

1 Family Ties

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- 1.1 family ties** (n) /'fæmɪli taɪz/
the connections between people in the same family • *The family ties between me and my sisters are strong.*
- 1.2 generation** (n) /dʒenə'reɪʃn/
people in a family who are nearly the same age • *Grandparents often don't understand the younger generation.*
📌 Also: a generation gap

Word Focus

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- 1.3 gene** (n) /dʒi:n/
part of a cell • *All his family have blue eyes, so blue eyes are in their genes.*
- 1.4 cell** (n) /sel/
the smallest part of a living thing • *There are millions of cells in your body.* (n)
- 1.5 determine** (v) /dɪ'tɜ:mɪn/
cause sth to be the way it is • *His father had brown eyes and that determined the colour of his son's eyes.*
- 1.6 particular** (adj) /pə'tɪkjələ(r)/
used to emphasise that you are referring to one person or thing, not others • *I like this particular pair of jeans, not the other one.*
> particularly (adv)
- 1.7 ancestor** (n) /'ænsɛstə/
a person in a family who lived a long time ago • *My ancestors from my mother's family lived in France.* 📌 Opp: descendant
- 1.8 (be) related (to)** (phr) /bi rɪ'leɪtɪd tu:/
connected to sb because you are in the same family • *Kelly and I are related to Dan; he's our brother.*
- 1.9 genealogy** (n) /dʒi:ni'ælədʒi/
the study of family history • *You can use genealogy to learn about your family's history.*
> genealogical (adj)

Reading

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- 1.10 research** (n) /rɪ'sɜ:tʃ/
the studying sb does to learn things about sth • *I did a lot of research at the library and I learnt where my family was from.*
> research (v), researcher (n)
- 1.11 record** (n) /'rekɔ:d/
official information about people • *I found out my grandma's date of birth in the records at the library.* > record (v)

- 1.12 clue** (n) /klu:z/
information that helps sb find out sth • *Her blonde hair is a clue that she is from Northern Europe.*
- 1.13 mirror** (n) /'mɪrə(r)/
a piece of glass that you use to see yourself when you look in it • *He combed his hair in front of the mirror.*
- 1.14 take after** (phr v) /teɪk 'ɑ:ftə/
look like sb else • *John takes after his dad, whose hair and eyes are the same colour as John's.* 📌 Syn: look like
- 1.15 look like** (expr) /lʊk laɪk/
have a similar appearance to sb else • *Do you look like your father or your mother?*
📌 Syn: take after
- 1.16 DNA** (n) /di: en eɪ/
the information in cells which makes people what they are • *Their DNA matches, so they are in the same family.*
- 1.17 pass down** (phr v) /pɑ:s daʊn/
to go from one generation to another • *Mum's blonde hair was passed down to my sister, but I have brown hair.*
- 1.18 find out** (phr v) /faɪnd aʊt/
get information about sb/sth • *I want to find out more about my ancestors and how they lived many years ago.*
- 1.19 put together** (phr v) /pʊt tə'geðə(r)/
make sth by collecting parts together • *Mum put together a list of all the people in the family.*
- 1.20 relative** (n) /'relatɪv/
a person who is in the same family as sb else • *I love all my relatives, but my Aunt Carol and Uncle Ed are my favourites.*
- 1.21 mention** (v) /'menʃn/
talk about • *Don't mention my aunt's age because she gets really upset.*
- 1.22 family tree** (n) /'fæmɪli tri:/
a chart which shows different generations in a family and how they are related • *I have a family tree which goes back to my great-grandfather.*
- 1.23 great-grandparent** (n) /greɪt-'grænpeərənt/
the father or mother of your grandfather or grandmother • *My grandfather's mother, in other words, my great-grandmother was born in a village.*
📌 Also: great-aunt, great-uncle
- 1.24 blank** (adj) /blæŋk/
empty, with nothing written or printed on it • *This birthday card is blank inside so you can write your own message.*

