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## علائم و اختصارات

approving	به نشانه تایید
disapproving	به نشانه مخالفت
AmE (American English)	انگلیسی آمریکایی
BrE (British English)	انگلیسی بریتانیایی
dated	کهنه / منسوخ
derogatory	توهین آمیز
esp (especially)	به ویژه / مخصوصا
figurative	کنایی / مجازی
formal	رسمی
informal	غیررسمی
humorous	شوخی آمیز
ironic	طنز آلود / طعنه آمیز
literary	ادبی
OPP(opposite)	متضاد
SYN(synonym)	مترادف
proverb(saying)	ضرب المثل
technical	فنی
C (countable)	قابل شمارش
U (uncountable)	غیرقابل شمارش
N (noun)	اسم
V (verb)	فعل
Adv(adverb)	قید
Adj (adjective)	صفت

# Vision 3, Lesson 1

## Vocabulary

**abroad** /ə'bra:d/ (**adv**) in or to a foreign country **SYN** overseas

*to be / live / go / travel abroad*

1. *She worked abroad for a year.*      ◇      2. *He was famous, both at home and abroad.*

**accident** /'æk.sɪ.dənt/ (**n**), **accidental** /,æk.sɪ'den.təl/ (**adj**), **accidentally** /,æk.sɪ'den.təl.i/ (**adv**)

(by accident) **OPP** on purpose, deliberately, intentionally

*a car / road / traffic accident*

*to have an accident*      ◇      *a serious / minor / fatal accident*

1. *One in seven accidents is caused by sleepy drivers.*
2. *He was killed in an accident.*
3. *I didn't mean to break it. It was an accident.*
4. *It is no accident that men fill most of the top jobs in nursing.*
5. *I didn't think our meeting was accidental. He must have known I would be there.*
6. *I turned around, I accidentally hit him in the face.*
7. *The damage couldn't have been caused accidentally.*
8. *He did it **on purpose**, knowing it would annoy her.*
9. *She's been deliberately ignoring him all day.*
10. *I kept my statement intentionally vague.*
11. *She would never intentionally hurt anyone.*

**affection** /ə'fek.ʃən/ (**n**) the feeling of liking or loving sb/sth very much:

1. *Children need lots of love and affection.*      ◇      2. *He didn't show his wife any affection.*

**appreciate** /ə'pri:ʃi.ət/ (**v**) 1. to recognize the good qualities of sb/sth:

1. *You can't really appreciate foreign literature in translation.*

2. to be grateful for sth that sb has done , to welcome sth:

1. *Your support is greatly appreciated.*      ◇      2. *I would appreciate if you paid in cash.*

3. *I don't appreciate being treated like a second-class citizen.*

3. to understand or realize that sth is true:

1. *I appreciate your difficulties.*    ♦    2. *We didn't fully appreciate that he was seriously ill.*

**appreciation** /əˌpriːʃi'eɪʃn/ (n)

1. *She shows little appreciation of good music.*

2. *I had no appreciation of the problem they faced.*

3. *Please accept this gift in appreciation of all you've done for us.*

**author** /'ɔːθə/ (n) 1. a person who writes books or the person who wrote a particular book:

SYN writer

1. *Who is your favorite author?*    ♦    2. *He is the author of three books.*

2. the person who creates or starts sth, esp a plan or an idea:

1. *As the author of the proposal I cannot agree with you.*

**babysit** /'beɪ.bi.sɪt/ (v) to take care of babies and children for a short time while their parents are out:

1. *She regularly babysits for us.*    ♦    2. *He's babysitting the neighbor's children.*

**belong** /bɪ'lɒŋ/ (v) 1. to be in the right or suitable place:

1. *Where do these plates belong?*    ♦    2. *Are you sure these documents belong together?*

2. to feel comfortable and happy in a particular situation:

*I don't feel as if I belong here.*

**belong to sb** to be owned by sb:

1. *Who does this watch belong to?*    ♦    2. *The islands belong to Spain.*

**belong to sth** to be a member of a club or organization; to be part of a particular group type, or system:

1. *Have you ever belonged to a political party?*    ♦    2. *Lions and tigers belong to the cat family.*

**belonging** /bɪ'lɒŋ.ɪŋ/ (n) close and intimate relationship:    *a sense of belonging*

*I feel a sense of belonging here.*

**belongings** /bɪ'lɒŋ.ɪŋz/ [pl] the things that you own which can be moved, for example not land or buildings:

*insurance of property and belongings*

1. *She packed her few belongings in a bag and left.*
2. *They packed all their belongings and moved across the country.*
3. *Her belongings were entirely destroyed in the fire.*

**blessing** /'bles.ɪŋ/ (**n**) **1.** God's help and protection; or a prayer asking for this:

*to pray for God's blessing*

*Health is a blessing that money cannot buy.*

**2.** approval of a permission for sth:

1. *The government gave its blessing to the new plans.* ◇ 2. *He went with his parents' blessing.*

**3.** something that is good and helpful:

1. *Lack of traffic is one of the blessings of country life.*
2. *It is a blessing that nobody was in the house at the time.*

**boost** /bu:st/ (**v**) to make sth increase or become better or more successful: *boost exports/profits*

*The movie helped boost her scene career.*

**booster** /'bu:.stə/ (**n**) a thing that helps, encourages or improves sb/sth; a supporter esp in politics:

*a morale / confidence booster* ◇ *a meeting of Republican boosters*

**boring** /'bɔ:.rɪŋ/ (**adj**) not interesting; making you feel tired and impatient: **SYN** uninteresting, dull, monotonous: *a boring job / book / evening / speaker*

*He's such a boring man.*

**bring up** /brɪŋ ʌp/ (**v**) [**often passive**] to care for a child, teaching him or her how to behave, etc:

1. *She brought up five children.*
2. *He was brought up by his aunt.* ◇ 3. *I was brought up a Catholic.*

**by heart** /baɪ hɑ:rt/ (BrE also **off by heart**) using only your memory:

*learn / know the words / tune by heart*

*I've dialed the number so many times I know it by heart.*

**burst** /bɜ:st/ (**v**) **1.** to break open or apart, esp because of pressure from inside; to make sth break in this way:

1. *That balloon will burst if you blow it up any more.*
2. *The dam burst under the weight of water.*
3. *(figurative) He felt he would burst with anger and shame.*

**3. burst into sth:** to start producing sth suddenly and with great force:

1. *She burst into tears / laughter/ speech.*
2. *The aircraft crashed and **burst into flames** (= suddenly began to burn).*

**care for** /keə'fɔ: / **(v)** **1.** to look after sb who is sick, very old, young, etc:

*She moved back home to care for her elderly parents.*

**2.** to love or like sb very much:

*He cared for her more than she realized.*

**close** /kləʊs/ **(adj)** [relationship] knowing sb very well and liking them very much **SYN** intimate:

1. *Jane is a very close friend.*     ◇     2. *We're not **on intimate terms with** our neighbors.*

**bosom friend** (AmE also **bosom buddy**) **noun** a very close friend

**condition** /kən'diʃ.ən/ **(n)** **1.** (medical) the state of sb's health or how fit they are:

1. *He is overweight and out of condition (= not physically fit).*
2. *The motorcyclist was in a critical condition in hospital last night.*

**2.** the state that sth is in:

*to be in **bad** / **good** / **excellent** condition*     ◇     *a used car in perfect condition*

**3. [pl]** the circumstances or situation in which people live, work or do things:

*living / housing / working conditions*     ◇     *changing economic conditions*

*I refuse to work under these conditions.*

**4. [pl]** the physical situation that affects how sth happens:     *damp/freezing/icy/humid conditions*

*The plants grow best in cool, damp conditions.*

**countless** /'kaʊnt.ləs/ **(adj)** [usually before noun] very many; too many to be counted or mentioned:

1. *I've warned her countless times.*
2. *The new treatment could save Emma's life and the lives of countless others.*

**cruel** /'kru:.əl/(**adj**) **1.** having a desire to cause pain and suffering:

**SNY** unkind, brutal, savage, merciless, pitiless                      *a cruel dictator*

1. *I can't stand people who are cruel to animals.*                      ◇                      2. *Her eyes were cruel and hard.*

3. *Sometimes you have to be cruel to be kind* (=make sb suffer because it will be good for them later).

**2.** causing pain and suffering:                      *a cruel punishment/ joke*

1. *Her father's death was a cruel blow.*

2. *Sailors sometimes faced **brutal** punishments like whipping.*

**cruelly** /'kru:ə.li/ (**adv**)                      **cruelty** /'kru:.əl.ti/ (**n**)

1. *The dog had been cruelly treated.*                      ◇                      2. *I was cruelly deceived.*

*cruelty to animals*                      ◇                      *the cruelties of life*

*The deliberate cruelty of his words cut her like a knife.*

**cuddle** /'kʌd.əl/ (**n, v**) to hold sb/sth close in your arms to show love or affection:

1. *The little boy cuddled the teddy bear close.*

2. *A couple of teenagers were kissing and cuddling on the doorstep.*

**dedicate** /'ded.i.keɪt/ (**v**) to give a lot of your time and effort to a particular activity:

*He dedicated his life to helping the poor.*

**dedicated** /'ded.i.keɪ.tɪd/ (**adj**) working hard at sth because it is very important to you:

**SYN** committed

**devote** /dɪ'vəʊt/ (**v**) to give most of your time, money, energy, attention, etc. to sb/sth:

1. *She devoted herself to her career.*

2. *I could only devote two hours a day to work on the project.*

**diary** /'daɪə.ri/ (**n**) (AmE **datebook**)

**1.** a book with spaces for each day of the year in which you can write down things you have to do in future:                      *a desk diary*

*I'll make a note of our next meeting in my diary.*

**2.** a book in which you can write down the experiences you have each day, your private thoughts, etc:

1. *Do you keep a diary?* (= write one regularly)?

2. *The writer's letters and diaries are being published next year.*

**donate** /'dɒʊ.nert/ (**v**) to give money, food, clothes, etc. to sb/sth esp a charity:

1. *He donated thousands of pounds to charity.*

2. *All donated blood is tested for HIV and other infections.*

**donation** /dɒʊ'neɪ.ʃn/ (**n**) something that is given to a person or an organization such as a charity, in order to help; the act of giving sth in this way:

*to make a donation to charity* ◇ *a generous / large / small donation* ◇ *organ donation*

*The work of the charity is funded by voluntary donations.*

**donor** /'dɒʊ.nəʃ/ (**n**) a person who gives blood or a part of his/her body to be used by doctors to help sick people:

*a blood donor* ◇ *a donor card* ◇ *donor organs*

*The heart transplant will take place as soon as a suitable donor can be found.*

**distinguish** /dɪ'stɪŋ.gwɪʃ/ (**v**) to recognize the difference between two people or things:

1. *Sometimes reality and fantasy are hard to distinguish.*

2. *At what age are children able to distinguish between right and wrong?*

**distinguished** /dɪ'stɪŋ.gwɪʃt/ (**adj**) 1. very successful and admired by other people:

*a distinguished career in medicine*

2. having an appearance that makes people admire or respect them:

*I think gray hair makes you look very distinguished.*

**elder** /'el.dəʃ/ (**n, adj**) (only before noun) (of people esp two members of the same family) older:  
*my elder brother / sister*

■ **noun (the elders)** people of greater age, experience and authority: *the village elders*

*Children have no respect for their elders nowadays.*

**elderly** /'el.dʒl.i/ (of people) used as a polite word for 'old': *an elderly couple* ◇ *elderly relatives*

*The program is intended to provide medical care for elderly people.*

**embrace** /ɪm'breɪs/ (**v**) (**written**) 1. to put your arms around sb as a sign of love or friendship:

*They embraced and wept and promised to keep in touch.*

2. (formal) to accept an idea, a proposal a set of beliefs, etc:

*to embrace democracy/feminism/Islam*

*It is unlikely that such countries will embrace capitalist ideas.*

**emotion** /ɪ'məʊ.ʃən/ (**n**) a strong feeling such as love, fear or anger; the part of a person's character that consists of feelings:

1. *Mark was overcome with emotion.*

2. *He lost control of his emotions.*      ◇      3. *They expressed mixed emotions at the news.*

4. *The decision was based on emotion rather than rational thought.*

5. *Emotions are running high rather than rational thoughts.*

**emotional** /ɪ'məʊ.ʃn.əl/ (**n**)    **emotionally**/ɪ'məʊ.ʃn.əl.i/ (**adv**)    **emotionless** /ɪ'məʊ.ʃn.ləs/ (**adj**)

*emotional problems / needs / stress*

*a child's emotional and intellectual development*

1. *Mothers are often the ones who provide emotional support for the family.*

2. *He tends to get emotional on these occasions.*

*emotionally disturbed children*

3. *I try not to get emotionally involved.*

*an emotionless voice*

4. *She remained emotionless throughout her trial.*

**ethic** /'eθ.ɪk/ (**n**) 1. (**ethics**) moral principles that control or influence a person's behavior:

*professional/business/medical ethics*

*He began to question the ethics of his position.*

2. [sing.] a system of moral principles or rules of behavior:

*Is thinking only of oneself a good ethic for living?*

*a strongly defined ethic*      ◇      *the Protestant ethic*

**ethics** /'eθ.ɪks/ (**a**) the science of morals:

*Ethics is a branch of philosophy.*

(**b**) moral principles or behavior:

*The ethics of his decision are doubtful.*

**ethical** /'eθ.ɪ.kəl/ (**adj**) of or relating to ethics, involving or expressing moral approval or disapproval:

*Some doctors feel that this procedure is not medically ethical.*

**experiment** /ɪk'sperɪ.mənt/ (**n, v**) **1.** a scientific test that is carried out in order to study what happens and to gain knowledge:

*to do / carry out / perform / conduct experiment*    ◇    *proved / shown **by experiment***

*Many people do not like the idea of experiments on animals.*

■ **verb** to carry out a scientific experiments or experiments:

*Some people feel that experimenting on animals causes unnecessary suffering.*

**fix** /fɪks/ (**v**) **1.** to repair or correct sth:

*1. The car won't start. Can you fix it?*    ◇    *2. I've fixed the problem.*

**2.** to put sth in a place firmly so that it will not move:

*to fix a shelf to the wall*    ◇    *to fix a post in the ground*

*(figurative) He noted every detail so as to fix the scene in the mind.*

**3.** to make sth such as your hair or face neat and attractive:

*I'll fix my hair then I'll be ready.*

**forgive** /fə'gɪv/ (**v**) **1.** to stop feeling angry with sb who has done sth to harm, annoy or upset you:

**SYN** pardon **OPP** punish

*1. I'll never forgive her for what she did.*    ◇    *2. I can't forgive that type of behavior.*

*3. I'd never forgive myself if she heard the truth from someone else.*

**2.** used to say in a polite way that you are sorry if what you are doing or saying seems rude or silly:

*1. Forgive me for interrupting, but I really don't agree with that.*

**3.** (formal) (of a bank, country, etc.) to say that sb does not need to pay back money that they have borrowed:

*1. The government has agreed to forgive a large part of the debt.*

*2. Pardon my asking, but is that your husband?*    ◇    *3. Pardon me for interrupting you.*

*4. She was pardoned after serving ten years of a life sentence.*

*5. Those responsible for this crime will be severely punished.*

*6. She was punished for refusing to answer their questions.*

*7. My parents used to punish me by not letting me watch TV.*

**forgiveness** /fə'gɪv.nəs/ (**n**)                      **forgiving** /fə'gɪv.ɪŋ/ (**adj**)

*to pray for God's forgiveness*    ◇    *the forgiveness of sins*

1. *He begged forgiveness for what he had done.*
2. *She has not inherited her mother's forgiving nature.*

**found** /faʊnd/( **v**) 1. to start sth, such as an organization or an institution esp by providing money:

*to found a club / company*

*Her family founded the college in 1895.*

2. to be the first to start building and living in a town or country:

*The town was founded by English settlers.*

3. ~ **sth (on sth)** to base sth on sth:

3. *Their marriage was founded on love and mutual respect.*

**function** /'fʌŋk.ʃn/ (**n, v**) a special ability or purpose of a person or thing:

*to fulfill / perform a useful function*    ◇    *bodily function*

*The function of the heart is to pump blood through the body.*

■ **verb** to work in the correct way:

1. *Despite the power cuts, the hospital continued to function normally.*

2. *Many children can't function effectively in large classes.*

**generate** /'dʒen.ə.reɪt/ (**v**) to produce or create sth:                      *to generate income / profit.*

1. *We need someone to generate new ideas.*    ◇    2. *The proposal has generated a lot of interest.*

