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ability / ə'biləti / **noun** the skill someone needs to do something ♦ *Harry has no **ability** in sport and he can't even throw or catch a ball.*

able / 'eɪb(ə)l / **adjective** having the skill or power to do something ♦ *Harry is **able** to write very neatly but he can't spell! An elephant is **able** to lift a large tree with its trunk.*

abolish / ə'bɒlɪʃ / **verb** stop or end for ever ♦ *Keeping people as slaves was **abolished** in America 150 years ago.*

about / ə'baʊt / **adverb** close to, nearly ♦ *We moved to Africa when I was **about** six.*

above / ə'boʊv / **preposition** at a higher place than something else ♦ *Your eyes are **above** your nose.*

abroad / ə'brɔ:d / **adverb** in or to another country ♦ *My uncle often works **abroad** and he's in Canada at the moment.*

absolutely / 'æbsəlu:tli / **adverb** totally, completely ♦ *I am **absolutely** certain that you will pass your exam because you've worked hard.*

accident / 'æksɪd(ə)nt / **noun** an event in which somebody is injured but not on purpose ♦ *Ben's **accident** happened when he stood on the chair and it broke. **by accident**, not planned Sue stepped on Anna's foot by accident.*

according (to) / ə'kɔ:(r)dɪŋ (,tu) / **preposition** in the opinion of ♦ ***According to** Professor Binks, this vase is more than 4,000 years old.*

accordion / ə'kɔ:(r)dɪən / **noun** a musical instrument

accurate / 'ækjʊrət / **adjective** correct in every detail ♦ *When you are doing science, all measurements must be **accurate**.*

ache / eɪk / **verb** to feel painful ♦ *Anna went home from school because her head was **aching**.*

acrobat / 'ækrə,bæt / **noun** a performer who balances, jumps and turns upside-down to entertain people

across / ə'krɒs / **preposition** from one side to the other ♦ *Sam walked **across** the road.*

act / ækt / **verb** to be a character in a play or film ♦ *We are going to **act** Shakespeare in the school theatre.*

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action / 'ækʃ(ə)n / **noun**

- 1 something somebody does ♦ *When Ben got home, his first **action** was to switch on his computer.*
- 2 movement ♦ *When we were little, we used to sing songs and do the **actions**.*

active / 'æktɪv / **adjective**

- 1 always ready and able to do things ♦ *Tom is an **active** boy and he swims every day.*
- 2 ready and working ♦ *This **active** volcano often has smoke coming from the top.*

activity / æk'tɪvəti / **noun** something fun and interesting that people do ♦ *Sam's favourite **activity** is playing computer games.*

actor / 'æktə(r) / **noun** a person who performs in a play or film

actually / 'æktʃʊəli / **adverb** in fact, really ♦ *The London Eye isn't **actually** an eye, it's a big metal wheel.*

ad / æd / **noun** a short form of 'advertisement'

address / ə'dres / **noun**

- 1 the number and name of the apartment, street and town or city where somebody lives
- 2 a talk or presentation ♦ *The scientist's **address** to the professors was very interesting.*

address / ə'dres / **verb**

- 1 to write the name and place on an envelope or parcel where it is to be sent ♦ *Nina **addressed** the envelope, put the letter inside and put it in the postbox.*
- 2 to speak to someone in a formal way ♦ *The head teacher **addressed** the students on the subject of motivation.*

admire / əd'maɪə(r) / **verb**

- 1 to have a very good opinion about someone or something ♦ *We all **admired** Ben when he learned to speak Spanish in a year.*
- 2 to think something is good and to find it pleasing ♦ *Mrs Brown **admired** the colourful plants in the flower shop.*

adore / ə'dɔ:(r) / **verb** to love very much ♦ *My cousin **adores** his new wife and he gives her flowers every week.*

adult / 'ædʌlt, ə'dʌlt / **noun** a grown-up person or animal

advantage / əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ / **noun** a good thing that helps you to succeed or achieve something ♦ *Being tall is an **advantage** if you play basketball.*

adventure /əd'ventʃə(r)/ **noun** a time or an event when many exciting things happen ♦ *Our journey to find the lost city was a great **adventure**.*

advert /'ædvɜ:(r)t/ **noun** short form of 'advertisement'

advertisement /əd'vɜ:(r)tɪsmənt/ **noun** an announcement in words, and often with pictures, in a newspaper, on TV or the internet that encourages people to buy something or do something ♦ *Lots of people saw the **advertisement** for cheap computers and all of them were sold.*