- 1.25 look for** (phr v) /lʊk fə(r)/
search for sb/sth • *I've looked for my glasses everywhere, but I can't find them.*
- 1.26 alive** (adj) /ə'laɪv/
not dead • *'Are all of your grandparents still alive?' 'No, my mum's father died last year.'*
➤ live (v, adj), life (n) 📖 Opp: dead
- 1.27 public records** (n) /'pʌblɪk rekɔ:dz/
official information about people that everyone can view • *We found information about our ancestors in the public records.*
- 1.28 birth** (n) /bɜ:θ/
the act of being born • *His date of birth is 12th December 2008.* 📖 Also: date of birth
- 1.29 marriage** (n) /'mæɪrɪdʒ/
the act of marrying sb • *My sister wore a beautiful white dress on the day of her marriage.* ➤ marry (v)
- 1.30 death certificate** (n) /deθ sə'tɪfɪkət/
an official document which records the day sb dies • *His age on the death certificate is 94, so he was very old when he died.*
- 1.31 move** (v) /mu:v/
change the place (country, city, house, etc.) where you live • *My best friend is moving to Canada, but we'll keep in touch on social media.*
- 1.32 search** (v) /sɜ:tʃ/
look for • *She searched for information about her ancestors on the Internet.* ➤ search (n)
- 1.33 similar** (adj) /'sɪmələ(r)/
like sb/sth but not the same • *The two cousins look similar; they both have dark hair and blue eyes.* ➤ similarly (adv), similarity (n) 📖 similar to sb/sth
- 1.34 appearance** (n) /ə'piərəns/
the way sb/sth looks • *'Can you describe his appearance?' 'Well, he's tall and thin and has brown hair.'* ➤ appear (v)
- 1.35 transfer (to)** (v) /træns'fɜ:(r) (tu:)/
move sth/sb from one place to another • *The old man transferred the ownership of his house to his granddaughter.*
- 1.36 respect** (v) /rɪ'spekt/
admire • *The person I respect the most in the world is my Dad. He's a fantastic person.*
➤ respect (n), respectable (adj), respectful (adj)
- 1.37 close** (adj) /kləʊs/
when sb likes and gets on well with sb else • *They've known each other since they were kids and they are very close friends.*

- 1.38 wife** (n) /waɪf/
the woman a man is married to • *This is John Evans, and that is his wife, Gemma Evans.*
- 1.39 marry** (v) /'mæri/
become sb's wife or husband • *Elizabeth is marrying Luke in June, and they are going to have a big wedding.* ➤ married (adj), marriage (n)
- 1.40 niece** (n) /ni:s/
the daughter of your sister or brother • *My niece takes after her mother, who is in fact my favourite sister.*
- 1.41 step-** (prefix) /step-/
related as a result of one parent marrying again • *Jane is my step-sister. We have the same mother, but different fathers.*
- 1.42 nephew** (n) /'nefju:/
the son of your sister or brother • *My nephew Harry is two years old and he makes my sister tired!*
- 1.43 cousin** (n) /'kʌzn/
a child of your uncle or aunt • *Adam is my Aunt Ruth's son; he's my cousin.*
- 1.44 height** (n) /haɪt/
how tall sb/sth is • *'What's the height of Mount Everest?' '8,848 metres.'*
➤ high (adj, adv), highly (adv), heighten (v)
- 1.45 slim** (adj) /slɪm/
thin in an attractive way • *She's a fashion model and she's very tall and slim.*
- 1.46 weigh** (v) /weɪ/
how heavy sb or sth is • *Your brother should eat more. He only weighs 50 kilos.*
➤ weight (n)
- 1.47 overweight** (adj) /,əʊvə'weɪt/
too heavy • *The man is over 100 kg. He's overweight.* 📖 Opp: underweight
- 1.48 build** (n) /bɪld/
the size and shape of sb's body
• *He's a young boy with a slim build.*
- 1.49 beard** (n) /'biəd/
hair that grows on a man's cheeks and chin
• *Santa Claus has got a long white beard.*
- 1.50 elderly** (adj) /'eldəli/
old (polite term) • *His great-grandfather is an elderly man but he still lives alone.*
➤ elders (pl n)
- 1.51 middle-aged** (adj) /mɪdl-'eɪdʒd/
between 40 and 60 years old • *Mum will be 40 on Saturday and she isn't happy about becoming middle-aged!*
- 1.52 hard-working** (adj) /'hɑ:d-wɜ:kɪŋ/
putting a lot of effort into a job • *He's a hard-working student and studies for many hours every day.* 📖 Opp: lazy

