionary example:
The main story in the papers today is the president's speech.

Learner example:
If someone famous goes to a pub, he should be careful what he drinks, because he could find an interesting story about his alcoholism in [the] newspapers tomorrow.

to cut a long story short
[C1] to mention only the final result or point of something without going into other details

Dictionary example:
To cut a long story short, he never played baseball again.

Learner example:
Well, to cut a long story short, let's say tuition yes, facilities no.
**straight** /strɛɪt/

**ADJECTIVE**

**HONEST**

[B2] honest

**Dictionary example:**
a straight answer

**Learner example:**
I'm asking you to give us a reasonable and straight reply.

**LEVEL**

[B2] in a position that is level or vertical

**Dictionary example:**
That shelf's not straight.

**get sth straight**

[C1] to make sure that you completely understand a situation

**Dictionary example:**
Let me get this straight – am I paying for this?

**Learner example:**
Next time you should try to get your facts straight.

**put/set the record straight**

[C1] to tell people the true facts about a situation

**Dictionary example:**
I know they thought Alex was lying, and I wanted to put the record straight.

**Learner example:**
I hope that my letter will set the record straight and that the public shall be informed about the true events of that day.

**ADVERB**

**sit up/stand up straight**

[B2] to sit or stand with your body vertical

**Dictionary example:**
Stand up straight and put your shoulders back!

**Learner example:**
She tried to sit up straight and quickly realised all her mus[c]les were stiff from non activity.

**come/get straight to the point**

[B2] to say what you want to immediately and directly
Dictionary examples:
I'll come straight to the point, we've run out of money.
Can you get straight to the point? We need to go home!

Learner example:
I will come straight to the point, Mark. I think you're just killing yourself with your work.

not think straight
[C1] If you cannot think straight, you are not thinking clearly about something.

Dictionary example:
I was so tired, I couldn’t think straight.

Learner example:
My stress wouldn't let me think straight.

straightforward /ˌstreɪtˈfoː.wəd/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] easy to do or understand

Dictionary example:
Just follow the signs to Bradford – it's very straightforward.

Learner example:
The question of w[h]ether we should keep animals in zoos is not as straightforward as it may seem at first.

strain /streɪn/

NOUN
PRESSURE
[B2] [C usually no plural or U] pressure put on something by a bad situation or by too much weight or force

Dictionary examples:
All those books put a strain on the shelf and it broke!
Excess weight puts a lot of strain on the heart.

Learner example:
I think I certainly could live without watching television for a week, but it would put a tremendous strain on my everyday life because I find watching TV relaxing and I like being swept by the flood of information that you watch and listen to without really paying attention to it.

WORRY
[B2] [C or U] when you feel nervous and worried about something
Dictionary examples:
She's a lot better than she was but she's still not ready to face the stresses and strains of a job. He's been under a lot of strain recently.

Learner example:
[Our dog] helps us in our everyday life and [relieves the] stresses and strains.

VERB

INJURE

[B2] [ɪ] to injure part of your body by using it too much

Dictionary examples:
I think I've strained a muscle.
Don't read in the dark or you'll strain your eyes.

Learner example:
I went to the optician's to have my eyes checked and he said I had some trouble with my eyesight, so he advised me to wear glasses and not to strain my eyes.

strangely /ˈstreɪndʒli/

Word family:
Nouns: stranger
Adjectives: strange
Adverbs: strangely

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is unusual, unexpected or difficult to understand

Dictionary examples:
She was strangely calm.
Strangely enough, I'm not feeling very hungry.

Learner example:
Strangely enough this has not happened yet to zoos.

strategic /ˈstrəˌtiːdʒɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: strategy
Adjectives: strategic
Adverbs: strategically

ADJECTIVE

[C1] helping to achieve a plan, usually in business, politics, or war
**strategic** planning
**strategic** weapons

The new offices are in a strategic **location**, with easy access to the motorway.

**Learner example:**
This would prove to be a strategic advantage, given the relatively reduced financial power our company has currently.

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**strategy** /ˈstræt.ə.dʒi/

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**NOUN [c]**

[B2] *a plan that you use to achieve something*

**Dictionary examples:**
the government's economic strategy
a military strategy
a long-term strategy
We're working on new strategies to improve our share of the market.

**Learner example:**
My strategy was simple: all the players had got a lot of experience, so I thought that the only chance to win was to bluff it out.

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**straw** /strɔː/

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| [C1] *the long, dried stems of plants such as wheat, often given to animals for sleeping on and eating*

**Dictionary examples:**
a straw basket/hat
straw-coloured hair

**Learner example:**
Last but not least, many Japanese style hotels and restaurants now have square holes in tatami (straw mat) rooms so that foreign visitors can comfortably stretch their legs under the low table without having to be seated on folded legs like Zen monks!
the final/last straw
[C1] the last in a series of unpleasant events which finally makes you stop accepting a bad situation

Dictionary example:
Last week he came home drunk at five in the morning, and that was the final straw.

Learner example:
The last straw was that as a result of the realised itinerary, I couldn’t do what I had planned.

stream /striːm/

NOUN [C]

a stream of sth
[B2] a continuous flow of things or people

Dictionary examples:
There has been a steady stream of phone calls from worried customers.
I had a constant stream of visitors while I was ill.

Learner example:
This teahouse is packed throughout [the] day with workers and retired people, who come to sip tea, talk, and watch the endless stream of passers-by in the old city of China.

strength /streŋθ/

Word family:
Nouns: strength
Verbs: strengthen
Adjectives: strong
Adverbs: strongly

NOUN

STRONG
[B2] [U] the ability to do things that need a lot of physical effort or power

Dictionary examples:
upper body strength
It's a sport that requires great physical strength.

Learner example:
First of all, we must start [by] running [for] thirty minutes per day to improve our physical strength.
GOOD QUALITIES
[C1] [c] a good quality or ability that makes someone or something effective

Dictionary examples:
We all have our strengths and weaknesses.
The great strength of this arrangement is its simplicity.

Learner example:
As everything, education in Spain has its strengths and weaknesses.

BEING BRAVE
[C1] [u] when you are brave or determined in difficult situations

Dictionary examples:
I think she showed great strength of character.
He has a great deal of inner strength.

Learner example:
All in all, being famous takes a lot of courage and strength of personality to be able to face fame and all the risks that come along [with it].

go from strength to strength
[C1] to continue to become more successful

Dictionary example:
The business is going from strength to strength.

Learner example:
To sum up, I believe that if the suggestions outlined above are put into action our magazine will go from strength to strength.

strengthen /ˈstreŋ.θn/

Word family:
Nouns: strength
Verbs: strengthen
Adjectives: strong
Adverbs: strongly

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to become stronger or make something become stronger

Dictionary examples:
exercises to strengthen the leg muscles
The experience only strengthened his belief in God.

Learner example:
Using the bike keeps your body in good shape – the daily exercise is good for your heart [and] your lungs, and strengthen[s] your muscles.
**stress  /stres/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** stress
- **Verbs:** stress
- **Adjectives:** stressed, stressful

**NOUN**

**PRONUNCIATION**

[B2] [c or u] when you say one part of a word more strongly than the rest

**Dictionary examples:**
The meaning of a sentence often depends on stress and intonation.
When 'insert' is a verb, the stress is on the second syllable, but when it is a noun, the stress is on the first syllable.

**IMPORTANCE**

[C1] [u] special importance that you give to something

**Dictionary example:**
At school, they laid/put/placed great stress on academic achievement.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, I think they should put some more stress on improving their student's writing skills, even down to basics like grammar, because our sales people have to hand out a lot of written information as well, which will make us look much better – especially as far as the English-speaking market is concerned – if the English is flawless.

**VERB**

**EMPHASIZE**

[B2] [tr] to emphasize something in order to show that it is important

**Dictionary examples:**
I stressed that this was our policy.
She stressed the importance of timing.

**Learner example:**
I would like to stress that very often famous people become reserved, bad-tempered and angry with the world for interfering [with] their lives.

**PRONOUNCE**

[B2] [tr] to say one part of a word more strongly than the rest

**Dictionary example:**
In the word 'engine', you should stress the first syllable.

1582
**stretch** /streʃ/  

**VERB**  

**MAKE BIGGER**  

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to become longer or wider, or to pull something so that it becomes longer or wider  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Don't pull my sweater – you'll stretch it.  
The top had stretched in the wash.  

**BODY**  

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to make your body or part of your body straighter and longer  

**Dictionary examples:**  
"I'm so tired, " she said, yawning and stretching.  
It's a good idea to stretch before you take any serious exercise.  
Stretch your arms above your head.  

**Learner example:**  
First of all cycling is a sport so you have the possibility to move your body, to stretch your joints and to strengthen your muscles.  

**NOUN [c]**  

[C1] a continuous area of land or water  

**Dictionary examples:**  
This particular stretch of coast is especially popular with walkers.  
Traffic is at a standstill along a five-mile stretch of the M11 just south of Cambridge.  
Some very rare birds inhabit this stretch of the river.  

**Learner example:**  
There's a stretch of coastline in the south-east of Spain that one could still call "real Spain" not many years ago.  

**strict** /strɪkt/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** strict  
**Adverbs:** strictly  

**ADJECTIVE**  

**RULE**  

[B2] If a rule, law, etc. is strict, it must be obeyed.
Dictionary examples:
She gave me strict **instructions** to be there by ten.
We need stricter **controls** on air pollution.
We follow very strict **guidelines** on the use and storage of personal details on computers.
Do you think stricter **laws** would help reduce automobile accidents?

**Learner example:**
I would like the government to impose strict rules and regulations on capturing animals.

**BEHAVIOUR**

[B2] **[ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]** always behaving in a particular way because of your beliefs

**Dictionary examples:**
a strict Hindu/Muslim/Christian/
She’s a strict **vegetarian** and doesn’t eat poultry or fish.

**Learner example:**
When organising our lunch, please note that seven of us are strict vegetarians.

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**strictly** /ˈstrɪkt.li/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** strict

**Adverbs:** strictly

**ADVERB**

**EXACTLY**

[B2] exactly or correctly

**Dictionary examples:**
That’s not strictly **true**.
Strictly **speaking**, we’re not allowed to give you any advice.

**Learner example:**
Strictly speaking, we don’t think about the future when the subject is nature because we think that it’s eternal.

**strictly forbidden/prohibited**

[B2] used to emphasize that something is not allowed

**Dictionary example:**
The use of cameras is strictly forbidden.

**Learner example:**
Eric was going to [have] serious problems, because smoking was strictly forbidden in this school.
**strike /straɪk/**

Word family:
**Nouns:** striker
**Verbs:** strike
**Adjectives:** striking

**VERB**

**THINK**
[B2] [t] If a thought or idea strikes you, you suddenly think of it.

*Dictionary example:*
It struck me that I had forgotten to order the champagne.

*Learner example:*
Sitting there, waiting, I began to think and an idea struck me.

**what struck me/the first thing that struck me...**
[B2] used when talking about a very obvious quality that you noticed when you first saw or met someone or something

*Dictionary examples:*
What struck me about Cole was how grown-up he seemed for a seven-year-old.
The first thing that struck me about Emma was her extraordinary beauty.

*Learner example:*
What strikes me most is the way she is dealing with other people.

**STOP WORK**
[B2] [ɪ] to stop working for a period of time because you want more money, better working conditions, etc.

*Dictionary example:*
Train drivers are threatening to strike over pay.

*Learner example:*
The town’s transport workers have started to strike.”

**strike a balance**
[C1] to give two things the same amount of attention

*Dictionary example:*
It’s important to strike a balance between spending and saving.

*Learner example:*
Everything has good and bad sides, the most important thing is to strike a balance.
**striker** /ˈstraɪ.kər/

Word family:
Nouns: striker
Verbs: strike
Adjectives: striking

**NOUN [c]**

**WORKER**

[C1] someone who is on strike

**Dictionary example:**
Managers have threatened to sack the strikers.

**Learner example:**
There were also people who agreed with the strikers.

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**striking** /ˈstraɪ.kɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: striker
Verbs: strike
Adjectives: striking

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] easily noticed

**Dictionary examples:**
There are striking similarities between the two cases.
There's a striking resemblance between them.

**Learner example:**
The most striking thing was the fact that I filed it.

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**string** /strɪŋ/

**NOUN**

**ROPE**

[B2] [c or u] very thin rope used for tying things

**Dictionary examples:**
a parcel tied with string
a ball/piece of string
Learner example:
In only two days, our relationship was like a strong string that [can] never be cut.

**MUSICAL INSTRUMENT**

[B2] [c] a piece of wire that is part of a musical instrument

**Dictionary example:**
guitar/violin strings

**Learner example:**
The guitarist, who ha[d] just broken one string of his guitar, began to dr[i]nk some alcohol.

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**strip  /strip/**

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a long, narrow piece of something

**Dictionary example:**
a strip of paper

**Learner example:**
After that workers had to use the most basic tools and [their] hands to produce socks from the strips of silk.

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**stroke  /strəʊk/**

**NOUN [c]**

**ILLNESS**

[B2] a sudden problem in your brain that changes the flow of blood and makes you unable to move part of your body

**Dictionary example:**
She **suffered/had** a stroke which left her unable to speak.

**Learner example:**
I'm sure there's a high risk [of] a heart at[t]ack or a stroke if you go on the way you [are going] now.

**SWIMMING**

[C1] a style of swimming

**Dictionary example:**
What stroke do you prefer?
Learner example:
Although both may know how to swim, the professional, who was trained in proper strokes and hydrodynamic[s], will definitely turn out the better swimmer.

VERB [t]
[B2] to gently move your hand over a surface

Dictionary examples:
Stoke the dog if you like, it won’t bite.
He stroked her hair.
She lovingly stroked Chris’s face with the tips of her fingers.

Learner example:
And do not forget to stroke your cat!

stroll /strəʊl/

VERB

stroll along/down/through, etc.
[C1] to walk somewhere in a slow and relaxed way

Dictionary example:
They strolled along the beach.

Learner example:
Some of us were a bit upset because they wanted some free time to stroll around the shops or have a chat over a drink.

NOUN [c]
[C1] a slow, relaxed walk somewhere

Dictionary example:
We went for a stroll around the city centre.

Learner example:
In the evening you can take a stroll to a vineyard nearby and authentic country food is available there.

strong /strɔːŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: strength
Verbs: strengthen
Adjectives: strong
Adverbs: strongly
ADJECTIVE

GOOD QUALITY
[B2] of a good quality or level and likely to be successful or effective

Dictionary examples:
a strong economy
They're a very strong team.
She's the strongest candidate we've interviewed for the post.

Learner example:
My reason for applying for this trip is that I am very interested in meeting people from different countries and as I have a strong background in languages I would be very helpful in the communication field.

DETERMINED
[B2] A strong feeling, belief, or opinion is felt in a very deep and serious way.

Dictionary example:
She has strong opinions/views about religion.

Learner example:
Nowadays the importance of family life is a matter which arouses fierce[ly] strong passions.

PERSONALITY
[B2] If a person or their personality is strong, they are confident and able to deal with problems well.

Dictionary examples:
All my aunts were strong women.
He has a strong personality, but don't let him bully you.

Learner example:
Mary was a strong and intelligent woman. She was stronger and her personality was more developed than her aunt['s].

strong language
[C1] words that some people might consider to be offensive

Dictionary example:
The movie contains strong language.

Learner example:
But what I do see is local kids standing by the corner, chat[t]ing, smoking fags and using strong language.

sb’s strong point
[C1] something that someone is very good at

Dictionary example:
Cooking is not my strong point.
Learner example:
She’s got a lot of strong points, more than weaknesses.

**strongly** /ˈstrɒŋ.li/

Word family:
Nouns: strength  
Verbs: strengthen  
Adjectives: strong  
Adverbs: strongly

**ADVERB**

[B2] very much or in a very serious way

**Dictionary examples:**
They strongly believe their children should make choices for themselves.  
Many locals are strongly opposed to the development.

Learner example:
I strongly disagree with the statement saying that "At school, students should only study what they enjoy".

**structure** /ˈstrʌk.tʃə/  

Word family:
Nouns: structure  
Verbs: restructure  
Adjectives: structural, structured

**NOUN**

**WAY PARTS ARE ARRANGED**

[B2] [c or u] the way that parts of something are arranged or put together

**Dictionary examples:**
the grammatical structure of a sentence  
They have a very old-fashioned management structure.

Learner example:
On the other hand, as far as the Greek language is concerned, I think it would be very hard for you and for everybody to learn it because of its difficult and very complicated grammar, vocabulary and structure.
struggle /ˈstrʌɡ.l/  

VERB [i]  

TRY HARD  
[B2] to try very hard to do something difficult  

Dictionary examples:  
He’s been struggling to pay off his debts.  
Fish struggle for survival when the water level drops in the lake.  

Learner example:  
Think about the people in the poor countries! They struggle to survive.  

FIGHT  
[B2] to fight someone when they are holding you  

Dictionary example:  
He struggled with his attacker who then ran off.  

Learner example:  
I bit his hand and ran to the phone. He reached me and we struggled for 10 minutes.  

NOUN [c]  

EFFORT  
[B2] [USUALLY NO PLURAL] when you try very hard to do something difficult  

Dictionary examples:  
It was a real struggle to stay awake during the film.  
The people of this country will continue in their struggle for independence.  
She never gave up the struggle to have her son freed from prison.  

Learner example:  
Their life was a severe financial struggle, and Tom’s dream was to run somewhere far away.  

FIGHT  
[B2] a physical or mental fight  

Dictionary examples:  
a struggle with an armed robber  
the struggle between good and evil  
Clearly there will be a power struggle within the party.  

Learner example:  
My friend started to walk into the water when suddenly a crocodile grabbed her leg. After a long struggle, she managed to get herself up on land.
**stubborn /ˈstʌb.ən/**

Word family:

**Nouns:** stubbornness  
**Adjectives:** stubborn

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] determined not to change your ideas, plans, etc., although other people want you to

**Dictionary examples:**
He can be very stubborn sometimes.  
They have massive rows because they’re both so stubborn.

**Learner example:**
Anyway, Alex was too stubborn to give up and it was like talking to a brick wall.

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**stuck /stʌk/**

Word family:

**Verbs:** stick  
**Adjectives:** sticky, stuck

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]**

**NOT MOVE**

[B2] not able to move anywhere

**Dictionary examples:**
This door seems to be stuck – can you help me push it open?  
My key got stuck in the lock.  
Seven of us were stuck in the lift for over an hour.  
I hate being stuck behind a desk – I’d rather work outside.

**Learner example:**
You want to go to your job, to an important appointment or to the hospital because you have a health problem and you are always stuck in traffic.

**NOT CONTINUE**

[C1] not able to continue reading, answering questions, etc. because something is too difficult

**Dictionary example:**
I keep getting stuck on difficult words.

**Learner example:**
I have got stuck so many times. However, whenever I got stuck, I [said] to myself that nobody could speak a foreign language fluently from the beginning.
studio /ˈstjuː.di.əʊ/ (plural studios)

NOUN [c]

ART
[B2] a room where an artist, designer or photographer works

Dictionary example:
She has a studio at the back of the house where she does her painting.

Learner example:
I'll be very happy [if] you can give me a chance to use the camp's art studio and [hope] you'll be able to prepare some materials like oil paints, canvas and bru[s]hes for me.

study /ˈstʌd.i/ 

Word family:
Nouns: student, study
Verbs: study

NOUN

LEARNING
[B2] [u] when you learn about a subject, usually at school or university

Dictionary example:
the study of English literature

Learner example:
Everyone had to [include] the study of many disciplines.

EXAMINING
[B2] [c] when someone examines a subject in detail in order to discover new information

Dictionary examples:
a five-year study of the relationship between wildlife and farming
Some studies have suggested a link between certain types of artificial sweetener and cancer.

Learner example:
But, as a recent study [by] scientists has shown, the [grow]ing lack of ozon[e] is also due to the [emissions] produced by all the private cars.

VERB

EXAMINE
[B2] [I or T] to examine a subject in detail in order to discover new information
Researchers have been studying how people under stress make decisions.

In zoos, they are not just shown to the public: scientists study their behaviour so as to understand what the particular animal really needs to survive.

**LOOK AT**

[B2] **[ɪ]** to look at or read through something very carefully

**Dictionary examples:**
I want time to study this contract thoroughly before signing it.
He studied her face for signs of guilt.

**Learner example:**
The first thing I did when I arrived there was to study the city map, and then I went out for a walk.

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**stunning /ˈstʌn.ɪŋ/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] very beautiful or attractive

**Dictionary examples:**
a stunning dress
a stunning view over the bay of Saint Tropez
She's absolutely stunning.

**Learner example:**
I think that it would be ideal for you to go there and take some pictures of it since the architecture is absolutely stunning!

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**style /ˈstaɪl/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** style
**Adjectives:** stylish

**NOUN**

**QUALITY**

[B2] [ɪ] the quality of being attractive and fashionable or behaving in a way which makes people admire you

**Dictionary example:**
She's got style.
Learner example:
But when he came back, his popularity was increased. That’s reasonable, because he’s got style, he is authentic and brill[i]ant.

subject

Word family:
Nouns: subject
Verbs: subject
Adjectives: subjective

NOUN [c] /ˈsʌb.dʒɪkt/

change the subject
[B2] to start talking about a different subject

Dictionary example:
I’d tried to explain the situation, but he just changed the subject.

Learner example:
Well, changing the subject, I accidentally broke your beautiful vase. I’m really sorry, I’ll try to find [another] vase that looks similar.

ADJECTIVE /ˈsʌb.dʒɪkt/

subject to sth
[C1] often affected by something, especially something unpleasant

Dictionary example:
Departure times are subject to alteration.

Learner example:
With regard to programme [items] subject to weather conditions – such as the boat trip on River Thames – please make sure that an alternative programme is foreseen in case of cancellation.

subjective /səbˈdʒek.trɪv/

Word family:
Nouns: subject
Verbs: subject
Adjectives: subjective

ADJECTIVE
[C1] influenced by someone’s beliefs or feelings, instead of facts

Dictionary example:
a subjective judgment
Learner example:
I really love my city and country, but I am afraid I’m a little bit subjective.

submit /səbˈmit/ (–tt–)

VERB
GIVE
[B2] [t] to send a document, plan, etc. to someone so that they can consider it

Dictionary examples:
Applications must be submitted before January 1st.
The developers submitted building plans to the council for approval.

Learner example:
According to my friends and professors, I am hardworking and never fail to submit my essays on [time].

subsequent /ˈsʌb.si.kwənt/

Word family:
Adjectives: subsequent
Adverbs: subsequently

ADJECTIVE
[C1] happening after something else

Dictionary example:
The mistakes were corrected in a subsequent edition of the book.

Learner example:
With a rapid economic growth and a subsequent increase in income level, working life in Korea has changed dramatically.

subsequently /ˈsʌb.si.kwənt.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: subsequent
Adverbs: subsequently

ADVERB
[C1] after that

Dictionary example:
In 1982 he was arrested and subsequently convicted on drug trafficking charges.
Learner example:
Like nightmarish creatures, the McDonald's have sprung up from the ground in a little over two decades, and subsequently inundated the Media with adverts for their "food" products.

**subsidy** /ˈsʌb.sɪ.di/

**NOUN** [c]

[C1] money given by a government or other organization to pay part of the cost of something

**Dictionary example:**
housing subsidies for the poor

**Learner example:**
The rest of the money could be spent on subsidies for home owners and tenants and offering lo[an]s with a lower interest rate.

**substance** /ˈsʌb.sta.nʃəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** substance
**Adjectives:** substantial
**Adverbs:** substantially

**NOUN**

**MATERIAL**

[B2] [c or u] a solid, liquid, or gas

**Dictionary examples:**
an organic/chemical substance
a dangerous substance
What sort of substance could withstand those temperatures?

**Learner example:**
Chemical substances are added to our food.

**substantial** /ˈsəbˈstænʃəl/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** substance
**Adjectives:** substantial
**Adverbs:** substantially
ADJECTIVE

[B2] large in amount

Dictionary examples:
a substantial sum of money
The first draft of his novel needed a substantial amount of rewriting.
The findings show a substantial difference between the opinions of men and women.

Learner example:
The taxis: Considering that you are willing to spend quite a substantial amount of money, this is the best transport one can get.

substantially /səbˈstæn.ʃəli/

Word family:
Nouns: substance
Adjectives: substantial
Adverbs: substantially

ADVERB

[C1] to a large degree

Dictionary example:
The new rules will substantially change how we do things.

Learner example:
The quality of the individual classes differed substantially.

substitute /ˈsʌb.stɪ.tjuːt/

Word family:
Nouns: substitute, substitution
Verbs: substitute

VERB [T]

[B2] to use someone or something instead of another person or thing

Dictionary examples:
You can substitute oil for butter in this recipe.
Dayton was substituted for Williams in the second half of the match.

Learner example:
My opinion is that we shouldn’t substitute one for the other, but read one and watch [the] other.

NOUN [C]

[B2] a thing or person that is used instead of another thing or person
**Dictionary examples:**
Tofu can be used as a meat substitute in vegetarian recipes. 
Vitamins should not be used as a substitute for a healthy diet.

**Learner example:**
I had been looking forward to seeing his performance for ages, so as soon as I realized there was a substitute on the stage, I was really disappointed.

**substitution** /ˌsʌb.stɪˈtjuː.ʃən/

**Word family:**
Nouns: substitute, substitution 
Verbs: substitute

**NOUN [C or U]**
[C1] when you use someone or something instead of another person or thing

**Dictionary example:**
The coach has made two substitutions in the team.

**Learner example:**
The gradual substitution of the old bus fleet with a modern one would be a serious effort, [and] it would demand buckets of money.

**subtitles** /ˈsʌb.tə.tɪlz/

**NOUN [PLURAL]**
[C1] words shown at the bottom of a cinema or television screen to explain what is being said

**Dictionary example:**
It’s a French film with English subtitles.

**Learner example:**
Another way of improving language is to project each film with subtitles.

**suburb** /ˈsʌb.ɜːb/

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] an area on the edge of a large town or city where people who work in the town or city often live
Dictionary examples:
Box Hill is a suburb of Melbourne.
We drove from middle-class suburbs to a very poor inner-city area.

Learner example:
Peterhof is only a small suburb of St. Petersburg and it is not famous [for] its nightlife.

subway  /ˈsʌb.wɛɪ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a passage under a road or railway for people to walk through

Dictionary example:
We could take the subway.

Learner example:
I began to walk along that narrow and dark subway.

successful  /səkˈses.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: success
Verbs: succeed
Adjectives: successful, unsuccessful
Adverbs: successfully, unsuccessfully

ADJECTIVE

WORK
[B2] having achieved a lot or made a lot of money through your work

Dictionary examples:
a successful businesswoman
a successful career
He runs a very successful computer business.

Learner example:
I would like to finish by asking Mr. Smith to talk a bit about his life and his successful career.

POPULAR
[B2] very popular

Dictionary examples:
a successful film
He's the author of several hugely successful children's books.
Learner example:
I suppose the facts about your film career, especially about your first film and [your] most successful film would be pretty interesting [as well].

**successfully** /səkˈses.fəl.i/

Word family:
**Nouns:** success
**Verbs:** succeed
**Adjectives:** successful, unsuccessful
**Adverbs:** successfully, unsuccessfully

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that is successful

Dictionary example:
A number of patients have been successfully treated with the new drug.

Learner example:
As you can see, I managed to do the project successfully.

**successor** /səkˈses.ər/

Word family:
**Nouns:** successor
**Adjectives:** successive

NOUN [C]

PERSON
[C1] someone who has a position or job after someone else

Dictionary example:
He is her most likely successor.

Learner example:
Cleopatra fell in love with him but he was murdered by his nephew and successor Octavio.

**such** /sʌtʃ/

DETERMINER

REFER TO PERSON/THING
[B2] used to refer to something or someone that you were just talking about, or something or someone of that type
Dictionary examples:
It’s difficult to know how to treat such cases.
I tried to tell her in such a way that she wouldn’t be upset.

Learner example:
Moreover we can plan different events where we invite people who aren’t members [and] we can use such events [to bring in] new members.

no such thing
[B2] used to emphasize that something does not exist

Dictionary example:
There’s no such thing as ghosts!

Learner example:
But when I asked for these, I was told that no such thing existed and so the advertisement was once again proved wrong.

sudden /ˈsʌd.ən/

Word family:
Adjectives: sudden
Adverbs: suddenly

ADJECTIVE
[B2] done or happening quickly and unexpectedly

Dictionary examples:
His sudden death at the age of 53 came as a terrible shock to her.
There was a sudden change in their plans.
And Angie’s leaving work in two weeks? It’s a bit sudden, isn’t it.

Learner example:
After arriving in Vienna, Martins was really shocked when he got to know about his friend’s sudden death.

NOUN
all of a sudden
[B2] suddenly and unexpectedly

Dictionary example:
All of a sudden, he came bursting in through the door.

Learner example:
All of a sudden, a weird creature popped into his dream.
sue /suː/

VERB [I or T] (suing, sued)
[C1] to take legal action against someone and try to get money from them because they have harmed you

Dictionary example:
He’s threatening to sue the newspaper for slander.

Learner example:
If you do not pay attention to any of my complaints and if I do not hear from you within 15 working days, I will not hesitate to sue you.

suffer /ˈsʌf.ər/

Word family:
Nouns: suffering, sufferer
Verbs: suffer

VERB

FEEL PAIN
[B2] [I] to experience pain or unpleasant emotions

Dictionary examples:
She really suffers in the winter when it's cold and her joints get stiff.
I think he suffered quite a lot when his wife left him.
If you're not happy with it, you should complain. Don't just suffer in silence.

Learner example:
I am sure it w[ould] suffer living in a small flat in a big city, with no park nearby to go [to] every day for a walk.

EXPERIENCE
[B2] [I or T] to experience something bad

Dictionary examples:
The party suffered a crushing defeat in the last election.
Twenty-five policemen suffered minor injuries during the protest.
The city suffered another blow last month with the closure of the local car factory.
If you will insist on eating three helpings of dessert, I'm afraid you'll have to suffer the consequences!
When you're working such long hours, it's almost inevitable that your marriage will start to suffer.

Learner example:
I think that if we don't do more than we are doing now, we will suffer the consequences and it'll be too late to do something about it.
**suffering** /ˈsʌf.ər.ɪŋ/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** suffering, sufferer

**Verbs:** suffer

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when someone experiences pain or unpleasant emotions

**Dictionary example:**
The war will cause widespread human suffering.

**Learner example:**
There had been too much suffering for days, months, years.

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**sufficient** /səˈfɪʃ.ənt/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** sufficient, insufficient, self-sufficient

**Adverbs:** sufficiently

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] as much as is necessary

**Dictionary examples:**
This recipe should be sufficient for five people.
It was thought that he'd committed the crime but there wasn't sufficient evidence to convict him.

**Learner example:**
To resolve that, try to have a sufficient amount of sleep so that both your body and mind will keep fit.

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**sufficiently** /səˈfɪʃ.ənt.li/

**Word family:**

**Adjectives:** sufficient, insufficient, self-sufficient

**Adverbs:** sufficiently

**ADVERB**

[C1] as much as is necessary

**Dictionary examples:**
McGeechan has not recovered sufficiently to play in the semifinal tomorrow.
The case was sufficiently serious to warrant investigation by the police.

**Learner example:**
As for me, I like to think that my situation will be better than those who are not educated sufficiently.
**suffix /ˈsʌf.ɪks/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a group of letters that you add to the end of a word to make another word

**Dictionary example:**
The suffix ‘-ness’ added to the end of the word 'sweet' forms the word 'sweetness', changing an adjective into a noun.

**suggest /səˈdʒest/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** suggestion
**Verbs:** suggest

**VERB [v]**

**SEEM TRUE**

[B2] to make something seem likely to be true

**Dictionary examples:**
There's no absolute proof, but all the evidence suggests (that) he's guilty.
Something about what he said suggested that he wasn't happy.

**Learner example:**
So animals cannot be [as] unhappy as the topic suggests.

**suicide /ˈsuː.ɪ.saɪd/**

**NOUN [c or u]**

[B2] ! when you intentionally kill yourself

**Dictionary examples:**
to attempt/commit suicide
The suicide rate among men between the ages of 16 and 25 has risen alarmingly.
Many suicides occur in prisons.

**Learner example:**
The savage thinks he can change it but fails and commits suicide by hanging himself.
suit /suːt/

Word family:
Nouns: suitability
Verbs: suit
Adjectives: suitable, unsuitable
Adverbs: suitably

VERB [T]

BE RIGHT
[B2] to be convenient or suitable for a particular person, situation or occasion

Dictionary examples:
We could go now or this afternoon – whatever time suits you best.
The city lifestyle seems to suit her – she’s certainly looking very well.
"How about eight o’clock outside the cinema?" “That suits me fine.”

Learner example:
If you find it difficult to arrange your visit for these two dates, please let us know which other Sunday would suit you most.

LOOK ATTRACTIVE
[B2] to make someone look more attractive

Dictionary examples:
You should wear more red – it suits you.
Short skirts don’t really suit me – I haven’t got the legs for them.

Learner example:
They usually wear casual clothes such as jeans, T-shirts and trainers, because they believe that th[ese] kind[s] of clothes suit them best.

be suited to/for sth
[C1] to be right for someone or something

Dictionary example:
These plants are better suited to a warm climate.

Learner example:
In my opinion mixed schools are best suited to [the] current environment.

suitability /ˌsuː.təˈbɪl.ə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: suitability
Verbs: suit
Adjectives: suitable, unsuitable
Adverbs: suitably
NOUN [u]
[C1] the state of being suitable

**Dictionary example:**
Nobody could doubt her suitability for the job.

**Learner example:**
His suitability for the post mentioned in your advertisement is so obvious that it strikes me [as] weird why you hesitate.

suitably /ˈsuː.tə.blɪ/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** suitability
- **Verbs:** suit
- **Adjectives:** suitable, unsuitable
- **Adverbs:** suitably

ADVERB

[B2] in a way that is acceptable or right

**Dictionary examples:**
a suitably qualified person
Was he dressed suitably?

**Learner example:**
Nevertheless, a lot of people think animals are not suitably looked after – they have to live in small [space]s and, moreover, the weather [is] often rather different from [w]hat animals are used to.

sum /sʌm/

**VERB**

**sum up** (sth/sb) or **sum** (sth/sb) **up** PHRASAL VERB

[B2] to describe briefly the most important facts or characteristics of something

**Dictionary example:**
The purpose of the conclusion is to sum up the main points of your essay.

**Learner example:**
To sum up, young people are interested in many things but in my opinion, music, TV and clothes are issues about which they care more than others.
**summarize**  /ˈsʌm.əraɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: summary
Verbs: summarize

**VERB** [I or T] (ALSO UK summarise)
[C1] to describe briefly the main facts or ideas of something

Dictionary example:
I'd like to briefly summarize the arguments for and against.

Learner example:
This report will attempt to summarise the findings, the trends and changes as well as analyse and explain the reasons for the changes between the periods and evaluate their impact on our lives.

**summary**  /ˈsʌm.ər.i/

Word family:
Nouns: summary
Verbs: summarize

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a short, clear description that gives the main facts or ideas about something

Dictionary example:
He gave a brief summary of events.

Learner example:
Below is a summary of the most relevant points and recommendations.

**summit**  /ˈsʌm.ɪt/

Noun [c]

**MOUNTAIN**
[C1] the top of a mountain

Dictionary example:
The climbers hope to reach the summit before nightfall.

Learner example:
For instance, heliboarding – that is, when a helicopter carries you to the summit of a mountain and you slide down on your own – is gaining popularity.
### sunlight

**noun [u]**

[B2] the light from the sun

**Dictionary example:**
The garden was bathed in sunlight.

**Learner example:**
There are many sources of light in this world such as sunlight, moonlight, [and] candle light. [...] Nowadays, the electric light has become part of our lives, especially at night.

### superb

**adjective**

[B2] excellent

**Dictionary examples:**
He is a superb dancer.
Taylor scored a superb goal at the end of the first half.

**Learner example:**
My homemade pizzas are superb, although I say it myself, and I would like to make one for the two of us.

### superior

**adjective**

[B2] better than other things

**Dictionary examples:**
This is clearly the work of a superior artist.
She was chosen for the job because she was the superior candidate.
For all babies, breastfeeding is far superior to bottlefeeding.
The government troops were superior in numbers.

**Learner example:**
Our service is superior in terms of price, but unfortunately doesn't have some features other competitors' services have.
NOUN [C]
[C1] someone in a higher position than you at work

Dictionary example:
I will have to report this to my superiors.

Learner example:
If you need [a] reference, please call my superior on the following number: 0181/340’72’59.

supernatural /ˌsuː.pəˈnætʃ.ə.rəl/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] used to describe things that cannot be explained by our knowledge of science or nature

Dictionary example:
supernatural powers/forces

Learner example:
The book consists of six completely different ‘ghost stories’ which involve ghosts and supernatural phenomena, something that attracts young readers.

NOUN

the supernatural
[B2] things that cannot be explained by our knowledge of science or nature

Dictionary example:
She’s very interested in the supernatural.

supervise /ˈsuː.ə.vərz/

Word family:
Nouns: supervision, supervisor
Verbs: supervise

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to watch a person or activity to make certain that everything is done correctly, safely, etc.

Dictionary examples:
The UN is supervising the distribution of aid by local agencies in the disaster area.
The children play while two teachers supervise.

Learner example:
Our main activity will be to supervise the 8 to 12 year [old]s during those activities.
**supervision** /ˌsuː.ˈpə.vɪʒ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: supervision, supervisor
Verbs: supervise

**NOUN [u]**

[C1] when you supervise someone or something

**Dictionary examples:**
He needs constant supervision.
Students are not allowed to handle these chemicals unless they are under the supervision of a teacher.