**generation** /,dʒen.ə'reɪ.ʃn/ (**n**) 1. all the people who were born at about the same time:

*the younger / older generation*

1. *My generation have grown up without the experience of a world war.*

2. *We need to preserve these resources for **future generations**.*

2. a stage in the development of a product, usually a technical one:

*fifth generation computing*

3. the production of sth esp electricity, heat, etc:

*the generation of electricity*    ◇    *methods of income generation*

**generous** /'dʒen.ə.r.əs/ (**adj**) giving or willing to give freely: **SYN** open-handed **OPP** stingy,

close-fisted, mean:

*to be generous with your time / money*    ◇    *to be generous in giving help*

*It was generous of him to offer to pay for us both.*

**generously** /'dʒen·ə·rə·sli/ (**adv**)

*Please give generously.*

**guideline** /'gaɪd.laɪn/ (**n**) **1.** (**guidelines**) [pl] rules or instructions that are given by an official organization telling you how to do sth:

*The government has drawn up guidelines on the treatment of the mentally ill.*

**2.** something that can be used to help you make a decision or form an opinion:

*The figures are a useful guideline when buying a house.*

**hate** /heit/ (**n, v**) **1.** to dislike sth very much: **SYN** abhor, detest

*1. I hate Monday mornings. She hates making mistakes.*

*2. I hate the way she always criticizes me. ◇ 3. I hate spinach.*

*4. He hated to be away from his family.*

**2.** to dislike sb very much:

*1. The two boys hated each other. ◇ 2. I hate myself for feeling jealous.*

**3.** used when saying sth that you would prefer not to have to say, or when politely asking to do sth:

*1. I hate to say it, but I don't think their marriage will last.*

*2. I hate to trouble you, but could I use your phone? ◇ 3. They **detested** each other on sight.*

*4. I **abhor** the way people leave their trash at the picnic sites in the park.*

**heritage** /'her.ɪ.tɪdʒ/ (**n**) **1.** the history, traditions and qualities that a country has had for many years and are considered an important part of its character: *Spain's rich cultural heritage*

*The building is part of our national heritage.*

**hug** /hʌg/ (**n, v**) **1.** to put your arms around sb and hold them tightly, esp to show that you like or love them **SYN** embrace

*1. They hugged each other. ◇ 2. She hugged him tightly.*

**2.** to put your arms around sth and hold it to your body:

*1. She sat in the chair, hugging her knees. ◇ 2. He hugged the hot-water bottle to his chest.*

*3. They put their arms around each other and hugged.*

■ **noun** an act of putting your arms around sb and holding them tightly, esp to show that you like or love them:

1. She gave her mother a big hug.   ◇   2. He stopped to receive hugs and kisses from the fans.

**identity** /aɪ'den.tə.ti/ (**n**) **1.** who or what sb/sth is:

1. The police are trying to discover the identity of the killer.  
2. She is innocent; it was a case of mistaken identity.  
3. Do you have any proof of identity?   ◇   4. The thief used a false identity.  
5. She went through an **identity crisis** in her teens.

**2.** the characteristics, feelings or beliefs that distinguish people from others:

*a sense of national / cultural / personal / group identity*

**improve** /ɪm'pru:v/ (**v**) to make or become than before: **OPP** worsen

*to improve efficiency / standards / conditions*

1. His quality of life has improved dramatically since the operation.  
2. The company needs to improve performance in all these areas.

**improvement** /ɪm'pru:v.mənt/(**n**)

1. Sales figures continue to show signs of improvement.  
2. There is still **room for improvement** in your work.  
3. We expect to see further improvement over the coming year.

*a significant / dramatic / slight improvement*

4. This is a great improvement on your previous work.

**include** /ɪn'klu:d/ (**v**) **1.** If one thing **includes** another, it has the second thing as of its part:

**SYN** consist of **OPP** exclude

1. The tour included a visit to the Science Museum.   ◇   2. Does the price include tax?  
3. Your duties include typing the letters and answering the telephone.

**2.** to make sb/sth part of sth:

1. You should include examples in your essay.   ◇   2. We all went, me included.  
3. Representatives from the country were included as observers at the conference.

**including** /ɪn'klu:ˌdɪŋ/ (**prep**)

**inclusion** /ɪn'klu:ˌzən/ (**n**)

1. Six people were killed in the riot including a policeman.
2. I've got three days' holiday including New Year's Day. ◇ 3. His inclusion in the team is in doubt.
4. There were some surprising inclusions in the list.

**exclude** /ɪk'sklu:d/ (v) to deliberately not include sth in what you are doing or considering:

1. Try excluding sugar and fat from your diet. ◇ 2. Buses run every hour, Sundays excluded.
3. Women are still excluded from some London clubs.

**inspire** UK /ɪn'spaɪə/ US /ɪn'spaɪr/ (v) **1.** to give sb the desire, confidence or enthusiasm to do sth well:

1. The actors inspired the kids with their enthusiasm.
2. His superb play inspired the team to a thrilling 5-0 win.

**2. [usually passive]** to give sb the idea for sth, esp sth artistic or imaginative:

*His paintings were clearly inspired by Monet's work.*

**inspiration** /,ɪn.spɪ'reɪ.ʃən/ (n)      **inspired** /ɪn'spaɪrd/ (adj)      **inspiring** /ɪn'spaɪr.ɪŋ/ (adj)

1. Dreams can be a rich source of inspiration for an artist.
2. He says my sister was the inspiration for his heroine.
3. Looking for inspiration for a new dessert? Try this recipe.

*an inspired performance / poet* ◇ *an inspired choice / guess*

4. They had to thank the goalie for some inspired saves.
5. He was an inspiring teacher. 6. (informal) The book is less than inspiring.

**install** /ɪn'stɑ:l/ (v) **1.** to fix equipment or furniture into position that can be used:

1. He's getting a phone installed tomorrow. ◇ 2. I'll need some installing the software.

**2.** to put sb in a new position, often with an official ceremony:

*He was installed as President last May.*

**installation** /,ɪn.stə'leɪ.ʃən/ (n)

*installation costs* ◇ *the installation of the new manager*

*Installation of the new system will take several days.*

**kindness** /'kaɪnd.nəs/ (n) the quality of being kind: *to treat sb with kindness and consideration*

*I can never repay your many kindnesses.*

**lower** /'ləʊ.ə/ (**v**) **1.** to let or make sb/sth go down:

1. *He had to lower his head to get through the door.*

**2.** to reduce sth or to become less in value, quality, etc:

1. *She lowered her voice to a whisper.*      ◇      2. *This drug is used to lower blood pressure.*

**nestle** /'nes.əl/ (**v**) to put or hold sb/sth in a comfortable position:

*He hugged her and she nestled against his chest.*

**ordinary** /'ɔːr.dən.ər.i/ (**adj**) **1.** not unusual or different in a way:

*an ordinary sort of day*    ◇    *in the ordinary course of events*    ◇    *ordinary people like you and me*  
*This was no ordinary meeting.*

**2.** (disapproving) having no usual or interesting features:      *The meal was very ordinary.*

**ordinarily** /'ɔː.dən'ər.i.li/ (**adv**) **1.** in a normal way:      *The children were behaving ordinarily.*

**2.** used to say what normally happens in a particular situation:

*We do not ordinarily carry out this type of work.*

**overseas** /,oʊ.və'siːz/ (**adj, adv**) connected with foreign countries, esp those separated from your country by the sea or ocean:      *overseas development / markets / trade*

*overseas students / visitors*      ◇      *to live / work / go overseas*

*The product is sold both at home and overseas.*

**pass** /pæs/ (**v, n**) to achieve the required standard in an exam, a test, etc: **OPP** fail, flunk:

*She hasn't passed her driving test.*

■ **noun** a successful result in an exam: **OPP** fail, flunk

1. *She got a pass in French.*      ◇      2. *The pass mark is 50%.*

3. *The school has a 90% pass rate.*      ◇      4. *I got three passes and one fail.*

5. *She was disqualified after failing a drug test.*      ◇      6. *I flunked math in second grade.*

**pause** /paːz/ (**n, v**) **1.** to stop talking or doing sth for a short time before continuing:

1. *Anita paused for a moment, then said: 'All right'.*

2. *The woman spoke almost without pausing for breath (= very quickly).*

3. **Pausing only to pull on a sweater, he ran out of the house.**

■ **noun** a period of time during which sb stops talking or stops what they are doing:

1. *There was a long pause before she answered.*

2. *After a brief pause, they continued climbing.*      ♦      3. *The rain fell without pause.*

**(idiom) give sb pause / give sb pause for thought:**

(formal) to make sb think seriously about sth before doing sth:

*Popular resistance to the measures should give the government pause.*

**physician** /fɪˈzɪʃ.ən/ **(formal esp. AmE)** a doctor, especially one who is a specialist in general medicine doctor and GP (general practitioner) in BrE

*The drug should be taken only on the prescription of a physician.*

**physicist** /ˈfɪz.ɪ.sɪst/ **(n)** an expert in physics:

*Albert Einstein (1879-1955) was a great physicist.*

**pity** /ˈpɪt.i/ **(n,v)** a feeling of sympathy and sadness caused by the suffering and troubles of others; to feel sorry for sb because of their situation:

1. *I could only feel pity for what they were enduring.*

2. *"I've lost my watch." "Oh, what a pity."*      ♦      3. *It's a pity that you can't stay longer.*

4. *I pity her having to work such long hours.*

**pitiful** /ˈpɪt.i.fəl/ **(adj)** 1. deserving and causing you feel pity:

*The horse was a pitiful sight (= because it was very thin and sick).*

**pitiless** /ˈpɪt.i.ləs/ **(adj)** 1. showing no pity; cruel: **SYN** merciless, savage: *a pitiless killer / tyrant*

2. very harsh or severe and never ending: *a scorching pitiless sun*

1. *He illustrated the merciless killing of innocent people.*

2. *He has been merciless in his criticism of his opponent.*

3. *The savage commander ordered the civilians to be executed.*

**pride** /praɪd/ **(n)** 1. [pleasure/satisfaction] a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction that you get when you or people who are connected with you have done sth well or own sth that other people admire:

1. *The sight of her son graduating filled her with pride.*
2. *We take great pride in offering the best service in town.*
3. *Success in sport is a source of national pride.*     ◇     4. *I **take (a) pride** in my work.*

**2.** [respect for yourself] the feeling of respect that you have for yourself:

1. *Pride would not allow him to accept the money.*     ◇     2. *Male pride forced him to suffer in silence.*
3. *It's time to **swallow your pride** (=hide your feelings of pride) and ask for your job back.*

**3. the ~ of sth** a person or a thing that gives people a feeling of pleasure or satisfaction:

*The new sports stadium is the pride of the town.*

1. *She proudly displayed her prize.*     ◇     2. *The Matterhorn rose proudly in the background.*

**proud** /praʊd/ (**adj**) **1.** [pleased] feeling pleased and satisfied about sth that you own or have done, or are connected with:     *proud parents*     ◇     *the proud owner of a new car*

1. *Your achievements are **something to be proud of**.*
2. *He was proud of himself for not giving up.*     ◇     3. *I feel very proud to be a part of the team.*

**2.** (disapproving) feeling that you are better and more important than other people:

**SNY** arrogant, conceited **OPP** humble

1. *He was too proud now to be seen with his former friends.*
2. *She was too proud to admit she could be wrong.*
- 3.** [having self-respect] having respect for yourself and not wanting to lose the respect of others:
  1. *They were a proud and independent people.*     ◇     2. *Don't be too proud to ask for help.*

*a very conceited person*

- 3. *It's very conceited of you to assume that your work is always the best.*
- 4. *Be **humble** enough to learn from your mistakes.*

**rarely** /'rer.li/ (**adv**) not very often     **SYN** hardly, barely, seldom, scarcely:     *a rarely performed play*

1. *We rarely agree on what to do.*     ◇     2. *She's rarely seen in public nowadays.*
3. *Rarely has a debate attracted so much media attention.*

**regard** /rɪ'gɑ:rd/ (**n, v**) **1.** to think about sb/sth in a particular way:

1. *He regards herself as a patriot.*     ◇     2. *She is regarded as the current leader.*
3. *Capital punishment was regarded as inhuman and immoral.*

2. to look at sb/sth. esp in a particular way:

*He regarded us suspiciously.*

■ **noun** attention to or thought and care for sb/sth:

1. *He was driving without regard to speed limits.*

2. *Social services should pay proper regard to the needs of inner-city areas.*

**in/with regard to sb/sth** (formal) concerning sb/sth:

*a country's laws in regard to human rights*

*The company's position with regard to overtime is made clear in their contracts.*

**regards** /rɪ'gɑːdz/ (**pl**) used to send greetings at the end of letter, or when asking sb to give your greetings to another person who is not present:

*Give your parents my regards when you see them.*

**regret** /rɪ'gret/ (**n, v**) to feel sorry about sth you have done or about sth that you have not been able to do:

1. *If you don't do it now, you'll only regret it.*      ◇      2. *I deeply regret what I said.*

3. *I regret that I am not able to accept your kind invitation.*

4. *We regret to inform you that your application has not been successful.*

**regretful** /rɪ'gret.fəl/ (**adj**) feeling or showing sadness or disappointment **SYN** sad, sorry:

*a regretful look / smile*

**regretfully** /rɪ'gret.fə.li/ (**adv**) 1. in a way that shows you are sad or disappointed:

1. *'I'm afraid not,' he said regretfully.*      ◇      2. *Emma shook her head regretfully.*

2. used to show that you are sorry that sth is the case and you wish the situation were different

**SYN** regrettably

*Regrettably, mounting costs have forced the museum to close.*

**reply** /rɪ'plaɪ/ (**n, v**) 1. to say or write sth as an answer to sb/sth: **SNY** answer, respond

*to reply to a question / advertisement*

1. *He never replied to any of my letters.*      ◇      2. *She only replied with a smile.*

3. *I asked her what her name was but she made no reply.*

4. *(formal) I am writing in reply to your letter of 16 March.*

**repeatedly** /rɪ'pi:tɪd.li/ (**adv**) many many times, again and again, over and over again:

*The victim had been stabbed repeatedly in the chest.*

**repeat** /rɪ'pi:t/ (**v**)

**repeatable** /rɪ.'pi:tə.bəl/ (**adj**)

**repetitive** /rɪ'pet.ə.tɪv/ (**adj**)

**repetition** /,rep.ə'tɪʃ.ən/ (**n**)

*to repeat a mistake / a process / an exercise*

1. *I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?*     ◇     2. *They are hoping to repeat last year's victory.*
3. *History has a strange way of repeating itself.*
4. *Listen and repeat each sentence after me.*     ◇     5. *His reply was not repeatable.*
6. *Machines can now perform many repetitive tasks.*
7. *She left the job because the work was too repetitive.*
8. *We do not want to see a repetition of last year's tragic events.*

**respect** /rɪ'spekt/ (**n, v**) a feeling of admiration for sb/sth because of their good qualities

or achievements: to have a very good opinion of sb/sth: to admire sb/sth:

1. *I respect your opinions on most subjects.*     ◇     2. *I have the greatest respect for your brother.*

**respond** /rɪ'spɑ:nd/ (**v**) **1.** (rather formal) to give or spoken answer to sb/sth **SNY** reply **2.** react:

1. *I asked him his name, but he didn't reply.*     ◇     2. *She never responded to my letter.*
3. *When asked about the company's future, the director responded he remained optimistic.*
4. *The government responded by banning all future demonstrations.*

**responsibility** /rɪ'spɒn.sɪ'bɪl.ə.ti/ (**n**) **1.** a duty to deal with or take care of sb/sth, so that you may be blamed if sth goes wrong:

*parental rights and responsibilities*     ◇     *to take responsibility*     ◇     *to be in a position of responsibility*

1. *I don't feel ready to take on new responsibilities.*     ◇     2. *I did it on my own responsibility.*
  3. *She feels a strong **sense of responsibility** towards her employees.*
  4. *I think we have a **moral responsibility** to help these countries.*
- 2.** blame for sth bad that has happened:
1. *The bank refuses to **accept responsibility** for the mistake.*
  2. *Nobody has **claimed responsibility** for the bombing.*

**sacrifice** /'sæk.rɪ.faɪs/ (**v**) to lose or give up sth for the sake of sth more important or valuable:

1. *He sacrificed his life to save the drowning child.*    ♦    2. *Muslims kill a sheep as a sacrifice.*

**score** /skɔːr/ (**n, v**) **1.** the number of points, goals, etc. scored by each player or team in a game or competition:     *a high / low score*

1. *What's the score now?*    ♦    2. *The final score was 4 – 3.*    ♦    3. *I'll keep (the) score.*

**2.** the number of points sb gets for correct answers in a test:

*college entrance test score*    ♦    *an IQ score of 120*    ♦    *a perfect score*

**3. (the score) (informal)** the real facts about the present situation:

1. *What's the score?*    ♦    2. *You don't have to lie to me. I know the score.*

■ **verb** to win points, goals, etc. in a game or competition:     *to score a goal*

*They scored again in the second half.*

**serious** /'sɪr.i.əs/ (**adj**) **1.** needing to be thought about carefully; not only for pleasure:

*a serious article / newspaper*

*It's time to give serious consideration to this matter.*

**2.** bad or dangerous:    *a serious illness / problem*    ♦    *to cause serious injury / damage*

*They pose a serious threat to security.*

**3.** that must be treated as important:

*We need to get down to the serious business of working out costs.*

**4.** not silly; thinking about things in a careful and sensible way:

1. *I'm afraid I'm not a very serious person.*    ♦    2. *Be serious for a moment; this is important.*

**solution** /sə'luː.ʃən/ (**n**) **1.** the way of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation:

1. *Attempts to find a solution failed.*    ♦    2. *There's no simple solution to the problem.*

3. *The solution to the last week's quiz is on page 81.*

**2.** the process of dissolving a solid or gas in a liquid:

*a solution of sugar and water*    ♦    *the solution of glucose in water*

1. *We met at the airport by accident.*    ♦    2. *Helen got into acting purely by accident.*

**spare** /speə/ (**v**) to do everything possible to achieve sth or to do sth well:

1. He spared no effort to make her happy again. ◇ 2. Spare the rod, spoil the child. (**proverb**)  
3. No expense was spared in furnishing the new office.