Family

genealogy	be related to
gene	great-grandparent
generation	family tree
ancestor	

- 1.53 jealous** (adj) /'dʒeləs/
unhappy because sb you love is showing interest in sb else • *Brian's girlfriend likes talking to Fred, and Brian is jealous.* > jealousy (n)
- 1.54 generous** (adj) /'dʒenərəs/
giving freely • *Harry is very generous and pays his workers well.* > generously (adv), generosity (n) ☞ Opp: mean
- 1.55 in need** (phr) /ɪn niːd/
needing sth • *The hungry children are in need of food and a warm home.*
- 1.56 care centre** (n) /keə(r) 'sentə(r)/
a place where people are looked after when they cannot look after themselves • *My grandfather lives in a care centre because he is too old to live by himself.*
- 1.57 relax** (v) /rɪ'læks/
rest after work • *At the weekend, I like relaxing with my friends at the beach.* > relaxed (adj), relaxing (adj), relaxation (n)
- 1.58 honest** (adj) /'ɒnɪst/
truthful, not telling lies • *My brother was honest when he told Mum he broke the lamp.* > honesty (n), honestly (adv) ☞ Opp: dishonest
- 1.59 nervous** (adj) /'nɜːvəs/
anxious about sth • *I'm nervous about my exam tomorrow.* > nervously (adv), nervousness (n), nerve (n)
- 1.60 unkind** (adj) /,ʌn'kaɪnd/
slightly cruel • *Why did you take the child's toy away? It was unkind of you.* > unkindly (adv), unkindness (n) ☞ Opp: kind
- 1.61 easy-going** (adj) /iːzi-'gəʊɪŋ/
not difficult, easy to get along with • *George is easy-going, so he won't mind if you are late.*
- 1.62 scruffy** (adj) /'skrʌfi/
untidy and dirty • *Mum doesn't like it when I wear scruffy jeans. She prefers me to wear smart clothes.* ☞ Opp: smart
- 1.63 fun-loving** (adj) /'fʌn-lʌvɪŋ/
liking to enjoy yourself • *Anne is a fun-loving person and loves going to parties.*
- 1.64 dress** (v) /dres/
put on clothes • *Martha gave the baby a bath and then dressed him in warm clothes.*
- 1.65 reliable** (adj) /rɪ'laɪəbl/
that can be depended on, that can be trusted to do sth well • *Uncle Jim is reliable, so he will be on time to collect you from school.* > rely (v), reliance (n) ☞ Opp: unreliable
- 1.66 do well** (phr) /du wel/
perform well • *George does well in exams. He always gets As.*
- 1.67 intelligence** (n) /ɪn'telɪdʒns/
the quality of being clever • *Elephants show more intelligence than many animals and they always remember where to find water.* > intelligent (adj)
- 1.68 sociable** (adj) /'səʊfəbl/
enjoying spending time with other people • *Katy is very sociable and enjoys meeting people at get-togethers.* > socialise (v)
- 1.69 normally** (adv) /'nɔːməli/
usually • *I normally get up early every day to take the dog for a walk.* > normal (adj)
- 1.70 relaxed** (adj) /rɪ'læks/
calm, not stressed • *After a good night's sleep, I feel very relaxed.* > relax (v), relaxation (n)
- 1.71 slow down** (phr v) /sləʊ daʊn/
go at a slower speed • *Don't drive so fast! Slow down!*
- 1.72 feed** (v) /fiːd/
give food to a person or an animal • *The animals are hungry. I must feed them.*
- 1.73 quality** (n) /'kwɒləti/
how good or bad sth is • *The quality of the vegetables at the market is much better than the vegetables at the supermarket.*
- 1.74 fact** (n) /fækt/
a thing that is known to be true • *This book is full of interesting facts about the history of our town.* > factual (adj)
- 1.75 protect** (v) /prə'tekt/
make sure that sb/sth is not harmed • *You must protect your little brother and not let anything bad happen to him.* > protection (n), protective (adj), protectively (adv)
- 1.76 land** (n) /lænd/
an area of ground • *The land grandpa's house is built on belonged to his father.*