**Learner example:**
The little one was built especially for you, so that you can leave your children under the supervision of two well-trained lifeguards.

**supervisor** /ˈsuː.pə.vər.zər/

Word family:
Nouns: supervision, supervisor
Verbs: supervise

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] a person whose job is to supervise someone or something

**Dictionary example:**
His supervisor told him to work faster.

**Learner example:**
I held the post of general supervisor in a campus in Oxford two years ago, and now I am working as a receptionist in a luxurious hotel.

**supplier** /ˈsə.plər.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: supplier, supply
Verbs: supply

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a person or company that provides something that people want or need

**Dictionary example:**
They used to be a leading supplier of military equipment.

**Learner example:**
I have been employed by the Swedish fruit supplier "Northern Fruit Corp." for the last 6 years.
**supply** /səˈplaɪ/

Word family:

**Nouns:** supplier, supply

**Verbs:** supply

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] an amount of something that is available for use

**Dictionary examples:**
a supply of water
Our food supplies were running out.
In London, demand for cheap housing far outstrips supply.

**Learner example:**
Please send me a list of [the] clothes [needed] and/or supplies.

**VERB [T]**

[B2] to provide things that people want or need, often over a long period of time

**Dictionary examples:**
to supply food/drugs to people
Electrical power is supplied by underground cables.
Three people have been arrested for supplying arms to the terrorists.
At the beginning of term, students are supplied with a list of books that they are expected to read.

**Learner example:**
I would be able to supply you with [a] reference from my employer.

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**support** /səˈpɔːt/

Word family:

**Nouns:** support, supporter

**Verbs:** support

**Adjectives:** supportive

**VERB [T]**

[AGREE] [B2] to agree with an idea, group, or person

**Dictionary examples:**
Do you support their views on nuclear weapons?
The majority of people in the town strongly support the plans for a new sports centre.

**Learner example:**
I support this idea because I believe that [it] is the [only] way to stop the traffic in cities.
ENCOURAGE

[B2] to give encouragement or financial help to someone or something because you want them to succeed

Dictionary examples:
I think it's important to support local businesses by buying locally.
The drug company is supporting cancer research.

Learner example:
These films are more attractive for older viewers and support the local film business.

PROVE

[C1] to help to show that something is true

Dictionary example:
There's no evidence to support his story.

Learner example:
All the claims made on your leaflet weren't at all supported by evidence.

NOUN [u]

AGREEMENT

[B2] agreement with an idea, group or person

Dictionary examples:
Environmental groups are fast gaining support among young people.
Is there much public support for the proposal?
Support for the party leader has declined in recent weeks.
I signed a petition in support of the human rights campaign.

Learner example:
Dear Julian, I wanted to tell you that you have my moral support.

MONEY

[B2] the money someone needs in order to buy food and clothes and pay for somewhere to live

Dictionary example:
He is dependent on his father for support.

Learner example:
Receiving my pocket money last week, I was thinking what would happen if I lost my father's support.
### supporter

/səˈpɔː.tə/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** support, supporter
- **Verbs:** support
- **Adjectives:** supportive

**NOUN [C]**

*OF IDEA/PERSO,, ETC.*

[B2] someone who supports a particular idea, group or person

**Dictionary example:**
He is one of the Prime Minister's **strongest** supporters within industry.

**Learner example:**
According to supporters of Animal Rights, people wouldn't like being kept in zoos.

### supportive

/səˈpɔː.tɪv/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** support, supporter
- **Verbs:** support
- **Adjectives:** supportive

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] giving help or encouragement

**Dictionary example:**
a very supportive friend

**Learner example:**
The sports facilities were perfect, and the people working in the sport centre were very friendly and supportive.

### suppose

/səˈpəʊz/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** suppose
- **Adverbs:** supposedly

**VERB**

**be supposed to be sth**

[B2] to be expected to be something, especially because of a rule, agreement, etc.
Dictionary examples:
The children are supposed to be at school by 8.45 a.m.
What are you doing out of bed? You’re supposed to be asleep!

Learner example:
It was supposed to be a surprise... I had been in London for [a] long time.

**be supposed to be** *sth*

[B2] to be considered by many people to be something

Dictionary example:
The scenery is supposed to be fantastic.

Learner example:
I knew that he had booked a table for two in one of [the] most expensive restaurants in town, where the food was supposed to be excellent.

**be supposed to do** *sth*

[B2] If you are supposed to do something, the rules say that you should do it.

Dictionary examples:
You’re supposed to pay by the end of the month.
You’re not supposed to smoke in here.

Learner example:
Unfortunately, the organizer came to me and let me know that I was not supposed to sell anything in that area.

**LIKELY**

[C1] [ɪ] to think that something is likely to be true

Dictionary examples:
He found it a lot more difficult to get a job than he supposed it would be.
It is widely supposed **(that)** the minister will be forced to resign.

Learner example:
It is supposed that this man could have also been a chemist, [as] writings have been found and recovered with clues to what Da Vinci might have been doing in that field.

**suppose/supposing (that)**

[C1] used to introduce an idea for someone to consider

Dictionary example:
Suppose he phones tonight. What should I say?

Learner example:
Supposing you get the train. If you ring me up straight away when you arrive, I w[ill] pick you up at the station.
supposedly /səˈpəʊ.zɪd.lɪ/

Word family:
Verbs: suppose
Adverbs: supposedly

ADVERB

[C1] used to show that you do not believe that something you have been told is true

Dictionary example:
Well, the tickets are supposedly in the mail.

Learner example:
"The Bride" sets out to kill the first of Bill's assassins, supposedly the most dangerous person in the world in terms of knives.

sure /ʃʊr/ 

Word family:
Verbs: ensure
Adjectives: sure, unsure
Adverbs: surely

ADJECTIVE

be sure of sth
[B2] to be confident that something is true

Dictionary example:
He'll win this year, I'm sure of it.

Learner example:
I think that I [would be a] really useful person for your company. I'm sure of it.

be sure of yourself
[B2] to be confident of your own abilities, qualities, etc.

Dictionary example:
She seems a bit more sure of herself since she got a job.

Learner example:
He is a tall, dark man who walks with confidence and is sure of himself because of his success [i]n the world of business.

a sure thing
[C1] something that is certain to happen

Dictionary example:
Death is the one sure thing about life.
Learner example:
There is only one sure thing, we are not able to even imagine what we will be able to do in the future to get communicated.

be sure to do *sth*
[C1] If you are sure to do something, it is certain that you will do it.

Dictionary example:
He's sure to go back there again.

Learner example:
What she does not know is that her ex-husband has a very serious type of cancer and is sure to pass away in a few months (that is why he agrees to spend his summer with his son, knowing it would be the last).

surely ˈʃɔː.li/  

Word family:
Verbs: ensure  
Adjectives: sure, unsure  
Adverbs: surely  

ADVERB  

LIKELY
[B2] used to show that you believe something is very likely

Dictionary example:
Surely they'd have called us by now to say they're not coming.

Learner example:
Surely you are interested in how we spent the rest of our holiday?

EXPRESS SURPRISE
[B2] used to express surprise that something has happened or is going to happen

Dictionary examples:
Surely you don't expect me to believe that?  
Surely he wasn't expecting us to pay the whole amount?

Learner example:
Surely it doesn't mean that they have learnt the exciting news?
surface /ˈsɜː.fɪs/

NOUN

TOP
[B2] [c] the top or outside part of something

Dictionary examples:
The sun was reflected on the surface of the water.
Tropical rainforests used to cover 10% of the Earth's surface.
The marble has a smooth, shiny surface.
Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the surface of the moon.

Learner example:
When we came back to the surface we just looked like real miners.

PERSON
[B2] [NO PLURAL] what someone or something seems to be like when you do not know much about them

Dictionary example:
On the surface, he seemed very pleasant.

Learner example:
Miss Marple on the other hand is an old, nervous but gentle lady on the surface but inside that head of hers there is a brain [as] sharp as a knife, cutting through the mysteries she [is] involved in.

surge /sɜː:dʒ/

VERB
[C1] to increase very quickly

Dictionary example:
Prices surged on the stock exchange.

Learner example:
Followed by a dip briefly afterwards, the value surged to close to 100 million tonnes in 2002.

NOUN [C]
[C1] a large increase in something

Dictionary example:
a surge in spending

Learner example:
Also in technology, we have noticed a surge of the newest trends in even the smallest countries.
surgeon /ˈsɜː.dʒən/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a doctor who is specially trained to perform medical operations

Dictionary example:
He is a leading surgeon at a London hospital.

Learner example:
I have been a surgeon for almost 20 years now, and I have worked in many different situations.

surgery /ˈsɜː.dʒə.r.i/

NOUN

PLACE
[B2] [c] a place where doctors or other medical workers treat people

Dictionary example:
What time does the surgery open?

Learner example:
As she walked into the doctor’s surgery, she began to explain her problem to the doctor and that she couldn’t stand the idea of lice inhabiting her head.

OPERATION
[B2] [u] when a doctor cuts your body open and repairs or removes something

Dictionary examples:
heart surgery
The patient had/underwent surgery on his heart.
He made a good recovery after surgery to remove a brain tumour.

Learner example:
My mother had to go through gall–stone surgery in Finland, where she was spending her holiday.

surprise /saˈpraɪz/

Word family:
Nouns: surprise
Verbs: surprise
Adjectives: surprised, surprising
Adverbs: surprisingly
FEELING
[B2] [u] the feeling that you get when something happens that you did not expect

Dictionary examples:
He looked at her in/with surprise.
He agreed to everything, (much) to my surprise.

Learner example:
He stared at me in surprise and didn't say anything.

surrounding /səˈraʊnd.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: surroundings
Verbs: surround
Adjectives: surrounding

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]
[B2] in a position around something

Dictionary example:
A lot of the children at the school do not live in the town, but come in from the surrounding countryside.

Learner example:
If all of you would help by using these facilities, our village could be very attractive to people from surrounding villages, which could be very good for the economy of our village.

surroundings /səˈraʊn.dɪŋz/

Word family:
Nouns: surroundings
Verbs: surround
Adjectives: surrounding

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] the place where someone or something is and the things that are in it

Dictionary examples:
beautiful/pleasant surroundings
Have you got used to your new surroundings?
Some butterflies blend in with their surroundings so that it's difficult to see them.

Learner example:
The larger animals who [are]n't threaten[e]d should li[v]e in their natural surroundings.
survey /ˈsɜː.vɛɪ/  

NOUN [c]
[B2] an examination of opinions, behaviour, etc., made by asking people questions

Dictionary examples:
A recent survey **found/showed** that 58% of people did not know where their heart is. They are **conducting/carrying out/doing** a survey.

Learner example:
I have made a little survey on the subject of my report and I have [found] that most of the pupils of our school consider that the region and the area around [the] school should be filmed first.

VERB

QUESTION
[C1] to ask people questions in order to find out about their opinions or behaviour

Dictionary example:
75% of midwives surveyed were in favour of home births.

Learner example:
However, a small amount of those surveyed (20%) expressed the opinion that they do not have any problems concerning transport or housing.

EXAMINE
[C1] to look at or examine something carefully

Dictionary example:
I got out of the car to survey the damage.

Learner example:
This means that we need a small team to survey the area first, and I am very happy to lead this team.

survival /ˈsəvər.vəl/  

Word family:
Nouns: survival, survivor
Verbs: survive

NOUN [u]
[B2] when someone or something continues to live or exist, especially after a difficult or dangerous situation

Dictionary examples:
The doctors told my wife I had a 50/50 chance of survival. His main concern is to ensure his own political survival.

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Learner example:
For many animals zoos are [their] only hope for survival: for example, [the] Chinese panda or white eagle.

**survive /səˈvaɪv/**

Word family:
Nouns: survival, survivor
Verbs: survive

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to continue to live or exist, especially after almost dying or being destroyed

Dictionary examples:
The baby was born with a heart problem and only survived for a few hours.
These plants cannot survive in very cold conditions.
The front passengers were lucky to survive the accident.
The family are struggling to survive on very little money.

Learner example:
They struggle to survive.

**survivor /səˈvaɪ.vər/**

Word family:
Nouns: survival, survivor
Verbs: survive

NOUN [C]
[B2] someone who continues to live after almost dying because of an accident, illness, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Rescuers have given up hope of finding any more survivors.
He was the sole survivor of the plane crash.
She's a cancer survivor/a survivor of cancer.

Learner example:
We were the only survivors.
suspect /səˈspekt/

Word family:
Nouns: suspect, suspicion
Verbs: suspect
Adjectives: suspicious
Adverbs: suspiciously

VERB [T]
THINK LIKELY
[B2] to think that something is probably true, or is likely to happen

Dictionary examples:
They suspected (that) he was lying.
I suspect she won’t come – she’s very busy.
"Do you think she’ll have told them?" "I suspect not/so.”

Learner example:
He apologised, but he had some family problems and in fact he couldn’t come. I suspect that’s his mother – he didn’t [say] clearly.

THINK GUILTY
[B2] to think that someone may have committed a crime or done something bad

Dictionary examples:
No one knows who killed her, but the police suspect her husband.
The police suspect him of carrying out two bomb attacks.

Learner example:
But other people were suspected of having killed them.

NOUN [C] /ˈsʌs.pekt/
[B2] someone who may have committed a crime

Dictionary example:
He’s the prime suspect in the murder case.

Learner example:
He had never thought that Doctor Quimper might [have] been a suspect, as well.

suspend /səˈsend/

VERB [T]
NOT ALLOW
[B2] to not allow someone to go to work or school for a period of time because they have done something wrong
Dictionary examples:
She was suspended from school for fighting.
He was suspended for four matches after arguing with the referee.

Learner example:
The director decided to suspend the girl because she had been rude.

STOP

[C1] to stop something happening or existing for a short time

Dictionary examples:
The semi-final was suspended because of bad weather.
The ferry service has been suspended for the day because of bad weather.
The President has suspended the constitution and assumed total power.
I'm suspending judgment on the book I'm reading until I've finished it.

Learner example:
At first the electrical and gas power were cut off and the transport was suspended but now everything is working.

suspicion /saˈspɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: suspect, suspicion
Verbs: suspect
Adjectives: suspicious
Adverbs: suspiciously

NOUN

BELIEF
[B2] [c] a belief or idea that something may be true

Dictionary example:
I have a suspicion that he only asked me out because my brother persuaded him to.

Learner example:
I asked my mother what had happened and she confirmed my suspicions.

THINK GUILTY
[C1] [c or u] a feeling or belief that someone has committed a crime or done something wrong

Dictionary examples:
"I'm arresting you on suspicion of illegally possessing drugs," said the police officer.
She is under suspicion of murder.
In this particular case, they are above/beyond suspicion.

Learner example:
Some of us were told to go there and to kill those who were under suspicion.
suspicious  /səˈspɪʃ.əs/

Word family:
Nouns: suspect, suspicion
Verbs: suspect
Adjectives: suspicious
Adverbs: suspiciously

ADJECTIVE

SEEMING WRONG
[B2] making you feel that something illegal is happening or that something is wrong

Dictionary examples:
suspicious behaviour/circumstances
His wife became suspicious after finding blood in their car.
The fire at the bank is being treated as suspicious.
It's a bit suspicious that no one knows where he was at the time of the murder.
There's a suspicious-looking van parked at the end of the road.

Learner example:
Talking to Calloway made Martins very suspicious, because he [had] always thought of him as a nice and decent person.

NOT TRUSTING
[B2] not trusting someone or something

Dictionary examples:
Many of them remain suspicious of journalists.
My mother has a very suspicious nature.
He gave me a suspicious look.

Learner example:
Paul was suspicious and asked her if she was alright. [Jane] replied with a yes, but she looked nervous. She went quickly upstairs and came back holding a baby in her arms. She told him that this baby was theirs.

suspiciously  /səˈspɪʃ.ə.si/
**Dictionary examples:**
He looked at her suspiciously.
He sniffed the soup suspiciously.

**Learner example:**
The old man, who was going upstairs, stopped and looked at us very suspiciously.

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**sustainable /səˈsteɪ.nə.bl/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** sustainability

**Verbs:** sustain

**Adjectives:** sustainable, unsustainable

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] able to continue over a period of time

**Dictionary example:**
sustainable development/growth

**Learner example:**
This is as you might know the aim of the concept of sustainable development.

**ENVIRONMENT**

[C1] causing little or no damage to the environment and therefore able to continue for a long time

**Dictionary example:**
sustainable energy

**Learner example:**
Being an engineer in the field of renewable and sustainable energy which includes solar energy, hydropower and wind energy, I can say I am quite knowledgeable about the specific problem of environmental issues and about how to mitigate the serious impacts.

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**swallow /ˈswɔl.əʊ/**

**VERB**

**EAT**

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to move your throat in order to make food or drink go down

**Dictionary examples:**
My throat is so sore that it really hurts when I swallow.
The snake swallowed the bird whole.
Learner example:
When Mrs McGillicuddy was upstairs, she swallowed a fish bone.

swan /swɒn/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a large, white bird with a long neck which lives on lakes and rivers

Dictionary example:
We saw two swans gliding down the river with their signets.

Learner example:
The ugly duckling became a beautiful swan.

swap /swɒp/

VERB [I or T] (swapping, swapped)
[C1] to give something to someone and get something from them in return

Dictionary example:
Would you mind if Dave swapped places with you for a bit?

Learner example:
People come here to swap opinions and news.

swear /sweə/ (swore, sworn)

VERB

RUDE WORDS
[B2] [I] to use language which people think is rude or offensive

Dictionary examples:
It was a real shock, the first time I heard my mother swear.
When the taxi driver started to swear at him, he walked off.

Learner example:
When I heard the ringing of the phone I became so furious that as soon as I answered the phone, I started swearing at it.

PROMISE
[B2] [I or T] to make a serious promise
Dictionary examples:
I don’t know anything about what happened, I swear (it).
She swore (that) she didn’t know what had happened to the money.
New gang members must swear to obey the gang leaders at all times.
In some countries, witnesses in court have to swear on the Bible.

Learner example:
That day I swore to myself that I would never trust anybody again.

sweat /swet/

NOUN [U]
[B2] the salty colourless liquid that comes through your skin when you are hot, nervous or ill

Dictionary examples:
The sweat was pouring off me ten minutes into the game.
By the time we’d climbed to the top of the hill, we were covered in sweat.
She wiped the beads of sweat from her forehead.

Learner example:
Pearls of sweat appeared on her forehead.

VERB [v]
[B2] to produce liquid through your skin because you are hot, nervous or ill

Dictionary examples:
The room was hot and I was starting to sweat.
The prisoners were sweating with fear.

Learner example:
I began to sweat and my fear changed to panic when we opened a door.

sweep /swiːp/

VERB (swept, swept)

CLEAN
[B2] [ɪ] to clean the floor using a brush

Dictionary examples:
I’ve swept the floor.
He swept up the pieces of broken glass.

Learner example:
I found your watch yesterday, while I was sweeping the floor.
be/get swept along/away, etc.
[B2] to be pushed or carried along in a forceful way

Dictionary examples:
Many trees were swept away in the flood.
They got swept along by the crowd.

Learner example:
Suddenly, we were swept away by an avalanche.

swing /swɪŋ/

VERB [I or T] (swung, swung)
[B2] to move smoothly backwards and forwards, or to make something do this

Dictionary example:
He walked briskly along the path swinging his rolled-up umbrella.

Learner example:
When Mary entered the bar, the room was empty and there was a rope swinging from a beam.

NOUN [C]
[B2] a chair hanging on two ropes that children sit on and swing backwards and forwards

Dictionary example:
Jake wanted me to push him on the swing.

Learner example:
Do you remember the swing by the big tree in my garden?

switch /swɪtʃ/

VERB [I]
[B2] to change from one thing to another

Dictionary examples:
She started studying English at college, but switched to Business Studies in her second year.
He’s just switched jobs.

Learner example:
For many years I had created my system under MS-DOS (Disk Operating System), but two years ago I switched and since then I’ve worked with Unix.
**swollen** /ˈswəʊ.lən/

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] larger than usual

*Dictionary example:*
a bruised, swollen face

*Learner example:*
I cried almost all day and wanted to go home as quick[ly] as possible but suddenly, someone took a photograph of me with swollen eyes.

**sword** /sɔːd/

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a weapon with a long sharp metal blade and a handle, used especially in the past

*Dictionary example:*
He rode towards me, waving his sword in the air.

*Learner example:*
I took the ancient sword in my hands and felt the power flow through my veins.

**syllable** /ˈsɪl.ə.bl/

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a word or part of a word that has one vowel sound

*Dictionary example:*
The word "tiger" has two syllables.

*Learner example:*
I stressed the wrong syllable in the world "gamos" = marriage in Greek.

**symbol** /ˈsɪm.bəl/

*Word family:*
Nouns: symbol
Adjectives: symbolic

**NOUN [c]**
[B2] a sign, shape or object which is used to represent something else
Dictionary examples:
A heart shape is the symbol of love.
The wheel in the Indian flag is a symbol of peace.

Learner example:
This was the first time it arrived and it was a point of hope for all the friends of nature and particularly for the World Wildlife Fund, who have chosen the panda as their symbol.

sympathetic /ˌsɪm.pəˈθet.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: sympathy
Verbs: sympathize
Adjectives: sympathetic

ADJECTIVE

PROBLEMS
[B2] showing that you understand and care about someone's problems

Dictionary examples:
He suffers from back trouble too, so he was very sympathetic about my problem.
She was very sympathetic when I told her about my situation.

Learner example:
Nobody wants to talk to him apart from Alice, she feels sympathetic and understands him.

sympathy /ˈsɪm.pəθi/

Word family:
Nouns: sympathy
Verbs: sympathize
Adjectives: sympathetic

NOUN [u]

CARING
[B2] when you show that you understand and care about someone's problems

Dictionary examples:
The president has sent a message of sympathy to the relatives of the dead soldiers.
I don't have much sympathy for her - I think she's brought her troubles on herself.

Learner example:
No matter how sensitive or impassive one's attitude towards animals is, after having thought it over thoroughly most of us feel deep sorrow and sympathy for the poor creatures kept in cages.
symptom /ˈsɪm.təm/

NOUN [c]

ILLNESS
[B2] a physical feeling or problem which shows that you have a particular illness

Dictionary examples:
He's complaining of all the usual flu symptoms – a high temperature, headache and so on. He's been HIV-positive for six years, but just recently he's started to develop the symptoms of AIDS.

Learner example:
We asked her what had happened and she told us she had some weird symptoms so she went for an examination to see what was wrong. She finally discovered that... she was pregnant!

system /ˈsɪs.təm/

Word family:
Nouns: system
Adjectives: systematic
Adverbs: systematically

NOUN [c]

METHOD
[B2] a way or method of doing things

Dictionary examples:
the American legal system
the public transport system
We'll have to work out a proper filing system.
Under our education system, you're supposed to be able to choose the type of schooling that your child receives.
the metric system of measuring and weighing

Learner example:
You will have the possibility to get to know our political system.
**tabloid** /ˈtæb.lɔɪd/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a type of popular newspaper with small pages which has many pictures and short simple reports

*Dictionary example:*  
She writes for one of the tabloids.

*Learner example:*  
A famous person has no private life. [T]here [is] always gossip [i]n magazines and tabloids about the la[te]st hot love stories among the stars.

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] relating to tabloids

*Dictionary examples:*  
the tabloid press  
a tabloid newspaper

**tackle** /ˈtæk.l/  

**VERB**

**DEAL WITH**

[B2] [ɪ] to try to deal with a problem or to speak to someone about something bad that they have done

*Dictionary examples:*  
new ways to tackle crime

There are many ways of tackling this problem.  
Have you tackled him about his attitude?

*Learner example:*  
I've [found] some information because all these problems must be tackled now.

**SPORT**

[B2] [ɪ or ɪ] to try to get the ball from someone in a game such as football
Dictionary example:
He successfully tackled his opponent.

Learner example:
Always keep on learning different ways of passing, shooting and tackling, as there is no end to learning a new way.

tactic /ˈtæk.tɪk/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a way of doing something that you plan in order to achieve what you want

Dictionary example:
These bomb attacks represent a change of tactics by the terrorists.

Learner example:
One can learn about the way of life of the wise ancient Greeks and study the political system, their society or even tactics used in battle.

tail /teɪl/

NOUN [c]

ANIMAL
[B2] the long, narrow part that sticks out at the back of an animal's body

Dictionary example:
The dog wagged its tail excitedly.

Learner example:
She is very beautiful with her long bushy tail and soft paws.

take /teɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: undertaking
Verbs: take, undertake

VERB [t] (took, taken)

take milk/sugar, etc.
[B2] to usually have milk/sugar, etc. in your tea or coffee

Dictionary example:
I've forgotten – do you take milk in your tea?
**REMOVE NUMBER**

[B2] to remove one number from another number

**Dictionary example:**
If you take 4 from 12 you get 8.

**GRAMMAR**

[B2] to need or be followed by another word or structure in order to be grammatically correct

**Dictionary example:**
This sense of the verb 'give' takes two objects.

can't take *sth*

[B2] to not be able to deal with an unpleasant situation

**Dictionary example:**
We argue all the time and I can't take it any more.

**Learner example:**
In the end, when Laura couldn't take it anymore, she decided to end her suffering by taking her life.

take *sth/sb* seriously

[B2] to consider a person, subject or situation to be important or dangerous and worth your attention or respect

**Dictionary example:**
We take any threats to national security very seriously.

**Learner example:**
Don't take everything so seriously otherwise you'll probably end up as an old maid and I don't think you want that.

take pleasure/pride/an interest, etc.

[B2] to have a particular, good feeling about something or someone

**Dictionary examples:**
He takes great pleasure in cooking.
I have always taken an interest in local history.

**Learner example:**
The amazing thing about him is that he takes pride in his appearance and the image others have of him.

take account of *sth*

[B2] to consider something when judging a situation

**Dictionary example:**
A good architect takes account of the building's surroundings.
Learner example:
I hope you will take account of our request.

take into account sth
[B2] to consider something when judging a situation

Dictionary example:
I think you have to take into account the fact that he's a good deal younger than the rest of us.

Learner example:
Taking into account all these arguments, I also think, like many people, that keeping animals in zoos is cruel and unnecessary.

take advantage of sb/sth
[B2] to treat someone or something badly in order to get what you want

Dictionary example:
I think she takes advantage of his good nature.

Learner example:
There will always be the threat of those men who take advantage of animals' inferior status.

take your breath away
[B2] If something takes your breath away, you feel surprise and admiration because it is so beautiful or exciting.

Dictionary example:
The view from the window took my breath away.

Learner example:
The landscape just takes your breath away sometimes.

take charge
[B2] to take control of or make yourself responsible for something

Dictionary example:
I was happy to let her take charge of the holiday arrangements.

Learner example:
I am 21 years old which means that I can take charge of school children.

take control
[B2] to start to rule or govern an area

Dictionary example:
The dictator took control of the country in 1933.

Learner example:
In the first part of the story animals take control of a farm in England.

take a deep breath
[B2] to fill your lungs with air
Dictionary example:
Take a deep breath and relax.

Learner example:
But if you took a deep breath after reading the question, don't worry.

take sb’s word for it
[B2] to believe what someone says without any proof

Dictionary example:
Take my word for it – this curry is very hot!

Learner example:
Naturally we had to take his word for it.

take sb/sth for granted
[B2] to not show that you are grateful for someone or something, and forget that you are lucky to have them

Dictionary example:
Most of us take our freedom for granted.

Learner example:
So don’t take the telephone for granted, but keep in mind that our modern way of life is mainly due to its invention.

take it for granted
[B2] to believe that something is true without checking or thinking about it

Dictionary example:
I took it for granted that we’d be invited to the wedding.

Learner example:
I have taken it for granted that you will arrive for dinner.

take the/this opportunity to do sth
[B2] to use an occasion to do or say something

Dictionary example:
I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you.

Learner example:
Most of the comments [are] not right at all. I would like to take this opportunity to correct them.

take sb’s place
[B2] to do something instead of someone else

Dictionary example:
If I can’t make it to the theatre that night you can take my place.

Learner example:
First of all, it had been written that Danny Brook and Tina Truelove were starring, but Danny wasn't there and somebody else took his place.
take effect
[C1] to start to produce results or changes

Dictionary example:
They had to wait ten minutes for the anaesthetic to take effect.

Learner example:
Some factories tried to organize the transport for the employees, but it took effect in small towns only, where people live with[in] shorter distances.

take your time
[C1] to do something without hurrying

Dictionary example:
Take your time choosing – there's no hurry.

Learner example:
If you're going to land at the 'Lugano–Agno' airport, as you told me in your last letter, the first thing I recommend to you is to be patient and take your time.

take it from me
[C1] accept that what I say is true, because I know or have experienced it

Dictionary example:
You could be doing a much less interesting job, take it from me.

Learner example:
As you probably already know, Greeks love sport so, take it from me, you won't have difficulty in finding sports facilities of any kind, wherever you decide to go.

take care of sth/doing sth
[C1] to be responsible for dealing with something

Dictionary example:
I did the cooking while Guy took care of the washing up.

Learner example:
As for special requirements, one man and one woman are vegetarians and the woman is allergic to cats. I hope you are able to take care of that.

take sth on board
[C1] to understand or accept an idea or a piece of information

Dictionary example:
Banks need to take on board the views of their customers.

Learner example:
The students feel that if the above suggestions were taken on board, the study centre could be an excellent support for them in their studies.
take the initiative
[C1] to be the first person to do something that solves a problem or improves a situation

Dictionary example:
Jackson had taken the initiative and prepared a report.

Learner example:
I took the initiative to contact Sue Wilton, who is the manager of the restaurant "El Plato".

take issue (with sb/sth)
[C1] to disagree with what someone says or writes

Dictionary example:
I would take issue with you on that.

Learner example:
On behalf of the staff who worked for this event, I would like to take issue with the report's inaccuracies and unfair remarks.

take the liberty of doing sth
[C1] to do something that will have an effect on someone else, without asking their permission

Dictionary example:
I took the liberty of booking theatre seats for us.

Learner example:
I have taken the liberty of listing some of my ideas and suggestions and hope they will be of interest to you.

take note (of sth)
[C1] to pay careful attention to something

Dictionary examples:
Make sure you take note of what she says.
Safety standards are being tightened. Employers, take note.

Learner example:
I thank you for taking note of my view.

take sth personally
[C1] to think that someone is criticizing you or to feel that a failure or bad situation is your fault

Dictionary example:
You mustn't take everything so personally.

Learner example:
She tends to take things too personally, and sometimes she over[r]eacts.
**take sb’s word for it**
[C1] to believe what someone says without any proof

**Dictionary example:**
Take my word for it – this curry is very hot!

**Learner example:**
You can take my word for it that she is absolutely capable of carrying out this job – fond of children, patient, good-natured and competent.

**takeover /ˈteɪkˌəʊ.vər/**

**NOUN [C]**
[C1] when a company gets control of another company

**Dictionary example:**
The company was involved in a takeover last year.

**Learner example:**
Everything has to be cheap and fast and there are mergers and takeovers all the time.

**tale /teɪl/**

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a story, especially one which is not true or is difficult to believe

**Dictionary examples:**
He told the most amazing tales about his life in India.
She told me some tale about missing the bus to explain her lateness.

**Learner example:**
She knows everything about Prague's history and many local stories and tales.

**talk /tɔːk/**

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** talk, talks
**Verbs:** talk
**Adjectives:** talkative

**VERB [I]**

**DISCUSS**
[B2] to discuss something with someone, often to try to find a solution to a disagreement
Dictionary example:
The two sides have agreed to talk.

Learner example:
I decided to talk to him and try to solve the problem.

LECTURE
[B2] to give a lecture on a subject

Dictionary example:
The next speaker will be talking about endangered insects.

Learner example:
We think that the best topic you could talk about is your latest book, you could try to develop the subject, explain to the members how to become a writer, from where and how do you get your ideas, and the subjects of your book.

talk business/politics, etc.
[C1] to discuss a particular subject

Dictionary example:
I don't like to talk business over lunch.

Learner example:
[Do] not talk politics or sports with him (!)

know what you are talking about
[C1] to understand a subject because of your experience

Dictionary example:
He doesn't know what he's talking about – he's never even been to Africa.

Learner example:
I believe that you don't really know what you're talking about.

NOUN

TO GROUP
[B2] [c] when someone speaks to a group of people about a particular subject

Dictionary examples:
He gave a talk about/on his visit to Bolivia.
I went to a few interesting talks.

Learner example:
Dear Tom, It was very nice to hear from you again and it's really kind of you to give a talk to our Cinema Club.
**talkative /ˈtɔːk.ə.tɪv/**

Word family:
- **Nouns:** talk, talks
- **Verbs:** talk
- **Adjectives:** talkative

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] A talkative person talks a lot.

**Dictionary example:**
My son is very talkative.

**Learner example:**
I would advise you to film the classrooms, maybe a conversation class, during which students will be more talkative and less shy.

**tan /tæn/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] when your skin is brown from being in the sun

**Dictionary example:**
She had a lovely tan.

**Learner example:**
If you want to get a tan, this is the place to be.

**tank /tæŋk/**

**NOUN [C]**

**VEHICLE**

[C1] ! a large, strong military vehicle with a gun on it which moves on wheels inside large metal belts

**Dictionary example:**
Tanks rolled into the city at dawn.

**Learner example:**
They were inside the university and they were transmitting on a radio frequency when the tanks invaded from the main entrance.
**tap**  
/tæp/  

**NOUN [C]**

**KNOCK**

[B2] a gentle knock or touch, or the noise made by knocking something gently

**Dictionary examples:**
I felt a tap on my shoulder.  
There was a tap at the door.

**Learner example:**
While she was teaching, I fell asleep and two minutes later I felt a tap on my back.

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to knock or touch something gently

**Dictionary example:**
I tapped on the window to try to get her attention.

**Learner example:**
She lit up the whole stage when she danced, as she tapped her feet in rhythm with the music.

**target**  
/ˈtɑː.gɪt/  

**NOUN [C]**

**OBJECT/PERSON SHOT AT**

[B2] something or someone that you attack, shoot at, try to hit, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
A military target  
I had four shots but I didn’t even hit the target.  
Any major airport or station is potentially a terrorist target.  
Foreign businesses in the region have become a target for attacks.

**Learner example:**
Paul Rebere, a famous professional assassin, had been in that room for two hours now, waiting for his target to show up.

**AIM**

[B2] something that you intend to achieve

**Dictionary example:**
If you want to lose weight, you have to set yourself a target.

**Learner example:**
My target is to be a professional tennis player but I need to work hard for it.
CRITICISM
[C1] [USUALLY NO PLURAL] the person or thing that people are criticizing or blaming for something

Dictionary example:
Recently she has been the target of a series of obscene phone calls.

Learner example:
People get nervous, the bus driver gets nervous and finally the interpreter becomes the target of passengers' complaints.

task /taːsk/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a piece of work, especially something unpleasant or difficult

Dictionary examples:
We usually ask interviewees to perform a few simple tasks on the computer just to test their aptitude.
The government now faces the difficult task of restructuring the entire health service.

Learner example:
To be honest, the task we were given was incredibly easy.

taste /teɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: taste
Verbs: taste
Adjectives: tasty, tasteful, tasteless

NOUN

WHAT YOU LIKE
[B2] [C or U] the particular things you like, such as styles of music, clothes, decoration, etc.

Dictionary examples:
You have very good taste!
I don't like his taste in music.
She has very expensive tastes.

Learner example:
In my opinion, the variety of films you show cover all kinds of tastes.
SHORT EXPERIENCE
[B2] [NO PLURAL] a short experience of something different

Dictionary example:
This was my first taste of freedom.

Learner example:
Before you catch your plane, your group could visit our nice city and have a taste of our culture.

ABILITY
[B2] [u] the ability to experience different flavours in your mouth

Dictionary example:
When you've got a cold you often lose your sense of taste.

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tasteless /ˈteɪst.ləs/

Word family:
Nouns: taste
Verbs: taste
Adjectives: tasty, tasteful, tasteless

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ADJECTIVE

FOOD
[C1] having no flavour

Dictionary example:
The meat was dry and tasteless.

Learner example:
The canteen's food is tasteless and with almost the same menu every day.

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tax /tæks/

VERB [T]
[C1] to make someone pay a tax

Dictionary example:
Husbands and wives may be taxed independently/together.

Learner example:
For example, pol[l]uters should be taxed more heavily, [and] they should be fined.
teamwork /ˈtiːm.wɜːk/

NOUN [u]
[C1] when a group of people work well together

Dictionary example:
We won't achieve anything without good teamwork.

Learner example:
Nowadays teamwork is a skill that is highly demanded by employers.

tear¹ /teər/

VERB [I or T] (tore, torn)
tear sth out of/off/down, etc.
[C1] to remove something by pulling it quickly and violently

Dictionary example:
She tore his picture down from the wall.

Learner example:
If you can't bear seeing an ear being torn off from somebody's head, don't watch this video.

tear² /tɪər/

NOUN [C USUALLY PLURAL]

shed tears
[C1] to cry

Dictionary example:
I shed a few tears when he left.

Learner example:
She was too preoccupied to talk to anybody and she had shed so many tears that she could cry no more.

tease /tiːz/

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to laugh at someone or say unkind things about them, either because you are joking or because you want to upset them
Dictionary examples:
I used to hate being teased about my red hair when I was at school. I was only teasing, I didn't mean to upset you.