**strength** /strenθ/ (**n**) the quality of being physically strong: **SNY** power, might (formal or literary)

1. He pushed against the rock with all his strength.  
2. It may take a few weeks to build up your strength again.  
3. He had a physical strength that matched his outward appearance.

2. the quality of being brave and determined in a difficult situation:

1. She has a remarkable **inner strength**. ◇ 2. You have shown great **strength of character**.

3. the power and influence that sb/sth has: to negotiate from **a position of strength**

1. Political power depends upon economic strength.  
2. The rally was intended to be **a show of strength** by the socialists.

America's military might

3. I pushed the rock with all my might.

**sudden** /'sʌd.ən/ (**adj**) happening or done quickly and unexpectedly: a sudden change / decision

1. Don't make any sudden movements. ◇ 2. His death was very sudden.

**suddenly** /'sʌd.ən.li/ (**adv**) quickly and unexpectedly: **SNY** all of a sudden:

1. I suddenly realized what I had to do. ◇ 2. It all happened suddenly.  
3. All of a sudden someone grabbed me around the neck.

**tear** /tɪə/ (**n**) a drop of liquid that comes out of your eyes when you cry:

1. A tear rolled down his face. ◇ 2. She left the room **in tears** (= crying).  
3. He suddenly **burst into tears**. ◇ 4. Their story will **move you to tears**.  
5. The memory **brought a tear to her eye**. ◇ 6. I was **close to tears** as I told them the news.  
7. Most of the audience was **on the verge of tears**.  
8. Desperately she **fought back the tears** (= tried not to cry).

**temper** /'tem.pə/ (**n**) if sb has a temper, they become angry very easily:

a violent / quick / short temper

1. He must learn to control his temper. ◇ 2. She says awful things when she is in a temper.

**temperature** /'tem.prə.tʃə/ (**n**) the measurement in degrees of how hot or cold a thing or place is:

*high / low temperatures*

1. *The temperature has risen (by) five degrees.*    ♦    2. *Keep the medicine at room temperature.*
3. *Does he have a temperature?* (= is it higher than normal, because of illness)

**while** /waɪl/ (**n, conj**) **1.** a period of time:

1. *They chatted for a while.*    ♦    2. *I'll be back in a little while.*
3. *They walked back together, talking all the while* (= all the time).

**2.** during the time that sth is happening: **SNY** when

1. *Her parents died while she was still at school.*
2. *When I was waiting at the bus stop, three buses went by in the opposite direction.*

**3.** (used to show contrast two things)

*While Tom is very good at science, his brother is absolutely hopeless.*

**willing** /'wɪl.ɪŋ/ (**adj**) **1.** not objecting to doing sth; having no reason for not doing sth:

1. *I'm perfectly willing to discuss the problem.*
2. *They keep a list of people (who are) willing to work nights.*

**2.** ready or pleased to help and not needing to be persuaded: **OPP** unwilling, reluctant

*willing helpers / volunteers / support*

*She's lending a willing hand.*

**willingly** /'wɪl.ɪŋ.li/ (**adv**)

1. *People would willingly pay more for better services.*
2. *'Will you help me?' 'Willingly.'*    3. *I would never willingly upset you.*

## Vision 3, Lesson 2

### Vocabulary

**achieve** /ə'tʃi:v/ (**v**) **1.** to succeed in reaching a particular goal, etc. esp by making an effort for a long time:

1. *He had finally achieved success.*
2. *They could not achieve their target of less than 3% inflation.*

**2.** to succeed in doing sth or causing sth to happen: **SYN** accomplish

1. *I haven't achieved very much today.*     ◇     2. *All you have achieved is to upset my parents.*

**3.** to be successful:

*Their background gives them little chance of achieving at school.*

**achievable** /ə'tʃi:v.ə.bəl/ (**adj**)     **achievement** /ə'tʃi:v.mənt/ (**n**)

1. *Profits of \$20m look achievable.*
2. *It was a remarkable achievement for such a young player.*

**abbreviation** /ə.bri:v.i'ei.ʃn/ (**n**) **1.** a short for of a word, e.g. approx., etc; Sept, Tues; etc:

*What's the abbreviation for 'Saint'?*

**2. (a)** the first letters of a group of words, e.g. *BA; MP; USA* (spoken as separate letters)

**(b)** (also called *acronym*) the first letters of a group of words spoken as a new word, e.g. *NATO; AIDS*

**Note:** In modern written style full stops are not used in most abbreviations.

**ability** /ə'bi:l.ə.ti/ (**n**) **1.** the fact that sb/sth is able to do sth: **OPP** inability

1. *The system has the ability to run more than one program at the same time.*
2. *Everyone has the right to good medical care regardless of their ability to pay.*

**2.** the level of skill or intelligence:

1. *Almost everyone has some musical ability.*     ◇     2. *A woman of her ability will easily find a job.*
3. *I try to do my job to the best of my ability (= as well as I can).*

**access** /'æk.ses/ (**n, v**) **1.** a way of entering or reaching a place:

1. *The only access to the farmhouse is across the fields.*
2. *Disabled visitors are welcome; there is good wheelchair access to most facilities.*
3. *The police gained access through a broken window.*

**2.** an opportunity or right to use sth or to see sb/sth:

1. *Students must have access to good books / resources.*
2. *You need a password to get access to the computer system.*

■ **verb 1.** (computing) to open a computer file in order to get or add information:

*The file loads every time you access the Web site.*

**2.** to reach, enter or use sth:            *The attic can be accessed by a ladder.*

**accessible** /ək'ses.ə.bəl/ (**adj**) **1.** that can be reached, entered, used, seen, etc:

1. *The remote desert area is accessible only by helicopter.*
2. *These documents are not accessible to the public.*

**2.** easy to understand:            *Her poetry is always very accessible.*

**actually** /'æk.tʃu.ə.li/ (**adv**) **1.** really; as a real fact:

1. *Tell me what actually happened.*            ◇            2. *Do ghosts actually exist?*

**2.** used to show contrast between what is true and what sb believes, and to show surprise about this contrast:

1. *The food was not actually all that expensive.*    ◇            2. *He looks honest, but actually he's a thief.*

**3.** strange or surprising as it may seem:

*He not only ran in the race; he actually won it!*

**advanced** /əd'vænst/ (**adj**) **1.** having the most modern and recently developed ideas, methods, etc:

*advanced technology*            ◇            *advanced industrial societies*

*Germany is one of the most advanced countries in Europe.*

**2.** (of a course of study) at a high or difficult level:

1. *The schools has courses for elementary, intermediate, and advanced students.*
2. *The book explains both basic and advanced techniques.*
3. *There were only three of us on the advanced levels.*

**advancement** /əd'væns.mənt/ (**n**) **1.** the process of helping sth to make progress:

*the advancement of knowledge / education / science*

**2.** progress in a job, social class, etc:

*There are good opportunities for advancement if you have the right skills.*

**advancing** /əd'vænsɪŋ/ (**adj**) used as a polite way of referring to the time passing and of sb growing older:

*She is still very active, in spite of her advancing years.*

**aid** /eɪd/ (**n, v**) **1.** [U] money, food, etc. that is sent to help countries in difficult situations:

**SNY** help, assist:

*economic / humanitarian / emergency aid*

*An extra \$10 million in foreign aid has been promised.*

**2. (formal)** help that is given to a person:

*One of the station staff saw he was in difficulty and came to his aid.*

**3.** help that you need to perform a particular task:

*He was breathing only with the aid of a computer.*

■ **verb** to help sb to do sth, esp by making it easier:

*1. The new test should aid in the early detection of the disease.*

*2. They were accused of aiding his escape.*

*3. Aided by heat and strong winds, the fire quickly spread.*

**assist** /ə'sɪst/ (**v**) help, aid:

*1. Can I assist you (with filling in those application forms)?*

*1. I need you to assist me these boxes. ◇ 2. We have been assisting in the search for the children.*

**ancient** /'eɪn.jənt/ (**adj**) **1.** belonging to a period of history in the past:

*ancient history / civilization ◇ ancient Greece*

**2.** very old; having existed for a very long time: *an ancient-looking hat ◇ an ancient oak tree*

*1. (humorous) He's ancient. He must be at least 60!*

*2. The people in the village still observe the ancient customs of their ancestors.*

**arrange** /ə'reɪndʒ/ (**v**) **1.** to plan or organize sth in advance:

1. *The party was arranged quickly.*    ◇    2. *We arranged for a car to collect us from the airport.*  
3. *I've arranged with the neighbors about feeding the cat while we are away.*

**2.** to put sth in a particular order, to make sth neat or attractive:

1. *She arranged the flowers in a vase.*    ◇    2. *The books are arranged alphabetically by author.*  
3. *I must arrange my financial affairs and make a will.*

**arrangement** /ə'reɪndʒ.mənt/ (**n**)

1. *I'll make arrangement for you to be met at the airport.*  
2. *There are special arrangements for people living overseas.*  
3. *We can **come to an arrangement** over the price.*

**available** /ə'veɪ.lə.bəl/ (**adj**) **1.** that you can get, buy or find:

*available resources / facilities    ◇    readily / freely / publically / generally available*

1. *Tickets are available free of charge from the school.*  
2. *When will the information be **made available**?*  
3. *We'll send you a copy as soon as it **becomes available**.*

**2.** (of a person) free to see or talk to people:

1. *Will she be available this afternoon?*    ◇    2. *The director was not available for comment.*

**average** /'æv.ə.rɪdʒ/ (**adj**) **1.** finding a total and dividing the total by the number of amounts:

*an average rate / cost / price / speed*

1. *The average age of the girls in this class is 17.*  
2. *Average earnings are around \$2000 per annum.*

**2.** typical or normal:

*40 hours is a fairly average working week for most people.*

**3.** (often derogatory) ordinary; not special:    *boys with average abilities*

*I was just an average sort of student.*

■ **noun 1.** the result of adding several quantities together and dividing the total by the number of quantities:

*The average of 4, 5 and 9 is 6.*

**2.** a level which is usual:

1. *Temperatures are **above / below average** for the time of the year.*

2. Tom's work at school is above / below (the) average.
3. Class sizes in the school are below **the national average**.

■ **verb** to find the average of (quantities):

1. If you average 7, 14 and 6, you get 9.
2. Economic growth is expected to average 2% next year.

**avoid** /ə'vɔɪd/ (**v**) **1.** to prevent sth bad from happening:

1. The accident could have been avoided.    ◇    2. They narrowly avoided defeat in the semi-final.
3. They built a wall to avoid soil being washed away.

**2.** to keep away from sb/sth; to try not to do sth:

1. She kept avoiding my eyes (= avoided looking at my eyes).
2. You should avoid mentioning her divorce.

**avoidable** /ə'vɔɪ.də.bəl/ (**adj**)      **avoidance** /ə'vɔɪ.dəns/ (**n**)

1. Many deaths from heart disease are actually avoidable.
2. A person's health improves with the avoidance of stress.

**bilingual** /baɪ'lɪŋ.gwəl/ (**adj**) **1.** able to speak two languages equally well because you have used them since you were very young:

1. She is bilingual in English and Punjabi.    ◇    2. She grew up in a bilingual community.

**2.** using two languages; written in two languages:    *bilingual education / communities*

*She grew up in a bilingual community.*

**bored** /bɔːrd/ (**adj**) feeling tired and impatient because you have lost interest in sb/sth or because you have nothing to do:

1. The children quickly got bored with staying indoors.
2. There was a bored expression on her face.

**boring** /'bɔː.rɪŋ/ (**adj**) not interesting; making you feel tired and impatient:

**SNY** uninteresting dull, monotonous:      *a boring job / book / lecture / evening*

1. I wish this book weren't so boring; I kept falling asleep whenever I try to read it.
2. He's such a boring man!    ◇    3. Life in a small town could be deadly dull.
4. The first half of the game was pretty dull.

5. There's **never a dull moment** when John's around.

*a monotonous / voice / diet / work*

6. The lecture's monotonous delivery threatened to put us to sleep.

**boredom** /'bɔːr.dəm/ (n) the state of feeling bored; the quality of being very boring:

*Television helps to relieve the boredom of long winter evenings.*

**borrow** /'bɔːr.ʊ/ (v) **1.** to take and use sth that belongs to sb else, and return it to them at a later time:

1. *Can I borrow your umbrella?*    ◇    2. *Members can borrow up to ten books from the library.*

**2.** to take money from a person or bank and agree to pay it back to them at a later time:

1. *I don't like to borrow from friends.*    ◇    2. *How much did you have to borrow to pay for this?*

**3.** to take words, ideas, etc. from another language, person, etc. and use them as your own:

1. *The author borrows heavily from Henry James.*

2. *Some musical terms are borrowed from Italian.*

**break** /breɪk/ (n) **1.** a short period of time when you stop what you are doing and rest, eat, etc:

*a coffee / lunch / tea break*    ◇    *a break for lunch*

1. *Let's take a break.*    ◇    2. *She worked all day without a break.*

3. *I'm exhausted – I need a break.*

**2.** (also **break time**) (AmE **recess**) a period of time between lessons at school:

*Come and see me at break / recess.*

**3.** a pause or period of time when sth stops before starting again:    *a break in my daily routine*

*She wanted to take a **career break** in order to have children.*

**Note:** pause is often applied to speech:    *a pause for breath*

1. *After a pause, she said 'Yes.'*    ◇    2. *The woman spoke almost without pausing for breath.*

**carry** /'kæri/ (v) **1.** to take sb/sth from one place to another:

1. *He was carrying a suitcase.*    ◇    2. *She carried her baby in her arms.*

3. *The injured were carried on stretchers.*

**2.** to have sth with you and take it wherever you go:

1. *Police in many countries carry guns.*    ◇    2. *I never carry much money with me.*

**3. (of pipes / wires)** to contain and direct the flow of water, electricity, etc:    *a pipeline carrying oil*

*The veins carry blood to the heart.*

**cause** /kɑ:z/ (n,v) **1.** the person or thing that makes sth happen:

1. *Unemployment is a major cause of poverty.*
2. *There was discussion about the fire and its likely cause.*
3. *Drinking and driving is one of the most common causes of traffic accidents.*

**2.** a reason for having a particular feelings or behaving in a particular way: **SYN** reason

1. *There is no **cause for concern**.* ◇ 2. *The food was excellent – I had no cause for complaint.*

■ **verb** to make sth happen, esp sth bad or unpleasant:

*deaths caused by dangerous driving*

1. *Do they know what caused the fire?* ◇ 2. *The poor harvest caused prices to rise sharply.*
3. *The bad weather is causing problems for many farmers.*
4. *The project is still causing him a lot of problems.*

