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age group**abaca****noun** /æ'bkə/

a banana like plant native to the Philippines and having broad leaves with long stalks
Abaca prefers a warm climate with year-round rainfall.

absurd**adjective** /əb'sɜ:d/

ridiculous or foolish
It is an absurd idea to have a bonfire in summer.

abuse**noun** /ə'bjʊ:s/

unfair, cruel or violent treatment of somebody
Child labour is an abuse of human rights.

academic**adjective** /,ækə'demɪk/

related to studying and learning
His academic work is excellent.

accelerate**verb** /æk'seləreɪt/

to speed up
She tried to accelerate, but the car stalled.

accept**verb** /æk'sept/

to take a thing that is offered
He decided to accept the offer from the college.

access**noun** /'ækses/

a way to enter or reach something
The burglar tried to gain access through the back door.

accessible**adjective** /æk'sesəbl/

easy to approach; obtainable
The student made good use of the accessible information from the internet.

accessory**noun** /ək'sesəri/

something that adds to or enhances an item
I usually end up buying the latest accessory for my mobile phone.

accident**noun** /'æksɪdənt/

an unexpected happening, especially one causing damage
He had an accident on his way to work and broke his ankle.

acclaim**noun** /ə'kleɪm/

praise
The winning team was greeted with much acclaim.

accommodate**verb** /ə'kɒmədeɪt/

to provide somebody with a place to live, work, or sleep overnight
This house cannot accommodate more than ten people.

accomplish**verb** /ə'kɒmplɪʃ/

to succeed in doing or completing something
There is no doubt that he will accomplish his goals in life.

account**verb** /ə'kaʊnt/

to explain
You have to account for the money you have spent.

accountant**noun** /ə'kaʊntənt/

a person who keeps financial records
The accountant has to make sure that all bills are paid by the end of the month.

accumulate**verb** /ə'kju:mjəleɪt/

to collect; build up
I tend to accumulate a lot of junk.

accusation**noun** /ˌækjuˈzeɪʃn/

a statement that someone has done something wrong
I don't want to make an accusation until I have some proof.

accustomed**adjective** /əˈkʌstəmd/

used to, adapted to
He took his accustomed seat by the fire.

achieve**verb** /əˈtʃi:v/

to acquire a goal
The movie star will achieve fame once the movie is released.

achievement**noun** /əˈtʃi:vmənt/

success, accomplishment
It is quite an achievement to have completed this assignment in such a short time.

acknowledge**verb** /əkˈnɒlɪdʒ/

to express recognition of
I did not acknowledge that he had done anything wrong.

acoustics**noun** /əˈku:stɪks/

the science of sound
Carnegie Hall is popular with music lovers because of its good acoustics.

acquaint**verb** /əˈkweɪnt/

to learn about, to familiarise
I must acquaint myself with my new neighbourhood.

acquaintance**noun** /əˈkweɪntəns/

a person whom one knows, but not well
She is an acquaintance of mine from work.

acreage**noun** /ˈeɪkrəɪdʒ/

an area of land measured in acres
We need to confirm the acreage of the farm before we consider buying it.

acrophobia**noun** /ˈækrəˈfəubiə/

fear of heights
I cannot go skydiving because I suffer from acrophobia.

actress**noun** /ˈæktɹəs/

a woman who acts in a play or film
Julia Roberts is a terrific actress and has won an Oscar.

actually**adverb** /ˈæktʃuəli/

in reality
Actually, we are only a week away from our mid-terms.

adamant**adjective** /ˈædəmənt/

firm and not giving way to requests
He was adamant that he would not join us.

adaptable**adjective** /əˈdæptəbl/

capable of adjusting
The company preferred hiring adaptable workers.

additive**noun** /ˈædətɪv/

a substance added, especially to food or medicine
Food companies put more than one vitamin additive in breakfast cereals.

adequate**adjective** /ˈædɪkwət/

enough, sufficient
He earns an adequate income which is enough to pay his bills.

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to hold; stick to a surface

*That tape does not adhere to the wall.***adhesive****noun** /əd'hi:sv/

a substance used to stick things together

*Glue is the perfect adhesive for my torn notebook.***adjacent****adjective** /ə'dʒeɪsnt/

next to, neighbouring

*The aeroplanes landed on the adjacent runways.***adjustable****adjective** /ə'dʒʌstəbl/

capable of being changed

*The new model of the car had adjustable seat belts.***administration****noun** /əd,mɪnɪ'streɪʃn/

control or management

*The directors are responsible for the administration of a company.***admirable****adjective** /'ædmərəbl/

worthy of approval or respect

*Sarah received an award for her admirable performance.***advent****noun** /'ædvnt/

the arrival of an important new person or thing

*The advent of technology has speeded up global communication.***adventurous****adjective** /əd'ventʃərəs/

inclined to undertake new and daring activities

*For a more adventurous holiday, try mountain climbing.***advertisement****noun** /əd'vɜ:tɪsmənt/

a notice of a product or service

*We place an advertisement about our products in the newspaper every week.***advisable****adjective** /əd'vaɪzəbl/

strongly suggested for good reasons, recommended

*It is advisable that you do your homework on time.***advisory****adjective** /əd'vaɪzəri/

giving advice

*The advisory committee suggested evacuating the area to avoid the hurricane.***aerial****noun** /'eəriəl/

a wire or rod for receiving or transmitting signals

*I have stopped listening to my radio since its aerial snapped.***aerodrome****noun** /'eərədrəʊm/

an airfield

*The newly built aerodrome is designed for big aeroplanes.***aerosol****noun** /'eərəsəl/

a spray container holding pressurised liquid

*He used an aerosol to paint the walls.***afford****verb** /ə'fɔ:d/

to have enough money to pay for something

*I can afford to treat you to an ice cream.***aggravate****verb** /'ægrəveɪt/

to make a thing worse or more serious

His remarks really aggravate me.

aggressive**adjective** /ə'ɡresɪv/

unfriendly; likely to attack people verbally or physically
His aggressive behaviour suggested that he had no friends.

agony**noun** /'æɡəni/

extreme physical or mental pain
The man broke his arm and was in agony.

agriculture**noun** /'æɡrɪkʌltʃə[r]/

cultivating land on a large scale; farming
Most of the land in this area is used for agriculture.

airport**noun** /'eəpɔ:t/

a place where planes land and take off and that has buildings for passengers to wait in
I like to watch planes taking off from the airport.

aisle**noun** /aɪl/

a passage between rows of seats or shelves
I found cans of tuna in the last aisle.

alchemy**noun** /'ælkəmi/

the medieval forerunner of chemistry
She found it difficult to find books on alchemy.

alien**noun** /'eɪliən/

a foreigner
Zain is an alien in this country; he is visiting from Malaysia.

alkali**noun** /'ælkəlaɪ/

a substance that neutralises an acid
An alkali is a chemical often used in scientific experiments.

allege**verb** /ə'ledʒ/

to say something without being able to prove it
To allege that Sam had cheated in his exam was unfair.

allegiance**noun** /ə'li:dʒəns/

loyalty
I owe my allegiance to my country.

allergic**adjective** /ə'li:dzɪk/

very sensitive to something that may make you ill
The allergic children took their medicine.

alley**noun** /'æli/

a narrow street
This alley leads to my house.

alligator**noun** /'ælɪgətə[r]/

a large reptile of the crocodile family

allocate**verb** /æ'ləkət/

to assign
I will allocate the task of tidying the room to Akbar.

alloy**noun** /'æloɪ/

a metal formed by mixing two or more metals
Brass is an alloy of copper and zinc.

almond**noun** /'ɑ:mənd/

an oval nut
She peeled the almond and ate it with honey.

aloof**adjective** /ə'lu:ʃ/

not involved in something; showing no interest in people
The emperor kept himself aloof from the people.

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in a voice that can be heard

*The teacher asked him to read the passage aloud.***alphabet****noun** /'ælfəbet/

the letters used in a language

*There are twenty-six letters in the English alphabet.***altercation****noun** /,ɔ:ltə'keɪʃn/

a noisy argument or disagreement

*I left my job after an altercation with my boss.***alternative****noun** /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/

one of two or more choices

*Travelling by train is an alternative to using a car.***altitude****noun** /æltɪtju:d/

height

*The summit of Mount Everest is at an altitude of 29,000 feet.***altogether****adverb** /,ɔ:ltə'geðə[r]/

with all included; in total

*Altogether, a hundred competitors took part.***amalgamate****verb** /ə'mælgəmeɪt/

to mix or combine

*They decided to amalgamate the two schools.***ambassador****noun** /æm'bæsədə[r]/

a person sent to a foreign country to represent his or her own government

*His uncle is the ambassador to Brazil.***ambidextrous****adjective** /,æmbɪ'dekstrəs/

able to use either your left hand or your right hand equally well

*The ambidextrous surgeon worked equally well with both hands.***ambiguous****adjective** /æm'bɪgjuəs/

that can be understood in more than one way; having different meanings

*The ambiguous account confused the judge.***ambition****noun** /æm'bɪʃn/

a strong desire to achieve something

*His ambition in life is to become an astronaut.***ambivalent****adjective** /æm'bɪvələnt/

undecided

*He has an ambivalent attitude towards her.***ambulance****noun** /'æmbjələns/

a vehicle equipped to carry sick or injured people

*The little boy chased after the ambulance thinking it was an ice-cream van.***amendments****noun** /ə'mendmənts/

a change or improvement to a law or document

*She made a minor amendment to her essay.***amnesia****noun** /æm'ni:ziə/

loss of memory

*Grandma's amnesia makes it difficult for her to remember when we last visited.***amphibian****noun** /æm'fɪbiən/

an animal that can live both in water and on land

The turtle is an amphibian.

amphitheatre**noun** /æmfɪθiətə[r]/

a round, usually unroofed building with tiers of seats surrounding a central space

The school staged a play in the amphitheatre.

amplify**verb** /æmplɪfaɪ/

to make stronger

He used a loudspeaker to amplify his voice.

amputate**verb** /'æmpjuteɪt/

to cut off surgically

The doctor had to amputate the patient's leg, because it was too infected to cure.

analogy**noun** /ə'nælədʒi/

comparing two things that are alike

Our teacher explained the heart, using the analogy of a pump.

analyse**verb** /'ænəlaɪz/

to examine

In history class, we had to analyse the causes of the war.

ancestor**noun** /'ænsɛstə[r]/

anyone from whom a person is descended

He wondered if he had a famous ancestor.

anchor**noun** /'æŋkə[r]/

a heavy object joined to a ship by a chain and dropped to the bottom of the sea to stop the ship from moving

Sailors dropped the ship's anchor into the water.

ancient**adjective** /'eɪnʃənt/

very old

We found some ancient dinosaur bones on our trip to the desert.

animate**verb** /'ænɪmeɪt/

to make a thing lively

The teacher can animate even the most boring literature and make it interesting.

annihilate**verb** /ə'naɪəleɪt/

to destroy something completely

They set out to annihilate the enemy's naval force.

anniversary**noun** /,æni'vɜ:səri/

a date that is an exact number of years after the date of an important or special event

August 14 is the anniversary of Pakistan's Independence.

announcement**noun** /ə'naʊnsmənt/

the act of making something publicly known

The principal made an announcement that the school would remain closed the following day.

annoy**verb** /ə'noɪ/

to make slightly angry

My brother tried to annoy me by hiding my toys.

annual**adjective** /'ænjʊəl/

done once a year

Our school has an annual Sports Day.

anonymous**adjective** /ə'nɒnɪməs/

without the name of the person responsible being known

He wished he could thank the anonymous donor for paying his school fees.

antibiotic**noun** /,æntɪbaɪ'ɒtɪk/

a substance that destroys bacteria

The doctor prescribed an antibiotic for my wounded knee.

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verb /æn'tɪsɪpeɪt/
to expect something
They do not anticipate any major problems.

anticipation

noun /æn'tɪsɪ'peɪʃn/
expectation
I am waiting in anticipation for your arrival.

anticlimax

noun /,ænti'klaɪmæks/
a disappointing ending where something exciting had been expected
The adventure story ended in an anticlimax.

antihistamine

noun /,ænti'hɪstəmiːn/
a drug that protects people against unpleasant effects when they are allergic to something
The doctor prescribed an antihistamine to treat my hay fever.

antiseptic

noun /,ænti'septɪk/
a substance that kills harmful bacteria
She cleaned the wound with an antiseptic.

ape

noun /eɪp/
any of the four kinds of monkey (gorillas, chimpanzees, orang-utans, gibbons) that do not have a tail

aphid

noun /'eɪfɪd/
a small sap-sucking insect that is harmful to plants

apostrophe

noun /ə'pɒstrəfi/
the punctuation mark used to show that letters have been missed out
She wondered if it was appropriate to use an apostrophe.

appalling

adjective /ə'pɔːlɪŋ/
shocking; very unpleasant
They were faced with appalling working conditions.

apparition

noun /,æpə'rɪʃn/
a ghost
The children were scared by the apparition.

appearance

noun /ə'pɪərəns/
what somebody looks like
The clown's appearance was very amusing.

appendix

noun /ə'pendɪks/
a small tube leading off from the intestine
Maha had an operation to remove her appendix.

appetite

noun /'æpɪtaɪt/
desire for food
Exercise gives you a good appetite.

applause

noun /ə'plɔːz/
clapping
The actors were pleased with the applause at the end of their show.

appoint

verb /ə'pɔɪnt/
to choose a person for a job
The teacher wants to appoint a responsible student as a prefect.

appreciate

verb /ə'priːʃieɪt/
to enjoy or value something
I would appreciate some help with my homework.

apprentice

noun /ə'prentɪs/
a person who is learning a skill
My son is an apprentice in a carpenter's workshop.

apprenticeship

noun /ə'prentɪʃɪp/
time spent as a novice learning a new skill
During his apprenticeship he learnt how to carve wood.

appropriate

adjective /ə'prəʊpɪət/
suitable
Is now an appropriate time to make a speech?

approve

verb /ə'pru:v/
to say that a person or thing is good
I do not approve of her rude behaviour.

apron

noun /'eɪprən/
a piece of clothing worn over the front of the body, especially to protect other clothes
Mum refuses to cook without her apron.

aptitude

noun /'æptɪtju:d/
a talent
Akbar has an aptitude for mathematics.

aquatic

adjective /ə'kwætɪk/
to do with water
Swimming is an aquatic sport.

archaeology

noun /,ɑ:kɪ'ɒlədʒi/
the study of the remains of ancient civilizations
Sara wants to study archaeology.

architect

noun /'ɑ:kɪtekt/
a person who designs buildings
The Statue of Liberty was designed by a French architect.

argument

noun /'ɑ:gjʊmənt/
a disagreement or quarrel
It is best to avoid an argument and get on peacefully.

aroma

noun /ə'rəʊmə/
a pleasant smell
The aroma of coffee filled the air.

array

noun /ə'reɪ/
a display
There was a colourful array of fruit at the supermarket.

artichoke

noun /'ɑ:tɪtʃəʊk/
a round vegetable with a lot of thick, green leaves
Mrs. Riaz steamed the artichoke and served it with dinner.

articulate

adjective /ɑ:'tɪkjuleɪt/
able to express things clearly
He was an articulate speaker and gave a wonderful speech.

asp

noun /æsp/
a small viper
Queen Cleopatra was bitten by an asp.

assassinate

verb /ə'sæsɪneɪt/
to kill an important person
The police discovered a plot to assassinate the king.

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noun /ə'sɔ:lt/
a violent attack
The soldier led an assault against the enemy.

assess

verb /ə'ses/
to decide the value or quality of a person or thing
Can you assess the value of this jewel?

assignment

noun /ə'saɪnmənt/
a task given to someone
I have finished my homework assignment.

assimilate

verb /ə'sɪməleɪt/
to take in and absorb something
She thinks she can assimilate knowledge without having to work..

assist

verb /ə'sɪst/
to help
My friend offered to assist me with my school project.

associate

noun /ə'səʊʃɪət/
a colleague
Ali is my associate from work.

assortment

noun /ə'sɔ:tmənt/
a mixed collection of things
This box contains an assortment of sweets.

assurance

noun /ə'ʃʊərəns/
a promise or guarantee that something is true or will happen
A promise from the doctor that he would check in on her was all the assurance she needed.

asthma

noun /'æsmə/
a disease that makes breathing difficult
My friend suffers from asthma.

astonish

verb /ə'stɒnɪʃ/
to surprise somebody greatly
Your excellent grades will astonish your parents.

astrogate

verb /æstrəʒet/
to navigate in space
The entire space crew was trained to astrogate.

astronaut

noun /'æstrɒnɔ:t/
a person who travels in a spacecraft
Neil Armstrong was the first astronaut to walk on the moon.

asylum

noun /ə'saɪləm/
refuge and safety; a place of refuge
The defeated rebels sought political asylum in another country.

attic

noun /'ætɪk/
a room in the roof of a house
I have left my disused bicycle up in the attic.

attractive

adjective /ə'træktɪv/
pleasant or good looking
He has an attractive face.

audition

noun /ɔ:'dɪʃn/
a test to see if an actor is suitable for a job
The actor went to an audition for the new film.

authentic

adjective /ɔ:'θentɪk/

genuine

This is an authentic Picasso painting and not a fake.

authenticate

verb /ɔ:'θentɪkeɪt/

to establish the truth

The expert was asked to authenticate whether the painting was a genuine antique.

author

noun /'ɔ:θə[ɹ]/

the writer of a book, play, poem, etc.

Shakespeare is a famous English author.

authoritative

adjective /ɔ:'θɒrətətɪv/

having proper authority or expert knowledge

The professor is an authoritative figure in his field.

authority

noun /ɔ:'θɒrətɪ/

the power to give orders to other people

A policeman has the authority to arrest a criminal.

autograph

noun /'ɔ:təgrɑ:f/

a person's signature

I asked my favourite actor for his autograph.

autumn

noun /'ɔ:təm/

the season between summer and winter

Most trees shed their leaves in autumn.

avoid

verb /ə'vɔɪd/

to try not to do something

The name was changed to avoid confusion with another firm.

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to talk very quickly without making sense
He is likely to babble on without making any sense.

bachelor**noun** /'bætʃələ[r]/

a man who has not married
He was considered the most eligible bachelor in town.

badge**noun** /'bædʒ/

a button or sign that you wear to show people who you are or what school or club etc. you belong to
I pinned my school badge on my coat.

baggy**adjective** /'bægi/

(of clothes) large and loose
It is the fashion these days to wear baggy trousers.

balance**noun** /'bæləns/

a steady position
She lost her balance and fell down.

balcony**noun** /'bælkəni/

a platform that sticks out from an outside wall of a building
The wet clothes were hung on the balcony to dry.

bald**adjective** /bɔ:ld/

without hair on top of the head
The bald man wore a wig.

ballerina**noun** /'bælə'ri:nə/

a female ballet dancer
The way the ballerina balanced herself on tiptoe seemed humanly impossible.

ballet**noun** /'bæleɪ/

a type of dancing with formal movements, usually to classical music
The dancers in the ballet were very precise in their movements.

balsa**noun** /'bɒlsə/

a soft and lightweight wood
Balsa is a good substitute for cork.

barbecue**verb** /'bɑ:bɪkjʊ:/

to cook meat and other food on a metal grill over an open fire, usually outside
We are going to barbecue some chicken tonight.

bargain**noun** /'bɑ:gɪn/

something that you buy cheaply
This book is a bargain at half price.

barite**noun** /'bɑ:raɪt/

a yellow, white or colourless crystalline mineral
Barite is used in the manufacture of paints.

barley**noun** /'bɑ:lɪ/

a cereal plant
Cereal made from barley is healthy to eat.

barnacle**noun** /'bɑ:nəkl/

a small shellfish that clings to rocks

barracks**noun** /'bærəks/

a large building or group of buildings for soldiers to live in
The army barracks housed many soldiers.

barrister**noun** /'bærɪstə[r]/

a lawyer

*The barrister won his case in court.***baryon****noun** /'bærɪɒn/

any elementary particle which can be transformed into a nucleon and lighter particles

*The value and content of a baryon determines its classification.***basil****noun** /'bæzɪl/

an aromatic plant originally from India

*Basil is commonly used in pasta dishes.***battalion****noun** /bə'tæljən/

an army unit containing two or more units

*It took days for the whole battalion to move from one front to another.***battle****noun** /'bætl/

a fight between two armies

*The two armies fought a fierce battle.***battlements****noun** /'bætlmənts/

the top of a castle wall, often with gaps from which the defenders could fire at the enemy

*The soldiers fired at the enemy from behind the battlements.***bedraggled****adjective** /bɪ'dræɡld/

very untidy; wet and dirty

*He combed his bedraggled hair.***bee****noun** /bi:/

a black and yellow flying insect that can sting

*The bee stung me.***beggar****noun** /'begə[r]/

a person who asks for alms

*She stopped to give the beggar some money.***beguile****verb** /bɪ'ɡaɪl/

to cheat, to charm

*She will beguile the audience with her performance.***behave****verb** /bɪ'heɪv/

to act in a particular way

*They promised to behave well.***beige****adjective** /beɪʒ/

a very light brown colour

*Beige is an earthy tone.***belated****adjective** /bɪ'leɪtɪd/

coming very late or too late

*She gave me my belated birthday present.***believable****adjective** /bɪ'li:vəbl/

capable of being thought true

*She told a very believable story about what she had been doing that night.***believe****verb** /bɪ'li:v/

to think that something is true or that someone is telling the truth

*I do not believe that you are telling the truth.***bench****noun** /bentʃ/

a long seat

I sat on a bench in the park.

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below

*He sat beneath the tree.***beneficial****adjective** /ˌbenɪ'fiʃl/

having a good effect

*Using computers has a beneficial effect on children's learning.***beneficiary****noun** /ˌbenɪ'fiʃəri/

a person who receives benefits

*He was the beneficiary of a scholarship fund.***bequeath****verb** /bɪ'kwi:ð/to leave something to a person, especially in a will
*Ayesha decided to bequeath her house to her children.***beside****preposition** /bɪ'saɪd/

by the side of

*She sat down beside her friend.***besiege****verb** /bɪ'si:dʒ/

to surround from all sides

*The army was preparing to besiege the fortress.***besotted****adjective** /bɪ'sɒtɪd/

too fond of something

*We are all besotted with the pretty film actress.***bestow****verb** /bɪ'stəʊ/

to give something to someone, especially to show how much they are respected

*I would like to bestow this medal on you.***beverage****noun** /'bevərɪdʒ/

any kind of drink

*I would like to drink a hot beverage.***bewilderment****noun** /bɪ'wɪldərmənt/

the feeling of complete confusion

*The news left me in a state of utter bewilderment.***biased****adjective** /'baɪəst/

favouring one side unfairly

*The biased umpire made sure the other team won the match.***bibliography****noun** /ˌbɪbli'ɒgrəfi/

a list of books about a subject

*The teacher gave us a bibliography for our history project.***bicentenary****noun** /ˌbaɪsən'ti:nəri/

a 200th anniversary

*Our college is celebrating its bicentenary this year.***biceps****noun** /'baɪseps/

the large muscle at the front of the arm above the elbow

*The wrestler had strong biceps because he spent his time lifting weights.***bilateral****adjective** /ˌbaɪ'lætərəl/of or on two sides, between two people or groups
*India and Pakistan signed a bilateral agreement to work on a solution for Kashmir.***bilingual****adjective** /ˌbaɪ'lɪŋɡwəl/

able to speak two languages

Being bilingual, Ali works as an interpreter.

billboard**noun** /'bɪlbɔːd/

a large outdoor board for advertisements
The billboard advertised a toothpaste.

billion**noun** /'bɪljən/

one thousand million
The population of the world is more than six billion.

binoculars**noun** /bɪ'nɒkjələz/

a device with lenses for both eyes, making distant objects seem nearer
Ali used his binoculars to see the distant mountains.

biodegradable**adjective** /ˌbaɪəʊdɪ'greɪdəbl/

able to be decomposed by bacteria
This biodegradable packaging was recycled.

birdseed**noun** /'bɜːdsiːd/

a blend of seeds for feeding birds
I bought birdseed for my pet parrot.

biscuit**noun** /'bɪskɪt/

a kind of small, thin, dry cake
I would like a biscuit with my tea.

bisect**verb** /baɪ'sekt/

to divide something into two equal parts
Mehr learnt how to bisect a line in geometry class.

bison**noun** /'baɪsn/

a wild ox

bitter**adjective** /'bɪtə[r]/

tasting sharp, not sweet
This almond has a bitter taste.

bizarre**adjective** /bɪ'zɑː[r]/

strange in appearance
People were surprised by the bizarre outfit he was wearing.

blackguard**noun** /'blæɡɑːd/

a wicked person
The blackguard gave an evil laugh.

blacksmith**noun** /'blæksmɪθ/

a person who makes and repairs iron things
The blacksmith melts iron in a very hot fire.

blade**noun** /bleɪd/

the flat cutting part of a knife
This knife has a sharp blade.

bland**adjective** /blænd/

having a mild or smooth flavour or texture
The food has a bland taste.

blandishment**noun** /'blændɪsmənt/

flattery intended to persuade
The teacher would not respond to our blandishment and refused to cancel the test.

blanket**noun** /'blæŋkɪt/

a warm cloth covering used on a bed; a thick, soft covering
It got so cold at night that a blanket was needed for warmth.

blazer**noun** /'bleɪzə[r]/

a kind of jacket
The school blazer was navy blue.

B

9 to 11
age group**bleak****adjective** /bli:k/bare and cold; dreary or miserable
*The war has made Afghanistan a very bleak place.***bleed****verb** /bli:d/to lose blood
*His finger began to bleed when he cut it.***blizzard****noun** /'blɪzəd/a severe snowstorm
*It is impossible to go outdoors in this blizzard.***blossom****verb** /'blɒsəm/develop into something
*Flowers blossom in spring.***boa****noun** /'bəʊə/

a large snake that kills its prey by crushing it in its coils

boar**noun** /bɔ:[r]/

a wild pig

boast**verb** /bəʊst/to speak with great pride and try to impress people
*It is rude to boast.***bobsleigh****noun** /'bɒbsleɪ/a racing sledge
*Tim cleaned his bobsleigh.***bonfire****noun** /'bɒnfɪə[r]/an outdoor fire to burn rubbish or celebrate something
*The family gathered around the bonfire to toast marshmallows.***boomerang****noun** /'bu:məɾæŋ/a curved piece of wood that can be thrown so that it returns to the thrower
*It is fun to play with a boomerang.***bore****noun** /bɔ:[r]/something or someone that you do not find interesting
*It's such a bore having to stay late this evening.***botany****noun** /'bɒtəni/the study of plants
*The university offers a three-year course in botany.***boulder****noun** /'bəʊldə[r]/a very large, smooth stone
*The boulder is too heavy to move.***boulevard****noun** /'bu:ləvɑ:d/a broad tree-lined road
*I am driving down the boulevard.***boundary****noun** /'baʊndri/a line that marks a limit
*The boundary between the neighbour's lawn and ours is the white picket fence.***boutique****noun** /bu:'ti:k/a small shop selling fashionable clothes
*Mehr bought a dress from the boutique.***bracelet****noun** /'breɪslət/an ornament worn round the wrist
I have a bracelet made of blue beads.

brainwash**verb** /'breɪnwɒʃ/

to force a person to give up one set of ideas or beliefs and accept new ones
Too much advertising on television can brainwash people.

brawl**noun** /brɔ:l/

a noisy quarrel or fight
The bully got his nose broken in a brawl.

breeze**noun** /bri:z/

a light wind
The breeze was blowing the leaves around.

bridesmaid**noun** /'brɑɪdzmɛɪd/

a girl who attends the bride at a wedding
The bridesmaid carried flowers for the bride.

bridge**noun** /brɪdʒ/

a structure built over and across a river
The only way to cross the river is to use the bridge.

briefcase**noun** /'brɪ:fkɛs/

a flat case for carrying documents etc.
It's the third time this week that father has left his briefcase at work.

brighten**verb** /'braɪtn/

to make or become brighter
You brighten my day every time you come to visit.

brilliant**adjective** /'brɪljənt/

very clever
The boy who won the scholarship is a brilliant student.

brittle**adjective** /'brɪtl/

hard but easy to break or snap
I like these brittle breadsticks.

broccoli**noun** /'brɒkəli/

a kind of cauliflower with greenish flower heads
She made a stew of broccoli and carrots.

brochure**noun** /'brəʊʃə[r]/

a booklet containing information
The travel brochure contains information about holidays in Muree.

bronze**noun** /brɒnz/

a metal made from copper and tin
Most ancient civilisations used bronze for making utensils.

brought**verb** /brɔ:t/

past tense of bring
The criminal was brought before the judge for his trial.

brow**noun** /braʊ/

the forehead
The nervous prisoner kept wiping his brow.

bruise**noun** /bru:z/

a dark mark made on the skin after someone has fallen or been hit
He fell and got a bruise on his arm.

brunette**noun** /bru:'net/

a woman with dark-brown hair
His daughter is a brunette.

B

9 to 11
age group**Buddhism****proper noun** /'bʊdɪzəm/

a faith that follows the teachings of the Indian philosopher Gautama Buddha
People who follow Buddhism do not eat meat.