Learner example:
Ginny's classmates were always teasing her about her clothing.

teaspoon /ˈtiː.spuːn/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a small spoon that is used for mixing drinks and measuring small amounts of food, or the amount this spoon can hold

Dictionary example:
Add two teaspoons of salt.

Learner example:
Lastly, thank you for asking me what I'd like from the USA, because I am a very serious collector of teaspoons with different countries' flags on them.

technical /ˈtek.nɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: technique, technician
Adjectives: technical
Adverbs: technically

ADJECTIVE

SCIENCE/INDUSTRY
[B2] relating to the knowledge, machines or methods used in science and industry

Dictionary example:
a few technical problems

Learner example:
Instead, due to some technical problems, it began at 20:15.

PRACTICAL SKILL
[B2] relating to practical skills and methods that are used in a particular activity

Dictionary example:
As a dancer she had great technical skill.

Learner example:
Federer glides over the court as if it's the easiest thing, [and] apart from his technical and physical skills he is a great personality.
technically /ˈtek.nɪki.lɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: technique, technician
Adjectives: technical
Adverbs: technically

ADVERB

SCIENCE/INDUSTRY
[C1] relating to the knowledge, machines, or methods used in science and industry

Dictionary example:
technically advanced weapons

Learner example:
Everybody has one of these technically engineered marvels and they come in different shapes, colours, prices and with a lot of configurable options.

technician /tekˈnɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: technique, technician
Adjectives: technical
Adverbs: technically

NOUN [c]
[C1] someone whose job involves practical work with scientific or electrical equipment

Dictionary example:
a lab technician

Learner example:
It could be the fault of the sound technician, although I believe that for the next Activity day we [should] be provided with better equipment and loudspeakers.

techno /ˈtek.nəʊ/

NOUN [u]
[C1] a type of electronic dance music

Dictionary example:
He’s really into techno.
Learner example:
As for the music, Red Hot Chilli Peppers did a really fine job with "Otherside", while the other video has the classic techno beat.

**technological** /ˌtek.nəˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kəl/

Word family:
Nouns: technology
Adjectives: technological
Adverbs: technologically

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] relating to, or involving, technology

Dictionary example:
Technological advances/developments in computing and telecommunications will reduce the need for many people to travel to work.

Learner example:
I think that the more technological developments we have, the more comfortable lives we enjoy.

**technologically** /ˌtek.nəˈlɒdʒ.ɪ.kli/

Word family:
Nouns: technology
Adjectives: technological
Adverbs: technologically

**ADVERB**

[C1] in a way that relates to or involves technology

Dictionary example:
Their society was technologically advanced.

Learner example:
The economy nowadays is so technologically driven it is a common belief that having a job in the computer industry means high pay and perks.

**tedious** /ˈtiː.di.əs/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] boring

Dictionary example:
a tedious job
**Learner example:**
The idea of going to work out to keep fit might be tedious sometimes but the majority of young people are interested in taking up an activity these days.

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**telecommunications /ˌtel.ɪ.kəˌmjuː.nɪˈkeɪ.ʃənz/**

**NOUN [PLURAL]**

[B2] the sending and receiving of messages over distance, especially by telephone, radio and television

**Dictionary example:**
the telecommunications industry

**Learner example:**
Accompanied by the success of these telecommunications companies, a lot of jobs have been created.

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**telescope /ˈtel.ɪ.skəʊp/**

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a piece of equipment, in the shape of a tube, that makes things which are far away look bigger or nearer

**Dictionary example:**
a very powerful telescope

**Learner example:**
I just laugh when he tries to convince me of their existence, once he even told me that he saw a spaceship in the sky while he was observing the stars with his telescope.

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**tell /tel/ (told, told)**

**VERB**

can tell

[B2] to know or recognize something from what you hear, see, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
You could tell that he was tired.
You can never tell whether Hajime's being serious or not.

**Learner example:**
I could tell it was the voice of a man, but I failed to identify it.
UNDERSTAND FROM
[B2] [ɪ] If something tells you something, it gives you information.

Dictionary example:
What does the survey tell us about the lives of teenagers?

Learner example:
We have all seen the reports which tell us about the problems of pollution from cars.

tell the difference
[C1] to notice a difference between two things

Dictionary examples:
I can't tell the difference between an American and a Canadian accent.
This coffee is about half the price of that one and yet you really can't tell the difference.

Learner example:
Not only will their critical sense atrophy but also they will not be able to tell the difference between what is right and wrong.

telly /ˈtel.i/

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] television

Dictionary example:
I saw her on the telly.

Learner example:
In the end I think it is only a good laugh when there is nothing else on telly.

temper /ˈtem.pər/

NOUN

ANGER
[B2] [C Usually no plural] when someone becomes angry very quickly

Dictionary examples:
She has a real temper.
He's got a really bad temper.

Learner example:
In my opinion, the behaviour of the old lady is somewhat rude and sometimes, through her bad temper, she offends the customers.
lose your temper
[B2] to suddenly become angry

Dictionary example:
The children behaved so badly that I lost my temper.

Learner example:
Yesterday, I must confess, I lost my temper with my son.

temporarily /ˌtem.pəˈrer.ə.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: temporary
Adverbs: temporarily

ADVERB
[B2] for a short time

Dictionary example:
This office is closed temporarily for redecoration.

Learner example:
We can work temporarily [for] up to 6 months.

tempt /tempt/

Word family:
Nouns: temptation
Verbs: tempt

VERB [T]
be tempted
[B2] to want something or to want to do something

Dictionary examples:
"Did you apply for that job?" "Well, I was very tempted but in the end I decided not to."
I was tempted to resign after my boss was so rude to me.

Learner example:
I am tempted to start taking tennis lessons at your sport[s] club if it's possible.

temptation /tempˈteɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: temptation
Verbs: tempt
NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a feeling that you want to do or have something, although you know you should not

Dictionary examples:
In these situations, there is a huge temptation to lie.
As a young actress, she managed to resist the temptation to move to Hollywood.

Learner example:
I felt the irresistible temptation to meet new people and feel some freedom.

tend /tend/

Word family:
Nouns: tendency
Verbs: tend

VERB
tend to do sth
[B2] to often do a particular thing or be likely to do a particular thing

Dictionary examples:
I tend to wear dark colours.
July and August tend to be our busiest months.

Learner example:
When something is not enjoyable, we tend not to do it.

tendency /ˈten.dən.si/

Word family:
Nouns: tendency
Verbs: tend

NOUN [C]
[C1] something that someone often does, or something that often happens

Dictionary examples:
She has a tendency to talk for too long.
There is a growing tendency for companies to employ people on short contracts.

Learner example:
There is a tendency to choose canned and preserved foods instead of fresh ones.
tense  /ˈtens/  

Word family:
Nouns: tension
Adjectives: tense

ADJECTIVE

NERVOUS

[B2] nervous, worried, and not able to relax

Dictionary example:
She was very tense as she waited for the interview.

Learner example:
Beyond the fact you feel tired and tense, I'm afraid that if you keep on working this way, you'll get [serious] health problems in the future.

SITUATION


Dictionary example:
There were some tense moments in the second half of the game.

Learner example:
There was a tense atmosphere.

tension  /ˈtensən/  

Word family:
Nouns: tension
Adjectives: tense

NOUN

FEELING

[B2] [ɪ] a feeling that you are nervous, worried, and not relaxed

Dictionary example:
You could feel the tension in the room as we waited for our exam results.

Learner example:
Today's world is also known for stress and tension.

BETWEEN PEOPLE/GROUPS

[B2] [ə] a feeling of fear or anger between people, groups or countries who do not trust each other
Dictionary examples:
ethnic/racial
tension
There are growing tensions between the two countries.

Learner example:
I was only eight years old but yet I could feel the tension between my parents.

term  /tɜːm/

NOUN

WORD

[B2] [c] a word or phrase that is used to refer to a particular thing, especially in a
technical or scientific subject

Dictionary examples:
a legal/medical/scientific/technical term
'Without let or hindrance' is a legal term which means 'freely'.

Learner example:
Extreme overworking can [even] lead to death and that was discovered and confirmed by
Jap[a]nese doctors who created a special medical term for the [illness] caused by overworking.

terminal  /ˈtɜːrnəl/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a building where you can get onto an aircraft, bus, or ship

Dictionary example:
Your flight to Perth will leave from Terminal 4.

Learner example:
The Hotel that I booked for your group is the Moat House Hotel in Feltham, from Heathrow
Terminal 3 [where] you will arrive on 29th of June, the best way to go there is to catch the minibus
No 32.

terms  /tɜːms/

NOUN [PLURAL]

RULES

[B2] the rules of an agreement
Dictionary examples:
your terms of employment
Under the terms of their contract, employees must give 3 months' notice if they leave.

Learner example:
So we would be very grateful to get some information about the club and the terms of membership.

In ... terms/in terms of sth
[B2] used to explain which part of a problem or situation you are referring to

Dictionary examples:
In financial terms, the project was not a success.
In terms of quality control, the company has made great improvements.

Learner example:
In terms of accommodation, they [provide] it all which is good, but unfortunately you have to share your room with another person, which is not so good if you're shy or something like that.

**terrace**  /ˈter.əs/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a flat area outside a house, restaurant, etc. where you can sit

Dictionary example:
We had our drinks on the terrace.

Learner example:
I enjoyed the evenings sitting on your terrace listening to your interesting stories about your childhood.

**terribly**  /ˈter.ə.bli/

Word family:
**Adjectives:** terrible
**Adverbs:** terribly

ADVERB

**very badly**
[B2] very badly

Dictionary example:
I slept terribly last night.

Learner example:
Although he s[a]ng quite well, he danced terribly and that spoiled part of the show.
terrific /təˈrif.ɪk/

ADJECTIVE

LARGE/SERIOUS
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] very large, great, or serious

Dictionary examples:
a terrific increase in prices
a terrific storm

Learner example:
Furthermore, the rubbish collection was a terrific problem, the smell was awful.

terrify /ˈter.ə.fai/

Word family:
Nouns: terror, terrorism, terrorist
Verbs: terrify
Adjectives: terrified, terrifying

VERB [T]
[B2] to frighten someone very much

Dictionary example:
The idea of parachuting out of a plane terrifies me.

Learner example:
Instead my thoughts drifted away and started to terrify me once more.

terrifying /ˈter.əˌfɑɪ.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: terror, terrorism, terrorist
Verbs: terrify
Adjectives: terrified, terrifying

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely frightening

Dictionary example:
It was a terrifying experience.

Learner example:
That was the most terrifying thing I have ever seen.
**territory** /ˈter.i.təri/  

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** territory
- **Adjectives:** territorial

**NOUN**

**COUNTRY’S LAND**

[B2] [c or u] land that is owned or controlled by a particular country

**Dictionary examples:**
He was shot down in enemy territory.
The UN is sending aid to the occupied territories.

**Learner example:**
In a way, Sweden is a unique country because it has never had any wars on its territory and avoided the harmful effects of any conquerors.

**PERSON’S/ANIMAL’S LAND**

[B2] [c or u] an area that an animal or person thinks belongs to them

**Dictionary example:**
Cats like to protect their territory.

**Learner example:**
I think that man [shouldn’t] take animals out of their own territory.

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**terror** /ˈter.oʊr/  

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** terror, terrorism, terrorist
- **Verbs:** terrify
- **Adjectives:** terrified, terrifying

**NOUN [u or l]**

[B2] a feeling of being very frightened

**Dictionary examples:**
They fled from the city in terror.
I will never forget the look of terror in her face.

**Learner example:**
I froze with terror.
terrorism /ˈter.a.rɪ.zəm/

Word family:
Nouns: terror, terrorism, terrorist
Verbs: terrify
Adjectives: terrified, terrifying

NOUN [u]
[B2] the use of violence for political purposes, for example putting bombs in public places

Dictionary examples:
Governments must cooperate if they are to fight international terrorism.
The bomb explosion was one of the worst acts of terrorism that Italy has experienced in recent years.

terrorist /ˈter.a.rɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: terror, terrorism, terrorist
Verbs: terrify
Adjectives: terrified, terrifying

NOUN [c]
[B2] someone who is involved in terrorism

Dictionary examples:
There has been an increase in terrorist attacks.
The government has said that it will not be intimidated by terrorist threats.

Learner example:
Some people believed that their town was occupied by terrorists or even aliens.

tertiary /ˈtɜː.ʃə.rɪ/  

ADJECTIVE
[C1] Tertiary education is education at university or college level.

Dictionary example:
a tertiary institution

Learner example:
Most poor families can only afford [to send] their children up to the secondary education and their eldest child up to the tertiary level.
**test /test/**

**NOUN [c]**

**SITUATION**

[B2] a situation that shows how good something is

**Dictionary example:**
This project will be a real test of his ability.

**Learner example:**
It’s true that asserting oneself in society is a real test of self-reliance and that a lot of people encounter hardships.

**VERB [t]**

**CHECK**

[B2] to do something in order to discover if something is safe, works correctly, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
None of our products are tested on animals.

**Learner example:**
Before we can use a certain medicine, hairspray, make-up, [etc.,] it might have been tested on animals to see [what] their reaction is.

**PROVE QUALITY/STRENGTH, ETC.**

[B2] If a situation tests someone, it proves how good, strong, etc. they are.

**Dictionary example:**
This next match will really test them.

**Learner example:**
This trip was organised by our form tutor, he wanted to test us [to see] if we trust[ed] each other and worked in a team.

**text /tekst/**

**NOUN**

**BOOK/PLAY**

[B2] [c] a book or play that is studied for an examination

**Dictionary example:**
'Jane Eyre' is our set text this year.
texture /ˈteks.tʃə/

**NOUN [C or U]**

[C1] the way that something feels when you touch it

**Dictionary example:**
wood with a rough texture

**Learner example:**
At the college they teach you how to make the arrangements, the use of colour, space, movement and texture.

thankful /ˈθæŋk.fəl/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** thanks  
**Verbs:** thank  
**Adjectives:** thankful  
**Adverbs:** thankfully

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] pleased or grateful about something

**Dictionary example:**
We were thankful that none of the children saw the accident.

**Learner example:**
This revolution led to our freedom and we are thankful to the heroic people of 1821, because if they didn't start the revolution, we wouldn't be here today.

thankfully /ˈθæŋk.fəli/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** thanks  
**Verbs:** thank  
**Adjectives:** thankful  
**Adverbs:** thankfully

**ADVERB**

[C1] used at the beginning of a sentence to show that you are pleased or grateful about something

**Dictionary example:**
Thankfully, nobody was hurt.
Thankfully, with the help of the government, a recycling centre was built nearby and so the rubbish littering the streets, as well as that being taken to the dump, was cut down by 60%.

thanks /θæŋks/

Word family:
Nouns: thanks
Verbs: thank
Adjectives: thankful
Adverbs: thankfully

EXCLAMATION

thanks to sb/sth
[B2] because of someone or something

Dictionary examples:
I passed my driving test, thanks to the extra help my dad gave me.
It’s thanks to Sandy that I heard about the job.

NOUN [PLURAL]
[B2] words or actions that show you are grateful or pleased about something

Dictionary examples:
They expressed their thanks to the organisers.
He wrote a letter of thanks to the hospital.

Learner example:
Give thanks also to your wife, we really appreciate her marvellous cooking.

that /ðæt/

PRONOUN (PLURAL those)

that’s it
[B2] used to say that something is correct

Dictionary example:
You need to push the two pieces together. That’s it.

REACTION
[B2] used to express a reaction to something
Dictionary examples:
I didn't know she'd been so ill. That's terrible.
Turn the engine on, then put the car in gear. That's right.
Smile for the camera. That's more like it.

PAST
[B2] used to refer to events or experiences in the past

Dictionary example:
That was before we had a car.

Learner example:
That was when I went to live in Barcelona by myself in a student residence.

that's that
[C1] used to say that something has happened or a decision has been made and there is nothing more to say or do

Dictionary example:
I won't agree to it and that's that.

Learner example:
That's it and that's that!" as they say in the "Sorbits-advertis[e]ment" Bye!

that is (to say)
[C1] used to correct something you have said or give more information about something

Dictionary example:
Everybody was at the meeting, well everyone except Jeanne, that is.

Learner example:
All in all, the students who participated in this programme were quite happy and had an enjoyable time there, except for some, that is.

ADVERB
[B2] used when describing the size, amount, or state of something or someone

Dictionary examples:
She's too young to walk that far.
It wasn't (all) that good.

Learner example:
My English isn't that bad, actually I have been taught English in school for six years.
the /ðiː/

DETERMINER

TIME
[B2] used before numbers that refer to periods of ten years

Dictionary example:
the sixties

Learner example:
For example, people in the 1950s who didn't have computers are likely to have had difficulty in
checking information, booking tickets, and communicating with each other.

COMPARE
[B2] used before each of two adjectives or adverbs to show how one thing changes depending on another

Dictionary example:
The longer we live here, the more we like it.

Learner example:
In many cases, the more things you learn, the less things you know.

the first person /ˌfɜːstˈpɜːsən/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the form of a verb or pronoun that is used when people are speaking or
writing about themselves. For example, 'I' and 'we' are first person pronouns.

Dictionary example:
Autobiographies are written in the first person.

theft /θeft/

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the action or crime of stealing something

Dictionary examples:
car theft
Unfortunately, we have had several thefts in the building recently.

Learner example:
So, who was [it] that made this [such a] perfectly-organised theft?
the last minute /ˌlaːstˈmɪnɪt/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the latest possible opportunity for doing something

Dictionary examples:
They only told me at the last minute that they couldn't come.
Why do you always leave everything till the last minute?

Learner example:
We were very disappointed to hear that the actor was replaced by [an]other at the last minute.

theme /θiːm/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the subject of a talk, book, film, etc.

Dictionary example:
The theme of loss runs through most of his novels.

Learner example:
I think that the basic theme of the book is very original and the author has written lots of great novels.

the middle class /ˌmɪd.əˈklɑːs/

NOUN (also the middle classes)
[C1] the social group consisting of well-educated people who have good jobs and are neither very rich nor very poor

Dictionary example:
These tax increases will affect the middle class badly.

Learner example:
They also show the efforts parents make to keep the family happy, especially when the middle class in Argentina started to struggle after the economic crisis in 2001.
themselves /ðəmˈselvz/

PRONOUN

EMPHASIS

[B2] used to emphasize the pronoun 'they' or the particular group of people you are referring to

Dictionary examples:
The staff themselves were unhappy with the decision.
They themselves had no knowledge of what was happening.

Learner example:
Many times they think they themselves [have taken] part in a car race.

then /ðen/

ADVERB

IN ADDITION

[B2] used in order to add something to what you have just said

Dictionary examples:
I've got two essays to write and then my science project to finish.
This is the standard model, then there's the luxury version which costs more.

now and then

[B2] If something happens now and then, it happens sometimes but not very often.

Dictionary example:
I love chocolate, but I only eat it now and then.

Learner example:
If you really love to have a snack now and then, try to eat fruit and vegetables, instead of sweets.

every now and then

[C1] sometimes, but not often

Dictionary example:
We still meet up every now and then.

Learner example:
Each day choose 10 new words and learn them by heart. In a week you will have learned 70 new words, and in a year 3640, a lot of words. Please, do not forget to repeat them every now and then.
theory /ˈθɪə.ri/

Word family:
Nouns: theory
Adjectives: theoretical
Adverbs: theoretically

NOUN

IDEA
[B2] [c] an idea or set of ideas that is intended to explain something

Dictionary examples:
Darwin's theory of evolution
He has a theory that the hole was caused by a meteorite.

Learner example:
During his full time schedule, he worked [o]n his project about "relative theory".

in theory
[B2] If something is possible in theory, it should be possible, but often it does not happen in that way.

Dictionary example:
In theory, the journey ought to take three hours, but in practice it usually takes four because of roadworks.

Learner example:
To sum up, in theory you can find a lot of solutions [to] this problem, but in practi[c]e, actually some people who hunt without permission [aren't] punished.

therapeutic /ˌθer.əˈpjuː.tɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: therapy, therapist
Adjectives: therapeutic

ADJECTIVE

HEALTH
[C1] helping to cure a disease or improve your health

Dictionary example:
the therapeutic benefits of massage

Learner example:
The drink produced, tsikondia, is one of the ne[c]essary drinks for the cold nights of winter. It is also believed to have therapeutic effects on people's health.
HELPING YOU TO FEEL HAPPIER AND MORE RELAXED

Dictionary example:
I find gardening very therapeutic.

Learner example:
Some people consider shopping therapeutic, much like a hobby.

therapist /ˈθer.ə.pɪst/

Word family:
Nouns: therapy, therapist
Adjectives: therapeutic

NOUN [C]
[C1] someone whose job is to treat a particular type of mental or physical illness

Dictionary example:
a speech therapist

Learner example:
Teams [for athletes or swimmers] are built of: coach, physiologist, diet therapist, physiotherapist, doctor and massage therapist.

therapy /ˈθer.ə.pi/

Word family:
Nouns: therapy, therapist
Adjectives: therapeutic

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the work of treating mental or physical illness without using an operation

Dictionary examples:
speech therapy
group therapy

Learner example:
In another way, I can say that books [are] the best stress management therapy; they are easy to carry wherever you go.
there /ðəər/  

ADVERB  
POINT  
[B2] at a particular point in a process or activity  

Dictionary examples:  
Do you want to play another game or do you want to stop there?  
I'll have to stop you there, we've run out of time.  
Keep on trying – you'll get there in the end.  

Learner example:  
My misfortunes don't stop there.  

here and there  
[B2] in several different places but without any pattern  

Dictionary example:  
Tall trees were growing here and there.  

Learner example:  
In the cinemas there were a few broken seats here and there.  

thereby /ˌðeəˈbaɪ/  

ADVERB FORMAL  
[C1] as a result of a particular action or event  

Dictionary example:  
The new dam will improve the water supply and thereby reduce hunger and disease.  

Learner example:  
By interacting live with people from all over the world, you can use non-native languages on a daily basis and thereby help developing your foreign language skills.  

thermometer /θərˈmɒm.ɪ.tə/  

NOUN [C]  
[B2] a piece of equipment that measures the temperature of air or of your body  

Dictionary example:  
Keep the thermometer under your tongue.
the second person  /ˌsek.əndˈpɜː.sən/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the form of a verb or pronoun that is used when referring to the person being spoken or written to

Dictionary example:
'You' is a second person pronoun.

thesis  /ˈθiː.sɪs/ (PLURAL theses)

NOUN [C]

WRITING
[B2] a long piece of writing that you do as part of an advanced university course

Dictionary example:
a doctoral thesis

Learner example:
For me, this is an advantage because I need to have a lot of information for my doctoral thesis.

the third person  /ˌθɜːdˈpɜː.sən/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the form of a verb or pronoun that is used when referring to the person or thing being spoken about or described

Dictionary example:
'She' is a third person pronoun.

the upper class  /ˌʌp.əˈklɑːs/

NOUN (also the upper classes)
[C1] the social group consisting of the people of the highest social class, who are usually rich

Dictionary example:
The upper class usually send their children to expensive private schools.
Learner example:
I've just chosen to travel south and back in time to be a Roman lady, belonging to the upper class of course, living an easy life full of pleasure.

the working class /ˌwɜː.kɪŋˈklɑːs/

NOUN (also the working classes)
[C1] the social group consisting of people who do not get paid much money and who often do physical work

Dictionary example:
He sees the prime minister's comments as an attack on the working class.

Learner example:
A member of the working class, for example, was not expected to wear something smart, as he didn't represent the company.

they /ðeɪ/

PRONOUN

PEOPLE
[B2] people in general

Dictionary example:
They say that breaking a mirror brings you seven years' bad luck.

Learner example:
They say it is getting harder and harder to live without computers. But is it really true?

thick /θɪk/

ADJECTIVE

SMOKE, ETC.
[B2] difficult to see through

Dictionary example:
Thick, black smoke was pouring out of the chimney.

Learner example:
We tried to walk [down] the stairs but the smoke was just getting thicker and thicker so we had to climb up on the roof.

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thigh /θaɪ/

NOUN [c]
[B2] the top part of your leg above your knee

Dictionary example:
My thighs were aching after the climb.

Learner example:
Cycling is – among other things – very healthy, the heart starts pumping blood, your lungs get exercised and of course, you get smashing, sexy thighs.
	hing /θɪŋ/

NOUN

IDEA
[B2] [c] used to refer to an idea or comment

Dictionary example:
I can’t believe he would say such a thing!

Learner example:
I got mad and said "How dare you say such a thing."

the whole thing
[B2] everything about a situation

Dictionary examples:
I just want to forget the whole thing.
The whole thing is ridiculous!

Learner example:
And, less than five minutes later, our mother knew the whole thing.

among other things
[B2] used to say that there are other details or examples in addition to the ones you are mentioning

Dictionary example:
It’s worth visiting the museum while you’re here. There’s an exhibition about Darwin and a good collection of paintings, among other things.

Learner example:
To go by tram or bus is a waste of time and travelling by car is – among other things – a waste of money.
no such thing
[B2] used to emphasize that something does not exist

Dictionary example:
There's no such thing as ghosts!

Learner example:
But when I asked for these, I was told that no such thing existed and so the advertisement was once again proved wrong.

the thing is...
[B2] informal used to introduce an answer, comment or explanation

Dictionary examples:
I'd love to go out tonight, but the thing is, I've got to finish my report.
The funny/strange thing is that we'd actually met before.

Learner example:
The thing is that on July 23rd I had not found any outfit that suited me yet, which made me feel desperate.

it's a good thing
[B2] if it's a good thing that something happened, it is lucky or fortunate that it happened.

Dictionary example:
It's a good thing (that) we booked our tickets early.

Learner example:
I think it's a good thing that your parents [are going to] come, because [...] maybe it would make it easier for you to convince them to let you spend a week here during Xmas.

not a single thing
[B2] not anything

Dictionary example:
After the guests had gone, there wasn't a single thing left to eat.

Learner example:
I'm terribly sorry, but I hit it with my hand while trying to turn on the light: I wasn't able to see a single thing because it was pitch-dark all around.

the main thing
[B2] the most important fact in a situation

Dictionary example:
You're happy and that's the main thing.

Learner example:
The main thing is to be happy and to love yourself.
PERSON / ANIMAL

[B2] [C] used to refer to a person or animal when you are expressing your feelings towards them.

Dictionary examples:
You look tired, you poor thing.
He's spending three months in Barbados, lucky thing!

Learner example:
When I go to the zoo I like to see them close by me, [and] look at them carefully; but at the same time I say: "Poor thing, I wouldn't like to be one of them."

all things considered
[C1] used for saying that something is true in general if you think about all its aspects.

Dictionary example:
The show was a great success, all things considered.

Learner example:
All things considered, it seems like "Kavanagh Catering Services" would be most suitable for the students.

the next best thing
[C1] the thing that is best, if you cannot have or do the thing you really want.

Dictionary example:
Coaching football is the next best thing to playing.

Learner example:
For many working people, there is hardly time to cook and prepare your dinner, so the next best thing is to rush into a Macdonalds' or Burger King.

a sure thing
[C1] something that is certain to happen.

Dictionary example:
Death is the one sure thing about life.

Learner example:
There is only one sure thing, we are not able to even imagine what we will be able to do in the future to get communicated.

think /θɪŋk/

Word family:
Nouns: thinker
Verbs: think, rethink
Adjectives: unthinkable
VERB (thought, thought)

CONSIDER PEOPLE
[B2] [I] to consider a person's needs or wishes

Dictionary example:
She’s always thinking of others.

Learner example:
If you don't think of your family and private life, at least think of your health.

not think straight
[C1] If you cannot think straight, you are not thinking clearly about something.

Dictionary example:
I was so tired, I couldn't think straight.

Learner example:
My stress wouldn't let me think straight.

think of sb/sth as sth
[C1] to have a particular opinion about someone or something

Dictionary example:
They were thought of as slightly eccentric.

Learner example:
Today's youth is thought of as lazy "couch potatoes" and unhealthy "computer-freaks", but this is only true for the minority of young people.

think twice
[C1] to carefully consider whether what you are planning is a good idea

Dictionary example:
I'd think twice about spending so much money on one thing, if I were you.

Learner example:
Now I will think twice before I buy your paper again.

not think twice
[C1] to do something immediately, without considering whether it is a good idea

Dictionary example:
When he asked me out, I didn’t think twice!

Learner example:
Your advertisement seemed very convincing and as I intended to travel to exotic locations I did not think twice.
third /θɜːd/

NOUN [c]
[B2] one of three equal parts of something

Dictionary example:
He cut the cake into thirds.

Learner example:
Two thirds said we should film [the students] playing football.

thirst /θɜːst/

Word family:
Nouns: thirst
Adjectives: thirsty

NOUN [U NO PLURAL]

WANTING DRINK
[B2] the feeling that you want or need to drink something

Dictionary example:
We were all suffering from thirst.

Learner example:
Many animals died of hunger and thirst.

thirty /ˈθɜː.ti/

NUMBER

(be) in your thirties
[B2] to be aged between 30 and 39

Dictionary example:
More women are having their first child in their thirties.

Learner example:
He was in his thirties and really handsome.

the thirties
[B2] the years from 1930–1939

Dictionary example:
They moved to Paris in the thirties.
In the beginning of the thirties in the USA the film industry grew.

Learner example:
In the beginning of the thirties in [the] USA the film industry [grew].

this /ðɪs/

ADVERB
[C1] used when describing the size, amount, or state of something or someone

Dictionary examples:
It was only about this high off the ground.
She has never been this late for school before.

thorough /ˈθʌrə/

Word family:
Adjectives: thorough
Adverbs: thoroughly

ADJECTIVE
[B2] careful and including every detail

Dictionary examples:
a thorough revision of the manuscript
They did a thorough search of the area but found nothing.

Learner example:
People believe that school aims to give pupils a thorough education in each subject, in order to enable them to deal with various kinds of situations.

thoroughly /ˈθʌrə.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: thorough
Adverbs: thoroughly

ADVERB

VERY MUCH
[B2] completely, very much

Dictionary example:
I thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

Learner example:
I thoroughly enjoyed reading "Animal Farm" because it is a satire based on the Russian Revolution.
CAREFULLY
[B2] very carefully

Dictionary example:
Wash the spinach thoroughly before cooking.

Learner example:
The murder had been thoroughly planned.

those /ðəʊz/

DETERMINER, PRONOUN

those who/which/that
[B2] the people or things that

Dictionary examples:
Those who wish to leave may do so now.
Most of the plates are clean. Those that aren’t should be put in the dishwasher.

Learner example:
Lately, it has been discussed whether students must study all the subjects or only those which they prefer.

though /ðəʊθ/

CONJUNCTION

even though
[B2] although

Dictionary examples:
Even though it was getting dark, we decided to walk on to the next village.
He still smokes even though he’s got asthma.

Learner example:
They didn’t give up hope even though they were tired and wet to the bone.

as though
[B2] used to describe how a situation seems to be

Dictionary example:
It looks as though they’re not going.

Learner example:
Sometimes it almost looks as though they are crying.
BUT

[B2] but

Dictionary example:
They're coming next week, though I don't know which day.

Learner example:
I can read and understand French, though I don't speak [it] very well.

ADVERB

[B2] used especially at the end of a sentence, to add a fact or opinion to what you have just said

Dictionary example:
Okay, I'll come to the party. I'm not staying late though.

Learner example:
It would be fun to work with you. There are a few things we should think about though.

thought /θɔːt/

Word family:
Nouns: thought
Adjectives: thoughtful, thoughtless
Adverbs: thoughtfully

THINKING

[B2] [U] the activity of thinking, or when you think about something carefully

Dictionary examples:
She sat staring at the picture, deep in thought.
You'll need to give the matter some thought.

Learner example:
I am concerned so please give it some thought.

thoughtful /ˈθɔːt.fəl/

Word family:
Nouns: thought
Adjectives: thoughtful, thoughtless
Adverbs: thoughtfully
ADJECTIVE

KIND
[B2] kind and always thinking about how you can help other people

Dictionary examples:
Thank you for phoning when I was ill – it was very thoughtful of you.
She’s a very thoughtful person.

Learner example:
It was so thoughtful to think of me and send this letter.

CAREFULLY CONSIDERING
[C1] carefully considering things

Dictionary example:
He has a thoughtful approach to his work.

Learner example:
So we have less time to prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner in a more "thoughtful" manner.

thousand /ˈθaʊ.zənd/ (PLURAL thousand or thousands)

NUMBER

thousands
[B2] INFORMAL a lot

Dictionary example:
She tried on thousands of dresses but didn't like any of them

threat /θret/

Word family:
Nouns: threat
Verbs: threaten

NOUN

DAMAGE
[B2] [C] someone or something that could cause harm or damage

Dictionary examples:
a threat to the environment
Smoking poses a serious threat to your health.

Learner example:
That is the only way to protect human life from this serious threat.
THING SAID

[B2] [C] when someone says they will kill or hurt you, or cause problems for you if you do not do what they want

Dictionary examples:

a **death** threat
I was scared he would **carry out** his threat.

Learner example:
Since then we have been receiving threats.

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**threaten** /ˈθret.ən/

Word family:

Nouns: threat
Verbs: threaten

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HARM

[B2] [T] to tell someone that you will kill or hurt them, or cause problems for them if they do not do what you want

Dictionary examples:

He threatened the staff **with** a gun and demanded money.
He threatened **to** report her to the police.

Learner example:
The others joined us, and they began to threaten us with their knives.

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DAMAGE

[C1] [T] to be likely to cause harm or damage to something or someone

Dictionary example:

His knee problem is threatening his cycling career.

Learner example:
In addition to air pollution, more noise will take place and as a result, our city residents' health will be threatened.

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**thrill** /θrl/ 

Word family:

Nouns: thriller, **thrill**
Verbs: **thrill**
Adjectives: thrilled, thrilling
NOUN [C]
[C1] a strong feeling of excitement and pleasure

Dictionary examples:
It was a big thrill meeting the stars of the show.
the thrill of winning a competition

Learner example:
SURFING Riding the waves can be the thrill of a lifetime.

thrilled /θrɪld/

Word family:
Nouns: thriller, thrill
Verbs: thrill
Adjectives: thrilled, thrilling

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very excited and pleased

Dictionary example:
She was thrilled with your present.

Learner example:
I'm thrilled with the idea of working with you.

thrilling /ˈθrɪl.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: thriller, thrill
Verbs: thrill
Adjectives: thrilled, thrilling

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very exciting

Dictionary example:
a thrilling game

Learner example:
What has made me hesitate to join a diving club is that deep water really scares me, [but] at the same time I feel excited by the thrilling feeling.
thrive /θraɪv/

Word family:
Verbs: thrive
Adjectives: thriving

VERB [i]
[C1] to grow very well, or to become very healthy or successful

Dictionary examples:
The business is thriving.
He seems to thrive on hard work.

Learner example:
She seems to thrive on criticism and wants to get better at everything she does.

through /θruː/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN] A through train goes all the way from one place to another place without the passenger having to change trains.

Dictionary example:
We caught the through train to Manchester.

Learner example:
Then go to the information desk and ask about the time of departure of through trains to Lodz.

throughout /θruːˈaʊt/

PREPOSITION

WHOLE TIME
[B2] during the whole of a period of time

Dictionary example:
He yawned throughout the performance.

Learner example:
This teahouse is packed throughout [the] day with workers and retired people, who come to sip tea, talk, and watch the endless stream of passers-by in the old city of China.

EVERYWHERE
[C1] in every part of a place
Dictionary example:
The same laws apply throughout much of Europe.

Learner example:
Being the owner of [a] driving licence has become a dream [for the] majority of young, middle-aged or even elderly people throughout the world.

ADVERB
[C1] in every part of a place or during the whole of a period of time

Dictionary example:
The house was painted pink throughout.

Learner example:
Children's stories, however, were one of the most successful parts of the Activity Day and all of the spectators were on the edge of their seats throughout.

throw /θrəʊ/

VERB [I or T] (threw, thrown)
throw sth in/on, etc.
[C1] to put something somewhere quickly and without thinking about it

Dictionary example:
He threw his clothes on the floor and got into bed.

Learner example:
Also we apologise [profuse]ly about the rubbish they throw on the streets.

thumb /θʌm/

NOUN [C]
a rule of thumb
[C1] a way of calculating something, which is not exact but which will help you to be correct enough

Dictionary example:
As a rule of thumb, you need one egg for every 125g flour.

Learner example:
As a rule of thumb, one third of the people working in central Copenhagen [go] by car, one third by public transport, and one third by bike.
thus /ðʌs/ FORMAL

ADVERB
[B2] used after saying a fact to introduce what then happened as a result

Dictionary example:
They planned to reduce staff and thus to cut costs.

Learner example:
As a result of the density, the atmosphere in the halls also became hot and humid, thus making the whole experience rather unpleasant.

tide /taɪd/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the regular rise and fall in the level of the sea

Dictionary examples:
high/low tide
The tide is out/in.

Learner example:
We visited a marvellous old fishermen's village, that is isolated from the rest of the island during high tide.

tie /taɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: tie
Verbs: tie, untie

VERB (tying, tied, tied)
.tie up sb/sth or tie sb/sth up PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to tie a part of someone's body with a rope or something similar so that they cannot get away

Dictionary examples:
The two members of staff were tied up during the robbery.
The horses were tied up outside.

Learner example:
It was his mother being tied up in his living room, unable to speak.
Word family:

Verbs: tighten
Adjectives: tight
Adverbs: tight, tightly

ADJECTIVE

FIRM

[B2] firm and difficult to move

Dictionary examples:
Make sure the knot is tight.
I kept a tight grip on his arm.

Learner example:
You should always wear a tight seatbelt because it could save your life.

