

A

accident *noun* a dangerous thing that suddenly happens, for example a fall or a car crash

act *verb* to be a character in a play or a film

action *noun* something that you do

actor *noun* a person who acts in a play or film, etc.

additives *noun* things we add to a food to make it taste or look better, or to help it stay fresh

adopt *verb* If we **adopt** an animal, we give some money to help look after it and pay for its food.

alternative energy *noun* a way of making electricity from, for example, wind, sun or water power

amaze *verb* If something **amazes** you, you are surprised and think it is great.

amazing *adj* If something is **amazing**, you are surprised and think it is great.

amuse *verb* If something **amuses** you, it is funny and makes you laugh.

amusing *adj* If something is **amusing**, it is funny and makes you laugh.

ancient *adj* very old; from a long time ago

aquarium *noun* a building in a zoo where you can see fish and other water animals

aqueduct *noun* a bridge that carries water

archaeologist *noun* a person who learns about the past from old things they dig up from the ground

arrest *verb* When the police **arrest** someone, they take him/her to the police station, for example because he/she has stolen something.

article *noun* a piece of writing that you read in a newspaper or magazine

athlete *noun* a person who is good at a sport such as running, jumping, etc.

audience *noun* a group of people who watch a play

aviary *noun* (*pl* aviaries) a part of a zoo where you can see birds

B

bandage *noun* a long piece of thin material you wrap around part of your body that is hurt

banknote *noun* a piece of paper money

battery *noun* (*pl* batteries) something that you put inside a camera, phone, torch, etc. to make it work

beach house *noun* a simple building on the beach next to the sea

beam *noun* a long, thick piece of wood you use to hold up a roof

beat *noun* a repeated movement or sound

beautiful *adj* If a thing or person is **beautiful**, it/he/she is very nice to look at.

beauty *noun* If a thing or person has **beauty**, it/he/she is very nice to look at.

best *adj* If something is the **best**, it is very good and better than all the others.

block *noun* a large piece of stone used for building

blood *noun* the red liquid that goes around your body and keeps you alive

board *noun* a large, flat piece of wood

boarding school *noun* a school where students live. They sleep at school and go home in the holidays.

border *noun* the line between two countries

bore *verb* If something **bores** you, you don't like it and you don't think it is interesting.

boring *adj* If something is **boring**, you don't like it and you don't think it is interesting.

bottle bank *noun* a container where you throw away old glass so that people can use it again

bracelet *noun* a ring that you wear around your arm, next to your hand

brain *noun* the part of your body inside your head that thinks and learns

branch *noun* one of the main parts of a tree, that grows out from the middle part

breathe *verb* to take air in and out of your body through your nose and mouth

breathing apparatus *noun* a special mask that helps you breathe when there is a lot of smoke and fire

broom *noun* a brush with a long handle that you use to clean the floor

bruise *noun* a place where your skin is purple, blue or green, where you have hurt yourself

burn *noun* a place where fire or heat has hurt your skin

bus ticket *noun* a printed piece of paper that you get when you pay to ride on a bus

C

calculate *verb* to do a sum to find out what number you have when you put other numbers together

calculator *noun* a small machine that does sums and works with numbers

calorie *noun* an amount of energy

captain *noun* the most important player on a sports team, who tells the other players what to do

carbon dioxide *noun* the gas that we breathe out after we breathe in air

care *noun* the attention that you give to a thing or person

careful *adj* If you are **careful**, you pay attention when doing something so that you don't make a mistake.

carrier bag *noun* a thin plastic bag you use to carry shopping

car tyre *noun* a black rubber cover on the wheels on a car

carving *noun* a shape, picture or pattern made in stone or wood with a knife

celebrate *verb* to have a party because you have done something good

celebration *noun* a party that you have on a special day or when something good has happened

celebrity *noun* (*pl* celebrities) a person who is very famous, who you see a lot on TV and in magazines

central heating *noun* a system of hot water pipes that makes a house warm

challenge *noun* a new and difficult thing you have to do

character *noun* a person in a play or story

charity *noun* (*pl* charities) an organization that helps people

check *verb* to look at something carefully to make sure it is safe

cheer *noun* a loud shout that a group of people make when they are happy

cheer *verb* When a group of people **cheer**, they shout loudly because they are happy.

cheerful *adj* If a person is **cheerful**, he/she is usually happy and smiling.

cheer up *verb* If you **cheer up**, you stop feeling sad and start feeling happy.

chemicals *noun* liquids, gases, etc. Some **chemicals** are dangerous for people and animals.

circus *noun* a show that a group of people does in a big tent, sometimes with animals

clap *verb* to make a noise by hitting your hands together, because someone has done something well

clean *adj* If something is **clean**, there is no dirt on it.