advice /əd'vaɪs/ **noun** sensible ideas ♦ *When my aunt got married, Grandma gave her lots of helpful **advice**.*

advise /əd'vaɪz/ **verb** to give someone your opinion of the best thing to do in a particular situation ♦ *Our guide **advised** us not to go into the jungle alone.*

aerial /'eəriəl/ **adjective** in the air ♦ *The planes did a wonderful **aerial** display across the whole sky.*

afford /ə'fɔ:(r)d/ **verb** to have enough money to pay for something ♦ *Sam would like to buy a motorbike but he can't **afford** it.*

after /'ɑ:ftə(r)/ **preposition**

1 later than ♦ ***After** school, the students practised their play.*

2 next in order ♦ *May comes **after** April.*

afternoon /,ɑ:ftə(r)'nu:n/ **noun** the period of the day from 12 noon to the evening

again /ə'gen/ **adverb** one more time ♦ *Will you play that song **again**, please?*

against /ə'genst/ **preposition** in competition with ♦ *The Red team is playing **against** the Blue team.*

age /eɪdʒ/ **noun** how old somebody or something is ♦ *What **age** is your sister?*

ages /eɪdʒɪz/ **noun** (plural) a long time ♦ *We've been waiting for the bus for **ages**.*

ago /ə'gəʊ/ **adverb** in the past ♦ *This hospital was built two years **ago**.*

agree /ə'gri:/ **verb** to have the same thoughts and opinions as another person ♦ *Ben **agreed** with Sam that the film was awful and they left before the end.*

agreement /ə'gri:mənt/ **noun**

1 when two people have the same opinion about something ♦ *Unfortunately, Mum and Dad are in **agreement** about a new TV – we're not getting one!*

2 an arrangement or decision about what to do ♦ *Ben and Dad came to an **agreement** about where to go on holiday.*

agriculture /'ægrɪ,kʌltʃə(r)/ **noun** the activity of growing crops and plants for food

air /eə(r)/ **noun** the mixture of gases that we breath and that makes up the atmosphere of the earth ♦ *In the mountains, the **air** is fresh but in cities it is often polluted.*

airline /'eə(r),laɪn/ **noun** a business company that flies airplanes

airport /'eə(r),pɔ:(r)t/ **noun** a place where planes land and take off ♦ *When you fly to another country, you arrive at the **airport**.*

album /'ælbəm/ **noun** a large book with blank pages onto which pictures, often photos, can be stuck and kept for looking at again at another time

alert /ə'lɜ:(r)t/ **noun** a warning or important reminder ♦ *The police sent out an **alert** about the danger of forest fires.*

alien /'eɪliən/ **noun** a strange and unknown creature from space

alive /ə'laɪv/ **adjective** living, not dead ♦ *This tree has no leaves but you can see tiny green buds so it's definitely **alive**. **come alive**, full of excitement and activity *In Spain the streets come **alive** in the evening.**

allow /ə'laʊ/ **verb** let someone do something ♦ *We're sometimes **allowed** to start our homework before the end of the lesson.*

almost /'ɔ:lməʊst/ **adverb** nearly ♦ *Ben is **almost** as tall as Sam who is one centimetre taller.*

alone /ə'ləʊn/ **adjective** without another person ♦ *After the children went home, the teacher was **alone** in the classroom.*

although /ɔ:l'dəʊ/ **conjunction**

1 though, in spite of the fact that ♦ ***Although** it was sunny, the wind was freezing cold.*

2 but ♦ *The film was good, **although** I wouldn't go and see it again.*

altogether

altogether / ˌɔːltəˈɡeðə(r) / **adverb** including everyone or everything ♦ *There are 30 students in the class **altogether**.*

always / ˈɔːlweɪz / **adverb** every time ♦ *I **always** catch the bus to school.*

amazed / əˈmeɪzd / **adjective** very surprised and pleased ♦ *We were all **amazed** when Dad won the marathon.*

amazement / əˈmeɪzmənt / **noun** surprise and wonder ♦ *Everyone gasped in **amazement** when the clown juggled with ten bananas.*

amazing / əˈmeɪzɪŋ / **adjective** surprising and wonderful ♦ *The concert was **amazing** and everyone clapped and cheered for ages at the end.*