CONTROLLED

[B2] controlled and obeying all rules completely

Dictionary examples:
tight security
The school kept tight control of its policy on school uniform.

Learner example:
The building is huge with high technology and construction and has tight security.

NOT MUCH

[B2] If money, time, or space is tight, there is only just enough of it.

Dictionary examples:
This holiday destination is good for people on a tight budget.
We should get six people into the car but it will be tight.

Learner example:
Finally, as I am a student on a very tight budget, I would prefer a cheap B&B, or a family.

ADVERB

[B2] very firmly or closely

Dictionary examples:
Hold on tight!
His eyes were shut tight.

Learner example:
He held her tight and kissed her.
**tighten** /ˈtaɪ.tən/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** tighten
- **Adjectives:** tight
- **Adverbs:** tight, tightly

**VERB** [I or T]

[B2] to become tighter or to make something become tighter

**Dictionary examples:**
- His hand tightened around her arm.
- Tighten the straps so they don't rub.
- As he struggled, the ropes tightened even more.
- We tightened up all the screws.

**Learner example:**
They simply filled the bathtub with ice cold water and tightened the belts.

**tightly** /ˈtaɪ.t.li/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** tighten
- **Adjectives:** tight
- **Adverbs:** tight, tightly

**ADVERB**

[B2] firmly or closely

**Dictionary examples:**
- I gripped the telephone tightly.
- She hugged me tightly.

**Learner example:**
She did not want to be eaten, and held her son tightly to her breast.

**time** /ˈtaɪm/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** time, timing
- **Verbs:** time

**NOUN**

**HISTORICAL PERIOD**

[B2] [c] a period in history
Dictionary examples:
Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities" is set at the time of the French Revolution.
**In/During** medieval times, women thought to be witches were burnt at the stake.
**In** times gone by, all crops were harvested by hand.
He is widely regarded as one of the best writers of **modern/our** times.
We sat and talked about **old** times.

**Learner example:**
It was so nice to see all members of the family and have [the] opportunity to talk about old times, as well [as] old friends.

**from time to time**
[B2] sometimes but not often

**Dictionary example:**
From time to time I still think of her.

**Learner example:**
I wash the dishes from time to time (I sometimes try to avoid this unpleasant duty) and clean our house.

**for some time**
[B2] for a long period of time

**Dictionary example:**
I've been doing yoga for some time.

**Learner example:**
I have been observing you for some time and it's now quite clear to me that you have been working too hard since you changed your job.

**for the time being**
[C1] for now but not permanently

**Dictionary examples:**
I'm living with my parents for the time being.
Leave the ironing for the time being – I'll do it later.

**Learner example:**
I think that is all for the time being.

**about/high time** INFORMAL
[C1] If it is about time that someone did something, it should have been done sooner or a long time ago.

**Dictionary examples:**
It's about time (that) the school improved its meals service.
It is high time for Europe to take responsibility for its own defence.

**Learner example:**
It's high time [we tried] to stop all the troubles which are around us.
IN A PLACE
[C1] [u] the time in a particular place

Dictionary example:
The plane arrives at 20.50, New York time.

Learner example:
My phon[e] number at work is 66291 and at home (after 16.30 local time), 84796.

at times
[C1] sometimes

Dictionary example:
At times, I wish I didn't have to go to school.

Learner example:
STUDYING METHODS All teachers at the college are high[ly]-skilled professionals and can be very demanding at times, but this is [in] your best interest[s].

make time
[C1] to leave enough time to do something although you are busy

Dictionary examples:
You have to make time to do your homework.
He never made enough time for family life.

Learner example:
I'm terribly sorry for not being able to make time to pick you up when you arrive.

take your time
[C1] to do something without hurrying

Dictionary example:
Take your time choosing – there's no hurry.

Learner example:
If you're going to land at the 'Lugano–Agno' airport, as you told me in your last letter, the first thing I recommend to you is to be patient and take your time.

behind the times
[C1] not fashionable or modern

Dictionary example:
Dad's a bit behind the times.

Learner example:
We [should] improve our equipment. Otherwise we will be behind the times.

in no time
[C1] very soon

Dictionary example:
We'll be home in no time.
Learner example:
Team work is very important for us and you will make many friends in no time.

**it's only a matter of time**
[C1] If you say that it is only a matter of time before something happens, you are sure it will happen but you do not know when.

Dictionary example:
It's only a matter of time before someone gets killed on this road.

Learner example:
In my opinion it is only a matter of time before it is decided to [put] an end to this country being a kingdom.

**MEASURE HOW LONG**
[B2] to measure how long it takes for something to happen or for someone to do something

Dictionary example:
It's a good idea to time yourself while you do the exercises.

**time-consuming** /ˈtaɪm.kənˌsjuː.mɪŋ/

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] needing a lot of time

Dictionary example:
The legal process was time-consuming and expensive.

Learner example:
SMSs are too short and inconvenient to threaten face-to-face communication. They can only transfer a small amount of information and typing them is time-consuming.

**times** /taɪmz/

**PREPOSITION**
[B2] multiplied by

Dictionary example:
What is eight times fourteen?
timetable /ˈtaɪmˌteɪ.bl/

NOUN [c]

PLAN
[B2] a list of dates and times that shows when things will happen

Dictionary examples:
The timetable for our trip to Paris includes visits to Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Here is the timetable of events for the day.

Learner example:
Could you kindly send me some information about the activities and timetable of the club?

timing /ˈtaɪ.mɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: time, timing
Verbs: time

NOUN [u]
[B2] the time when something happens

Dictionary example:
"Are we early?" "No, your timing is perfect – dinner is almost ready."

Learner example:
[The] timing was perfect, the car was waiting for us [and] it was really easy.

tin /tin/

NOUN

FOR STORING
[B2] [c] a metal container with a lid that you keep food or other substances in

Dictionary examples:
a biscuit tin
a tin of paint

Learner example:
Meanwhile it was 11.15 p.m. and I [had] just asked my husband to take away the tins [of] paint from the stairs when suddenly the lights went out.
**tip /tip/**

**NOUN [C]**

- **END**
  - [C1] the end of something long and narrow

  **Dictionary examples:**
  - the tips of your fingers
  - the tip of a pencil

  **Learner example:**
  - These days there are so many [functions] available [o]n your mobile phone that you won’t have to do much, it’s all there at the tip of your finger.

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**tiredness /ˈtaɪd.nəs/**

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** tiredness

**Verbs:** tire

**Adjectives:** tired, tiring

**NOUN [U]**

- [B2] the state of being tired

  **Dictionary examples:**
  - He said that it was tiredness that led him to make the mistake.
  - I was overtaken by a sudden wave of tiredness.

  **Learner example:**
  - I felt so relaxed and my tiredness disappeared almost entirely.

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**to /tuː/**

**INFINITIVE MARKER**

- **to say the least**
  - [C1] used to emphasize that you could have said something in a much stronger way

  **Dictionary example:**
  - We were surprised, to say the least.

  **Learner example:**
  - You get slightly bored, to say the least.

- **to do so**
  - [C1] if you do this, or if this is done
Dictionary examples:
They want to build a completely new school, but to do so would cost far too much. I would strongly advise you against taking out a loan of this size. To do so would be a great risk to your business.

Learner example:
It is generally believed that if [a] better education is provided, children are better prepared for adult life. To do so, money is essential.

to spare
[C1] If you have time, money, etc. to spare, you have more than you need.

Dictionary example:
I arrived at the station with more than an hour to spare.

Learner example:
I even started to do the shopping on the Net, and I think this is the perfect solution for the business[es] woman with family and little time to spare.

PREPOSITION

RANGE
[B2] used in phrases which show a range

Dictionary example:
There must have been thirty to thirty-five people there.

to date
[B2] FORMAL up to the present time

Dictionary example:
This is her best work to date.

Learner example:
I enclose a copy of my curriculum vitae, which will give you further details about my career to date.

to my mind
[B2] used to emphasize that you are giving your own opinion

Dictionary example:
To my mind, the play was rather disappointing.

Learner example:
To my mind, The Picture of Dorian Gray is probably his best novel.

to the contrary
[C1] saying or showing the opposite

Dictionary example:
She claimed she hadn’t been involved, despite evidence to the contrary.
Learner example:
Despite claims to the contrary, young people are getting more involved in sport[s] activities.

**toast /təʊst/**

**NOUN**

**DRINK**
[C1] [c] a time when people lift their glasses and drink because they want someone to be successful, happy, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
At the wedding, there was a toast to the happy couple.

**Learner example:**
During the wedding meal, it is good manner[s] to propose a toast to the bride and the bridegroom when they come to your table.

**tobacco /təˈbæk.əʊ/**

**NOUN [u]**
[C1] dried leaves that are inside cigarettes

**Dictionary example:**
Twenty-eight per cent of people asked thought that the advertising of tobacco and alcohol should be banned.

**Learner example:**
People are becoming more aware also due to the Ministry of Health’s propaganda, marketing [a] healthy diet and exercise plus limiting adverts on alcoholic drinks and tobacco.

**today /təˈdeɪ/**

**ADVERB**

**PRESENT TIME**
[B2] in the period of time that is happening now

**Dictionary example:**
Today, people are much more concerned about their health than they were in the past.

**Learner example:**
Today we cannot go to a place without seeing a computer.
PRESENT TIME
[B2] the period of time that is happening now

Dictionary example:
With today’s technology almost anything seems possible.

Learner example:
However, technology has made immense steps forward and the cars of today come close to perfection.

toenail /ˈtəʊ.neɪl/

NOUN [C]
[B2] one of the hard, flat parts on top of the end of your toes

Dictionary example:
I need to cut my toenails.

together /təˈgeð.ər/

ADVERB

CONNECTED
[B2] used to say that two or more things are joined to each other, mixed with each other, etc.

Dictionary examples:
She tied the two pieces of rope together.
Could you add these figures together for me?
You mix all the dry ingredients together before you add the milk.
You could stick that back together with a bit of glue.
I like both flavours separately but I don’t like them together.

COMBINED
[B2] combined

Dictionary examples:
Together they must earn over ninety thousand dollars a year.
The money that I owe you for the telephone together with the rent equals £300.

Learner example:
When you ride a bike on the main road, it’s very dangerous to breath[e] the dirty air – together with the gases from the cars.
**token**  /ˈtəʊ.kən/

**NOUN [C]**

**LOVE/THANKS**

[C1] something that you give to someone in order to show them love, to thank them, etc.

**Dictionary example:**
I gave Helen some chocolates as a token of thanks for all her help.

**Learner example:**
Nevertheless, you can also prepare a small present as a token of your friendship or affection.

**tolerant**  /ˈtɒlər.ənt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** intolerance, tolerance

**Verbs:** tolerate

**Adjectives:** intolerable, intolerant, tolerant

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] allowing people to do what they want especially when you do not agree with it

**Dictionary examples:**
I think we're becoming more tolerant of children in public places.

**Learner example:**
During my stay, I was living with a family that was very generous and tolerant.

**tolerate**  /ˈtɒlər.eɪt/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** intolerance, tolerance

**Verbs:** tolerate

**Adjectives:** intolerable, intolerant, tolerant

**VERB [T]**

**ACCEPT**

[B2] to accept or allow something although you do not like it

**Dictionary examples:**
I will not tolerate that sort of behaviour in my class.
We will not tolerate racism of any sort.
Learner example:
He couldn't tolerate anybody disturbing childrens’ lives for the sake of money, because he was a very moral man.

toll /təʊl/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]

MONEY
[C1] money that you pay to use a bridge, road, etc.

Dictionary example:
You have to cross a toll bridge.

Learner example:
The government can introduce road toll fees on some highly used roads, so that some traffic will be encouraged to use a different route.

tomb /tuːm/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a place where a dead person is buried, usually with a stone structure

Dictionary example:
He is buried in a marble tomb.

Learner example:
My father opened it slowly and we saw a huge marble tomb behind it.

ton /tʌn/

NOUN [C] (PLURAL tons or ton)

WEIGHT
[B2] a unit for measuring weight, equal to 1016 kilograms in the UK and 907 kilograms in the US

Dictionary example:
They generated nearly 6 tons of rubbish.

Learner example:
It was at this point I saw a twenty ton lorry speeding towards them.
tons of sth
[B2] INFORMAL a lot of something

Dictionary example:
We've got tons of things to do before they arrive.

Learner example:
There were tons of handmade items!

tone /təʊn/

NOUN

VOICE
[B2] [c or u] the quality of a sound, especially of someone's voice

Dictionary examples:
I tried to use a sympathetic tone of voice.
It wasn’t so much what she said that annoyed me – it was her tone.

Learner example:
Paul, the leader of the group, shouted: "Keep quiet" and he went on [in] a quiet tone: "They want this kind of reaction, they want to frighten us...

TELEPHONE
[B2] [c] an electronic sound made by a telephone

Dictionary example:
a dialling tone

Learner example:
Quickly, a man got the phone [and was] trying [to] call the police but there was no tone.

tongue /tʌŋ/

NOUN

mother tongue
[B2] the first language that you learn when you are a child

Dictionary example:
Italian is my mother tongue but I started to learn English when I was six.

Learner example:
I can speak English and French fluently, added to my mother tongue, Japanese.
tool /tuːl/

NOUN [c]

MAKE/REPAIR
[B2] a piece of equipment that you use with your hands in order to make or repair something

Dictionary examples:
power tools
The only tools you need for this job are a hammer and a screwdriver.

Learner example:
And, of course, she got a set of excellent tools and I won only one thing: a tube of modeling glue.

EQUIPMENT
[B2] a thing that helps you to do a particular activity

Dictionary example:
Computers are an essential tool for modern scientists.

Learner example:
From my personal experience, I can also say that a personal computer is also an amazing tool.

SOMETHING HELPFUL
[C1] something that helps you to do what needs to be done or you want to do

Dictionary example:
We believe the new law will be an effective tool in fighting poverty.

Learner example:
If you look at fame as a tool for helping others you will soon understand it is worth it.

top /tɒp/

NOUN

on top of sth
[B2] in addition to something else that is bad

Dictionary examples:
On top of all this bad luck, he lost his mobile phone.
And then, on top of everything else, her car was stolen!

Learner example:
On top of everything, the weather was bad and the sea was so cold that I couldn’t swim.
ADVERB

[B2] in the position of being most important or successful

Dictionary example:
She came top in the maths test.

torch /tɔːʃ/  

NOUN [C]

[B2] a small electric light that you hold in your hand

Dictionary example:
She shone the torch into the dark room.

Learner example:
After fifteen minutes of walking, we got into a cave. It was dark, so we [turned on] our torches.

tornado /tɔː'neɪd.əʊ/ (PLURAL tornados, tornadoes)

NOUN [C]

[B2] an extremely strong and dangerous wind that blows in a circle and destroys buildings as it moves along

Dictionary example:
A tornado had swept through the north of the state, causing terrible destruction.

Learner example:
The storm was getting very wild outside, she wasn't sure if it [was] a real tornado, she had never seen one, but somehow she could sense the danger.

torture /'tɔː.tʃə/  

NOUN [U]

BORING/UNPLEASANT

[C1] ! a very unpleasant experience

Dictionary example:
I had to sit there listening to her for two whole hours – it was torture!

Learner example:
I would be grateful if I could get some of my money back, because the days in Scotland were a torture to me.
toss /tɒs/  

VERB  

**toss (a coin)**  
[C1] to throw a coin in the air and guess which side will land facing upwards as a way of deciding something  

**Dictionary example:**  
She tossed a coin to decide who would get the prize.  

**Learner example:**  
The question was who would be the person [to] do this action so we tossed a coin, and the result was me.  

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total /ˈtəʊ.təl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** total  
**Adjectives:** total  
**Adverbs:** totally  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**  

**VERY GREAT**  
[B2] extreme or complete  

**Dictionary examples:**  
total silence  
The whole evening was a total disaster.  
That's total rubbish.  

**Learner example:**  
The room was in total darkness and I couldn't hear anything.  

**VERB [T] (–ll–)**  
[C1] to add up to a particular amount  

**Dictionary example:**  
This is the eighth volume in the series, which totals 21 volumes in all.  

**Learner example:**  
And there has been a significant increase in insurance, up by 5%, totalling 8% of the total expenses.
touch /ˈtʌtʃ/  

Word family:
Nouns: touch
Verbs: touch
Adjectives: untouched

VERB

GET CLOSE
[B2] [I or T] If two things touch, they are so close to each other that there is no space between them.

Dictionary example:
These two wires must not touch.

Learner example:
Out of the blue, I felt the wheels touching the ground.

EMOTION
[B2] [T OFTEN PASSIVE] to affect your emotions, especially so that you feel pleased or a little sad

Dictionary example:
I was deeply touched by her letter.

Learner example:
Her stories are based on real life, so they're not only easy to read but also touch our hearts.

NOUN

lose touch
[B2] to stop communicating with someone, usually because they do not live near you now

Dictionary example:
We lost touch over the years.

Learner example:
When he went into the information centre, he saw Mary, wh[o] he used to go out with – [for] some reason, they [had] lost touch with each other.

HAND
[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] when you put your hand or finger on something

Dictionary examples:
I felt the touch of his hand on my face.
At the touch of a button, the door opened.
Learner example:
In a shopping centre you may search [for] something for hours, but [on the] internet you can find everything with the touch of a button.

ABILITY
[B2] [u] the ability to feel things by putting your hand on them

Dictionary examples:
the sense of touch
The material was soft to the touch.

tough /tʌf/

Word family:
Nouns: toughness
Adjectives: tough

ADJECTIVE

DIFFICULT
[B2] difficult

Dictionary examples:
He's had a tough time at work recently.
We've had to make some tough decisions.
Homeless people are facing a tough winter.

Learner example:
You know it was really a very tough decision for me.

STRONG PERSON
[B2] Tough people are mentally strong and not afraid of difficult situations.

Dictionary example:
You have to be tough to be successful in politics.

Learner example:
It is about a tough old fisherman from Cuba who sails out alone in a small boat to fish.

FOOD
[B2] describes food that is difficult to cut or eat

Dictionary example:
This steak is very tough.

Learner example:
Your pork chop was as tough as old boots and the salad dressing was sour!
towards /təˈwɔːdz/  

PREPOSITION  
IN RELATION TO  
[B2] in relation to something or someone  

Dictionary examples:  
They've always been very friendly towards me.  
He feels a lot of anger towards his father.  
She always has a positive attitude towards life.  

Learner example:  
His parents were very cold towards me.  

POSITION  
[C1] near to a time or place  

Dictionary examples:  
Our seats were towards the back of the theatre.  
I often get hungry towards the middle of the morning.  
We're getting towards winter and it's getting dark earlier.  

Learner example:  
If I [had] told somebody fifty years ago that women [would] have leading political positions towards the end of the century, he or she would have most probably considered [me] as being mad.  

PURPOSE  
[C1] for the purpose of buying or achieving something  

Dictionary examples:  
I'm saving up to buy a car, and Dad has given me some money towards it.  
Would you like to make a contribution towards a present for Linda?  
The work that students do during the term counts towards their final grade.  

Learner example:  
I hope that these recommendations will go a long way towards improving your museum and having satisfied visitors.  

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toxic /ˈtɒk.sɪ!k/  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] poisonous  

Dictionary example:  
toxic chemicals/fumes/waste
Learner example:
Paris throws out billions of tons of toxic gases into the atmosphere, and in the summer months, it's wrapped in a veil of toxic haze, from power station[s], factory chimneys, and from the exhausts of cars and lorries on the streets.

trace /ˈtreɪs/

VERB [v]

FIND
[C1] to find someone or something that was lost

Dictionary examples:
The police are trying to trace the mother of a newborn baby found abandoned outside a hospital. Attempts to trace the whereabouts of a man seen leaving the scene of the crime have so far been unsuccessful. Their missing daughter was finally traced to Manchester.

Learner example:
So you can hire the best people you can find to trace the bad guy and get rid of him.

ORIGIN
[C1] to discover the cause or origin of something

Dictionary examples:
The outbreak of food poisoning was traced to some contaminated shellfish. The practice of giving eggs at Easter can be traced back to festivals in ancient China. Rivalries between the gangs can be traced back to the 1950s in some black and Hispanic neighbourhoods. No one has yet been able to trace the source of the rumour.

Learner example:
It is my firm belief that what is usually referred to as "lacking motivation" can always be traced back to this question of meaning and comradeship.

NOUN [c or u]
[B2] proof that someone or something was in a place

Dictionary examples:
There was no trace of her anywhere. When she moved out, she left no trace of having been there. He seems to have disappeared without trace.

Learner example:
There were no traces of anything alive nearby.
track /træk/

NOUN

MUSIC
[B2] [c] one song or piece of music on a CD, record, etc.

Dictionary example:
The album includes four previously unreleased tracks.

Learner example:
It is a really good idea to give every CD a book containing information about every track on [the] disc and about [the] performance.

TYPE OF SPORT
[B2] [u] a sport in which people compete with each other by running a race on a specially prepared circular path

Dictionary example:
a track event

Learner example:
Since that time I have been reading every article about track and field.

MARKS
[B2] [c usually plural] a mark or line of marks left on the ground or on another surface by an animal, person or vehicle which has moved over it

Dictionary examples:
Police found tyre tracks in the mud.
The hunters followed the tracks of the deer for hours.
The burglars were careful not to leave any tracks behind them.

Learner example:
I [saw] some tracks on the floor. I went to the bedroom and near the bed I [saw] a big cat with its kittens.

lose track
[B2] to not know what is happening to someone or something any more

Dictionary example:
I've lost track of how much we've spent.

Learner example:
Time passed like an arrow and they lost track of time until they realised it [was] getting dark.

TRAINS
[C1] [c or u] the long metal lines which a train travels along
a 10-mile stretch of track

Passengers are requested not to walk across the tracks.

When the train enters a small town in Northern Switzerland, the visitor will be surprised by hundreds of fan posters and flags along the rail track.

on track
[C1] making progress and likely to succeed

A fighter from Edinburgh is on track to become world heavyweight boxing champion.

We've got a lot of work to do but we're on the right track.

The sales teams are well on track and bringing [in] new customers every day.

keep track
[C1] to continue to know about someone or something

He changes jobs so often I can’t keep track any more.

Be sure to keep track of the time so you won’t be late.

Trying to keep track of these changes by translating them would be an inappropriate task.

trade  /trɛrd/

Word family:
Nouns: trade, trader
Verbs: trade

NOUN

JOB
[B2] [c or u] someone's job, especially one which needs skill in using their hands

He's a builder by trade.
He left school at 15 to learn a trade.

At the age of 15 he [left] school and started to learn a trade.

AREA OF BUSINESS
[C1] [c] a particular area of business or industry

the building/catering/tourist trade
Learner example:
Having considered the previous factors, I am further convinced that the host country can develop itself rapidly by enhancing the tourism trade.

VERB [I or T]
[B2] to buy and sell goods or services, especially between countries

Dictionary examples:
For centuries, Native Americans traded with European settlers.
The company has been trading in oil for many years.
The two countries have become close trading partners.
Our books are traded right across Asia.

Learner example:
His story is interesting: he first worked in a little shop in Bourges and started trading in France, then in Europe, [and] in Asia.

tradition /trəˈdɪʃ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: tradition
Adjectives: traditional
Adverbs: traditionally

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] a custom or way of behaving that has continued for a long time in a group of people or a society

Dictionary examples:
Fireworks have long been an American tradition on the Fourth of July.
There's a long/strong tradition of dance in St Petersburg.
We decided to break with tradition this year and go away for Christmas.

Learner example:
Nevertheless, Leipzig has always been an attractive town for tourists, because of its well-known fair and its cultural traditions.

traditionally /trəˈdɪʃ.ənl.i/

Word family:
Nouns: tradition
Adjectives: traditional
Adverbs: traditionally

ADVERB
[B2] according to tradition or in a traditional way
Dictionary examples:
Chestnuts are traditionally eaten at Christmas.
Traditionally, the company’s main markets have been Britain and the US.

Learner example:
You will be able to try our special sau[sages], produced traditionally in our city!

tragedy /ˈtrædʒ.ə.di/

Word family:
Nouns: tragedy
Adjectives: tragic
Adverbs: tragically

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] an event or situation which is very sad, often involving death

Dictionary examples:
His life was touched by hardship and personal tragedy.
They had only recently arrived in London when tragedy struck – their son was killed in a traffic accident.

Learner example:
The people who cause those tragedies are irresponsible drivers.

tragic /ˈtrædʒ.ɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: tragedy
Adjectives: tragic
Adverbs: tragically

ADJECTIVE
[B2] very sad, often involving death and suffering

Dictionary examples:
Her tragic death at the age of 36 shocked the world.
He was killed in a tragic accident.
Hospital authorities admitted that a tragic error had taken place.

Learner example:
For instance, the tragic death of Princess Diana is an example of what a journalist must not do.
trail /trɛl/

NOUN [C]

PATH

[B2] a path through the countryside, often made or used for a particular purpose

Dictionary example:
a forest/mountain trail

Learner example:
After 6 miles of the trail we decided to stop and put our blanket on the ground.

train /treɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: trainer, training, trainee
Verbs: train

VERB

TEACH

[B2] [ɪ] to teach someone how to do something, usually a skill that is needed for a job

Dictionary examples:
We are training all our staff in how to use the new computer system. The aid workers trained local people to give the injections.

Learner example:
I think I could be suitable for the job because I have some experience of training people.

LEARN

[B2] [ɪ] to learn the skills you need to do a job

Dictionary example:
He trained as a lawyer in Vienna.

Learner example:
For example, one of my father’s friends who was trained as a computer engineer received the only job vacancy for economy-related work in a very good company just because he graduated from the best university in Taiwan.
trainee  /trɛnˈniː/

Word family:
Nouns: trainer, training, trainee
Verbs: train

NOUN [c]
[C1] someone who is learning how to do something, especially a job

Dictionary example:
a trainee accountant/teacher

Learner example:
I work as a trainee at a big international trader company at Brazil, and there we had some problems of motivation in [the] workplace, and to resolve the problem we made a lot of changes and arrangements in our company.

tranquil  /ˈtræŋ.kwɪl/

Word family:
Nouns: tranquility
Adjectives: tranquil

ADJECTIVE
[C1] calm and quiet

Dictionary example:
a tranquil garden

Learner example:
Unfortunately, though, this tranquil paradise has been destroyed year by year, by the uncontrolled tourism.

transaction  /trænˈzækʃən/

NOUN [c or U]
[C1] when someone buys or sells something, or when money is exchanged

Dictionary examples:
a business transaction
Each transaction at the foreign exchange counter seems to take forever.
We need to monitor the transaction of smaller deals.

Learner example:
This new service guarantees you a quick transaction direct from your home.
**transfer**

**VERB** /ˈtrænsˈfɜːr/ (-rr-)

CHANGE JOB/TEAM

[B2] [I or T] to change to a different job, team, place of work, etc., or to make someone do this

**Dictionary examples:**
After a year he transferred to University College, Dublin.
Some very high-profile British players have transferred to clubs abroad.
He threatened to give up football if his club didn't transfer him.

**Learner example:**
I'm talking about Michael Ballack, who was transferred to the Chelsea soccer team at the beginning of this season.

**NOUN** [c or u] /ˈtræns.fɜːr/

[B2] when something or someone moves or is moved from one place, position, etc. to another

**Dictionary examples:**
the transfer of information
Black's transfer to an Italian football club came as a shock to Coventry supporters.

**Learner example:**
Most of the transfers are controlled by computers.

**transform** /ˈtrænsˈfoːm/

**Word family:**
Nouns: form, formation, transformation
Verbs: form, transform

**VERB** [ɪ]

[B2] to change something completely, usually to improve it

**Dictionary examples:**
Within weeks they had transformed the area into a beautiful garden.
The reorganization will transform the British entertainment industry.

**Learner example:**
Well th[ese] are some ideas that could help transform the cinema with the extra money that is available.
transformation /ˌtræns.fəˈmeɪ.ʃən/

Word family:
Nouns: form, formation, transformation
Verbs: form, transform

NOUN [C or U]
[C1] a complete change in the appearance or character of something or someone, especially so that they are improved

Dictionary examples:
Local people have mixed feelings about the planned transformation of their town into a regional capital.
I’d never seen Carlo in smart evening clothes before – it was quite a transformation.

Learner example:
Big shops [are] also open[ing] and this transformation of the economy is forcing small family businesses and shops to close.

transitive /ˈtræn.zə.tɪv/ SPECIALIZED

ADJECTIVE
[B2] A transitive verb always has an object.

Dictionary example:
Transitive verbs, such as 'put', are marked [T].

transmit /trænzˈmɪt/ (−tt−)

Word family:
Nouns: transmission
Verbs: transmit

VERB

RADIO/TELEVISION
[C1] [I or T] to broadcast something, or to send out or carry signals using radio, television, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Radio 6 transmits on DAB digital.
The information is transmitted electronically to the central computer.
Learner example:
I hope that my explanation is thorough enough for you to be reassured, but if you want to know more about this strike and the problems it has caused, I'd suggest that you see the special programme about it, which will be transmitted on T.V. next Saturday night.

transparency /trænˈspær.ənt/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] If a substance or object is transparent, you can see through it very clearly.

Dictionary example:
Grow the bulbs in a transparent plastic box, so the children can see the roots developing.

Learner example:
We loved it there, because the sky was a clear blue and the sea was transparent.

transport

Word family:
Nouns: transport, transportation
Verbs: transport

NOUN [U] /ˈtræn.spɔːt/

GOODS/PEOPLE
[B2] when people or goods are moved from one place to another

Dictionary examples:
the transport of live animals
The company will arrange transport from the airport.

Learner example:
In addition to that, a car is more suitable for the transport of goods.

VERB [T] /trænˈspɔːt/
[B2] to move people or goods from one place to another

Dictionary examples:
The goods are packed in boxes and transported overseas.
The pipeline was constructed to transport oil to ports on the coast.
Such heavy items are expensive to transport by plane.

Learner example:
At first we chase them in the forests and then put them in small and narrow boxes to be transported to a zoo.
transportation /ˌtræn.spɔːˈteɪ.ʃən/  

Word family:  
Nouns: transport, transportation  
Verbs: transport

NOUN [u]  
[C1] when people or goods are moved from one place to another  

Dictionary example:  
transportation costs  

Learner example:  
There are also a lot of imp[r]ovements in transportation.

trap /træp/  

NOUN [c]  
CATCHING ANIMALS  
[B2] a piece of equipment for catching animals  

Dictionary examples:  
a mouse trap  
The fox got its foot caught in a trap.  

Learner example:  
Angel's horse hurt its leg in a trap for foxes.  

DANGEROUS SITUATION  
[B2] [USUALLY NO PLURAL] a dangerous or unpleasant situation which is difficult to escape from  

Dictionary examples:  
The undercover agents went to the house knowing that it might be a trap.  
She's too clever to fall into the trap of doing any unpaid work.  

Learner example:  
With this trap Miss Marple reveals Dr. Quimper's real motive and has him arrested by the police.

VERB [ɪ] (-pp-)  
be trapped  
[B2] If someone or something is trapped, they are unable to move or escape from a place or situation.  

Dictionary examples:  
The two men died when they were trapped in a burning building.  
Fire officers used cutting equipment to free his legs, which were trapped under a steel beam.
Learner example:
We had been trapped in the snowy, almost vertical slopes of the "Mont-Blanc de Cheilou" for more than ten hours by then.

**travel** /ˈtræv.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: traveller
Verbs: travel

NOUN [u]

*sb*’s travels
[C1] someone’s journey

Dictionary example:
I meet all kinds of interesting people on my travels.

Learner example:
In these travels I learnt a lot because we had to deal with very different people.

**tray** /treɪ/

NOUN [c]

[B2] a flat object, usually with raised edges, used for carrying food and drinks

Dictionary example:
She was carrying a tray of drinks.

Learner example:
Our table had to be cleaned up, so I took a couple of trays, crossed the room and put the trays onto a shelf.

**treasure** /ˈtreʒ.ər/  

NOUN

GOLD/JEWELS, ETC.

[B2] [u] very valuable things, usually in the form of a store of precious metals, precious stones or money

Dictionary examples:
Stories about pirates often include a search for buried treasure.
When they opened up the tomb they found treasure beyond their wildest dreams.
Learner example:
It was said that King Arthur had hid[d]en his treasure in a cave near his castle and he was the only [one] who knew where [it] was located.

treat /triːt/

Word family:
Nouns: treatment
Verbs: treat

VERB [T]

DEAL WITH
[B2] to behave towards or deal with someone in a particular way

Dictionary examples:
My parents treated us all the same when we were kids.
He treated his wife very badly.
They treat her like one of their own children.
She felt she'd been unfairly treated by her employer.

Learner example:
I'll treat them like my own son and daughter.

MEDICAL
[B2] to give medical care to someone for an illness or injury

Dictionary examples:
He is being treated for a rare skin disease.
Western medicine tends to treat the symptoms and not the cause.

Learner example:
I have also worked for the "Red Cross" so I know how to treat injuries, if someone gets hurt.

CONSIDER
[B2] to consider something in a particular way

Dictionary example:
He treated my suggestion as a joke.

Learner example:
It was [a] horrible experience, believe me, but now we treat it as an adventure.

SPECIAL
[B2] to do or buy something special for someone

Dictionary example:
I'm going to treat them to dinner at that new restaurant.

Learner example:
There is one nice pub, of course I'll treat you!
treatment /ˈtriː.t.mənt/

Word family:
Nouns: treatment
Verbs: treat

NOUN [C or U]

MEDICAL
[B2] the use of drugs, exercises, etc. to cure a person of an illness or injury

Dictionary examples:
free dental treatment
Perhaps it's time to try a new course of treatment.
This disease doesn't generally respond to treatment.
There are various treatments for this complaint.

Learner example:
For instance, if I had a child who need[ed] special medical treatment and I [was] rich then it would make me very happy to be able to pay for an expensive operation and to see my child growing up.

DEALING WITH
[B2] the way you deal with or behave towards someone or something

Dictionary examples:
There have been complaints about the treatment of prisoners.
Peter gets special treatment because he knows the boss.

Learner example:
My pet doesn't need special treatment. All it needs is care and love.

trek /trek/

Word family:
Nouns: trekking, trek

NOUN [C]
[C1] a long, difficult journey that you make by walking

Dictionary example:
They started out on the long trek across the mountains.

Learner example:
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES include a trek through a dense forest and then climbing a hill which is a unique experience for everyone. For the bolder there is something more extreme.
trekking /ˈtrek.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: trekking, trek

NOUN [u]
[B2] when you go on a long, difficult journey on foot

Dictionary example:
We want to go trekking in the Himalayas.

Learner example:
I hear she’s going to Africa for some trekking.

tremble /ˈtrem.bl/ 

VERB [i]
[B2] to shake slightly, usually because you are cold, frightened, or very emotional

Dictionary examples:
When he came out of the water, he was trembling with cold.
Her bottom lip trembled and tears welled up in her eyes.
His voice started to tremble and I thought he was going to cry.

Learner example:
It was Tuesday the 13th and the fact that I was very superstitious made me tremble with fear.

tremendous /trɪˈmen.dəs/

Word family:
Adjectives: tremendous
Adverbs: tremendously

ADJECTIVE

GOOD
[B2] extremely good

Dictionary examples:
I think she’s doing a tremendous job.
He’s been a tremendous help.

Learner example:
I think it would be a tremendous idea to work with you.

LARGE
[B2] very large, great, strong, etc.
Dictionary example:
a tremendous amount of money

Learner example:
I think I certainly could live without watching television for a week, but it would put a tremendous strain on my everyday life.

tremendously /trɪˈmen.də.sli/

Word family:
Adjectives: tremendous
Adverbs: tremendously

ADVERB
[B2] very or very much

Dictionary examples:
They've worked tremendously hard.
We all enjoyed ourselves tremendously.

Learner example:
I enjoyed it tremendously.

trial /trɪəl/

NOUN [C or U]

IN COURT
[B2] a legal process to decide if someone is guilty of a crime

Dictionary examples:
The two men are now on trial for attempted murder.
He will be taken to the US to stand trial.
Trial by jury is a fundamental right.
It was a very complicated trial that went on for months.
the trial proceedings

Learner example:
The trial was long and had wide coverage [in the] media.

TEST
[C1] a test of something new to find out if it is safe, works correctly, etc.

Dictionary examples:
They're doing clinical trials on a new drug.
They've employed her for a six–month trial period.
Learner example:
At the moment we have [a] special offer which is a free three-month trial period, so you can have an idea of how the Club works.

triangle /ˈtraɪ.æŋ.gəl/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a flat shape with three straight sides

Dictionary examples:
an equilateral triangle
There's a small triangle of land to one side of the house.

Learner example:
On the right, two cherry trees and an apple tree are placed [in the] shape [of] a triangle.

tribe /traɪb/

Word family:
Nouns: tribe
Adjectives: tribal

NOUN [C + SINGULAR OR PLURAL VERB]
[B2] a group of people who live together, usually in areas far away from cities, and who share the same culture and language and still have a traditional way of life

Dictionary examples:
a tribe of Amazonian Indians
the Masai tribe

Learner example:
Then I went South to Mali and visited the Dagan tribe whose mythology and rituals interest me a great deal.

trick /trɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: trick
Verbs: trick
Adjectives: tricky

NOUN [C]

METHOD
[B2] an effective or quick way of doing something

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Dictionary examples:
What's the trick to getting this chair to fold up?
On page 21, twenty tricks to speed up your beauty routine.

Learner example:
I like all kinds of sports: swimming, volleyball, football, bowling, golf, and so on. I hope that by joining your club I will learn all the rules and tricks of these sports.