**circle** /'sɜ:.kəl/ (n,v) **1.** a completely round flat shape:

*cut out two circles of paper.*

**2.** a thing or a group of people or things shaped like a circle:

*a circle of trees / chairs*

*Children stood in a circle.*

**3.** a group of people who are connected because they have the same interests, jobs, etc:

*the family circle* ◇ *a large / wide **circle of friends***

*She's well known in theatrical circles.*

■ **verb 1.** to move in a circle, esp in the air: **SYN** go round / around, orbit, rotate:

1. *Seagulls circled around above his head.*
2. *The plane circled the airport to burn up excess fuel.*

**2.** to draw a circle around sth:

1. *Spelling mistakes are circled in red ink.* ◇ 2. *The earth goes around the sun.*
3. *The earth takes a year to orbit the sun.*
4. *Stay well away from the helicopter when its blades start to rotate.*

**combination** /,kɒm.bi'neɪ.ʃn/ (n) **1.** two or more things joined or mixed together to form a single unit:

1. *What an unusual combination of flowers!*

2. *His treatment was a combination of surgery, radiation and drugs.*

3. *Technology and management: a **winning combination** (= one that will certainly be successful).*

**2.** the act of joining or mixing together two or more things to form a single unit:

*These paints can be used individually or in combination.*

**combine** /kəm'baɪn/ (**v**) **1.** to come together to form a single thing or group:

1. *Hydrogen and oxygen combine to form water.*

2. *Hydrogen combines with oxygen to form water.*

3. *Combine a little flour and heat the mixture gently.*

**2.** ~ **A and / with B** to have two or more different features; to put two or more different things, features or qualities together:

1. *The hotel combines comfort with convenience.*

2. *The trip will combine business with pleasure.*

3. *We are still looking for someone who combines all the necessary qualities.*

4. *She has successfully combined a career and bringing up a family.*

**common** /'kɒm.ən/ (**adj**) **1.** happening often; existing in large numbers or in many places:

*a common spelling mistake*

1. *Jackson is a common English name.*     ◇     2. *Allergies to milk are quite common in children.*

3. *Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women in this country.*

**2.** shared by or belonging to two or more people or by the people in a group:

1. *They share a common interest in photography.*

2. *We are working together for a common purpose.*

**3.** ordinary; not unusual or special:     *the common garden frog*

1. *Shakespeare's work was popular among the common people in his day.*

2. *In most people's eyes she was nothing more than a **common criminal**.*

**4. (disapproving)** typical of sb from a low social class and not having good manners:

*She thought he was very common and uneducated.*

**commonly** /'kɒm.ən.li/ (**adv**) usually; very often; by most people:

1. *Christopher is commonly known as Kit.*

2. *This is one of the most commonly used methods.*

**communicate** /kə'mju:.nɪ.keɪt/ (**v**) to exchange information, ideas, news, etc. with sb:

1. *We only communicate by e-mail.*      ◇      2. *They communicated in sign language.*
3. *Dolphins use sound to communicate with each other.*

**communication** /kə,mju:.nə'keɪ.ʃən/ (**n**) [U] the activity or process of expressing ideas and feelings or of giving people information:

1. *Speech is the fastest method of communication.*
2. *All channels of communication need to be open.*

**communications** /kə,mju:nɪ'keɪ.ʃənz/ (**pl**) method of sending information, especially telephones, radio, computers, etc, or roads and railways:

1. *Snow has prevented communication with the outside world for three days.*
2. *The new airport will improve communications between the islands.*

**communicative** /kə'mju:.nə.keɪt/ (**adj**) **1.** able and willing to talk and give information to other people:

*I don't find him very communicative.*

**2.** connected with the ability to communicate in a language, esp in a foreign language:

*communicative skills*

**compare** /kəm'peə/ (**v**) **1.** ~ **A and B**; ~ **A with/ to B** to examine people or things to see how they are similar and how they are different:

1. *It is interesting to compare their situation and ours.*
2. *Standards in health care have improved enormously compared to 40 years ago.*

**comparison** /kəm'pær.ɪ.sən/ (**n**) ~ (**with sb/sth**) the process of comparing two or more things:

1. *Comparison with other oil-producing countries is extremely interesting.*
2. *It is difficult to make a comparison with her previous books – they are completely different.*

**compile** /kəm'paɪl/ (**v**) to produce a book, list, report, etc. by bringing together items, articles, songs, etc:

1. *He compiled a book of poems.*
2. *We are trying to compile a list of suitable people for the job.*
3. *The album was compiled from live recordings from last year's tour.*

**complicated** /'kɒm.plɪ.keɪ.tɪd/ (**adj**) made of many different things or parts that are connected:

**SYN** complex

1. *The machine has a complicated design.*
2. *It is all very complicated – but I'll try and explain it.*

**comprehend** /ˌkɒm.prɪˈhend/ (**v**) (often in negative sentences) (*formal*) to understand sth fully:

1. *He stood staring at the dead body, unable to comprehend.*

**comprehensible** /ˌkɒm.prɪˈhen.sə.bəl/ (**adj**)      **comprehension** /ˌkɒm.prɪˈhen.ʃən/ (**n**)

1. *This book is easily comprehensible to the average reader.*
2. *The task requires a good comprehension of complex instructions.*
3. *His behavior was completely **beyond comprehension**.*
4. *She could not comprehend how someone would risk people's lives in that way*

**consider** /kənˈsɪd.ə/ (**v**) **1.** to think about sth carefully esp in order to make a decision:

*a carefully considered response / decision*

1. *She considered her opinions.*      ◇      2. *We are considering buy a new car.*

**2.** to think of sb/sth in a particular way:

1. *He considers himself an expert on the subject.*      ◇      2. *Consider yourself lucky you weren't fired.*
3. *Who do you consider (to be) responsible for the accident?*

**considerable** /kənˈsɪd.ə.r.ə.bəl/ (**adj**)      **considerably** /kənˈsɪd.ə.r.ə.bli/ (**adv**)

**considerate** /kənˈsɪd.ə.r.ət/ (**adj**)      **consideration**/kənˌsɪd.əˈreɪ.ʃən/ (**n**)

1. *Damage to the building was considerable.*
2. *The project wasted a considerable amount of time and money.*
3. *The need for sleep varies considerably from person to person.*
4. *It was considerate of him to wait.*
5. *She is always polite and considerate towards her employees.*
6. *Careful consideration should be given to issues of health and safety.*
7. **Taking** everything **into consideration**, the event was a great success.

**contain** /kənˈteɪn/ (**v**) **1.** if sth **contains** sth else, it has that thing inside it or as part of it:

*a brown envelope containing a hundred dollar bills*

1. *The drink doesn't contain any alcohol.*      ◇      2. *The bottle contains two liters.*
3. *Her statement contained one or two inaccuracies.*

**2.** (written) to keep your feelings under control:

1. *She was unable to contain her excitement.* ◇ 2. *I was so furious I just couldn't **contain myself**.*

**3.** (written) to prevent sth harmful from spreading or getting worse:

*Government forces have failed to contain the rebellion.*

**container** /kən'teɪ.nə/ (**n**) **1.** a box, bottle, etc. in which sth can be stored or transported:

*Food will last longer if kept in an airtight container.*

**2.** a very large metal box used for transporting goods: *a container ship / lorry*

**continent** /'kɒn.tɪ.nənt/ (**n**) one of the large land masses of the earth such as Europe, Asia or Africa:

*Europe and Asia are sometimes considered together to be one continent.*

**convert** /kən'veɜ:t/ (**v**) **1.** to change or make sth change from one form, purpose, system, etc. to another:

1. *The hotel is going to be converted into a nursing home.*

2. *What rate will I get if I convert my dollars into euros?*

**2.** to change or make sb change their religion or beliefs:

*He converted from Christianity to Islam.*

**3.** to change an opinion, a habit, etc:

1. *I've converted to organic food.* ◇ 2. *I didn't use to like opera but my husband has converted me.*

**crop** /krop/ (**n**) a plant that is grown in large quantities, esp as food: *crop production/yield*

*The crops are regularly sprayed with pesticides.*

**definition** /,defɪ'nɪʃ.ən/ (**n**) **1.** an explanation of the meaning of a word or phrase, esp in a dictionary: *clear simple definitions*

*This dictionary gives an exact definition of each word?*

**2.** what an idea, etc. means: *What's your definition of happiness?*

**define** /dɪ'faɪn/ (**v**) to say what the meaning of something, especially a word, is:

1. *In the dictionary, "reality" is defined as "the state of things as they are, rather than as they are imagined to be".*

2. Before I answer your question, could you define your **terms** a little more (= explain what you mean by the words you have used)?

**design** /di'zain/ (**n, v**) **1.** the general arrangement of the different parts of sth that is made, such as a building, book, machine, etc:

1. *The machine's unique design prevents it from overheating.*

2. *The magazine will appear in a new design next month.*

**2.** an arrangement of lines and shapes as a decoration:

*floral design*      ◇      *geometric / abstract designs*

*The tiles come in a huge range of colors and designs.*

**device** /di'vaiz/ (**n**) **1.** an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job:

*water-saving devise*      ◇      *electrical labor-saving devices*

*The store sells TVs, VCRs, and other electrical devices.*

**devise** /di'vaiz/ (**v**) to invent sth new or a new way of doing sth **SYN** think up:

1. *A new system has been devised to control traffic in the city.*

2. *He devised a new instrument for measuring temperature.*

**effect** /i'fekt/ (**n**) a change that sb/sth causes in sb/sth else:

*the effect heat on metals*      ◇      *dramatic / long-term effects*

*to learn to distinguish between cause and effect*

1. *I had to persuade him, but with little or no effect.*

2. *Modern farming methods can have an adverse effect on the environment.*

**effective** /i'fek.tiv/ (**adj**) **1.** producing the result that is wanted or intended: **OPP** ineffective  
*drugs that are effective against cancer*

1. *Aspirin is a simple but highly effective treatment.*

2. *I admire the effective use of color in her paintings.*

**2.** (formal) (**of laws and rules**) coming into use:

*The new speed limit on this road effective from 1 June.*

**effectively** /i'fek.tiv.li/ (**adv**) in a way that produces the intended result or a successful result:

1. *The company must reduce costs to compete effectively.*

2. *Try to communicate your ideas more effectively.*

**elementary** /,el.ɪ'men.tɪr.i/ (**adj**) **1.** in or connected with the first stages of a course of study:

*an elementary English course* ◇ *a book for elementary students* ◇ *at an elementary level*

**2.** of the most basic kind: *the elementary laws of economics*

*He has an elementary understanding of calculus.*

**3.** very simple and easy: *elementary questions*

*Here is a book of elementary exercise for math.*

**entry** /'en.tri/ (**n**) **1.** an item, for example a piece of information, that is written or printed in a dictionary, a book, a diary, etc: *an encyclopedia entry*

*There is no entry in this diary for that day.*

**2.** an act of going into or going:

1. *How did the thieves gain entry into the building?*

2. *His friends were surprised by his entry into politics.* ◇ 3. *No Entry!*

**essential** /ɪ'sen.ʃəl/ (**adj**) **1.** completely necessary; extremely important in a particular situation or for a particular activity: **SYN** vital, very important

*an essential / part / ingredient / component of sth*

*essential services such as gas, water and electricity*

1. *Money is not essential to happiness.* ◇ 2. *Experience is essential for this job.*

**2.** (only before noun) connected with the most important aspect or basic nature of sb/sth

**SYN** fundamental

1. *The essential difference between Sara and me is in our attitude to money.*

2. *The essential character of the town has been destroyed by the new road.*

**essentially** /ɪ'sen.ʃə.li/ (**adv**) **SYN** basically, fundamentally:

1. *There are three essentially different ways of tackling the problems.*

2. *Essentially, what we are suggesting is that the firm needs to change.*

**expand** /ɪk'spænd/ (**v**) **1.** to become / make greater in size, number or importance: **OPP** contract:

1. *Metals expand when they are heated.* ◇ 2. *Student numbers are expanding rapidly.*

3. A child's vocabulary expands through reading.
4. In breathing the chest muscles expand the rib cage and allow air to be sucked into the lungs.
5. Glass contracts as it cools.

**expandable** /ɪk'spæn.də.bəl/ (**adj**)    **expansion** /ɪk'spæn.ʃən/ (**n**)    *an expandable briefcase*

*The system is expandable to 16 processors, with a maximum of 512MB RAM.*

*a period of rapid economic expansion*

*The book is an expansion of a series of lectures given last year.*

**explain** /ɪk'spleɪn/ (**v**) **1. ~ sth (to sb)** to tell sb about sth in a way that it easy to understand:

1. *First, I'll explain the rules of the game.* ◇ 2. *It was difficult to explain the problem to beginners.*
3. *He explained that an ambulance would be coming soon.*

**2.** to give a reason, or be a reason, for sth:

1. *She tried to explain but he wouldn't listen.* ◇ 2. *Well, that doesn't explain why you didn't phone.*
3. *The government now has to explain its decision to the public.*

**explanation** /ˌek.splə'neɪ.ʃən/ (**n**)    *to offer / provide an explanation*

1. *I can't think of any possible explanation for his absence.*
2. *She left the room abruptly **without explanation**.*
3. *The book opens with an explanation of why some drugs are banned.*
4. *For full explanation of how the machine works, turn to page 5.*
5. *The teacher gave the children a detailed explanation of the story.*

**factor** /'fæk.təʳ/ (**n**) one of the several things that cause or influence sth:

*environmental / economic factors*    ◇    *the key / crucial / deciding factor*

*The closure of the mine was the most single factors in the town's decline.*

**fame** /feɪm/ (**n**) the state of being known and talked about by many people: **SYN** reputation

*to achieve / win instant fame*    ◇    *to rise / shoot to fame overnight*

*She went to Hollywood on search of **fame and fortune**.*

*to earn / establish / build reputation*    ◇    *to have **a good / bad reputation***

1. *She soon acquired a reputation as a first-class cook.*
2. *I'm aware of Mark's reputation for being late.*

**famous** /'feɪ.məs/ (**adj**) known about by many people: **SYN** well-known, celebrated

**OPP** infamous, notorious

*a famous artist / hotel*      ◇      *the most famous lake in Scotland*

1. *He became internationally famous for his novels and poetry.*

2. *One day, I'll be **rich and famous**.*      ◇      3. *She was more famous as a writer than as a singer.*

4. *His books are not well known.*      ◇      5. *It is a well-known fact that caffeine is a stimulant.*

6. *Picasso is an internationally celebrated painter.*

7. *The general was infamous for his brutality.*

8. *The bar has become notorious as a meeting place for drug dealers.*

**figure out** /'fɪɡəʔ əʊt/ (**v**) **1.** to think about sth until you understand them/it:

1. *We've never been able to figure her out.*      ◇      2. *I can't figure out how to do it.*

**2.** to calculate an amount or the cost of sth:

*Have you figured out how much the trip will cost?*

**form** /fɔ:rm/ (**n, v**) **1.** a type or variety of sth:

*forms of transport / government / energy*      ◇      *one of the most common forms of cancer*

*Music is not like most other art forms.*

**2.** the shape of sb/sth:      *her slender form*

*Human form has changed little over the last 30000 years.*

■ **verb 1.** to begin or make sth begin to exist in a particular shape:

1. *Flowers appeared, but fruits failed to form.*

2. *A plan formed in his mind.*      ◇      3. *I formed many close friendships at college.*

**2.** to start a group of people, such as an organization, a committee, etc:

*a newly-formed political party*

1. *They hope to form the new government.*      ◇      2. *He formed a band with his friends from school.*

**highlight** /'haɪ.laɪt/ (**v**) **1.** to emphasize sth, esp so that people give it more attention:

1. *The reports highlights the major problems facing society today.*

**2.** to make part of a text with a special colored pen, or to mark an area on a computer screen,

to emphasize it or make it easier to see:

*I've highlighted the important passages in yellow.*

■ **noun** the best, most interesting or most exciting part of sth:

1. *One of the highlights of the trip was seeing the Taj Mahal.*
2. *The highlights of the match will be shown later this evening.*

**identify** /aɪ'den.tɪ.faɪ/ (**v**) **1.** to recognize sb/sth and be able to say who or what they are:

1. *She was able to identify her attacker.*
2. *Passengers were asked to identify their own suitcases before they were put on the plane.*

**2.** to find or discover sb/sth:

1. *Scientists have identified a link between diet and cancer.*
2. *They are trying to identify what is wrong with the present system.*

**identity** /aɪ'den.tə.ti/ (**n**) **1.** who or what sb/sth is:

1. *The police are trying to discover the identity of the killer.*
2. *She is innocent; it was a case of mistaken identity.*
3. *Do you have any proof of identity?*      ◇      4. *The thief used a false identity.*