Buddhist**proper noun** /'bʊdɪst/

a person who follows the teachings of Buddha
A Buddhist prays in a temple.

budgerigar**noun** /'bʌdʒərɪgɑː[r]/

a small, brightly-coloured Australian bird

budget**noun** /'bʌdʒɪt/

a plan for spending money wisely
In my budget, I have set aside some money to buy books.

buffet**noun** /'bʊfeɪ/

a meal where guests serve themselves
The buffet offered plenty of choice to the diners.

building**noun** /'bɪldɪŋ/

a structure such as a house or school that has a roof and walls
The tallest building in the world is in Malaysia.

bulletin**noun** /'bʊlətɪn/

a public statement giving news
I heard about the tsunami in Thailand in a news bulletin.

bullock**noun** /'bʊlək/

a young bull

bumblebee**noun** /'bʌmblbiː/

a large bee that makes a loud, humming noise

bungalow**noun** /'bʌŋgələʊ/

a house built all on one level, without stairs
Akbar lives in a bungalow.

bungle**verb** /'bʌŋɡl/

to make a mess of doing something
The banker was caught trying to bungle the funds.

buoy**noun** /'bɔɪ/

a floating object anchored to mark a channel or underwater rocks
The buoy will warn ships away from the dangerous rocks.

bureau**noun** /'bjʊərəʊ/

a writing desk with drawers
She organised her files and put them in the bureau.

burial**noun** /'berɪəl/

putting into the ground
His widow cried at his burial.

burst**verb** /bɜːst/

to break or force apart; come or start suddenly
As he braked, the tyre burst.

businessman**noun** /'bɪznəsmən/

a person who trades in goods or services
The businessman was happy to sell his goods.

busy**adjective** /'bɪzi/

having much to do; occupied
The busy boy could not make it to the party.

butterfly**noun** /'bʌtəflaɪ/

an insect with large white or coloured wings

byroad

noun /'baɪrəʊd/

a minor road

The village was linked to the town by a narrow byroad.

C

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age group**cabbage****noun** /'kæbɪdʒ/

a vegetable with green or purple leaves
She liked to eat raw cabbage in her salad.

cabinet**noun** /'kæbɪnət/

a cupboard with drawers or shelves
He stored his files in the cabinet.

cactus**noun** /'kæktəs/

a plant, usually with prickles, from a hot, dry climate
The thorny cactus pricked my finger.

calcite**noun** /'kælsɪt/

a common crystalline form of natural calcium carbonate
Calcite may be found in sedimentary rocks.

calcium**noun** /'kælsiəm/

a mineral found in foods like milk and cheese
Calcium is an important part of a child's diet.

calculate**verb** /'kælkjuleɪt/

to work something out by using mathematics
Mehr tried to calculate how much money she needed to buy seven chocolate bars.

calculator**noun** /'kælkjuleɪtə[r]/

a small electronic device that is used for making calculations
Students were not allowed to use a calculator for their mathematics examination.

caldera**noun** /kɒl'deɪrə/

the large crater at the top of the volcano
A caldera can be upto 60 km in diameter.

calf**noun** /kɑ:f/

part of the leg below the knee
I injured my calf playing football.

calligraphy**noun** /kə'lɪgrəfi/

the art of beautiful handwriting
You need a special pen for calligraphy.

calliper**noun** /'kælɪpə/

a large instrument used for measuring the diameters of logs and similar objects
Calliper is adjustable and can be reset to measure different dimensions.

calm**adjective** /kɑ:m/

quiet and still
The calm sea was perfect for sailing and swimming.

calomel**noun** /'kæləmə/

a colorless, white or brown tasteless compound
Calomel is used in the preparation of insecticides and medicines.

camcorder**noun** /'kæmkɔ:də[r]/

a combined video camera and sound recorder
The tourist went around town filming with his camcorder.

camel**noun** /'kæml/

an animal with either one or two humps on its back, used in desert countries

camera**noun** /'kæməɾə/

a device for taking photographs, films, or television pictures
I used my camera to take a photograph of my friends.

camouflage**noun** /'kæməflɑːʒ/

a way of hiding things by making them look like part of their surroundings

*The soldiers dressed in camouflage to hide themselves from the enemy.***campaign****noun** /kæm'peɪn/

a planned series of actions

*The advertising campaign used posters and leaflets.***camphor****noun** /'kæmfə/

a white substance with a strong smell, used in medicine

*I put sachets of camphor in my wardrobe to keep the insects away***cancel****verb** /'kænsəl/

to say that something planned will not be done or will not take place

*She had to cancel her appointment with the dentist.***cancellation****noun** /,kænsə'leɪʃn/

the act of stopping something that was planned

*The last minute cancellation of the concert left the audience disappointed.***candle****noun** /'kændl/

a wax light

*She lit a candle in the dark.***canoe****noun** /kə'nuː/

a narrow lightweight boat

*The river was so violent that the canoe flipped upside down.***canvas****noun** /'kænvəs/

strong coarse cloth; a fabric for painting on

*There is nothing on the canvas now but wait till I fetch my paintbrush.***capacity****noun** /kə'pæsəti/

the amount that something can hold

*The capacity of this bus is 50 passengers.***capsule****noun** /'kæpsjuːl/

a hollow pill containing medicine

*The doctor prescribed his patient one capsule a day.***captain****noun** /'kæptɪn/

a person in command of a ship, aircraft, sports team, etc.

*The captain of the cricket team led his team to victory.***captivity****noun** /kæp'tɪvəti/

the state of being imprisoned

*The lion was released from captivity into the wild.***capture****verb** /'kæptʃə[r]/

to take someone as a prisoner

*The police will capture the escaped convict.***caravan****noun** /'kærəvæn/

a group of people travelling together across desert country

*The caravan stopped at the oasis to drink water.***carbohydrates****noun** /,kɑːbəʊ'hɑːdrɪt/

a compound of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen

Cereals contain carbohydrates that give us energy.

C

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age group**carbon****noun** /'kɑ:bən/

a non-metallic element occurring in many inorganic and in all organic compounds
Carbon is present in all living substances.

carcinogen**noun** /kɑ:'sɪmədʒən/

any substance that causes cancer
The nicotine in cigarettes is a carcinogen.

cardigan**noun** /'kɑ:dɪgən/

a knitted jacket
I have a blue cardigan to wear in winter.

career**noun** /kə'riə[r]/

the series of jobs that a person has in a particular area of work
He is retiring this year after a long career.

caricature**noun** /'kærɪkətʃʊə[r]/

an amusing picture of someone
Everyone laughed at the artist's caricature of Akbar.

carnivorous**adjective** /kɑ:'nɪvərəs/

meat-eating
Lions are carnivorous animals.

carriage**noun** /'kærɪdʒ/

a passenger vehicle pulled by horses
We decided to travel to the village in a carriage.

cartoonist**noun** /kɑ:'tu:nɪst/

a person who draws cartoons
The cartoonist drew an amusing picture.

cartridge**noun** /'kɑ:trɪdʒ/

a case containing the explosive for a bullet or shell
The soldier lost his cartridge when he dropped his gun.

cassette**noun** /kə'set/

a small, sealed case containing recording tape or film
This cassette contains all my favourite songs.

castle**noun** /'kɑ:sl/

a large, old, fortified building
The king lived in a castle.

casual**adjective** /'kæʒuəl/

not showing much care or thought
It was just a casual remark.

casualty**noun** /'kæʒuəlti/

a person who is killed or injured in war or in an accident
A casualty of the train wreck was rushed to hospital.

catapult**noun** /'kætəpʌlt/

a stick with a rubber band attached to it, used for shooting stones
The pigeons on the balcony have been in danger ever since Farooq got a catapult.

catastrophe**noun** /kə'tæstrəfi/

a sudden, great disaster
The tsunami was a catastrophe for Thailand.

caterpillar**noun** /'kætəpɪlə[r]/

the creeping, worm-like creature that will turn into a butterfly or moth
Caterpillars feed on the leaves of plants.

cathedral**noun** /kə'thi:drəl/

the most important church of a city
St. Paul's Cathedral is a famous landmark in London.

cauldron**noun** /'kɔ:ldrən/

a large deep pot for boiling things in
The wicked witch made rabbit stew in her big black cauldron.

cause**noun** /kɔ:z/

a reason
There is no cause for worry.

cautionary**adjective** /'kɔ:ʃnəri/

giving a warning
The alarm sounded a cautionary signal.

cautious**adjective** /'kɔ:ʃəs/

showing attention to safety
He is a cautious driver.

cavalry**noun** /'kævlrɪ/

soldiers who fight on horseback or in armoured vehicles
The cavalry moved faster than the soldiers on foot.

cavity**noun** /'kævəti/

a hollow or hole
I spotted a cavity in one of my teeth.

cease**verb** /si:s/

to stop or end
When the teacher entered the class we had to cease talking.

ceiling**noun** /'si:lɪŋ/

the flat surface forming the top of a room
The fan has to be fitted to the ceiling.

celebration**noun** /,selɪ'breɪʃn/

a happy event to mark a special occasion
Her birthday celebration will be next week.

cellar**noun** /'selə[r]/

an underground room
The pipes are in the cellar.

cellulose**noun** /'seljʊləʊs/

tissue that forms the main part of all plants and trees
Cellulose cannot be digested by human beings.

census**noun** /'sensəs/

an official count or survey of the population of a country or area
A census of the city's population was conducted by the new mayor.

centimetre**noun** /'sentɪmi:tə[r]/

one hundredth of a metre, about four tenths of an inch
The nail was no more than a centimetre long.

centipede**noun** /'sentɪpi:d/

a small, crawling creature with a long body and many legs
A centipede was coming out of a stone wall.

centre**noun** /'sentə[r]/

the middle point or part
The centre of the Earth is very hot.

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age group**cereal****noun** /ˈsɪəriəl/

corn or other edible grain; a breakfast food made from them

*Ali enjoys his cereal with chocolate milk every morning.***certainty****noun** /ˈsɜːnti/

something that is sure to happen

*Pakistan's victory in the hockey match is a certainty.***certificate****noun** /səˈtɪfɪkət/

an official written or printed statement giving information about a person etc.

*The employment office asked for his birth certificate.***chamber****noun** /ˈtʃeɪmbə[r]/

a room

*Behind the mirror was a secret chamber where the wizard lived.***chameleon****noun** /kəˈmiːliən/

a small lizard that can change its colour to that of its surroundings

champion**noun** /ˈtʃæmpiən/

a person or thing that has defeated all the others in a sport or competition

*Mohammad Ali was a boxing champion for many years.***changeable****adjective** /ˈtʃeɪndʒəbl/

likely to change

*Karachi has changeable weather.***channel****noun** /ˈtʃænl/

a stretch of water connecting two seas

*The English Channel connects the North Sea to the Atlantic Ocean.***chaos****noun** /ˈkeɪɒs/

great disorder

*The flood caused chaos in the city.***character****noun** /ˈkærəktə[r]/

a person in a story, film or play

*He plays a minor character in the film.***characteristic****noun** /ˌkærəktəˈrɪstɪk/

a quality that forms part of the character

*Use of poetic language is a characteristic of his work.***charade****noun** /ʃəˈrɑːd/

a situation in which people pretend that something is true when it is clearly not

*Her whole act of being sick was a charade.***charitable****adjective** /ˈtʃærətəbl/

generous in giving to those in need

*The charitable organisation distributed clothes to the needy.***chatter****verb** /ˈtʃætə[r]/

keep on talking; the quick rattling of teeth from cold

*Amna and her friends love to chatter.***cheese****noun** /tʃiːz/

a solid food made from milk

*She does not eat cheese because she is allergic to dairy products.***chemistry****noun** /ˈkɛmɪstri/

the study of substances and their reactions etc.

Chemistry is an interesting subject.

cherry**noun** /'tʃeri/

a small, soft, round fruit with shiny black or red skin and a large seed

The juice was made from orange and cherry.

chew**verb** /tʃuː/

to grind food between one's teeth

The dried meat was very difficult to chew.

chicken**noun** /'tʃɪkɪn/

a young hen

The chicken tastes pretty good.

chimney**noun** /'tʃɪmni/

a tall pipe that carries smoke away from a fire

The chimney was black with soot.

chisel**noun** /'tʃɪzəl/

a tool with a sharp end for shaping wood, stones etc.

The sculptor used his chisel with great skill.

chivalrous**adjective** /'tʃɪvrəs/

being considerate

It is chivalrous behaviour to hold the door open for your elders.

chocolate**noun** /'tʃɒklət/

a solid, brown food made from roasted cocoa seeds

I enjoy eating chocolate.

choir**noun** /'kwaɪə[r]/

a group of people trained to sing together

The choir always sings on Sunday.

choose**verb** /tʃuːz/

to decide what you are going to take from among a number of options

He decided to choose the school closest to his house.

chronicle**noun** /'krɒnɪkl/

a record of events in the order that they happened

The soldier's chronicle of the war was useful to historians.

chronology**noun** /krə'ɒnlədʒi/

the arrangement of events in the order in which they happened

The historian prepared a chronology of the Mughal Empire.

chrysalis**noun** /'krɪsəlɪs/

the case around a caterpillar that is changing into a butterfly or moth

The butterfly emerged from its chrysalis.

chrysanthemum**noun** /krɪ'sænθəməm/

a garden flower that blooms in autumn

Chrysanthemum is known to be the queen of flowers.

cigarette**noun** /,sɪgə'ret/

a small roll of shredded tobacco in thin paper for smoking

Even a single cigarette can harm your health.

circuit**noun** /'sɜːkɪt/

a motor racing track; the path of an electric current

Michael Schumacher was the fastest driver in the last part of the circuit.

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age group**circulation****noun** /ˌsɜːkjəˈleɪʃn/

the movement of blood around the body

*Exercise improves the circulation of blood around the body.***civilian****noun** /səˈvɪliən/

a person who is not serving in the armed forces

*A military uniform may not be worn by a civilian.***clairvoyant****noun** /kleəˈvɔɪənt/

a person who is said to be able to predict future events

*The clairvoyant predicted a storm for the next day.***clamp****verb** /klæmp/

to fix something firmly

*The carpenter had to clamp the piece of wood to keep it from moving.***clasp****verb** /klɑːsp/

to grasp or hold tightly

*The man had to clasp the old lady's hand when crossing the road.***clay****noun** /kleɪ/

a kind of stiff sticky earth that becomes hard when baked

*The vase on the table is made of clay.***cloak****noun** /kleɪk/

a sleeveless garment that hangs loosely from the shoulders

*The vampire hid behind his cloak to block out the light.***clover****noun** /ˈklɒvə[r]/

a small plant usually with three leaves on each stalk

*A four leaf clover is said to bring you luck.***coast****noun** /kəʊst/

the seashore or the land close to it

*The Gulpers live in a cottage on the coast.***cobra****noun** /ˈkəʊbrə/

a poisonous snake that can spread the skin at the back of its neck to make itself look bigger

cobweb**noun** /ˈkɒbweb/

the thin sticky net made by a spider to trap insects

*There was a cobweb on the ceiling.***cockatoo****noun** /ˌkɒkəˈtuː/

a crested parrot

cockerel**noun** /ˈkɒkərəl/

a young male chicken

cockroach**noun** /ˈkɒkrəʊtʃ/

a beetle like insect

coffee**noun** /ˈkɒfi/

a hot drink made from the roasted ground seeds of a tropical plant

*She drank hot coffee for breakfast.***coincidence****noun** /kəʊˈɪnsɪdəns/

the happening of similar events at the same time by chance

*By coincidence I saw him on the same bus.***collar****noun** /ˈkɒlə[r]/

an upright or turned-over band round the neck of a garment

The collar of his shirt was dirty.

column**noun** /'kɒləm/

a pillar; something long or tall and narrow
The column started to crumble.

columnist**noun** /'kɒləmnɪst/

a person who writes regularly for a newspaper
The columnist wrote about the festival in his column.

combustible**adjective** /kəm'bʌstəbl/

capable of burning
Paper is a combustible item.

comedian**noun** /kə'mi:diən/

someone who entertains people by making them laugh
The comedian made the audience laugh.

comfortable**adjective** /'kʌmfətəbl/

making someone physically relaxed
The hotel is a comfortable establishment.

comma**noun** /'kɒmə/

a punctuation mark used to mark a pause in a sentence or to separate items in a list
He forgot to put the comma in the sentence.

commemorate**verb** /kə'meməreɪt/

to celebrate or remember some past event or person
This monument was built to commemorate the war hero.

commence**verb** /kə'mens/

to begin
The ceremony will commence in ten minutes.

commentary**noun** /'kɒməntəri/

a description of an event by someone who is watching it, especially for radio or television
He listened to the cricket commentary on the radio.

committee**noun** /kə'mɪti/

a group of people appointed to deal with something
The committee decided to install new lights at the playground.

communication**noun** /kə'mju:nɪ'keɪʃn/

act of sharing or exchanging information
E-mail has made communication between friends easier.

community**noun** /kə'mju:nəti/

a group with similar interests or origins
Miklos is part of New York's Hungarian community.

companionship**noun** /kəm'pæniənʃɪp/

the company of others
He missed the companionship of his friends once they left town.

compassionate**adjective** /kəm'pæʃənət/

feeling or showing sympathy for people suffering
He was a visionary with a compassionate heart.

compensation**noun** /,kɒmpen'seɪʃn/

something, such as money, given or received as payment for a service or loss
The heirs of the deceased officials were given money as compensation.

competent**adjective** /'kɒmpɪtənt/

having enough skill or knowledge to do something well or to the necessary standard
He is a very competent worker.

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age group**complaint****noun** /kəm'pleɪnt/

a statement complaining about something
The police received a complaint about a disturbance in the apartment building.

complexion**noun** /kəm'plekʃn/

the natural colour and appearance of the skin of the face
The baby had a healthy pink complexion.

complication**noun** /ˌkɒmplɪ'keɪʃn/

something that complicates things or adds difficulties
There was a complication with the operation so the surgeon had to do it again.

comprehension**noun** /ˌkɒmprɪ'henʃn/

understanding
The teacher will test your comprehension of the book.

compromise**verb** /'kɒmprəmaɪz/

to settle a dispute by each side accepting less than it asked for
The two governments had to compromise in order to reach a solution to the problem.

conceal**verb** /kən'si:l/

hide; keep something secret
We have put up curtains to conceal things from the neighbours.

conceited**adjective** /kən'si:tɪd/

having too much self pride
The conceited girl believed she should have received the prize.

concept**noun** /'kɒnsept/

an idea
The designer came up with quite an interesting concept.

concession**noun** /kən'seɪʃn/

a reduction in the price for a certain category of person
She has a fare concession on the train now that she is over 60.

condense**verb** /kən'dens/

to change from gas to liquid
Steam will condense to water when it comes into contact with a cold surface.

cone**noun** /kəʊn/

an object that is circular at one end and narrows to a point at the other
I asked the shopkeeper for ice cream in a cone.

confederation**noun** /kən'fedə'reɪʃn/

a group of states joined together
America is a confederation of 51 states.

confetti**noun** /kən'feti/

tiny pieces of coloured paper thrown by guests on festive occasions
The guests at the wedding threw confetti at the bride and groom.

confidence**noun** /'kɒnfɪdəns/

firm trust; a feeling of certainty or boldness; being sure that you can do something
The lack of confidence made him stammer.

confidential**adjective** /ˌkɒnfɪ'denʃl/

secret, not told or shared with anyone
He leaked the confidential information.

congregate**verb** /'kɒŋgrɪgeɪt/

to assemble
The students were asked to congregate on the playing field.

conquer**verb** /'kɒŋkə[r]/

to defeat or overcome

*The king sent his army to conquer new land.***conscience****noun** /'kɒnʃəns/

the part of your mind that tells you whether your actions are right or wrong

*My conscience does not allow me to tell a lie.***consecutive****adjective** /kən'sekjətɪv/

following one after another

*Inzamam struck boundaries on consecutive deliveries.***consequence****noun** /'kɒnsɪkwənsəs/

the result of something that has happened

*His careless driving lead to a tragic consequence.***considerable****adjective** /kən'sɪdərəbəl/

notably large

*He used his considerable wealth to help the poor.***consistent****adjective** /kən'sɪstənt/

keeping to a regular pattern or style; not changing

*Consistent results were achieved by Ali.***contemptible****adjective** /kən'temptəbəl/

not deserving any respect at all

*Hurting her feelings like that was a contemptible thing to do.***contemptuous****adjective** /kən'temptʃuəs/

feeling or showing no respect

*She gave me a contemptuous look.***contentment****noun** /kən'tentmənt/

satisfaction

*His peaceful surroundings led to a feeling of contentment.***continue****verb** /kən'tɪnjuː/

to begin again after stopping

*The game will continue after lunch.***contract****noun** /'kɒntrækt/

a formal agreement to do something

*He has signed a contract to begin working at the factory.***contradict****verb** /,kɒntrə'dɪkt/

to say that something that someone else has said is wrong, and that the opposite is true

*The two stories contradict each other.***contradiction****noun** /,kɒntrə'dɪkʃn/

lack of agreement between facts

*There is contradiction between the two sets of graphs.***contribute****verb** /kən'trɪbjʊːt/

to give towards something

*Our class was asked to contribute articles for the school magazine.***convenient****adjective** /kən'viːniənt/

easy to use

*E-mail is a convenient way to keep in touch with friends.***convince****verb** /kən'vɪns/

to make someone agree

I will try to convince her to join us for a walk.

C

9 to 11
age group**correspondence****noun** /ˌkɒrəˈspɒndəns/

letters a person sends and receives
They maintained their friendship through regular correspondence.

corridor**noun** /ˈkɒrɪdɔː[r]/

a passage in a building
He was caught smoking in the corridor.

cosmetic**noun** /kɒzˈmetɪk/

a substance put on the skin to make it look more attractive
Lipstick is a cosmetic.

costume**noun** /ˈkɒstjʊ:m/

clothes, especially for a particular purpose
Ali wore a Superman costume to the party.

cosy**adjective** /ˈkəʊzi/

warm and comfortable
She was sitting in a cosy little room.

cottage**noun** /ˈkɒtɪdʒ/

a small, simple house
The old abandoned cottage was the only refuge the hikers could find from the rain.

counterfeit**adjective** /ˈkaʊntəfɪt/

fake
He had a counterfeit dollar bill in his pocket.

courage**noun** /ˈkʌrɪdʒ/

the ability to face danger, difficulty or pain even when you are afraid
It requires a lot of courage to step inside a lion's cage.

courageous**adjective** /kəˈreɪdʒəs/

brave
He took a courageous stand.

courtier**noun** /ˈkɔːtɪə[r]/

one of a king's or queen's companions at court
The courtier bowed before the king.

crab**noun** /kræb/

a shellfish with ten legs, the first two being a set of pincers

crescent**noun** /ˈkresnt/

a narrow, curved shape coming to a point at each end
There is a crescent and star on the flag of Pakistan.

crew**noun** /kruː/

the people working in a ship or aircraft; a group working together
The crew on board the space shuttle was ready to blast off.

criticism**noun** /ˈkrɪtɪsɪzəm/

judgement of someone's work or ideas
His new novel has received a great deal of negative criticism.

crockery**noun** /ˈkrɒkəri/

household china
His mother used her best crockery for Akbar's birthday.

crocodile**noun** /ˈkrɒkədɪl/

a large tropical reptile with thick skin, a long tail and huge jaws

croon**verb** /kru:n/

to sing softly and gently

*The audience will croon along when Michael Buble will sing in his concert.***crow****noun** /krəʊ/

a large black bird

crucial**adjective** /'kru:ʃl/

most important

*The crucial task for the company is to gain consumer confidence.***crystal****noun** /'krɪstl/

a transparent colourless mineral rather like glass

*Mother likes to decorate the house with vases made of crystal.***cucumber****noun** /'kju:kʌmbə[r]/

a long, green-skinned vegetable eaten raw or pickled

*The price of cucumber shot up after the floods.***cultivate****verb** /'kʌltɪveɪt/

to use land to grow crops

*The farmer will cultivate this field.***culture****noun** /'kʌltʃə[r]/

customs and traditions

*Pakistan has a rich culture.***curfew****noun** /'kɜ:ʃju:z/

a time or signal after which people must remain indoors until the next day

*The hostel imposes a curfew after dark.***curiosity****noun** /,kjʊəri'ɒsəti/

having a desire to know about something

*The letter was not addressed to me but I opened it out of curiosity.***curtain****noun** /'kɜ:tn/

a piece of material hung at a window or door

*I pulled back the curtain to let some light in.***cylinder****noun** /'sɪlɪndə[r]/

an object with straight sides and circular ends

A CNG kit with 55 kg of cylinder is available in the market.

D

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age group**dab****verb** /dæb/

to touch something quickly and gently
Please dab the spilt coffee with the cloth.

dacite**noun** /ˈdeɪsɪt/

a light gray volcanic rock
The name dacite comes from Dacia, a province of the Roman Empire where the rock was first described.

dagger**noun** /ˈdægə[r]/

a pointed knife with two sharp edges
The sultan wore his dagger in the front of his belt.

daily**adjective** /ˈdeɪli/

every day
His daily walk keeps him fit.

damage**noun** /ˈdæmɪdʒ/

harm or injury done to something
The allegations are likely to damage his political career.

dance**verb** /dɑːns/

to move in rhythmical steps, usually with music
When they heard the music, they started to dance.

dasheen**noun** /dɑːʃiːn/

a plant grown for its edible underground stems
Dasheen should not be cooked too long as it will become mushy.

datolite**noun** /ˈdætlɪt/

a mineral with crystals that are colorless or white with a greenish tinge
Specimens of datolite are largely found in Germany, Norway, and Italy.

dawn**noun** /dɔːn/

the time when the sun rises
I don't think I'll be able to go jogging at dawn tomorrow.

debt**noun** /det/

something that is owed
His debt amounts to Rs. 100.

decade**noun** /ˈdekeɪd/

a period of ten years
It's been a decade since I last heard from him.

decaffeinated**adjective** /ˌdiːkæfɪneɪtɪd/

(of coffee or tea) with the caffeine removed
Decaffeinated coffee is available in the supermarket.

deceive**verb** /dɪˈsiːv/

to mislead
It is wrong to deceive your parents.

decide**verb** /dɪˈsaɪd/

to make a choice
I cannot decide which flavour of ice cream I want to eat.

decision**noun** /dɪˈsɪʒn/

making up one's mind
I have made a decision to study hard for my exams.

declare**verb** /dɪˈkleə/

to say something clearly or firmly
She was asked to declare her nationality.

decomposition**noun** /ˌdi:kɒmpəˈzɪʃn/

the act of decaying

*The decomposition of organic waste is brought about by bacteria.***decrease****verb** /dɪˈkriːs/

to become or make become smaller in size, number, etc.

*People should decrease the amount of fat they eat.***deficiency****noun** /dɪˈfɪʃnsi/

a lack or shortage

*The little boy has calcium deficiency because he never finishes his milk.***definite****adjective** /ˈdefɪnət/

clearly stated; exact

*He has a very definite taste in clothes.***definition****noun** /ˌdefɪˈnɪʃn/

a statement of what a word means

*You can use a dictionary to look up the definition of a word.***deflect****verb** /dɪˈflekt/

to make something turn aside

*NASA tried to deflect the meteor away from the Earth.***deforestation****noun** /ˌdiːfɒrɪˈsteɪʃn/

the cutting down of trees or forests over a large area

*Deforestation is bad for the environment.***degree****noun** /dɪˈɡriː/

a unit for measuring temperature

*The temperature is one degree hotter today.***dehydrate****verb** /diːˈhaɪdreɪt/

to remove all the moisture from something

*People in Hunza dehydrate apricots to preserve them for winter.***deliberate****adjective** /dɪˈlɪbərət/

done on purpose

*She made a deliberate attempt to hurt me.***delicacy****noun** /ˈdelɪkəsi/

a delicious and rare food

*Caviar is considered a delicacy in most countries.***delicate****adjective** /ˈdelɪkət/

easily damaged

*She wore a dress of delicate lace.***delicious****adjective** /dɪˈlɪʃəs/

tasting or smelling very pleasant

*The delicious apple pie was made by my mother.***deliver****verb** /dɪˈlɪvə[r]/

to take letters or goods etc. to someone's house or place of work

*The postman will deliver a letter to your house.***delve****verb** /delv/

to search

*He began to delve into the book for quotations to use in his speech.***demolish****verb** /dɪˈmɒlɪʃ/

to knock down

We will need to demolish the old house before building a new one.

D

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age group**demonstrate****verb** /ˈdɛmənstreɪt/

to show something

*The teacher will demonstrate the correct way to use a compass.***demoralise****verb** /dɪˈmɔrəlaɪz/

to dishearten someone

*A defeat in the cricket match will demoralise the spectators.***denim****noun** /ˈdenɪm/

a kind of strong, usually blue, cotton cloth used to make jeans etc.