VERB [v]
[B2] to deceive someone

Dictionary example:
They tricked him into signing the papers.

Learner example:
After they explained everything to him, he then knew he was being tricked by them.

tricky /ˈtrɪk.i/

Word family:
Nouns: trick
Verbs: trick
Adjectives: tricky

ADJECTIVE
[B2] difficult to deal with or do

Dictionary examples:
Those bird models are quite tricky to make, aren't they?
I'm in a tricky situation really – whatever I do I'll offend someone.

Learner example:
I think Chris is more sensitive than you and she has taken into account how tricky that route could turn out to be.

trigger /ˈtrɪɡ.ər/

VERB [v]
[C1] to make something begin to happen

Dictionary examples:
Some people find that certain foods trigger their headaches.
The racial killings at the weekend have triggered off a wave of protests.

Learner example:
Motivation is triggered and influenced by many factors.
**trip /ˌtrɪp/**

**VERB [i] (−pp−)**

[B2] to fall or almost fall because you hit your foot on something when you are walking or running

**Dictionary examples:**
Careful you don't trip over the cat!
He tripped on a stone and hurt his ankle.

**Learner example:**
We got in the house and it was so dark in there that I couldn't see anything. Then I tripped over a box, I believe.

**triumph /ˈtraɪ.ʌmp/**

**NOUN**

**SUCCESS**

[C1] [c] an important success, achievement, or victory

**Dictionary examples:**
Barcelona's 3–1 triumph over Manchester United
The book celebrates the hostages' remarkable triumph over appalling adversity.
The signing of the agreement was a personal triumph for the Prime Minister.
It was the Republican Party's third election triumph in a row.
The eradication of smallpox by vaccination was one of medicine's greatest triumphs.

**Learner example:**
In addition to this the dinner we had on Monday afternoon was a triumph.

**trivial /ˈtrɪv.i.əl/**

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] small and not important

**Dictionary examples:**
It's a fairly trivial offence.
It may seem trivial to you but it matters to me.
Sexual harassment in the workplace is not a trivial matter.

**Learner example:**
All this may seem trivial [and] unimportant to an ordinary man addicted to [his] TV set.
trolley /ˈtrɒli/  
NOUN [c]  
[B2] a metal object with two or four wheels that you push or pull to transport large or heavy objects on  
Dictionary examples:  
a shopping/supermarket trolley  
The hospital is so overcrowded that some patients are being treated on trolleys in the corridors.  
Learner example:  
Sometimes customers' trolleys run into each other and they have to wait ages to go through check-out.

trophy /ˈtroʊfi/  
NOUN [c]  
[B2] a prize, such as a silver cup, that you get for winning a race or competition  
Dictionary examples:  
He's an excellent snooker player, but he's never won a major trophy.  
The Duchess of Kent will be presenting the trophies.  
Learner example:  
How about organising some competitions with prizes, like a trophy??

tropical /ˈtrɒp.ɪkəl/  
ADJECTIVE  
[B2] from or in the hottest parts of the world  
Dictionary examples:  
a tropical island/region/climate  
a tropical storm  
She specialises in tropical medicine.  
The Amazon river basin contains the world's largest tropical rainforest.  
Learner example:  
There were special tropical flowers from Brazil and East Asia.
trouble /ˈtrʌb.l/  

Word family:  
Nouns: trouble  
Adjectives: troubled  

NOUN  

EXTRA WORK  
[B2] [u] when you use extra time or energy to do something  

Dictionary examples:  
He took the trouble to write to each of them personally.  
"Would you like to have a meal with us?" "Only if it's not too much trouble."  
I could give you a lift – it's no trouble.  

Learner example:  
I hope it’s not too much trouble and I swear I will not break anything again.  

DIFFICULT SITUATION  
[B2] [u] a difficult, unpleasant or dangerous situation  

Dictionary examples:  
The company was in serious trouble with massive debts.  
He got into financial trouble after his divorce.  
The marriage ran into trouble because of her husband's heavy drinking.  

Learner example:  
She opened her eyes and saw that she was in serious trouble because it was much too late.  

the trouble with sb/sth  
[B2] used to say what is wrong with someone or something  

Dictionary examples:  
The trouble with a white floor is that it gets dirty so quickly.  
The trouble with John is that he doesn’t think before he speaks.  

Learner example:  
In fact he thought that the trouble with going by bicycle is that you are always late if you live far from school.  

FIGHTING  
[B2] [u] a situation in which people are fighting or arguing  

Dictionary examples:  
The trouble started after a group of drunken football fans started to throw bottles.  
Listen, I don’t want any trouble in here, so please just finish your drink and leave.  

Learner example:  
When we arrived, there had been two men eating on the table just next to us, but they had disapp[peared when the trouble started.
troubled /ˈtrʌblId/  

Word family:
Nouns: trouble
Adjectives: troubled

ADJECTIVE

[C1] having problems or difficulties

Dictionary examples:
a troubled expression
The survival package involves selling off the unprofitable parts of the troubled company.
This troubled region has had more than its fair share of wars over the centuries.
In these troubled times, it makes a change to hear some good news.

Learner example:
But you realize how much you can cope with if only you help each other and stick together in troubled times.

truly /ˈtru.lI/  

Word family:
Nouns: truth
Adjectives: true
Adverbs: truly

ADVERB

VERY

[B2] used to emphasize a description of something

Dictionary examples:
This is a truly remarkable achievement.
It was a truly terrifying experience.

Learner example:
Those concerts are truly eye-opening.

SINCERELY

[C1] used to emphasize that something is sincere or honest

Dictionary examples:
Truly I could not have done this without you.
He truly believes he can cure himself by willpower alone.

Learner example:
It would probably take years to achieve it but in the long run I truly believe it would work, as long as everyone is willing to [make] an effort.
trunk /ˌtrʌŋk/

NOUN [c]

[B2] the thick stem of a tree that the branches grow from

Dictionary example:
The trunks of these trees can be more than two metres wide.

Learner example:
Paula found a small hole in the trunk, just near Laura's feet.

trust /trʌst/

VERB [v]

I trust (that) FORMAL

[C1] used to say that you hope something is true

Dictionary example:
I trust that you had an enjoyable stay.

Learner example:
I trust that the suggestions outlined in this report will receive your serious consideration and meet with your approval.

NOUN [u]

[B2] the belief that you can trust someone or something

Dictionary examples:
a relationship based on trust and understanding
We were obviously wrong to put our trust in her.
He's in a position of trust.

Learner example:
Now the trial is starting and, as a result, I have lost trust in my friends.

trustworthy /ˈtrʌstˌwɜː.ði/

ADJECTIVE

[C1] Someone who is trustworthy can be trusted.

Dictionary example:
Bob assured me she was completely trustworthy.
Learner example:
In addition to aforementioned character traits, John could be best described as [a] conscientious, imaginative, creative, sensible and trustworthy man.

**truth** /truːθ/

Word family:
Nouns: truth
Adjectives: true
Adverbs: truly

**NOUN**

BEING TRUE
[B2] [u] the quality of being true

Dictionary examples:
There may be some truth in what she says.
There is no truth in the reports of his resignation.
And yet what he says contains at least a grain of truth.

Learner example:
My humble opinion is that this statement is absolute, even though there is a great deal of truth behind it.

**try** /traɪ/

**VERB**

**try out** sth or **try** sth **out** PHRASAL VERB
[B2] to use something to discover if it works or if you like it

Dictionary examples:
Why don't you try out your new racket?
We're going to try out that Italian restaurant tonight.

Learner example:
Moreover we have a riding school for those that want to try out this experience.

**NOUN** [C USUALLY NO PLURAL]

[B2] an attempt to do something

Dictionary examples:
They might just have a place left on the course – why don't you give it a try?
Give it here – I'll have a try.
You could ask him if he's willing – it's worth a try.
This will be her third try at jumping the bar.
Learner example:
I can assure that you will like it, so give it a try.

tube  /tjuːb/
NOUN
PIPE
[B2] [c] a pipe made of glass, plastic, metal, etc., especially for liquids or gases to flow through
Dictionary example:
Gases produced in the reaction pass through this tube and can then be collected.
Learner example:
I threw the tube into the river.

tuition  /tjuˈɪ.z.ʃən/
NOUN [u]
[C1] the teaching of one person or of a small group of people
Dictionary example:
French tuition
Learner example:
The high level of the tuition received from a professional trainer definitely pays off.

tune  /tjuːn/
NOUN [c]
MUSICAL NOTES
[C1] a series of musical notes that are pleasant to listen to
Dictionary examples:
That's a very catchy tune.
He was humming a tune as he dried the dishes.
Learner example:
The music to the 2nd video is more light-hearted, and it has a catchy tune that makes you want to tap your foot to its rhythm.
out of tune
[C1] singing or playing the wrong notes

Dictionary example:
The piano is out of tune.

Learner example:
Even if you sing out of tune please call us.

in tune
[C1] singing or playing the right notes

Dictionary example:
Try to stay in tune.

Learner example:
The public was singing in tune with Jag, hands were raised and bodies were slowly [sway]ing.

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**turn /tɜːn/**

Word family:
Nouns: turn, turning
Verbs: turn

VERB

GO ROUND
[B2] [I or T] to move around a central point in a circle, or to make something do this

Dictionary examples:
Turn the steering wheel as quickly as you can.
The Earth turns on its axis once every 24 hours.
The wheels started to turn (round).
She turned the door knob and quietly opened the door.

Learner example:
It’s not like sitting on a bike and just turning the pedals, in this case you work only your legs.

turn blue/cold/nasty, etc.
[B2] to become blue, cold, nasty, etc.

Dictionary examples:
The sky turned black and it started to rain.
The weather has suddenly turned cold.
When I refused to pay, he turned nasty.
She turned pale and started to shiver.

Learner example:
His friends began to laugh and my face turned red.
turn 16/21, etc.
[C1] to become a particular age

Dictionary example:
He turned 18 last May.

Learner example:
One of the best thing[s] when you turn 17 in Britain is that you can start to take driving lessons.

turn a blind eye (to sth)
[C1] to choose to ignore something that you know is wrong or illegal

Dictionary example:
Restaurant staff often took food home, and their boss turned a blind eye.

Learner example:
Nevertheless, we can't turn a blind eye to this reality.

in turn
[C1] as a result of something that is part of a series of events

Dictionary example:
This could result in the loss of certain species of fish and this in turn poses a serious threat to the fishing communities along the river banks.

Learner example:
This, in turn, enabled them to find jobs and become financially independent from their husbands.

NOUN
take turns or take it in turns
[B2] When a number of people take turns, they do the same thing one after the other.

Dictionary examples:
We take turns to answer the phone.
They all took turns carrying the suitcase.

Learner example:
I suggest that each family takes turns to cut the grass once a week.

CHANGE IN DIRECTION
[B2] [c] a change in the direction in which you are moving or facing

Dictionary examples:
a left/right turn
We got as far as the school, and there we had to make a right turn.

in turn
[C1] one after the other
Dictionary examples:
Each of us collects the mail in turn.
He spoke to the three boys in turn.

Learner example:
We had two different teachers in the mornings and in the afternoons in turn.

in turn
[C1] as a result of something

Dictionary example:
He took out more loans, which, in turn, led to more debt.

Learner example:
People will study for a range of degrees, which may imply that a lot of new jobs, mainly related to computers, will gain importance, which, in turn, could result in a better organization of the jobs and, as a consequence, a reduction in the unemployment rate.

**turnover** /ˈtɜːnˌəʊ.və/  

**NOUN**  
**BUSINESS**  
[C1] [c or u] the amount of business that a company does in a period of time

Dictionary example:
Large supermarkets have a high turnover of inventory.

Learner example:
For instance, clothes shops in Barcelona expect a big turnover in August because of the amount of tourists that will visit the city.

**tutor** /ˈtjuː.tə/  

**NOUN [c]**  
[B2] someone who teaches one person or a very small group of people

Dictionary example:
a private tutor

Learner example:
We could afford trips abroad, modern labour-saving devices and private tutors.
twenty /ˈtwen.ti/  

**NUMBER**

**(be) in your twenties**  
[B2] to be aged between 20 and 29  

*Dictionary example:*  
Most of the staff are in their twenties.  

*Learner example:*  
Teenagers and people in their twenties will enjoy themselves in the atmosphere of the rock–café.

the twenties  
[B2] the years from 1920–1929  

*Dictionary example:*  
I love the fashions of the twenties.  

*Learner example:*  
You can find the car [that] won the first car race in the world, [and] lost movies from the twenties.

twice /twaɪs/  

**ADVERB**

**think twice**  
[C1] to carefully consider whether what you are planning is a good idea  

*Dictionary example:*  
I'd think twice about spending so much money on one thing, if I were you.  

*Learner example:*  
Now I will think twice before I buy your paper again.

**not think twice**  
[C1] to do something immediately, without considering whether it is a good idea  

*Dictionary example:*  
When he asked me out, I didn't think twice!  

*Learner example:*  
Your advertisement seemed very convincing and as I intended to travel to exotic locations I did not think twice.
**twist  /twɪst/**

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** twist

**Adjectives:** twisted

**VERB**

**INJURE**

[C1] [ɪ] If you twist a part of your body, such as your knee, you injure it by turning it suddenly.

**Dictionary example:**
I tripped and twisted my ankle.

**Learner example:**
The worst part is, that we had an older lady within our group who had twisted her an[k]le so she was somewhat disabled at the time.

**NOUN [c]**

[C1] an unexpected change in a situation or in a story

**Dictionary example:**
His arrest was just the latest twist in the story of his life.

**Learner example:**
The plot takes several twists and turns till the conclusion which sums up the contents of the film.

**twisted  /ˈtwɪst.ɪd/**

**Word family:**

**Verbs:** twist

**Adjectives:** twisted

**ADJECTIVE**

**BENT**

[B2] bent so that the original shape is changed or destroyed

**Dictionary examples:**
a twisted tree trunk
a twisted ankle
twisted metal

**Learner example:**
When I got there, a very nice nurse told me that I[‘ve] got a twisted ankle and I [can]not walk for one week!
two /tuː/

**NUMBER**

or two
[C1] used to talk about a small number of something

**Dictionary example:**
I may bring a friend or two.

**Learner example:**
I also refused to eat any meal a day or two before the test but my mother made me, she said I needed the energy to be happy and celebrate afterwards.

**be in two minds**
[C1] to have difficulty making a decision

**Dictionary example:**
I'm in two minds about accepting his offer.

**Learner example:**
If you are in two minds about having to share your room with someone else, there you can easily rent a studio apartment close to the college, which is situated in the centre of the city.

type /taɪp/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** type

**Adjectives:** typical

**Adverbs:** typically

**NOUN [c]**

**PERSON**
[C1] someone who has particular qualities or interests

**Dictionary example:**
He's the outdoor type.

**Learner example:**
Usually these adults are the hardworking type and save money for the future.
**typically /ˈtɪp.ɪ.kli/**

Word family:

**Nouns:** type

**Adjectives:** typical

**Adverbs:** typically

**ADVERB**

**EXPECTED CHARACTERISTICS**

[B2] in a way that shows all the characteristics that you would expect from the stated person, thing or group

**Dictionary examples:**

She has that reserve and slight coldness of manner which is typically English.

Paul, in typically rude fashion, told him he was talking rubbish.

**Learner example:**

Your wife really made an effort to cook me typically English dishes.
**ultimate** /ˈʌl.tɪ.mət/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** ultimate  
**Adverbs:** ultimately  

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

MOST  
[B2] better, greater or worse than all similar things  

**Dictionary examples:**  
Climbing Mount Everest is the ultimate challenge.  
the ultimate luxury cruise  
For me, rats are the ultimate horror.

**Learner example:**  
Being on the road is always better than the arrival, so this journey would be the ultimate journey for me as well.

**FINAL**  
[C1] final or most important  

**Dictionary example:**  
the ultimate aim/solution  

**Learner example:**  
The ultimate aim [when] I joined your tour was to meet one of my friends in St Andrews.

**ultimately** /ˈʌl.tɪ.mət.li/  

**Word family:**  
**Adjectives:** ultimate  
**Adverbs:** ultimately  

**ADVERB**

FINALLY  
[C1] finally, after a series of things have happened
Dictionary examples:
Everything will ultimately depend on what is said at the meeting with the directors next week. Ultimately, of course, he'd like to have his own business but that won't be for some time.

Learner example:
Ultimately, it leads to a lot of disease and early death.

unacceptable /ˌʌn.əkˈsep.tə.bl/  
Word family:  
Nouns: acceptance  
Verbs: accept  
Adjectives: acceptable, unacceptable, accepted  

ADJECTIVE  
[B2] too bad to be allowed to continue  

Dictionary examples:  
The water contains unacceptable levels of pollution.  
I find that sort of behaviour completely unacceptable.  
The unions have described the latest pay offer as unacceptable.  

Learner example:  
So I waited for 45 minutes until the show started. [T]hat is an unacceptable delay.

unaffordable /ˌʌn.əˈfɔː.də.bl/  
Word family:  
Verbs: afford  
Adjectives: unaffordable  

ADJECTIVE  
[C1] too expensive for people to be able to buy  

Dictionary example:  
Such clothes are unaffordable for most people.  

Learner example:  
£5 per session is obviously unaffordable for students.

unattractive /ˌʌn.əˈtræk.tɪv/  
Word family:  
Nouns: attraction  
Verbs: attract  
Adjectives: attractive, unattractive
ADJECTIVE

NOT BEAUTIFUL
[B2] not beautiful or nice to look at

Dictionary examples:
I felt old and unattractive.
Their new building is very unattractive.

Learner example:
This information is useful for [a person] who thinks his/her body is unattractive.

NOT INTERESTING
[C1] not interesting or useful

Dictionary example:
an unattractive proposition

Learner example:
In our opinion, despite the friendly atmosphere of our club's meetings we find them very unattractive and rather "dull".

unavailable /ʌn.əˈveɪ.lə.bl/ (verb)

Word family:
Nouns: availability
Adjectives: available, unavailable

ADJECTIVE

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET
[B2] impossible to buy or get

Dictionary example:
The book is unavailable in Britain.

Learner example:
The third point was that the discount[ed] tickets were unavailable.

CANNOT DO SOMETHING
[C1] not able to talk to someone or meet them, especially because you are doing other things

Dictionary example:
The manager was unavailable for comment.

Learner example:
Furthermore, a role–model for the younger generation could be the famous tennis player Joe Hill, who unfortunately is unavailable to give an interview.
unavoidable /ˌʌnəˈvɔɪdə.bl/  

**Word family:**  
**Verbs:** avoid  
**Adjectives:** unavoidable  
**Adverbs:** unavoidably  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] impossible to avoid or prevent  

**Dictionary example:**  
an unavoidable delay  

**Learner example:**  
Being aware of the two proposals our local government is considering in order to solve the apparently unavoidable matter of traffic in our beloved city, I feel compelled to offer my views on such a delicate subject.

unaware /ˌʌn.əˈweər/  

**ADJECTIVE [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]**  
[B2] not knowing about something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
He was unaware that the police were watching him.  
I was quite unaware of the problem.  

**Learner example:**  
Although you may be an expert in one subject you can be unaware [of] some basics in others.

unbearable /ʌnˈbeərə.bl/  

**Word family:**  
**Verbs:** bear  
**Adjectives:** unbearable  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] too painful or unpleasant for you to continue to experience  

**Dictionary example:**  
The heat was almost unbearable.  

**Learner example:**  
Life can be very difficult, almost unbearable sometimes.
unbelievable  /ˌʌn.bəˈliː.və.bl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** belief  
**Verbs:** believe  
**Adjectives:** unbelievable  

**ADJECTIVE**

**UNLIKELY**

[B2] not probable and difficult to believe  

**Dictionary example:**  
I found most of the characters in the play totally unbelievable.  

**Learner example:**  
They made up unbelievable stories which almost made them cry in the end.

uncertain  /ˈʌn.sɜː.tən/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** certainty, uncertainty  
**Adjectives:** certain, uncertain  
**Adverbs:** certainly  

**ADJECTIVE**

**NOT SURE**

[B2] not sure or not able to decide about something  

**Dictionary examples:**  
She's uncertain whether to go to New Zealand or not.  
Bridie was uncertain about meeting him.

**Learner example:**  
[There are] things that I am uncertain about, and [that I would] be grateful if you could explain.

**NOT KNOWN**

[B2] not known or fixed, or not completely certain  

**Dictionary examples:**  
New arrivals face an uncertain future.  
The political outlook is still uncertain.

**Learner example:**  
Please do not bother posting them since we do not have a zip code where I live, and they might get lost with our uncertain Post Service.
uncertainty /ʌnˈsɜː.tən.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: certainty, uncertainty
Adjectives: certain, uncertain
Adverbs: certainly

NOUN [u]
[C1] the state of being uncertain

Dictionary example:
There was a lot of uncertainty about whether or not he would attend the event.

Learner example:
The shortages of almost everything we have to face and cope with have made our lives full of uncertainty and helplessness, but on the other hand they released in some Poles enormous energy, in the effort to support their families and provide them with food, clothing and fuel.

unchanged /ʌnˈtʃeɪndʒd/

Word family:
Nouns: change
Verbs: change
Adjectives: unchanged, changeable

ADJECTIVE
[B2] staying the same

Dictionary example:
The area has remained virtually unchanged in fifty years.

Learner example:
All the big and small things which define[s] people's personal environment will be left nearly unchanged – the furniture, the pictures on the wall.... I suppose our future homes will be a mix of new technologies and good old tradition.

unclear /ʌnˈklɪə/

Word family:
Verbs: clear
Adjectives: clear, unclear
Adverbs: clearly

ADJECTIVE

DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND
[B2] not easy to understand


**Dictionary examples:**
The situation at the moment is unclear.
It's unclear *what* actually happened that night.
It's unclear *whether* he arrived before or after the shot was fired.

**Learner example:**
If something is unclear please give me a call.

**be unclear about *sth***
[B2] If you are unclear about something, you are not certain about it.

**Dictionary example:**
I'm unclear about a couple of points in your proposal – could you go over them again?

uncomfortable  /ˈʌnˈkʌmpf.tə.bl/  

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** comfort, discomfort  
**Verbs:** comfort  
**Adjectives:** comfortable, uncomfortable, comforting  
**Adverbs:** comfortably, uncomfortably

**ADJECTIVE**

EMBARRASSED  
[C1] slightly embarrassed, or making you feel slightly embarrassed

**Dictionary example:**
an uncomfortable silence

**Learner example:**
It is interesting how people get embar[r]assed and uncomfortable when they have to face an English speech.

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**ADVERB**

[C1] in a way that is not comfortable or pleasant

**Dictionary example:**
I was warm but not uncomfortably so.
Learner example:
I saw faces I see every day, but in uncomfortably long dresses and with starched white collars, I saw their effort to look nice, attractive and not to disturb the rules set by the society of their time.

uncommon /ʌnˈkɒm.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: common
Adjectives: common, uncommon
Adverbs: commonly

ADJECTIVE
[C1] unusual

Dictionary example:
It's not uncommon for people to become ill when they travel.

Learner example:
NEW TRENDS: Vegetarian food is not uncommon nowadays.

unconscious /ʌnˈkɒn.tfəs/

Word family:
Nouns: consciousness
Adjectives: conscious, unconscious, self-conscious
Adverbs: subconsciously, unconsciously

ADJECTIVE

AS THOUGH SLEEPING
[B2] in a state as though you are sleeping, for example because you have been hit on the head

Dictionary example:
She was hit on the head by a stone and knocked unconscious.

Learner example:
In the morning, Mrs Crozier went to visit Miss Appleford in number 42 only to find her lying on the floor unconscious.

unconventional /ˌʌn.kənˈven.ʃən.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: convention
Adjectives: conventional, unconventional
**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] doing things in a way that is different from most people

**Dictionary example:**
an unconventional lifestyle

**Learner example:**
CHILDREN'S STORIES This event was successful and satisfied the kids since the heroes were exhilarating, with amazingly unconventional behaviour.

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**uncover** /ʌnˈkʌv.ər/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** cover, coverage
**Verbs:** cover, uncover

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**VERB** [T]

[C1] to discover something that had been secret or hidden

**Dictionary example:**
The inspectors uncovered evidence of corruption.

**Learner example:**
Sitting in a restaurant and discussing provisions of the contract you will find much easier and feel happier than [just sitting] and look[ing] at [an] enormous number of clauses, trying unsuccessfully to uncover what your client really thought when he wrote this or that.

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**undeniable** /ˌʌndɪˈnəbl/ (/ˌʌn.dɪˈnər.ə.bl/)

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** denial
**Verbs:** deny
**Adjectives:** undeniable
**Adverbs:** undeniably

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**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] certainly true

**Dictionary example:**
an undeniable fact

**Learner example:**
It is undeniable that he has made a positive contribution to [the] history of my country.
under /ˈʌn.dər/

PREPOSITION

IN A PARTICULAR STATE

[B2] in a particular state or condition

Dictionary examples:
The President is under pressure to resign.
Under no circumstances should the festival become too specialized.

Learner example:
I am used to working under pressure.

under attack/control/investigation, etc.

[B2] being affected by something at the present time

Dictionary examples:
The town is once again under attack.
The cause of the fire is still under investigation.
A new 16-screen cinema is under construction.
Several different plans are under discussion.
We are working hard to get the situation under control.

Learner example:
Everything was under control, the remote detonator had worked perfectly well.

be under the impression

[B2] to think or understand a particular stated thing

Dictionary examples:
I was under the impression (that) you didn't get on too well.
He was under the mistaken impression (that) you were married.

Learner example:
I am under the impression that people generally exercise a little, but if they eat the wrong food every day, it won't help.

underestimate /ˌʌn.dəˈres.trɪ.meɪt/

Word family:
Nouns: estimate
Verbs: estimate, underestimate, overestimate
Adjectives: estimated

VERB [T]

NOT KNOW SIZE

[B2] to fail to understand how large, strong, or important something is
Dictionary examples:
Many people underestimate the cost of owning a car.
We shouldn't underestimate the part that exercise plays in good health.

Learner example:
The report also seemed to underestimate the number of people that had attended.

PERSON
[C1] to not understand how powerful or clever someone is

Dictionary example:
I thought it would be an easy game but I had underestimated my opponent.

Learner example:
At the beginning she will ask you many questions about yourself. But don't underestimate Ms Bates (that’s her name).

undergo /ˌʌndəˈgəʊ/

VERB [T] (undergoing, underwent, undergone)
[C1] to experience something, especially a change or medical treatment

Dictionary examples:
The country is currently undergoing major political change.
He is undergoing surgery for a heart problem.

Learner example:
Nowadays, my country is undergoing a very difficult financial and social situation.

underground¹

ADJECTIVE; ADVERB /ˌʌn.dəˈgraʊnd/
[B2] below the surface of the ground

Dictionary examples:
an underground cave/passage
Some animals, such as moles, live underground.

Learner example:
As it was expected, Harry was seen, and then he went underground t[h]rough a tunnel which crossed from the inner city to the Russian zone.
underground /ˌʌn.dəˈgraʊnd/

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underline /ˌʌn.dəˈlaɪn/ (also underscore)

VERB [T]

EMPHASIZE
[B2] to emphasize the truth or importance of something

Dictionary example:
The report underlines the need for more teachers in schools.

Learner example:
It is true that museums do not show the past as well as they could, but we must underline that they are always good enough if we are really interested in knowing about our past.

underneath /ˌʌn.dəˈniːθ/

ADVERB
[B2] under or below

Dictionary example:
Florian was wearing a dark jacket with a red shirt underneath.

Learner example:
The rock was about 70m high and there was water underneath.

underpaid /ˌʌn.dəˈpeɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: pay, payment
Verbs: pay, repay
Adjectives: payable, underpaid, unpaid
ADJECTIVE
[C1] not earning enough for your work

Dictionary example:
Her staff felt they were underpaid.

Learner example:
They claim that they are overworked and underpaid (it's [the] usual reason for striking, isn't it?)

understand /ˌʌn.dəˈstænd/ (understood, understood)

Word family:
Nouns: misunderstanding, understanding
Verbs: misunderstand, understand
Adjectives: understandable, understanding
Adverbs: understandably

VERB [I or T]
I/we understand (that)... FORMAL
[C1] used to say that you believe something is true because someone has told you it is

Dictionary example:
I understand that the school is due to close next year.

Learner example:
I understand that the job entails entertaining people.

make yourself understood
[C1] to say something to someone in a way that they understand

Dictionary example:
I had a little difficulty making myself understood.

Learner example:
(Find enclosed a paper slip on which I have written a destination, number of tickets, etc., in the German language – use it just in case you can't make yourselves understood.)

understandable /ˌʌn.dəˈstæn.də.bl/
ADJECTIVE
[B2] An understandable feeling or action is one that you would expect in that particular situation.

Dictionary examples:
"I still feel really angry about it." "That's understandable."
Their refusal to help is perfectly/completely understandable, considering the circumstances.

Learner example:
I guess they wouldn't give me permission [to stay] at a female friend's home, but that's understandable.

understandably /ˌʌn.dəˈstæn.də.bli/

Word family:
Nouns: misunderstanding, understanding
Verbs: misunderstand, understand
Adjectives: understandable, understanding
Adverbs: understandably

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is expected in a particular situation

Dictionary example:
She's understandably upset.

Learner example:
Furthermore, the use of the computer system caused long waiting times because everyone wanted – understandably – to find out more about suitable working opportunities.

understanding /ˌʌn.dəˈstæn.dɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: misunderstanding, understanding
Verbs: misunderstand, understand
Adjectives: understandable, understanding
Adverbs: understandably

NOUN
KNOWLEDGE
[B2] [U NO PLURAL] knowledge about a subject, situation, etc. or about how something works
Dictionary examples:
She doesn't have any understanding of politics.
My understanding of the agreement is that they will pay £50,000 over two years.
It was my understanding that she would come alone.

Learner example:
It was my understanding that discounts were available on the tickets, as the advertisement showed, but there were no discounts.

SYMPATHY
[B2] [u] sympathy

Dictionary example:
Thank you for your understanding – I do appreciate it.

Learner example:
Thank you for your understanding.

ADJECTIVE
[B2] showing sympathy for someone's problems

Dictionary example:
Fortunately, my boss is very understanding.

Learner example:
They are famous, but they need to be alone sometimes. I think [the] media must be more understanding.

undertake /ˌʌn.dəˈteɪk/ (undertook, undertaken)

Word family:
Nouns: undertaking
Verbs: take, undertake

VERB [T]

DO
[C1] FORMAL to do or begin to do something, especially something that will take a long time or be difficult

Dictionary example:
Students are required to undertake simple experiments.

Learner example:
To achieve it the above mentioned steps should be undertaken.
**underwater** /ˌʌn.dəˈwɔːtə/  

**ADJECTIVE; ADVERB**  
[B2] under the surface of water  

**Dictionary examples:**  
an underwater camera  
Seals can hear very well underwater.  

**Learner example:**  
If you have diving equipment, you will spend a very good time underwater.

**undo** /ʌnˈduː/ (undoing, undid, undone)  

**VERB [T]**  

**OPEN**  
[B2] to open something that is tied or fastened  

**Dictionary examples:**  
I took off my hat and undid my coat.  
Can you undo this knot for me?  
Can someone help me to undo my seat belt?  

**CHANGE BACK**  
[B2] to make a computer get rid of the last change you made to a document and make it the way it was before  

**Dictionary example:**  
You need to undo that change.

**undoubtedly** /ˌʌnˈdau.trəd.i/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** doubt  
**Verbs:** doubt  
**Adjectives:** doubtful, undoubtedly  
**Adverbs:** undoubtedly  

**ADVERB**  
[B2] used to emphasize that something is true  

**Dictionary example:**  
Stress has undoubtedly contributed to her illness.
**Learner example:**
This trip will undoubtedly be a wonderful experience.

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**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] not wearing any clothes

**Dictionary example:**
I got undressed and went to bed.

**Learner example:**
We got undressed quicker than ever and ran into the waterfall.

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**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] worried because you think something bad might happen

**Dictionary example:**
I feel a bit uneasy about her travelling alone.

**Learner example:**
Anyway I was getting uneasy because of all that silence, so I began to sing.

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**NOUN**
the unemployed
[C1] people who are unemployed

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Dictionary example:
We want to get the unemployed back into work.

Learner example:
I am a lawyer and not so long ago I worked in Poznan Unemployment Office where I happened to use English – not talking to the unemployed of course.

**unexpectedly /ˌʌn.ɪkˈspek.trd.li/**

Word family:
Nouns: expectation
Verbs: expect
Adjectives: expected, unexpected
Adverbs: unexpectedly

ADVERB

[B2] in a way or at a time that is not expected

Dictionary examples:
Retail sales unexpectedly fell last month.
He called in quite unexpectedly last week.

Learner example:
He called me really unexpectedly at work, and told me to go [to] his office at once.

**unfair /ʌnˈfeə/**

Word family:
Nouns: fairness
Adjectives: fair, unfair
Adverbs: fairly, unfairly

ADJECTIVE

NOT TRUE

[B2] not true and morally wrong

Dictionary example:
It's unfair to blame Roger for everything.

Learner example:
Furthermore, it's unfair [to] say that there is nothing to do in the evenings, because there is lots to do.
unfairly /ʌnˈfeə.li/

Word family:
Nouns: fairness
Adjectives: fair, unfair
Adverbs: fairly, unfairly

ADVERB

[B2] in an unfair way

Dictionary example:
His employers treated him very unfairly.

Learner example:
Your report not only gave wrong information to your readers but also criti[c]ized a music festival unfairly.

unfamiliar /ʌnˈfærəm.ɪl.i.ə/  

Word family:
Verbs: familiarize
Adjectives: familiar, unfamiliar

ADJECTIVE

NOT KNOWN

[B2] not known to you

Dictionary examples:
I noticed several unfamiliar faces in the meeting room.
His name was unfamiliar to me.

Learner example:
On the other hand, you may not like some dishes, because they may be unfamiliar to you.

be unfamiliar with sth

[B2] to not have any knowledge or experience of something

Dictionary example:
A lot of people are unfamiliar with the system.

unfashionable /ʌnˈfæʃ.n.ə.bl/  

ADJECTIVE

[B2] not fashionable or popular at a particular time
Dictionary example:
This kind of cooking is very unfashionable now.

Learner example:
I think that museums became a little bit unfashionable [as a] way of knowing or showing something.

unfit /ʌnˈfɪt/

ADJECTIVE

NOT GOOD ENOUGH

[B2] not suitable or good enough

Dictionary example:
The building was declared unfit for human habitation.

Learner example:
Cars also emit carbon monoxide and make the air unfit to breath[e].

unfold /ʌnˈfəʊld/

VERB

OPEN

[C1] [i or ɪ] to become open and flat, or to make something become open and flat

Dictionary example:
I unfolded the map.

Learner example:
Well, you will be if you saw our slide show and talk – members can hardly forget that relaxing afternoon when we unfolded the sails on the lake and enjoyed the tranquility of the area.

unforeseen /ˌʌnfəˈsiːn/

Word family:
Verbs: foresee
Adjectives: foreseeable, unforeseen

ADJECTIVE

[C1] not expected

Dictionary example:
The concert was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.
Finally, owing to unforeseen circumstances, the half-day visit to St Andrews was canceled and I was told about it only in the late morning, which prevented me from doing what I had planned.

**unfortunate** /ənˈfɔː.tʃən.ət/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** fortune, misfortune
**Adjectives:** fortunate, unfortunate
**Adverbs:** fortunately, unfortunately

**ADJECTIVE**

**BAD SITUATION**

[B2] used to show that you wish something was not true or had not happened

**Dictionary examples:**
an unfortunate mistake
It was so unfortunate that she lost her job just as her husband became ill.

**Learner example:**
It is unfortunate that he couldn’t inform you about the conference.

**UNLUCKY**

[B2] unlucky

**Dictionary example:**
One unfortunate person failed to see the hole and fell straight into it.

**Learner example:**
He was always an unfortunate person, because bad things happened to him all the time.

**unhappiness** /ənˈhæp.ɪ.nəs/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** happiness, unhappiness
**Adjectives:** happy, unhappy
**Adverbs:** happily

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] the state of being unhappy

**Dictionary example:**
Her unhappiness was obvious to everyone.

**Learner example:**
They feel very unhappy living in a zoo, since for them it is like a prison, and their unhappiness can bring about their death.
unhelpful /ʌnˈhelp.fʊl/

Word family:
Nouns: helper
Verbs: help
Adjectives: helpful, unhelpful, helpless

ADJECTIVE

NO HELP
[B2] not wanting to help someone, in a way that seems unfriendly

Dictionary example:
The taxi driver was rude and unhelpful.

Learner example:
However, The Taverna has no uniform and the waiters there are sometimes pushy and unhelpful.

NOT IMPROVE
[C1] not improving a situation

Dictionary example:
an unhelpful remark

Learner example:
Because of the unhelpful and useless solution from [this] company, called Energy Plus, I am looking for advice.

union /ˈjuː.ni.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: union, reunion

NOUN

JOINING
[B2] [U NO PLURAL] when two or more countries, groups, etc. join together to make one country, group, etc.

Dictionary examples:
the European Union
Meanwhile, the debate on European political and monetary union continues.
**unique /juˈniːk/**

**ADJECTIVE**

**DIFFERENT**

[B2] different from everyone and everything else

**Dictionary example:**
Everyone's fingerprints are unique.

**Learner example:**
Every book is unique because every writer is unique, with his own style and his own character.

**SPECIAL**

[B2] unusual and special

**Dictionary example:**
Do not miss this unique opportunity to buy all six pans at half the recommended price.

**Learner example:**
First of all, I would like to tell you that I really enjoyed my stay and it was a unique experience for me.