**2.** the characteristics, feelings or beliefs that distinguish people from others:

*a sense of national / cultural / personal group identity*

**immediate** /ɪ'mi:.di.ət/ (**adj**) **1.** happening or done without delay **SYN** instant:

*an immediate reaction / response*      ◇      *to take immediate action*

**2.** existing now and needing urgent attention:

*Our immediate concern is to help families of those who died.*

**immediately** /ɪ'mi:.di.ət.li/ (**adv**) **1.** without delay; at once:

1. *She answered almost immediately.*
2. *The point of my question may not be immediately apparent.*

**2.** next to or very close to a particular place or time:      *the years immediately before the war*

*Turn right immediately after the church.*

**increasingly** /ɪn'kri:.sɪŋ.li/ (**adv**) more and more all the time:

*increasingly important / difficult / popular*

*It is becoming increasingly clear that this problem will not be easily solved.*

**infection** /ɪn'fek.ʃn/ (**n**) the act or process of causing or getting a disease:

*to be exposed to infection*    ◊    *to increase the risk of infection*    ◊    *a serious infection*

1. *Poor hygiene can increase the danger of infection.*

2. *These are the steps you can take to decrease your computer's risk of infection.*

**infectious** /ɪn'fek.ʃəs/ (**adj**) an **infectious** disease can be passed easily from one person to another:

*Flu is highly infectious.*

**instead** /ɪn'sted/ (**adv**) as an alternative or substitute **SYN** in lieu (of)

1. *I get a room and food in lieu (of pay).*    ◊    2. *If Harry won't go with you, take me instead.*

■ **prep** in the place of:

1. *Use oil instead of butter.*    ◊    2. *I will go instead of you.*

**introduce** /,ɪn.trə'du:s/ (**v**) **1.** to tell sb what your name is; to tell two or more people who have not met before

what each others' names are:

1. *Can I introduce my wife?*    ◊    2. *He introduced me to a Greek girl at the party.*

**2.** to make sb learn about sth or do sth for the first time:

1. *The first lecture introduces students to the main topics of the course.*

2. *It was she who first introduced the pleasures of sailing to me.*

**introduction** /,ɪn.trə'dʌk.ʃn/ (**n**) **1.** the act of making one person formally known to another, in which you tell each the other's name:

1. *Our speaker today needs no introduction.*

2. *Introductions were made and the conversation started to flow.*

**2.** the first part of a book or speech that gives a general idea of what is to follow:

*a brief / general introduction*    ◊    *a book with an excellent introduction and notes*

*By way of introduction, let me give you the background to the story.*

**3.** the act of bringing sth into use or existence for the first time, or bringing sth to a place for the first time:

*the introduction of new manufacturing methods*

*the introduction of compulsory military service*

**invisible** /ɪn'vɪz.ə.bəl/ (**adj**) that cannot be seen **OPP** visible:

*stars invisible to the naked eyes*      ◇      *a wizard who could make himself invisible*

1. *She felt invisible in the crowd.*

2. *With the telescope we can see details of the planet's surface that are ordinarily invisible.*

**invisibly** /ɪn'vɪz.ə.bli/ (**adv**)      *He moved away invisibly into the background.*

**issue** /'ɪʃ.uː/ (**n, v**) **1.** an important topic that people are discussing or arguing about:

*a key / sensitive / controversial issue*

1. *This is a big issue; we need more time to think about it.*

2. *She usually writes about environmental issues.*

3. *The union plans to **raise the issue** of overtime.*      ◇      4. *You're just **avoiding the issue**.*

**2.** (informal) a problem or worry that sb has with sth:

1. *Money is not an issue.*      ◇      2. *I don't think my private life is the issue here.*

3. *I'm not bothered about the cost – you're the one who is **making an issue** of it.*

**3.** one of a regular series of magazines or newspapers:      *the July issue of 'What car?'*

*The article appeared in issue 25.*

■ **verb** to give sth to sb, esp officially:      *to issue passport/visas/tickets*

1. *New members will be issued with a temporary identity card.*

2. *Work permits were issued to only 5% of those who applied for them.*

**lake** /leɪk/ (**n**) a large area of water that is surrounded by land:      *Lake Ontario*

*We swan in the lake.*

**look up** /lʊk ʌp/ (**phrasal v**) to look for information in a dictionary or reference book:

*Can you look up the time of the next train?*

**meaning** /'miː.nɪŋ/ (**n**) **1.** the thing or idea that a sound, word, sign, etc. represents:

1. *What's the meaning of this word?*      ◇      2. *Words often have several meanings.*

**2.** the things or ideas that sb wishes to communicate to you by what they say or do:

*I don't quite get your meaning.*

**3.** [U]the quality or sense of purpose that makes you feel that life is valuable:

*Having a child gave new meaning to their lives.*

**meet** /mi:t ðə nidz/ (**one's**) **the needs** (idiom) to do or satisfy what is needed or what sb asks for:

1. *How can we **meet the needs** of all the different groups?*

2. *A right dictionary can meet your language needs.*

3. *Can you look up the time of the next train?*   ◇   4. *I looked it up in the dictionary.*

**monolingual** /ˌmɒn.əʊˈlɪŋ.gwəl/ (**adj**) speaking or using only one language:

*a monolingual dictionary*

*He regrets being monolingual and wishes he were bilingual.*

**nearly** /ˈniə.li/ (**adv**) almost; not quite; not completely **SYN** approximately; roughly; virtually

1. *It's nearly time to leave.*                   ◇                   2. *He's nearly as tall as you.*

3. *I've worked here for nearly two years.*   ◇                   4. *It's approximately six o'clock.*

5. *The journey took approximately seven years.*   ◇   6. *They all left roughly at the same time.*

7. **Roughly speaking**, we receive about fifty letters a week on the subject.

8. **Virtually all** students will be exempt from the tax.   ◇   9. *He virtually admitted he was guilty.*

**opinion** /əˈpɪn.jən/ (**n**) **1.** your feelings or thoughts about sb/sth, rather than a fact:

1. *We were invited to give our opinions about how the work should be done.*

2. *I've already changed my opinion of her.*   ◇                   3. *He has very strong political opinions.*

4. *In my opinion, it's a very sound investment.*

**2.** the views or beliefs of a group of people:                   *legal / medical / political / public opinion*

1. *Public opinion is shifting in favor of change.*   ◇   2. *Which is the better is a **matter of opinion**.*

**particular** /pəˈtɪk.jə.lər/ (**adj**) **1.** used to emphasize that you are referring to one individual person, or type of thing and not others:

*There's one particular patient I'd like you to see.*

**2.** greater than usual; special:                   *We must pay particular attention to this point.*

**in particular** **adv** (idiom) especially or particularly:

1. *He loves science fiction in particular.*
2. *Peter was lying on the sofa doing **nothing in particular**.*
3. *The traffic is bad particularly in the city center.*
4. *I enjoyed the play, particularly the second half.*

**poetry** /'pou.ə.tri/ (**n**) [**U**] **1.** a collection of poems; poems in general **SYN** verse **OPP** prose

*epic / lyric poetry*      ◇      *T.S. Eliot's poetry*

**2.** (approving) a beautiful and graceful quality:

1. *There is poetry in all her gestures.*
2. *Most of the play is written in verse, but some of it is in prose.*

**poem** /'pou.əm/ (**n**)      **poet** /'pou.ət/ (**n**)      **poetic** /pou'etɪk/ (**adj**)

1. *He wrote a poem about his parents.*
2. *Your assignment is to write two poems about springtime.*
3. *Emily Dickinson is famous as the poet who rarely left the house but often journeyed to the depths of the human heart.*

*poetic language*

*There is a poetic quality in her playing.*

**primarily** /praɪ'mer.əl.i/ (**adv**) mainly      *a course designed primarily for specialists*

*The problem is not primarily a financial one.*

**primary** /'praɪ.mər.i/ (**adj**) **1.** [usually before nouns] main; most important; basic:

1. *The primary aim of this course is to improve your spoken English.*
2. *Our primary concern must be the children.*

**2.** developing or happening first; earliest:      *primary causes*

*The disease is still in its primary stage.*

**3.** [only before noun] connected with the education of children between the ages of about five and eleven:      *primary teachers*

**provide** /prə'vaɪd/ (**v**) **1.** to give sth to sb or make it available for them to use **SYN** supply

1. *The hospital has a commitment to provide the best medical care.*

2. *We are here to provide a service for the public.*

(We are here to provide the public with a service.)

**publish** /'pʌb.lɪʃ/ (**v**) **1.** to produce a book, magazine, etc. and sell it to the public:

1. *The first edition was published in 1998.*

2. *He works for a company that publishes reference books.*

**2.** to print a letter, an article, etc. in a newspaper, magazine:

*Pictures of suspect were published in all the daily papers.*

**3.** (of an author) to have your work printed and sold to the public:

1. *She hasn't published anything for years.* ◇ 2. *University teachers are under pressure to publish.*

**publication** /,pʌb.lɪ'keɪ.ʃən/ (**n**) **1.** the act of printing a book, a magazine, etc:

*the publication date* ◇ *the publication of his first novel*

**2.** the act of printing sth in a newspaper, report, etc. so that the public knows about it:

*a delay in the publication of the exam results*

*The newspaper continues to defend its publications of the photographs.*

**purpose** /'pɜː.pəs/ (**n**) **1.** the intention, aim or function of sth:

1. *Our main purpose is to raise money.* ◇ 2. *The building is used for religious purposes.*

2. *The purpose of the book is to provide a complete guide to the university.*

**2.** what is needed in a particular situation:

*For the purposes of this study, the three groups have been combined.*

**(Idiom) on purpose** not by accident; deliberately:

*He did it on purpose, knowing it would annoy her.*

**recognize** /'rek.əg.naɪz/ (**v**) **1.** to know who sb is or what sth is when you see or hear them, because you have seen or heard them or it before:

1. *I recognized him as soon as he came in the room.* ◇ 2. *Do you recognize this tune?*

**2.** to admit or to be aware that sth exists or is true:

1. *They recognized the need to take the problem seriously.*

2. *Nobody recognized how urgent the situation was.*

3. *It was recognized that this solution could be temporary.*

**recognition** /ˌrek.əg'niʃ.ən/ (n)      **recognizable** /'rek.əg.naɪ.zə.bəl/ (adj)

1. He glanced briefly towards her but there was no recognition.
2. There is a great recognition of the urgent need for reform.
3. The building was easily recognizable as a prison.
4. After so many years she was still instantly recognizable.

**recommend** /ˌrek.ə'mend/ (v) **1.** to tell sb that sth is good or useful, or that sb would be suitable for a particular job, etc:

1. Can you recommend a good hotel?    ◇    2. She was recommended for the post by a colleague.

**2.** to advise a particular course of action; to advise sb to do sth:

1. The report recommended a 10% pay increase.    ◇    2. I recommend (that) he see a lawyer.
3. (also BrE) I recommend (that) he should see a lawyer.

**3. It is strongly recommended that** the machines should be checked every year.

**recommendation** /ˌrek.ə.men'dei.ʃən/ (n)      to accept / reject a recommendation

1. I had the operation **on the recommendation of** my doctor.
2. The committee made recommendations to the board on teachers' pay and conditions.

**search for** /sɜ:tʃ fɔːr / (sth) (for sb/sth) **1.** to look carefully for sth/sb; to examine a particular place when looking for sb/sth: **SYN** seek:

1. She searched in vain for her passport.    ◇    2. Police searched for clues in the area.
3. The customs officers searched through our bags.
4. I've **searched high and low** for those files but I can't find them anywhere.

**2. ~ sb (for sth)** (esp of the police) to examine sb's clothes, their pockets, etc in order to find sth that may be hiding:

Visitors are regularly searched as they enter the building.

**3. ~ (for sth)** to think carefully about sth, esp in order to find the answer to a problem:

1. He searched desperately for something to say.
2. Drivers are advised to seek alternative routes.
3. Highly qualified secretaries **seek** employment. (to try to achieve sth)

**section** /'sek.ʃən/ (n) **1.** any of the parts into which sth is divided:

1. *That section of the road is still closed.*      ◇      2. *The library has a large biology section.*

2. a part of a document, book, etc:

*These issues will be discussed more fully in the next section.*

3. a separate group within a larger group of people:

*This issue will affect large section of the population.*

**shark** /ʃɑ:rk/ (**n**) 1. a large sea fish with very sharp teeth:

*a Great White Shark*      ◇      *a fatal shark attack*

2. (informal, disapproving) a person who lends money at very high rates of interest; a person who cheats to get money:      *He's a (loan) shark.*

**social** /'səʊ.ʃəl/ (**adj**) [only before noun] connected with society and the way it is organized:

*social / issues / problems / reforms*      ◇      *a call for social and economic change*

*The country is faced with lots of social problems.*

2. connected with activities in which people meet each other for pleasure:

*a busy/hectic **social life***

1. *Team sports help to develop a child's social skills.*

2. *Social events and training days are arranged for all the staff.*

**sociable** /'səʊ.ʃə.bəl/ (**adj**) 1. (of people) enjoying spending time with other people:

1. *She's a sociable child who will talk to anyone.*      ◇      2. *I'm not feeling very sociable this evening.*

**socially** /'səʊ.ʃəl.i/ (**adv**)

1. *The reforms will bring benefits socially and politically.*

2. *This type of behavior is no longer socially acceptable.*

**stand** /stænd/ (**n**) a table or an upright structure that goods are sold from, esp in the street or at a market **SYN** stall      *a hamburger / ice cream / newspaper stand*

**stand for** /stænd fɔ:ɾ/ **for** (**v**) to be an abbreviation or symbol of sth:

1. *CNN stands for 'Cable News Network'.*

2. *'What does VAR stand for?' 'It stands for Video Assist Referee.'*

**stick** /stɪk/ (**v**) to fix sth else, usually with a sticky substance; to become fixed to sth in this way:

1. *He stuck a stamp on the envelope.*     ◇     2. *Her wet clothes were sticking to her body.*
3. *We used glue to stick the broken pieces together.*

**suffer** /'sʌf.ə/ (**v**) **1.** to be badly affected by a disease, pain, sadness, a lack of sth, etc:

1. *I hate to see animals suffering.*     ◇     2. *He suffers from asthma.*
3. *Many companies are suffering from a shortage of skilled staff.*
4. *He made a rash decision and now is suffering for it.*

**2.** to experience sth unpleasant, such as injury, defeat or loss:

1. *He suffered a massive heart attack.*
2. *The company suffered huge losses in the last financial year.*

**3.** to become worse:

*His school work is suffering because of family problems.*

**suffering** /'sʌf.ər.ɪŋ/ (**n**) **1.** physical or mental pain:

1. *Death finally brought an end to her suffering.*
2. *This war has caused widespread human suffering.*

**2. (sufferings)** /'sʌf.ər.ɪŋz/ [pl] feelings of pain and unhappiness:

*The hospice aims to ease the sufferings of the dying.*

**suggest** /sə'dʒest/ (**v**) **1.** to put forward an idea or a plan for other people to think about:

**SYN** propose

1. *I suggest (that) we go out to eat.*
2. *It has been suggested that bright children (should) take their exams early.*

**2.** to tell sb about a suitable person, thing, method, etc. for a particular job or purpose:

**SYN** recommend

1. *Who would you suggest for the job?*     ◇     2. *Can you suggest a good dictionary?*
3. *She suggested Paris as a good place for the conference.*

**3.** to put an idea into sb's mind; to make sb think that sth is true:

1. *All the evidence suggests (that) he stole the money.*
2. *The symptoms suggest a minor heart attack.*

**suit** /su:t/(v) **1.** to be convenient or useful for sb:

1. *Choose a computer to suit your particular needs.*

2. *If we meet at 2, would that suit you?*     ◇     3. *If you want to go by bus, that suits me fine.*

**2. (esp of clothes, colors, etc.)** to make you look attractive:

1. *Blue suits you. You should wear it more often.*     ◇     2. *I don't think this coat really suits me.*

**3.** (usually in negative sentences) to be right or good for sb/sth:

*This hot weather doesn't suit me.*

**suitable** /'su:.tə.bəl/ (adj) ~ (for sth/sb) | ~ (to do sth) right or appropriate for a particular purpose or occasion: **OPP** unsuitable

*a suitable candidate*     ◇     *a suitable place for a picnic*

1. *This program is not suitable for children.*

2. *I don't have anything suitable to wear for the party.*

3. *Would now be a suitable moment to discuss my report?*

**suitably** /'su:.tə.bli/ (adv)

*I am not really suitably dressed for a party.*

**suppose** /sə'pəʊz/ (v) **1.** to think or believe that sth is true or possible (based on the knowledge you have:

1. *Getting visa isn't as simple as you might suppose.*

2. *Prices will go up, I suppose.*     ◇     3. *Why do you suppose he resigned?*

4. *She had supposed him (to be) very rich.*     ◇     5. **There is no reason to suppose** she's lying.