ambulance / ˈæmbjʊləns / **noun** a vehicle for taking sick or injured people to hospital

among / əˈmʌŋ / **preposition** in the middle of ♦ *There was a house **among** the trees.*

amount / əˈmaʊnt / **noun** the number, size or weight of something ♦ *There was a small **amount** of sugar in the jar.*

anchor / ˈæŋkə(r) / **noun** the large piece of metal with hooks that is used to attach a boat to the sea bed ♦ *When the ship was near the island, the sailors threw the heavy **anchor** into the sea.*

ancient / ˈeɪnʃ(ə)nt / **adjective** very old ♦ *These **ancient** ruins were discovered 300 years ago.*

anger / ˈæŋɡə(r) / **noun** the strong feeling of being displeased ♦ *The king's **anger** at losing the battle was terrible.*

anger / ˈæŋɡə(r) / **verb** to make someone angry ♦ *Jack **angered** his father by not doing his homework properly.*

angry / ˈæŋɡri / **adjective** very cross and displeased ♦ *Dad was **angry** when we broke the window.*

animal / ˈænɪm(ə)l / **noun** a living creature

animate / ˈænɪmeɪt / **verb** to make something lively and interesting ♦ *We could **animate** our display by showing a DVD and playing some music.*

animation / ˌæniˈmeɪʃ(ə)n / **noun** a way of making characters move in cartoon films using thousands of drawings

appearance

ankle / ˈæŋk(ə)l / **noun** the bottom part of the leg above the foot ♦ *Lila's long dress covered her **ankles**.*

announcement / əˈnaʊnsmənt / **noun** a short piece of information that is told to people ♦ *At the station we heard an **announcement** telling us that our train was late.*

annoy / əˈnɔɪ / **verb** to make someone or something cross ♦ *People who drop rubbish in the street really **annoy** me because someone else has to clear it up.*

another / əˈnʌðə(r) / **adjective** one more person or thing of the same type as before ♦ *My aunt has just had **another** boy and now she has four sons.*

answer / ˈɑːnsə(r) / **noun** a written or spoken reply to a question ♦ *Everyone got the right **answers** in the English test.*

answer / ˈɑːnsə(r) / **verb** to give a reply to a question ♦ *The students asked a lot of questions and the professor **answered** them all. In this exam you must **answer** all the questions.*

antler / ˈæntlə(r) / **noun** one of the two tall, bony shapes like branches that grow on a reindeer's head

anxious / ˈæŋkʃəs / **adjective** worried ♦ *Try not to be **anxious** about the exam.*

anyone / ˈeni,wʌn / **pronoun** a person ♦ *Can you see **anyone** in the park?*

anyway / ˈeni,wet / **adverb** in any event, whatever the situation ♦ *I don't like this dress and **anyway**, it's much too big.*

apart / əˈpɑː(r)t / **adverb**
1 away, at a short distance ♦ *Anna was cross with her friends so she sat **apart** from them.*
2 into two or more pieces ♦ *Both of the boys pulled the toy plane and it suddenly came **apart**.*

apartment / əˈpɑː(r)tment / **noun** a home in a block of flats ♦ *Our **apartment** has three bedrooms.*

appear / əˈpɪə(r) / **verb** to come into sight ♦ *The wolf **appeared** on the forest path.*

appearance / əˈpɪərəns / **noun**
1 how someone or something looks ♦ *The man had a strange **appearance** because his hair was bright red.*
2 the act of being seen ♦ *The clown jumped out of the box and his sudden **appearance** made everyone laugh.*

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applaud / ə'plɔ:d / **verb** to clap hands because something is good ♦ *The people **applauded** at the end of the play.*

apple / 'æp(ə)l / **noun** a round red, yellow or green fruit with a smooth skin that grows on trees

appointment / ə'pɔɪntmənt / **noun** an arrangement for something to be done at a particular time ♦ *I couldn't play chess after school yesterday because I had an **appointment** at the dentist.*

approximately / ə'prɒksɪmətli / **adverb** about, not exactly ♦ *This new suspension bridge is **approximately** 400 metres long.*

apron / 'eɪprən / **noun** a shaped piece of cloth that is worn to protect the front of a person's clothing when they are cooking, painting or doing similar work

aquarium / ə'kwɛəriəm / **noun** a large glass container for keeping fish in

arch / ɑ:(r)tʃ / **noun** the curved shape of an opening in a building or bridge

archaeologist / ,ɑ:(r)'ki'ɒlədʒɪst / **noun** a person who looks for very old things in the ground ♦ *A team of **archaeologists** found the king's tomb.*