**be unique to sb/sth**

[C1] to exist in only one place, or be connected with only one person or thing

**Dictionary example:**
It's a method of education that is unique to this school.

**Learner example:**
I strongly believe that every country needs its local shops with products that are unique to the particular country, not only because it is very good for local development but also because this way the world will stay colo[u]rful and interesting.

**unit /ˈjuː.nɪt/**

**NOUN [C]**

**PEOPLE**

[C1] a group of people living or working together, especially for a particular purpose

**Dictionary examples:**
the traditional family unit
an anti–terrorist unit
Dr Nussbaum is director of the Civil Liberties Research Unit at King’s College, London.
Both soldiers spent two weeks in training before being allowed to rejoin their unit.
Learner example:
This is very important because once they [have] grown up, they have to be together in the family unit with their [own] kids.

unite  /juːˈnaɪt/  
Word family:  
Nouns: unity  
Verbs: unite  
Adjectives: united

VERB [i or t]  
[C1] to join together as a group, or to make people join together as a group

Dictionary example:  
We need a leader who can unite the party.

Learner example:  
A barbecue would unite all members in a rarely seen way, because we would all be together for a day or an afternoon which would be enough to make some new friends and get to know the other members better.

united  /juˈnaɪ.tɪd/  
Word family:  
Nouns: unity  
Verbs: unite  
Adjectives: united

ADJECTIVE

JOINED  
[B2] joined together as a group, organization, etc.

Dictionary examples:  
The whole village was united in their grief.  
It was the first film festival to take place in a united Germany.

Learner example:  
Despite all these advantages, I deeply miss the times [when] I had almost no technological facilities, but a very happy and united family.

IN AGREEMENT  
[B2] If people are united, they all agree about something.

Dictionary example:  
On the issue of education the party is united.
Learner example:
We have the authority to make changes, that is if we stand united.

unity /ˈjuː.nə.ti/

Word family:
Nouns: unity
Verbs: unite
Adjectives: united

NOUN [U]
[C1] when everyone agrees with each other or wants to stay together

Dictionary examples:
national/party unity
family unity

Learner example:
I would conclude by saying that [some] healthy competition is good, but your main goal has to be to work together as a group and work towards the achievement of goal[s] – as the saying goes, "united we stand, divided we fall" and unity is strength.

universal /ˌjuː.nɪˈvɜːs.əl/

Word family:
Nouns: universe
Adjectives: universal
Adverbs: universally

ADJECTIVE
[B2] relating to everyone in the world, or to everyone in a particular group

Dictionary examples:
a universal truth
Food is a subject of almost universal interest.
The new reforms have not met with universal approval within the government.
Kittens and puppies have an almost universal appeal.

Learner example:
I think [the film] Yasujino Ozo has something universal in [relation to] our daily life, a kind of feeling or emotion.
universally /ˌjuː.nɪˈvɜːs.ə.l.i/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** universe
- **Adjectives:** universal
- **Adverbs:** universally

**ADVERB**
[C1] in a way that involves everyone in the world, or everyone in a particular group

**Dictionary examples:**
She is universally adored.
Water is one of the most common and universally known substances.

**Learner example:**
Furthermore fame can [give] people the feeling that they are universally loved.

unjustified /ʌnˈdʒʌst.ɪ.faid/  

Word family:
- **Nouns:** justification
- **Verbs:** justify
- **Adjectives:** justifiable, justified, unjustified

**ADJECTIVE**
[C1] done without a reason and not deserved

**Dictionary example:**
unjustified criticism

**Learner example:**
The location turned out to be far too small and the costs unjustified.

unknown /ənˈnəʊn/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** knowledge, unknown
- **Verbs:** know
- **Adjectives:** known, unknown, knowledgeable
- **Adverbs:** knowingly

**NOUN**
**the unknown**
[C1] things that you have not experienced and know nothing about

**Dictionary example:**
It's normal to fear the unknown.
Learner example:
The most important factor when learning English is the hunger for knowledge, the hunger for the unknown.

**unlike /ʌnˈlaɪk/**

**PREPOSITION**

**DIFFERENT**

[B2] different from someone or something

Dictionary examples:
The furniture was unlike anything she had ever seen.
Dan's actually quite nice, unlike his father.
Unlike you, I'm not a great dancer.

Learner example:
In fact the Hotel Astrid is now closed so I had to stay at the Riverside Hotel, [whi]ch offers great savings for students, unlike the Hotel Royal [whi]ch is quite expensive.

**unlimited /ʌnˈlim.ɪ.tɪd/**

Word family:
Nouns: limit, limitation
Verbs: limit
Adjectives: limited, unlimited

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] without any limits

Dictionary example:
a service that offers unlimited Internet access

Learner example:
Moreover, who has the freedom to buy [whatever they need] with an unlimited budget?

**unload /ʌnˈləʊd/**

Word family:
Nouns: load, overload
Verbs: load, unload
VERB

SHIP/AIRCRAFT
[C1] [I] If a ship, aircraft, etc. unloads, goods are taken off it.

**Dictionary example:**
The ship unloaded in Marseilles.

**Learner example:**
Old fishing boats from everywhere unload their merchandise there.

**unlock** /ʌnˈlɒk/

Word family:
Nouns: lock
Verbs: lock, unlock

VERB [T]
[B2] to open something which is locked using a key or an electronic device

**Dictionary example:**
They haven't unlocked the computer room yet.

**Learner example:**
She unlocked the door and went in.

**unmarried** /ʌnˈmær.i.d/

Word family:
Nouns: marriage
Verbs: marry
Adjectives: married, unmarried

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not married

**Dictionary example:**
She lives with her unmarried son.

**Learner example:**
It has even been proved by research carried out by [a] sociologist that the woman of today prefers to stay unmarried to keep her own identity.
unnatural /ʌnˈnætʃ.ə.r.əl/  

Word family:
Nouns: nature
Adjectives: natural, unnatural
Adverbs: naturally

ADJECTIVE

[B2] not normal or right

Dictionary examples:
an unnatural silence
unnatural conditions

Learner example:
Animals live in unnatural conditions, and die early.

unnecessarily /ʌnˌnes.əˈser.əl.i/  

Word family:
Nouns: necessity
Adjectives: necessary, unnecessary
Adverbs: necessarily, unnecessarily

ADVERB

[C1] in a way that is not necessary

Dictionary example:
Of course we don't want to alarm people unnecessarily, but they should be alerted to potential dangers.

Learner example:
[The] community should understand the reality of the effects [of] using private cars unnecessarily.

unnoticed /ʌnˈnəʊ.tɪst/  

Word family:
Nouns: notice
Verbs: notice
Adjectives: noticeable, unnoticed

ADJECTIVE

[C1] without being seen or noticed

Dictionary example:
We managed to slip away unnoticed.
Learner example:
But by the time we stop and look around us, it is usually too late to say goodbye to things that were with us, watched us grow and then disappeared, alone and unnoticed.

unpaid /ʌnˈpeɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: pay, payment
Verbs: pay, repay
Adjectives: payable, underpaid, unpaid

ADJECTIVE
NOT PAID
[C1] An unpaid debt, tax, etc. has not been paid.

Dictionary example:
They had nearly £20,000 in unpaid debts.

Learner example:
This amount was unpaid by [the] previous owner.

WORK FOR FREE
[C1] working without getting any money

Dictionary example:
unpaid work

Learner example:
At the time he was mostly doing unpaid work, living on a low budget and going to painting night-classes.

unpleasant /ʌnˈplez.ˈnt/

Word family:
Nouns: pleasure
Verbs: please
Adjectives: pleasant, pleased, unpleasant, pleasurable
Adverbs: pleasantly

ADJECTIVE
RUDE
[C1] rude and angry

Dictionary example:
The waiter got quite unpleasant with us.
Learner example:
The driver showed rather unpleasant behaviour and his uniform was untidy, while the stewardess on board was not helpful at all and did not care much about the appalling conditions we had to suffer on the coach.

unpopular /ʌnˈpɒp.jʊ.lər/

Word family:
Nouns: popularity
Adjectives: popular, unpopular

ADJECTIVE
[B2] disliked by most people

Dictionary examples:
Night flights from the airport are deeply unpopular.
The government is becoming increasingly unpopular.

Learner example:
In addition, the outdoor swimming pool, sup[posedly unpopular, happens to be constantly full of people, since waterpolo classes are given for free and there is a bar just next to it.

unpredictable /ˌʌn.prɪˈdɪk.tə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: prediction
Verbs: predict
Adjectives: predictable, unpredictable

ADJECTIVE
[B2] changing so much that you do not know what will happen next

Dictionary examples:
The weather there can be a bit unpredictable – one minute it’s blue skies and the next minute it’s raining hard.
The hours in this job are very unpredictable – you sometimes have to work late at very short notice.

Learner example:
By that time I was nervous because there were too many unpredictable things [happening].
**unproductive** /ˌʌn.prəˈdʌk.tɪv/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** producer, product, production, productivity, reproduction  
**Verbs:** produce, reproduce  
**Adjectives:** productive, unproductive  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] not producing anything of value  

**Dictionary examples:**  
There were months of unproductive bureaucracy.  
The meeting was totally unproductive.  

**Learner example:**  
Especially if these graduates are unemployed and they can’t find a job easily, they would feel unproductive by staying home.

**unprofessional** /ˌʌn.prəˈfeʃ.ənl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** profession, professional  
**Adjectives:** professional, unprofessional  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] not showing the standard of behaviour or skills that are expected of a person in a skilled job  

**Dictionary examples:**  
an unprofessional attitude  
Doctor Rivers was charged with unprofessional conduct and improper use of dangerous drugs.  

**Learner example:**  
Your reporter was so inattentive and unprofessional that he did not [bother] to check the figures and mixed up 35 and 45.

**unqualified** /ʌnˈkwɒl.ɪ.faid/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** qualification  
**Verbs:** qualify, disqualify  
**Adjectives:** qualified, unqualified  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[C1] without the qualifications or knowledge to do something
Dictionary example:
She was totally unqualified to look after children.

Learner example:
Polish schools lag behind the European ones. Moreover, the teachers are sometimes unqualified or unprepared.

**unquestionably** /ʌnˈkwes.tʃən.ə.bli/

ADVERB

[C1] in a way that is obvious and causes no doubt

Dictionary example:
She is unquestionably the best person for the job.

Learner example:
Although the content of the Conference was unquestionably well prepared, some organisational problems appeared.

**unreal** /ʌnˈriːəl/

Word family:
Nouns: reality
Adjectives: real, realistic, unrealistic, *unreal*
Adverbs: really, realistically

ADJECTIVE

[C1] Something that is unreal seems so strange that it is difficult to believe.

Dictionary example:
For a while I couldn't believe she was dead – it all seemed unreal.

Learner example:
To sum up, the reality of reality shows is that they want to simulate reality and therefore appear to be credible, a plausible opportun[ity] for the audience to become participant and master at the same time: the most unreal situation [of] all.

**unrealistic** /ˌʌn.rɪəˈlɪstɪk/

Word family:
Nouns: reality
Adjectives: real, realistic, unrealistic, *unreal*
Adverbs: really, realistically
**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] not thinking about what is likely to happen or what you can really do

**Dictionary examples:**
I think these sales forecasts are unrealistic, considering how slow sales are at present.
It’s unrealistic to expect an answer before next week.

**Learner example:**
There must be an alternative to today’s zoo, some may suggest a release of all confined animals, but I realise that is unrealistic.

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**unreasonable** /ˈʌnˈriː.zən.ə.bl/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** reason, reasoning  
**Adjectives:** reasonable, unreasonable  
**Adverbs:** reasonably, unreasonably

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**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] not fair or acceptable  

**Dictionary examples:**
unreasonable behaviour/demands  
It seems unreasonable to expect one person to do both jobs.

**Learner example:**
So it’s unreasonable to think that a country can base its scholastic system only on the few things that students like.

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**unreasonably** /ˈʌnˈriː.zən.ə.bli/  

**Word family:**  
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**ADVERB**  
[C1] in a way that is not fair  

**Dictionary examples:**
I thought the prices were unreasonably high.
He acted unreasonably.

**Learner example:**
Informing students and residents about the means of transport and reducing the unreasonably high ticket price are the keys to incite more people use such means.
unrelated /ˌʌn.rɪˈleɪ.tɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: relation, relationship, relative
Verbs: relate
Adjectives: related, relative, unrelated
Adverbs: relatively

ADJECTIVE
[C1] having no connection

Dictionary example:
Police said his death was unrelated to the attack.

Learner example:
On top of that, and completely unrelated to these strikes, the medical services in the community broke down when the doctors and nurses went on a strike on their own.

unreliable /ˌʌn.rɪˈlaɪə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: reliability, reliance, self-reliance
Verbs: rely
Adjectives: reliable, unreliable, reliant, self-reliant

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not able to be trusted or depended on

Dictionary example:
The trains were noisy, dirty, and unreliable.

Learner example:
This article has 4 main errors which makes it unreliable and I am disappointed in it.

unsafe /ˈʌn.seɪf/

Word family:
Nouns: safety
Adjectives: safe, unsafe
Adverbs: safely

ADJECTIVE
DANGEROUS
[C1] dangerous

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Dictionary examples:
The building is unsafe.
The water was dirty and unsafe to drink.

Learner example:
It was extremely unsafe as the safety belts were broken.

IN DANGER
[C1] If you feel unsafe, you feel that you are in danger.

Dictionary example:
Many women feel unsafe on the streets at night.

Learner example:
It was then that I began to feel unsafe; I thought, if something happens, this mob will become something truly hard to control, and this idea frightened me for some time.

unsatisfactory /ˌʌn.sæt.ɪsˈfæk.tər.i/

Word family:
Nouns: dissatisfaction, satisfaction
Verbs: satisfy
Adjectives: dissatisfied, satisfactory, satisfied, unsatisfactory
Adverbs: satisfactorily

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not good enough

Dictionary example:
We had a rather unsatisfactory meal.

Learner example:
It was a great idea, but I think I need to make some points about the things that I found unsatisfactory.

unsolved /ʌnˈsɒlvd/

Word family:
Nouns: solution
Verbs: solve
Adjectives: unsolved

ADJECTIVE
[C1] having no answer or solution

Dictionary example:
an unsolved mystery/murder/crime
Learner example:
Consequently, a lot of problems remained unsolved.

**unspoiled** /ʌnˈspɔɪlt/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** spoil
- **Adjectives:** unspoiled

**ADJECTIVE (also UK unspoilt)**

[C1] An unspoiled place is beautiful because it has not been changed or damaged by people.

**Dictionary example:**
an island with clean, unspoiled beaches

**Learner example:**
I [hope] that one day this unfriendly place will become once more the peaceful, unspoiled and beautiful village that enchanted every passenger with its beauty.

**unsuccessful** /ˌʌn.səkˈses.fəl/ 

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** success
- **Verbs:** succeed
- **Adjectives:** successful, unsuccessful
- **Adverbs:** successfully, unsuccessfully

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] not achieving what was wanted or intended

**Dictionary examples:**
They made several unsuccessful attempts to reach the men.
His application was unsuccessful.

**Learner example:**
We tried very hard to score a second goal but all our effo[rt]s were unsuccessful.

**unsuccessfully** /ˌʌn.səkˈses.fəli/ 

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** success
- **Verbs:** succeed
- **Adjectives:** successful, unsuccessful
- **Adverbs:** successfully, unsuccessfully
ADVERB
[C1] in a way that is not successful

Dictionary example:
We tried unsuccessfully to climb the wall.

Learner example:
I tried to reach the company several times in the last two months, unsuccessfully.

unsuitable /ʌnˈsjʊ.ə.tə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: suitability
Verbs: suit
Adjectives: suitable, unsuitable
Adverbs: suitably

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not acceptable or right for someone or something

Dictionary example:
The software blocks material that is unsuitable for children.

Learner example:
If the date of [the] meeting is unsuitable for you, just inform me.

unsure /ʌnˈʃɔː.r/

Word family:
Verbs: ensure
Adjectives: sure, unsure
Adverbs: surely

ADJECTIVE
NOT CERTAIN
[B2] not certain or having doubts

Dictionary examples:
I'm a bit unsure about what to do.
I was unsure of the directions.
I was unsure what/how to tell them.

Learner example:
As I have not been there before, I am rather unsure of what to wear.
unthinkable /ʌnˈθɪŋk.ə.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: thinker
Verbs: think, rethink
Adjectives: unthinkable

ADJECTIVE
[C1] If something is unthinkable, it is so strange that you cannot imagine it will ever happen.

Dictionary example:
Thirty years ago a no-smoking restaurant would have been unthinkable.

Learner example:
Nowadays it is simply unthinkable to live without [a] computer.

untie /ʌnˈtaɪ/ (untying, untied, untied)

Word family:
Nouns: tie
Verbs: tie, untie

VERB [T]
[B2] to open a knot or something that has been tied with a knot

Dictionary example:
I untied my shoelaces and kicked off my shoes.

Learner example:
She tried to untie the ropes but they were too strong.

untouched /ʌnˈtʌtʃt/

Word family:
Nouns: touch
Verbs: touch
Adjectives: untouched

ADJECTIVE
[C1] not changed or damaged in any way

Dictionary example:
Most of the island remains untouched by tourism.

Learner example:
The starting point is in Lokken, an idyllic fishing village beside the North Sea, still untouched by tourism.
### untrue /ənˈtruː/ 

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] false

**Dictionary example:**
We knew the rumours were untrue.

**Learner example:**
They realized that almost everything mentioned in your advertisement appeared to be untrue.

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### unusually /ənˈjuː.ʒu.əl.i/ 

**Word family:**

- **Adjectives:** unusual, usual
- **Adverbs:** unusually, usually

**ADVERB**

unusually big/strong/good, etc.

[B2] bigger, stronger, better, etc. than is normal

**Dictionary example:**
unusually warm weather

**Learner example:**
On you[r] free afternoon I suggest you visit our local museum, which is unusually large for such a small town.

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### unwanted /ənˈwɒn.tɪd/ 

**Word family:**

- **Verbs:** want
- **Adjectives:** unwanted

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] not wanted

**Dictionary example:**
an unwanted gift

**Learner example:**
Children feel alone, unwanted and become very often latch-key children who come back to a sad home where nobody is waiting for them.
unwilling /ʌnˈwɪl.ɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: willingness, unwillingness
Adjectives: unwilling, willing
Adverbs: willingly, unwillingly

ADJECTIVE
[B2] not wanting to do something

Dictionary example:
A lot of people are unwilling to accept change.

Learner example:
I was unwilling to face the truth and the reality that my best friend had already left me.

unwillingly /ʌnˈwɪl.ɪŋ.li/

Word family:
Nouns: willingness, unwillingness
Adjectives: unwilling, willing
Adverbs: willingly, unwillingly

ADVERB
[C1] in a way that shows that you do not want to do something

Dictionary example:
He unwillingly agreed to take her home.

Learner example:
What was worse, ours broke down on our way to the safari park, so we had to give it a miss unwillingly.

unwillingness /ʌnˈwɪl.ɪŋ.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: willingness, unwillingness
Adjectives: unwilling, willing
Adverbs: willingly, unwillingly

NOUN [u]
[C1] a state of not being willing to do something

Dictionary example:
Both sides have shown unwillingness to negotiate.
Learner example:
In the 70s some women also began to wear short skirts, which might be seen as a way to express their unwillingness to obey certain dress codes or as a symbol of their independence.

unwind  /ʌnˈwaɪnd/

Word family:
Verbs: wind, unwind
Adjectives: winding

VERB (unwound)

RELAX
[C1] [i] INFORMAL to relax, especially after working

Dictionary example:
Music helps me to unwind.

Learner example:
The houses will be semi-detached to allow neighbours to chat and unwind.

up  /ʌp/

ADVERB

INCREASE
[B2] to a greater degree, amount, volume, etc.

Dictionary examples:
Please speak up, I can't hear you.
The fire heats the room up within minutes.
The cost of car insurance is up, but not very much.

Learner example:
Moreover the microphone suddenly wouldn't work anymore, and even though I desperately tried to speak up, people began to lose interest in both my speech and me and simply started to talk to each other instead.

COMPLETE
[B2] used to emphasize that an action or process is complete

Dictionary examples:
Come on, Maria, drink up your lemonade.
By the time we left, she had bought up half of the shop.
Learner example:
Anna, I broke one of your beautiful vase[s] accidentally when I was trying to clean up the house one evening.

up and down
[B2] rising and falling

Dictionary example:
They were jumping up and down with impatience.

Learner example:
Well, you should be bouncing up and down with joy (just kidding)!

PREPOSITION

up and down
[B2] from one end to the other and back again

Dictionary example:
They were running up and down the corridors.

Learner example:
Almost a thousand people [were] running up and down the ballroom shouting in panic: "Who's got matches?" "Turn the lights on!"

up to speed
[C1] having all the most recent information about a subject or activity

Dictionary example:
The course should bring you up to speed with the latest techniques.

Learner example:
Apart [from] this you can keep yourself up to speed with what's happening around the world on various fronts.

upbringing /ˈʌpˌbrɪŋ.ɪŋ/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] the way that your parents look after you and the things that they teach you when you are growing up

Dictionary examples:
a middle-class/religious upbringing
She had a very strict upbringing.

Learner example:
Now, as a grown–up person, I am trying to evaluate [my] upbringing objectively.
**upcoming** /ˈʌpˌkʌm.ɪŋ/

**ADJECTIVE** [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

[C1] An upcoming event will happen soon.

**Dictionary example:**
the upcoming elections

**Learner example:**
This is a good way to keep our members informed about upcoming events.

**update**

**VERB [v] /ˈʌp.deɪt/**

**MAKE MORE MODERN**

[B2] to make something more modern

**Dictionary example:**
They need to update their image.

**Learner example:**
On the other hand, the movies shown are updated regularly, I guess that part is under control.

**NOUN [c] /ˈʌp.deɪt/**

**NEW INFORMATION**

[B2] new information

**Dictionary example:**
I’ll need regular updates on your progress.

**Learner example:**
Television offers different programs, such as documentaries, programs on culture and updates on the news.

**NEW FORM**

[B2] a new form of something which existed at an earlier time

**Dictionary examples:**
a software update
It’s an update of an old 60’s movie.
upgrade

VERB [r] /ʌpˈgreɪd/
[B2] to improve something so that it is of a higher quality or is a newer model

Dictionary examples:
to upgrade a computer
The system has been upgraded.

Learner example:
The computer [has] upgraded most existing inventions, and made them more efficient, faster and [more] user friendly.

NOUN [c] /ˈʌp.greɪd/
[B2] a piece of software or equipment that improves the quality, power or usefulness of a computer or machine

Dictionary examples:
a hardware upgrade
The upgrade to version 5.0 costs £395.

upon /əˈpɒn/

PREPOSITION

ON
[B2] FORMAL on

Dictionary examples:
Upon her head she wore a black velvet hat.
Please report to the reception desk upon arrival.

Learner example:
He answered with a smile upon his face, 'As I just told everybody else, you will have the results by the end of June.'

upper-class /ˌʌp.əˈklɑːs/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] belonging to or relating to the upper class

Dictionary example:
He spoke with a distinctly upper-class accent.
Learner example:
Talking about fashion, one always tends to think of glamorous designer dresses, catwalks in Paris, Rome or New York, and upper-class societies, able to spend huge amounts of money on luxurious clothing.

**upright**  /ˈʌp.rait/

**ADJECTIVE**; **ADVERB**

[B2] straight up or vertical

**Dictionary example:**
Please return your seats to an upright position and fasten your seat belts.

**Learner example:**
Immediately the pilot informed the passengers that the weather conditions were not good and [told us] to fasten our seatbelt, put the seat upright and [ado]pt the emergency position.

**upset**  /ʌpˈset/

**ADJECTIVE** [NEVER BEFORE NOUN]

upset stomach

[B2] an illness in the stomach

**Dictionary example:**
I had an upset stomach after I ate that fish.

**Learner example:**
I wasn’t feeling well at all with an upset stomach and headache.

**VERB** [T] (upsetting, upset, upset)

[B2] to make someone feel unhappy or worried

**Dictionary examples:**
The phone call had clearly upset her.
It still upsets him when he thinks about the accident.
Don’t upset *yourself* by thinking about what might have happened.

**Learner example:**
This really upset me as no notice w[as] given before the show.
**upside down** /ˌʌp.saɪdˈdaʊn/

**ADVERB; ADJECTIVE**

[B2] having the part which is usually at the top turned to be at the bottom

**Dictionary examples:**
Turn the jar upside down and shake it.
The plane was flying upside down at high speed.
One car landed on its side and the other was upside down.

**Learner example:**
The furniture was upside down and neither money nor cash were left.

**upward** /ˈʌp.wəd/

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]**

[C1] moving towards a higher place or level

**Dictionary examples:**
an upward glance
an upward trend in sales

**Learner example:**
The third age group, 35–49 year olds, has also been experiencing an upward trend regarding [the] percentage of the group attending [the] cinema at least once a year.

**upwards** /ˈʌp.wədz/

**ADVERB**

**HIGHER LEVEL**

[C1] towards a higher position, level or value

**Dictionary example:**
The cost of completion has been revised upwards again due to inflation.

**Learner example:**
In evaporation the water drops from seas are carried upwards and form clouds.

**urban** /ˈɜː.bən/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] belonging or relating to a town or city

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Dictionary examples:
urban areas
urban development

Learner example:
We are generally more interested in [an] urban lifestyle than [living in] the countryside.

urge  /ə:dʒ/  

VERB [v]

urge sb to do sth  
[C1] to try to persuade someone to do something

Dictionary example:
His parents urged him to go to university.

Learner example:
Finally, on behalf of the charity organisation, I urge you to print a new article, apologising and correcting the inaccuracies already published.

usage /ˈjuː.sɪdʒ/  

NOUN

WORDS  
[C1] [C or U] the way that words are used

Dictionary example:
a guide to English grammar and usage

Learner example:
That is why I couldn't solve all my problems with English usage.

AMOUNT  
[C1] [u] the amount of something that is used, or the way that something is used

Dictionary example:
restrictions on water usage

Learner example:
We have therefore decided that, at our company, we will try to keep our energy usage as low as possible.
use

Word family:
Nouns: use, user, misuse, usefulness
Verbs: use, misuse
Adjectives: useful, useless

VERB [T] /juːz/

WORD
[B2] to say or write a particular word or phrase

Dictionary example:
'Autumn' is used in British English and 'fall' in American English.

NOUN /juːs/

WORD
[B2] [c] one of the meanings of a word, or the way that a particular word is used

Dictionary example:
Can you list all the uses of the word 'point'?

be (of) any/some use
[B2] to be useful

Dictionary example:
Is this bag of any use to you?

Learner example:
I hope my remarks [will] be of some use.

be (of) no use
[B2] to not be useful

Dictionary example:
His advice turned out to be no use at all.

Learner example:
My mother came immediately, but it was no use because my brother isn't afraid of her, so she called my father.

be no use doing sth
[B2] used to say that trying to do something has no effect

Dictionary example:
It was no use talking to him – he just wouldn't listen.

Learner example:
It was no use [trying to] smoke cigarettes in this pub.
**make use of sth**
[B2] to use something that is available

**Dictionary example:**
We were encouraged to make use of all the facilities.

**Learner example:**
Finally, I think the designers will make use of the raw materials and create an innovative look for all of us.

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**usefulness /ˈjuːs.fəl.nəs/**

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** use, user, misuse, usefulness
- **Verbs:** use, misuse
- **Adjectives:** useful, useless

**NOUN [U]**
[C1] the quality of being useful

**Dictionary example:**
He explained the usefulness of having a wi-fi connection.

**Learner example:**
They came back yesterday and I have interviewed them to find out what they think about the usefulness of the programme.

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**utmost /ˈʌt.məʊst/**

**ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]** FORMAL

**EMPHASIS**
[C1] used to emphasize how important or serious something is

**Dictionary examples:**
a matter of the utmost importance
The situation needs to be handled with the utmost care.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion, there are features of utmost importance that should be [careful]ly checked.

**NOUN**

do your utmost
[C1] to try as hard as you can to do something

**Dictionary example:**
We did our utmost to finish the project on time.
Learner example:
In addition, we live in a materialistic society where we all do our utmost in order to make ends meet, but we are never satisfied.

**utterly** /ˈʌt.ə.li/

**Word family:**
- **Adjectives:** utter
- **Adverbs:** utterly

**ADVERB**
[C1] completely

**Dictionary example:**
It’s utterly ridiculous.

**Learner example:**
The information provided in your report about the final goal was utterly wrong.
vacancy /ˈver.kən.si/  

Word family:  
Nouns: vacancy  
Adjectives: vacant  

NOUN [C]  

JOB  
[C1] a job that is available for someone to do  

Dictionary example:  
Tell me if you hear of any vacancies for secretaries.  

Learner example:  
We look forward to meeting you at your earliest convenience to discuss details, go over our salary and health package as well as any other questions you might have, before starting the procedure of finding suitable candidates for the job vacancies.  

ROOM  
[C1] a room that is available in a hotel  

Dictionary example:  
Do you have any vacancies?  

Learner example:  
The hotels have no vacancies, the tourists are everywhere.  

vacant /ˈver.kənt/  

Word family:  
Nouns: vacancy  
Adjectives: vacant  

ADJECTIVE  

EMPTY  
[B2] Somewhere that is vacant is available because it is not being used.  

Dictionary examples:  
a vacant building  
The room next to ours is vacant at the moment.
Learner example:
You see, we have plenty of vacant rooms so you would not cause any trouble.

JOB
[B2] A vacant job is available for someone to do.

Dictionary example:
The assistant marketing post is vacant – why don’t you apply?

Learner example:
Therefore, I believe I am suitable for your vacant position.

vague  /ˈvæɡ/  

Word family:
Adjectives: vague
Adverbs: vaguely

ADJECTIVE

NOT CLEAR
[C1] not clear or certain

Dictionary examples:
I have a vague idea of where the hotel is.
He was a bit vague about directions.

Learner example:
Do not misunderstand me: I greatly enjoyed the conference but it did not give me the satisfaction of having even a vague idea of what I would like to do...

vain  /veɪn/  

Word family:
Nouns: vanity
Adjectives: vain

ADJECTIVE

in vain
[C1] without any success

Dictionary example:
I tried in vain to start a conversation.

Learner example:
We looked in vain for the guide through three London parks.
valid /ˈvæl.id/

Word family:
Nouns: validity
Adjectives: valid

ADJECTIVE

GOOD REASON
[B2] based on good reasons or facts that are true

Dictionary examples:
a valid excuse/reason
a valid argument/criticism
My ideas might be different from yours, but they're equally valid.

Learner example:
You could hardly think of Dr Quimper as guilty, because every one of the Crackenthorpe family had a valid reason to kill.

OFICIALLY ACCEPTABLE
[B2] officially or legally acceptable

Dictionary examples:
The ticket is valid for three months.
My passport is valid for another two years.
You need to enter a valid password.

Learner example:
Is this offer valid for the weekends, as well?

valuable /ˈvæl.jʊ.bl/

Word family:
Nouns: value
Verbs: value
Adjectives: valuable, invaluable

ADJECTIVE

INFORMATION
[B2] Valuable information, advice, etc. is very helpful or important.

Dictionary example:
He was able to provide the police with some valuable information.

Learner example:
This trip will allow me to gain valuable knowledge and experience.
value /ˈvæl.juː/

Word family:
Nouns: value
Verbs: value
Adjectives: valuable, invaluable

NOUN

values
[B2] the beliefs people have about what is right and wrong and what is most important in life, which control their behaviour

Dictionary example:
family/moral/traditional values

Learner example:
A tragedy occurs which causes Andrew to rediscover his moral values.

at face value
[C1] If you accept something at face value because of the way it first looks or seems, you do so without thinking carefully about it.

Dictionary examples:
You can't just accept everything you read in the newspapers at face value.
These results should not be taken at face value – careful analysis is required to assess their full implications.

Learner example:
People are assessed at face value [by] the type of cars they drive.

VERB [T]

importance
[B2] to consider something important

Dictionary example:
I've always valued her advice.

Learner example:
I will learn how other people live and I will also learn to value the things I have.

vanish /ˈvæn.ɪʃ/

VERB [I]

[B2] to disappear suddenly
Dictionary examples:
The sun vanished behind the clouds.
The child vanished while on her way home from school.

Learner example:
I [went after] the thief but he vanished into the crowd.

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Word family:
Nouns: variation, variety, variable
Verbs: vary
Adjectives: varied, various, variable
Adverbs: invariably

ADJECTIVE
[C1] changing often

Dictionary example:
The sound quality on the recording is variable.

Learner example:
By contrast the figure is more variable regarding the other topics.

NOUN [C]
[C1] a number, amount, or situation which can change

Dictionary example:
A patient's recovery time depends on so many variables, such as age, weight, and general health.

Learner example:
There are too many variables and happiness may also depend on the soci[al] background of a person.

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Adverbs: invariably

NOUN
DIFFERENCE
[B2] [c or u] a difference in amount or quality
Dictionary examples:
variations in price/temperature
There was some variation in the quality of the prints.

Learner example:
Apart from this, there is very little variation in temperature between day and night.

varied /ˈveə.rɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: variation, variety, variable
Verbs: vary
Adjectives: varied, various, variable
Adverbs: invariably

ADJECTIVE
[B2] consisting of many different things or types

Dictionary examples:
a varied diet
a long and varied career

Learner example:
Remember you should always eat a varied diet.

vary /ˈveə.rɪ/ 

Word family:
Nouns: variation, variety, variable
Verbs: vary
Adjectives: varied, various, variable
Adverbs: invariably

VERB
BE DIFFERENT
[B2] [i] If things of the same type vary, they are different from each other.

Dictionary examples:
Car prices vary greatly/widely across Europe.
The samples varied in quality but were generally acceptable.

Learner example:
The price of the dishes varies.

CHANGE
[B2] [i or τ] to change or to cause something to change
Dictionary examples:
Temperatures vary depending on/according to the time of year.
I try to vary what I eat.

Learner example:
To vary the pictures of cultural events, I would recommend [visiting] the Wednesday market, which starts at 8 am.

vast /vaːst/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] extremely big

Dictionary examples:
a vast amount/sum of money
vast areas of forest
The vast majority of pupils attend state schools.

Learner example:
Among the vast choice of interesting buildings to photograph I can name the "National Portrait Museum", a huge building in renaissance style, [and] the old "Castle of Sforza", built in the eleventh century.

vegetation /ˌvedʒ.ɪˈteɪ.ʃən/

NOUN [u]
[C1] the plants and trees that grow in a particular area

Dictionary example:
They hacked a path through the dense vegetation.

Learner example:
I dream of being the first one to set foot on a white sandy beach, to admire a new kind of vegetation: cranberry bushes, sweet potatoes, wild turkeys, a different climate; how scary and exciting at the same time!

veil /veɪl/

NOUN [c]
[C1] a thin piece of material that covers a woman's face

Dictionary example:
She wore a thin veil.
Learner example:
And most brides wear a long veil so grooms can't see their wife's face.

vein /vɛɪn/

NOUN
[C1] [c] one of the tubes in your body that carries blood to the heart

Dictionary example:
the veins in the leg/neck

Learner example:
Do you love the sensation of your blood rushing in your veins, your knees trembling slightly and your hair standing [to] attention? Well, I do, and dangerous sports are the thing for me.

venue /ˈven.juː/

NOUN [c]
[B2] a place where a sports game, musical performance, or special event happens

Dictionary examples:
The hotel is an ideal venue for conferences and business meetings.
The stadium has been specifically designed as a venue for European Cup matches.

Learner example:
This festival has already got [a] good reputation as [an] alternative venue for both artists and audience.

verify /ˈver.i.fai/

VERB [T]
[C1] to prove that something is true, or do something to discover if it is true

Dictionary example:
It was impossible to verify her statement.

Learner example:
The Canadian Patent Office Branch will be responsible for verifying if new inventions are truly new or have already been invented somewhere in the world.
verse /vɜːs/

NOUN [c]
[B2] one of the parts that a song or poem is divided into

Dictionary examples:
I only know the first verse of the poem.
Each verse was sung as a solo and then everyone joined in on the chorus.

Learner example:
But I was so puzzled that when I tried to sing, I couldn’t remember a word of the verse I had written.

version /ˈvɜː.ʒən/

NOUN [c]

FORM
[B2] one form of something that is slightly different to other forms of the same thing

Dictionary examples:
An English-language version of the book is planned for the autumn.
The original version of the film is much better.
a new/updated version

Learner example:
Who has never said that the original book was better than the film version?

DESCRIPTION
[C1] someone's description of what has happened

Dictionary example:
Bates gave his version of events to the police.

Learner example:
For that reason, I have to ask you for a formal apology in print, where you could give the correct version of events and also change the bad image you gave to the readers of the people of my organisation.
**versus** /ˈvɜːsəs/

**PREPOSITION**

**AGAINST**

[C1] used to say that one team or person is competing against another

**Dictionary example:**
Tomorrow's game is Newcastle versus Arsenal.

**Learner example:**
Starting in chronological order you can see the first game – Argentina versus Germany – which was a revenge for the final competition in the previous World Cup, '88.

**COMPARSED WITH**

[C1] used to compare two things or ideas, especially when you have to choose between them

**Dictionary example:**
private education versus state education

**Learner example:**
Mobile phones – fashion versus utility Nowadays, [everywhere] you look, there is someone speaking [on] a mobile phone.

**vertical** /ˈvɜː.tɪk.əl/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] pointing straight up from a surface

**Dictionary example:**
a vertical line

**Learner example:**
The vertical axis shows the percentage of age groups attending the cinema at least once in a year, while the horizontal axis represents the years from 1990 to 2010.