**2.** to pretend that sth is true; to imagine what would happen if sth were true:

*Suppose flights are fully booked on that day – which other day could we go?*

**3.** used to make a statement, request, or suggestion less direct or less strong:

*'Can I borrow the car?' 'I suppose so'. (= Yes, but I'm not happy about it).*

**not be supposed to do sth** be not be allowed to do sth:

*You're not supposed to walk on the grass.*

**surround** /sə'reaʊnd/ (v) **1.** to be all around sth/sb:

1. *Tall trees surround the lake. (The lake is surrounded with / by trees.)*

2. *As a child I was surrounded by love and kindness.*

**2.** to move into a position all around sb/sth, esp so as to prevent them from escaping:

1. *Police surrounded the building.*      ◇      2. *They've surrounded the building with police.*

**surroundings** /sə'raʊn.dɪŋz/ (n) [pl] everything that is around or near sb/sth **SYN** environment:

*to work in pleasant surroundings*

*The buildings have been designed to blend in with their surroundings.*

**technique** /tek'ni:k/ (n) **1.** a particular way of doing sth, esp one in which you have to learn

special skills:      *management / marketing techniques*

1. *The artist combines different techniques in the same painting.*

2. *Her technique has improved a lot over the past season.*

**term** /tɜ:m/ (n) **1.** a word or phrase used as the name of sth, esp one connected with a particular type of language:      *legal / technical / scientific terms*

*That's an outdated term that no one uses anymore.*

**2.** one of the three periods in the year during which classes are held in schools, universities, etc:

*the spring / summer / autumn fall term*

*It's nearly the end of (the) term.*

■ **verb** to give (a person, thing) a title, name, quality, etc:

1. *He has no right to term himself a professor.*

2. *At this age, he can hardly be termed a young man.*

**terminology** /,tɜ:.mɪ'nɒl.ə.dʒi/ (n) the set of technical words or expressions used in a

particular subject:      *medical terminology*

**through** /θru:/ (prep) **1.** from one end or side of sth to the other:

1. *The burglar got in through the window.*      ◇      2. *The bullet went straight through him.*

3. *The Charles River flows through Boston.*

**2.** by means of; because of:

1. *You can only achieve success hard work.*

2. *It was through him (as a result of his help) I got the job.*

**3.** past a barrier, stage or test:

1. *Go through the gate, and you'll see the house on your left.*      ◇      2. *He drove through a red light.*

**throughout** /θru:'aʊt/ (**prep**) **1.** in or into every part of sth:

*They export their products to markets throughout the world.*

**2.** during the whole period of time of sth: *The museum is open daily throughout the year.*

■ **adv** in every part:

**1.** *The house needs painting throughout.*

**2.** *The ceremony lasted two hours and we had to stand throughout.*

**tiny** /'taɪ.ni/ (**adj**) very small in size or amount: *a tiny baby*

**1.** *Only a tiny minority hold such extreme views.*

**2.** *He's from a tiny town that you've probably never heard of.*

**tip** /tɪp/ (**n,v**) **1.** a small piece of advice about sth practical:

*handy tips for buying a computer*

*My uncle gave me some useful tips on how to save money.*

**2.** a small amount of extra money that you give to sb, for example sb who serves you in a restaurant: *to leave a tip*

*He gave the waiter a generous tip.*

**transmit** /træns'mɪt/ (**v**) **1.** to send an electronic signal, radio or television broadcast, etc:

*signals transmitted from a satellite*

*The ceremony was transmitted live by satellite to over fifty countries.*

**2.** to pass sth from one person to another: *sexually transmitted diseases*

*Parents can unwillingly transmit their own fears to their children.*

**transmission** /træns'mɪʃ.ən/ (**n**)

*the transmission of the disease / virus*      ◇      *the risk of transmission*

*a live transmission from Sydney*

**treasure** /'treʒ.ə/ (**n**) **1.** a collection of valuable things such as gold, silver and jewelry:

*buried treasure*

**2.** [usually pl] a highly valued object: *the priceless art treasures of the Uffizi gallery*

**3.** a person who is much loved or valued:

*Grandmother's nurse has been a real treasure.*

**unexpected** /,ʌn.ɪk'spek.tɪd/ (**adj**) if sth is **unexpected**, it surprises you because you were not expecting it:

*an unexpected development / result / visitor*

*The announcement was not entirely unexpected.*

**unexpectedly** /,ʌn.ɪk'spek.tɪd.li/ (**adv**)

*an unexpectedly large bill*

1. *They have arrived unexpectedly.*

◇

2. *The plane was unexpectedly destroyed.*

**valuable** /'væl.jə.bəl/ (**adj**) **1.** very useful or important:

*a valuable experience / treasure / tool / insight*

1. *The book provides valuable information on recent trends.*

2. *This advice was to prove valuable.*

◇

3. *A lot of valuable advice can be found in this book.*

**2.** worth a lot of money: **OPP** valueless, worthless: *valuable antiques / jewelry*

**value** /'væl.ju:/ (**n, v**) **1.** how much sth is worth in money or other goods for which it can be exchanged:

*to go up / rise / increase in value*

◇

*to go down / fall / drop in value*

*The winner will receive a prize to the value of \$1000.*

**2.** the quality of being useful or important:

1. *The value of regular exercise should not be underestimated.*

2. *This ring has great sentimental value for me.*

■ **verb 1.** to think that sb/sth is important:

1. *I really value him as a friend.*

◇

2. *The area is valued for its vineyards.*

**2.** to decide that sth is worth a particular amount of money:

*The property has been valued at over \$2 million.*

**vibrate** /'vaɪ.breɪt/ (**v**) to move or make sth move from side to side very quickly and with small movements:

*Every time a train went past the walls vibrated.*

**vibration** /vaɪ'breɪ.ʃən/ (**n**) a continuous shaking movement of feeling:

1. *We could feel the vibrations from the trucks passing outside.*

2. *The mechanic is trying to reduce engine vibration.*

**widely** /'waɪd.li/ (**adv**) 1. by a lot of people; in or to many places: *a widely held belief*

1. *The idea is now widely accepted.* ◇ 2. *He has widely travelled in Asia.*

3. *Her books are widely read.*

2. to a large degree; a lot: *Standards vary widely.*

**wise** /waɪz/ (**adj**) 1. (of people) able to make sensible decision and give good advice because of experience and knowledge that you have: *a wise old man*

1. *I'm older and wiser after ten years in the business.*

2. *He was wise enough no to drive when he was feeling ill.*

2. (of actions and behavior ) sensible; based on good judgment: *a wise decision*

1. *It was very wise to leave when you did.* ◇ 2. *The wisest course of action is just to say nothing.*

3. *I was grateful for her wise counsel.*

**wisdom** /'wɪz.dəm/ (**n**), **wisely** /'waɪz.li/ (**adv**)

*a woman of great wisdom*

1. *He wisely decided to tell the truth.* ◇ 2. *I question the wisdom of giving a child so much money.*

1. *She nodded wisely.* ◇ 2. *He wisely decided to tell the truth.*

3. *Invest your money wisely.*

**wonder** /'wʌn.dəʳ/ (**v**) 1. to think about sth and try to decide what is true, what will happen, what you should do, etc:

1. *I wonder who she is.* ◇ 2. *'Why do you want to know?' 'No particular reason'.*

2. *We were wondering about next April for the wedding.*

2. [used as a polite way of asking question or asking sb to do sth:

1. *I wonder if you can help me.* ◇ 2. *I was wondering whether you'd like to come to a party.*

3. to be very surprise by sth: 1. *She wondered at her own stupidity.*

2. *He's gone and left us to do all the work. I shouldn't wonder.*

■ **noun** 1. a feeling of surprise and admiration that you have when you see or experience sth beautiful, unusual, or unexpected:

*She gazed down in wonder at the city spread below her.*

**2.** something with surprise and admiration:     *the wonders of modern technology*

*The Grand Canyon is one of the natural wonders of the world.*

**(it's) no / little / small wonder (that)...** it is not surprising:

*It is little wonder (that) she was so upset.*

**wonders will never cease** (spoken, usually ironic) a phrase used to express surprise and pleasure at sth:

*I've cleaned my room. 'Wonders will never cease!'*

**work / perform wonders** to achieve very good result:

*Her new diet and exercise program has worked wonders for her.*

**work out** /wɜ:k aʊt/ **(v)** **1.** to train the body by physical exercise:

*I work out regularly to keep fit.*

**2.** to find the answer to sth; to solve sth:     *to work out a problem / a puzzle / code*

**3.** to understand sb's character:

*I've never been able to work her out.*

## Vision 3, Lesson 3

### Vocabulary

**absorb** /əb'zɔ:rb/ (**v**) **1.** to take in a liquid, gas or other substances from the surface or space around:

*a fabric that absorbs sweat*

1. *Plants absorb oxygen.*                      ◇                      2. *The cream is easily absorbed into the skin.*

**2.** to interest sb very much so that they pay no attention to anything else:

*This work had absorbed him for several years.*

**3.** to take in and keep heat, light, energy, etc. instead of reflecting it:

1. *Black walls absorb a lot of heat during the day.*

2. *The walls are made of a material that absorbs sound.*

**absorbed** /əb'zɔ:rbd/ (**adj**) very interested in sth/sb so that you are not paying attention to anything else:

*She seems totally absorbed in her book.*

**absorbent** /əb'zɔ:r.bənt/ (**adj**) able to take in sth easily, esp liquid:

*It is a highly absorbent material that is really good for wiping off automobiles.*

**absorbing** /əb'zɔ:r.bɪŋ/ (**adj**) interesting and enjoyable and holding your attention completely:

*It is an absorbing book. You must read it.*

**absorption** /əb'zɔ:rp.ʃən/ (**n**) **1.** the process of a liquid, gas, or other substance being taken in:

*Vitamin D is necessary to aid the absorption of calcium from food.*

**2.** the fact of sb being very interested in sth so that it takes all their attention

*His work suffered because of his total absorption in sport.*

**achieve** /ə'tʃi:v/ (**v**) **1.** to succeed in reaching a particular goal, etc. esp by making an effort for a long time:

1. *He had finally achieved success.*

2. *They could not achieve their target of less than 3% inflation.*

**2.** to succeed in doing sth or causing sth to happen: **SYN** accomplish

1. *I haven't achieved very much today.*                      ◇                      2. *All you have achieved is to upset my parents.*

**3.** to be successful:

*Their background gives them little chance of achieving at school.*

**achievable** /ə'tʃi:və.bəl/ (**adj**)      **achievement** /ə'tʃi:v.mənt/ (**n**)

1. *Profits of \$20m look achievable.*

2. *It was a remarkable achievement for such a young player.*

**apologize** /ə'pɒl.ə.dʒaɪz/ (**v**) to say that you are sorry for doing sth wrong or causing a problem:

1. *Why should I apologize?*      ◇      2. *Go and apologize to her.*

3. *We apologize for the late departure of the flight.*

**apology** /ə'pɒl.ə.dʒi/ (**n**) a word or statement saying sorry for sth that has been done wrong or that causes a problem:      *to offer / make / demand / accept an apology*

1. *We owe him an apology for what you said.*

2. *We should like to offer our apologies for the delay to your flight today.*

**barbecue** /'bɑ:r.bə.kju:/ (**n, v**) a metal frame for cooking food on over an open fire outdoors:

*a barbecue sausage*      ◇      *barbecue sauce*

*I put another steak on the barbecue.*

■ **verb** to cook (meat, fish, or other food) on a barbecue:

1. *We barbecued chicken and ribs.*      ◇      2. *We ate fish barbecued with herbs.*

**bill** /bɪl/ (**n**) **1.** a piece of paper that shows how much money you owe sb for goods or services:

*the telephone / electricity / gas / water bill*

*She always pays her bill on time.*

**2.** (esp BrE (AmE usually **check**)) how much you have to pay for the food and drinks that you have had in a restaurant:

1. *Let's ask for the bill.*      ◇      2. *It's my turn to pay the bill.*

**3.** (money) note, banknote:      *a ten-dollar bill*

*Would you mind changing this bill for me?*

**blow** /blɒʊ/ (**v**) **1.** to send out air from the mouth:

*The policeman asked me to blow into the breathalyzer.*

2. when the wind or a current blows, it is moving:

1. *A cold wind blew from the east.*                      ◇                      2. *It was blowing hard.*

**clean** /kli:n/ (**adj**) (not harmful) free from harmful or unpleasant substances:

*clean air*    ◇    *clean drinking water*

**client** /'klaɪ.ənt/ (**n**) a person who uses the services or advice of a professional person or organization:

*to act on behalf of a client*                      ◇                      *a well-known lawyer with many famous clients*

*Social workers must consider the best interests of their clients.*

**cloth** /kla:θ/ (**n**) 1. fabric made by weaving or knitting cotton, wool, silk, etc:

*woolen / cotton / cloth*    ◇    *bandages made from strips of cloth*    ◇    *the cloth industry / trade*

2. a piece of cloth, often used for a special purpose:                      *a floor cloth*

*Wipe the surface with a damp cloth.*

**clothe** /kləʊð/(**v**)    **clothes** /kləʊðz/ (**n**)    **clothed** /kləʊðd/ (**adj**)    **clothing** /'kləʊ.ðɪŋ/ (**n**)

1. *They clothe their children in the latest fashions.*

2. *(figurative) Climbing plants clothed the courtyard walls.*

3. *I bought some new clothes for the trip.*

4. *She has no **clothes sense** (= she does not know what clothes look attractive).*

5. *She jumped fully clothed into the water.*

6. *People are faced with the high cost of food, clothing and shelter.*

**come up with** /kʌm ʌp wið/ (**phrasal v**) [no passive] to find or produce an answer, a sum of money, etc:

1. *She came with a new idea for increasing sales.*    ◇    2. *How soon can you come up with the money?*

**common** /'kɒm.ən/ (**adj**) happening often; existing in large numbers or in many places:

1. *Jane is a common English name.*    ◇    2. *Allergies to milk are quite common in childhood.*

3. *Breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among woman in this country.*

**communication** /kəˌmjuː.nəˈkeɪ.ʃən/ (**n**) [U] the activity or process of expressing ideas and feelings or of giving people information:

1. *Speech is the fastest method of communication.*
2. *All channels of communication need to be open.*

**communications** /kəˌmjuː.nɪˈkeɪ.ʃənz/ (**pl**) method of sending information, especially telephones, radio, computers, etc, or roads and railways:

1. *Snow has prevented communication with the outside world for three days.*
2. *The new airport will improve communications between the islands.*

**communicate** /kəˈmjuː.nə.keɪt/ (**v**) to exchange information, ideas, news, etc. with sb:

1. *We only communicate by e-mail.*      ◇      2. *They communicated in sign language.*
3. *Dolphins use sound to communicate with each other.*

**consider** /kənˈsɪd.ə/ (**v**) **1.** to think about sth carefully esp in order to make a decision:

*a carefully considered response / decision*

1. *She considered her opinions.*      ◇      2. *We are considering buy a new car.*

**2.** to think of sb/sth in a particular way:

1. *He considers himself an expert on the subject.*      ◇      2. *Consider yourself lucky you weren't fired.*
3. *Who do you consider (to be) responsible for the accident?*

**considerable** /kənˈsɪd.ə.r.ə.bəl/ (**adj**) (formal) great in amount, size, importance, etc:

1. *Damage to the building was considerable.*
2. *The project wasted a considerable amount of time and money.*

**considerably** /kənˈsɪd.ə.r.ə.bli/ (**adv**) (formal) much:

*The need for sleep varies considerably from person to person.*

**considerate** /kənˈsɪd.ə.t/ (**adj**) always thinking about other people's wishes and feelings;

careful not to hurt or upset others: **SYN** thoughtful

1. *It was considerate of him to wait.*
2. *She is always polite and considerate towards her employees.*

**consideration** /kənˌsɪd.əˈreɪ.ʃən/ (**n**) **1.** the act of thinking carefully about sth:

*Careful consideration should be given to issues of health and safety.*

(idiom) **take sth into consideration** to think about and include a particular thing or fact when you are forming an opinion or making a decision:

1. *The candidates' experience and qualifications will be taken into consideration when the decision is made.*