architect / 'ɑ:(r)ki'tekt / **noun** a person who is trained to design buildings and structures

area / 'eəriə / **noun** a large piece of land ♦ *This **area** is a wildlife park.*

argue / 'ɑ:(r)ɡju / **verb**
 1 to disagree ♦ *The two little boys **argued** about whose ball it was and in the end they had a fight.*
 2 put a point of view ♦ *In his essay, Ben **argued** that global warming was caused by human behaviour.*

argument / 'ɑ:(r)ɡjʊmənt / **noun** a discussion when two people do not agree about something ♦ *Pete wanted to use Ben's computer and they had a big **argument** because Ben wouldn't let him.*

arm / ɑ:(r)m / **noun** one of the two long parts of your body that grow from your shoulders and which have your hands on the ends

armchair / 'ɑ:(r)m,tʃeə(r) / **noun** a soft, comfortable chair with sides for resting your arms on

army / 'ɑ:(r)mi / **noun** a very large group of fighters

around / ə'raʊnd / **adverb**
 1 in many places ♦ *The boys went onto the pitch and began to kick the ball **around**.*
 2 in a circle ♦ *The children made a ring then held hands and walked **around**.*

around / ə'raʊnd / **preposition** surrounding ♦ *Mum put a shawl **around** Grandma's shoulders.*

arrange / ə'reɪndʒ / **verb** to put in the right place and in order ♦ *Nina **arranged** her photos on the shelf.*

arrangement / ə'reɪndʒmənt / **noun** the organising of events such as a meeting or a journey ♦ *Dad made all the **arrangements** for our holiday in London.*

arrival / ə'raɪv(ə)l / **noun** the time when someone or something arrives ♦ *We waited excitedly for the plane's **arrival**.*

arrive / ə'raɪv / **verb** to come to a place ♦ *We **arrived** home yesterday.*

arrow / 'ærəʊ / **noun**
 1 a stick with one sharp end and feathers at the other end ♦ *In some places people still use **arrows** to kill animals.*
 2 a shape like an arrow → that is used to point the way

art / ɑ:(r)t / **noun** objects that have been created for people to look at such as paintings, drawings and sculptures ♦ *Let's visit the Museum of Modern **Art**.*

artist / 'ɑ:(r)tɪst / **noun** a person who paints, draws or makes sculptures

arts / ɑ:(r)ts / **noun** (plural) artistic activities such as painting, drawing, music, dance, theatre, literature ♦ *In the past, kings and other rich people did a lot to encourage the **arts**.*

ascend / ə'send / **verb** to go up or climb something ♦ *The climbers **ascended** the north side of the mountain.*

ask / ɑ:sk / **verb** to put a question to someone ♦ *Ben **asked** his teacher what the homework was.*

asleep / ə'sli:p / **adjective** not awake, eyes shut and not conscious ♦ *Nina didn't hear the storm last night because she was **asleep**.*

aspect

- aspect** / 'æspekt / **noun** a particular part or feature of something ♦ *Which **aspect** of English do you find most difficult, spelling or grammar?*
- astonish** / ə'stɒnɪʃ / **verb** to surprise and amaze ♦ *Dad **astonished** everyone by learning to speak Chinese.*
- astonished** / ə'stɒnɪʃt / **adjective** very surprised ♦ *Sam was **astonished** when he won the class prize.*
- astonishing** / ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ / **adjective** amazing and pleasantly surprising ♦ *The teacher was delighted at the **astonishing** success of her students.*
- astronaut** / 'æstrəˌnɔ:t / **noun** a person who travels in space
- astronomer** / ə'strɒnəmə(r) / **noun** a person who studies the stars and planets
- astronomy** / ə'strɒnəmi / **noun** the study of the stars and planets
- attack** / ə'tæk / **verb** the action when one person or thing fights against another ♦ *The soldiers **attacked** the castle at dawn.*
- attractive** / ə'træktɪv / **adjective** nice to look at ♦ *The pretty garden makes this house very **attractive**.*
- audience** / 'ɔ:diəns / **noun** the people watching a play, concert or any performance inside or outside
- aunt** / a:nt / **noun** the sister of your mother or father
- autobiography** / ˌɔ:təʊbɪˈɒɡrəfi / **noun** a book about a person's life, written by the person ♦ *Mary Seacole called her **autobiography** 'Wonderful Adventures of Mrs Seacole in Many Lands'.*
- automatic** / ˌɔ:tə'mætɪk / **adjective** happening by itself ♦ *This **automatic** washing machine washes the clothes for an hour then it turns itself off.*
- automatically** / ˌɔ:tə'mætɪkli / **adverb** as the usual way of doing things ♦ *The bell rang and the students **automatically** began to pack up their books.*
- autumn** / 'ɔ:təm / **noun** the season between summer and winter
- avoid** / ə'vɔɪd / **verb** to try not to hit ♦ *The car turned suddenly to **avoid** the man in the road.*
- awful** / 'ɔ:f(ə)l / **adjective** terrible ♦ *The film was **awful** and we didn't like it at all.*