*This jacket is made from denim.***dense****adjective** /dens/

thick; packed close together

*Indonesia has very dense rainforests.***dentist****noun** /ˈdentɪst/

a person who is trained to treat teeth

*The dentist had to extract my tooth.***depth****noun** /depθ/

how deep something is

*The depth of the ocean cannot always be measured.***descend****verb** /dɪˈsend/

to go down

*We have to descend the hill to reach the valley.***deserve****verb** /dɪˈzɜːv/

to have a right to something

*You deserve a prize for your performance.***despair****noun** /dɪˈspeɪ[r]/

a feeling of hopelessness

*He gave up the struggle in despair.***desperately****adverb** /ˈdespərətli/

without hope

*She looked desperately around for water.***dessert****noun** /dɪˈzɜːt/

fruit or sweet food served as the last course of a meal

*I am sure I could stay for dessert.***detection****noun** /dɪˈtekʃn/

discovery

*The hard work of the police led to the detection of the criminal.***detective****noun** /dɪˈtektɪv/

a person who investigates crimes

*The detective on the case was very smart.***determined****adjective** /dɪˈtɜːmɪnd/

with one's mind firmly made up

*The determined student finally succeeded in his attempt.***deuce****noun** /djuːs/

a score in tennis where both sides have 40 points and must gain two consecutive points to win

*In the tennis match, Nasir held his opponent at deuce several times.***devastation****noun** /ˌdevəˈsteɪʃn/

destruction or damage

The flood caused wide spread devastation.

development**noun** /dɪ'veləpmənt/

process of becoming bigger, stronger, better, etc.
The development of the computer industry is progressing at a very fast pace.

devote**verb** /dɪ'vəʊt/

to give completely
I devote an hour every day to reading.

devotee**noun** /ˌdevə'tiː/

an enthusiast
Sara is a devotee of the opera and does not miss a single performance.

devour**verb** /dɪ'vaʊə[r]/

to eat or swallow something hungrily or greedily
They saw the lion devour the zebra.

diagnose**verb** /'daɪəgnəʊz/

to find out what disease a person has or what is wrong
The doctor found it difficult to diagnose the patient's illness.

diagonal**adjective** /daɪ'æɡənəl/

at an angle
The teacher asked us to draw a diagonal line.

diagram**noun** /'daɪəgræm/

a drawing or picture that shows the parts of something or how it works
We tried following the diagram but my airplane model just was not taking shape.

dialogue**noun** /'daɪələʊg/

a conversation
The play contained a long dialogue between the two main characters.

diameter**noun** /daɪ'æmɪtə[r]/

a line drawn straight across a circle or sphere and passing through its centre
The diameter of a circle is used to calculate its circumference.

diamond**noun** /'daɪəmənd/

a very hard, precious stone, that looks like clear glass
The Kohinoor diamond sits in the Tower of London.

diaper**noun** /'daɪəpə[r]/

a baby's nappy
Little Idrees uses up a diaper every few hours.

diesel**noun** /'diːzl/

fuel that works by burning oil in compressed air
This car runs on diesel.

diet**noun** /'daɪət/

the sort of food usually eaten by a person or animal
The doctor told me to watch my diet and exercise more often.

differentiate**verb** /ˌdɪfə'renʃiət/

to distinguish; recognise differences
It is hard to differentiate between these two types of seeds.

diffuse**verb** /dɪ'fjuːz/

to spread widely
We became aware of the leaking gas when it began to diffuse through the whole house.

digest**verb** /daɪ'dʒest/

to break down food in the stomach so that the body can absorb it
Let your food digest before you go swimming.

D

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age group**dinner****noun** /ˈdɪnə[r]/

the main meal of the day, usually in the evening
I was so sleepy that I skipped dinner and went to bed.

dinosaur**noun** /ˈdaɪnəsəʊ:[r]/

a prehistoric lizard like animal, often of enormous size

disadvantage**noun** /ˌdɪsədˈvɑ:ntɪdʒ/

something that is unhelpful
A lack of education is a disadvantage in life.

disagreement**noun** /ˌdɪsəˈɡri:mənt/

a difference of opinion
Mandy resigned from her job after a disagreement with her boss.

disappearance**noun** /ˌdɪsəˈpiərəns/

removal from sight
News of the little boy's disappearance is all over the papers.

disappoint**verb** /ˌdɪsəˈpɔɪnt/

to fail to do what someone hopes for
He studies hard because he does not want to disappoint his parents.

disapprove**verb** /ˌdɪsəˈpru:v/

to not approve of something
I disapprove of your choice of clothes.

disastrous**adjective** /dɪˈzɑ:stɹəs/

very bad
The motorist avoided a disastrous accident.

discipline**noun** /ˈdɪsəplɪn/

obedient behaviour
The school enforces strict discipline.

discourage**verb** /dɪsˈkʌrɪdʒ/

to try to dissuade someone from doing something
I will discourage him from smoking.

discriminate**verb** /dɪˈskrɪmɪneɪt/

to treat people differently or unfairly, e.g. because of their race or religion
It is wrong to discriminate against people of another race.

discrimination**noun** /dɪˌskrɪmɪˈneɪʃn/

treating people or things according to differences
The management was accused of discrimination towards the female work force.

disembarkation**noun** /ˌdɪs,embɑ:ˈkeɪʃn/

putting or going ashore
The passengers picked up their suitcases, ready for disembarkation.

disgraceful**adjective** /dɪsˈɡreɪsfl/

shameful
Her disgraceful behaviour was frowned upon.

disguise**verb** /dɪsˈɡaɪz/

to make a person or thing look different in order to deceive people
The thief tried to disguise himself in order to escape from the police.

disinfectant**noun** /ˌdɪsɪnˈfektənt/

a cleaning substance that prevents infection spreading
The medical team quickly ran out of disinfectant.

dislodge**verb** /dɪs'lədʒ/

to move or force something from its place
It was impossible to dislodge the heavy rock.

dismissal**noun** /dɪs'mɪsəl/

sending away
The bad behaviour of the student led to his dismissal from class.

disposable**adjective** /dɪ'spəʊzəbəl/

made to be thrown away after it has been used
I hope all these disposable products are recycled.

disregard**verb** /dɪs'reɪ'gɑ:d/

to pay no attention to
She chose to disregard my advice.

distinguish**verb** /dɪ'stɪŋɡwɪʃ/

to make or notice differences between things
Colour-blind people are unable to distinguish between red and green.

distinguishable**adjective** /dɪ'stɪŋɡwɪʃəbəl/

possible to recognise as different from somebody or something
The identical twins had no distinguishable features.

distribution**noun** /dɪ'strɪ'bju:ʃn/

the act of sharing out
Mehr was responsible for the distribution of food to the refugees.

document**noun** /'dɒkjumənt/

a written paper giving information about something
This document needs to be typed.

dodo**noun** /'dəʊdəʊ/

a large, flightless bird that is now extinct

dolphin**noun** /'dɒlfɪn/

a sea animal like a small whale with a beaklike snout

dominate**verb** /'dɒmɪneɪt/

to control by being stronger or more powerful
The bully tried to dominate his classmates.

donkey**noun** /'dɒŋki/

an animal that looks like a small horse with long ears

double**adjective** /'dʌbəl/

twice as much; twice as many
I paid double price to get a better seat on the bus.

dozen**noun** /'dʌzn/

a set of twelve
Every week, the magazine publishes a dozen very interesting puzzles.

dragon**noun** /'dræɡən/

a mythological monster, usually with wings and able to breathe out fire

dramatise**verb** /'dræmətaɪz/

to express in a dramatic way
He tends to dramatise his problems.

draughts**noun** /dra:fts/

a game played with 24 round pieces on a chessboard
They played a game of draughts.

D**9 to 11**
age group**drowsy****adjective** /ˈdraʊzi/

sleepy

*The drowsy traveller slept on the train.***duck****noun** /dʌk/

a swimming bird with a flat beak

duel**noun** /ˈdjuːəl/

a fight between two people, especially with pistols or swords

*You could go to jail for fighting a duel these days.***duplicate****noun** /ˈdjuːplɪkət/

an exact copy

*Ali kept a duplicate of the document.***dynamite****noun** /ˈdaɪnəmaɪt/

a powerful explosive

The building was demolished with the help of dynamite.

eager**adjective** /'i:gə[r]/

strongly wanting to do something

*The children were eager to go to the cinema.***eagle****noun** /'i:gl/

a large bird of prey with a sharp, curved beak and very strong sight

earache**noun** /'ɪərəɪk/

a pain in the ear

*She had severe earache and had to be taken to the hospital.***earn****verb** /ɜ:n/

get something by working or in return for what you have done

*It is harder to earn than to borrow.***earring****noun** /'ɪərɪŋ/

an ornament for the ear

*She lost an earring at the party.***earthquake****noun** /'ɜ:θkweɪk/

a violent movement on some parts of the Earth's surface

*The earthquake caused widespread damage.***earthworm****noun** /'ɜ:θwɜ:m/

a long, thin worm that lives in the soil

eavesdrop**verb** /'i:vzdrɒp/

to listen secretly to a private conversation

*The little boy tried to eavesdrop on his friends' conversation.***eccentric****adjective** /ɪk'sentɹɪk/

behaving strangely

*The eccentric behaviour of the old man surprised people.***echo****noun** /'ekəʊ/

a sound that is heard again as it is reflected off something

*She heard an echo of her voice in the valley.***eclipse****noun** /'ɪklɪps/

the blocking of the Sun's or moon's light when the moon or the Earth is in the way

*A lunar eclipse is a rare event.***ecliptic****noun** /'ɪklɪptɪk/

the apparent path of the Sun across the sky over the course of a year

*In spring, the ecliptic in the northern hemisphere is angled high in the evening sky.***eclogite****noun** /'ɛklɒdʒaɪt/

a coarse-grained greenish rock

*Eclogite is a rare rock formed under conditions of high pressure.***ecology****noun** /'i:kɒlədʒi/

the study of living things in relation to each other and their surroundings

*Ecology teaches you about nature.***economic****adjective** /,i:kə'nɒmɪk/

to do with the economy; profitable

*The country's economic condition is improving.***economical****adjective** /,i:kə'nɒmɪkl/

using as little as possible

The hikers made economical use of their limited water supply.

E

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age group

edible

adjective /'edəbl/

suitable for eating

They were separating edible berries from the poisonous ones.

editor

noun /'editə[r]/

the person in charge of a newspaper

The editor hired a journalist for his newspaper.

education

noun /,edʒu'keɪʃn/

the process of training people's minds and abilities so that they acquire knowledge and develop skills

Nothing is more important than a good education.

efficient

adjective /i'fiʃnt/

doing work well

She is an efficient worker.

eject

verb /i'dʒekt/

send something out forcefully

We will eject any trouble makers from the meeting.

elastic

noun /i'læstɪk/

cord or material woven with strands of rubber so that it can stretch

These trousers have a length of elastic sewn into their waistbands.

electricity

noun /i,lek'trɪsəti/

a form of energy carried by certain particles of matter, used for lighting, heating and other work

The electricity had been cut off.

elephant

noun /'elɪfənt/

a very large animal with a trunk and tusks

eliminate

verb /i'lɪmɪneɪt/

to get rid of, remove

She used a spray to eliminate the cockroaches in her kitchen.

elliptical

adjective /i'lɪptɪkl/

oval-shaped

The Earth follows an elliptical orbit around the Sun.

embroidery

noun /ɪm'brɔɪdəri/

the art of needlework

She is good at embroidery.

emend

verb /i'mend/

to remove errors from a piece of writing

The editor's job is to emend newspaper articles.

emerald

noun /'emərəld/

a bright-green, precious stone

This emerald was mined in Columbia.

emergency

noun /i'mɜ:dʒənsi/

a sudden, serious happening needing prompt action

It is important to stay calm in an emergency.

emigrate

verb /'emɪgreɪt/

to leave your own country and go and live in another

He is going to emigrate to Canada.

emperor

noun /'empərə[r]/

a man who rules an empire

The emperor ruled his empire wisely.

employment

noun /ɪm'plɔɪmənt/

a person's regular trade or profession

He found employment as a gardener.

empty

adjective /'empti/
with nothing in it
Before you knew it, the empty cookie jar was refilled.

enchanting

adjective /ɪn'tʃɑːntɪŋ/
charming
She has an enchanting personality.

enemy

noun /'enəmi/
one who hates or seeks to harm another
The soldier could see an enemy approaching.

energetic

adjective /ɪˌenə'dʒetɪk/
full of energy
The energetic child refused to sit down.

engagement

noun /ɪn'ɡeɪdʒmənt/
an appointment or commitment
Their engagement was announced in the local paper.

enjoyable

adjective /ɪn'dʒɔɪəbl/
pleasant
The summer fair is always an enjoyable occasion.

enlighten

verb /ɪn'laɪtn/
to instruct or inform
Let me enlighten you about the latest advances in science.

enlightened

adjective /ɪn'laɪtnd/
having an understanding of people's needs and situation
The enlightened couple kept themselves informed of the latest news.

enormous

adjective /ɪ'nɔːməs/
very big
The elephant is an enormous animal.

enquire

verb /ɪn'kwɪə[r]/
ask for information
He walked up to the post office to enquire how long they were open.

enrol

verb /ɪn'rəʊl/
to join
He decided to enrol in a cricket club.

entertainment

noun /ɪntə'teɪnmənt/
something performed before an audience to amuse or interest them
The singer provided us with entertainment.

enthusiasm

noun /ɪn'θjuːziæzəm/
a strong liking, interest or excitement
Akbar has a great enthusiasm for playing cricket.

entire

adjective /ɪn'taɪə[r]/
whole or complete
He ate the entire cake.

entrance

noun /'entrəns/
the way into a place
We could not find the entrance so we went in through the back.

envelope

noun /'envələʊp/
a wrapper or covering, especially a folded cover for a letter
The envelope was addressed to his father.

E

9 to 11
age group**environment****noun** /ɪn'vaɪrənmənt/

surroundings

*An unhappy home environment can affect a child's behaviour.***episode****noun** /'epɪsəʊd/

one event in a series of happenings

*Their fight was quite a sordid episode.***equilibrium****noun** /i:kwi'libriəm/

a state of balance

*The see-saw is in equilibrium when it is horizontal.***erase****verb** /ɪ'reɪz/

rub something out

*It is better to make mistakes in pencil because you can erase them.***eruption****noun** /ɪ'rʌpʃn/

bursting out

*A major volcanic eruption can cause severe devastation.***escalate****verb** /'eskəleɪt/

to make or become greater, more serious or more intense

*We should not allow minor disagreements between countries to escalate into war.***escape****verb** /ɪ'skeɪp/

to get yourself free

*The prisoner tried to escape from prison.***espresso****noun** /e'spresəʊ/

coffee made by forcing steam through ground coffee beans

*He ordered an espresso at the restaurant.***essay****noun** /'eseɪ/

a short piece of writing about a subject

*She wrote an essay about her summer vacation.***essence****noun** /'esns/

a concentrated liquid

*We forgot to add vanilla essence to the cake batter.***essential****adjective** /ɪ'senʃl/

not able to be done without

*Milk is an essential part of a child's diet.***esteem****noun** /ɪ'sti:m/

respect and admiration

*I hold my elders in high esteem.***estimate****verb** /'estɪmeɪt/

to make a guess about an amount or value

*I estimate that it will take me one hour to write this essay.***ethnic****adjective** /'eθnɪk/

belonging to a particular racial group within a larger set of people

*Aborigines form an ethnic community in Australia.***etiquette****noun** /'etɪket/

the rules of correct behaviour

*Proper etiquette requires you to write thank-you notes for gifts.***European****adjective** /jʊərə'pi:ən/

to do with Europe or its people

The European currency is called the Euro.

evacuate**verb** /ɪˈvækjuːt/

to move people away from a dangerous place
Firemen had to evacuate people from the burning building.

evacuees**noun** /ɪˈvækjuːɪs/

people who have been evacuated
The evacuees were moved uphill after the flood had destroyed their houses.

evaluate**verb** /ɪˈvæljuːt/

to estimate the worth of something
The report card will evaluate your performance in school.

evaporate**verb** /ɪˈvæpəreɪt/

to change from liquid into steam or vapour
Heat causes water to evaporate.

eventual**adjective** /ɪˈventʃuəl/

happening at last
His eventual success is guaranteed due to his hard work.

evidence**noun** /ˈeɪvɪdəns/

anything that gives people reason to believe something
The police found evidence to prove the man guilty of robbery.

exaggeration**noun** /ɪɡˌzædʒəˈreɪʃn/

the act of describing something as bigger, better or worse than it really is
His story was obviously an exaggeration of the truth.

examination**noun** /ɪɡˌzæmɪˈneɪʃn/

a test, assessment
Mehr scored high marks in her science examination.

excavate**verb** /ˈɛkskəveɪt/

to dig out
The archaeologist wanted to excavate the remains of the Indus Valley Civilisation.

exceed**verb** /ɪkˈsiːd/

to be more or greater than
Drivers should not exceed the speed limit.

excellence**noun** /ˈɛksələns/

extremely good quality
He was awarded a medal for his excellence in sports.

excellent**adjective** /ˈɛksələnt/

extremely good
She bakes an excellent cake.

exceptional**adjective** /ɪkˈsepʃənəl/

outstandingly good
The actor was praised for his exceptional performance in the film.

excessively**adverb** /ɪkˈsesɪvli/

more than necessary
The private sector has been borrowing excessively from the banking system.

excitement**noun** /ɪkˈsɪtmənt/

a strong feeling of eagerness or pleasure
The news caused great excitement among her friends.

exclaim**verb** /ɪkˈskleɪm/

shout out in surprise
The children began to exclaim in surprise at the sight of the clown.

E

9 to 11
age group**excruciating****adjective** /ɪk'skruːʃiəriŋ/

very painful

*Maha has an excruciating headache.***exercise****noun** /'eksəsaɪz/

using your body to make it strong and healthy

*You must exercise to keep well.***exhale****verb** /eks'heɪl/

breathe out

*He coughs every time he tries to exhale.***exhaustive****adjective** /ɪg'zɔːstɪv/

thorough

*We made an exhaustive search.***expand****verb** /ɪk'spænd/

to make larger

*Akbar has decided to expand his business.***expectation****noun** /,ɪkspɛk'teɪʃn/

something expected or hoped for

*It is my expectation that I will do well in my exams.***expenditure****noun** /ɪk'spendɪtʃə[r]/

the spending of money

*Building a house involves considerable expenditure.***experience****noun** /ɪk'spɪəriəns/

something that has happened to you

*My camping trip was an enjoyable experience.***experiment****noun** /ɪk'spɪrɪmənt/

a test made in order to find out what happens

*The students conducted an experiment during science class.***expert****noun** /'ekspɜːt/

a person with great knowledge or skill in something

*He is a karate expert.***exploit****verb** /ɪk'splɔɪt/

to use a person or thing selfishly

*It is wrong to exploit people.***explosion****noun** /ɪk'spləʊʒn/

the exploding of a bomb etc.

*There was a loud explosion in the neighbour's kitchen.***express****verb** /ɪk'spres/

to make known

*He tried to express his anger.***extraordinary****adjective** /ɪk'strɔːdnri/

very unusual or strange

*This ice cream has an extraordinary taste.***extraterrestrial****adjective** /,ɪkstrətə'restriəl/

from outer space

*Scientists have been searching for extraterrestrial life.***extravagant****adjective** /ɪk'strævəɡənt/

spending a lot more money than necessary

*Every month, she spends an extravagant amount of money on clothes.***eyebrow****noun** /'aɪbraʊ/

the fringe of hair growing on the face above the eye

*The gentleman had something on his eyebrow.***eyewitness****noun** /'aɪwɪtnəs/

a person who actually saw an occurrence

She was an eyewitness to the car accident.

fable**noun** /'feɪbl/

a short story that teaches one a moral
Mehr enjoyed reading the fable about the princess.

fabulous**adjective** /fə'bjələs/

wonderful
The actress gave a fabulous performance in the play.

facies**noun** /'feɪʃi:z/

the characteristics of a rock
The term facies was introduced by a Swiss geologist in 1838.

facility**noun** /fə'sɪləti/

something providing the means to do things
Iran's nuclear facility is under media scrutiny.

factory**noun** /'fæktri/

a large building where machines are used to make things
His best friend works at the car factory.

faculty**noun** /'fæklti/

a department teaching a particular subject in a university
The faculty of music arranged a concert last week.

fade**verb** /feɪd/

to disappear gradually
Washing the dress will make the ink stain fade.

faint**verb** /feɪnt/

become unconscious
She thought she would faint when she saw the mouse.

fairy**noun** /'feəri/

an imaginary creature with magic powers
Mehr enjoyed the story about a kind fairy.

faithfully**adverb** /'feɪθfəli/

loyally
Akbar served his employer faithfully.

false**adjective** /fə:ls/

untrue or incorrect
She gave false information to the insurance company.

familiarity**noun** /fə,mɪli'ærəti/

state of knowing something well
The guide's familiarity with the area was an advantage to the tourists.

family**noun** /'fæməli/

parents and their children
His family lives out of town.

famine**noun** /'fæmɪn/

a very bad shortage of food in an area
The charity distributed food in the area affected by a famine.

famished**adjective** /'fæmɪʃt/

very hungry
The hikers were famished after their long walk.

famous**adjective** /'feɪməs/

known to very many people
The famous actor signed autographs for his fans.

F

9 to 11
age group**fanatic****noun** /fə'neɪtɪk/

a person who is very enthusiastic about something
The cricket fanatic attended every single match of the series.

fancy**adjective** /'fænsi/

not plain; decorated
She wore fancy clothes to the party.

fantasy**noun** /'fæntəsi/

imagined happening
In his fantasy, he saw himself winning the race.

farewell**noun** /,feə'wel/

goodbye
I felt sad bidding farewell to my friends.

farther**adverb** /'fɑːðə[r]/

more distant
He lives farther from the school, than I do.

fascination**noun** /,fæsɪ'neɪʃn/

attraction or interest
Stamp collecting holds a peculiar fascination for some people.

fashionable**adjective** /'fæʃnəbl/

in keeping with the current style
She was wearing a fashionable black hat.

fatigue**noun** /fə'tiːg/

tiredness
Rest will help relieve your fatigue.

fault**noun** /fɔːlt/

anything that makes a person or thing imperfect
It was his fault that we were late.

favourable**adjective** /'feɪvərəbl/

showing approval
There were many favourable reviews of the new book.

favouritism**noun** /'feɪvərɪtɪzəm/

the practice of giving special treatment to a person or group
The umpire was accused of favouritism.

fearsome**adjective** /'fiə səm/

frightening
They have a fearsome new headmaster.

feast**noun** /fiːst/

a large, splendid meal
The king prepared a feast for his guests.

feather**noun** /'feðə[r]/

one of the very light coverings that grow from a bird's skin
He wore a feather in his cap.

feature**noun** /'fi:tʃə[r]/

an important part
The most important feature of a camera is its lens.

federal**adjective** /'fedərəl/

to do with a system in which several states are ruled by a central government but are responsible for their own internal affairs
The federal government decided to abolish child labour.

federation**noun** /ˌfedə'reɪʃn/

the union of several provinces, states, to form a federal union

*The United States of America is a federation of states.***fellow****noun** /'feləʊ/

a man or boy

*The old fellow crossed the street.***feminine****adjective** /'femənɪn/

to do with or like women

*She wears the most feminine clothes.***fence****noun** /fens/

a barrier made of wood or wire around an area

*A wooden fence surrounded the farm house.***fennel****noun** /'fenəl/

an aromatic herb of the parsley family

*Sprigs of fennel are used to garnish food.***ferment****verb** /fə'ment/

to bubble and change chemically by the action of a substance such as yeast

*Yeast will ferment if you add sugar and liquid to it.***fermium****noun** /'fɜːmɪəm/

a very rare radioactive metal

*"Fermium is an artificially produced chemical element."***ferocious****adjective** /fə'rəʊʃəs/

fierce or savage

*I have a ferocious dog.***ferrite****noun** /'fɛrɪtɪ/

a chemical containing iron

*Ferrite is used to make the filaments in electric bulbs.***fertilisation****noun** /'fɜːtəlaɪzeɪʃn/

the act of adding substances to the soil to make it more fertile

*The fertilisation of the field improved the wheat crop.***festival****noun** /'festɪvəl/

a time when people arrange special celebrations

*Vesak is a Buddhist festival of lights.***fete****noun** /fet/

an outdoor entertainment with stalls and sideshows

*There will be a magic show at the fete.***fever****noun** /'fiːvə[r]/

an abnormally high body temperature, usually with an illness

*The girl was suffering from a high fever.***feverish****adjective** /'fiːvərɪʃ/

having an abnormally high body temperature

*The feverish boy slept all morning.***fiction****noun** /'fɪkʃn/

writings about events that have not really happened

*Akbar enjoyed reading fiction.***fiddle****verb** /'fɪdl/

fidget or play around with something

Do not fiddle with your shoes.

F

9 to 11
age group**fidgeting**

verb /'fɪdʒɪtɪŋ/
make small restless movements
He kept fidgeting throughout the lecture.

fierce

adjective /fɪəs/
angry and violent or cruel
There was a fierce battle between the two armies.

figure

noun /'fɪgə[r]/
the shape of a person's body
Too much cake will spoil your figure.

finalist

noun /'fainəlɪst/
a competitor in a final
He is a finalist here for the second year running.

finance

noun /'fainəns/
the use or management of money
It is important for a businessman to be trained in finance.

fishmonger

noun /'fɪʃmɒŋgə[r]/
a shopkeeper who sells fish
That fishmonger sells the finest fish.

fizzy

adjective /'fɪzi/
having a lot of small bubbles
I do not like fizzy drinks.

flask

noun /flɑːsk/
a bottle with a narrow neck
The flask contained coffee.

flattering

adjective /'flætərɪŋ/
make a person or thing seem better than they really are
It was not a very flattering photograph.

flaunt

verb /flɔːnt/
to show off
He likes to flaunt his expensive cars.

flavour

noun /'fleɪvə[r]/
the taste of something
Too much salt will spoil the flavour of the food.

flea

noun /fliː/
a small jumping insect that sucks blood

flexible

adjective /'fleksəbl/
easy to bend or stretch
Gymnasts have flexible bodies.

flicker

verb /'flɪkə[r]/
to burn or shine unsteadily
The candle will flicker in the breeze.

floodlight

noun /'flʌdlaɪt/
a lamp that makes a broad bright beam to light up a stage or stadium
They had to cancel the match due to problems with the floodlight system.

flounder

verb /'flaʊndə[r]/
to move clumsily or with difficulty
He had to flounder through the deep water.

flour**noun** /'flaʊə[r]/

a fine powder of wheat or other grain, used in cooking
She made the bread with flour and eggs.

flourish**verb** /'flaʊɪʃ/

to grow or develop strongly
Plants flourish if they are watered regularly.

fluctuation**noun** /'flʌktʃu'eɪʃn/

constant change
The cake was spoilt because of the fluctuation in the temperature of the oven.

fluent**adjective** /'flu:ənt/

able to speak easily and well
Mehr speaks fluent Sindhi.

fluid**adjective** /'flu:ɪd/

able to flow freely
Oil is a fluid substance.

fluke**noun** /flu:k/

an accidental stroke of luck
The team is determined to show that its last win was no fluke.

foam**noun** /fəʊm/

a white mass of tiny bubbles on a liquid; froth
I do not like cappuccino with foam on top.

foil**noun** /fɔɪl/

a very thin sheet of metal
Mum spread foil on top of her baking pan.

forbidden**adjective** /fə'bɪdn/

not allowed
Hansel and Gretel ate the forbidden chocolate.

forceful**adjective** /'fɔ:sfl/

strong and vigorous
He made a grand and forceful speech.

forecast**noun** /'fɔ:kɑ:st/

a prediction
The weather forecast said it would be sunny today.

foreground**noun** /'fɔ:graʊnd/

the front part of a scene or view
Several cows could be seen in the foreground of the painting of the farm.

forehand**noun** /'fɔ:hænd/

a stroke made in tennis
The tennis player knew that his opponent's forehand stroke was weak.

foreign**adjective** /'fɔ:rən/

belonging to another country
The foreign delegates enjoyed their stay in Pakistan.

foreseeable**adjective** /fɔ:'si:əbl/

able to be known beforehand
I will not be visiting Lahore in the foreseeable future.

forgiveness**noun** /fə'gɪvnəs/

pardon
The convict begged for forgiveness, but to no avail.

F

9 to 11
age group**formidable****adjective** /'fɔ:mɪdəbl/

frightening

*A raging elephant is a formidable sight.***formula****noun** /'fɔ:mjələ/

a rule expressed in symbols or numbers

*The students were taught the formula for calculating the volume of an object.***fortnight****noun** /'fɔ:tnaɪt/

a period of two weeks

*The parcel will probably be here in a fortnight.***fortress****noun** /'fɔ:trəs/

a fortified building or town

*The fortress was very strong and strategically located.***fortunately****adverb** /'fɔ:tʃənətli/

luckily

*Fortunately, it did not rain during the picnic.***forty****noun** /'fɔ:ti/

the number 40

*My uncle turned forty last year.***fossil****noun** /'fɒsl/

the remains of a prehistoric animal or plant that has been buried in the ground for centuries that become hardened in rock

*A fossil reveals information about a prehistoric plant or animal.***fountain****noun** /'faʊntən/

an ornamental structure in which a jet of water shoots up into the air

*We threw coins into the fountain for good luck.***fowl****noun** /faʊl/

a bird, especially one kept on a farm etc. for its eggs or meat

*A chicken is a type of fowl.***fragile****adjective** /'frædʒaɪl/

easy to break or damage

*The fragile glass fell and broke.***frank****adjective** /fræŋk/

making your thoughts and feelings clear to people

*The frank boy expressed his displeasure.***frantic****adjective** /'fræntɪk/

wildly agitated or excited

*The doctors made frantic attempts to revive him.***freak****adjective** /'fri:k/

very strange or abnormal

*Arif was killed in a freak accident.***freeze****verb** /fri:z/

turn into ice; make or be very cold

*To freeze water you must put it in the freezer.***frequent****adjective** /'fri:kwənt/

happening often

*Mehr made frequent trips to the library.***friendly****adjective** /'frendli/

behaving like a friend

*Asif's family are very friendly people.***frightening****adjective** /'fraɪtnɪŋ/

making afraid

Frightening sounds were heard at night.

frolic**verb** /'frɒlɪk/

play about in a lively cheerful way
The children were allowed to frolic in the park.

frown**verb** /fraʊn/

wrinkle your forehead because you are angry or worried
A stern frown from the teacher was enough to keep the children quiet.

fruit**noun** /fru:t/

the seed-container that grows on a tree or plant and is often used as food
Fruit should be an essential part of your diet.

frustration**noun** /frʌ'streɪʃn/

angry disappointment
Ali banged the table in frustration.

fuel**noun** /'fju:əl/

something that is burnt to produce heat or power
Coal is used as fuel to run train engines.

fumble**verb** /'fʌmbəl/

hold or handle something clumsily
While he was sitting alone he began to fumble with his keys.

fundamental**adjective** /,fʌndə'mentl/

basic
Believing in one God is a fundamental principle of Islam.

funeral**noun** /'fju:nərəl/

the ceremony when a dead person is buried
Malik's funeral will be on Monday.

furniture**noun** /'fɜ:niʃə[r]/

tables, chairs, and other moveable things that you need in a house or school or office
We went to buy new furniture for the house.

fuse**noun** /'fju:z/

a safety device containing a short piece of wire that melts if too much electricity is passed through it
A fuse is used in an electrical circuit for safety.