Adjectives describing people

annoying	middle-aged
easy-going	nervous
elderly	relaxed
fun-loving	reliable
generous	sociable
hard-working	unkind
honest	upset
jealous	

Phrasal verbs

base on	put together
belong to	refer to
figure out	save up
find out	sign off
grow up	slow down
look for	sort out
pass away	take after
pass down	

- 1.77** **boil** (v) /bɔɪl/
heat sth until it is very hot and it starts to change into steam • *Can you boil some water for a cup of tea, please?* > boiling (adj)
- 1.78** **permanent** (adj) /'pɜːmənənt/
lasting forever • *He has a permanent job at the post office and I don't think he will ever leave.* > permanence (n), permanently (adv)
📖 Opp: temporary
- 1.79** **situation** (n) /,sɪtʃu'eɪʃn/
the circumstances and things happening at a particular time and in a particular place • *What would you do in this situation?*
- 1.80** **scientific** (adj) /saɪən'tɪfɪk/
connected to science • *There is a scientific reason why my hair is curly; it's in my DNA.* > science (n), scientist (n), scientifically (adv)
- 1.81** **fact** (n) /fækt/
sth that is true • *It is a fact that water boils at 100° Celsius.* > factual (adj)
- 1.82** **base on** (phr v) /beɪs ɒn/
use information, an idea or facts to develop sth • *This film is based on a true story.*
- 1.83** **schedule** (n) /'ʃedju:l/
a list of events or jobs and when they will happen or when you must do them • *Mum's got a meeting at ten o'clock on her schedule.*
- 1.84** **interrupt** (v) /ɪntə'rʌpt/
make sb stop what they are doing • *I'm speaking now, so please don't interrupt.* > interruption (n)
- 1.85** **save up (for)** (phr v) /seɪv ʌp fɔː/
collect money to buy sth • *Dad is saving up for a new car.*
- 1.86** **temporary** (adj) /'tempərəri/
lasting a short time • *This bad weather is temporary, so Grandma will soon be able to go out again.* > temporarily (adj)
📖 Opp: permanent
- 1.87** **annoying** (adj) /ə'nɔɪɪŋ/
making sb feel a little angry • *Stop talking all the time! It's annoying when I want to study.* > annoyed (adj), annoy (v)
- 1.88** **develop** (v) /dɪ'veləp/
become bigger, more advanced, etc. • *Young animals have to grow and develop and learn many things.* > development (n), developed (adj)
- 1.89** **own** (v) /əʊn/
have sth • *Mr Brown is very rich. He owns that big house on the hill.* > owner (n)
📖 Syn: possess, have
- 1.90** **move house** (phr) / mu:v haʊs/
change the house where you live • *We're moving house this weekend. Our new home is on the other side of town.* > owner (n)

- 1.91** **identical twins** (n) /aɪ'dentɪkl twɪnz/
two brothers or two sisters born on the same day, and who look the same • *Kate and Sally are identical twins and nobody ever knows which twin they are talking to.*
- 1.92** **fascinating** (adj) /'fæsɪneɪtɪŋ/
very interesting • *I read a fascinating book about genealogy. I couldn't put it down.* > fascinated (adj), fascinate (v), fascination (n)
- 1.93** **fingerprint** (n) /'fɪŋgəprɪnt/
the marks sb's finger makes on an object it touches • *The police found some fingerprints on the stolen TV.*
- 1.94** **personality** (n) /pɜːsə'nælɪti/
character • *Mum has an outgoing personality, but Dad is shy.*
- 1.95** **in fact** (phr) /ɪn fækt/
used to emphasise that sth is different from what has just been mentioned • *My aunt isn't old. In fact, she's only 24 years old.*
- 1.96** **play tricks (on)** (expr) /pleɪ trɪks ɒn/
deceive • *The twins often play tricks on us and answer to each other's names.*
- 1.97** **confuse** (v) /kən'fjuːz/
mix up • *Anna and Betty have similar voices and we often confuse them on the phone.* > confusion (n)
- 1.98** **complain** (v) /kəm'pleɪn/
say that you are annoyed or angry about sth • *I complained to our neighbours about the loud music they play every night.* > complaint (n)