clean up *verb* to make a place clean and without litter and pollution

clever *adj* If someone is **clever**, they are good at learning and understanding things.

cloth *noun* a piece of material that you use for cleaning

clue *noun* a thing or a piece of information that helps the police catch a criminal

coach *noun* 1 a person whose job is to train athletes 2 a bus that travels long distances

coastguard *noun* the emergency service which watches the sea and rescues boats

collect *verb* to put and keep a lot of things together

collection *noun* a lot of things that you keep together

colour *noun* Red, green, yellow, blue, etc. are examples of **colours**.

colourful *adj* If something is **colourful**, it has lots of colours in it.

column *noun* a tall, round thing made of stone, that holds up a roof

comedy *noun* (*pl* comedies) a funny play, TV programme or film that makes people laugh

computer room *noun* a room in a school where there are lots of computers for people to use

confident *adj* If you are **confident**, you believe that you will be able to do something and do not feel scared.

confuse *verb* If information **confuses** you, it is not clear and is difficult to understand.

confusing *adj* If information is **confusing**, it is not clear and is difficult to understand.

congratulate *verb* to say 'well done!' to someone

congratulations *noun* something that you say to a person when they have had good news, won something, etc.

costume *noun* the special clothes the actors wear in a play

creature *noun* a living thing, like an animal, that can move around

crew *noun* a team of people who work together

criminal *noun* a person who does something against the law, for example steals something

crooked *adj* If something is **crooked**, it is not straight.

crowd *noun* a big group of people

curtains *noun* the big pieces of cloth that hide the stage before the play starts

cut *noun* a hole in your skin, where you have hurt yourself

cut up *verb (pt, pp cut)* to cut something into small pieces

D

dairy products *noun* foods made from milk, for example cheese and yogurt

damage *verb* to hurt something or do something bad to it

dancer *noun* a person who dances

decorate *verb* to add things to make a room, a card, a present, etc. look nice

decoration *noun* something you add to to make a room, a card, a present, etc. look good

deep *adj* If water is **deep**, there is a long distance between the top and the bottom.

deserve *verb* If a person **deserves** something, it is good that they have it because they have worked hard for it.

detective *noun* a type of police officer who tries to find the person who, for example, stole something

diamond *noun* a valuable stone that looks like shiny glass

diary *noun (pl diaries)* a book in which you write things about each day

diet *noun* the types of food that you eat most often

direct *verb* If you **direct** a film, you tell the actors what to do.

direction *noun* a way that you go, for example left or right, up or down, north or south

director *noun* the person who tells actors what to do in a play or film

dirty *adj* If something is **dirty**, it needs to be cleaned because it has mud or dirt on it.

discuss *verb* to talk about something

discussion *noun* a talk that people have about something

donation *noun* money that you give to an organisation to help them do their work

doorbell *noun* When you visit someone, you ring the **doorbell** so they know you are there.

drop off *verb* If you **drop** someone **off**, you take them somewhere they need to go in a car and leave them there.

duck *noun* a bird that lives in water and makes a 'quack quack' sound

duck *verb* to lower your head so that it doesn't hit something

duck pond *noun* an area of water where ducks swim

E

earn *verb* to get money for doing work

earthquake *noun* when the ground shakes. Sometimes it can be dangerous and buildings fall down.

education *noun* learning and training to get knowledge and skills, usually in schools and colleges

electricity *noun* the energy we use to make machines work

enclosure *noun* a place in a zoo with a wall around it, where you can stand and watch the animals inside

endangered *adj* If a type of animal, bird or plant is **endangered**, it is disappearing and in danger of becoming extinct.

energy *noun* the power that your body gets from food. You need energy to do exercise.

enter *verb* to come into a room or building

(the) environment *noun* the world around us

excite *verb* If something **excites** you, you like it very much and think it is very interesting.

exciting *adj* If something is **exciting**, you like it very much and think it is very interesting.

exercise *noun* activity that you do with your body to stay healthy, for example running or swimming

explorer *noun* a person who travels to parts of the world that people don't know about

extinct *adj* If a type of animal becomes **extinct**, all the animals die so there are no more.

F

factory *noun* (*pl* factories) a big building where people use machines to make things

fan *noun* a person who likes watching a special team play sport and always wants the team to win

fear *noun* the feeling that you have when you are scared

fearful *adj* If someone is **fearful** of something, they are scared it could happen.

feather duster *noun* a group of feathers tied to a handle that you use for cleaning

first aid kit *noun* a box with plasters and bandages in it, to help you when you hurt yourself

flash *noun* the sudden strong light that a camera makes when you take a photo

flight *noun* a journey that you make on a plane

float *noun* a lorry with people in costumes and musicians on it, that goes through streets during a parade

float *verb* to stay on top of the water and not go under

flood *noun* when a lot of water suddenly covers a place

fortress *noun* a building which has very strong walls so that it is difficult to attack

fossil fuels *noun* materials we can burn to make electricity, for example coal and oil

fright *noun* If something gives you a **fright**, it makes you feel scared for a moment.

frighten *verb* to make someone scared

frightening *adj* If something is **frightening**, it makes you scared.