G

9 to 11
age group**gadget****noun** /ˈɡædʒɪt/

any small, useful tool

*This gadget is used to open tins.***gaily****adverb** /ˈgeɪli/

in a cheerful way

*The children waved gaily as they left for school.***gala****noun** /ˈɡɑːlə/

a festive occasion

*The hall was decorated with bunting for the gala.***gallant****adjective** /ˈɡælənt/

brave

*The soldier's gallant behaviour was rewarded with a medal.***gallop****noun** /ˈɡæləp/

the fastest pace that a horse can go

*The horse raced to the finishing line at a gallop.***gamma****noun** /ˈɡamə/

a letter of the Greek alphabet

*Gamma is the third letter of the Greek alphabet.***ganglion****noun** /ˈɡæŋɡlɪən/

a mass of nerve cells

*The spinal ganglion contains the nerve-cell bodies of the nerve fibres.***garage****noun** /ˈɡærɑːʒ/

a building where motor vehicle may be kept or serviced

*He parked his car in the garage.***garden****noun** /ˈɡɑːdn/

a piece of ground where flowers, fruit, or vegetables are grown

*I have planted a rose bush in my garden.***garlic****noun** /ˈɡɑːlɪk/

a plant with a bulb divided into smaller bulbs (cloves) which have a strong smell and taste

*He seasoned the fish with garlic.***garnet****noun** /ˈɡɑːnɪt/

a red gemstone

*She asked the jeweller to replace the broken garnet in her necklace.***garnish****noun** /ˈɡɑːnɪʃ/

something used to decorate food or give it extra flavour

*Parsley is used as a garnish.***gasket****noun** /ˈɡæskɪt/

a piece of rubber etc between 2 metal surfaces, to prevent steam, gas etc escaping

*Her father manufactures gasket for the automotive industry.***gasoline****noun** /ˈɡæsəliːn/

a mixture of flammable liquid derived mainly from crude petroleum

*Rise in crude oil prices will make gasoline expensive.***gavial****noun** /ˈɡeɪvɪəl/

a member of the crocodile family, this reptile has a long slender snout

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gem**noun** /dʒem/

a precious stone; an excellent person or thing
Ruby is an expensive gem.

generate**verb** /ˈdʒenəreɪt/

to produce or create
The school held a fair to generate money for charity.

generation**noun** /ˌdʒenəˈreɪʃn/

all the people born at about the same time
Our parents' generation enjoys listening to classical music.

generator**noun** /ˈdʒenəreɪtə[r]/

a machine that produces electricity
During the power cut, we used the generator to produce electricity.

generosity**noun** /ˌdʒenəˈrɒsəti/

willingness in giving away one's money
The rich man was known for his generosity.

genius**noun** /ˈdʒiːniəs/

a very clever person
Einstein was a mathematical genius.

gentleman**noun** /ˈdʒentlmən/

a courteous or honourable man
Despite his upbringing, he was a gentleman in every possible way.

genuine**adjective** /ˈdʒenjʊn/

real; not faked
This painting is a genuine antique.

geography**noun** /dʒiˈɒɡrəfi/

the study of the Earth's climate, peoples and products
Sara enjoys studying geography.

geology**noun** /dʒiˈɒlədʒi/

the study of the structure of the Earth's crust and its layers
We learnt about the Earth's core in the geology class.

geometry**noun** /dʒiˈɒmətri/

the study of lines, angles, surfaces and solids in mathematics
We learnt how to calculate the volume of a sphere in geometry.

gesture**noun** /ˈdʒestʃə[r]/

something that you do or say to show a particular feeling or intention
It would be a nice gesture to send her some flowers.

ghost**noun** /ɡəʊst/

the spirit of a dead person
The ghost haunted the house.

gibberish**noun** /ˈdʒɪbərɪʃ/

speech or writing that is difficult to understand or is meaningless
I am sick and tired of his gibberish.

ginger**noun** /ˈdʒɪŋdʒə[r]/

a plant root with a hot and spicy taste, used as seasoning
He bought ginger and garlic from the vegetable market.

giraffe**noun** /dʒəˈrɑːf/

an African animal, the world's tallest mammal, which reaches up to 5.5 metres in height

G

9 to 11
age group**gladiator****noun** /'glædiətə[r]/

a man trained to fight for public entertainment in ancient Rome

*The gladiator fought bravely.***glamorous****adjective** /'glæməərəs/

excitingly attractive

*The movie star was wearing a glamorous dress.***glamour****noun** /'glæmə[r]/

attractiveness

*The glamour of films inspired him to become an actor.***glaze****verb** /gleɪz/

to give a shiny surface to something

*Mehr is going to glaze the cake with some icing.***glide****verb** /glɑɪd/

to move along smoothly

*I will glide across the ice in my skates.***glimpse****noun** /'glɪmps/

a brief view

*I caught a glimpse of the film star as she arrived at the premiere.***glitter****noun** /'glɪtə[r]/

tiny sparkling pieces used for decoration

*Mehr used glitter to decorate her hair.***glittering****adjective** /'glɪtərɪŋ/

sparkling

*The glittering lake shone beautifully in the sunlight.***glorify****verb** /'glɔːrɪfaɪ/to make a thing seem more attractive than it really is
*It is a film that tries to glorify war.***glorious****adjective** /'glɔːrɪəs/

wonderful or magnificent

*The glorious sunset was enjoyed by the hikers.***glossary****noun** /'glɒsəri/a list of difficult words with their meanings explained
*The textbook contained a glossary at the end.***gnat****noun** /næt/

a tiny fly that bites

gnome**noun** /nəʊm/

a kind of dwarf in fairy tales, usually living underground

*The gnome and his family lived happily ever after.***goldfish****noun** /'gəʊldfɪʃ/

a small red or orange fish, often kept as a pet

goose**noun** /guːs/

a long-necked water bird with webbed feet, larger than a duck

gooseberry**noun** /'gʊzbəri/

a small, green fruit that grows on a prickly bush

*The gooseberry bush grows naturally in thick forests.***gorge****noun** /gɔːdʒ/

a narrow valley with steep sides

The hikers had walked through a gorge to reach their camp.

gorilla**noun** /gə'ri:lə/

an African ape, the largest of all the apes

government**noun** /'gʌvənmənt/

the group of people who are in charge of the public affairs of a country

*The government is responsible for maintaining the law and order of a country.***grace****noun** /greɪs/

beauty, especially of movement

*The ballerina moved with extraordinary grace.***graduation****noun** /,grædʒu'eɪʃn/

the ceremony at which school or college degrees are given

*The principal handed out degrees at the graduation.***grammar****noun** /'græmə[r]/

the rules for using words and punctuation correctly

*The students were taught grammar and literature.***grammatical****adjective** /grə'mætɪkl/

of or relating to grammar

*There are many grammatical errors in this essay.***grandfather****noun** /'grænfɑːðə[r]/

the father of one's father or mother

*His grandfather is a wise old man.***graphic****adjective** /'græfɪk/

vivid, lifelike

*Ali gave a graphic account of his camping trip.***grateful****adjective** /'grætɪfl/

very thankful

*The student extended her grateful thanks to all her teachers.***gratify****verb** /'grætɪfaɪ/

to satisfy a feeling

*I will gratify your daughter's curiosity.***gratitude****noun** /'grætɪtjuːd/

thanks

*He expressed his gratitude for her help.***gravitational****adjective** /,grævɪ'teɪʃənl/

to do with the force of gravity

*The gravitational pull of the Sun keeps the Earth in orbit.***greedy****adjective** /'griːdi/

wanting more food, money, or other things than you need

*The greedy boy ate the entire packet of sweets.***greengrocer****noun** /'griːngreʊsə[r]/

a person who keeps a shop that sells fruit and vegetables

*I bought some carrots from the greengrocer.***grey****adjective** /greɪ/

the colour between black and white

*The professor wore a grey suit.***grievance****noun** /'griːvəns/

something that people are discontented about

The teacher listened patiently to the student's grievance.

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age group**groceries****noun** /ˈgrəʊsəris/

items of food

*She has gone to the market to buy groceries.***grub****noun** /grʌb/

a tiny, worm-like creature that will become an insect

grudge**noun** /grʌdʒ/

a feeling of resentment or ill will

*She isn't the sort of person who bears a grudge.***guarantee****noun** /ˌɡærən'tiː/

an assurance that certain conditions will be fulfilled

*There is no guarantee that he will succeed.***guardian****noun** /ˈɡɑːdiən/

a person who is legally in charge of a child whose parents cannot look after him or her

*His aunt acted as his guardian while his parents were away.***guitar****noun** /ɡɪ'tɑː[r]/

a musical instrument played by plucking its strings

*He is skilled at playing the guitar.***gymnasium****noun** /dʒɪm'neɪziəm/

a place equipped for gymnastics

*Nadia trained at the gymnasium from an early age.***gymnastics****noun** /dʒɪm'næstɪks/

exercises performed to display strength and agility

There was a display of gymnastics at the school's Sports Day.

habit**noun** /'hæbɪt/

a settled way of behaving
It is my habit to wake up early in the morning.

habitat**noun** /'hæbɪtæt/

where an animal or plant lives naturally
Deforestation deprives many plants and animals of their habitat.

habitation**noun** /,hæbɪ'teɪʃn/

a place to live in
Trees provide habitation for many species of birds.

haggard**adjective** /'hægəd/

looking ill or very tired
The haggard mountaineers were happy to reach their base camp.

haircut**noun** /'heəkʌt/

the act of cutting hair
Ali has a haircut once a month.

hairdresser**noun** /'heədresə[r]/

a person whose job is to cut and arrange people's hair
Sara asked the hairdresser to trim her hair.

halite**noun** /'halaɪt/

a soft, colourless or white mineral; rock salt
Halite is an important source of table salt.

hallucination**noun** /həˌluːsɪ'neɪʃn/

something you think you see or hear that is not really there
The old man's hallucination intensifies when he is hungry.

halo**noun** /'heɪləʊ/

a hazy ring of colored light in the sky around the Sun, Moon, or a similar bright object
People think that the halo around the moon forecasts rain.

hammer**noun** /'hæmə[r]/

a tool with a heavy metal head used for driving nails in, breaking things
Ali used a hammer to drive the nail into the wall.

handicapped**adjective** /'hændɪkæpt/

disabled
There are special parking spaces reserved for cars driven by handicapped people.

handkerchief**noun** /'hæŋkətʃɪf/

a small square of cloth for wiping the nose or face
Sara used a handkerchief to wipe her face.

handle**verb** /'hændl/

to deal with; to manage
He was asked to handle the preparations for the party.

handlebar**noun** /'hændlba:[r]/

a bar with handles on each end that steers a bicycle or motorcycle
Masood sat his little son on the handlebar of his motorcycle.

handsome**adjective** /'hænsəm/

good-looking
Akbar is a handsome young boy.

handwriting**noun** /'hændraɪtɪŋ/

a person's style of writing
Mehr's handwriting is very neat.

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age group**harbour****noun** /'hɑ:bə[r]/

a place where ships can shelter or unload
The harbour is packed with cargo ships.

hardware**noun** /'hɑ:dweə[r]/

metal tools, machinery
The shop sold hardware for use in factories.

hare**noun** /'heə[r]/

an animal like a rabbit but larger

harmonic**adj** /hɑ:'mɒnɪk/

relating to the way music notes are played or sung together to make a pleasing sound
The music teacher gave tips on how to play harmonic notes on the classical guitar.

harmonious**adjective** /hɑ:'mɒniəs/

friendly and peaceful
We enjoy a harmonious relationship with our neighbours.

harmony**noun** /'hɑ:məni/

being friendly and in tune with each other
We should live in harmony with our fellow human beings.

harness**noun** /'hɑ:nɪs/

the straps put round a horse's head and neck for controlling it
Akbar put a harness on his horse.

harsh**adjective** /hɑ:ʃ/

rough and unpleasant
He was living in a wild and harsh country full of hot sand and cactus plants.

harvest**noun** /'hɑ:vɪst/

the time when farmers gather in the corn, fruit or vegetables that they have grown
Harvest is a busy time in rural areas.

hassium**noun** /'hɑ:sɪəm/

a radioactive element
Hassium is produced when atoms collide.

hasty**adjective** /'heɪsti/

hurried: done too quickly
Her hasty decisions did not always have the required effect.

hatch**verb** /hætʃ/

to break out of an egg
The chicks are about to hatch out of the eggs.

haul**verb** /'hɔ:l/

to pull or drag with great effort
Ali had to haul the luggage down the stairs.

haunt**verb** /'hɔ:nt/

(said about a ghost) to appear often in a place
A ghost is said to haunt the old castle.

hazard**noun** /'hæzəd/

a danger or risk
The road sign indicated that there was a hazard ahead.

hazardous**adjective** /'hæzədəs/

dangerous
The hazardous chemicals were being emptied into the sea.

headache

noun /'hedək/

a pain in the head
I went home early from work due to a severe headache.

headmistress

noun /'hed'mɪstrəs/

a female head teacher
The teacher asked the headmistress to discipline the unruly students

headquarters

noun /'hed'kwɔ:təz/

the place from which an organisation is controlled
The general immediately returned to headquarters.

health

noun /helθ/

the condition of a person's body or mind
His health is improving.

hectic

adjective /'hektɪk/

busy and confused
Zara was tired at the end of a hectic day.

hedgehog

noun /'hedʒhɒg/

a small animal covered with long prickles

heighten

verb /'haɪn/

to make higher
The carpenter was asked to heighten the table.

helicopter

noun /'helɪkɒptə[r]/

an aircraft with large horizontal propellers or rotor
The helicopter circled over the forest fire.

hemisphere

noun /'hemɪsfɪə[r]/

half the Earth
Australia is in the Southern hemisphere.

henceforth

adverb /'hens'fɔ:θ/

from now on
Wearing the school uniform is compulsory, henceforth.

hereditary

adjective /hə'redɪtri/

passed on from parent to child; inherited
Diabetes can be a hereditary disease.

heredity

noun /hə'redəti/

the process of inheriting physical or mental characteristics from parents or ancestors
Heredity determines the colour of our eyes.

heritage

noun /'herɪtɪdʒ/

the things that someone has inherited
The Badshahi Mosque is part of our national heritage.

hermetically

adverb /hɜ:'metɪkli/

so as to be airtight
The tin is hermetically sealed.

hermit

noun /'hɜ:mɪt/

a person who lives alone and keeps away from people
The hermit lived in a cave.

hesitate

verb /'hezɪteɪt/

to be slow or uncertain in speaking, moving
I hesitate to be the bearer of bad news.

heterogeneous

adjective /'hetərə'dʒi:niəs/

composed of people or things of different kinds
The country has a heterogeneous population.

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age group**hibernation****noun** /ˌhaɪbəˈneɪʃn/

state of deep sleep in which some animals pass the winter

*Bears go into hibernation in winter.***hierarchy****noun** /ˈhaɪərɑːki/

an organisation that ranks people one above the other according to the power or authority that they hold

*She is a senior professor in the college hierarchy.***hieroglyphics****noun** /ˌhaɪərəˈɡlɪfɪks/

pictures or symbols used in ancient Egypt to represent words

*The walls of the tomb were covered in hieroglyphics.***hijack****verb** /ˈhaɪdʒæk/

to seize control of an aircraft or vehicle during a journey

*The criminals tried to hijack the aeroplane.***hilarious****adjective** /hɪˈleəriəs/

very funny

*The comedian's hilarious jokes had the audience laughing.***hindquarters****noun** /ˌhaɪndˈkwɔːtəz/

an animal's back legs

*They held the sheep by its hindquarters.***hinge****noun** /hɪndʒ/

a joining device on which a lid or door turns when it opens

*The door fell off its hinge.***hippopotamus****noun** /ˌhɪpəˈpɒtəməs/

a very large African animal that lives near water

hire**verb** /ˈhaɪə[r]/

to pay money to borrow something for a short time

*He was told to hire a car for the day.***historical****adjective** /hɪˈstɒrɪkl/

to do with history

*Historical novels are very popular.***hitherto****adverb** /ˌhɪðəˈtuː/

until this time

*Hitherto, there have been no problems.***hollow****adjective** /ˈhɒləʊ/

with an empty space inside; not solid

*A drum is a hollow object.***honeysuckle****noun** /ˈhɒnɪsʌkl/

a climbing plant with fragrant yellow or pink flowers

*I could smell the honeysuckle when I went out into the garden in the evenings.***honourable****adjective** /ˈɒnərəbəl/

deserving honour

*Teaching is an honourable profession.***hoof****noun** /huːf/

the hard part of the foot of a horse etc.

*The blacksmith shod the horse's hoof.***hooligan****noun** /ˈhuːlɪgən/

a rough and violent young person

*The hooligan was arrested by the police.***hopeful****adjective** /ˈhəʊpfl/

likely to be good or successful

The result of the election is a hopeful sign that there will be peace.

horizontal**adjective** /ˈhɒrɪˈzɒntl/

parallel to the horizon

*He drew horizontal lines on a piece of paper.***hormone****noun** /ˈhɔːmɒn/a substance produced by glands in the body
*Insulin is a hormone that is produced by the pancreas.***hornet****noun** /ˈhɔːnɪt/

a wasp that can inflict a severe sting

horoscope**noun** /ˈhɒrəskəʊp/

an astrologer's forecast of future events

*She enjoys reading her horoscope in the newspaper.***horrible****adjective** /ˈhɒrəbl/

very unpleasant or nasty

*Having a tooth removed was a horrible experience.***horrify****verb** /ˈhɒrɪfaɪ/

to make somebody feel very afraid or disgusted

*He tried to horrify us with scary stories.***horse****noun** /hɔːs/

a large, four-legged animal used for riding on and for pulling carts etc

horticulture**noun** /ˈhɔːtɪkʌltʃə[r]/

the art of cultivating gardens

*The gardener was trained in horticulture.***hospitality****noun** /ˌhɒspɪˈtæləti/

welcoming guests and giving them food and entertainment

*Thank you for your generous hospitality.***hostage****noun** /ˈhɒstɪdʒ/

a person who is held prisoner until certain demands are met

*The hostage was released once the ransom was paid.***hostile****adjective** /ˈhɒstəl/

unfriendly

*She gave me a hostile glare.***housefly****noun** /ˈhaʊsflaɪ/

a common fly, that frequents human habitations and spreads diseases

howl**noun** /haʊl/

a long, loud, sad sound such as that made by a dog or wolf

*I could hear the howl of the wolf.***humane****adjective** /hjuːˈmeɪn/

kind-hearted and merciful

*Animals deserve humane treatment.***humanitarian****adjective** /hjuːˌmæniˈteəriən/

concerned with people's welfare

*Since he is old and sick, doctors say he should be released from prison on humanitarian grounds.***humble****adjective** /ˈhʌmbəl/

modest; not proud or showy

*Ali is a humble boy.***humiliate****verb** /hjuːˈmɪliət/

to make a person feel disgraced or ashamed

It is wrong to humiliate someone.

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age group**humility****noun** /hju:'mɪləti/

being humble

*The king showed great humility when he addressed the council.***humour****noun** /'hju:mə[r]/

the quality of being funny

*Shahid has a great sense of humour.***humus****noun** /'hju:məs/

rich earth made by decayed plants

*The gardener uses humus to improve the soil.***hunchback****noun** /'hʌntʃbæk/

someone with a hump on their back

*The hunchback of Notre Dame was called Quasimodo.***hurdle****noun** /'hɜ:dl/

an obstacle or difficulty

*The race called for the children to jump over a hurdle.***hurricane****noun** /'hʌrɪkən/

a storm with violent winds

*The hurricane knocked down many trees.***hyena****noun** /'haɪ'i:nə/

a wild animal that looks like a wolf and makes a shrieking howl

hypermarket**noun** /'haɪpəmə:kɪt/

a large shop that is usually situated outside a town and sells a variety of goods

*The location of the new hypermarket is very convenient.***hyphen****noun** /'haɪfən/

a short dash used to join words or parts of words together

*A hyphen is sometimes necessary to connect two words.***hypnotise****verb** /'hɪpnətaɪz/

to produce hypnosis in somebody

*The hypnotist tried to hypnotise my aunt.***hypocrite****noun** /'hɪpəkraɪt/

a person who pretends to be what he is not

*His actions revealed him to be a hypocrite.***hysteria****noun** /hɪ'stɪəriə/

uncontrollable excitement, panic, or emotion

*The fans at the rock concert were in a state of hysteria.***hysterical****adjective** /hɪ'sterɪkl/

uncontrollably emotional

That comedian was good at telling hysterical jokes.

iceberg**noun** /'aɪsbɜːg/

a large mass of ice floating in the sea with most of it under water

*The ship was severely damaged when it hit an iceberg.***icicle****noun** /'aɪsɪkl/

pointed, hanging, pieces of ice, formed when dripping water freezes

*He broke off an icicle from the edge of the roof.***identical****adjective** /aɪ'dentɪkl/

exactly the same

*Mehr and Maha are identical twins.***identification****noun** /aɪ,dentɪfɪ'keɪʃn/

who or what a person or a thing is

*Early identification of a disease can prevent illness.***idiom****noun** /'ɪdɪəm/

a phrase that means something different from the meaning of the words in it

*'Let the cat out of the bag' is an idiom meaning to tell a secret by mistake.***idle****adjective** /'aɪdl/

doing no work; lazy

*The idle boy wasted his time.***idolise****verb** /'aɪdələɪz/

to admire someone greatly

*Children usually idolise their parents.***ignorance****noun** /'ɪgnərəns/

not knowing about something

*In my ignorance, I failed to come downstairs to meet the guests.***illegal****adjective** /ɪ'liːgəl/

not lawful

*The illegal immigrants were caught.***illite****noun** /'ɪlɪt/

group of grey, green, or yellowish-brown clay minerals

*Illite does not expand on absorption of water.***illiteracy****noun** /ɪ'lɪtərəsi/

inability to read or write

*Illiteracy is Pakistan's heaviest burden.***illustration****noun** /ɪ,lə'streɪʃn/

descriptive example, often pictorial

*The book had a colourful illustration on its cover.***image****noun** /'ɪmɪdʒ/

the appearance of something as seen in a mirror or camera

*Alia saw the reflection of her image in the water.***imagination****noun** /ɪ,mædʒɪ'neɪʃn/

the ability to imagine things

*Children have a wonderful sense of imagination.***imaginative****adjective** /ɪ'mædʒɪnətɪv/

creative

*Grandma used to tell us very imaginative stories.***immeasurable****adjective** /ɪ'meʒərəbl/

too large or great to be measured

The industrialist had accumulated immeasurable wealth.

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immediately

adverb /ɪ'miːdiətli/
at once; without delay
His mother asked him to return home immediately after school.

immoral

adjective /ɪ'mɒrəl/
morally wrong
Stealing is an immoral act.

immortal

adjective /ɪ'mɔːtl/
living forever
Everything in life would be different if we were immortal beings.

immunise

verb /ɪ'mjunaɪz/
to give a person resistance to a disease, e.g. by vaccination
It is important to immunise every child against polio.

impatient

noun /ɪm'peɪʃnt/
not patient; in a hurry
The impatient man was getting annoyed at their lack of interest.

impel

verb /ɪm'pel/
urge; drive forward
There are various reasons that impel me to that conclusion.

impenetrable

adjective /ɪm'penɪtrəbl/
impossible to get through
It was difficult to cross the impenetrable jungle.

imperative

adjective /ɪm'perətɪv/
essential
It is imperative to continue treatment for two months.

imperfect

adjective /ɪm'pɜːfekt/
with mistakes
We live in an imperfect world.

implausible

adjective /ɪm'plɔːzəbl/
not seeming reasonable or likely to be true
It sounded like an implausible excuse.

implicit

adjective /ɪm'plɪsɪt/
not directly expressed
She had the implicit trust of her staff.

impolite

adjective /ɪmpə'laɪt/
rude
The impolite boy was punished by his father.

impress

verb /ɪm'pres/
to make a person admire something
She tried to impress her teacher with her work.

impression

noun /ɪm'preʃn/
an effect produced on the mind
I think I made a good impression on my boss.

improbable

adjective /ɪm'prɒbəbl/
unlikely
The police detective listened to the suspects improbable story.

improvise

verb /ɪm'prɒvaɪz/
compose or perform something without a rehearsal or with whatever is available
The actors forgot their lines and had to improvise the last scene.

impulse

noun /'ɪmpʌls/
a sudden strong wish to do something
He had a sudden impulse to stand up and sing.

impure

adjective /ɪm'pjʊə[r]/
not pure
Impure water caused an epidemic.

inaccessible

adjective /ɪnæk'sesəbl/
not able to be reached
Medical camps were set up in inaccessible areas.

inaccurate

adjective /ɪn'ækjərət/
not exact or accurate; with mistakes
She gave me a horribly inaccurate description of the match between India and Pakistan.

inattentive

adjective /ɪnə'tentɪv/
not giving attention to something
The teacher was unhappy with the inattentive students.

inaudible

adjective /ɪn'ɔ:dəbl/
not able to be heard
He was murmuring inaudible words.

incandescent

adjective /ɪnkæn'desnt/
giving out light when heated
Thomas Edison was the famous scientist who invented the incandescent light bulb.

incentive

noun /ɪn'sentɪv/
something that encourages a person to do something or to work harder
The pay raise gave her an incentive to work harder.

incident

noun /'ɪnsɪdənt/
an event
I will never forget the incident which took place last summer at the beach.

inclination

noun /ɪnklɪ'neɪʃn/
a feeling that makes you want to do something
He did not show the slightest inclination to leave.

inclined

adjective /ɪn'klaɪnd/
tending to do something; wanting or likely to do something
The little children were inclined to trust their teacher.

include

verb /ɪn'klu:d/
to make or consider something as part of a group of things
Mehr wanted to include her entire class in her birthday celebration.

incoherent

adjective /ɪnkəʊ'hɪərənt/
not clearly ordered or linked
His incoherent speech was boring for the listeners.

inconsiderate

adjective /ɪnkən'sɪdərət/
not considerate towards other people
Our previous neighbours were inconsiderate people.

inconsistent

adjective /ɪnkən'sɪstənt/
not always the same
The coach was disappointed by the inconsistent performance by his team.

incredible

adjective /ɪn'kredəbl/
unbelievable
Ali dressed with incredible speed.