Listening

- 1.99** **difference** (n) /'dɪfrəns/
the way in which two people or things are not like each other • *What's the difference between that car and this one? They look the same to me.* > different (adj), differently (adv), differ (v)
- 1.100** **similarity** (n) /sɪmɪ'lærɪti/
being like sb/sth, but not the same • *They are twins, but there isn't any similarity between them because they aren't identical.* > similar (adj)
- 1.101** **connection** (n) /kə'nekʃn/
a link • *The connection between John and Fred is that they have the same great-grandfather.* > connect (v)
- 1.102** **identify** (v) /aɪ'dentɪfaɪ/
find or discover sb/sth • *Can you identify your great-grandmother in this old photo?* > identification (n), identity (n), identical (adj)
- 1.103** **set** (n) /set/
a group of things which belong together • *Grandpa gave her a set of instructions about how to look after the car.*

Speaking

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- 1.104 board game** (n) /bɔ:d geɪm/
a game played on a board, usually with small pieces that are moved around • *Monopoly is my favourite board game.*
- 1.105 outdoors** (adv) /aʊt'dɔ:z/
outside, in the open air • *We're having a party outdoors in the garden at the weekend.*
- 1.106 indoors** (adv) /ɪn'dɔ:z/
inside, in a building • *It's raining! Let's go indoors!*
- 1.107 background** (n) /'bækgraʊnd/
the part of a picture behind the main people or objects • *These are my parents in the picture, and you can see our house in the background.*
- 1.108 foreground** (n) /'fɔ:graʊnd/
the part of a picture nearest to the person looking at the picture • *Who is the person in the foreground of this photo?*
- 1.109 sofa** (n) /'səʊfə/
a comfortable seat with a back and arms for two or more people usually in a living room • *Would you like to sit on the sofa or in an armchair?*
- 1.110 striped** (adj) /straɪpt/
having a pattern of long lines of usually two or more different colours • *He is wearing a blue and white striped shirt.* > stripe (n)
- 1.111 in detail** (phr) /ɪn 'di:teɪl/
paying attention to the small features of sth • *Please describe the picture in detail.*
- 1.112 for a moment** (phr) /fər ə 'mɒmənt/
for a very short period of time • *He looked at the photo for moment before he began to speak.*
- 1.113 prefer** (v) /prɪ'fɜ:(r)/
like sb/sth better than sb/sth else • *I prefer pears to apples. I think they taste better.*
> preference (n) ☞ prefer sb/sth to sb/sth else
- 1.114 nowadays** (adv) /'naʊədeɪz/
today, these days • *Nowadays, we can keep in touch with family all over the world on our computers.*
- 1.115 have sb around** (expr) /hæv 'sʌmbədi ə'raʊnd/
be present • *It is good for children to have family around so they feel cared for.*

Vocabulary

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- 1.116 collocation** (n) /kə'lə'keɪʃn/
a combination of words used together • *'Keep a diary' is the correct collocation, not 'write a diary'.*
- 1.117 pay a compliment** (expr) /peɪ ə 'kɒmplɪmənt/
say sth nice to sb • *He paid her a compliment about her new haircut and said how much he liked it.*