**vest** /vest/

**NOUN [C]**

**UNDERWEAR**

[C1] a piece of underwear that you wear under a shirt

**Dictionary example:**
You'll need a vest in this weather.
**Learner example:**
The contents include two items of male underwear, size medium, white colour. Also a pair of white sock[s] and one vest medium size.

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**vice versa** /ˌvaɪsˈvɜː.sə/

**ADVERB**

[C1] used for referring to the opposite of what you have just said

**Dictionary example:**
Never use indoor lights outside and vice versa.

**Learner example:**
The piles of cash are not far away from any celebrity and we all know that time equals money and vice versa.

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**victim** /ˈvɪk.tɪm/

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] someone who has suffered the effects of violence, illness or bad luck

**Dictionary examples:**
- victims of crime
  The children are the innocent victims of the fighting.
  The new drug might help save the lives of cancer victims.

**Learner example:**
His wife was his last victim.

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**victory** /ˈvɪk.tər.i/

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] when you win a game, competition, election, fight, war, etc.

**Dictionary examples:**
- Phoenix managed a 135–114 victory over Denver.
- Grant won/achieved/gained a comfortable/easy victory over Cooper in yesterday's match.
- This result is a victory for democracy.

**Learner example:**
They were all celebrating their victory with a gorgeous dinner.
### View

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** view, viewer

**Verbs:** view

**NOUN**

**ABILITY TO SEE**

[B2] [NO PLURAL] how well you can see something from a particular place

**Dictionary examples:**
We had a great view of the procession.
Don't stand in front of me – you're blocking my view of the stage.
She turned a corner, and disappeared from view.

**Learner example:**
In a few seconds, he disappear[ed] out of my view.

**in view of sth**

[B2] FORMAL because of

**Dictionary example:**
In view of recent events, we have decided to cancel the meeting.

**Learner example:**
In view of what happened, I would advise you not to try to mislead people like this [again].

**with a view to doing sth** FORMAL

[C1] so that you can do something

**Dictionary example:**
He's doing some improvements on the house with a view to selling it.

**Learner example:**
The purpose of this report is to assess the success of the latest tour our sports club organised and make relevant suggestions with a view to enhancing future trips.

### Viewer

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** view, viewer

**Verbs:** view

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] someone who watches a television programme

**Dictionary example:**
Millions of viewers will be watching this match.
Learner example:
He's an extraordinary person and TV viewers will love him because of his good sense of humo[u]r and his honesty.

**viewpoint /ˈvjuː.pɔɪnt/**

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a way of thinking about a situation

**Dictionary example:**
From his viewpoint the action seemed entirely justified.

**Learner example:**
As a student, I feel concerned [about] the traffic issue and I asked some people about their viewpoints on the two proposals.

**vine /vaɪn/**

**NOUN [C]**

[C1] a plant that grapes grow on

**Dictionary example:**
The wall was covered in a vine.

**Learner example:**
After follow[ing] the walking path through the vines at Canon-Fronsac you could climb the Canon Mountain to have a view all over the region.

**vinegar /ˈvɪn.zər/**

**NOUN [U]**

[B2] a sour liquid that is used in cooking, often made from wine

**Dictionary example:**
red wine vinegar
violence /ˈvaɪə.lənts/

Word family:
Nouns: violence
Verbs: violate
Adjectives: violent
Adverbs: violently

NOUN [U]

HURT
[B2] ! when someone tries to hurt or kill someone else

Dictionary examples:
an act of violence
A number of people were killed in the violence.
Violence against women has increased in recent years.
The recent outbreak of violence in the region is very disturbing.

Learner example:
Today, it is important that children and teenagers do something with their free time and do not get in contact with criminality and violence.

violent /ˈvaɪə.lənt/

Word family:
Nouns: violence
Verbs: violate
Adjectives: violent
Adverbs: violently

ADJECTIVE

ACTION
[B2] ! involving violence

Dictionary examples:
a violent crime
a violent protest
His films tend to be very violent.

Learner example:
Some say that television can affect people in bad ways and sometimes causes violent incidents.

PERSON
[B2] ! using force to hurt or attack someone else
Dictionary examples:
a violent criminal
He shouts a lot but I don't think he's ever been physically violent towards her.

Learner example:
Now Mary knew what happened at Jamaica Inn and it was very dangerous for her because her uncle was a violent man.

violently /ˈvaɪə.lənt.li/

Word family:
Nouns: violence
Verbs: violate
Adjectives: violent
Adverbs: violently

ADVERB
[B2] in a way that involves violence

Dictionary examples:
He often behaved violently and they were terrified of him.
He claimed to have been violently assaulted while in prison.

Learner example:
Sometimes they behave violently because of their [imprison]ment.

virtual /ˈvɜː.tjuə.əl/

Word family:
Adjectives: virtual
Adverbs: virtually

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

USING COMPUTER
[B2] using computer images and sounds that make you think an imagined situation is real

Dictionary example:
a virtual art gallery online

Learner example:
However, I go far away from my family and other people and have virtual relationships.

ALMOST
[C1] almost a particular thing or quality
Dictionary examples:
Ten years of bad government had brought about the virtual collapse of the country's economy. War in the region now looks like a virtual certainty.

Learner example:
However the growth of our cities and townships co[up]led with an exponential increase in traffic and facilities have transformed these areas into virtual no–go zones.

**virtually /ˈvɜː.tju.ə.li/**

Word family:
**Adjectives:** virtual
**Adverbs:** virtually

**ADVERB**

**ALMOST**

[B2] almost

Dictionary examples:
I've virtually finished.
Their twins are virtually identical.
That wine stain on my shirt has virtually disappeared.

Learner example:
Virtually everyone today can go out and buy their own personal computer.

**COMPUTER**

[B2] in a way that uses computer images and sounds that make you think an imagined situation is real

Dictionary example:
Nowadays all these things can be experienced virtually.

Learner example:
I also have the possibility of making new friends: I can connect to a special site which will enable me to [meet people] virtually.

**virtual reality /ˌvɜː.tju.əl.riˈæl.ə.ti/**

**NOUN [u]**

[B2] when a computer produces images and sounds that make you think an imagined situation is real

Dictionary examples:
virtual reality games
virtual reality software
Learner example:
Magnificent scientific projects are done by computers, [as well as] daily shopping, communication with people in other parts of the world, games, getting any kind of information and, soon, virtual reality!

virus /ˈvaɪərəs/

NOUN [C]

SMALL ORGANISM
[B2] an infectious organism too small to be seen that causes disease, or an illness that it causes

Dictionary examples:
a flu virus
I don’t know exactly what's wrong with her – I think it's some sort of virus.

Learner example:
My "friend" Pat told everybody that my brother died and that he died because he got a virus – that’s why I didn’t have friends because all the people thought that I had the virus too.

visible /ˈvɪzəbl/

Word family:
Nouns: vision
Adjectives: invisible, visible, visual
Adverbs: visibly

ADJECTIVE

CAN BE SEEN
[B2] able to be seen

Dictionary examples:
You should wear something light-coloured when you’re cycling at night so that you're more visible.
The fire was visible from five kilometres away.
There are few visible signs of the illness that kept her in hospital for so long.
The comet should be visible to the naked eye.

Learner example:
He waited curiously for her to become visible through the fog, which seemed to have [become] denser in the last few seconds.

OBVIOUS
[C1] obvious or noticeable
Dictionary examples:
She is a highly visible environmental spokesperson.
There is a visible improvement in your essay writing.

Learner example:
After about three months I noticed a visible improvement.

vision /ˈvɪʒ.ən/

Word family:
Nouns: vision
Adjectives: invisible, visible, visual
Adverbs: visibly

NOUN

IDEA
[B2] [c] an idea or image in your mind of what something could be like in the future

Dictionary examples:
a vision of a better society
We see in his novels his grim vision of the future.

Learner example:
All in all, I think you must write a new report to apologize for having been so pessimistic and having given such a bleak vision of this Festival.

SIGHT
[B2] [u] the ability to see

Dictionary example:
He has poor vision in his left eye.

Learner example:
Her hands were sweating and her vision had become a blur because of the tension in the air.

ABILITY TO PLAN
[C1] [u] the ability to make plans for the future that are imaginative and wise

Dictionary example:
As a leader, he lacked vision.

Learner example:
A man of vision, Eleftherios Venizelos played a significant role in the history of my country, as in his time it became, with [few] changes, what it is today.
**visual** /ˈvɪʒ.u.əl/

Word family:
- **Nouns:** vision
- **Adjectives:** invisible, visible, visual
- **Adverbs:** visibly

**ADJECTIVE**
- [B2] relating to seeing

**Dictionary example:**
The film has some powerful visual *effects*.

**Learner example:**
It also provides a clear idea of how people's lives were in a particular period by showing us the visual images of that time.

**vital** /ˈvaɪ.təl/

Word family:
- **Adjectives:** vital
- **Adverbs:** vitally

**ADJECTIVE**
- [B2] necessary or extremely important

**Dictionary examples:**
Tourism is vital to the country's economy.
The kidney plays a vital **role/part** in the removal of waste products from the blood.
It's absolutely vital **that** you follow the instructions exactly.

**Learner example:**
If you don't mind I would like to ask you some vital questions.

**vitamin** /ˈvɪt.ə.mɪn/

**NOUN [C]**
- [B2] one of a group of natural substances that you need to be healthy

**Dictionary examples:**
a vitamin pill
Oranges are full of vitamin C.

**Learner example:**
On the one hand, we eat a lot of sweet [or] fat food, which lack[s] vitamins.
vivid /ˈvɪv.id/

Word family:
Adjectives: vivid
Adverbs: vividly

ADJECTIVE

DESCRIPTIONS
[B2] Vivid descriptions or memories produce strong, clear images in your mind.

Dictionary examples:
He gave a very vivid account/description of life in Havana.
I still have a very vivid memory of the evening.
She has a very vivid imagination.

Learner example:
Each memory is still so vivid.

COLOURS
[B2] A vivid colour is very bright.

Dictionary example:
She was wearing a vivid pink shirt.

Learner example:
Students would like to have some vivid colours or pictures on the walls but the best solution would be to repaint the walls.

vividly /ˈvɪv.id.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: vivid
Adverbs: vividly

ADVERB

[B2] in a vivid way

Dictionary example:
I vividly remember my first day at school.

Learner example:
She could vividly remember the last time he hurt her, only then it was with a razor.
vocabulary /vəˈkæb.jʊ.lər.i/

NOUN

LANGUAGE
[C1] [NO PLURAL] all the words that exist in a language, or that are used when discussing a particular subject

Dictionary example:
Computing has its own specialist vocabulary.

Learner example:
The tuition is well adapted to our needs, I mean a specialized vocabulary and the ability to speak with our clients from the English–speaking areas in a fluent way even for technical matters.

voice /vɔɪs/

NOUN

lose your voice
[B2] to become unable to speak, often because of an illness

Dictionary example:
She had a bad cold and was losing her voice.

Learner example:
I immediately became agitated and at the precise moment of my speech I lost my voice completely.

raise your voice
[C1] to speak loudly and angrily to someone

Dictionary example:
He never raised his voice at the children.

Learner example:
Not every au–pair family is pleasant. And believe me, mine was giving me hell on earth. [...] After I returned home I took some time to learn not to freak out when someone raised his voice and eventually I started to see my time in Germany as a great [lesson in] life.

volcano /vɒlˈkeɪ.nəʊ/ (PLURAL volcanoes or volcanos)

NOUN [C]
[B2] a mountain with a large hole at the top which sometimes explodes and produces hot, melted rock and smoke
Dictionary examples:
an extinct/active volcano
Erupting volcanoes discharge massive quantities of dust into the atmosphere.

Learner example:
Finally, I think that a good place to go is Santorini, a beautiful island which has a volcano.

volume /ˈvɒl.juːm/

NOUN

[AMOUNT] the number or amount of something, especially when it is large

Dictionary examples:
I was put off by the volume of work involved.
The volume of traffic in the city is causing problems.

Learner example:
Nowadays, marketing volume is rapidly increased in Internet business, according to one of [the] major newspaper[s].

voluntary /ˈvɒl.ən.təri/

Word family:
Nouns: volunteer
Verbs: volunteer
Adjectives: voluntary
Adverbs: voluntarily

ADJECTIVE

[C1] Voluntary work is done without being paid and usually involves helping people.

Dictionary examples:
She does voluntary work for Doctors Without Borders.
voluntary organizations

Learner example:
I did voluntary work for a whole year in 1998 in Britain.
**volunteer** /ˌvɒl.ənˈtɪər/

Word family:
Nouns: volunteer
Verbs: volunteer
Adjectives: voluntary
Adverbs: voluntarily

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a person who does something, especially helping other people, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it

**Dictionary examples:**
a Red Cross volunteer
The charity relies on volunteers to run the office and answer the telephones.

**Learner example:**
Well the concert was Friday night and I went there with the Red Cross volunteers, did you know I'm one of them?

**VERB**

[C1] [I or T] to offer to do something without being asked or told to do it

**Dictionary example:**
Rob volunteered to look after the kids.

**Learner example:**
One of my classmates, Maria, has volunteered to talk about the different courses and summer activities that the school offers.

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**vote** /vəʊt/

Word family:
Nouns: vote, voter
Verbs: vote

**NOUN**

**DECIDE**

[B2] [C USUALLY NO PLURAL] a way of making a decision by asking a group of people to vote

**Dictionary example:**
We called a meeting in order to take a vote on the issue.

**the vote**

[C1] when someone is officially allowed to vote
Dictionary example:
In some countries women still don't have the vote.

Learner example:
Women acquired the vote only 70 years ago.

voyage  /ˈvɔɪ.i.dʒ/  

NOUN [C]
[B2] a long journey, especially by ship, or in space

Dictionary example:
Cook’s voyage to Australia

Learner example:
Besides, I have a good command of French and I speak English fluently, which might be also useful during the voyage around the world.
waist /ˈweɪst/

NOUN [C]
[B2] the part of the body above and slightly narrower than the hips

Dictionary examples:
a small/narrow/tiny/large waist
These trousers are a bit tight around my waist.
She has a 26-inch waist.

Learner example:
Chris was holding his arm tight[ly] around Claire's waist.

wait /weɪt/

VERB [i]

wait and see
[C1] to wait to discover what will happen

Dictionary example:
We'll wait and see what she says.

Learner example:
We will just have to wait and see.....

NOT DO SOMETHING
[C1] to not do something until something else happens

Dictionary example:
We'll wait till Jane gets here before we start eating.

Learner example:
The wedding will be at midday, but bec[a]use Spanish [people] are the most unpunctual people in the world, maybe we'll have to wait until half past twelve to start the ceremony.

NOUN [NO PLURAL]
[B2] when you stay in one place until someone or something arrives, or someone or something is ready for you
Dictionary examples:
a *long* wait
well worth the wait

We had a three-hour wait before we could see the doctor.
The long wait for the doctor/to see the doctor really made me anxious.

**walk** /ˈwɔːk/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** walk, walking, walker  
**Verbs:** walk  

**NOUN [c]**  

*a short/ten-minute, etc. walk*  
[B2] a journey that takes a short time/ten minutes, etc. when you walk

**Dictionary example:**  
The station is just a five-minute walk from the house.

**Learner example:**  
A fifteenth-minute walk was necessary to reach it and there were no neighbours around.

**PATH**  
[C1] a path or route where people can walk for enjoyment

**Dictionary example:**  
There are some lovely walks in the forest.

**Learner example:**  
The walk ends in Valli del Natisone, but from here there are 2 other different routes that can be chosen.

**walker** /ˈwɔː.kə/  

**Word family:**  
**Nouns:** walk, walking, walker  
**Verbs:** walk  

**NOUN [c]**  

[C1] someone who walks for exercise or enjoyment

**Dictionary example:**  
This pub is popular with walkers.

**Learner example:**  
If you are a keen walker and you like unspoilt nature, the walk between Granna and Tranas in the South of Sweden will be the one.

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wander /ˈwʌndə/  

VERB [v]

WALK SLOWLY
[B2] to walk around slowly in a relaxed way or without any clear purpose or direction

Dictionary examples:
We spent the morning wandering around the old part of the city.
He was here a moment ago but he's wandered off somewhere.

Learner example:
If you can't afford it you can just wander around the city and enjoy meeting people.

ward /wɔːd/  

NOUN [n]
[B2] a room or area in a hospital, where people receiving treatment stay

Dictionary example:
She's in a ward on the fourth floor.

Learner example:
I spent two days alone in a ward [in] Biarritz's hospital.

wardrobe /ˈwɔːdrəʊb/  

NOUN

CLOTHES
[C1] [NO PLURAL] all the clothes that you own

Dictionary example:
She has an extensive wardrobe.

Learner example:
Our wardrobe seemed to have changed from neutral colours which symbolised no freedom of expression to purple-green outfits that tell you: "... that's me, if you don't like it, get...".
warm  /wɔːm/

Word family:
Nouns: warmth
Verbs: warm
Adjectives: warm
Adverbs: warmly

VERB [i or T]
[B2] to become warm or make something become warm

Dictionary examples:
You’re so cold – come and warm your hands by the fire.
Your supper’s just warming through in the oven.
We can warm (up) the room quite quickly with this electric fire.

Learner example:
After they save[d] me, I put those gloves on to warm my hands.

warmly  /ˈwɔːm.lɪ/

Word family:
Nouns: warmth
Verbs: warm
Adjectives: warm
Adverbs: warmly

ADVERB

KEEP WARM
[B2] in a way that keeps you warm

Dictionary example:
You’re not dressed warmly enough – put a sweater on.

FRIENDLY
[B2] in a friendly or loving way

Dictionary example:
He shook my hand warmly.

Learner example:
He embraced me warmly and whispered ‘You wouldn't have believed me.’
warmth  /wɔːmθ/

Word family:
Nouns: warmth
Verbs: warm
Adjectives: warm
Adverbs: warmly

NOUN [U]

HEAT
[B2] the heat that is produced by something

Dictionary example:
I've put a T-shirt on under my sweater for extra warmth.

Learner example:
We lay down on the sand enjoying the warmth of the sun and listening to the birds.

FEELING
[B2] a friendly and loving quality in someone or something

Dictionary example:
I still remember the warmth of their welcome.

Learner example:
They gave us so much when we were children, their love and their warmth, and now it is up to us to stay with them and give back the love we [receive]ved.

warrior  /ˈwɔr.iər/  

NOUN [C]
[C1] a person who has experience and skill in fighting in a war, especially in the past

Dictionary example:
These warriors used spears made from iron.

Learner example:
It is true that the Vikings were warriors, some would say bloodthirsty as well, but that is something I will leave to you to judge.

wasp  /wɒsp/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a black and yellow flying insect that can sting you
Dictionary examples:
There's a wasps' nest in that old tree.
a wasp sting

Learner example:
We were sitting in the garden and suddenly a wasp entered my T-shirt.

waste /weɪst/

NOUN

UNWANTED MATTER
[B2] [u] unwanted matter or material of any type, often that which is left after useful substances or parts have been removed

Dictionary examples:
Britain produces 20 million tonnes of household waste each year.
He opposes any kind of nuclear waste being dumped at sea.
Oil spills are common, as is the dumping of toxic waste.

Learner example:
What I did to get it was send them an article based on some possible solutions to the problem of nuclear waste in my local area.

watch /wɒtʃ/

VERB

BE CAREFUL
[B2] [ɪ] to be careful about something

Dictionary examples:
I have to watch my weight now I'm not doing so much sport.
Watch how you cross the road!
Watch (that) you don't get glue on your fingers, won't you?
Watch what you're doing with that knife, Jim, it's sharp.

Learner example:
The odd glass of wine is fine but watch what you [eat].
**water** /ˈwɔː.tər/  

**NOUN [u]**  
running water  
[C1] If a place has running water, it has a working water system.  

**Dictionary example:**  
They bought an old house with no electricity or running water.  

**Learner example:**  
It is hilarious to think that at the same time people in [the] north of Europe were still living a primitive and uncivilized life not even able to invent an axe, the Romans managed to install running water in their huge houses.  

**VERB**  

**PLANTS**  
[B2] [ɪ] to pour water on to plants or the soil that they are growing in  

**Dictionary example:**  
I've asked my neighbour to water the plants while I'm away.  

**Learner example:**  
I cleaned [the flat] every day and watered your flowers.  

**waterproof** /ˈwɔː.tə.pruːf/  

**ADJECTIVE**  
[B2] not allowing water to go through  

**Dictionary example:**  
Canvas boots are all right but they're not as waterproof as leather.  

**Learner example:**  
Probably warm jumpers and a waterproof coat would do, don't you think so?  

**wave** /weɪv/  

**VERB [ɪ or T]**  

**MOVE SIDE TO SIDE**  
[C1] (also wave about/around) to move from side to side in the air or make something move this way
Dictionary examples:
The long grass waved in the breeze.
He started waving his arms about wildly.

Learner example:
I can picture myself standing in front of the "Casa Prosada", waving my arms and cheering with all the other patriots.

NOUN [c]

ENERGY
[B2] the pattern in which some types of energy, such as sound, light and heat, are spread or carried

Dictionary example:
radio waves

Learner example:
Indeed, it is thought that using a mobile phone may cause brain damage owing to magnetic waves.

way /weɪ/

NOUN

one way or another
[B2] in some way that is not stated

Dictionary examples:
One way or another these bills have to be paid.
Everyone at the party was related in one way or another.

Learner example:
All of them made a big difference [to] our personal life and have affected it one way or another.

one way or the other
[B2] in any way that is possible

Dictionary example:
We have to make a decision one way or the other about what needs to be done.

Learner example:
Our transportation system nowadays is also very well organised and there is a wide range of buses, subways, etc. with which you can reach your destination one way or the other.

the other way round/around
[B2] happening in the opposite way
**Dictionary example:**
I thought the older people would be more offended than the young people, but it was the other way round.

**Learner example:**
As you know, I did that the other way round for the States.

**make your way**

[B2] to get to a place

**Dictionary examples:**
We slowly made our way down the river.
It's getting late – we should make our way home soon.

**Learner example:**
She made her way slowly to the waiting room and patiently waited for the train to arrive.

**all the way**

[B2] the complete distance

**Dictionary example:**
They cycled all the way to London.

**Learner example:**
I drove all the way to Bergen in only one day.

**in a way; in some/many ways**

[B2] used to say that you think something is partly true

**Dictionary examples:**
In a way, I would prefer it if they didn't come because it would mean extra work.
In some ways it would be better if we met on Monday rather than Wednesday.
He was a remarkable politician in many ways.

**Learner example:**
I think that many people would like shops to be open all the time, and it might be good in some ways.

**MANNER**

[C1] [NO PLURAL] the manner in which someone behaves or thinks, or in which something happens

**Dictionary examples:**
Don't be alarmed – it's just his way.
He looked at me in a sinister way.
It's amazing the way she manages to stay so calm.
The way he was shouting, you'd have thought he was badly hurt.
To my way of thinking, they shouldn't be building so many roads.
It's always the way at work – either I've got nothing to do or I'm rushed off my feet!

**Learner example:**
To my way of thinking, despite all the problems I have mentioned, this company will suc[c]eed.
in no way/not in any way
[C1] not at all

Dictionary example:
This is in no way your fault.

Learner example:
This magazine will be loved by students as it will help them learn English in the best way and in no way will students find it boring.

by way of sth
[C1] as a type of something

Dictionary example:
He sent me some flowers by way of apology.

Learner example:
The Academy however provided nothing whatsoever by way of entertainment, though with a group of interesting young people and a little imagination this should not be a problem.

get/have your (own) way
[C1] to get what you want, although it might upset other people

Dictionary example:
She always gets her own way in the end.

Learner example:
They are provided with what they desire, and the majority of them are used to getting their own way.

(take) the easy way out
[C1] to do what is easiest in a difficult situation

Dictionary example:
I know you don’t approve of his working methods, but why not take the easy way out this time and agree to his request?

Learner example:
On the other hand you cannot survive without your pay-check and to be able to both make a career and have the time to be green, sometimes you just have to take the easy way out.

weak /wiːk/

Word family:
Nouns: weakness
Verbs: weaken
Adjectives: weak
ADJECTIVE

CHARACTER
[B2] not powerful, or not having a strong character

Dictionary example:
a weak leader/government/king

Learner example:
At the beginning of the story, [Mary] seemed to be a weak person, but in the end she demonstrated that she could overcome her fears in order to protect someone.

TASTE
[B2] containing little taste or alcohol

Dictionary example:
weak coffee/beer

SLIGHT
[B2] difficult to see or hear

Dictionary example:
He spoke in a weak voice.

Learner example:
I could hardly see with the weak light of the candle and I couldn't remember the last time I had used it.

REASON
[C1] A weak reason, argument or excuse is one that can easily be proved to be false.

Dictionary example:
He gave the weakest of excuses when asked why he was late.

LIKELY TO FAIL
[C1] likely to fail

Dictionary examples:
a weak economy
a weak team

Learner example:
A very difficult aspect currently is our weak economy, we could nearly speak of a recession.
weaken /ˈwiː.kən/

Word family:
Nouns: weakness
Verbs: weaken
Adjectives: weak

VERB [I or T]

LOSE POWER
[C1] to become less strong or powerful, or to make someone or something less strong or powerful

Dictionary example:
A number of factors have weakened the economy.

Learner example:
If we get rid of the factories to save the river, it is obvious that our economy will be weakened.

weakness /ˈwiːk.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: weakness
Verbs: weaken
Adjectives: weak

NOUN

NOT STRONG
[B2] [u] when someone or something is not strong or powerful

Dictionary example:
Asking for help is not a sign of weakness.

Learner example:
I believe that I'll be able to cover my physical weakness with my experience and knowledge.

NOT EFFECTIVE
[B2] [c] a particular part or quality of someone or something that is not good or effective

Dictionary examples:
There are definite weaknesses in their security arrangements.
His main weakness as a manager is his inability to delegate.
The later novels show none of the weaknesses of his earlier work.

Learner example:
However, I have to complain about a few weaknesses in this festival.
wealth /welθ/

Word family:
Nouns: wealth
Adjectives: wealthy

NOUN [u]

MONEY
[B2] a large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has

Dictionary example:
During a successful business career, she accumulated a great amount of wealth.

Learner example:
On the other hand, having a mobile phone can also create social distinctions between people as it can [be] a sign of wealth.

wealthy /ˈwel.θi/

Word family:
Nouns: wealth
Adjectives: wealthy

ADJECTIVE
[B2] rich

Dictionary examples:
He's a very wealthy man.
With its natural resources it is potentially a very wealthy country.

Learner example:
But how can anyone satisfy a wealthy woman like her without giving her an expensive present?

weapon /ˈwep.ən/

NOUN [c]
[B2] any object used in fighting or war, such as a gun, bomb, sword, etc.

Dictionary examples:
chemical/nuclear/biological weapons
The youths were dragged from their car and searched for weapons.

Learner example:
Technology is used [to] create new types of weapons.
**wear** /weə/

**VERB** [ɪ] (**wore**, **worn**)

**HAIR**

[B2] to arrange or grow your hair in a particular way

**Dictionary example:**
She usually wears her hair in a ponytail.

**Learner example:**
I now wear my long hair loose and I dyed it black.

**weigh** /weɪ/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** weight
**Verbs:** weigh, outweigh
**Adjectives:** overweight

**VERB** [ɪ]

**CONSIDER CAREFULLY**

[B2] (also weigh up) to consider something carefully, especially in order to make a decision

**Dictionary example:**
He needs to weigh up the pros and cons of going to college.

**Learner example:**
Having weighed the pros and cons, I thought you [ought] to be conscious of the fact that... you're working too hard.

**weight** /weɪt/

**Word family:**
**Nouns:** weight
**Verbs:** weigh, outweigh
**Adjectives:** overweight

**NOUN**

**HEAVINESS**

[B2] [u] the quality of being heavy

**Dictionary example:**
The shelf collapsed under the weight of the books.
Learner example:
The weight of the snow broke the branches of the trees.

**OBJECT**
[B2] [c] something that is heavy

**Dictionary examples:**
Try not to lift heavy weights.
I lift weights twice a week at the gym.

Learner example:
[...] my long training periods in lifting weights.

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**weird** /ˈwɪəd/  

**ADJECTIVE**
[B2] very strange and unusual, unexpected or not natural

**Dictionary examples:**
Her boyfriend’s a bit weird but she’s all right.
That’s weird – I thought I’d left my keys on the table but they’re not there.
There is nothing to rival the weird and wonderful things that come out on the streets at carnival time.

Learner example:
She was hearing all sorts of weird noises.

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**welcome** /ˈwel.kəm/  

**VERB [T]**

**ENCOURAGE**
[B2] to be pleased about something and encourage or support it

**Dictionary examples:**
The decision has been widely welcomed.
I would welcome your advice.

Learner example:
The time will arrive [when] all of us will accept and welcome this "beautiful machine"! [the computer]

**ADJECTIVE**

**PLEASING**
[B2] If something is welcome, people are pleased about it and want it to happen.
Dictionary examples:
a welcome change
Your comments are always welcome.

Learner example:
And, since all these new things only make our life easier, technology is welcome.

welfare  /ˈwel.fee/  

NOUN [u]

HEALTH
[B2] Someone's welfare is their health and happiness.

Dictionary example:
He is concerned about the welfare of young men in prison.

Learner example:
To take care of the visitor’s wishes must be a priority: his welfare has to be enforced by structural measures (facilities, services, activities) and cultural ones.

well  /wel/  

Word family:
Adjectives: unwell, well

ADVERB (better, best)

may/might as well
[B2] used to suggest doing something, often when there is nothing better to do

Dictionary examples:
We might as well walk there.
As you already know so much about the subject, you might as well skip this lecture.

Learner example:
In my opinion, you might as well ask your neighbours if they can look after your flat for one day.

may/might/could well
[B2] used to say that something is likely to be true

Dictionary examples:
She might well be the best person to ask.
He could well be at Michelle’s house.

Learner example:
Laura could well imagine [that] she would stand opposite the examiners and not answer any question in the right way.
EMPHASIS

[B2] used to emphasize some adjectives

Dictionary examples:
The police are well aware of the situation.
The museum is well worth a visit.

Learner example:
Finally I would like to recommend a visit to Lampton Castle; in addition to the paintings and furniture there is now a new collection of musical instruments, which is well worth seeing.

CONSIDERABLY

[C1] used to emphasize some prepositions

Dictionary examples:
The results are well above/below what we expected.
Keep well away from the edge of the cliff.
It cost well over £100.

Learner example:
The hospital received well over 80% of the profits, and that as you can see is much more than just 60%.

may/might as well do sth

[C1] If you may/might as well do something, it will not spoil the situation if you do that thing.

Dictionary example:
If we're not waiting for Karen, we might as well go now.

Learner example:
I might as well go with her and if you like, you can join us too.

it's just as well

[C1] used to say that it is lucky that something happened

Dictionary example:
It's just as well we brought an umbrella.

Learner example:
It is just as well that my friends had cars to give me a lift to the school.

ADJECTIVE (better, best)

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Learner example:
It is just as well that my friends had cars to give me a lift to the school.
be all very well
[C1] used to show that you do not agree with something or that you are annoyed about something

Dictionary example:
It's all very well for her to say everything's fine, she doesn't have to live here.

Learner example:
That's all very well for most of the people but according to my desires it's not enough. I envisage a more sophisticated flat.

well-balanced /ˌwelˈbæl.ənst/

ADJECTIVE

FOOD
[B2] A well-balanced diet or meal includes all the different types of food that the body needs to be healthy.

Dictionary example:
I try to have a well-balanced diet.

Learner example:
So my advice for you would be to try and have some break times during the day, do some sports and follow a well-balanced diet.

PERSON
[C1] Well-balanced people are calm and have good judgment.

Dictionary example:
She's very well-balanced considering her past.

Learner example:
Linda has a good temper, is well-balanced and is able to cope with unforeseen or complicated situations.

well-being /ˌwelˈbiː.ɪŋ/

NOUN [u]
[C1] when someone is healthy, happy, and comfortable

Dictionary example:
I found that yoga increased my sense of well-being.

Learner example:
The beautiful countryside which surrounds the fields can generate a feeling of well-being and make exercise more pleasant.
well-built /ˌwelˈbɪlt/

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] having a large, strong body

**Dictionary example:**
He was a well-built man, in his forties.

**Learner example:**
When I was twenty three years old, I was married to a handsome, well-built business man.

well-educated /ˌwelˈedʒ.ʊ.keɪ.tɪd/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] having had a good education

**Dictionary examples:**
We have some very well-educated employees in the department.
Most of our employees are pretty well educated.

**Learner example:**
Increasing numbers of well-educated young people are compelled to stay at home.

well-equipped /ˌwel.ɪˈkwɪpt/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] having plenty of good quality equipment

**Dictionary example:**
He has a very well-equipped kitchen.

**Learner example:**
There is a well-equipped gym which is supervised by experienced staff.

well-informed /ˌwel.ɪnˈfɔːmd/

**ADJECTIVE**

[C1] knowing a lot of useful information

**Dictionary example:**
Some visitors to our museum are very well-informed.

**Learner example:**
In fact, well-informed teenagers are now aware of the necessity to [do] a sport to stay fit.
well-off /ˌwelˈɒf/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] having a lot of money

Dictionary example:
His parents are very well-off.

Learner example:
If you belong to a well-off family then you are considered lucky, but if you are not this, good luck to you.

well-organized (also UK well-organised) /ˌwelˈɔː.ɡəˌnɑɪzd/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] working in an effective and successful way because of good organization

Dictionary example:
She’s always extremely well-organized at work.

Learner example:
In my opinion it was a very well-organised festival with good performers.

well-paid /ˌwelˈpeɪd/

ADJECTIVE
[B2] earning a lot of money

Dictionary example:
a well-paid job

Learner example:
[She had] an interesting and well-paid job in Paris as a fashion model.

well-qualified /ˌwelˈkwɒl.ɪ.fai.d/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] having suitable experience or formal qualifications

Dictionary example:
He seems well-qualified for the job.

Learner example:
That is why foreign employers look for well-qualified Polish specialists.
### west (also West) /west/

**Word family:**

**Nouns:** west  
**Adjectives:** western

**NOUN [u]**

**(the) West**  
[B2] the countries of North America and western Europe

**Dictionary examples:**  
There has been concern **in/throughout** the West about the effects of this measure.  
East–West relations

### what /wɒt/

**PRONOUN**

**What ...for?**  
[B2] used to ask about the reason for something

**Dictionary examples:**  
What are these tools for?  
What are you doing that for?  
"We need a bigger car." "What for?"

**Learner example:**  
People love spending hours in their stuffy cars, [gett]ing stuck in traffic jams and breathing polluted air. What for?

**what's/what is more**  
[B2] used to add something surprising or interesting to what you have just said

**Dictionary example:**  
They turned up nearly an hour late, and what's more, they didn't bring anything!

**Learner example:**  
What is more, I will have an opportunity to visit the most exotic countries.
**whatever /wɒtˈevə/**

**PRONOUN**

**NO DIFFERENCE**

[B2] used to say that what happens is not important because it does not change a situation

**Dictionary examples:**
Whatever happens, you know that I'll stand by you.

**Learner example:**
Whatever you decide, I hope you enjoy a wonderful summer.

**or whatever**

[B2] or other things of the same kind

**Dictionary example:**
If you need to wash, or whatever, we can meet you later.

**whichever**

**ADVERB (ALSO whatever)**

**no ... whatsoever**

[C1] none at all

**Dictionary example:**
There's no evidence whatsoever that she was involved.
Moreover, the hotel we were finally dumped in was situated miles from Edinburgh city centre and there was no entertainment whatsoever arranged for the evening, even though all the travellers were more or less stuck there.

**Wheat**

/NOUN [u]/

[B2] a plant whose yellowish brown grain is used for making flour, or the grain itself

**Dictionary examples:**
- wheat fields
  Wheat is an important crop for millions of people across the world.

**Learner example:**
In the painting, a man and woman are sleeping in a wheat field.

**Wheel**

/NOUN [C]/

the wheel

[B2] a steering wheel

**Dictionary example:**
You should keep both hands on the wheel when driving.

**Learner example:**
On the continent Barbara and I took turns at the wheel and early next morning we reached the Spanish border.

**When**

/CONJUNCTION/ ALTHOUGH

[B2] used to say something that is surprising after what has already been said

**Dictionary examples:**
- He says he hasn't got any money when in fact he's got thousands of dollars in his account.
- I don't understand how he can say that everything's fine when it's so obvious that it's not.
- Why is she training to be a teacher when she doesn't even like children?
- How can you say you don't like something when you've never even tried it!
Learner example:
In your advertisement it was said that I would find stars and artists from around the world, when, in fact, they were from only six countries.

when it comes to *sth/doing sth*
[C1] used to introduce a new idea that you want to say something about

Dictionary example:
When it comes to baking cakes, she's an expert.

Learner example:
But when it comes to computers, they just impose some knowledge on students, without any interaction.

whenever /ˈwɛn ev.ə/  
CONJUNCTION
whenever possible  
[B2] every time it is possible

Dictionary example:
I try to use olive oil whenever possible.

Learner example:
My friends have always regarded me as a cheerful, active girl, who is glad to help out whenever possible.

where /ˈweə/  
CONJUNCTION

PROCESS/ACTIVITY
[B2] used when referring to a particular stage in a process or activity

Dictionary examples:
You reach a point in any project where you just want to get the thing finished.
I've reached the stage where I just don't care anymore.