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indemnify

verb /ɪn'demnfai/

to compensate for loss

The insurance company will indemnify us in case of theft.

independence

noun /ɪndɪ'pendəns/

the state of being free and not controlled by another person or country

August 14 is the anniversary of Pakistan's independence.

independent

adjective /ɪndɪ'pendənt/

not dependent on any other person or thing for help, money or support

Pakistan became an independent country in 1947.

index

noun /'ɪndeks/

an alphabetical list of things

She consulted the index at the back of the book to find the word she was looking for.

indicate

verb /'ɪndɪkeɪt/

to point something out

The arrow will indicate which direction we should take.

indicator

noun /'ɪndɪkeɪtə[r]/

a flashing signal that a motor vehicle is turning

The traffic sergeant fined him for having a broken indicator.

indifference

noun /ɪn'dɪfrəns/

lack of interest

He has always shown indifference to the needs of others.

indiscreet

adjective /ɪndɪ'skri:t/

not careful about what you say or do, especially when this embarrasses or offends someone

He is an indiscreet person and cannot be trusted.

indispensable

adjective /ɪndɪ'spensəbl/

essential

A dictionary is an indispensable possession for any English teacher.

indistinct

adjective /ɪndɪ'stɪŋkt/

not clear

His indistinct speech made it difficult for them to understand him.

indium

noun /'ɪndɪəm/

a very soft, silvery-white, chemical element

Indium is used to coat the bearings of high speed motors.

indole

noun /'ɪndəʊl/

white crystalline compound obtained from coal tar or various plants

Indole is used in perfumery.

industrialise

verb /ɪn'dʌstriəlaɪz/

to develop industries in a country

The government plans to industrialise Gwadar Port over the next few years.

industrious

adjective /ɪn'dʌstriəs/

hard working

The industrious weavers worked hard.

inedible

adjective /ɪn'edəbl/

unfit to eat

The inedible cake was thrown away.

infant**noun** /'ɪnfənt/

a baby or young child

*The infant was asleep in the cot.***infinite****adjective** /ɪn'fɪnət/

endless or without limit

*We do not have an infinite amount of time.***inflammable****adjective** /ɪn'flæməbəl/

able to be set on fire

*It is advised not to smoke near inflammable objects.***inflate****verb** /ɪn'fleɪt/

to fill something with air or gas to make it bigger

*We had to inflate the balloons for the party.***influence****noun** /ɪnfluəns/

the power to change what somebody believes or does

*A teacher has a strong influence over her students.***influential****adjective** /ɪnflu'entʃl/

having a lot of influence

*She is a very influential politician.***information****noun** /ɪnfə'meɪʃn/

facts

*A library is a good place to look for information.***infrequent****adjective** /ɪn'fri:kwənt/

rarely happening

*A solar eclipse is an infrequent occurrence.***infuriate****verb** /ɪn'fjuəriət/

to make a person very angry

*Little Johnny always manages to infuriate his father with his naughtiness.***inhabitant****noun** /ɪn'hæbɪtənt/

a person who lives in a particular place

*The oldest inhabitant of the village has survived a series of droughts and floods.***inhale****verb** /ɪn'heɪl/

to breathe in

*Your lungs expand when you inhale.***inoculate****verb** /ɪ'nɒkjuleɪt/

to inject or treat someone with a vaccine or serum as a protection against a disease

*The doctor wanted to inoculate the child against typhoid.***insane****adjective** /ɪn'seɪn/

not sane, mad

*The insane child went out during a raging storm.***insect****noun** /ɪnsekt/

a small animal with six legs, no backbone, and a body divided into three parts (head, thorax, abdomen)

insensitive**adjective** /ɪn'sensətɪv/

not thinking about other people's feelings

*His insensitive remarks made her cry.***inseparable****adjective** /ɪn'seprəbəl/

not able to be separated

*Mehr and Yasha were inseparable friends.***insistent****adjective** /ɪn'sɪstənt/

very firm in asking for something

The management adhered to the insistent demands of the workers.

9 to 11 age group

instalment

noun /ɪn'stə:lmənt/
small sums of money paid at regular intervals
I paid the first instalment for my car.

instant

adjective /'ɪnstənt/
happening immediately
She took an instant dislike to me.

instruct

verb /ɪn'strʌkt/
to teach a person a subject or skill
Sara asked her teacher to instruct her in mathematics.

instrument

noun /'ɪnstrəmənt/
a tool or device used for a particular task
The piano is a musical instrument.

insurance

noun /ɪn'sʊərəns/
an agreement to compensate someone for a loss, damage or injury in return for a payment made in advance
He decided to take out insurance against fire and theft.

intelligence

noun /ɪn'telɪdʒəns/
the ability to learn, understand and think in a logical way about things
He didn't even have the intelligence to call for an ambulance.

intensify

verb /ɪn'tensɪfaɪ/
to make more strong
The heat will intensify in the future due to global warming.

intercept

verb /,ɪntə'sept/
to stop or catch a person or thing that is going from one place to another
Reporters tried to intercept him as he was leaving the hotel.

interfere

verb /,ɪntə'fɪə[r]/
to get in the way; obstruct
Please do not interfere in my business.

international

adjective /,ɪntə'næʃnəl/
belonging to more than one country
English is an international language.

interrupt

verb /,ɪntə'rʌpt/
to prevent something from continuing by breaking in on it
Please do not interrupt me when I am talking.

interview

noun /'ɪntəvjʊ:
a formal meeting with someone to ask him or her questions or to obtain information
I was called for a job interview.

intimidation

noun /ɪn,tɪmɪ'deɪʃn/
feeling of fear or threat
Female workers have been complaining of intimidation.

intrigue

verb /ɪn'tri:g/
to interest very much
The aim of the lecture was to intrigue the audience.

introduction

noun /,ɪntrə'dʌkʃn/
introducing somebody or something
I wrote a two-paragraph introduction on the Asian elephant in my English essay.

invade

verb /ɪn'veɪd/
to attack and enter a country etc.
Enemy soldiers tried to invade the country.

invasion

noun /ɪn'veɪʒn/
the act of entering another territory by force to take control of it
Soldiers managed to stop the enemy invasion.

invention

noun /ɪn'venʃn/
something made by a person that has not been made before
Fax machines were a wonderful invention at the time.

investigation

noun /ɪn'vestrɪ'geɪʃn/
a systematic inquiry
The police carried out an investigation into the crime.

invigilate

verb /ɪn'veɪdʒɪleɪt/
to supervise students at an examination
I was asked to invigilate the mathematics examination.

invisible

adjective /ɪn'veɪzəbl/
not able to be seen
We watched a film about an invisible man.

irregular

adjective /ɪ'regjələ[r]/
not regular
Mrs. Ali was informed of her daughter's irregular attendance at school.

irrigate

verb /'ɪrɪgeɪt/
to supply land with water so that crops etc. can grow
A system of canals is used to irrigate farmland in dry areas.

irrigation

noun /,ɪrɪ'geɪʃn/
supplying land with water to grow crops
Irrigation has greatly increased the area of cultivated land.

irritate

verb /'ɪrɪteɪt/
to annoy
His childish behaviour began to irritate me.

isle

noun /aɪl/
a small island
The Isle of Wight is one of several British Isles.

itch

verb /ɪtʃ/
to feel a tickling sensation on the skin that makes you want to scratch it.
My sweater makes me itch.

itinerary

noun /aɪ'tɪnərəri/
a plan of a journey
The next place on our itinerary was Lahore.

J

9 to 11
age group**jade**

noun /dʒeɪd/
a hard green gemstone
Jade is used in jewellery and decorative items.

jealous

adjective /ˈdʒeləs/
unhappy because you feel that someone is luckier than you
The jealous girl made sure that if she could not have a new dress, no-one could.

jewellery

noun /ˈdʒuːəlri/
objects such as rings and necklaces that people wear as decoration
Somebody stole her favourite jewellery.

jinxed

adjective /dʒɪŋkst/
causing bad luck or misfortune
The whole family seemed to be jinxed.

jojoba

noun /həˈhɔʊbə/
oil from the seeds of an American plant
Jojoba is often used in cosmetics and shampoos.

jolt

noun /dʒɔʊlt/
a sudden, rough movement
The door closed with a jolt.

joule

noun /dʒuːl/
a unit of energy
The joule is a unit of energy named after James Joule.

journalism

noun /ˈdʒɜːnəlɪzəm/
the profession of writing for newspapers or magazines
Ahmed is interested in studying journalism.

journalist

noun /ˈdʒɜːnəlɪst/
a person who writes for a newspaper or magazine
The journalist is interested in current events.

journey

noun /ˈdʒɜːni/
going from one place to another
My father went on a journey by train.

jubilation

noun /ˌdʒuːbrɪˈleɪʃn/
a feeling of great joy and celebration
There was jubilation amongst the students when a holiday was announced.

Judaism

proper noun /ˈdʒuːdeɪɪzəm/
the religion of the Jews
Judaism is one of the oldest religions of the world.

judge

noun /dʒʌdʒ/
a person in a court who has the authority to decide how criminals should be punished or to make legal decisions
The judge listened carefully to all the evidence.

judgement

noun /ˈdʒʌdʒmənt/
the decision made by a law court
The court's judgement was fair and just.

juggernaut

noun /ˈdʒʌɡənɔːt/
a huge cart or lorry
The juggernaut was used to transport cars.

juggle

verb /ˈdʒʌɡl/
to toss and catch a number of objects skilfully for entertainment, keeping one or more in the air at any time
The young circus boy had to learn to juggle.

jumble

noun /'dʒʌmbəl/

a muddle

The clothes lay in a jumble on the floor.

junction

noun /'dʒʌŋkʃn/

a place where roads or railway lines meet

He told me to come off the motorway at junction 6.

jury

noun /'dʒʊəri/

a group of people (usually twelve) appointed to give a verdict about a case in a court of law

The jury took a long time in deciding whether the man was guilty or not.

justification

noun /'dʒʌstɪfɪ'keɪʃn/

a good reason for something

There is no justification for his rude behaviour.

justify

verb /'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/

to show that something is reasonable

He could not justify his rude behaviour.

K

9 to 11
age group**kale****noun** /keɪl/

dark green vegetable like a cabbage
Kale is an excellent source of Vitamin A & C.

kame**noun** /keɪm/

a short ridge or mound of sand and gravel deposited during the melting of glacial ice
It is quite common to see a kame in the glaciated valleys of the Scottish Lowlands.

kangaroo**noun** /ˌkæŋɡəˈruː/

an Australian animal that moves by jumping on its strong hind legs

karate**noun** /kəˈrɑːti/

a Japanese method of self-defence in which the hands and feet are used as weapons
Every year the school hosted a competition of karate.

kennel**noun** /ˈkenl/

a shelter for a dog
I had a new kennel built for my puppy.

ketchup**noun** /ˈketʃəp/

a thick bottled sauce often made from tomatoes
I love eating french fries with ketchup.

ketone**noun** /ˈkiːtəʊn/

any of a class of organic compounds
Simple ketone is generally not highly toxic.

kettle**noun** /ˈketl/

a container for boiling water in
Sara used the kettle to boil water for tea.

keyboard**noun** /ˈkiːbɔːd/

a set of keys on a piano, computer, typewriter
Practice will help you to type faster on a keyboard.

kidnap**verb** /ˈkɪdnæp/

to take someone away by force, especially to obtain a ransom
To kidnap someone is a serious crime.

kidney**noun** /ˈkɪdni/

either of the two organs in the body that remove waste products from the blood and excrete them as urine
The infection damaged her kidney.

kilometre**noun** /ˈkɪləmiːtə[r]/

a unit of length equal to 1,000 metres
I walk one kilometre every morning in order to keep fit.

kilowatt**noun** /ˈkɪləwɒt/

a unit of electrical power
In class we learnt that 1,000 watts is equal to 1 kilowatt.

kindergarten**noun** /ˈkɪndəɡɑːtɪn/

a school or class for very young children
Ali will join kindergarten in September.

kiosk**noun** /ˈkiːɒsk/

a small hut or stall where things are sold
He bought a drink from the kiosk on the beach.

kitchen**noun** /ˈkɪtʃɪn/

a room where you cook food
I enjoy baking cakes in my kitchen.

kitten

noun /'kɪtn/
a very young cat

kleptomania

noun /,kleptə'meɪniə/
a strong impulse to steal
The poor woman suffers from kleptomania.

knack

noun /næk/
a special skill
He has a knack for solving puzzles.

knapsack

noun /'næpsæk/
a bag carried on the back by soldiers, hikers
He filled his knapsack with water and food for his camping trip.

knead

verb /ni:d/
to press and stretch something soft (especially dough) with your hands
Before baking bread you must knead the dough.

knife

noun /naɪf/
a cutting instrument consisting of a sharp blade
Akbar used a knife to peel the apple.

knit

verb /nɪt/
to make something by looping together wool or other yarn, using long needles or a machine
My grandmother will knit me a pink sweater to wear this winter.

knob

noun /nɒb/
the round handle of a door
She twisted the knob to open the door.

knock

verb /nɒk/
to hit something to make a noise
One ought to knock before entering someone's bedroom.

knockout

noun /'nɒkaʊt/
a contest in which the loser has to drop out
The result will be decided by a knockout.

knowledgeable

adjective /'nɒlɪdʒəbəl/
well informed
The knowledgeable professor gave an interesting lecture on history.

knuckle

noun /'nʌkl/
any of the joints in the fingers, especially those connecting the fingers to the rest of the hand
He bruised his knuckle when he punched the wall.

krill

noun /kɪɪl/
very small shellfish eaten by whales

L

9 to 11
age group**laboratory****noun** /lə'bɒrətəri/

a room or building equipped for scientific experiments

*There was a small explosion in our school laboratory yesterday.***laborious****adjective** /lə'bɔːriəs/

needing or using a lot of hard work and effort

*I am not getting paid enough for such laborious work.***labour****noun** /'leɪbə[r]/

physical work

*The workers voted to withdraw their labour.***labyrinth****noun** /'læbərɪnθ/

a complicated arrangement of passages or paths

*The boy was lost for hours inside the labyrinth.***ladle****noun** /'leɪdl/

a large deep spoon with a long handle

*She used a ladle to serve him soup.***ladybird****noun** /'ledɪbɜːd/

a small, flying beetle, usually red with black spots

lamb**noun** /læm/

a young sheep

lamentable**adjective** /'læməntəbl/

regrettable

*She shows a lamentable lack of understanding.***lance****noun** /lɑːns/

a long spear

*He threw the lance at the target with all his might.***landscape****noun** /'lændskeɪp/

scenery

*Ahmed wanted to photograph every beautiful landscape on his way.***landslide****noun** /'lændslaɪd/

a huge mass of soil and rock sliding down a slope

*The road is blocked due to a landslide.***language****noun** /'læŋɡwɪdʒ/

words and their use

*He speaks a different language.***lanolin****noun** /'lænəlɪn/

a wax obtained from sheep's wool

*Lanolin is used in soaps, creams, ointments and cosmetics.***lapse****noun** /læps/

a period of time between two things that happen

*After a lapse of six months we met up again.***latitude****noun** /'lætɪtjuːd/

the distance of a place from the Equator measured in degrees

*In geography class today, we looked at the map to find out the latitude of London.***laugh****verb** /lɑːf/

to make sounds that show you are happy or think something is funny

*His funny jokes make me laugh.***laughable****adjective** /'lɑːfəbl/

deserving to be laughed at

His laughable attempt at bowling was an embarrassment to the team.

**laundry****noun** /'ləʊndri/

a place where clothes are washed and ironed
She will take her dirty clothes to the laundry after work.

lavatory**noun** /'lævətəri/

a toilet; a room containing a toilet
The nearest public lavatory is at the station.

lavender**noun** /'lævəndə[r]/

a shrub with sweet-smelling purple flowers
Lavender is used in the perfume industry.

lawnmower**noun** /'ləʊnməʊə[r]/

a machine for cutting grass
Put the lawnmower in the garden shed after you have finished cutting the grass.

lawyer**noun** /'ləːjə[r]/

a person who is qualified to give advice in matters of law
My grandmother was a lawyer by profession.

leadership**noun** /'liːdəʃɪp/

management; guidance
Under the leadership of their new coach, the hockey team played well in the tournament.

lease**noun** /liːs/

an agreement to allow someone to use a building or land for a fixed period in return for payment
The lease on this house will expire next month and we must look for a new place to live.

ledge**noun** /ledʒ/

a narrow shelf
I placed a bowl of water on the window ledge for the birds.

leech**noun** /li:tʃ/

a small, blood-sucking worm that lives in water

legendary**adjective** /'ledʒəndri/

very well known; famous and inspiring admiration
Oscar Wilde is a legendary aesthete.

legislate**verb** /'ledʒɪsleɪt/

to make laws
The government promises to legislate in order to put an end to child labour.

leisure**noun** /'leɪʒə[r]/

time that is free from work, when you can do what you like
Meet me during the lunch break so we can talk at leisure.

lemonade**noun** /'lemə'neɪd/

a sweet lemon-flavoured drink
It is refreshing to drink cool lemonade on a hot summer day.

lengthen**verb** /'lenθən/

to make or become longer
I asked the tailor to lengthen the sleeves of my new dress.

lengthening**verb** /'lenθənɪŋ/

making or becoming longer
Grandma sat by the window lengthening my old skirt, for I had grown too tall to wear it as it was.

leopard**noun** /'lepəd/

a wild animal like a big cat with yellow fur and dark spots

L

9 to 11
age group**lethargy**

noun /ˈleθədʒi/
extreme lack of energy
A jog in the park will help take away your lethargy.

lettuce

noun /ˈletɪs/
a garden plant with broad, crisp leaves used in salads
Lettuce is good for your health.

liberation

noun /ˌlɪbəˈreɪʃn/
freedom
The liberation of Algeria was a historic event.

licence

noun /ˈlaɪsns/
an official permit to do, use or own something
I got my driving licence yesterday.

lieutenant

noun /leɪˈtɛnənt/
an officer in the army or navy
The lieutenant performed his duties with great responsibility.

lighthouse

noun /ˈlaɪthaʊs/
a tower with a bright light at the top to guide or warn ships
It took us a long time to climb to the top of the lighthouse at the beach.

lilac

noun /ˈlaɪlək/
pale purple colour
All shades of lilac and purple are fashionable.

limpet

noun /ˈlɪmpɪt/
a small shellfish that attaches itself firmly to rocks

linger

verb /ˈlɪŋɡə[r]/
to be slow to leave
It is strange how childhood memories linger with time.

linguistics

noun /lɪŋˈɡwɪstɪks/
the study of languages
He is studying linguistics at the university.

lion

noun /ˈlaɪən/
a large, strong, flesh-eating animal of the cat family

liquid

noun /ˈlɪkwɪd/
a substance like water or oil that flows freely but (unlike a gas) has a constant volume
A liquid will take the shape of its container.

listen

verb /ˈlɪsn/
to pay attention in order to hear something
I told her three times, but she did not listen.

literature

noun /ˈlɪtrətʃə[r]/
books and other writings
William Shakespeare is famous for his great works of literature.

litter

verb /ˈlɪtə[r]/
to make a place untidy with rubbish left lying about
Use the dustbin and do not litter the park.

livestock

noun /ˈlaɪvstɒk/
farm animals
The livestock was well taken care of by the farmer.

lizard

noun /ˈlɪzəd/
a reptile with a rough skin, four legs, and a long tail

**llama**

noun /'lɑ:mə/
a South American animal with woolly fur

lobster

noun /'lɒbstə[r]/
a large shellfish with eight legs and two long claws

locomotive

noun /,ləʊkə'məʊtɪv/
a railway engine
The locomotive took six days to cross the desert.

locust

noun /'ləʊkəst/
a kind of grasshopper that travels in large swarms which eats all the plants in an area

logically

adverb /'lɒdʒɪkli/
reasonably or sensibly
He answered the questions logically, using common sense and reason.

loiter

verb /'lɔɪtə[r]/
to linger or stand about idly
The high school students like to loiter in the market.

lollipop

noun /'lɒlɪpɒp/
a large, round sweet on a stick
I am going to buy a lollipop from the canteen.

loquacious

adjective /lə'kwetʃəs/
talkative
He is a very loquacious and amusing companion.

lorry

noun /'lɒri/
a large, strong motor vehicle for carrying heavy things
We need a lorry to move the furniture to our new house.

lottery

noun /'lɒtəri/
a way of raising money by selling numbered tickets and giving prizes to people who hold winning numbers
Anna was thrilled when she won the lottery last week.

loudspeaker

noun /,laʊd'spi:kə[r]/
a device that changes electrical signals into sound
We heard our names being called over the loudspeaker.

lounge

noun /laʊndʒ/
a waiting area in an airport or hotel
My friends and I waited in the departure lounge.

lousy

adjective /'laʊzi/
very bad or unpleasant
All she bought me was this lousy T-shirt.

lovely

adjective /'lʌvli/
beautiful
He has a lovely voice.

loyal

adjective /'lɔɪəl/
always firmly supporting something or someone
His loyal fans supported him.

lubricate

verb /'lu:brikeɪt/
to oil or grease something so that it moves smoothly
The mechanic will lubricate the engine of the car.

luggage

noun /'lʌɡɪdʒ/
suitcases and bags
She had to carry her own luggage from the airport to the car.

L

9 to 11
age group

lullaby

noun /lʌləbaɪ/

a song that is sung to send a baby to sleep
The mother sang a lullaby to her baby son.

luminous

adjective /'luːmɪnəs/

glowing in the dark
I dared her to wear a luminous yellow hat.

luscious

adjective /'lʌʃəs/

richly sweet in taste or smell; delicious
We ate some luscious mangoes straight from the tree.

macaroon**noun** /ˌmækəˈruːn/

a small sweet cake or biscuit made with ground almonds

*The coconut macaroon was stale.***machinery****noun** /məˈʃiːnəri/

machines as a group, especially large ones

*The farmer was in need of agricultural machinery.***magenta****noun** /mæˈdʒentə/

a colour between bright red and purple

*The wall was painted magenta.***maggot****noun** /ˈmægət/

the larva of a kind of fly

magician**noun** /mæˈdʒɪʃn/

a person who does magic tricks

*A magician performed tricks at Zara's birthday party.***magistrate****noun** /ˈmædʒɪstreɪt/

an official who judges cases in a local court

*The magistrate decided to fine the accused.***magma****noun** /ˈmægmə/

very hot liquid rock found below the earth's surface

*Magma becomes lava once it escapes from the surface of a volcano.***magnet****noun** /ˈmæɡnət/

a piece of iron or steel that can attract iron and that points North and South when it is hung up

*A magnet is used to make a compass.***magneto****noun** /magˈni:təʊ/

a small electric generator that has a permanent magnet

*Magneto is used in the ignition system of engines such as of aircrafts, tractors, motorcycles.***magnificent****adjective** /mægˈnɪfɪsnt/

impressive

*You have all done a magnificent job.***magnify****verb** /ˈmæɡnɪfaɪ/

to make something look bigger than it really is

*A microscope can magnify small objects so we can see them better.***mahogany****noun** /mæˈhɒɡəni/

a hard brown wood

*The carpenter used mahogany to make the table.***mainstream****noun** /ˈmeɪnstriːm/

the most widely accepted ideas or opinions about something

*His radical views place him outside the mainstream of politics.***maintenance****noun** /ˈmeɪntənəns/

keeping something in good or workable condition

*The engineer in charge of maintenance is on holiday.***maize****noun** /meɪz/

a kind of corn with large seeds on cobs

*Maize is a popular fodder for livestock.***majestic****adjective** /mæˈdʒestɪk/

impressive because of size or beauty

Fujiyama is a majestic mountain.

M

9 to 11
age group**majesty****noun** /'mædʒəsti/

impressiveness in scale or proportion

*I was awe struck by the majesty of the great mountains.***majority****noun** /mə'dʒɔrəti/

the greatest part of a group of people or things

*The majority of the class passed their exams.***malaria****noun** /mə'leəriə/

a disease spread by mosquitoes that causes fever

*Steps have been taken to control the spread of malaria.***malevolent****adjective** /mə'levələnt/

harmful; wishing to harm people

*The man with the malevolent attitude was refused admission at the club.***malfunction****noun** /,mæ'l'fʌŋkʃn/

faulty functioning

*A malfunction in the car's engine caused it to stall.***malignant****adjective** /mə'liɡnənt/

harmful or cruel

*Doctors had diagnosed malignant cancer in his liver.***mammoth****noun** /'mæməθ/

an extinct elephant with hairy skin and curved tusks

manageable**adjective** /'mæniɔʒəbl/

able to be coped with

*The situation after the earthquake was far from manageable.***manager****noun** /'mæniɔʒə[r]/

a person who controls something

*The manager of the cricket team arranged their matches.***mandarin****noun** /'mændərɪn/

a kind of small orange

*Mandarin is a citrus fruit.***manicure****noun** /'mæni:kjuə[r]/

care and treatment of hands and nails

*She has a manicure every Thursday.***manipulate****verb** /mə'nɪpjuleɪt/

to handle or arrange something skilfully

*The worker learnt to manipulate the levers of the machine.***mankind****noun** /'mæn'kaɪnd/

human beings in general

*It is interesting to study the history of mankind.***manoeuvre****noun** /mə'nu:və[r]/

a difficult or skilful action

*Parking in a small space is a difficult manoeuvre.***mansion****noun** /'mæɪnʃn/

a large, stately house

*The rich man lived in a mansion.***mantelpiece****noun** /'mæntlpi:s/

a shelf above a fireplace

We keep old pictures on the mantelpiece.

manufacture**verb** /ˌmænjuˈfæktʃə[r]/

to make

*He set up a factory to manufacture cloth.***manuscript****noun** /ˈmænjuskript/

something written or typed but not printed

*He submitted the manuscript to his publisher a few days ago.***marathon****noun** /ˈmæɾəθən/

a long distance race

*I am training to run the marathon.***mare****noun** /ˈmeə[r]/

a female horse

margarine**noun** /ˌmɑːdʒəˈriːn/

a substance used like butter, made from animal or vegetable fat

*I like to eat my toast with margarine.***marionette****noun** /ˌmæriəˈnet/

a puppet worked by strings or wires

*She likes playing with a marionette.***marketable****adjective** /ˈmɑːkɪtəbl/

suitable for sale

*Mobile phones are a very marketable item.***marriage****noun** /ˈmæɾɪdʒ/

the state of being married; a wedding

*Their marriage took place in a local hotel.***marsupial****noun** /mɑːˈsuːpiəl/

any animal having a pouch on the front of its body in which its babies are carried e.g. a kangaroo

*Marsupial are mammals found only in Australia.***marvellous****adjective** /ˈmɑːvələs/

wonderful

*The boss told Rabia that she had done a marvellous job.***marzipan****noun** /ˈmɑːzɪpæn/

a soft sugary food made of ground almonds, eggs, and sugar

*The cake was iced with marzipan.***masculine****adjective** /ˈmæskjəlɪn/

relating to men

*Sumo wrestling is a largely masculine sport.***masquerade****noun** /ˈmæskəˈreɪd/

a pretence

*The whole thing turned out to be a masquerade.***massage****verb** /ˈmæsɑːʒ/

to rub and press the body to make it less stiff or less painful

*Ali will massage your shoulders to help ease the pain.***masterpiece****noun** /ˈmɑːstəpiːs/

a very good book, painting or film

*The painting of Mona Lisa is truly a masterpiece.***material****noun** /məˈtɪəriəl/

cloth or fabric

She bought cotton material to make a dress.

M

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age group**materialise****verb** /mə'tɪəriəlaɪz/to take place or start to exist as expected or planned
*His promotion failed to materialise.***mathematics****noun** /ˌmæθə'mætiks/the study of numbers, measurements and shapes
*Mathematics is my favourite subject.***mature****adjective** /mə'tʃʊə[r]/fully grown or developed
*He must start acting like a mature adult.***maximum****noun** /'mæksɪməm/the greatest possible number or amount
*He could accommodate a maximum of five people in his car.***mayonnaise****noun** /ˌmeɪə'neɪz/a creamy sauce made from eggs, oil, vinegar
*Make the tuna sandwich with plenty of mayonnaise.***meadow****noun** /'medəʊ/a field of grass
*The cows grazed in the meadow.***meagre****adjective** /'mi:ɡə[r]/barely enough
*He was very thin due to his meagre diet.***measles****noun** /'mi:zlz/an infectious disease that causes small red spots on the skin
*The government is working out plans to control the spread of measles in the area.***mechanic****noun** /mə'kænik/a person who maintains or repairs machinery
*The mechanic repaired the car engine.***mechanical****adjective** /mə'kænikl/to do with machines
*I do not have the mechanical skills to fix it myself.***mechanism****noun** /'mekənɪzəm/a set of moving parts in a machine that performs a task
*We were shown the delicate mechanism of a wrist-watch in class this morning.***medicated****adjective** /'medɪkeɪtɪd/containing medicine
*Medicated shampoos are useful for treating dandruff.***meditate****verb** /'medɪteɪt/to think deeply and quietly
*I like to meditate before an important examination.***meditation****noun** /ˌmedɪ'teɪʃn/quiet thinking
*Meditation makes you calm.***Mediterranean****adjective** /ˌmedɪtə'reɪniən/to do with the Mediterranean Sea or the countries round it
*She loves Mediterranean food.***medium****adjective** /'mi:diəm/neither large nor small
I bought a medium sized T-shirt.

melodious

adjective /mə'ləʊdiəs/
like a melody; pleasant to listen to
He has a melodious voice.

melodramatic

adjective /ˌmelədrə'mætlk/
emotional and overly dramatic
She enjoys telling her stories in a melodramatic way.

melody

noun /'melədi/
a tune
The song had a pleasant melody.

membrane

noun /'membreɪn/
a thin skin or similar covering
The cell membrane is made up of fats.

memorandum

noun /ˌmemə'rændəm/
a record of a legal agreement which has not yet been formally prepared and signed
The government promised to sign a memorandum with the rebel leaders.

memorial

noun /mə'mɔ:riəl/
something to remind people of a person or event
The war memorial was built to honour soldiers killed in the war.

memorise

noun /meməraɪz/
learn
We had to memorise the entire list of words.

menace

noun /'menəs/
a threat or danger
Speeding drivers are a menace to others on the road.

mentality

noun /men'tæləti/
a person's mental attitude
His negative mentality means he always expects the worst to happen.

merchandising

noun /'mɜ:tʃəndaɪzɪŋ/
the selection and display of goods in a retail outlet
Quality merchandising increases the sales of a shop.

mercury

noun /'mɜ:kjəri/
a heavy silver metal that is usually liquid, used in thermometers
Our chemistry teacher taught us the properties of mercury.

merge

verb /mɜ:dʒ/
to combine
The banks are set to merge next year.

merry

adjective /'meri/
cheerful and lively
The party was a merry occasion.

messenger

noun /'mesɪndʒə[r]/
a person who carries or delivers a message
The messenger arrived on horseback.

metaphor

noun /'metəfə[r]/
using a word or phrase in a way that is not literal
The 'rug was pulled from under her feet' is a metaphor, meaning she was taken by surprise.

metaphysics

noun /ˌmetə'fɪzɪks/
the branch of philosophy that deals with the nature of existence, truth and knowledge
Metaphysics is a fascinating and vast subject.