- 1.118 pay a visit** (expr) /peɪ ə 'vɪzɪt/
visit • *We should pay Grandma a visit at her house this weekend.*
- 1.119 keep a diary** (expr) /ki:p ə 'daɪəri/
write personal information every day in a special book • *It is a good idea to keep a diary, but don't let anybody read it!*
- 1.120 keep a secret** (expr) /ki:p ə 'si:krit/
not tell information which isn't for others to hear • *I'll only tell you what I bought Penny for her birthday if you can keep a secret.*
- 1.121 have a family** (expr) /hæv ə 'fæmɪli/
have children • *They got married young and decided to have a family a few years later.*
- 1.122 have sympathy for** (expr) /hæv 'sɪmpəθi fɔ:/
feel sorry for sb and show you care about sb's problems • *I have a lot of sympathy for you during your exams because I was in the same situation last year.*
- 1.123 get married** (phr) /get 'mæɪɪd/
start a marriage • *Our grandparents got married 40 years ago and they still love each other.*
- 1.124 get divorced** (phr) /get dɪ'vɔ:sɪd/
end a marriage • *Uncle Dan and Aunt Linda got divorced and now they don't speak to each other.*
- 1.125 fall in love** (expr) /fɔ:l ɪn lʌv/
start to love sb • *They fell in love when they were at school and are still together ten years later.*
- 1.126 fall to pieces** (expr) /fɔ:l tə 'pi:si:s/
become very upset, fall apart • *She fell to pieces after her mother died and grieved for a long time.*
- 1.127 upsetting** (adj) /ʌp'setɪŋ/
making sb feel sad, anxious or annoyed • *The news that Jane and Dave broke up was upsetting.* > upset (v)
- 1.128 divorce** (n) /dɪ'vɔ:s/
end of a marriage • *Her parents got a divorce ten years ago, and last year her dad married again.* > divorce (v)
- 1.129 husband** (n) /'hʌzbænd/
the man that a woman is married to • *Mrs Gregory's husband works in the city, but their home is in the country.*
- 1.130 lose one's job** (expr) /lu:z wʌnz dʒɒb/
become unemployed, no longer have a job • *Mark lost his job at the supermarket six months ago and he still hasn't found another one.*
- 1.131 sort out** (phr v) /sɔ:t aʊt/
deal with a problem or situation successfully • *You should sort out where the party will be held as soon as possible.*
- 1.132 pass away** (phr v) /pɑ:s ə'weɪ/
die • *Her grandfather passed away last Wednesday.*

- 1.133 naturally** (adv) /'nætʃrəli/
in a way that you would expect • *Someone stole his bike, so naturally he's upset.*
> natural (adj), nature (n)
- 1.134 upset** (adj) /ʌp'set/
unhappy because sth bad has happened
• *We were very upset when our dog died.*
> upset (v)
- 1.135 separated** (adj) /'sepəreɪtɪd/
no longer living with your wife or husband
• *Mr and Mrs Richardson don't live together any more. They're separated.*
> separate (v)
- 1.136 divorced** (adj) /dɪ'vɔːst/
no longer married • *Helen is divorced, but she wants to get married again.*
> divorce (n, v)
- 1.137 whisper** (v) /'wɪspə(r)/
speak very quietly, using your breath, not your voice • *We were in the library, so we had to whisper.* > whisper (n)
- 1.138 wedding** (n) /'wedɪŋ/
a marriage ceremony • *The wedding was at the village church.*
- 1.139 grow up** (phr v) /grəʊ ʌp/
become an adult • *When my brother grows up, he wants to be a doctor.*

Marriage

divorce	marry
divorced	separated
fall in love	step-
husband	wedding
married	wife

Look!

keep and pay.

keep a secret	pay a visit
keep a diary	pay a compliment
keep a family	pay a call
keep a straight face	pay attention
keep in touch	pay one's respects to
keep one's word	pay dearly

Grammar

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- 1.140 tradition** (n) /trə'dɪʃn/
a belief or custom that has existed for a long time • *We're very proud of our country's wonderful traditions.* > traditional (adj), traditionally (adv)
- 1.141 refer to** (phr v) /rɪ'fɜː(r) tuː/
speak about sb/sth • *In his speech, he referred to all the people who helped him to succeed.* > reference (n)

- 1.142 separate** (adj) /'seprət/
different; not connected • *Please use separate spoons for the coffee and sugar.*
> separate (v)
- 1.143 item** (n) /'aɪtəm/
a single object • *How many items are there in the list?*
- 1.144 abstract** (adj) /'æbstrækt/
general, not based on real things or events
• *Love is an abstract idea – it isn't something you can see or touch.*
- 1.145 depend (on)** (v) /dɪ'pend ɒn/
be unsure about sth because other things have to be considered • *The number of guests they invite depends on how much money they can save up.*
- 1.146 equipment** (n) /ɪk'wɪpmənt/
the things needed for a particular activity
• *We need to buy Gerry some sports equipment in September.* > equip (v)