bamboo

axe / æks / **noun** a sharp metal tool with a long wooden handle for chopping wood

Bb

- baby** / 'berbi / **noun** a very young child
- back** / bæk / **noun**
- 1 the upper part of your body on the other side to your chest ♦ *In many countries, mothers carry their babies on their **backs**.*
 - 2 the place farthest from the front ♦ *The letter was hidden at the **back** of the desk.*
- back** / bæk / **adverb** away from ♦ *The lion roared and the tourists jumped **back**.*
- bad** / bæd / **adjective**
- 1 not good ♦ *Ben got **bad** marks in the test.*
 - 2 not behaving well ♦ *My cousin was very **bad** at kindergarten and my aunt had to take him home.*
- badminton** / 'bædmɪntən / **noun** a game similar to tennis played on a court in which two or four players use light rackets to hit a small, light object called a shuttlecock over a net
- bag** / bæɡ / **noun**
- 1 a container made of paper or plastic for carrying shopping in
 - 2 a container made of cloth or leather for carrying personal possessions in ♦ *Sometimes the police look inside passengers' **bags** at the airport.*
- bake** / beɪk / **verb** to cook in an oven
- baker** / 'beɪkə(r) / **noun** a person who bakes bread and sells it
- balcony** / 'bælkəni / **noun** part of a building that is out of doors ♦ *There are plants and flowers on our **balcony**.*
- ball** / bɔ:l / **noun** a round object used in different games such as basketball and football
- ballet** / 'bæleɪ / **noun** a kind of dance performance
- balloon** / bə'lu:n / **noun** a soft shape that can be filled with air until it is round and floats in the air
- bamboo** / ˌbæm'bu: / **noun** a tall forest plant that grows in parts of China ♦ *Pandas live in **bamboo** forests and eat the leaves.*

ban / bæn / verb to stop something from happening or being used ♦ *Smoking is **banned** in this restaurant and cars are **banned** from the city square.*

banana / bəˈnɑ:nə / noun a long, soft, sweet fruit with a yellow skin that grows in bunches

band / bænd / noun

1 a circle of metal ♦ *The princess wore a silver **band** around her head.*

2 a group of musicians ♦ *Our favourite **band** is playing in the city park tonight.*

bandage / ˈbændɪdʒ / noun a long strip of cloth used to cover and tie round a wound or injury ♦ *When Ben cut his finger badly, Mum put a **bandage** on it.*

bank / bæŋk / noun

1 the edge of the land next to a river ♦ *Plants and trees often grow on the **banks** of a river.*

2 a building where business to do with money is carried out ♦ *Dad went to the **bank** to take out some money.*

bar / bɑ:(r) / noun a long thin metal rod ♦ *My uncle has **bars** across his windows to stop thieves from breaking in.*

barbed wire / ˌbɑ:(r)bd ˈwaɪə(r) / noun long thin metal wire with short, sharp points on it used for fences ♦ *The **barbed wire** fence stopped the cows from getting out.*

bark / bɑ:(r)k / noun the outside covering of a tree trunk ♦ *Some trees have smooth **bark** and some have rough **bark**.*

bark / bɑ:(r)k / verb to make a short loud sound (usually made by a dog or wolf) ♦ *We heard a dog **barking** in the distance.*

barn / bɑ:(r)n / noun a large farm building for keeping animals in

barrier / ˈbæriə(r) / noun

1 a fence or wall that stops someone or something from going from one area to another ♦ *After the tree fell down, the police put a **barrier** across the road.*