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age group

meteor

noun /'mi:tɪə[r]/

a piece of rock or metal that moves through space and burns up when it enters the Earth's atmosphere
He saw a meteor with a telescope.

metropolitan

adjective /,metrə'pɒlɪtən/

connected with a large or capital city
The bus service operated in the metropolitan area.

microphone

noun /maɪkrə'fəʊn/

an electrical device that picks up sound waves for recording, amplifying, or broadcasting
The singer used a microphone to record her voice.

microscope

noun /maɪkrə'skəʊp/

an instrument with lenses that magnify tiny objects or details
Germs are very small and can only be seen with the aid of a microscope.

microscopic

adjective /maɪkrə'skɒpɪk/

extremely small; too small to be seen without a microscope
Bacteria are microscopic organisms.

microwave

noun /maɪkrəweɪv/

an oven that cooks food quickly
A microwave may be used to heat food.

millennium

noun /mɪ'lenɪəm/

a period of 1,000 years
The year 2001 marked the beginning of a new millennium.

minefield

noun /maɪnfi:ld/

an area where explosive mines have been laid
The world's biggest minefield is the border between North and South Korea.

mineral

noun /mɪnərəl/

a hard inorganic substance found in the ground
Zinc is a useful mineral.

miniature

noun /mɪnətʃə[r]/

very small
This miniature television is small enough to fit in my pocket.

ministry

noun /'mɪnɪstri/

a government department
The ministry of defence is responsible for the safety of the citizens.

minority

noun /maɪ'nɒrəti/

a small group that is different from others
In Australia, Aborigines are a minority.

miscalculate

verb /,mɪs'kælkjuleɪt/

to calculate incorrectly
He tried hard not to miscalculate the figures.

mischief

noun /'mɪstʃɪf/

naughty or troublesome behaviour
The naughty child was full of mischief.

misconduct

noun /,mɪs'kɒndʌkt/

bad behaviour
The principal scolded the student for his misconduct.

miserable

adjective /'mɪzrəbl/

very unhappy
I spent a miserable weekend alone at home.

mishap

noun /'mɪʃæp/

an unlucky accident
The child died due to a medical mishap.

mismanagement

noun /ˌmɪsˈmænɪdʒmənt/
the act of managing badly or wrongly
The captain of the team was replaced due to his mismanagement.

misshapen

adjective /ˌmɪsˈʃeɪpən/
badly shaped
His misshapen fingers were caused by arthritis.

mission

noun /ˈmɪʃn/
a military or scientific expedition
The explorers set out on a mission to the North Pole.

mistletoe

noun /ˈmɪsltəʊ/
an evergreen shrub, with leathery leaves, yellowish flowers and waxy white berries
They used the mistletoe to decorate the house at Christmas.

mobile

adjective /ˈməʊbaɪl/
moving easily
Mobile libraries can reach students in remote areas.

mobilise

verb /ˈməʊbəlaɪz/
to assemble people or things for a particular purpose, especially for war
The troops received orders to mobilise for war.

moderate

adjective /ˈmɒdərət/
between extremes
California has a moderate climate.

modernise

verb /ˈmɒdənaɪz/
to make a thing more modern, up-to-date
We need to modernise our transport system.

moist

adjective /mɔɪst/
slightly wet
Wipe off any excess makeup with a clean moist cloth.

moisture

noun /ˈmɔɪstʃə[r]/
water in the air
Moisture is bad for electronic equipment.

molecule

noun /ˈmɒlɪkjʊ:l/
the smallest part into which a substance can be divided without changing its chemical nature
We studied the structure of a molecule in chemistry class.

mollusc

noun /ˈmɒləsk/
any of a group of animals including snails, slugs, and mussels, with soft bodies, no backbones, and sometimes external shells

momentum

noun /məˈmentəm/
the ability to keep increasing or developing
The fight for his release gathers momentum each day.

monarch

noun /ˈmɒnək/
the ruler of a country
The present monarch of Britain is Queen Elizabeth the Second.

monarchy

noun /ˈmɒnəki/
rule by a monarch
The government plans to abolish the monarchy.

mongrel

noun /ˈmʌŋgrəl/
a dog of mixed breeds

M

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age group**monkey****noun** /'mʌŋki/

an animal with a long tail that climbs trees and is mostly found in hot countries

monopolise**verb** /mə'npələɪz/

to keep or get control of the whole of something that others cannot share

She always likes to monopolise the conversation.

monopoly**noun** /mə'npələi/

the exclusive right to own something or to provide a service

The company had a monopoly on supplying electricity.

monotonous**adjective** /mə'nɒtənəs/

boring because it does not change

The audience was getting bored by his monotonous speech.

monstrosity**noun** /mɒn'strɒsəti/

a monstrous thing

The new multi-storey car park is an utter monstrosity.

monument**noun** /'mɒnjumənt/

a statue, building or column etc. put up as a memorial of some person or event

The Great Pyramid is a magnificent monument.

moose**noun** /mu:s/

a large, North American deer having large flattened antlers

mosque**noun** /mɒsk/

a building where Muslims worship

Ali went to the mosque to pray.

mosquito**noun** /mə'ski:təʊ/

a kind of gnat that sucks blood

moth**noun** /mɒθ/

an insect rather like a butterfly, that usually flies at night

motive**noun** /'məʊtɪv/

reason for an action

There seemed to be no motive for the murder.

mountaineering**noun** /,maʊntə'niəriŋ/

the sport of climbing mountains

His passion for mountaineering led him to climb Mount Everest.

mountainous**adjective** /'maʊntənəs/

having a lot of mountains

The government has decided to develop the mountainous areas.

mule**noun** /mju:l/

an animal that is the offspring of a donkey and a mare, known for being stubborn

multicultural**adjective** /,mʌlti'kʌltʃərə/

for or including people of different races, religions, languages and traditions

Canada is a multicultural country.

muscle**noun** /'mʌsls/

bundles of fibrous tissue that can contract and relax to produce movement in parts of the body

Exercise will help strengthen your damaged muscle.

museum

noun /mjuˈzi:əm/

a place where interesting, old or valuable objects are displayed for people to see

My mother loves spending time at the national art museum.

mussel

noun /ˈmʌsl/

a marine creature having two valves with a dark elongated shell

mysterious

adjective /mɪˈstəriəs/

puzzling

The mysterious circumstances of the murder were never fully resolved.

mystify

verb /ˈmɪstɪfaɪ/

to puzzle or bewilder

The strange events are sure to mystify everyone.

mystique

noun /mɪˈsti:k/

an aura of mystery, power and awe that surrounds a person or thing

The actor had been attracted to his profession by the mystique of the theatre.

mythical

adjective /ˈmɪθɪkəl/

imaginary; found only in myths

The unicorn is a mythical creature.

mythology

noun /mɪˈθɒlədʒi/

myths or the study of myths

Greek mythology is full of interesting stories.

N

9 to 11
age group**naphtha****noun** /ˈnɑfθə/

an essence or distillate of petroleum or coal
Naphtha is used as a solvent in paints and varnishes.

narrate**verb** /nəˈreɪt/

to tell
The teacher began to narrate a story to the class.

narrow**adjective** /nærəʊ/

not wide or broad
The narrow bridge was difficult to cross.

nation**noun** /ˈneɪʃn/

a large community of people who usually live in the same part of the world under one government
You and I belong to the same nation.

nationality**noun** /ˌnæʃəˈnæləti/

membership of a particular nation
All applicants will be considered, regardless of religion or nationality.

native**adjective** /ˈneɪtɪv/

belonging to a person because of the place of his or her birth
China is her native country.

nausea**noun** /ˈnɔːziə/

feeling of sickness
The strong medicine caused a feeling of nausea.

nauseous**adjective** /ˈnɔːziəs/

feeling sickness or disgust
The treatment left him nauseous and weak.

navigate**verb** /ˈnævɪgeɪt/

to make sure that a ship, aircraft, or vehicle is going in the right direction
In the olden days people used to navigate with the help of the stars.

navy**noun** /ˈneɪvi/

a country's warships and the people trained to use them
Pakistan has a well trained navy.

nearby**adjective** /ˌniəˈbaɪ/

close by
I study in a nearby school.

necessary**adjective** /ˈnesəsəri/

not able to be done without; essential
The plumber packed his necessary tools.

necessity**noun** /nəˈsesəti/

need
Clean drinking water is an absolute necessity.

needle**noun** /ˈniːdl/

a very thin, pointed piece of steel used in sewing
She passed a thread through the eye of the needle.

negative**adjective** /ˈnegətɪv/

not positive; bad or harmful
Ahmed has a very negative attitude.

neglect**noun** /nɪˈgлект/

to not look after or pay attention to a person or thing
It is wrong to neglect a pet.

negligence**noun** /ˈneglɪdʒəns/

lack of proper care or attention

*The accident was the result of the driver's negligence.***negotiable****adjective** /nɪˈɡəʊʃiəbl/

able to be changed after being discussed

*He purchased the negotiable bonds from the agent.***negotiate****verb** /nɪˈɡəʊʃieɪt/

to bargain or discuss with others in order to reach an agreement

*She will negotiate a better price for the house.***neighbourhood****noun** /ˈneɪbəhʊd/

the surrounding area

*This is a safe neighbourhood.***nemata****noun** /nəˈmɑːdə/

a group of unsegmented worms such as roundworms or threadworms

nematomorpha**noun** /nɛˌmɑːtəˈmɔːfə/

horsehair worms

*No Sentence Required***neon****adj** /niːn/

extremely bright or vivid

*Her neon purple nailpolish caught everyone's attention.***nephew****noun** /ˈnefjuː/

the son of a person's brother or sister

*His nephew is a doctor.***nervous****adjective** /ˈnɜːvəs/

slightly afraid

*The nervous passenger refused to board the plane.***nestle****verb** /ˈnesl/

to curl up comfortably

*The cat loves to nestle in my lap.***network****noun** /ˈnetwɜːk/

an organisation with many connecting parts that work together

*We do business with a large network of companies.***neutral****adjective** /ˈnjuːtrəl/

not supporting either side in a war or quarrel

*Switzerland is a neutral country.***nibble****verb** /ˈnɪbl/

take small and quick bites

*Mice like to nibble on cheese.***nicotine****noun** /ˈnɪkətiːn/

a poisonous substance found in tobacco

*Nicotine is deadly and is often used as a pesticide.***niece****noun** /niːs/

the daughter of a person's brother or sister

*Her niece is a lawyer.***nimble****adjective** /ˈnɪmbl/

able to move quickly; agile

*He is a nimble fielder on the boundary line.***noble****adjective** /ˈnəʊbl/

having a very good character or qualities

The noble king was wise and kind.

N

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age group**nominate****verb** /nɒmɪneɪt/

to propose someone as a candidate in an election
The class decided to nominate Akbar for the post of prefect.

nonsense**noun** /'nɒnsns/

stupid ideas or behaviour
She is fed up with his nonsense.

nonsensical**adjective** /nɒn'sensɪkl/

stupid and ridiculous
Osman comes up with the most nonsensical ideas.

northward**adjective** /'nɔːθwəd/

towards the north
The northward bound train arrived late.

noticeable**adjective** /'nəʊtɪsəbl/

easily seen
The noticeable stain on the carpet was difficult to remove.

notify**verb** /'nəʊtɪfaɪ/

to inform; tell
The students were asked to notify the school if they planned to be absent.

notorious**adjective** /nəʊ'tɔːriəs/

well known for something bad
The notorious gang leader was caught by the police.

nourish**verb** /'nʌrɪʃ/

to keep alive and well by means of food
Mammals nourish their young ones till they have grown.

novelist**noun** /'nɒvəlɪst/

a person who writes novels
J.K. Rowling is a novelist.

nuclear**adjective** /'njuːkliə[r]/

using, producing or resulting from nuclear energy
A nuclear power plant produces energy.

nuisance**noun** /'njuːsns/

an annoying person or thing
My little brother is a nuisance.

numerous**adjective** /'njuːmərəs/

many
There were numerous questions in the exam.

nutritious**adjective** /'njuːtrɪʃəs/

nourishing
Milk is a nutritious drink.

nutshell**noun** /'nʌtʃəl/

the shell around the kernel of a nut
The nutshell of a walnut is very hard.

nuzzle**verb** /'nʌzəl/

to rub gently with the nose
The mare likes to nuzzle her foal.

nylon**noun** /'naɪlɒn/

a synthetic, strong, lightweight fibre or cloth
Ropes made of nylon are very strong.

**oar****noun** /ɔː[r]/

a long pole with a flat blade at one end used for rowing a boat

His oar hit the bottom of the lake.

oasis**noun** /əʊ'eɪsɪs/

a fertile place in a desert, with a spring or well of water

The oasis in the desert had many date trees.

oath**noun** /əʊθ/

a solemn promise

He swore an oath in a law court to tell the truth.

obedience**noun** /ə'bi:diəns/

following orders

Teachers expect obedience from students.

obedient**adjective** /ə'bi:diənt/

doing what you are told

Mehr is a very obedient child who always listens to her mother.

obese**adjective** /əʊ'bi:s/

excessively fat

The obese man was at risk of heart disease.

objectionable**adjective** /əb'dʒekʃənəbl/

unpleasant or nasty

Teachers took offence to his objectionable behaviour.

obligation**noun** /'ɒblɪ'geɪʃn/

a duty

It is an obligation to look after your guests.

oblique**adjective** /ə'blɪk/

slanting

Her oblique handwriting was difficult to read.

obliterate**verb** /ə'blɪtəreɪt/

to blot out; destroy and remove all traces of something

She tried to obliterate the memories of her childhood.

obnoxious**adjective** /əb'nɒkʃəs/

very unpleasant

Her obnoxious behaviour put everyone off.

observant**adjective** /əb'zɜ:vənt/

quick to notice things

He is quite an observant young man.

observation**noun** /'ɒbzə'veɪʃn/

observing or watching

My research involves the observation of monkeys in their natural habitat.

observe**verb** /əb'zɜ:v/

to see and notice

I will observe the monkeys in their natural habitat.

obsolete**adjective** /'ɒbsəli:t/

not used any more

Obsolete locomotives cause air pollution.

obstacle**noun** /'ɒbstəkl/

something that stands in the way or hampers progress

The horse jumped over the obstacle with ease.



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obstruct

verb /əb'strʌkt/

to stop a person or thing from getting past
The landslide will obstruct traffic.

obvious

adjective /'ɒbvɪəs/

easy to see or understand
The obvious answers fooled the students.

occasion

noun /ə'keɪʒn/

a special event
Her graduation was an occasion to celebrate.

occasional

adjective /ə'keɪʒənəl/

happening from time to time but not regularly
Ali makes occasional visits to the museum.

occultation

noun /ɒ'kʌltə'ʃən/

temporary disappearance of a celestial body as it moves behind another body
An occultation occurs when an apparently larger body passes in front of an apparently smaller one.

occupation

noun /ɒkju'peɪʃn/

a person's job or profession
Ali's occupation is dentistry.

occupational

adjective /ɒkju'peɪʃənəl/

associated with one's job
Exposure to infections is an occupational risk for doctors.

occupy

verb /'ɒkjupaɪ/

to live in a place
I occupy the house next door.

octagonal

adjective /ɒk'tæɡənəl/

a flat shape with eight sides and eight angles
The new swimming pool is of an octagonal shape.

octopoda

noun /ɒktə'pɒdə/

literal meaning is 'eight-footed' but refers to an eight-armed creature
An octopus is an octopoda.

octopus

noun /'ɒktəpəs/

a sea creature with eight long tentacles
The octopus is used in Greek cuisine.

odonata

noun /ɒdə'nɑ:tə/

an order of predatory insects comprising the dragonflies and damselflies
Dragonflies are an example of the odonata group of insects.

oedema

noun /ɪ'di:mə/

a condition in which the liquid collects in the spaces inside the body and makes it swell
Severe cases of oedema may require surgery.

offence

noun /ə'fens/

an illegal action; a feeling of annoyance or resentment
He was not aware that he had committed an offence.

ointment

noun /'ɔɪntmənt/

a cream or paste for putting on sore skin and cuts
I have applied an ointment to the cut on my finger.

okra

noun /'ɒkrə/

a plant that bears a vegetable called ladyfinger
Okra is grown in warm climate.

**olfaction**

noun /ɒl'fækʃən/
the sense of smell
Insects primarily use their antennae for olfaction.

olivine

noun /'ɒlɪvɪ:n/
a hard olive green, grey green or brown mineral
Olivine is sometimes used in making bricks.

omelette

noun /'ɒmlət/
eggs beaten together and cooked in a pan, often with a filling
I like to eat an omelette for breakfast.

omnivorous

adjective /ɒm'nɪvərəs/
eating all types of food, especially both plants and meat
Man is an omnivorous mammal.

onion

noun /'ʌnjən/
a round vegetable with a strong flavour
Chop the onion finely.

opaque

adjective /əʊ'peɪk/
not transparent
She tried but could not see anything through the opaque glass.

opera

noun /'ɒprə/
a drama set to music, with singers acting the story
I was very happy when we got tickets for the opera.

operate

verb /'ɒpəreɪt/
to make a machine work
She learnt how to operate the computer.

opponent

noun /ə'pəʊnənt/
a person or group opposing another in a contest or war
I had a tough opponent in the debating competition.

opportunist

noun /,ɒpə'tju:nɪst/
a person who is quick to seize opportunities
The businessman was a true opportunist.

opportunity

noun /,ɒpə'tju:nəti/
a good chance
The scholarship gave me an opportunity to study abroad.

oppose

verb /ə'pəʊz/
to argue or fight against
I oppose the use of child labour.

opposition

noun /ɒpə'zɪʃn/
resistance
The invading army met with a lot of opposition.

optimist

noun /'ɒptɪmɪst/
a person who expects that things will turn out well
An optimist looks at the bright side of life.

option

noun /'ɒpʃn/
choice
I have the option of wearing black or white trousers.

orchard

noun /'ɔ:tʃəd/
an area planted with fruit trees
She had an orchard behind her house.



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orchid

noun /'ɔ:kɪd/
a kind of plant with brightly-coloured, often unevenly shaped, flowers
The gardener planted the orchid.

organisation

noun /,ɔ:gənə'zeɪʃn/
an organised group of people, such as a business, charity
She works for a voluntary organisation which helps homeless people.

oriental

adjective /,ɔ:ri'entl/
to do with the countries east of the Mediterranean Sea, especially China and Japan
This restaurant serves oriental food.

originate

verb /ə'ɪdʒɪneɪt/
to happen or appear for the first time
The rumour did not originate from him.

oscillate

verb /'ɒsɪleɪt/
to move to and fro like a pendulum
Radio waves oscillate.

ostentatious

adjective /,ɒsten'teɪʃəs/
expensive or noticeable in a way intended to impress people
Her ostentatious clothes were always admired by her friends.

outstanding

adjective /aʊt'stændɪŋ/
extremely good or distinguished
His outstanding work in human relations was highly admired.

overbearing

adjective /,əʊvə'beərɪŋ/
domineering
His overbearing attitude was disliked by all.

overweight

adjective /,əʊvə'weɪt/
too heavy
He was made to pay for his overweight baggage.

overwhelm

verb /,əʊvə'welɪm/
to overcome completely
We do not want to overwhelm you with requests for information.

oxygen

noun /'ɒksɪdʒən/
a colourless, odourless, tasteless gas that exists in the air and is essential for living things
He was given oxygen to help him breathe.

oyster

noun /'ɔɪstə[r]/
a kind of shellfish whose shell sometimes contains a pearl
She works in an oyster farm.

pace

noun /peɪs/
speed
You will have to walk at a faster pace to keep up with me.

pacify

verb /'pæsɪfaɪ/
to calm
I tried to pacify the crying baby by giving her a toy.

packaging

noun /'pækɪdʒɪŋ/
material used to wrap an object
The packaging was sturdy enough to protect the goods.

packet

noun /'pækɪt/
a small parcel
My sister gave me a packet of sweets on my birthday.

paddock

noun /'pædək/
a small field where horses are kept
The horses are grazing on the grass in the paddock.

painstaking

adjective /'peɪnzteɪkɪŋ/
very careful and thorough
He works with painstaking attention to detail.

palpate

verb /pəl'pet/
to medically examine part of the body by touching it
For initial diagnosis doctors usually palpate the patient.

palsy

noun /'pɑ:lzi/
complete or partial muscle paralysis
Her grandmother was bedridden after a severe attack of palsy.

pamper

verb /'pæmpə[r]/
to treat someone very kindly
My grandmother likes to pamper me by giving me sweets.

pamphlet

noun /'pæmflet/
a small booklet
The camera comes with a pamphlet which explains how it works.

panda

noun /'pændə/
a large, bear-like, black-and-white animal found in China
The panda is an endangered animal.

pandemonium

noun /'pændə'məʊniəm/
uproar and complete confusion
Pandemonium broke out when the news was announced.

pantograph

noun /'pantəgrɑ:f/
a device used for copying a plan or drawing on a different scale
A pantograph has a scale system of hinged and jointed rods.

parachute

noun /'pærəʃu:t/
an umbrella-like device on which people or things can float to the ground from an aircraft
He fell forty thousand feet before opening his parachute.

parade

noun /pə'reɪd/
a procession that displays people or things
The school band was at the front of the parade on Sports Day.

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*'More haste, less speed' is an example of a paradox.***paragraph****noun** /ˈpærəgrɑːf/one or more sentences on a single subject
*The teacher told Arif to write a paragraph on discipline.***parakeet****noun** /ˈpærəkiːt/

small, long-tailed parrot

parallel**adjective** /ˈpærəleɪ/side by side and the same distance apart from each other for their whole length
*Parallel lines never converge.***paralysis****noun** /pəˈræləsis/a state of being unable to move
*A snake bite can sometimes cause paralysis.***paramount****adjective** /ˈpærəmaʊnt/more important than anything else
*Her paramount goal was to win the race.***paraphernalia****noun** /ˌpærəfəˈneɪliə/numerous pieces of equipment, belongings, etc.
*The hikers carried all their camping paraphernalia in backpacks.***paraphrase****verb** /ˈpærəfreɪz/to give the meaning in different words
*The teacher asked the class to paraphrase the poem.***parasite****noun** /ˈpærəsait/an animal or plant that lives in or on another animal or plant, from which it gets its food
*Our crop has been safe from parasite attacks for years now.***paratrooper****noun** /ˈpærətruːpə[r]/a person trained to be dropped from an aircraft by parachute
*He always wanted to be a paratrooper because it seemed exciting.***paratroops****noun** /ˈpærətruːps/troops trained to be dropped from aircraft by parachute
*Ali is fond of adventures and would like to join the paratroops.***parcel****noun** /ˈpɑːsl/something wrapped up to be sent by post or carried easily
*A parcel has arrived for you in the post today.***parenthesis****noun** /pəˈrenθəsis/a pair of brackets
*He always states the name of his department in parenthesis.***parliament****noun** /ˈpɑːləmənt/the assembly that makes a country's laws
*The parliament passed a law to make child labour illegal.***parrot****noun** /ˈpærət/a brightly-coloured tropical bird that can learn to repeat words etc.
Ali has a talking parrot.

parsley**noun** /'pɑ:sli/

a small, green plant used to flavour and decorate food

*Garnish the pasta with parsley.***partial****adjective** /'pɑ:rʃl/

not complete or total

*The project was only a partial success.***participate****verb** /pɑ:'tɪsɪpeɪt/

to take part in

*They asked as many people as possible to participate in the charity event.***particle****noun** /'pɑ:rtɪkl/

a very small portion or amount

*He choked on a particle of food.***passenger****noun** /'pæsɪndʒə[r]/

a person who is driven or carried in a vehicle or aircraft

*The passenger next to me slept through the whole flight.***passion****noun** /'pæʃn/

great enthusiasm

*Akbar has a passion for playing cricket.***password****noun** /'pɑ:swɜ:d/

a word you need to know to be given access to something

*Ali could not check his e-mail because he forgot his password.***pastry****noun** /'peɪstri/

dough made with flour, fat and water, rolled flat and baked

*If the oven is too hot, the pastry might burn.***pasture****noun** /'pɑ:stʃə[r]/

land covered with grass that cattle or horses can eat

*His horse is grazing in the pasture behind the house.***patience****noun** /'peɪʃns/

the quality of staying calm

*A teacher needs patience to deal with young children.***pavilion****noun** /pə'vɪliən/

a building for use by players and spectators at a cricket ground

*All of the batsman's sixes landed on the roof of the pavilion.***peacefully****adverb** /'pi:sfəli/

quietly and calmly

*The children played peacefully in the garden.***peacock****noun** /'pi:kɒk/

a male bird with a long, brightly-coloured tail that it can spread out like a fan

pearl**noun** /pɜ:l/

a small, shiny, white ball found in the shells of some oysters and used as a jewel

*The beautiful white pearl was very expensive.***peasant****noun** /'peznt/

a farm labourer, a worker on the land

*The peasant was very busy at harvest time.***peculiar****adjective** /pɪ'kju:liə[r]/

strange or unusual

This ice cream has a peculiar flavour.

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age group**pedestrian****noun** /pə'destrɪən/

a person who is walking

*A pedestrian should look in both directions before crossing the road.***penalise****verb** /'pi:nəlaɪz/

to punish

*The teacher decided to penalise the student for not doing his homework.***penalty****noun** /'penəlti/

a punishment for breaking the law

*The motorist had to pay a penalty for speeding.***pendant****noun** /'pendənt/

an ornament worn hanging on a chain around the neck

*She is wearing a pink pendant to match her dress.***pendulum****noun** /'pendjələm/

a weight hung so that it can swing to and fro, especially in a clock

*The clock's pendulum needs to be repaired.***penguin****noun** /'peŋgɪn/

an Antarctic seabird that cannot fly but uses its wings for swimming

penicillin**noun** /,penɪ'sɪlɪn/

an antibiotic obtained from mould

*Penicillin was discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming.***pension****noun** /'penʃn/

an income consisting of regular payments made by a government or firm to someone who is retired

*She is old and makes ends meet with a meagre pension.***pentathlon****noun** /pen'tæθlən/

an athletic contest consisting of five events

*The Czech athlete won a gold medal in the pentathlon.***peppermint****noun** /'pepəmɪnt/

a kind of mint used for flavouring

*Peppermint is used to give a fresh taste to chewing gum.***percentage****noun** /pə'sentɪdʒ/

an amount expressed as a proportion of 100

*The percentage of students taking college exams has increased this year.***perch****noun** /pɜ:tʃ/

a place where a bird sits or rests

*A crow was using the television antenna as a perch.***percussion****noun** /pə'kʌʃn/

musical instruments such as drums or cymbals

*The tabla is a percussion instrument.***perfectionist****noun** /pə'fekʃənɪst/

a person who likes to do things perfectly

*He is a perfectionist and it shows in his work.***perfume****noun** /'pɜ:fju:m/

a pleasant smell

*Roses have a sweet perfume.***periscope****noun** /'perɪskəʊp/

a device with a tube and mirrors used on submarines to see over the water's surface

The crew of the submarine is blind without a periscope.

permissible**adjective** /pə'mɪsəbl/

permitted or allowed

*The permissible speed limit on the motorway is 120 km/hour.***perpendicular****adjective** /pɜːpən'dɪkjələ[r]/

at a right angle (90 degrees) to a line or surface

*The perpendicular staircase was difficult to climb.***perplex****verb** /pə'pleks/

to puzzle

*The rules of chess perplex me.***perseverance****noun** /pɜːsɪ'vɪərəns/

continued steady effort to achieve an aim

*Your perseverance will lead you to success.***Persian****adjective** /pɜːʃn/

to do with Persia, the country now known as Iran

*Persian carpets are beautiful.***persistent****adjective** /pə'sɪstənt/

determined to continue doing something

*How do you deal with a persistent salesman who won't take no for an answer?***personality****noun** /pɜːsə'næləti/

a person's character

*She has a cheerful personality.***perspective****noun** /pə'spektɪv/

viewpoint

*The film gave me a new perspective on the subject.***persuade****verb** /pə'sweɪd/

to make someone believe or agree to do something

*We tried to persuade our teacher to take us on a field trip to the zoo.***pessimist****noun** /'pesɪmɪst/

a person who expects that things will turn out badly

*A pessimist always sees the glass as half empty.***pesticide****noun** /'pestɪsaɪd/

a substance for killing harmful insects and other pests

*The farmer used a pesticide to protect his crop.***petroleum****noun** /pə'trəʊliəm/

an oil found underground that is refined to make fuel

*The price of petroleum has recently escalated.***petunia****noun** /pɪ'tjuːniə/

a garden plant with brightly coloured funnel-shaped flowers

*This petunia plant won the prize because of its beautiful purple flowers.***phantom****noun** /'fæntəm/

a ghost; something that does not really exist

*He says he was attacked by a phantom but nobody seems to believe him.***pharmacy****noun** /'fɑːməsi/

a shop selling medicines

*I went to the pharmacy to buy cough syrup.***phenomenon****noun** /fə'nɒmɪnən/

an event or fact, especially one that is remarkable

The solar eclipse was quite a phenomenon.