2. *Taking everything into consideration, the event was a great success.*

**consist** /kən'sɪst/ (v)

**consist in sth** to have sth as the main or only part or feature:

1. *The beauty of the city consists in its magnificent buildings.*

2. *The education does not consist in simply being taught facts.*

**consist of sth** to be formed from the things or people mentioned:

1. *The committee consists of ten members.*     ♦     2. *Their diet consisted largely of vegetables.*

**consume** UK /kən'sju:m/ US /kən'su:m/ (v) 1. to use sth esp fuels, energy or time:

**consumer** / (n), **consumption** (n), **consumerism** (n), **consuming** (adj)

*The electricity industry consumes large amounts of fossil fuels.*

2. to eat or drink sth:

*Before he died, he had consumed a large quantity of alcohol.*

3. (of fire) to completely destroy sth:     *The hotel was quickly consumed by fire.*

**consuming** (adj) (of feeling, an interest, etc.) so strong or important that it takes up all your time and energy:     *a consuming passion / interest*

**consumer goods**, **consumer durables** (durable goods), **consumer price index**

**convert** /kən'vɜ:t/ (v) to change or make sth change from one form, purpose, system, etc. to another:

**converter** /kən'vɜ:.tə/ (n) (also **convertor**), **convertible** /kən'vɜ:.tə.bəl/ (adj)

1. *The hotel is going to be converted into a nursing home.*

2. *We have converted from coal to gas central heating.*

3. *He converted from Christianity to Islam.*     ♦     4. *I have converted to organic food.*

**cooperate** /kou'ɑ:.pə.reɪt/ [BrE also **co-operate**] (v) to work together with sb in order to achieve sth:

1. *The two groups agreed to cooperate with each other.*

2. *They had cooperated closely in the planning of the project.*

**cooperation** /kəʊ.pə.ˈrɛɪ.ʃən/ (n)      **cooperative** /kəʊ.pə.ˈrɛ.ə.tɪv/ (n, adj)

**cooperatively** /kəʊ.pə.ˈrɛ.ə.tɪv.li/ (adv)

1. *We would like to see the close cooperation between colleges and schools in developing computer use.*

2. *Cooperative activity is essential to effective community work.*

3. *Employers will generally be cooperative if their views are taken seriously*

4. *The factory is now a workers' cooperative.*

**equivalent** /ɪˈkwɪv.ə.l.ənt/ (n, adj) ~ (to sth) equal in value, amount, meaning, importance, etc:

*250 grams or an equivalent amount in ounces*

*Eight kilometers is roughly equivalent to five miles.*

■ **noun** ~ (of/to sth) a thing, amount, word, etc. that is equivalent to sth else:

1. *Send 20\$ or the equivalent in your own currency.*

2. *Breathing such polluted air is the equivalent of smoking ten cigarettes a day.*

**deliver** /dɪˈlɪv.ə/ (v) **1.** to take goods, letters, etc. to the person or people they have been sent to; to take sb somewhere:

*We promise to deliver within 24 hours.*

**2.** to give a speech, talk, etc. or other official statement:

*She is due to deliver a lecture on genetic engineering.*

**be delivered of a baby** (formal) to give birth to a baby:

*She was delivered of a healthy baby.*

**delivery** /dɪˈlɪv.ə/ (n) **1.** the act of taking goods, letters, etc. to the people they have been sent to:  
*a delivery van*

1. *There was a delay in the delivery of goods.*    ♦    2. *Is there a postal / mail delivery on Saturday?*

**2.** the process of giving birth to a baby:

*an easy / difficult delivery*      ♦      *a delivery room / ward*

**demand** /dɪˈmænd/ (n) a very firm request for sth; sth that sb needs:

*a demand for higher pay*      ♦      *to meet / satisfy their customers' demands*

1. *The workers said they would not end the strike until their demands were met.*

2. *There is an increased demand for organic produce these days.*

**demand** /dɪ'mænd/ (v) 1. to ask for sth very firmly:

1. *She demanded an immediate explanation.*      ◇      2. *I demand to see the manager.*

3. *The US has demanded that all troops be withdrawn.*

4. (BrE also) *They are demanding that all troops should be withdrawn.*

2. to need sth in order to be done successfully:

*This sport demands both speed and strength.*

**device** /dɪ'vaɪs/ (n) 1. an object or a piece of equipment that has been designed to do a particular job:      *a water-saving device*

*The store sells TVs, VCRs, and other electronic devices.*

**devise** /dɪ'vaɪz/ (v) to invent sth new or a new way of doing sth    **SNY** think up

*A new system has been devised to control traffic in the city.*

2. a method of doing sth that produces a particular result or effect:

*Sending advertising by mail is very successful as a marketing device.*

**die out** /daɪ aʊt/ (v) to stop existing, extinguish, disappear, to become extinct:

1. *This species has nearly died out because its habitat is being destroyed.*

2. *The firefighters tried to extinguish the flames.* 3. *All lights had been extinguished*

3. (figurative) *News of the bombing extinguished all hope of peace.*

**document** /'dɒk.jə.mənt/ (n) 1. an official paper or book that gives information about sth, or that can be used as evidence or proof of sth:

*legal documents*      ◇      *travel documents*

*Copies of the relevant documents must be filed at court.*

2. a computer file that contains text that has a name that identifies it:

*Save the document before closing.*

**document** /'dɒk.jə.mənt/ (v) to record details of sth:

*Causes of the disease have been well documented.*

**documentary** /,dɒk.jə'men.tər.i/ (n, adj)

1. *He produced a television documentary about / on the future of nuclear power.*

2. *It was a documentary account of the Vietnam War.*
3. *The film was given a documentary style by the director.*

**dread** /dred/ (**n,v**) to be very afraid of sth; to fear that sth bad is going to happen:

1. *I dread being sick.*                      ◇                      2. *She dreads her husband finding out.*
3. *I dread to think what would happen if there really was a fire here.*

■ **verb** a feeling of great fear about sth that might or will happen in the future:

1. *She has a traditional dread of hospitals.*
2. *The committee members live in dread of anything that may cause a scandal.*
3. *My greatest dread is that my parents will find out.*

**dreadful** /'dred.fʊl/ (**adj**) 1. very bad or unpleasant:

1. *What dreadful weather!*                      ◇                      2. *What a dreadful thing so say!*
3. *It is dreadful the way they treat their staff.*

2. used to emphasize how bad sth is:                      *I'm afraid there's a dreadful mistake.*

**dreadfully** /'dred.fʊl.i/ (**adv**) 1. extremely; very much:

1. *I'm dreadfully sorry.*                      ◇                      2. *I miss you dreadfully.*
2. very badly:                      *They suffered dreadfully during the war.*

**fit** /fɪt/ (**adj**) 1. healthy and strong, esp because of doing regular physical exercise: **OPP** unfit

1. *Top athletes have to be very fit.*                      ◇                      2. *She tries to **keep fit** by jogging every day.*

2. suitable; of right quality; with the right qualities and skills:

1. *The food was not fit for human consumption.*
2. *It was a food **fit for a king** (= of very good quality).*

**fitness** /'fɪt.nəs/ (**n**) 1. the state of being physically healthy and strong:

*a magazine on health and fitness*                      ◇                      *a fitness instructor / class / test*

2. the state of being suitable or good enough for sth:

*There were doubts about her fitness to hold office.*

**flock** /flɒk/ (**n,v**) 1. a group of sheep, goats or birds of the same type; a large group of people, esp of the same type:                      *a flock of children / reporters*

*They came in flocks to see the procession.*

**2.** to go or gather together somewhere in large numbers:

1. *Thousands of people flocked to the beach this weekend.*

2. *Huge hundreds of birds had flocked together by the lake.* ◇ 3. *People flocked to see him speak.*

**for instance** /fɔːr 'ɪn.stəns/ (idiom) for example:

1. *What would you do, for instance, if you found a member of staff stealing?*

2. *There is a similar word in many languages, for example in French and Italian.*

**garbage** /'gɑː.bɪdʒ/ (n) **1.** waste food, paper, etc. that you throw away: *garbage collection*

*Don't forget to take out the garbage.*

**2.** (informal) something stupid or not true: **SYN** rubbish, refuse (written)

1. *Don't talk rubbish!* ◇ 2. *'You mean you believe all that garbage?' he said.*

*domestic / household refuse* ◇ *the city refuse dump* ◇ *refuse collection / disposal*

**generate** /'dʒen.ə.reɪt/ (v) to produce or create sth:

*to generate electricity / heat / power / income / profit*

1. *We need someone to generate new ideas.* ◇ 2. *The proposal generated a lot of interest.*

**generation** /,dʒen.ə'reɪ.ʃn/ (n) **1.** all the people who were born at about the same time:

*the younger / older generation*

*My generation have grown up without the experience of a world war.*

**2.** a stage in the development of a product, usually a technical one:

*fifth generation computing*

**3.** the production of sth esp electricity, heat, etc:

*the generation of electricity* ◇ *methods of income generation*

**generative** /'dʒen.ə.r.ə.tɪv/ (adj) (formal) that can produce sth: *generative process*

**generator** /'dʒen.ə.r.eɪ.təʃ/ (n) **1.** a machine for producing electricity: *a wind generator*

*The factory's emergency generators were used during the power cut.*

**2.** a machine for producing a particular substance:

1. *The museum uses smells and smoke generators to create atmosphere.*

2. (figurative) *The company is a major generator of jobs.*

**gift** /ɡɪft/ (n) **1.** a thing that you give to sb, esp on a special occasion or to say thank you:

1. *The watch is a gift from my mother.*      ◇      2. *Thank you for your generous gift.*  
3. *The family **made a gift of** his paintings to the gallery.*

**2.** a natural ability **SNY** talent

1. *She has a great gift for music.*      ◇      2. *He has the gift of making friends easily.*

**give off** /ɡɪv ɒf/ (phrasal verb) to produce sth such as a smell, heat, light, etc: **SYN** emit

1. *The flowers gave off a fragrant perfume.*      ◇      2. *Sulphur gases were emitted by the volcano.*

**goods** /ɡʊdz/ (n) [pl] **1.** things that are produced to be sold:

*cheap / expensive / electrical / sports goods*      ◇      *leather / cotton / paper goods*  
*portable / durable goods*

1. *The goods arrived yesterday.*  
2. *They sell leather goods such as wallets, purses, and briefcases.*

**2.** possessions that can be moved:      *stolen goods*

*The plastic bag contained all the worldly goods (= everything he owned).*

**gradually** /'grædʒ.u.ə.li/ (adv) slowly, over a long period of time: **SYN** little by little, bit by bit,

inch by inch: (idiom) by degrees:

1. *The weather gradually improved.*      ◇      2. *Gradually, the children began to understand.*  
3. *By **degrees** their friendship grew into love.*

**hatch** /hætʃ/ (v) **1.** (of a young bird, fish, insect, etc.) to come out of an egg:

1. *Ten chicks hatched (out) this morning.*      ◇      2. *The eggs are about to hatch.*

**2.** to make a young bird, fish, insect, etc. come out of an egg:

*The female must find a warm place to hatch her eggs.*

**herd** /hɜ:d/ (n) **1.** a group of animals of the same type that live and feed together:

*a herd of cows / deer / elephants / goats / cattle*

**2.** a group of people of the same type:

*A herd of shoppers waited anxiously for the store to open.*

**hybrid** /'haɪ.brɪd/ (**n, adj**) **1.** an animal or plant that has parents of different species or varieties:

*A mule is a hybrid of a male donkey and a female horse.*

**2.** something that is the product of mixing two or more different things:

*1. Hybrid cars consume both electricity and gasoline.*

*2. The music was a hybrid of western pop and traditional folk song.*

**inform** /ɪn'fɔ:rm/ (**v**) to tell sb about sth, esp in an official way:

*Please inform us of any changes of address.*

**information** /,ɪn.fə'meɪ.jʊn/ [**U**] (also informal **info**) facts or details about sb / sth:

*a piece of information*      ◇      *a source of information*

*to provide / give / pass on information*      ◇      *to collect / gather/ receive obtain information*

*1. For further information on diet, write to us at this address.*

*2. Our information is that the police will shortly make an arrest.*

**joint** /dʒɔɪnt/ (**n**) a place where two bones are joined together:      *inflammation of the knee joints*

*My joints are really stiff this morning.*

**kinetic** /kɪ'net.ɪk/ (**adj**) [usually before noun] (technical) of or produced by movement:

**SYN** active, dynamic, lively

*kinetic energy*      ◇      *a kinetic performer*      ◇      *kinetic art*

*Kinetic energy is changed into mechanical one by wind turbines.*

**landfill** /'lænd.fɪl/ (**n**) an area of land where large amounts of waste materials are buried under the earth:

*The map shows two positions of the new landfills.*

**lead to** /li:d tu:/ (**v**) to have sth as a result:      **SYN** cause

*Eating too much sugar can lead to health problems.*

**likelihood** /'laɪ.kli.hʊd/ (**n**) [**U, sing**] the chance of sth happening; how likely sth is to happen:

1. *There is very little likelihood of that happening.*
2. *In all likelihood the meeting will be cancelled.*
3. *The likelihood is that unemployment figures will continue to fall.*

**load** UK /ləʊd/ US /loʊd/ (n, v) **1.** sth that is being carried (usually in large amounts) by a person, vehicle, etc:

1. *The trucks waited at the warehouse to pick up their loads.*
2. *The women came down the hill with their loads of firewood.*
3. *These backpacks are designed to carry heavy loads.*

**2.** to put a large quantity of sth onto or into sth: **OPP** unload

1. *We loaded the car in ten minutes.*      ◇      2. *Can you help me to load the dishwasher?*
3. *Men were loading up a truck with timber.*

**material** /mə'tiəri.əl/ (n) [C, usually pl] things that are needed in order to do a particular activity:  
*teaching materials*

*The company produces its own training material.*

**2.** [C,U] cloth used for making clothes, curtains, etc. **SNY** fabric

*"What material is this dress made of?"      "Cotton."*

**3.** a substance that things can be made from: *building materials*

*Oil is the raw material for plastic.*

**material (adj)** connected with money, possessions, rather than with the needs of mind or spirit:

**OPP** spiritual      *material comforts / world / needs*

*He is concerned only with his own material comforts.*

**namely** /'neɪm.li/ (**adv**) used to introduced more exact and detailed information about sth you just mentioned:

**SYN** i.e (**Latin** id est); that is to say

1. *We need to concentrate on our target audience, namely women between 20 and 30.*
2. *The basic essentials of life, i.e. housing, food and water.*
3. *Three days from now, that is to say on Friday.*

**opposite** /'ɒp.ə.zɪt/ (**adj, adv, n, prep**)

**adj** [only before noun] on the other side of a particular area:

1. *Answers are given on the opposite page.*

2. *She tried calming him down but it seemed to be having the opposite effect.*

1. *There's a newly married couple living opposite.* (**adv**)

1. *Hot and cold are opposites.*

◇

2. *What is the opposite of heavy?* (**n**)

1. *I sat opposite him during the meal.*

◇

2. *The bank opposite the supermarket.* (**prep**)

**obey** /ə'beɪ/ **1. (v)** to follow the rules; to do what you are told or expected to do: **SYN** observe

**OPP** disobey

*to obey a command / an order / rules / the law*

1. *He had always obeyed his parents without question.*

2. *His dog has learned to obey several commands.*

◇

3. *Will the rebels observe the ceasefire?*

**2.** to behave according to a scientific principle:

*Falling objects obey the law of gravity.*

**organic** /ɔ:'rɡæn.ɪk/ (**adj**) (of food, farming methods, etc.) produced or practiced without using artificial chemicals:

*organic cheese / vegetables / wine* ◇ *an organic farmer / garden* ◇ *organic farming*

**pollute** /pə'lu:t/ (**v**) to contaminate (an environment) esp with man-made waste, to add dirty or harmful substances to land, water, etc. so that it is not no longer pleasant or safe to use:

**SYN** contaminate

**pollutant** (substances), **pollution**, **polluter** (person, company, country)

1. *The exhaust fumes are polluting our cities.*

◇

2. *Car exhaust pollutes the air.*

3. *The river has been polluted with toxic waste from local factories.*

(figurative) *a society polluted by racism*

1. *Much of the coast has been contaminated by nuclear waste.*

2. *The food which had been contaminated was destroyed.*

**principal** /'prɪn.sə.pəl/ (**adj, n**) **1.** [only before noun] most important; main:

1. *The principal reason for this omission is lack of time.*

2. *New roads will link the principal cities of the area.*

2. (BrE) the person who is in charge of a college or a university: **SNY** dean (AmE) head teacher