2 a fact or situation that stops something from happening ♦ *Laziness is a **barrier** to learning.*

baseball / ˈbeɪs,bɔ:l / noun an American game for two teams with nine players in which a player hits a ball with a bat and tries to score points

by running round four bases while the other team catches the ball

basically / ˈbeɪsɪkli / adverb

1 in the most important aspects ♦ ***Basically**, your essay is very good but you should check your spelling.*

2 (spoken) used to emphasise the important point in what you are saying ♦ ***Basically**, that film is complete rubbish so don't go and see it.*

basket / ˈbɑ:skɪt / noun a container for carrying or putting things in, often woven from natural materials such as reeds, parts of other plants or strips of wood

basketball / ˈbɑ:skɪt,bɔ:l / noun a team sport in which players score by throwing a ball into a net called a basket

bath / bɑ:θ / noun a long deep container that you fill with water then get in it and wash yourself

bathroom / ˈbɑ:θ,rʊ:m / noun the room in the house where the bath or shower is and where you wash yourself

battery / ˈbæt(ə)ri / noun an object that holds electricity and is used to make things work ♦ *Dad put a new **battery** in my torch before we went into the cave.*

battle / ˈbæt(ə)l / noun a fight between two armies

bay / beɪ / noun a part of the coast where the land curves inwards creating an area of calmer water ♦ *In the summer you can take a boat across the **bay**.*

beach / bi:tʃ / noun the sandy area next to the sea

beak / bi:k / noun the hard pointed part of a bird's mouth

beam / bi:m / noun

1 a long line of light ♦ *The **beam** of the torch showed the old mill clearly.*

2 a long, thick piece of wood used to make a simple bridge or to support the roof of a building

bean / bi:n / noun the seed of some plants that can be cooked and eaten

beanstalk / ˈbi:n,stɔ:k / noun a plant that beans grow on

beard

beard / brɑ:(r)d / **noun** the thick growth of hairs on a man's chin and face

beast / bi:st / **noun** an animal or insect

beat / bi:t / **verb**

- 1 to hit someone to hurt them ♦ *The cruel man **beat** his dog with a stick.*
- 2 to mix hard and make smooth ♦ *When you make a cake you have to break eggs and **beat** them for several minutes.*
- 3 to get more points in a game than another team or opponent ♦ *We **beat** the City team by four goals!*

beautiful / 'bju:təf(ə)l / **adjective** lovely and attractive to look at

because / br'kɔ:z / **conjunction** for the reason that ♦ *Don't run for the bus **because** it has already gone.*

beckon / 'bekən / **verb** to sign to someone to come to you ♦ *The teacher **beckoned** to Ben and he went to her at once.*

become / br'kʌm / **verb** to change and be different or new ♦ *Shadows **become** longer in the evening. A caterpillar will **become** a butterfly. My cousin has just **become** a doctor.*

bed / bed / **noun** the long flat piece of furniture that you sleep on

bedroom / 'bed,rʊ:m / **noun** the room where your bed is and where you sleep

bee / bi: / **noun** a flying insect that makes sweet honey

beef / bi:f / **noun** meat that comes from cattle
beefburger, cooked minced beef in a bread roll with salad and sauces

before / br'fɔ:(r) / **adverb** earlier than ♦ *You must be at the station **before** ten because that's when the train leaves.*

begin / br'gɪn / **verb** to start

beginning / br'gɪnɪŋ / **noun** the start ♦ *The **beginning** of the story was exciting so I went on reading.*

behave / br'heɪv / **verb**

- 1 to do things in a particular way ♦ *My little cousin cried and **behaved** badly at the mall so my aunt took him home.*
- 2 to be polite and helpful ♦ *Aunt Meg is coming to lunch today so please **behave** while she is here.*

benefit

behaviour / br'heɪvjə(r) / **noun**

- 1 the way in which someone or something does things ♦ *The man's **behaviour** was strange and the policeman became suspicious.*
- 2 the daily actions of a person or animal ♦ *The cubs are playing attack games, which is the usual **behaviour** of young lions.*

behind / br'haɪnd / **adverb**

- 1 staying after someone or something has gone ♦ *The bus went early and Ben was left **behind**.*
- 2 following someone or something ♦ *Pete went first and Sam came **behind**.*

behind / br'haɪnd / **preposition**

- 1 a place at the back of someone or something ♦ *The man pushed me from **behind**.*
- 2 a place on the furthest side of something ♦ *The thief hid **behind** the wall when he heard the police car.*