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age group**philanthropy****noun** /fi'lænθərəpi/

the practice of performing charitable actions
The community benefited from the rich man's philanthropy.

philosopher**noun** /fə'lɒsəfə[r]/

a person who has developed a set of ideas and beliefs about the meaning of life
Aristotle was a famous philosopher.

phosphorus**noun** /fɒsfərəs/

a chemical substance that glows in the dark
Phosphorous is an essential component of safety matches.

photograph**noun** /'fəʊtəgrɑ:f/

a picture made by the effect of light or other radiation on film, using a camera
We were told to dress smartly for our class photograph.

photographer**noun** /fə'tɒgrəfə[r]/

a person who takes photographs
The photographer is loading film into his camera.

photosynthesis**noun** /'fəʊtəʊ'sɪnθəsis/

the process by which green plants use sunlight to turn carbon dioxide and water into food, giving off oxygen
Photosynthesis is a natural process which provides plants with food.

physique**noun** /fi'zi:k/

a person's build
The wrestler has a large physique.

piano**noun** /pi'ænəʊ/

a large musical instrument with a keyboard
Sara has learnt how to play a new tune on the piano.

piccolo**noun** /'pɪkələʊ/

a small high-pitched flute
The music teacher is teaching him how to play the piccolo.

piece**noun** /pi:s/

a part or portion of something
I need a small piece of cloth to make a dress for my doll.

pilgrimage**noun** /'pɪlgrɪmɪdʒ/

a journey to a holy place for religious reasons
Every year, Muslims from around the world gather at Mecca for the holy pilgrimage known as Hajj.

pillowcase**noun** /'pɪləʊkeɪs/

a cloth cover for a pillow
My pillowcase matches the sheets.

piranha**noun** /pɪ'rɑ:nə/

fresh water fish found in South America, with very sharp teeth that attacks and destroys living things

pirouette**noun** /'pɪru'et/

a spinning movement of the body made while balanced on the point of the toe or on one foot
A pirouette is a difficult dance movement.

plague**noun** /pleɪg/

a dangerous illness that spreads very quickly
The plague killed a lot of people.

planetarium**noun** /ˌplænɪˈteəriəm/

a domed building in which images of stars and planets are projected onto the ceiling
We are going on a field trip to the planetarium.

plateau**noun** /ˈplætəʊ/

a flat area of high land
Quetta is situated on a plateau.

pleasant**adjective** /ˈpleznt/

pleasing; enjoyable
The weather was pleasant enough for a picnic.

pleasurable**adjective** /ˈpleʒərəbl/

enjoyable
Our trip to the zoo was a pleasurable experience.

pledge**noun** /ˈpledʒ/

a solemn promise
The Girl Guides took a pledge to be good citizens.

plight**noun** /plaɪt/

a difficult situation
The plight of the refugees brought tears to my eyes.

plumber**noun** /ˈplʌmə[r]/

a person who fits and mends water pipes
The plumber charged a lot of money for his work.

plunge**verb** /ˈplʌndʒ/

to dive
It is dangerous to plunge into the shallow end of the swimming pool.

policy**noun** /ˈpɒləsi/

the plan of action of a person or group
It is the school's policy to expel any student caught cheating.

polite**adjective** /pəˈlaɪt/

having good manners
The polite boy held the door open for his teacher.

political**adjective** /pəˈlɪtɪkəl/

connected with the governing of a country
Lenin was a famous political figure.

politician**noun** /ˌpɒləˈtɪʃn/

one who is a member of parliament or of the government
The politician gave a wonderful speech.

pollination**noun** /ˌpɒləˈneɪʃn/

fertilisation of a plant with pollen
Pollination usually takes place in spring.

pollution**noun** /pəˈluːʃn/

dirt or impurity
Water pollution has killed many fish in this lake.

polythene**noun** /ˈpɒlɪθiːn/

a lightweight plastic used to make bags and wrappings
Our school discourages the use of polythene because it harms the environment.

ponderous**adjective** /ˈpɒndərəs/

heavy and awkward; laborious and dull
He writes in a ponderous style.

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age group**porcupine**

noun /'pɔ:kjʊpaɪn/
a small animal covered with long quills

porpoise

noun /'pɔ:pəʊs/
a sea animal rather like a small whale

portable

adjective /'pɔ:təbl/
able to be carried
A laptop is a portable computer.

possess

verb /pə'zɛs/
to have or own
I'm afraid he doesn't possess a good sense of humour.

possession

noun /pə'zɛʃn/
something you own
This collection of books is my most valuable possession.

possessive

adjective /pə'zɛsɪv/
wanting to possess and keep things for yourself
The possessive girl refused to share her toys with her friends.

posture

noun /'pɒstʃə[r]/
a particular position of the body, or the way in which a person sits, stands or walks
His erect posture made him stand out in a crowd.

pottery

noun /'pɒtəri/
cups, plates, etc. made of baked clay
Multan is famous for its blue and white pottery.

practical

adjective /'præktɪkl/
able to do or make useful things
He is renowned for his practical approach.

practise

verb /'præktɪs/
to do something repeatedly in order to become better at it
You must practise playing the piano every day.

prawn

noun /prɔ:n/
an edible shellfish like a large shrimp

precarious

adjective /prɪ'keəriəs/
not very safe or secure
The museum is in a financially precarious position.

precaution

noun /prɪ'kɔ:ʃn/
something done to prevent future trouble or danger
She took the precaution of taking an umbrella with her in case it rained.

predecessor

noun /'pri:dɪsɛsə[r]/
an earlier person or thing
His predecessor retired after thirty years of service.

prejudice

noun /'predʒudɪs/
an unfavourable opinion or dislike formed without examining the facts fairly
His prejudice against his co-workers did not go unnoticed.

preliminary

adjective /prɪ'limɪnəri/
first stage of something
The winner of the preliminary matches will go on to play the cricket finals.

premiere**noun** /ˈpremiə[r]/

the first public performance of a play or film
Julia Roberts attended the premiere of her new film.

premonition**noun** /ˌpri:məˈniʃn/

a feeling that something is about to happen,
 especially something bad
Aliya had a premonition that her cat was going to be ill.

preoccupied**adjective** /priˈɒkjupaid/

having your thoughts completely busy with something
The preoccupied boy was too lost in his thoughts to notice anything wrong.

prescription**noun** /priˈskripʃn/

a doctor's written order for medicine
The prescription made out by the doctor was not legible.

preserve**verb** /priˈzɜ:v/

to keep something safe
We should preserve our culture for future generations.

pressure**noun** /ˈpreʃə[r]/

an influence that persuades or compels one to do something
He performs well under pressure.

prestige**noun** /preˈsti:ʒ/

good reputation
She has earned prestige as a good teacher.

prestigious**adjective** /preˈstɪdʒəs/

highly respected and admired
LUMS is a prestigious university.

presumably**adverb** /priˈzju:məbli/

according to what you may suppose
Presumably the plane was late because of bad weather.

presume**verb** /priˈzju:m/

to suppose; assume something to be true
I presume you have studied for your examination.

presumptuous**adjective** /priˈzʌmptʃuəs/

too bold or confident
The duchess would not put up with presumptuous servants.

previous**adjective** /ˈpri:vɪəs/

coming before this; preceding
All his previous crimes were pardoned by the judge.

privileged**adjective** /ˈprɪvəlɪdʒd/

having an advantage or opportunity that others do not have
He enjoyed a privileged childhood.

procedure**noun** /prəˈsi:dʒə[r]/

an orderly way of doing something
The procedure for changing the fuse was a complex one.

profession**noun** /prəˈfeʃn/

an occupation that needs special education and training
I am a doctor by profession.

professional**adjective** /prəˈfeʃənl/

having or showing high levels of skill
My brother is a professional footballer but I am just an amateur.

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age group**professor****noun** /prə'fesə[r]/

a senior teacher at a university
The professor gave his students a long lecture.

projector**noun** /prə'dʒektə[r]/

a machine for showing films or photographs on a screen
The teacher used a projector to show us a film in class.

promenade**noun** /,prəmə'neɪd/

a place suitable for walking
Since the weather was so nice, grandfather and I walked along the promenade.

prominent**adjective** /'prɒmɪnənt/

easily seen
The house stood in a prominent position.

prompt**adjective** /prɒmpt/

without delay
I would like a prompt reply to my letter.

pronunciation**noun** /prə,nʌnsi'eɪʃn/

the way a word is pronounced
Unless you have heard a word before, it is difficult to know its correct pronunciation.

proprietor**noun** /prə'praɪətə[r]/

the owner of a shop or business
The new proprietor plans to install security cameras in the shop.

protein**noun** /'prəʊtɪn/

a substance that is found in all living things and is an essential part of the food of animals
Beans and meat contain a lot of protein.

psychology**noun** /saɪ'kɒlədʒi/

the study of the mind and how it influences behaviour
She spent three years at university studying psychology.

publication**noun** /,pʌblɪ'keɪʃn/

a published book or newspaper
His publication won first prize at the convention.

punctuation**noun** /,pʌŋktʃu'eɪʃn/

marks such as commas, full stops, and brackets put into a piece of writing to make it easier to read
She habitually neglects to use punctuation in her sentences.

punish**verb** /'pʌnɪʃ/

to make a person suffer because he or she has done something wrong
The police will punish the thief by sending him to prison.

pygmy**adjective** /'pɪgmɪ/

a specie that is much smaller than other similar kinds
The pygmy hippopotamus is one species facing extinction.

pyramid**noun** /'pɪrəmɪd/

a structure with a square base and sloping sides that meet in a point at the top
He made a pyramid from sand at the beach.

python**noun** /'paɪθən/

a large snake that kills its prey by coiling round and crushing it

**quadrature**

noun /'kwɒdrətʃə/
the arrangement of two celestial bodies at right angles as viewed from the Earth
The half-moon is in quadrature to the sun.

quadrilateral

noun /'kwɒdrɪ'lætərəl/
a flat geometric shape with four sides
A square is a quadrilateral.

qualify

verb /'kwɒlɪfaɪ/
to become able to do something through training, or by passing a test
In order to qualify for a driving licence you must pass your driving test.

quantity

noun /'kwɒntəti/
how much there is of something
I was overwhelmed by the sheer quantity of information available.

quarantine

noun /'kwɒrəntiːn/
keeping a person or animal isolated in case they have a disease which could spread to others
The dog was kept in quarantine for six months.

quarrel

verb /'kwɒrəl/
to have an angry argument or disagreement
I was surprised to see the two friends quarrel with each other.

quarrying

noun /'kwɒrɪŋ/
excavation of rock used for various purposes
Quarrying over the centuries may have contributed towards global warming.

quarter

noun /'kwɔ:tə[r]/
each of four equal parts into which a thing is or can be divided
A quarter of a hundred is twenty-five.

quench

verb /'kwentʃ/
to satisfy your thirst by drinking
He drank some juice to quench his thirst.

query

noun /'kwɪəri/
a question
I have a query about the test time-table.

quest

noun /'kwest/
a long search for something
His quest to find the treasure was unsuccessful.

question

noun /'kwestʃən/
a sentence asking something
Raise your hand if you want to ask a question.

questionable

adjective /'kwestʃənəbl/
causing doubt; not certainly true or honest or advisable
He refused to sign the questionable contract.

questionnaire

noun /'kwestʃə'neə[r]/
a form used to collect information about a particular subject
Could you please fill in the questionnaire?

queue

noun /kjuː/
a line of people or vehicles waiting for something
There was a long queue of people outside the cinema hall.

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quilt

noun /kwɪlt/

a padded bedcover

I like to sleep under a quilt in winter.

quit

verb /kwɪt/

to leave or abandon

He had to quit the football team when he broke his leg.

quota

noun /'kwɒtə/

a limited amount

You have had your quota of sweets for today.

quote

verb /kwəʊt/

repeat words that were first written or spoken by someone else

She decided to quote Shakespeare in her speech.

quotient

noun /'kwɒʃnt/

the result of dividing one number by another

When six is divided by three, the quotient is two.

rabies**noun** /ˈreɪbiːz/

a fatal disease that affects dogs, cats, and can be passed to humans by the bite of an infected animal
Pets must be vaccinated against rabies.

racism**noun** /ˈreɪsɪzəm/

discrimination against or hostility towards people of other races
Let's all work towards ending racism.

radiant**adjective** /ˈreɪdiənt/

looking very bright and happy
Women turned and looked at the radiant bride.

radioactive**adjective** /ˌreɪdiəʊˈæktɪv/

sending out harmful radiation caused when central parts of atoms are broken up
Radioactive waste from industries is polluting our rivers.

radish**noun** /ˈrædɪʃ/

a small, hard, round, red vegetable, eaten raw in salads
I removed the radish from my salad.

radius**noun** /ˈreɪdiəs/

the distance from the centre of a circle to the circumference
The radius of a circle may be used to calculate its area.

ragged**adjective** /ˈræɡɪd/

old and torn
The poor man was wearing ragged clothes.

rail**noun** /reɪl/

a level bar to hang things on
The dresses hung on a rail in the centre of the shop.

ramshackle**adjective** /ˈræmʃækəl/

badly made and needing repair.
The ramshackle hut fell down during the storm.

random**adjective** /ˈrændəm/

using no particular order or method
In a lottery, the winning numbers are chosen by random selection.

rapture**noun** /ˈræptʃə[r]/

a feeling of extreme pleasure and happiness
The children gazed at her in rapture when she agreed to take them out for a picnic.

raspberry**noun** /ˈrɑːzbəri/

a small soft red fruit
Raspberry icecream is delicious.

ratio**noun** /ˈreɪʃiəʊ/

proportion
Mix flour and butter in the ratio of two to one.

realise**verb** /ˈriːəlaɪz/

be fully aware of something
Amir wanted his friend to realise the consequences of his immoral behaviour.

reality**noun** /riˈæləti/

something real
Her dreams had become a reality.

reassurance**noun** /ˌriːəʃʊərəns/

advice or help that you give somebody to restore their confidence
When the toddler fell down he looked at his mother for reassurance.

R

9 to 11
age group**reassure****verb** /ˌriːəˈʃʊə[r]/

to restore someone's confidence by removing doubts and fears

*The mother tried to reassure her crying toddler.***rebellious****adjective** /rɪˈbeljəs/

showing a tendency towards rebellion

*The rebellious outlaw was in trouble with the police.***receiver****noun** /rɪˈsiːvə[r]/

something that receives electrically transmitted sounds

*She picked up the telephone receiver to answer a call.***reception****noun** /rɪˈsepʃn/

a formal party

*A wedding reception was held for the bride and groom.***recession****noun** /rɪˈseʃn/

a reduction in a country's trade or prosperity

*A recession is bad for the country's economy.***recipe****noun** /ˈresəpi/

instructions for cooking or preparing food

*Mehr followed a recipe to bake a chocolate cake.***reciprocate****verb** /rɪˈsɪprəkeɪt/

to give or feel in return

*I must reciprocate his generosity with a gift.***recite****verb** /rɪˈsaɪt/

to repeat aloud from memory

*Sara will recite a poem at the school reunion.***reckless****adjective** /ˈrekləs/

ignoring risk or danger

*He is a reckless driver and he often meets with accidents.***recognise****verb** /ˈrekəɡnaɪz/

know who someone is or what something is because you have seen that person or thing before

*She did not recognise me after such a long time.***recommendation****noun** /ˈrekəmenˈdeɪʃn/

the act of saying that a person or thing would be good or suitable for a particular job or purpose

*The principal's recommendation helped me get the scholarship.***reconcile****verb** /ˈrekənsaɪl/

to make people who have quarrelled become friendly again

*They tried to reconcile their differences but remained unsuccessful.***reconsider****verb** /ˌriːkənˈsɪdə[r]/

to consider again

*The principal will reconsider his policy of imposing fines on latecomers.***reconstruct****verb** /ˌriːkənˈstrʌkt/

to rebuild

*We will have to reconstruct the buildings damaged by the earthquake.***rectangle****noun** /ˈrektæŋɡl/

a shape with four sides and four right angles

This picture frame is a rectangle.

recycle**verb** /ˌriːˈsaɪkəl/

to convert waste material into a form in which it can be reused

*If we recycle old newspapers, we will be protecting our environment.***redundant****adjective** /rɪˈdʌndənt/

no longer needed

*The redundant typewriters were sold when the office was computerised.***reference****noun** /ˈrefərəns/

referring to something

*There was no reference to recent events.***reflect****verb** /rɪˈflekt/

send back light, heat or sound etc. from a surface

*A mirror in the sun can reflect light into a person's eyes.***reflection****noun** /rɪˈflekʃn/

the image produced by a reflecting surface

*She could see her reflection in the shiny metal tray.***refrigerator****noun** /rɪˈfrɪdʒəreɪtə[r]/

a cabinet or room in which food is stored at a very low temperature

*Last night's food is in the refrigerator.***refugee****noun** /ˌrefjuːˈdʒiː/

someone who has had to leave their home or country and seek safety elsewhere

*The refugee fled from his war-torn country.***reggae****noun** /ˈreɪgeɪ/

a West Indian style of music with a strong beat

*Reggae is my favourite type of music.***region****noun** /ˈriːdʒən/

an area

*Punjab is a very fertile region.***regret****verb** /rɪˈɡret/

to feel sorrow or disappointment about something that has happened

*I regret fighting with my friend.***reimburse****verb** /ˌriːmˈbɜːs/

to repay money that has been spent

*We will reimburse your travel expenses.***reindeer****noun** /ˈreɪndiə[r]/

a kind of deer that lives in Arctic regions

relax**verb** /rɪˈlæks/

to stop working; rest

*I plan to relax once my exams are over.***relentless****adjective** /rɪˈlentləs/

not stopping

*The relentless rain caused floods.***relevant****adjective** /ˈreləvənt/

connected with what is being discussed or dealt with

*She circulated the letter to all the relevant institutions.***reliable****adjective** /rɪˈlaɪəbl/

able to be trusted

*The encyclopaedia is a reliable source of information.***religious****adjective** /rɪˈlɪdʒəs/

concerned with religion

Arif's father is a religious scholar.

R

9 to 11
age group**reluctant****adjective** /rɪ'lʌktənt/

unwilling

*The shy girl gave a reluctant smile.***rely****verb** /rɪ'laɪ/to trust a person or thing to help or support you
*I rely on my friend in times of need.***remarkable****adjective** /rɪ'mɑ:kəbl/

unusual or extraordinary

*He climbed over the wall with remarkable ease.***repeat****verb** /rɪ'pi:t/

to say or do the same thing again

*A talking parrot can repeat the sounds it hears.***replica****noun** /'replɪkə/

an exact copy

*This mosque is an exact replica of Faisal Mosque.***reptile****noun** /'reptail/

a cold-blooded animal that has a backbone and very short legs or no legs at all, e.g. a snake, lizard

*The teacher drew a picture of a reptile on the board.***repulsive****adjective** /rɪ'pʌlsɪv/

disgusting

*He was wearing a repulsive mask.***reputation****noun** /,rɛpjʊ'teɪʃn/

what people say about a person or thing

*I'm aware of Mark's reputation for being late.***request****verb** /rɪ'kwest/

to ask for

*Please request him to put my clothes in the cupboard.***rescue****verb** /'reskjʊ/

to save from danger

*It was brave of the fireman to rescue the child from the burning building.***resemblance****noun** /rɪ'zembləns/

similar traits

*There was a remarkable resemblance between Ali and Harris.***resident****noun** /'rezɪdənt/

a person living in a particular place

*Ali is a resident of Lahore.***residential****adjective** /,rɛzɪ'denʃl/

containing people's homes

*There is a strict law against making noise in residential areas.***resolution****noun** /,rɛzə'lu:ʃn/

something you have decided to do

*I made a resolution to study hard for my exams.***resourceful****adjective** /rɪ'sɔ:sfl/

good at finding ways of doing things

*He is an able and resourceful politician.***respiration****noun** /,rɛspə'reɪʃn/

breathing

Running increases your rate of respiration.

respire

verb /rɪˈspaɪə[r]/
to breathe
We use our lungs to respire.

respond

verb /rɪˈspɒnd/
to reply
I have to respond to her letter.

responsible

adjective /rɪˈspɒnsəbəl/
reliable and trustworthy
Ali is a responsible student.

restaurant

noun /ˈrestɹɒnt/
a place where you can buy and eat a meal
The new restaurant serves good Chinese food.

restrict

verb /rɪˈstrɪkt/
to keep within certain limits
She tried to restrict the amount of time the children spent watching television.

resuscitate

verb /rɪˈsʌsɪteɪt/
revive a person from unconsciousness or apparent death
The life guard tried to resuscitate the little boy but it was too late.

retard

verb /rɪˈtɑːd/
to delay or slow down
The lack of sunlight will retard the plant's growth.

retire

verb /rɪˈtaɪə[r]/
to give up your regular work when you reach a certain age
He will retire at the age of sixty-five.

retrieve

verb /rɪˈtriːv/
to bring or get something back
The dog ran to retrieve the ball.

reveal

verb /rɪˈviːl/
to let something be seen or known
The doctor did not reveal the truth to him.

revelation

noun /ˌrevəˈleɪʃn/
disclosure of knowledge
The company secretary has a startling revelation about the unexpected appointment of the director.

revision

noun /rɪˈvɪʒn/
the act of going over work that you have already done
It took her a week to complete her revision before the examination.

reward

noun /rɪˈwɔːd/
something given in return for something good you have done
The teacher gave her a reward for her hard work.

rhinoceros

noun /raɪˈnɒsərəs/
a large, heavy animal with one or two horns on its nose

rhododendron

noun /ˌrɒdəˈdendrən/
an evergreen shrub with large trumpet-shaped flowers
My father's garden is full of rhododendron.

rhubarb

noun /ˈruːbəːb/
a plant with thick reddish stalks that are cooked and eaten as fruit
I like pies made from rhubarb.

R

9 to 11
age group**rhythm****noun** /ˈrɪðəm/

a regular pattern of beats, sounds, or movements
This song has a pleasant rhythm.

ridiculous**adjective** /rɪˈdɪkjələs/

very silly or unreasonable
She was wearing a ridiculous hat.

rivalry**noun** /ˈraɪvri/

competition
There was fierce rivalry between the two teams.

rodent**noun** /ˈrəʊdnt/

an animal that has large front teeth for gnawing things
It was a rodent that was responsible for The Plague.

rooster**noun** /ˈruːstəʊ[r]/

the male of the domestic fowl

rouble**noun** /ˈruːbl/

the unit of money in Russia
The Russian rouble cannot be used in America.

rubbish**noun** /ˈrʌbɪʃ/

things that are worthless or not wanted
One should never throw rubbish on the road.

rugged**adjective** /ˈrʌɡɪd/

having an uneven surface or outline
A jeep is designed to travel over rugged terrain.

rumble**noun** /ˈrʌmbəl/

a deep, heavy, continuous sound
She gets scared by the rumble of thunder.

rumour**noun** /ˈruːmə[r]/

general report that may not be true
I heard a rumour that they are getting married.

rural**adjective** /ˈrʊərəl/

to do with or belonging to the countryside
The rural landscape was very beautiful.

sabotage

noun /'sæbətɑ:ʒ/
deliberate damage or disruption to hinder an enemy, employer, etc.
The people responsible for the sabotage of the telephone exchange were severely punished.

sacrifice

noun /'sækrɪfaɪs/
giving up a thing you value, so that something good may happen
It was a sacrifice to devote my holidays to social work.

safari

noun /sə'fɑ:ri/
an expedition to see or hunt wild animals
I just got back from a month-long safari.

safeguard

noun /'seɪfgɑ:d/
a protection
The mother placed a gate at the top of the stairs as a safeguard.

salary

noun /'sæləri/
a regular wage
Due to my hard work, my employer increased my salary.

saliva

noun /sə'laɪvə/
the natural liquid in a person's or animal's mouth
Saliva plays an important part in digesting starch.

salmon

noun /'sæmən/
a large, edible fish with pink flesh

salute

verb /sə'lu:t/
to raise your right hand to your forehead as a sign of respect
Soldiers are taught to salute their superior officers.

sanctity

noun /'sæŋktɪti/
holiness
Visitors to a mosque should respect its sanctity.

sanctuary

noun /'sæŋktʃuəri/
a safe place; a refuge
She longed for the sanctuary of her own home.

sandwich

noun /'sænwtʃ/
two or more slices of bread with jam, meat, or cheese etc. between them
I usually take a sandwich to school to eat at lunch time.

sapphire

noun /'sæfəɪə[r]/
a bright blue jewel
He gave her a ring of sapphire for her birthday.

satire

noun /'sætəɪə[r]/
critical humour
The novel is full of political satire.

satisfaction

noun /,sætɪs'fækʃn/
satisfying a need or want
She derives satisfaction from doing her job well.

satisfactory

adjective /,sætɪs'fæktəri/
good enough; sufficient
His satisfactory answers pleased the examiners.

sausage

noun /'sɒsɪdʒ/
mixture of finely chopped meat, fat, bread, in a long tube of skin
We had sausage and eggs for breakfast today.

S

9 to 11
age group**savage****adjective** /'sævɪdʒ/

wild and fierce; cruel

*The savage dog tried to bite the man.***saviour****noun** /'seɪvjə[r]/

a person who saves someone

*The fireman was hailed as a saviour by the people he rescued from the burning building.***scarecrow****noun** /'skeɪkrəʊ/

a figure of a person set up to frighten birds away from crops

*The birds have stopped paying attention to the scarecrow.***scarlet****adjective** /'skɑːlət/

bright red

*She was wearing a scarlet dress.***scatter****verb** /'skætə[r]/

to throw or drop things in different directions

*She decided to scatter the seeds for the birds.***scene****noun** /siːn/

the place where something has happened

*The police arrived at the scene of the crime.***schedule****noun** /'ʃedjuːl/

a timetable of planned events or work

*I have a busy schedule today.***scheme****noun** /skiːm/

a plan of action

*His scheme to make money proved fruitful.***scholar****noun** /'skɒlə[r]/

a person who has studied a subject thoroughly

*He is a scholar of history.***scholarship****noun** /'skɒləʃɪp/

a grant of money given to someone to help pay for his or her education

*She studied hard, for she had made up her mind to win the scholarship.***science****noun** /'saɪəns/

the study of the physical world by means of observation and experiment

*Zoology is the science of animals.***scissors****noun** /'sɪzəz/

a tool for cutting that has two sharp parts that are joined together

*The scissors need to be sharpened.***scorpion****noun** /'skɔːpiən/

an animal that looks like a tiny lobster, with a poisonous sting

scramble**verb** /'skræmbəl/

to cook eggs by mixing them up and heating them in a pan

*I am going to scramble eggs for my breakfast.***scream****verb** /skriːm/

to make a loud piercing sound

*She was scared and began to scream.***screenplay****noun** /'skriːnpleɪ/

the script of a film, with instructions to actors

The film was a success because of its good screenplay.

screwdriver**noun** /'skru:draɪvə[r]/

a tool for turning screws

*The robber used a screwdriver to unscrew the handles of the door.***scriptures****noun** /'skriptʃə[r]z/

sacred writings

*The beliefs of a religion are often contained in its scriptures.***seal****noun** /si:l/

a sea mammal with thick fur or bristles

seasoning**noun** /'si:zənɪŋ/

a substance used to season or add flavour to food, especially salt and pepper

*I felt the salad could do with a little more seasoning.***secluded****adjective** /sɪ'klu:dɪd/

quiet or sheltered from view

*They picnicked on a secluded beach.***secretary****noun** /'sekrətri/

a person whose job is to help with letters, answer the telephone, and make business arrangements for a person or organisation

*His new secretary is very efficient.***secure****adjective** /sɪ'kjʊə[r]/

safe

*I hid my money in a secure place.***sedimentary****adjective** /,sedɪ'mentri/

formed from particles that have settled on a surface

*The geologist studied sedimentary rocks.***seldom****adverb** /'seldəm/

rarely; not often

*It is very seldom that I have the time to visit the cinema.***semicircle****noun** /'semɪsɜ:kəl/

half a circle

*We sat in a semicircle round the fire.***sensation****noun** /sen'seɪʃn/

a feeling

*She felt a sensation of pain in her knee.***sensational****adjective** /sen'seɪʃənl/

causing great excitement, interest or shock

*Have you read the sensational new book by Adam Clay?***sensitive****adjective** /'sensətɪv/

affected by something

*He rubbed cream on his sensitive skin.***sensitivity****noun** /,sensə'tɪvətɪ/

understanding of the feelings of others

*Her sensitivity towards animals inspired her to become a vet.***sentence****noun** /'sentəns/

a group of words that express a complete thought and form a statement

*He fell asleep before he could actually finish his sentence.***sentiment****noun** /'sentɪmənt/

a feeling

There is a great deal of sentiment against child labour.