*Peter Brown* ◇ *principal of John's college* ◇ *Principal Ray Smith*

**principle** /'prɪn.sə.pəl/ (n) 1. [C, usually pl] a moral rule or a strong belief that influences your actions:

1. *He has high moral principles.* ◇ 2. *If I refuse to lie about it; it's against my principles.*

3. *Stick to your principles and tell him you won't do it.*

2. [C] a law, a rule or a theory that sth is based on:

1. *The principle behind it is very simple.* ◇ 2. *There are three fundamental principles of teamwork.*

3. *Discussing all these details will get us nowhere; we must get back to first principles.*

3. a general or scientific law that explains how sth works, or why sth happens:

*the principles that heat rises*

**process** /'prɑː.ses/ (n, v) 1. a series of things that are done in order to achieve a particular result:

*the Middle East peace process* ◇ *mental / cognitive process*

*I'm afraid getting things changed will be a slow process.*

2. a series of things that happen, esp ones that result in natural changes:

*the digestive / ageing / manufacturing process*

*It's a normal part of the learning process.*

■ **verb** 1. to treat raw material, food, etc. in order to change it, preserve it, etc:

*Most of the food we buy is processed in some way.*

2. to deal officially with a document, request, etc:

*It will take a week for your application to be processed.*

**produce** /prə'duːs/ (v) 1. (goods) to make things to be sold, esp in large quantities:

**SYN** manufacture

**product** /'prɒd.ʌkt/ (n)      **production** /prə'dʌk.tʃən/ (n)

**producer** /prə'dʒuː.sə/ (n)      **productive** /prə'dʌk.tɪv/ (adj)      **productively** /prə'dʌk.tɪv.li/ (n)

*Thousands of cars are produced here each year.*

**2.** to grow or make sth as part of a natural process; to have a baby or young animal:

1. *The region produces over 50% of the country's wheat.* ◇ 2. *Our cat produced kittens last night.*

**3.** to create sth, esp when skill is needed:

*She produced a delicious meal out of a few leftovers.*

**product (n)**                    *dairy / meat products*     ◇     *instrument in product development*

*We need new product to sell (= a new range of products).*

(mathematics) *The product of 21 and 16 is 336.*

**production (n)**

*wheat / oil / car production*     ◇     *land available for food production*

*production costs / difficulties*     ◇     *a production manager*

*a decline / fall in production*     ◇     *an increase in production*

1. *The new production will be **in production** by the end of the year.*

2. *It is important not to let production levels fall.*     ◇     3. *He want a career in film production.*

**producer (n)**                    *Hollywood screenwriters, actors and producers*

*Libya is a major oil producer.*

**productive (adj)**

*highly productive farming land / manufacturing methods*     ◇     *productive farmers / workers*

*a productive meeting*

*My time spent in the library was very productive.*

**productively (adv)**

*It's important to spend your time productively.*

**provide** /prə'vaɪd/ (**v**) to give sth to sb or make it available for them to use **SYN** supply

1. *We are here to provide a service for the public.*

*(We are here to provide the public with a service.)*

2. *The report was not expected to provide any answers.*

**radiation** /ˌreɪ.di'ei.ʃn/ (**n**) heat, energy, etc. that is sent out in the form of rays:

*ultraviolet radiation*                    ◇                    *electromagnetic radiation from power lines*

1. *She was exposed to high levels of radiation.*

2. *There is a radiation leak from a nuclear power station.*

**radiate** /'reɪ.di.ət/ (**v**) to send out rays, heat, light or energy:

1. Heat radiates from the stove.
2. The pain started in my stomach and radiated all over my body.

**reduce** /rɪ'dʒuːs/ (**v**) **1.** to make sth less or smaller in size, quality, price, etc:

1. Reduce speed now (= on a sign).    ♦    2. Giving up smoking reduces the risk of heart disease.
3. The number of employees was reduced from 40 to 25.

**reduction** /rɪ'dʌk.ʃən/ (**n**) an act of making sth less or smaller; the state of being made less or smaller:

*a 33% reduction in the number of hospital beds*

*There has been some reduction in unemployment.*

**require** /rɪ'kwaɪə/ (**v**) **1.** to need sth; to depend on sb/sth:

1. These pets need a lot of care and attention.    ♦    2. This condition needs urgent treatment?
3. Do you require anything else? (in a shop / store, for example)

**2.** [often passive] to make sb do or have sth, esp because it is necessary according to a particular law or set of rules:

1. The wearing of seat belts is required by law.
2. Several students failed to reach the required standard.
3. All candidates will be required to take a short test.

**requirement** /rɪ'kwaɪə.mənt/ (**n**) **1.** sth that you need or want:

*the basic requirements of life            ♦            a software package to meet your requirements*

1. Our immediate requirement is extra staff.

2. These goods are surplus to requirements (= more than we need).

**2.** sth that you must have in order to do sth else:    *to meet / fulfil / satisfy the requirements*

*What is the minimum entrance requirement for the course?*

**remind** /rɪ'maɪnd/ (**v**) remind sb (about / of sth) to help sb remember sth important that they must do:

1. I'm sorry. I've forgotten your name. Can you remind me?

2. Remind me about it nearer the time.

3. *Passengers are reminded (that) no smoking is allowed on this train.*

4. *You remind me of your father when you say that.*    ♦    5. *That smell reminds me of France.*

**reminder** /rɪ'maɪn.də/ (**n**) something that makes you think about or remember sb/sth:

*The incident served as a timely reminder of just how dangerous mountaineering can be.*

**renew** /rɪ'nju:/ (**v**) **1.** to begin sth again after a pause or interruption SYN resume

*We have to renew our efforts to attract young players.*

**2.** to make sth valid for a further period of time:                    *to renew a licence / contract*

*How do I go about renewing my passport?*

**3.** to change sth that is old or damaged and replace it with sth new of the same kind:

*The wiring of your house should be renewed every ten to fifteen years.*

**renewable** /rɪ'nju:.ə.bəl/ (**adj**) **1.** (of energy and natural resources) that is replaced naturally or controlled carefully and can therefore be used without the risk of finishing it:

**OPP** non-renewable

1. *Wind and water are renewable fuel sources.*

2. *Some countries use renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar power.*

3. *Forests are renewable natural resources, but they must be treated with care.*

**2.** (of a contract, ticket, etc.) that can be made valid for a further period of time after it has finished:

*The work permit is not renewable.*

**resource** **UK** /'riː.sɔːs/ **US** /'riː.zɔːrs/ (**n**) **1.** a supply of sth that a country, an organization or person has and can use, esp to increase their wealth:

*the exploitation of minerals and other **natural resources***

1. *Oil is essentially their only resource.*

2. *We do not have the resources (=money) to update our computer software.*

3. *We must use the most efficient use of the available financial resources.*

**2.** something that can be used to help achieve an aim, esp a book, equipment, etc. that provides information for teachers and students:

1. *The database could be used as a teaching resource in college.*

2. *Time is your most valuable resource, especially in examination.*

3. *They must not use up minerals and other natural resources.*

**revolve** /rɪ'vɒlv/ (**v**) to go in a circle around a central point:

1. *The fan revolved slowly.*      ◇      2. *The earth revolves on its axis.*

■(**phrasal verb**) **revolve around / round sth** to move around sth in a circle:

*The earth revolves around the sun.*

**revolve around / round sth/sb** to have sb/sth as the main interest or subject:

1. *His whole life revolves around surfing.* 2. *She thinks that the world revolves around her.*  
3. *The discussion revolved around the question of changing the club's name.*

**rich** /rɪtʃ/ (**adj**) containing or providing a large supply of sth: iron-rich rocks    **OPP** poor

**richly** /'rɪtʃ.li/ (**adv**)      **richness** /'rɪtʃ.nəs/ (**n**)

1. *Oranges are rich in vitamin C.*      ◇      2. *The area is rich in wildlife.*  
3. *His novels are a rich source of material for the movie industry.*

**run** /rʌn (**v**) [manage] to be in charge of a business, etc:

*to run a hotel / store / language school*    ◇    *a badly-run company*    ◇    *state-run industries*

1. *He has no idea how to run a business.*    ◇    2. *Stop trying to **run my life** (= manage it)*

**save** /seɪv/ (**v, n, prep**) **1.** [keep safe] to keep sb/sth safe from death, harm, loss, etc:

*to save sb's life*      ◇      *to save a rare species (from extinction)*

1. *Doctors were unable to save her.*      ◇      2. *She saved a little girl from falling onto the water.*  
3. *She needs to win the next two games to save the match.*  
4. *Thanks for doing that. You **saved my life**.*

**2.** [money] to keep money instead of spending it, esp in order to buy a particular thing:

1. *I'm not very good at saving.*      ◇      2. *I'm saving for a new bike.*  
3. *You should save a little each week.*

**3.** [keep for future] to keep sth to use or enjoy in the future:

1. *Save some food for me.*      ◇      2. *Save me some food.*  
3. *She is saving her strength for the last part of the race.*  
4. *We'll eat some now and save some for tomorrow.*

**4.** [not waste] to avoid wasting sth for using more than necessary:

1. *We'll take a cab and save time.*     ◇     2. *We should try to save water and electricity.*  
 3. *Book early and save \$50!*     ◇     4. *If we go this way it will save us two hours on the trip.*

5. [avoid sth bad] to avoid sth difficult or unpleasant; to make sb able to avoid doing it:

1. *The prize **saved her from** having to find a job.*     ◇     2. *She did it herself to save argument.*

6. [in sport] (in football, hockey, etc.) to prevent an opponent's shot from going in the goal:  
*to save a penalty*

*The goalie saved brilliantly from Johnson's long-range shot.*

7. [computing] to make a computer keep work, for example by putting it on a disk:

*Save data frequently.*

■ **noun** (in football, etc.) an action by a goalkeeper that stops a goal being scored:

*He made a spectacular save.*

■ **prep** (also **save for**) [old use or formal] except for:

*They knew nothing about her save her name.*

**source** /sɔ:rs/ (**n**) 1. a place person or thing that you get sth from:

*renewable energy source*

1. *Your local library will be a useful source of information.*     ◇     2. *What is the main source of income?*

2. [usually pl] a person, book or document that provides information esp for study:

1. *Government sources indicated yesterday that cuts may have to be made.*

2. *Historians use a wide range of primary or secondary sources for their research.*

3. *He refused to name his sources.*

**spoil** /spɔɪl/ (**v**) 1. to make sth good into sth bad, unpleasant, useless, etc:     **SYN** ruin

1. *Our camping trip was spoilt by bad weather.*

2. *Don't let him spoil your evening.*     ◇     3. *Don't let one mistake spoil your day.*

4. *Don't eat too much nuts. You'll spoil your appetite.*

2. to give a child everything that they ask for and not discipline:

*She spoils those kids of her.*

**stable** /'steɪ.bəl/ (**n, adj**) 1. a building in which horses are kept:

1. *The horse was led back to its stable.*

**2.** firmly fixed, not likely to move, change or fall: **SYN** steady

*stable prices / employment*      ◇      *a stable relationship*

1. *This ladder doesn't seem very stable.*      ◇      2. *The patient's condition is stable.*

**3.** (of a person) calm and reasonable not easily upset **SYN** balanced

*Mentally, she is not very stable.*

**succeed** /sək'si:d/ (**v**) **1.** to achieve sth that you have been trying to do or get; to have the result or effort that was intended:

1. *Our plan succeeded.*      ◇      2. *He succeeded in getting a place at art school.*

3. *I tried to discuss it with her but **only succeeded** in making her angry.*

**2.** to be successful in your job, earning money, power, respect, etc:

1. *You will have to work hard if you are to succeed.*      ◇      2. *He had hoped to succeed as a violinist.*

**supply** /sə'plai/ (**n**) **1.** an amount of sth that is provided or available to be used:

1. *The water supply is unsafe.*      ◇      2. *Supplies of food are almost exhausted.*

3. *We cannot guarantee adequate supplies of raw materials.*

**2. (supplies)** the things such as food, medicines, fuel, etc, that are needed by a group of people, for example an army:

1. *Our supplies were running out.*      ◇      2. *The plane carried food and medical supplies for the refugees.*

**supply (v)** to provide sb/sth with sth that they need or want, esp in large quantities:

*foods supplying our daily vitamin needs*

1. *Foreign governments supplied arms to the rebels.*

*(Foreign governments supplied the rebels with arms).*

2. *Local schools supply many of the volunteers.*

**supplier (n)** a person or company that supplies goods:

*It is a leading supplier of computers in the UK.*

*supply and demand*      ◇      *supply teacher (AmE substitute teacher)*

**surround** /sə'reʊnd/ (**v**) to be all around sth/ sb:

1. *Tall trees surround the lake. (The lake is surrounded with / by tall trees)*

2. *As a child I was surrounded by love and kindness.*

**thus** /ðʌs/ (**adv**) [formal] **1.** in this way; like this:

*Many scientists have argued thus.*

**2.** as a result of sth just mentioned **SYN** therefore, hence

*We do not own the building, thus it would be impossible for us to make any major changes to it.*

**tide** /taɪd (**n**) **1.** a regular rise and fall in the level of the sea:

1. *The tide is in / out.*                      ◇                      2. *Is the tide coming in or going out?*

3. *The body was washed up on the beach by the tide.*

**2.** a large amount of sth unpleasant and it difficult to control:

*There is anxiety about the **rising tide** of crime.*

■ **idioms go / with with the tide** to act or behave the same way as the majority of others:

*I'm sorry, but I simply refuse to go with the tide just because it's the easier option!*

**go / swim against the tide** to act or behave contrary to the majority of others:

*I don't understand why you always have to swim against the tide instead of making things a little easier on yourself!*

**use up** /ju:z ʌp/ (**v**) to use all of sth that there is none left:

1. *Making soup is a good way of using up leftover vegetables.*

2. *We used up the last of the flour when we made the cake.*

**variety** /və'raɪə.ti/ (**n**) **1.** several different sorts of the same thing:

1. *There is a wide variety of patterns to choose from.*

2. *This tool can be used in a variety of ways.*

**2.** [U] the quality of not being the same or not doing the same thing all the time:

1. *We all need variety in our diet.*                      ◇                      2. *We want more variety in our work.*

**3.** a type of a thing, for example a plant or language, that is different from the others in the same general group:

*a rare variety of orchid*                      ◇                      *different varieties of English*

1. *Apples come in a great many varieties.*

2. *(spoken) My cooking is of the 'quick and simple' variety.*

**various** /'veə.ri.əs/ (**adj**)                      **variously** /'veə.ri.əs.li/ (**adv**)                      **varied** /'veə.rɪd/ (**adj**)

*varied opinions / cultures / menus*

1. *She took the job for various reasons.*      ◇      2. *He had a full and varied life.*
3. *He has been variously described as a hero.*
4. *The cost has been variously estimated at between \$10 million and \$20 million.*
5. *Variety is the spice of life. (saying)*

(new and exciting experiences make life more interesting)

**voluntary** /'vɒl.ən.tər.i/ (**adj**) 1. done willingly, not because you are forced: **OPP** compulsory

*voluntary agreement / arrangement*

1. *Attendance on the course is purely voluntary.* ◇ 2. *I do some voluntary work at the local hospital.*

**volunteer** /'vɒl.ən'tɪər/ (**n, v**)      **voluntarily** /'vɒl.ən.trɪ.ə.li/ (**adv**)

1. *Schools need volunteers to help children to read.*
2. *Are there any volunteers to help clear up?*      ◇      3. *Jill volunteered to arrange a petition.*
4. *Several staff members volunteered for early retirement.*
5. *He was not asked to leave — he went voluntarily.*
6. *Is English a compulsory/optional subject in your school?*

**warn** /wɔːrn/ (**v**) 1. to tell sb about sth, esp sth dangerous or unpleasant that is likely to happen:

1. *I tried to warn him, but he wouldn't listen.*      ◇      2. *He warned us against pickpockets.*
3. *She was warned that if she did it again she would lose her job.*

2. ~ (**sb**) (**against/about sth**) to strongly advise sb to do or not to do sth in order to avoid danger or punishment:

1. *The guidebook warns against walking alone at night.*

3. (in sport, etc.) to give sb an official warning after they have broken a rule:

*The referee warned Ince for dangerous play.*

**weigh** /weɪ/ (**v**) 1. to have a particular weight:

1. *How much do you weigh? (= How heavy are you)?*
2. *She weighs 60 kilos.*      ◇      3. *These cases weigh a ton (= are very heavy).*

2. to measure how heavy sth is, usually using scales / a scale:

1. *He weighed himself on the bathroom scale.*
2. *She weighed the stone on her hands (= estimated how heavy it was by holding it).*

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