Writing

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- 1.147 that is to say** (phr) /ðæt ɪz tə seɪ/
in other words • *Dad is very irate. That is to say, he's angry.*
- 1.148 United Arab Emirates (UAE)** (n) /juˌnaɪtɪd ,æərəb 'emɪrəts/
a country in south-western Asia • *George works for a bank in the UAE.*
- 1.149 occasion** (n) /ə'keɪʒn/
a special event • *Their wedding was a very important occasion in their lives.*
- 1.150 prepare** (v) /prɪ'peə/
get ready • *I'm preparing for the party, so I must buy some food and drinks.* > preparation (n)
- 1.151 greeting** (n) /'griːtɪŋ/
saying hello to sb • *He smiled at us in greeting.* > greet (v)
- 1.152 reason** (n) /'riːzn/
why sb decides to do sth • *I can't come to your party. The reason is that I won't be in the country on that day!*
- 1.153 sign off** (phr v) /saɪn ɒf/
end a letter or an email • *I can't write any more. So I'll sign off now.*
- 1.154 include** (v) /ɪn'kluːd/
make sth part of a larger thing • *I've included a lot of details in my description.* > including (prep)
- 1.155 event** (n) /ɪ'vent/
an occasion that is planned • *Dad's 50th birthday party is going to be a big event.*
- 1.156 guest** (n) /gest/
a person you have invited to your home or to an event • *There were over 200 guests at their wedding.*

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- 1.157 degree** (n) /dɪ'ɡri:/
a qualification from a university • *Sandra is studying for a Maths degree at Patras University.*
- 1.158 remote** (adj) /rɪ'məʊt/
far from inhabited places like towns • *My grandparents live in a remote village in the mountains.*
- 1.159 comforts** (pl n) /'kʌmfəts/
things which make life easy and pleasant
• *Living in a flat in the city gives people comforts like central heating and hot water.*
- 1.160 raise** (v) /reɪz/
care for an animal until it has grown up
• *The farmer raises pigs on his farm.*
- 1.161 cattle** (n) /'kætl/
cows and bulls • *My uncle works on a cattle farm in North America.*
- 1.162 grow** (v) /grəʊ/
make plants grow • *My dad grows roses in the garden.*
- 1.163 crop** (n) /krɒp/
a plant grown as food • *The potato crop on Grandpa's farm was good this year.*
- 1.164 hometown** (n) /'həʊmtaʊn/
the place where you were born and spent your childhood • *I now live in London, but I miss my hometown.*
- 1.165 familiar** (adj) /fə'mɪliə/
known, recognisable • *I grew up in this village, so all the houses are familiar.* > familiarity (n)
📖 Opp: unfamiliar
- 1.166 belong to** (phr v) /bɪ'lɒŋ tuː/
be owned by sb • *Please give me that pen; it belongs to me.*
- 1.167 decision** (n) /dɪ'sɪʒn/
a choice you make after thinking about sth
• *I must make a decision soon about what I want to do when I finish school.* > decide (v), decisive (adj), decisively (adv)
- 1.168 however** (adv) /haʊ'evə/
on the other hand • *I grew up in a beautiful village. However, I decided to move to the city when I became an adult.*
- 1.169 dramatically** (adv) /drə'mætrɪkli/
suddenly and surprisingly • *Her English improved dramatically when she went to live in England.* > dramatic (adj), drama (n)
- 1.170 besides** (adv) /bɪ'saɪdz/
apart from • *Besides working in the day, he also works in the evening for extra income.*
- 1.171 take care of** (phr) /teɪk keə(r) əv/
look after sb/sth • *Who takes care of the children when their parents are at work?*
- 1.172 wonder** (v) /'wʌndə(r)/
think about sth you are not sure about
• *There's someone at the door. I wonder who it is.*
- 1.173 figure out** (phr v) /'fɪgə aʊt/
finally understand sth or find the solution to a problem • *I figured out who the person in the old photo was when I looked at it more closely.*
- 1.174 package** (v) /'pækɪdʒ/
put sth into a box, bag, etc. • *The workers packaged the vegetables to be sold at market.*
> package (n)
- 1.175 recently** (adv) /'riːsntli/
not long ago • *Have you heard from Sandy recently?* > recent (adj)
- 1.176 harvest** (v) /'hɑːvɪst/
cut or collect a crop • *Most crops are harvested after the summer.*
> harvest (n)