G

get around to *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get around to** something, you find the time to do it after waiting a long time.

get back *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get back** home or to a place, you return to your house or the place where you started.

get off *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get off** a bus or train, you stop riding it.

get on *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get on** a bus or train, you start to ride it.

get on with *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get on with** someone, you are friends.

get out *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get** something **out**, you take it from its usual place, for example to use it or look at it.

get rid of *verb* (*pt, pp got*) If you **get rid of** something, you throw it away, give it away or sell it so you don't have it anymore.

get stuck *verb* (*pt, pp got*) If you **get stuck** in a place or in a situation, you are trapped and can't get out.

get up *verb* (*pt, pp got*) When you **get up**, you stop sitting or lying down and you stand up.

gift shop *noun* a place where you can buy small presents, postcards, etc.

give *verb* (*pt gave pp given*) If you **give** something to someone, you pass it to them.

glue *verb* to stick or fix something by using glue

goalkeeper *noun* the person in a football team who uses his/her hands to stop the other team scoring a goal

greenhouse *noun* a glass building where you can grow things

greetings card *noun* a card with a picture and a message that you send someone on a special day

H

habitat *noun* the place where an animal lives in the wild

hammer *noun* a tool with a handle and a heavy metal end that you use to hit nails into wood

hand out *verb* If you **hand** something **out**, you give something to everyone in the group.

health food *noun* food that you eat because it is good for you

heart *noun* the part inside your chest that makes blood go around your body

help *verb* If you **help** people, you do something to make things easier for them.

help *noun* something that you do for people to make things easier for them

helper *noun* a person who helps someone

helpful *adj* If someone is **helpful**, they are happy to help you.

hero *noun* (*pl* heroes) a person who does great things for other people

home-made *adj* If food is **home-made**, it is made at home, not bought in a shop.

hose *noun* a long tube that you use to put water on a fire

I

improve *verb* If you **improve** something, you make it better.

ingredients *noun* the different foods you cook together to make a dish

insect house *noun* a building in a zoo where you can see small animals with six legs and wings

interest *noun* a feeling of wanting to know more about something

interesting *adj* If something is **interesting**, it gets your attention and you want to know more about it.

interview *noun* questions that a reporter asks someone for a TV show or a magazine, etc.

interview *verb* to ask someone questions, often for a TV show or a magazine article

invade *verb* If one country **invades** another country, it goes into it with an army and tries to take control of it.

invent *verb* to think of and make a new type of thing

invention *noun* a new type of thing that someone thinks of and makes for the first time

inventor *noun* a person who is the first to think of and make a new type of thing

investigate *verb* to look carefully at a situation or a crime to find out the truth

J

jewellery *noun* pretty things made of shiny metal and stones that people wear on their hands, neck or ears

juice carton *noun* a box that has fruit juice in it

junk food *noun* food that you buy that is not good for you

K

keep *verb* (*pt, pp kept*) to have something and not let it go

keeper *noun* a person who looks after the animals in a zoo or wildlife park

knee *noun* the part in the middle of your leg where it bends

knife *noun* (*pl knives*) a metal object with a sharp edge that you use for cutting things

knight *noun* a person in the past whose job was to ride a horse and fight for the king

knit *verb* to make a jumper, scarf, etc. from wool using two thin sticks

knot *noun* a place where two pieces of string or rope are tied together

know (*pt knew pp known*) *verb* to have a piece of information

L

ladder *noun* a thing with steps that you can carry, which you use to get to high places

lampshade *noun* a plastic or paper cover for a light

laugh *verb* to make a 'ha ha ha' noise when something is funny

lens *noun* the glass part at the front of a camera

lifeguard *noun* a person who works at a beach or a swimming pool to rescue people who are in danger in the water

light *adj* If something is **light**, it does not weigh much and so is not heavy.

lights *noun* electric lamps that show the actors in a theatre

litter *noun* paper and other rubbish on the ground

litter bin *noun* a container in the street where you throw away paper and other rubbish

look after *verb* If you **look after** someone, you make sure they are safe and comfortable, have enough to eat, etc.

lose *verb* (*pt, pp kept*) If you **lose** a game, you don't win it because the other team or person scores more goals or points.