Learner example:
We've come to a point where we have forgotten how to read or talk to each other.
**whereas /weərˈæz/**

**CONJUNCTION**

[B2] compared with the fact that

**Dictionary example:**
He must be about sixty, whereas his wife looks about thirty.

**Learner example:**
For example, it takes two hours by plane from Switzerland to Spain, whereas it takes approximately one day by train.

**wherever /werˈev.ər/**

**CONJUNCTION**

**wherever possible**

[B2] every time it is possible

**Dictionary examples:**
Wherever possible I use honey instead of sugar.
We try to sell local fruit and vegetables wherever possible.

**Learner example:**
We can work together [in a] number of ways, for example, we can plant trees wherever possible and we can place bins [in] the necessary areas which will help the public to dispose [of] waste items.

**which /wɪtʃ/**

**PRONOUN**

[AFTER PREPOSITION]

[B2] used after a preposition to show what thing is being referred to

**Dictionary examples:**
Is that the film in which she sings?
The death of his son was an experience from which he never fully recovered.
It isn’t a subject to which I devote a great deal of thought.

**Learner example:**
According to your advertisement in a language magazine you have a vacancy in your campsites, in which I am very interested.
GIVING OPINION

[B2] used when you give an opinion or comment about what you have just said

Dictionary example:
He showed me round the town, which I thought was very kind of him.

Learner example:
I am very interested in being able to help on such a project, which I think is a very good one.

whichever /wɪˈtʃəvər/

DETERMINER

ANY

[B2] any of a group of similar things

Dictionary examples:
Let’s go out on Thursday or Friday – you choose whichever day is best for you.
You can have whichever bedroom you want in the apartment.

Learner example:
The meeting will take place on either the 15th or 22nd February, whichever one suits you best.

NOT IMPORTANT

[B2] used to say that what happens is not important because it does not change a situation

Dictionary examples:
It’s going to be expensive whichever way you do it.
Whichever option we choose there’ll be disadvantages.

Learner example:
In Japan, there are two major style[s] of tea. One is Omote and the other is Ura. Both style[s] have only one top family. Whichever they are, the top family uses a special bowl made by the Raku family.

PRONOUN

[B2] any of a group of similar things

Dictionary examples:
We can go to the seven o’clock performance or the eight – whichever suits you best.
You can choose whichever of those dates is best for you.

Learner example:
This job in a bookshop is in Central London, and you can choose part-time or full time, whichever you want.
**while** /waɪl/

**CONJUNCTION**

**ALTHOUGH**

[B2] (UK FORMAL ALSO MAINLY whilst) despite the fact that; although

**Dictionary examples:**
While I accept that he's not perfect in many respects, I do actually quite like the man. While I fully understand your point of view, I do also have some sympathy with Michael's.

**Learner example:**
While it is true that everyone should have a computer at home because it is useful, on the other hand hardly anybody [can] afford [one].

**NOUN**

**(every) once in a while**

[B2] sometimes but not often

**Dictionary example:**
We do go to the beach once in a while.

**Learner example:**
She did not say very much except for "oh" and "yes, yes" every once in a while.

**whisky** /ˈwɪski/

**NOUN [C or U]**

[B2] a strong, pale brown alcoholic drink, originally produced in Scotland, that is made from barley

**Dictionary example:**
The whisky from the island of Islay is excellent.

**Learner example:**
We stayed in various small inns, where we met a lot of interesting people, for example an old man from a small village outside Aberdeen who accompanied us to a neighbouring whisky distillery, where a most exquisite malt whisky is produced.

**whisper** /ˈwɪspər/

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to speak extremely quietly so that other people cannot hear
Dictionary examples:
She leaned over and whispered something in his ear.
What are you two girls whispering about?
"Where are the toilets?" she whispered.

Learner example:
When I went to the school canteen everybody was staring at me and whispering to each other.

**whistle  /ˈwɪs.l/**

**VERB [I or T]**

[B2] to make a sound by breathing air out through a small hole made with your lips, or through a whistle

Dictionary examples:
On the days when she wore a skirt the men on the building site would whistle at her.
Someone was whistling Beatles tunes outside my window.

Learner example:
I stood up and many of my companions clap[p]ed their hands, although some of them whistled in a very rude way.

**NOUN [C]**

[B2] a small, simple instrument that makes a sound when you blow through it

Dictionary example:
The referee blew his whistle to end the game.

Learner example:
I was so nervous and I was thinking about that scream and those whistles, so I decided to go outside to have a look.

**who  /huː/**

**PRONOUN**

**Who cares?**

[B2] informal used to emphasize that you do not think something is important

Dictionary example:
"Chelsea should have reached the final!" "Who cares?"

Learner example:
"Who cares?" he answered.
**whoever /huːˈev.eɪ/**

**PRONOUN**

**PERSON**

[B2] the person who

**Dictionary examples:**
Whoever broke the window will have to pay for it.
Could I speak to whoever is in charge of international sales, please?

**Learner example:**
I have to admit that whoever invented cars produced the best invention in the world.

**NOT IMPORTANT**

[B2] used to say that it is not important which person or group does something

**Dictionary examples:**
Can whoever leaves last please lock up?
You’re likely to get the same answer, whoever you ask.

**Learner example:**
The main advantage is obvious – you can communicate whenever you want with whoever you want and wherever you are.

**whole /həʊl/**

**NOUN**

**as a whole**

[B2] when considered as a group and not in parts

**Dictionary example:**
The population as a whole is getting healthier.

**Learner example:**
To sum up, I can say that the greatest ever invention is the invention of computers, that has affected both individuals and society as a whole.

**whom /huːm/**

**PRONOUN** FORMAL

[B2] used instead of 'who' as the object of a verb or preposition
Dictionary examples:
I met a man with whom I used to work.
There were 500 passengers, of whom 121 drowned.
To whom do you wish to speak?

Learner example:
This is just to let you know with whom I worked.

wide  /waɪd/

Word family:
Nouns: width
Verbs: widen
Adjectives: wide
Adverbs: widely

ADVERB

APART
[B2] farther than usual or as far as possible

Dictionary example:
She ran towards me, her arms open wide.

Learner example:
She came into the living room and saw me standing on the stairs with my eyes opened wide.

widely  /ˈwaɪd.li/

Word family:
Nouns: width
Verbs: widen
Adjectives: wide
Adverbs: widely

ADVERB

INCLUDING A LOT
[B2] including a lot of different places, people, subjects, etc.

Dictionary examples:
They have both travelled widely.
English is widely spoken around the world.
His work is widely known/accepted.

Learner example:
It is widely known that the Japanes[e] and Chines[e] people are often very healthy.
differ/vary widely
[B2] to be very different

Dictionary example:
Prices vary widely from shop to shop.

Learner example:
People's opinions on the protection of the environment differ widely.

widen /ˈwaɪ.dən/

Word family:
Nouns: width
Verbs: widen
Adjectives: wide
Adverbs: widely

VERB [I or T]

MAKE WIDER
[B2] to become wider, or to make something wider

Dictionary examples:
They are widening the road.
As it approaches the sea, the river begins to widen (out).

Learner example:
So I suggest widening the [main road].

INCREASE
[B2] to increase or make something increase in number or degree

Dictionary example:
Why not widen the discussion to include other points of view?

Learner example:
It could help me to widen my knowledge about stamps.

widespread /ˈwaɪd.spred/

ADJECTIVE
[C1] affecting or including a lot of places, people, etc.

Dictionary examples:
a widespread problem
widespread support
Learner example:
It is because of widespread use of deep-freezing and preservatives.

widow /ˈwɪdəʊ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a woman whose husband has died and who has not married again

Dictionary example:
Many of her friends are also widows.

Learner example:
Roland was a rich man and now you are a rich widow.

width /wɪθ/

Word family:
Nouns: width
Verbs: widen
Adjectives: wide
Adverbs: widely

NOUN [C or U]
[B2] the distance across something from one side to the other

Dictionary examples:
It is 5 metres in width.
The needle is seven times smaller than the width of a human hair.

Learner example:
The width of a car hinders driv[ing] on the pavement, for instance.

wild /waɪld/

Word family:
Adjectives: wild
Adverbs: wildly

ADJECTIVE

LAND
[B2] describes land that is not used to grow crops and has few people living in it

Dictionary example:
a wild mountainous region
Learner example:
This area is still wild.

ENERGETIC
[B2] very energetic and not controlled

Dictionary examples:
a wild party
wild dancing
The audience burst into wild applause.
When I told him what I'd done, he went wild.
The children were wild with excitement.

Learner example:
When Jorge went up [on] the stage to get his award, he sang the song and the crowd went wild!

wildly /ˈwaɪld.lɪ/

Word family:
Adjectives: wild
Adverbs: wildly

ADVERB
WITHOUT CONTROL
[B2] in a very energetic way and without control

Dictionary examples:
He was dancing wildly.
They cheered wildly.

Learner example:
When I arrived at the party, I knew immediately that something was wrong ... people were sleeping on the floor, the house furniture was all torn apart, [and] people with beverages were dancing wildly.

will /wɪl/

MODAL VERB

will have
[B2] used to form the future perfect tense

Dictionary examples:
Next month, Gary will have been working here for 10 years.
He'll have reached Berlin by tonight.
Learner example:
First of all, if you go to work by bicycle every day, at the end of the month you will have saved more money because you won't have spent it buying petrol.

MENTAL POWER
[B2] [c or u] the mental power used to control and direct your thoughts and actions, or a determination to do something, despite any difficulties or opposition

Dictionary examples:
From an early age she had a very strong will.
After six months in hospital she began to lose the will to live.

Learner example:
How would you find the will to look for another job?

WHAT SOMEONE WANTS
[C1] [u] what someone wants to happen

Dictionary examples:
Against their will, they were forced to hold a meeting.
The government has failed to impose its will upon regional communities.

Learner example:
But if you go and learn a language against your will, then it's better not to go at all.

willingly /ˈwɪl.ɪŋ.li/

Word family:
Nouns: willingness, unwillingness
Adjectives: unwilling, willing
Adverbs: willingly, unwillingly

ADVERB
[B2] in a willing way

Dictionary examples:
He would willingly risk his life for her.
I would willingly help you if I weren't going away tomorrow.

Learner example:
Of course, I'll willingly help you, even though I'm going to stay there only for a couple of weeks.
willingness  /ˈwɪlɪŋ.nəs/

Word family:
Nouns: willingness, unwillingness
Adjectives: unwilling, willing
Adverbs: willingly, unwillingly

NOUN [u]
[B2] the state of being willing

Dictionary example:
I was impressed by her willingness to listen.

Learner example:
Thank you for your willingness [to organise] the trip.

win  /wɪn/

Word family:
Nouns: winner, win
Verbs: win

VERB (winning, won, won)

ARGUMENT
[B2] to be successful in a war, fight, or argument

Dictionary examples:
They won the war, but with heavy losses.
Everyone likes winning an argument.

Learner example:
After a short battle on the floor I won the fight.

NOUN [c]
[C1] when someone wins a game, competition or election

Dictionary examples:
It was United's sixth consecutive win this season.
Everyone was predicting a Republican win at the last election and look what happened.

Learner example:
It was a really interesting, exciting game which ended with a deserving 'One–Nil' win to Scotland.
**wind² /waɪnd/**

Word family:
Verbs: wind, unwind
Adjectives: winding

**VERB (wound, wound)**

**wind (sth) around/round, etc. sth**

[B2] to turn or twist something long and thin around something else several times, or to turn or twist in this way

**Dictionary example:**
She wound the rope around the tree.

**Learner example:**
The door opened and an enormous worm in the shape of a finger rushed toward them. It wound around them and pulled them out of the house.

**wind along/through, etc.**

[B2] If a river, road, etc. winds somewhere, it bends a lot and is not straight.

**Dictionary example:**
The path winds along the edge of the bay.

**Learner example:**
The camp is situated among colourful meadows, there is a deep forest and, of course, the river winds through this lovely countryside.

**winding /ˈwʌɪnd.ɪŋ/**

Word family:
Verbs: wind, unwind
Adjectives: winding

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] describes a path, road, river, etc. which repeatedly turns in different directions

**Dictionary example:**
There's a very long, winding path leading up to the house.

**Learner example:**
Moreover, I agree with Chris when he thinks the route through the mountain may be very difficult: it is a winding and quite hazardous road.
wing  /wɪŋ/

NOUN [c]

AIRCRAFT
[B2] one of the two long, flat parts at the sides of an aircraft that allow it to fly

Dictionary example:
I could see the plane's wing out of the window.

Learner example:
Everything looked good but then, he made a wrong move and crashed into another plane with the wing.

wipe  /waɪp/

VERB [t]

CLEAN
[B2] to clean or dry something by moving a cloth across it

Dictionary examples:
Have you got a cloth that I can wipe the floor with?
I'll just wipe the table.

Learner example:
If you accept my application, I can join any group you've made to help clean the street, and wipe the walls or doors of a public place.

wipe sth away/from/off, etc.
[B2] to remove dirt, water, a mark, etc. from something with a cloth or your hand

Dictionary example:
He wiped a tear from his eye.

Learner example:
My father gave her a tissue and she wiped her tears away.

wire  /waɪər/

NOUN

METAL THREAD
[B2] [c or u] thin, metal thread used to fasten things or to make fences, cages, etc.
Dictionary example:
a wire fence

ELECTRICITY

[B2] [c] a long, thin piece of metal thread, usually covered in plastic, that carries electricity, telephone signals, etc.

Dictionary example:
Don't touch those wires whatever you do – they're live.

Learner example:
After carrying stuff like lights, microphones, wires and some other equipment for about three hours, I was e[x]hausted.

wisdom /ˈwɪz.dəm/

Word family:
Nouns: wisdom
Adjectives: wise, unwise
Adverbs: wisely

NOUN [u]

KNOWLEDGE

[B2] the ability to use your knowledge and experience to make good decisions and judgments

Dictionary examples:
One certainly hopes to gain a little wisdom as one grows older.
I tend to doubt the wisdom of separating a child from its family whatever the circumstances.
Did we ever stop to question the wisdom of going to war?
Before I went off to university my father gave me a few words of wisdom.

Learner example:
However, these two [subjects] are vital for us to obtain the wisdom needed in [later] life.

conventional wisdom

[C1] what most people believe

Dictionary example:
These ideas about childcare go against the conventional wisdom on the subject.

Learner example:
Thus, against conventional wisdom, I think that while a lot of adult problems are caused by money or the lack of it, it is really the ability to deal with money and to see money as a means rather than an end.
**wise**

*adjective*

[**B2**] having or showing the ability to make good judgments, based on a deep understanding and experience of life

**Dictionary examples:**
I think you made a wise **choice**.
Looking at the weather, I think we made a wise **decision** not to go to the coast this weekend.
I think it would be wiser to wait and see how much money you’ve got left before you make any decisions.
I never used to save money, but now I’m a little **older and wiser** I can see the sense in it.

**Learner example:**
So, you are coming to my country, that’s a wise decision.

**wisely**

*adverb*

[**B2**] in a wise way

**Dictionary example:**
She wisely advised me to wait.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion, computer learning offers very interesting opportunities, especially to learn new languages, but such a powerful medium as the computer should be used wisely.

**wish**

*verb*

**wish to do sth**

[**B2**] to want to do something
Dictionary examples:
I wish to make a complaint.
Passengers wishing to take the Kings Cross train should go to platform 9.

Learner example:
Dear Sir/Madam, I wish to apply for the post of helper which was advertised on the college noticeboard last Monday.

**NOUN** [C]

**WANT**

[B2] what you want to do or what you want to happen

Dictionary examples:
Did he express any wish to see me?
The hospital always tries to respect the wishes of its patients.
It was his greatest wish that one of his grandchildren would become a doctor.

Learner example:
It was always his dream to become a singer and he [did] everything to make his wish come true.

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**Word family:**
**Nouns:** wit
**Adjectives:** witty

**NOUN** [U]

[C1] the ability to say things that are funny and clever

Dictionary examples:
a woman of great intelligence and wit
He was known for his dry/sharp wit.

Learner example:
His wit and charm drew many people's attention to the topic and we gained [a] deeper insight into the tourist industry.

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**NOUN** [C]

[C1] in stories, a woman who has magical powers that she uses to do bad or strange things

Dictionary example:
It was a story about an old witch.
**Learner example:**
A famous actress and her friend, a librarian, get the 'elixir of eternal youth' from the mysterious witch (Isabella Rossellini) and then their troubles begin...

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**PREPOSITION**

**CAUSE**

[B2] because of something

**Dictionary examples:**
I was shaking with fear.
I can't work with all that noise going on.

**Learner example:**
It was Tuesday the 13th and the fact that I was very superstitious made me tremble with fear.

**RELATING TO**

[B2] relating to something or someone

**Dictionary example:**
There's something wrong with the car.

**Learner example:**
[It]'s such a shame when people use [computers] badly, just for damaging and making things worse, because if there's something wrong with them, almost everything is wrong [with] us too.

**with respect to sth** **FORMAL**

[B2] relating to a particular thing

**Dictionary example:**
I am writing with respect to your letter of 24 June.

**Learner example:**
With respect to the ages of the members, they are between fifteen and twenty years old.

**with the aid of sth** **[C1]** using something to help you

**Dictionary example:**
She can walk with the aid of a stick.

**Learner example:**
The newest computer can handle data that human brains cannot and therefore all scientific research [is] carried out with the aid of computers.

**with flying colours** **[C1]** with a very high score or with great success
Dictionary example:
He passed the entrance exam with flying colours.

Learner example:
I worked intens[ive]ly on the course and I passed with flying colours.

with a view to doing sth FORMAL
[C1] so that you can do something

Dictionary example:
He’s doing some improvements on the house with a view to selling it.

Learner example:
The purpose of this report is to assess the success of the latest tour our sports club organised and make relevant suggestions with a view to enhancing future trips.

withdraw /ˈwɪðrəʊ/

Word family:
Nouns: withdrawal
Verbs: withdraw

VERB (withdrew, withdrawn)

MONEY
[C1] [ɪ] to take money out of a bank account

Dictionary example:
She withdrew $50.

Learner example:
Apart from this, without credit cards I would have to look for a bank to withdraw money, and this is not very easy for a student.

REMOVE
[C1] [ɪ] to remove something, especially because of an official decision

Dictionary examples:
This product has been withdrawn from sale.
He has threatened to withdraw his support.

Learner example:
But the government stepped back, withdrew the proposal and fired three ministers.
within /ˈwɪðɪn/

PREPOSITION

LIMIT
[B2] not outside the limits of something

Dictionary examples:
We came within five points of beating them.
The project was completed well within budget.

Learner example:
Similarly [the] visitor has also shown responsibility to remain within [the] limits of the society he is moving [in], so that he cannot cause any hurt or harm to local culture.

INSIDE
[C1] inside an area, group, or system

Dictionary examples:
a dispute within the department
There's a pharmacy within the hospital building.

Learner example:
Dear Sir or Madam, I am writing to you, as requested, in order to ensure that the training – whose purpose is to help the staff improve its communications with the other departments within the company – is effective and not just a waste of time.

witness /ˈwɪtnəs/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a person who sees an event happening, especially a crime or an accident

Dictionary examples:
Police are appealing for witnesses to the accident to come forward.
According to (eye) witnesses, the robbery was carried out by two teenage boys.

Learner example:
Furthermore, the witness was assassinated.

VERB [T]
[B2] to see something happen, especially an accident or crime

Dictionary example:
Did anyone witness the attack?

Learner example:
Finally, if you witness an accident you can inform the police quickly, which can save lives.
### witty /ˈwɪt.i/

**Word family:**
- **Nouns:** wit
- **Adjectives:** witty

**ADJECTIVE**

[B2] using words in a clever and funny way

**Dictionary examples:**
- a witty comment/remark
- He was witty and very charming.

**Learner example:**
I have read it many times and [the] author’s witty remarks and elegant style have always been a source of entertainment to me.

### wolf /ˈwʊlf/

**NOUN [C]** *(plural wolves)*

[B2] a wild animal of the dog family

**Dictionary examples:**
- Wolves hunt in groups known as packs.
- We could hear wolves howling in the distance.

**Learner example:**
Before we knew it, Nick leapt onto the wolf and they started to fight.

### wonder /ˈwʌn.dər/

**Word family:**
- **Verbs:** wonder
- **Adjectives:** wonderful

**NOUN**

**no wonder**

[B2] it is not surprising

**Dictionary examples:**
No wonder the children are excited – this is the first time they’ve been abroad.
“If brutal killers like these two are at work, it is no wonder that so many people have fled,” he said.

**Learner example:**
No wonder that people are more tired and are not interested in reading books as much as in the past.

1855
word /wɜːd/

NOUN

**have a word (with sb)**
[B2] to talk to someone for a short time

*Dictionary examples:*
Could I have a word about the sales figures today?
Pephaps you would have a **quiet** word with Simon about the problem.

*Learner example:*
The nurse sitting beside me said to me, 'Your mother would like to have a word with you,' then she went out.

**in other words**
[B2] used to explain what something means in a different way

*Dictionary example:*
He said he's too busy – in other words he isn't interested.

*Learner example:*
They had had a great time before and had drunk too much alcohol. In other words, they were totally drunk.

**give sb your word**
[C1] to promise someone something

*Dictionary example:*
Paolo gave me his word that he wouldn't tell anyone.

*Learner example:*
I give you my word that it will never happen again.

**take sb's word for it**
[C1] to believe what someone says without any proof

*Dictionary example:*
Take my word for it – this curry is very hot!

*Learner example:*
You can take my word for it that she is absolutely capable of carrying out this job – fond of children, patient, good-natured and competent.

**keep your word**
[C1] to do what you said you would do

*Dictionary example:*
He agreed to come and I'm sure he'll keep his word.

*Learner example:*
It turned out that the company that had been hired to organize it did not keep their word.
work /wɜːk/

Word family:
Nouns: work, worker
Verbs: work
Adjectives: working, overworked

NOUN

CREATION
[B2] [c] a painting, book, piece of music, etc.

Dictionary examples:
The museum has many works by Picasso as well as other modern painters.
the complete works of Shakespeare

Learner example:
We agreed that something had to be done to promote the popularity of local films, some of them being great works of art.

VERB

can work sth; know how to work sth
[C1] to know how to use a machine or piece of equipment

Dictionary example:
Do you know how to work the video camera?

Learner example:
At that time, I also learned how to work the lighting during the play.

workforce /ˈwɜːk.fɔːs/

NOUN [GROUP]

COMPANY
[C1] all the people who work for a company or organization

Dictionary example:
We have a highly skilled workforce.

Learner example:
Before giving them rewards, companies need to train their workforce and identify their potential.
working /ˈwɜː.kɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: work, worker
Verbs: work
Adjectives: working, overworked

ADJECTIVE [ALWAYS BEFORE NOUN]

a working knowledge of sth
[B2] knowledge about something which is good enough to be useful

Dictionary example:
She has a working knowledge of German and Russian.

Learner example:
Furthermore, I have a working knowledge of English, Spanish, Catalan and Italian.

workplace /ˈwɜː.kpleɪs/

NOUN [c]
[C1] the place where you work

Dictionary example:
We are trying to get rid of bullying in the workplace.

Learner example:
Nowadays, our jobs consume more and more of our time so a good atmosphere at the workplace is important.

workshop /ˈwɜː.kʃɒp/

NOUN [c]
[C1] when a group of people meet to learn more about something by discussing it and doing practical exercises

Dictionary example:
a workshop on crime prevention

Learner example:
All in all, I thoroughly enjoyed this event, but I think there ought to be more computers provided and the numbers of participants to a single workshop should be limited.
(have) the best of both worlds
[C1] to have the advantages of two different situations

Dictionary example:
Living in the country and working in the city you have the best of both worlds.

Learner example:
Only those that can afford to live in the suburban areas can combine the best of both worlds and they tend to be rather affluent.

worldwide /ˈwɜːld.waɪd/

ADJECTIVE; ADVERB
[B2] existing or happening in all parts of the world

Dictionary examples:
a worldwide success
An increase in average temperature by only a few degrees could cause environmental problems worldwide.

Learner example:
You can visit the main monuments of Paris, known worldwide, like Notre-Dame Cathedral or the Eiffel Tower, built in 1903.

worm /wɜːm/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a small creature with a long, thin, soft body and no legs

Dictionary example:
Blackbirds eat worms, insects, and berries.

Learner example:
Fishing is my hobby and that's why I bought these plastic worms, that are not [very] good – it's better to use live worms!
worry  /ˈwʌr.i/  

Word family:
Verbs: worry
Adjectives: worried, worrying

VERB

MAKE SOMEONE ANXIOUS

[B2] [ɪ] to make someone feel anxious because of problems or unpleasant things that might happen

Dictionary examples:
It worries me that he hasn't phoned yet.
The lack of rain is starting to worry people.

Learner example:
Unemployment is increasing too, and today, it worries every single citizen of the world, specially the ones who live in [a] third world country.

NOUN

BEING ANXIOUS

[B2] [ʊ] when you are anxious about something

Dictionary examples:
She's been sick with worry.
Unemployment, bad health – all sorts of things can be a cause of worry.

Learner example:
You really need to spend a whole month without any kind of worry.

worrying  /ˈwʌr.i.ɪŋ/  

Word family:
Verbs: worry
Adjectives: worried, worrying

ADJECTIVE

[B2] making you feel unhappy and afraid

Dictionary example:
It's a very worrying situation.

Learner example:
But the most worrying thing about this matter is you.
worse /wɔːs/  

Word family:
Nouns: worse
Verbs: worsen
Adjectives: worse
Adverbs: worse

ADJECTIVE

worse and worse
[B2] used to emphasize how unpleasant, difficult, severe, etc. something is becoming

Dictionary example:
The economic climate is getting worse and worse.

Learner example:
The traffic situation in all big towns is getting worse and worse, so that bicycles or public transport must become more attractive.

NOUN [u]
[C1] something that is more unpleasant or difficult

Dictionary examples:
By the third month of the expedition they had endured many hardships, but worse was to follow. "What about the bride's dress – wasn't it appalling?" "I don't know, I've seen worse."

Learner example:
But worse was to come at 19:30 when we went to see one of London's musicals.

ADVERB

to make matters worse
[B2] to make a situation more difficult, unpleasant, etc.

Dictionary example:
To make matters worse, our car broke down!

Learner example:
To make matters worse, the newspaper said they only played for thirty-five minutes.

worsen /ˈwɜːsən/  

Word family:
Nouns: worse
Verbs: worsen
Adjectives: worse
Adverbs: worse
VERB [ɪ or ɪ]

[C1] to become worse or to make something become worse

Dictionary example:
His condition suddenly worsened last week.

Learner example:
I believe erecting a car park in the cent[re] could worsen the situation drastically.

worship /ˈwɜː.ʃɪp/

VERB (−pp− or US ALSO −p−)

RELIGION
[C1] [ɪ] to have or show a strong feeling of respect and admiration for God or a god

Dictionary example:
In the various regions of India, Hindus worship different gods and observe different religious festivals.

Learner example:
The Revolution was of such importance because Greece became a free country again and the people were free to talk, worship their God and have Greek schools.

ADMIRE
[C1] to love and admire someone or something very much

Dictionary example:
She worshipped her mother.

Learner example:
Firstly, many famous people are considered as idols who are worshipped and imitated, which might make them believe they are important, especially when they have a certain media presence.

worst /wɜː.st/

NOUN [NO PLURAL]

worst of all
[B2] used to emphasize the worst thing, situation, etc.

Dictionary example:
We had no food or light, but worst of all, we had no water.

Learner example:
And worst of all, her mother had been always against that relationship and had given her advice many times.
ADVERB

[B2] (superlative of badly) the most badly

Dictionary examples:
Small businesses have been worst hit by the recession.
Roads in the Tayside region were worst affected by the snow.

worthless /ˈwɜːθ.les/

Word family:
Adjectives: worth, worthless, worthy

ADJECTIVE

NOT IMPORTANT
[C1] not important or useful

Dictionary example:
He made me feel stupid and worthless.

Learner example:
One important aspect is, of course, that they will feel worthless.

worthwhile /ˈwɜːθ.waɪl/

ADJECTIVE

[B2] useful and enjoyable, despite needing a lot of effort

Dictionary examples:
She considers teaching a worthwhile career.
The time and expense involved in keeping up to date with all the changes has been worthwhile.
If you need him on this project, you've got to make it financially worthwhile for him.

Learner example:
It's a worthwhile trip. You'll have the opportunity to visit beautiful places and learn lots of history.

worthy /ˈwɜː.ði/
ADJECTIVE

DESERVING RESPECT
[C1] FORMAL deserving respect, admiration or support

Dictionary examples:
He is unlikely to succeed in getting his bill through Congress, however worthy it is.
Every year she makes a large donation to a worthy cause.

Learner example:
The performers are all neatly dressed and on the whole, they have all made a worthy effort.

would /wʊd/

MODAL VERB

OFTEN
[B2] (ALSO 'd) used to talk about things that happened often in the past

Dictionary example:
He would always turn and wave at the end of the street.

Learner example:
Since my childhood I have always been fond of swimming. I would usually spend my summer holidays on a campsite near a river with my family.

wound /wuːnd/

NOUN [c]
[B2] an injury, especially one that is made with a knife or bullet

Dictionary examples:
a gunshot wound
a chest/leg wound
a flesh wound

Learner example:
Rollo discovered that his best friend was implicated in the penicillin racket: the racketeer would put sand into penicillin without worrying about the great suffering that they caused to people who needed penicillin for their wounds.

VERB [T USUALLY PASSIVE]
[B2] to injure someone, especially with a knife or gun

Dictionary example:
The police chief was badly wounded in the explosion.
Learner example:
Harry was wounded on his leg.

**wrap** /ræp/

**VERB** [v] (–pp–)

**PROTECT**
[B2] to cover someone with material in order to protect them

**Dictionary examples:**
She wrapped the baby **in** a blanket.
He wrapped a towel **around** his shoulders.

**Learner example:**
After a few seconds I gathered my wits and wrapped the towel around myself again.

**wrist** /rist/

**NOUN** [c]
[B2] the part of the body between the hand and the arm

**Dictionary example:**
I sprained my wrist playing squash.

**Learner example:**
I fell [o]n [some] stair[s] and hurt my wrist.

**write** /raɪt/ (**wrote, written**)

**Word family:**
Nouns: writer, writing
Verbs: rewrite, write
Adjectives: written

**PHRASAL VERB**
write sth **up** or write up sth **PHRASAL VERB**
[C1] to write something on paper or on a computer in a complete or final form, often using notes you have made

**Dictionary example:**
Have you written up that report yet?
writing /ˈraɪ.tɪŋ/

Word family:
Nouns: writer, writing
Verbs: rewrite, write
Adjectives: written

NOUN [u]

WORK
[B2] the activity of creating pieces of written work, such as books, stories, poems, etc., or the written work of one person or a group of people

Dictionary examples:
I did a course in creative writing.
She is studying women's writing of the 1930s.

Learner example:
Black humor is a distinguishable feature of his writing.

in writing
[B2] An agreement that is in writing is official and is proof of that agreement.

Dictionary example:
Please confirm your reservation in writing.

Learner example:
I [am] tell[ing] you in writing that I would like to help you.

wrong /rɒŋ/

Word family:
Adjectives: wrong
Adverbs: wrong, wrongly

ADJECTIVE

NOT MORAL
[B2] [NEVER BEFORE NOUN] not considered morally acceptable by most people

Dictionary examples:
Children should be taught that violence is wrong.
It is wrong to tell lies.
What's wrong with having a bit of fun?

Learner example:
To sum up, I think it is wrong to keep animals in zoos.
NOT SUITABLE
[C1] not suitable or correct, or not as it should be

Dictionary examples:
She's the wrong person for the job.
She got in with the wrong crowd at university.

Learner example:
Personally I prefer to think that you gave the job to the wrong person.

wrongly /ˈrɒŋ.li/

Word family:
Adjectives: wrong
Adverbs: wrong, wrongly

ADVERB

INCORRECTLY
[B2] not correctly

Dictionary example:
It has been said – wrongly – that Americans hate government.

Learner example:
Equally, the point about 'staying' is erroneous: we stayed at Riverside Hotel instead of Hotel Astrid, [which] closed last year, [and] Hotel Royal [was] wrongly [described as having] 'special rates' for students.

wrongly accused/convicted/imprisoned, etc.
[C1] accused or punished unfairly or illegally

Dictionary example:
She was wrongly convicted of drug smuggling.

Learner example:
You have also wrongly accused the organisers of spending too much money on organising the event.
X-ray /ˈeks.reɪ/

NOUN [C]
[B2] a photograph that shows the inside of your body

Dictionary example:
They took an X-ray of his leg.

Learner example:
I was with my last patient trying to operate [on] his damaged tooth when I realized the X-Ray was on the wrong side and that I wasn't working on the damaged tooth.
Y

**yacht /jɒt/**

**NOUN [c]**

[B2] a boat with sails and sometimes an engine, used for either racing or travelling on for pleasure

**Dictionary examples:**
a luxury yacht
a yacht club

**Learner example:**
The class of boat that best fits my physical condition is the one called [S]nipe, that seems to be available at your yacht club.

**yawn /jɔːn/**

**VERB [i]**

[B2] to take a deep breath with your mouth wide open, because you are tired or bored

**Dictionary example:**
I can't stop yawning – I must be tired.

**Learner example:**
I think that the maths lesson is the most suitable one to be recorded. Watching ourselves yawning and nearly asleep would really reflect how boring maths [is].

**yell /jel/**

**VERB [i or T]**

[B2] to shout something very loudly

**Dictionary examples:**
Our neighbours were yelling at each other this morning.
The child yelled out in pain.
"Just get out of here!" she yelled.
Learner example:
"Cut," yelled the director.

**NOUN [C]**
[B2] a loud shout

**Dictionary example:**
Suddenly there was a loud/great yell from the bathroom.

**Learner example:**
Suddenly a big yell came out of my throat.

**yet /jet/**

**ADVERB**

**the best/worst, etc. yet**
[B2] the best or worst, etc. until now

**Dictionary examples:**
Of all the songs I've heard tonight, that's the best yet.
That was my worst exam yet.

**Learner example:**
And that was my worst experience yet.

**yet again**
[B2] again after something has happened or been done many times before

**Dictionary example:**
The bus was late yet again.

**Learner example:**
Tom, thank you so much yet again for your interest. This talk is very important to me and to count on you is an honour for our college.

**IN THE FUTURE**
[C1] from now and for a particular period of time in the future

**Dictionary examples:**
She won't be back for a long time yet.
Our holiday isn't for weeks yet.

**Learner example:**
It's a fact that everybody knows that living in Poland is not easy now and it won't be for a long time yet.

**as yet**
[C1] formal until and including this time
Dictionary examples:
We haven't needed extra staff as yet, but may do in the future.
No ambulances had as yet managed to get across the river.

Learner example:
I would like to do something about it, but as I can't imagine building anything near my beautiful house (because I'm afraid it would destroy its wonderful harmony), I have no idea as yet how to solve this problem.

**you** /juː/

**you see**
[C1] used when you are giving an explanation about something

**Dictionary examples:**
I didn't know she was Welsh, you see.
You see, it was already late by that time.

**Learner example:**
Family matters had to stay in the family, you see.

**young** /jʌŋ/

Word family:
**Nouns:** youngster
**Adjectives:** young

**NOUN**

the young
[B2] young people generally

**Dictionary examples:**
it's the sort of music that appeals mainly to the young.
I have nothing against mini-skirts, but I think they're strictly for the young.

**Learner example:**
In my opinion the young should work rather than wait for their pocket money.

**youngster** /ˈjʌŋ.stər/
NOUN [c]
[C1] a young person, especially an older child

Dictionary example:
He talked to the youngsters about the dangers of drugs.

Learner example:
Like many other nations worldwide, with mastering much more knowledge and skills of information technology than [the] elder group of people, it is not surprising that Chinese youngsters learn more than their previous generations did about what is happening around the world.

yours /jɔːz/

Word family:
Nouns: faith
Adjectives: faithful
Adverbs: faithfully

PRONOUN

Yours faithfully
[B2] used to end a formal letter to someone whose name you do not know

Dictionary example:
Yours faithfully, Katherine Smith

Learner example:
Yours faithfully, SAMSON LAM (READER)

yourself /jɔːˈself/ (PLURAL yourselves)

PRONOUN

EMPHASIS
[B2] used to give special emphasis to the subject of the sentence

Dictionary example:
If you yourself ever need help, would you know where to get it?

Learner example:
If you are thinking of taking it up yourself always do [a] warm-up exercise before you run, don't go too fast at the beginning, and don't overdo it.

PEOPLE GENERALLY
[B2] used when both the subject and object of the verb are 'you', and 'you' is also being used to refer to people generally

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Dictionary example:
You tell yourself everything’s all right but you know it’s not really.

Learner example:
You help yourself by doing some exercise.

**youth /juːθ/**

NOUN

**sb’s youth**
[B2] the period of time when someone is young

Dictionary example:
I was a fairly good football player in my youth.

Learner example:
I played several kinds of sports during my youth, but now I am not a member of any club.
zebra /ˈzeb.rə/

NOUN [C]
[B2] an African animal like a horse with black and white lines

**Dictionary example:**
We saw a zebra in the distance.

**Learner example:**
Otherwise there would be many children and grown-ups who [would have] never seen an elephant, a tiger, a zebra etc.

zip /zip/

NOUN
[B2] [C] a thing for fastening clothes, bags, etc. consisting of two rows of very small parts that connect together

**Dictionary examples:**
*to do up/undo* a zip
I can't open my bag – the zip has **stuck**.

**Learner example:**
Suddenly the zip of my new dress broke.