believable / br'li:vəb(ə)l / **adjective** can be believed ♦ *In the past, people thought that a flat world was completely **believable**.*

believe / br'li:v / **verb** to think that something is true ♦ *I **believe** we've met before.*

bell / bel / **noun**

- 1 a metal object shaped like a cup turned upside-down that makes a sound when it is hit ♦ *The **bells** at the top of the tower are rung on special occasions.*
- 2 a piece of electrical equipment that makes a sound to get someone's attention ♦ *When you arrive, press the **bell** on the door and someone will come and open it.*

belong / br'lɒŋ / **verb** to be owned by ♦ *This house **belongs** to my uncle.*

below / br'ləʊ / **preposition**

- 1 under, in a lower position ♦ *The cat is sleeping **below** the window.*
- 2 less than ♦ *Five is a number **below** ten.*

belt / belt / **noun** a thin length of leather or cloth that you wear round your waist to hold your trousers up or for decoration

bench / bentʃ / **noun** a long seat for several people to sit on at one time

benefit / 'benɪfɪt / **noun** good thing ♦ *The new playground in the park will be of **benefit** to the children.*

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beside / br'saɪd / **preposition** next to ♦ *The museum is **beside** the station so we haven't got far to walk.*

best / best / **adjective** better than all the others ♦ *Ben is the **best** at maths and he always comes first in the tests.*

better / 'betə(r) / **adjective** good compared to another one ♦ *This book is **better** than that book because it has more pictures.*

between / br'twi:n / **preposition** in the middle of two things ♦ *May comes **between** April and June.*

big / bɪɡ / **adjective** of large size ♦ *A whale is a **big** sea creature.*

bike / baɪk / **noun** a machine with two wheels that you can ride and travel on

bin / bɪn / **noun** a container for putting rubbish in

binoculars / brɪ'nɒkjʊlə(r)z / **noun** (plural) special glasses used outside that make distant objects look bigger

biological / ,baɪə'lɒdʒɪk(ə)l / **adjective** to do with biology

biology / baɪ'blɒdʒi / **noun** the study of living things

bird / bɜ:(r)d / **noun** a creature with feathers that lays its eggs in nests **bird's eye view**, the way a bird sees things when flying ♦ *If you go to the top of a tall building and look down, you get a **bird's eye view** of the ground below.*

birthday / 'bɜ:(r)θdeɪ / **noun** the day in the year on which you were born ♦ *Harry's **birthday** is on 1st July.*

bit / bɪt / **noun** small piece, part or amount of something ♦ *This **bit** of the story is really funny.*
a bit, a little *I've lost my phone so I'm feeling **a bit** cross.*

bite / baɪt / **verb**

1 to cut or break something with your teeth, usually to eat it ♦ *Anna **bite** off a small piece of cake and tasted it thoughtfully.*

2 the attack action of some animals when they are scared or angry ♦ *The explorer stood on the snake by mistake and it **bite** him.*

bite / baɪt / **noun**

1 the act of cutting or breaking something with your teeth ♦ *Ben took a huge **bite** out of the pizza.*

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2 the place where your skin is broken by an insect or animal ♦ *Look at all the insect **bites** on my leg!*

blackberry / 'blækbəri / **noun** a very small black fruit

blade / bleɪd / **noun** a thin flat piece of metal ♦ *This knife has a very sharp **blade**.*

blanket / 'blæŋkɪt / **noun** a bed cover made of wool or another soft material

blink / blɪŋk / **verb** to shut then open your eyes very quickly ♦ *If you get dust in your eyes, **blink** a few times and they'll feel better.*

blizzard / 'blɪzə(r)d / **noun** very bad weather when snow falls fast and heavily ♦ *You can easily get lost in a **blizzard**.*

block / blɒk / **noun**

1 a solid shape with six sides ♦ *The Great Pyramid was built of huge **blocks** of stone.*