S

9 to 11
age group**separate****adjective** /ˈseprət/

not shared

*My sister and I have separate rooms.***separation****noun** /ˌsepəˈreɪʃn/

division; being separated

*They were reunited after a separation of more than 20 years.***sequence****noun** /ˈsiːkwəns/

the order in which things occur

*The names of the students were in alphabetical sequence.***serious****adjective** /ˈsɪəriəs/

solemn and thoughtful; bad or dangerous

*They pose a serious threat to security.***serpent****noun** /ˈsɜːpənt/

a snake

settlement**noun** /ˈsetlmənt/

settling something; a number of houses or people established in a new area

*There is a new settlement on the outskirts of town.***shallow****adjective** /ˈʃæləʊ/

not deep

*The food was served in a shallow dish.***shark****noun** /ʃɑːk/

a large sea fish with sharp teeth

sharpen**verb** /ˈʃɑːpən/

to make or become sharp

*Mehr decided to sharpen her pencils.***sheer****adjective** /ʃiə[r]/

(said about material) very thin; transparent

*She was wearing sheer silk stockings.***shelve****verb** /ʃelv/

to place or arrange on a shelf

*The librarian was asked to shelve books.***shepherd****noun** /ˈʃepəd/

a person whose job is to look after sheep

*The shepherd fell asleep and lost his sheep.***sheriff****noun** /ˈʃerɪf/

the chief law officer of a county, whose duties vary in different countries

*The sheriff was in charge of law and order in the town.***shield****noun** /ʃiːld/

a large piece of metal, wood, carried to protect the body

*The warrior carried a shield to protect himself from injury.***shock****noun** /ʃɒk/

a strong feeling of surprise as a result of something happening

*The news of my promotion came as a shock.***shovel****noun** /ˈʃʌvl/

a tool like a spade with the sides turned up, used for lifting coal, sand, earth, snow

*Each miner carried a lamp and a shovel.***shrewd****adjective** /ʃruːd/

having common sense and good judgement

He is a very shrewd man.

shrimp

noun /ʃrɪmp/
a small shellfish, pink when boiled

shrubbery

noun /'ʃrʌbəri/
an area planted with shrubs
The plants in the shrubbery have been recently planted.

sightseeing

noun /'saɪtsiːɪŋ/
visiting interesting places in a town etc.
There are many historical monuments for sightseeing in Asia.

signature

noun /'sɪɡnətʃə[r]/
a person's name written by himself or herself
My signature was required on the document.

significance

noun /sɪɡ'nɪfɪkəns/
importance
This new drug has great significance for the treatment of the disease.

significant

adjective /sɪɡ'nɪfɪkənt/
important
There has been a significant shift in government policy.

silencer

noun /'saɪlənsə[r]/
a device for reducing the sound made by a gun or a vehicle's exhaust system
A car without a silencer is very noisy.

silhouette

noun /sɪlu'et/
a dark shadow seen against a light background
The magnificent mountains stood out in silhouette.

simultaneously

adverb /'sɪml'teɪniəsli/
at the same time
She studies and listens to music simultaneously.

siren

noun /'saɪrən/
a device that makes a long, loud sound as a warning
The police car had flashing lights and a siren.

situation

noun /sɪ'tʃu'eɪʃn/
a state of affairs at a certain time
We would be a lot more relaxed if the situation was different.

skeleton

noun /'skelɪtn/
the framework of the bones of the body or building etc.
The human skeleton consists of 206 bones.

skilful

adjective /'skɪfl/
having or showing great skill
He is a skilful craftsman.

slave

verb /sleɪv/
to work very hard
I had to slave over my work all day to finish it in time.

sledgehammer

noun /'sledʒhæmə[r]/
a very large heavy hammer
The labourer knocked the remaining wall down with a sledgehammer.

smear

verb /smɪə[r]/
to rub something greasy or sticky or dirty on a surface
Don't smear the glasses; I've just polished them.

S

9 to 11
age group**smithereens****noun** /ˌsmɪðəˈriːnz/

small fragments

*The glass fell and broke into smithereens.***snail****noun** /sneɪl/

a small animal with a soft body and a shell

*The snail had made a slimy trail across the garden.***sneeze****noun** /sniːz/

a sudden burst of air through the nose and mouth caused by irritation of the nostrils

*Her sneeze was caused by inhaling pepper.***soak****verb** /səʊk/

to become thoroughly wet as a result of being placed in a liquid

*Leave the dried beans to soak overnight.***soliloquy****noun** /səˈlɪləkwɪ/

a speech in which a person speaks his or her thoughts aloud

*The play included a soliloquy.***somersault****noun** /ˈsʌməʊsɔːlt/

a movement in which you turn head over heels before landing on your feet

*The acrobat's somersault amazed the audience.***sophisticated****adjective** /səˈfɪstɪkətɪd/

of fashionable life and its ways

*The salesman did not exactly understand the taste of the sophisticated client.***sorcerer****noun** /ˈsɔːsərə[r]/

a person who can perform magic

*The sorcerer made a dragon appear magically from smoke.***sorrow****noun** /ˈsɒrəʊ/

unhappiness caused by loss or disappointment

*She felt sorrow at her friend's departure.***sorrowful****adjective** /ˈsɒrəʊfl/

feeling or showing sadness

*There were tears in her sorrowful eyes.***sour****adjective** /ˈsaʊə[r]/

tasting sharp like unripe fruit

*The fruit had a sour taste so I threw it away.***souvenir****noun** /ˌsuːvəˈnɪə[r]/

something that you keep to remind you of a person, place or event

*This seashell is a souvenir from the beach.***spaghetti****noun** /spəˈɡeti/

pasta made in long thin sticks

*She makes delicious spaghetti.***specialist****noun** /ˈspeʃəlɪst/

an expert in the subject

*The eye specialist suggested that Akbar should wear glasses.***species****noun** /ˈspiːʃiːz/

a group of animals or plants that are very similar

*Certain species of birds have become extinct in this area.***specimen****noun** /ˈspesɪmən/

a sample; an example

That is a fine specimen of an oak tree.

spectacular

adjective /ˈspekˈtækjələ[r]/
impressive or striking
The Olympics are a spectacular event.

speedometer

noun /spiːˈdɒmɪtə[r]/
a device showing a vehicle's speed
I think your speedometer might be malfunctioning.

spider

noun /ˈspaɪdə[r]/
a small animal with eight legs that spins a web to catch insects on which it feeds

spinach

noun /ˈspɪnɪʃ/
a vegetable with dark green leaves
They had spinach for dinner.

spontaneous

adjective /spɒnˈteɪniəs/
happening or done without planning or forethought
Spontaneous laughter is a beautiful thing.

sprinkle

verb /ˈsprɪŋkl/
to make tiny drops or pieces fall on something
Mehr decided to sprinkle glitter over her artwork.

squadron

noun /ˈskwɒdrən/
part of an army, navy or air force
His squadron is due for more training soon.

squid

noun /skwɪd/
a sea animal with eight short tentacles and two long ones

squirrel

noun /ˈskwɪrəl/
a small animal with a bushy tail and red or grey fur, living in trees

stallion

noun /ˈstæliən/
a male horse

stampede

noun /stæmˈpi:d/
a sudden rush by animals or people
The stampede at the football stadium caused many injuries.

starfish

noun /ˈstɑːfɪʃ/
a sea animal shaped like a star with five points

statistics

noun /stəˈtɪstɪkz/
the study of information based on the numbers of things
According to official statistics, the disease killed over 500 people.

statue

noun /ˈstætʃuː/
a model made of stone or metal etc. to look like a person or animal
A bronze statue of the brave soldier was placed in the town square.

steak

noun /steɪk/
a thick slice of meat or fish
I would like to have steak for dinner.

stimulating

adjective /ˈstɪmjuleɪtɪŋ/
full of interesting or exciting ideas
They had a stimulating discussion.

straighten

verb /ˈstreɪtn/
make or become straight
Straighten up slowly, then repeat the exercise ten times.

S

9 to 11
age group**stratification****noun** /ˌstrætɪfɪˈkeɪʃn/

the arrangement of sedimentary rocks in distinct layers

*It is possible to see the stratification of rocks in the Salt Range.***stratosphere****noun** /ˌstrætəʃfiə[r]/

a layer of the atmosphere between 10 and 60 kilometres above the Earth's surface

*The air is very thin in the stratosphere.***structure****noun** /ˈstrʌktʃə[r]/

something that has been constructed or built

*The structure of the brain is really complex.***stupidity****noun** /ˈstjuːˈpɪdəti/

the quality of being stupid; not clever

*His stupidity led him to make many mistakes.***submarine****noun** /ˌsʌbməˈriːn/

a ship that can travel under water

*The submarine stayed under water for a whole week.***subside****verb** /səbˈsaɪd/

to sink into the ground

*Heavy rains caused the house to subside.***substance****noun** /ˈsʌbstəns/

the main or essential part of something

*We agree with the substance of your report but not with its details.***substantial****adjective** /səbˈstænʃl/

of considerable size, value or importance

*She received a substantial raise in her salary last month.***substitute****noun** /ˈsʌbstɪtjuːt/

a person or thing that acts or is used instead of another

*The doctor advised them to substitute regular milk with fat-free milk.***subterranean****adjective** /ˌsʌbtəˈreɪniən/

underground

*There are subterranean caves in this area.***successful****adjective** /səkˈsesfl/

having success

*We congratulated them on the completion of the successful business venture.***sufficient****adjective** /səˈfɪʃnt/

enough

*Sufficient reasons were not given to justify the ban.***supersonic****adjective** /ˌsuːpəˈsɒnɪk/

faster than the speed of sound

*Modern jets travel at supersonic speeds.***supplement****noun** /ˈsʌplɪmənt/

something added as an extra

*Vitamins are added as a supplement to cereals.***surgeon****noun** /ˈsɜːdʒən/

a doctor who treats an injury by operating on the affected part of the body

*The surgeon operated on the patient.***suspense****noun** /səˈspens/

an anxious or uncertain feeling while waiting for something to happen or become known

The suspense in the movie kept the audience glued to their seats.

suspicion

noun /sə'spɪʃn/

a slight belief

I have a suspicion that they are planning something special for my birthday.

suspicious

adjective /sə'spɪʃəs/

feeling or causing suspicion

The suspicious behaviour of the man alerted the police.

swift

adjective /swɪft/

fast, quick and speedy

His swift action saved her life.

swordfish

noun /'sɔːdfɪʃ/

a large sea fish with a long sword like upper jaw

synagogue

noun /'sɪnəɡɒɡ/

a place where Jews meet for worship

Jacob goes to the synagogue every Saturday.

syrup

noun /'sɪrəp/

a thick sweet liquid

She loved to eat pancakes with maple syrup.

systematic

adjective /sɪstə'mætɪk/

methodical; carefully planned

The police were conducting a systematic investigation of the criminal's house.

T

9 to 11
age group**tablespoon****noun** /ˈteɪblspuːn/a large spoon for serving food
*I put a tablespoon in the dish.***tacan****noun** /ˈtakən/air navigation systems which define an aircraft's position
*Tacan is generally used by the military.***taconite****noun** /ˈtakənnaɪt/low-grade iron ore
*The iron content in taconite is about 25-30%.***tailor****noun** /ˈteɪlə[r]/a person who makes clothes
*Sara asked the tailor to stitch her dress.***talc****noun** /ˈtɔːlk/soft, light-colored mineral used to make talcum powder
*Talc is also used in lubricants.***talent****noun** /ˈtælənt/a special ability
*She has a talent for music.***tame****adjective** /teɪm/(said about animals) gentle and not afraid of people
*One day, by chance, he found a tame partridge for sale.***tangerine****noun** /ˌtændʒəˈriːn/a kind of small orange
*She put a tangerine in the fruit salad.***tantalising****adjective** /ˈtæntələɪzɪŋ/teasing or tempting a person by showing him or her something good but keeping it out of reach
*The tantalising smell of freshly baked cookies brought him to the kitchen.***tantalum****noun** /ˈtæntələm/a chemical element
*Tantalum is a hard silver-grey metal used in the production of electronic parts.***taphonomy****noun** /təˈfɒnəmi/the study of the conditions and processes by which organisms become fossilized
*Taphonomy helps understand the environment and life history of extinct organisms.***tattoo****noun** /təˈtuː/a picture on somebody's skin
*I have a butterfly tattoo on my left arm.***taxis****noun** /ˈtæksɪs/restoration of displaced organs or bones by manual pressure alone
*The patient endured a lot of pain during the taxis.***technician****noun** /tekˈnɪʃn/a person whose job is to look after scientific equipment and do practical work in a laboratory
*He is a computer technician.***technique****noun** /tekˈniːk/the method of doing something
There are hardly any flaws in his technique.

technology**noun** /tek'nɒlədʒi/

the study of machinery, engineering and how things work

*Computer technology is making rapid advances.***temperament****noun** /'tempərəmənt/

a person's nature as shown in the way he or she usually behaves

*He has a nervous temperament.***temperamental****adjective** /'tempərə'mentl/

likely to become excitable or moody suddenly

*The temperamental opera singer refused to perform.***tempt****verb** /tempt/

to try to persuade

*Natasha tried to tempt me to eat more sweets.***tenacious****adjective** /tə'neɪʃəs/

not giving up something easily; determined; persistent

*The tenacious soldiers fought bravely.***tenant****noun** /'tenənt/

a person who rents a house, building, or land from a landlord

*The tenant was late in paying his rent.***tension****noun** /'tenʃn/

the condition of being stretched or strained

*I suffered from a lot of tension due to my exams.***terminal****noun** /'tɜːmɪnəl/

a building where air passengers arrive or depart

*I made my way to the air terminal to receive my guests.***terminate****verb** /'tɜːmɪneɪt/

to end; stop immediately

*Your contract of employment will terminate in December.***terminology****noun** /,tɜːmɪ'nɒlədʒi/

the technical terms of a subject

*I am not familiar with computer terminology.***termite****noun** /'tɜːmaɪt/

a small insect that is very destructive and consumes timber

terrific**adjective** /tə'fɪfɪk/

excellent; wonderful

*She's doing a terrific job.***terrify****verb** /'terɪfaɪ/

to make someone feel extremely frightened

*She likes to terrify us with scary stories.***testimony****noun** /'testɪməni/

a declaration of truth or fact

*The witness gave his testimony in court.***texture****noun** /'tekstʃə[r]/

the way that the surface of something feels

*The texture of the cloth was very rough.***thankful****adjective** /'θæŋkfl/

grateful

*The thankful students treated their teacher to dinner.***theatre****noun** /'θɪətə[r]/

a building where plays are performed to an audience

I enjoy visiting the theatre.

T

9 to 11
age group**therapy**

noun /'θerəpi/
a way of treating a physical or mental illness
She needed therapy to recover from her illness.

thief

noun /θi:f/
a person who steals things
The thief was caught by the police.

thigh

noun /θaɪ/
the part of the leg between the hip and the knee
His pants reach halfway down his thigh.

thorough

adjective /'θʌrə/
done or doing things carefully and in detail
The police carried out a thorough investigation.

thoughtful

adjective /'θɔ:tfʌl/
thinking a lot; considerate
He sat in thoughtful silence during the whole ordeal.

throttle

noun /'θrɒtl/
a device that controls the flow of fuel to an engine; an accelerator
The captain eased up on the throttle as he approached the runway.

throughout

adverb /θru:'aʊt/
in every part
The timber was rotten throughout.

thwart

verb /θwɔ:t/
prevent from succeeding
The police managed to thwart the plot against the king.

tick

noun /tɪk/
a bloodsucking insect

tiger

noun /'taɪgə[r]/
a large, wild animal of the cat family, with yellow and black stripes

toad

noun /təʊd/
a froglike animal that lives mainly on land

tobacco

noun /tə'bækəʊ/
the dried leaves of certain plants prepared for smoking in cigarettes and cigars
The tobacco in cigarettes is injurious to health.

tolerable

adjective /'tɒlərəbəl/
able to be tolerated
They moved to the city in search of tolerable living conditions.

torso

noun /'tɔ:səʊ/
the trunk of the human body
The boxer took several hits to the torso.

tortoise

noun /'tɔ:təs/
a slow-moving animal with a shell over its body

totalitarian

adjective /təʊ,tælə'teəriən/
using a form of government where people are not allowed to form rival political parties
The totalitarian government was unpopular.

touchstone

noun /'tʌtʃstəʊn/
a test by which the quality of something is judged
The touchstone of a school's performance is the success of its students.

tragedy**noun** /'trædʒədi/

a very sad or distressing event

*It was a real tragedy that the hailstorm destroyed all the crops.***tranquilliser****noun** /'træŋkwəlaɪzə[r]/

a drug used to diminish anxiety

*The vet used a tranquilliser to calm the wild animal.***tranquillity****noun** /træŋ'kwɪləti/

state of calm and peace

*The view from the mountains offered tranquillity to her troubled mind.***transition****noun** /træn'zɪʃn/

the process of changing from one condition to another

*The transition from school to college can be difficult for students.***translucent****adjective** /træns'luːsnt/

allowing some light to shine through but not transparent

*She was wearing a bracelet made of translucent plastic beads.***transparent****adjective** /træns'pærənt/

able to be seen through

*He was drawing on a large transparent sheet.***transplant****verb** /træns'plɑːnt/

to move to another place

*The gardener was asked to transplant the shrub to a shadier spot.***trapeze****noun** /trə'piːz/

a short bar hanging from two parallel ropes high above the ground

*The audience gasped when the gymnast on the trapeze almost lost his balance.***treacherous****adjective** /'treɪʃərəs/

dangerous or unreliable

*The treacherous ice on the roads made it difficult for him to drive.***treasure****noun** /'treʒə[r]/

a store of precious metals or jewels

*The pirates searched for treasure.***tremendous****adjective** /trə'mendəs/

very large

*A tremendous wave rocked the boat.***trespasser****noun** /'trespəsə[r]/

a person who enters someone's land unlawfully

*The trespasser was caught by the police.***tributary****noun** /'trɪbjətəri/

a river or stream that flows into a larger one

*River Jhelum is a tributary of the River Indus.***tricycle****noun** /'traɪsɪkl/

a vehicle like a bicycle but with three wheels

*Atif got a tricycle for his fourth birthday.***troublesome****adjective** /'trʌblsəm/

causing annoyance

They have very troublesome neighbours.

T

9 to 11
age group**trousers****noun** /ˈtraʊzəz/

a piece of clothing worn over the lower half of the body, with a separate part for each leg

He was wearing brown trousers.

tuberculosis**noun** /tjuːˌbɜːkjʊˈlæʊsɪs/

a disease producing lesions on the lungs

He is really weak because he had tuberculosis when he was young.

tuna**noun** /ˈtjuːnə/

a large marine fish used for food

turquoise**adjective** /ˈtɜːkwɔɪz/

a sky-blue or greenish-blue colour

She wore a turquoise jacket.

turtle**noun** /ˈtɜːtl/

a sea animal that looks like a tortoise

tweezers**noun** /ˈtwiːzəz/

small pincers for picking up or pulling small things

I used tweezers to remove the thorn from my finger.

typical**adjective** /ˈtɪpɪkl/

having the usual characteristics of a particular sort of person or thing

A typical car owner drives 10,000 miles a year.

ultraviolet**adjective** /ˌʌltrəˈvaɪələt/

beyond the violet end of the light spectrum and not visible to the human eye

*Ultraviolet rays can be very harmful for our skin.***umbrella****noun** /ˌʌmˈbrɛlə/

a circular piece of material stretched over a folding frame with a central stick which you open to protect yourself from rain or sun

*The umbrella kept him dry in the rain.***unaccountable****adjective** /ˌʌnəˈkaʊntəbl/

unable to be explained

*For some unaccountable reason, I completely forgot to do my homework.***unanimous****adjective** /ˌjuːnəˈnɪməs/

with everyone in agreement

*They reached a unanimous decision to go to the beach.***unavoidable****adjective** /ˌʌnəˈvɔɪdəbl/

not able to be avoided

*Unavoidable circumstances led to the accident.***unbearable****adjective** /ˌʌnˈbeərəbl/

not able to be endured

*Mehr's skin rash worsened because of the unbearable heat.***unbelievable****adjective** /ˌʌnbɪˈli:vəbl/

not able to be believed

*She gave us an unbelievable excuse for being late.***unconcerned****adjective** /ˌʌnkənˈsɜːnd/

not worried

*The unconcerned policeman ignored the traffic jam.***unconscious****adjective** /ˌʌnˈkɒnʃəs/

not conscious; not aware of things

*They ran towards the unconscious man.***underneath****preposition** /ˌʌndəˈniːθ/

below

*Underneath her cool exterior, she was extremely frightened.***unfamiliar****adjective** /ˌʌnfəˈmɪliə[r]/

strange

*I lost my way in the unfamiliar area.***ungrateful****adjective** /ˌʌnˈɡreɪtfl/

not grateful or thankful

*His ungrateful attitude upset his parents.***unicorn****noun** /ˈjuːnɪkɔːn/

(in legends) an animal that is like a horse with one long, straight, horn growing from its forehead

unify**verb** /ˈjuːnɪfaɪ/

to unite

*The new leader hopes to unify the nation.***uninhabitable****adjective** /ˌʌnɪnˈhæbɪtəbl/

unfit to live in

*They were stuck on an uninhabitable island for weeks.***unintelligible****adjective** /ˌʌnɪnˈtelɪdʒəbl/

not able to be understood

The baby uttered unintelligible words.

U

9 to 11
age group**universal****adjective** /ˌjuːniˈvɜːsl/

to do with or including or done by everyone or everything

*English is fast becoming a universal language.***unkempt****adjective** /ˌʌnˈkempt/

untidy or neglected

*Her wild unkempt hair was difficult to comb.***unreasonable****adjective** /ˌʌnˈriːznəbl/

going beyond the limits of what is reasonable

*The greedy child made unreasonable demands.***unreliable****adjective** /ˌʌnrɪˈlaɪəbl/

not reliable

*The unreliable student came late for the exam.***unsatisfactory****adjective** /ˌʌn,sætɪsˈfæktəri/

not good enough

*He went back to the shop to return all the unsatisfactory goods.***unscrupulous****adjective** /ˌʌnˈskruːpjələs/

without scruples; unprincipled

*His unscrupulous behaviour is shocking.***untimely****adjective** /ˌʌnˈtaɪmlɪ/

occurring before the expected, normal, or proper time

*We were not prepared for the untimely arrival of our guests.***unveil****verb** /ˌʌnˈveɪl/

to remove a veil or covering from something

*The bride did not want to unveil during the wedding ceremony.***upheaval****noun** /ʌpˈhiːvl/

a sudden change or disturbance

*Moving to a new house causes an upheaval.***useless****adjective** /ˈjuːsləs/

producing no effect

*Her kitchen was full of useless gadgets.***utensil****noun** /juːˈtensl/

a tool, device, or container, especially one for use in the house

Which utensil will you use to turn the pancakes?

vacation**noun** /və'keɪʃn/

a holiday

*We are going to take a vacation in the hills.***vague****adjective** /veɪg/

not definite or clear

*She gave a vague answer to my question.***valence****noun** /'væləns/

the capacity of an element to combine with another to form molecules

*Carbon always has a valence of four.***valley****noun** /'væli/

a long, low area between hills or mountains

*The Nile valley is very fertile.***valuable****adjective** /'væljuəbl/

worth a lot of money

*The thief ran away with the valuable goods.***vanadium****noun** /və'neɪdɪəm/

a bright white, soft chemical element found in several minerals

*Vanadium is added to some types of steel to make them stronger.***vanquish****verb** /'væŋkwɪʃ/

to defeat thoroughly

*The army vowed to vanquish the enemy.***vapour****noun** /'veɪpə[r]/

a visible gas; steam or mist

*Water, when heated, turns into vapour.***variable****adjective** /'veəriəbl/

changeable

*Variable temperatures are caused by global warming.***variety****noun** /və'raɪəti/

an assortment

*The bakery has a variety of cakes.***varve****noun** /vɑ:v/

an annual layer of sedimentary material deposited in lakes by glacial meltwaters

*Varve is usually formed in fresh water lakes.***vector****noun** /'vektə/

an insect that carries a particular disease from one living thing to another

*The vector for malaria is the mosquito.***vega****noun** /'vi:gə/

the fifth brightest star in the night sky

*Vega has been extensively studied by astronomers.***vegetarian****noun** /'vedʒə'teəriən/

a person who does not eat meat

*Ayesha is a vegetarian.***vehicle****noun** /'vi:əkl/

a means of transporting people or goods, especially on land

*A bus is a vehicle that can accommodate many passengers.***vengeance****noun** /'vendʒəns/

revenge

He swore vengeance on everyone involved in the killing.

V

9 to 11
age group**vernacular****noun** /və'nækjələ[r]/

the language of a country or district, as distinct from an official or formal language

*She is fluent in the vernacular of the area.***vernier****noun** /'vɜːniə/

instrument for making very accurate linear or angular measurements

*Vernier was first introduced by a French mathematician in 1631.***versatile****adjective** /'vɜːsətəl/

able to do or be used for many different things

*She is a versatile actress and can play many different roles.***versus****preposition** /'vɜːsəs/

against; competing with

*It is France versus Brazil in the finals.***vicious****adjective** /'viʃəs/

cruel and aggressive

*Atif has a vicious dog.***victorious****adjective** /vɪk'tɔːriəs/

having defeated an opponent

*The victorious cricket team celebrated.***violin****noun** /'vaɪə'liːn/

a musical instrument with four strings, played with a bow

*The violin makes a beautiful sound.***viper****noun** /'vaɪpə[r]/

a small, poisonous snake

vision**noun** /'vɪʒn/

the ability to see

*He needs glasses to improve his vision.***vixen****noun** /'vɪksn/

a female fox

vocabulary**noun** /və'kæbjələri/

all the words used in a particular subject or language, or that an individual person uses

*Mehr has an extensive vocabulary.***volatile****adjective** /'vɒlətaɪl/

evaporating quickly

*Volatile liquids should be kept covered or they will evaporate.***voluntary****adjective** /'vɒləntəri/

done willingly, not because you are forced to do it

*Voluntary social workers distributed the medicine.***volunteer****noun** /'vɒlən'tʃə[r]/

a person who offers to do something

*He is working as a volunteer at the hospital.***vowel****noun** /'vaʊəl/

any of the letters a, e, i, o, u which represent sounds in which breath comes out freely

*The letter E is a vowel.***vulnerable****adjective** /'vʌlnərəbl/

able to be hurt or harmed or attacked

*The vulnerable bridge was guarded by the army.***vulture****noun** /'vʌltʃə[r]/

a large bird that feeds on dead animals

walnut**noun** /'wɔːlnʌt/

an edible nut with a wrinkled surface
The walnut is a popular nut in Pakistan.

walrus**noun** /'wɔːlrəs/

a large Arctic sea animal with two long tusks

wardrobe**noun** /'wɔːdrəʊb/

a cupboard to hang clothes in
Hang your clothes up in the wardrobe.

wasp**noun** /wɒsp/

a stinging insect with black and yellow stripes round its body

weathervane**noun** /'weðəveɪn/

a pointer that turns in the wind and shows from which direction it is blowing
The weathervane shows that the wind is blowing from the south.

weevil**noun** /'wiːvɪl/

a small beetle that feeds on plants and fruits

weird**adjective** /wiəd/

very strange; uncanny
That man has a weird sense of humour.

werewolf**noun** /'weəwʊlf/

a person who sometimes changes into a wolf (fictional character)
He turns into a werewolf when there is a full moon.

whale**noun** /weɪl/

a very large sea animal

whereabouts**noun** /'weərəbaʊts/

location
His whereabouts are still unknown.

whistle**noun** /'wɪsl/

a device that makes a shrill sound when air or steam is blown through it
The referee blew his whistle repeatedly.

wilderness**noun** /'wɪldənəs/

a wild uncultivated area; a desert
You could get lost in the wilderness without a guide.

windshield**noun** /'wɪndʃiːld/

a big window in front of a car
The windshield of the jeep was dirty after we returned from the desert safari.

wisdom**noun** /'wɪzdəm/

being wise
Wisdom comes from experience.

withdraw**verb** /wɪð'drɔː/

take back or away; retreat
I would like to withdraw my money from the bank.

woollen**adjective** /'wʊlən/

made of wool
He put on woollen socks when his feet got cold.

worthwhile**adjective** /'wɜːθwɪl/

important or good enough to deserve the time or effort needed
Merchant of Venice is a worthwhile book to read.

W**9 to 11**
age group**wriggle****verb** /ˈrɪɡl/

to move with short twisting movements

*They managed to wriggle through the thick hedge.***wrist****noun** /rɪst/

the joint that connects the hand and arm

*Atif injured his wrist while playing tennis.***wristwatch****noun** /ˈrɪstwɒtʃ/

a watch for wearing on the arm

*That looks like an expensive wristwatch.***writhe****verb** /ˈraɪð/

to twist or move your body without stopping, often because you are in great pain

She began to writhe around on the floor in agony.

xenolith

noun /ˈzɛnəlɪθ/

a rock fragment different in kind from the rock it is enclosed in

A xenolith may be anything from angular to round in its shape.

Y

9 to 11
age group**yacht****noun** /jɑ:t/

a sailing boat used for racing or cruising
He went to sea in a yacht for the weekend.

yaws**noun** /jɔ:z/

a contagious tropical disease
Yaws is common in children in tropical countries.

yew**noun** /ju:/

a small tree with dark green leaves and small red berries
Ten yew trees have been planted in the churchyard.

yoghurt**noun** /'jɒgət/

milk thickened by the action of certain bacteria, giving it a sharp taste
My mother encourages me to have yoghurt as it is rich in calcium.

yttrium**noun** /'ɪtrɪəm/

a silvery metallic chemical element
Yttrium is generally found in the rare-earth elements.

zeal

noun /zi:l/

enthusiasm or keenness

She came back to work with renewed zeal.

zebra

noun /'zebrə/

an African animal of the horse family, with black and white stripes all over its body

zirconium

noun /zə:'kɒznɪəm/

a hard metallic chemical element

Most of the zirconium produced today is used in water-cooled nuclear reactors.