2 a large building with several floors ♦ *Our apartment **block** is near the station.*

blood / blʌd / **noun** the red liquid inside your body ♦ *Sam realised he had cut himself when he saw **blood** on his knee.*

blouse / blaʊz / **noun** a piece of clothing worn by women that is like a man's shirt

board / bɔ:(r)d / **noun**

1 a flat area fixed to the wall for writing on in the classroom

2 a flat piece of wood for playing games on ♦ *For chess, players use a **board** with black and white squares. **on board**, on a ship or train *When the passengers were **on board**, the train left.**

boat / bəʊt / **noun** a wooden or metal structure than floats on water and carries people and objects

bob / bɒb / **verb** to go up and down with the movement of the waves ♦ *The boats were **bobbing** up and down on the sea.*

boil / bɔɪl / **verb** to heat liquid to the point where bubbles appear on the surface

bone / bæʊn / **noun** the hard parts inside the body of a person or animal ♦ *You can feel your **bones** under your skin.*

book / bu:k / **noun** lots of sheets of paper fixed together with words and pictures ♦ *My favourite **book** is about a horse.*

booking

booking / 'bʊkɪŋ / **noun** an arrangement to do something ♦ We've made a **booking** to stay in a hotel.

boot / bu:t / **noun** strong footwear, sometimes covering the ankle, used for outdoor activities and sports ♦ When you climb in the mountains you must have really good **boots** because the rocks are rough.

border / 'bɔ:(r)də(r) / **noun** a band along the edge of something ♦ Molly's blue skirt has a red **border** round the bottom.

bore / bɔ:(r) / **verb**

1 to cut deep into the ground by machine ♦ The engineers **bored** a hole through the rock to make a tunnel.

2 to be uninteresting ♦ Sports programmes **bore** me so I don't watch them.

bored / bɔ:(r)d / **adjective** not interested ♦ This film is silly and I'm really **bored**!

boredom / 'bɔ:(r)dəm / **noun** the feeling of being bored ♦ Prisoners often suffer from **boredom** because they sometimes have nothing to do.

boring / 'bɔ:ɪŋ / **adjective**

1 not at all interesting ♦ Some people think that computer games are **boring** but some people say that they are really good fun.

2 cutting ♦ This small **boring** tool is used by carpenters.

born / bɔ:(r)n / **adjective** existing as a result of birth ♦ Lots of babies are **born** in hospitals.

borrow / 'bɒrəʊ / **verb** to use something that belongs to another person for a short time ♦ If you want to **borrow** something, you must always ask first.

both / bəʊθ / **pronoun** the two ♦ **Both** Anna and Nina enjoyed the science lesson.

bottle / 'bɒt(ə)l / **noun** a glass or plastic container for keeping liquid in

bottom / 'bɒtəm / **noun** the lowest part ♦ There is water at the **bottom** of the well.

bow / bəʊ / **noun** a long, curved piece of wood with string that is used for shooting an arrow

bowl / bəʊl / **noun**

1 a container for keeping food or liquid in ♦ There was a **bowl** of fruit on the table.

2 a container for eating from ♦ I'd like a **bowl** of soup, please.

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box / bɒks / **noun** a rectangular container made from cardboard, plastic or metal that can be used for keeping things in or for packing things in to send to someone

boy / bɔɪ / **noun** a male child

brain / breɪn / **noun** the large soft lump inside your head which you use to think, move and do things ♦ Every day, scientists discover more about how the **brain** works.

brainwave / 'breɪnwɛv / **noun** a very good idea

branch / brɑ:ntʃ / **noun** the part of a tree that carries leaves and fruit

brave / breɪv / **adjective** not easily scared, having courage ♦ It was **brave** of the firemen to go into the burning building.

bravery / 'breɪvəri / **noun** brave actions ♦ The man's **bravery** was rewarded with a medal.

bread / bred / **noun** a food that is made from baked flour and water

break / breɪk / **noun** the short time for playing during the school day

break / breɪk / **verb**

1 to harm something so you cannot use it ♦ Joe stood on his toy car and he **broke** it.

2 to do better than ♦ Fred ran 100 metres in 12 seconds and he **broke** the school record.

phrasal verbs

1 **break down** to stop working ♦ All the traffic lights **broke down** at once and there were traffic jams everywhere.

2 **break into** to enter by force ♦ The firemen had to **break into** the house because the people were asleep.

3 **break off** to separate from the main part ♦ Lots of branches were **broken off** the trees by the strong winds.

4 **break out** to start or begin suddenly ♦ When the war **broke out**, many people left their homes.

5 **break up** break into pieces ♦ The ice **broke up** as the weather got warmer.

breakable / 'breɪkəb(ə)l / **adjective** can be broken ♦ Be careful of Mum's vase because it's **breakable**.

breakfast / 'brekfəst / **noun** the first meal of the day that you eat before you start doing things

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