lungs *noun* two parts inside the top half of your body that you use to breathe

M

make-up *noun* the powder, cream, etc. that actors put on their faces before a play

manual *noun* a book that tells you how to use something, for example a computer or a camera

map *noun* a drawing of a country or city that shows where the important places are

mask *noun* something that you wear to hide your face

match *noun* a small, thin piece of wood with a coloured end, that you use for making fire

match *verb* If two colours or patterns **match**, they look good together.

maze *noun* a lot of paths that you have to walk around and find the way out

memory stick *noun* a small thing that you use for saving information from a computer, and that you carry with you

metal *noun* a hard, shiny material that we use for making things. There are many types of metal.

microphone *noun* something you hold in front of your mouth to make your voice louder

mud *noun* soft, wet earth

mysterious *adj* If something is **mysterious**, it is interesting but difficult to understand or explain.

N

nail *noun* a small, thin piece of metal, sharp at one end and flat at the other, that you use to hold wood together

news *noun* a story about something important that has just happened, that you read in the newspaper or hear on the TV or radio

night *noun* the time when it is dark outside

noisy *adj* If a thing or person is **noisy**, it makes a lot of noise.

note *noun* 1 a message that you write for someone 2 a piece of paper that is a kind of money

novel *noun* a long story, with imaginary characters, that people read in a book

O

oil *noun* a liquid that we burn to make heat or power

oxygen *noun* the gas that we need to live

P

palace *noun* a big building where a king or a president lives

paper *noun* a flat, thin material that we make from trees and we can use for writing on

parade *noun* a line of musicians and people in costumes who walk through the streets on a special day

patient *noun* a person who sees a doctor because he/she is ill or hurt

performance *noun* how well an actor plays his or her part in a film or play

photo album *noun* a book that you put your photos in

photographer *noun* a person whose job is taking photos

pick up *verb* When you **pick** something **up**, you start to hold it in your hand.

picnic area *noun* a place where you can sit and eat your sandwiches

planet *noun* a very large, round rock in space that goes around the Sun, for example Earth or Mars

plans *noun* drawings that show how to build a machine, a building, etc.

plaster *noun* a small, sticky piece of material you put on a cut to cover it

play *noun* games and fun activities

playful *adj* If someone is **playful**, they enjoy having fun and laughing.

plenty *pronoun* as much as you need of something

plug in *verb* When you **plug** something **in**, you attach it to the electricity to get power for it.

police station *noun* the office of the police in a town or city

pollute *verb* to make a place dirty and dangerous

pollution *noun* something that makes water, air or land dirty

pool *noun* an area of water where you can swim, like a very big bath

population *noun* how many of a type of animal there are in the world

post office *noun* a place where you go to buy stamps and send letters

pot *noun* something that holds water or food

present *verb* to talk about things on a radio or TV show

presenter *noun* a person who works on a radio or TV show, saying what is happening

prevent *verb* to stop something from happening

process *noun* something natural that happens in the body

props *noun* things actors use when they are doing a play

protect *verb* to keep something or someone safe from danger

protection *noun* action to keep something safe from danger

pulse rate *noun* the number of times your heart beats in one minute

pump *verb* to make a liquid move to another place by pushing it

put away *verb* (*pt, pp put*) When you **put** something **away**, you put it back in its normal place.

put down *verb* (*pt, pp put*) When you **put** something **down**, you stop holding it.

put on *verb* (*pt, pp put*) When you **put** clothes **on**, you start to wear them.

Q

quiet *adj* If a thing or person is **quiet**, he/she/it doesn't make a lot of noise.

R

raw *adj* If food is **raw**, it is not cooked.

ready-made *adj* If food is **ready-made**, it is cooked or ready to cook when you buy it.

rebuild *verb* (*pt, pp rebuilt*) to put something together again

receipt *noun* a printed piece of paper that you get when you buy something in a shop

recharge *verb* to put power back into something like a battery or small machine

recycle *verb* to use old paper, glass, metal, etc. again

recycling centre *noun* a place where you take old paper, glass, metal, etc. so that it can be used again

redecorate *verb* to change the style of a house, room, etc. with new paint and furniture

refill *verb* to fill a container again

relax *verb* to rest your mind and body

relaxing *adj* If something is **relaxing**, it helps you rest your mind and body.

remove *verb* to take something away

reporter *noun* a person who investigates news for a newspaper, TV or radio

reptile house *noun* part of a zoo where you can see snakes, crocodiles, etc.

rescue *verb* to take someone away from a dangerous place to a safe place

research *noun* study that you do to find out about something

retell *verb* (*pt, pp retold*) to tell a story, etc. again

return *verb* to take something back to the place it came from

reuse *verb* to use something again

rewrite *verb* (*pt rewrote pp rewritten*) to write something again

ribbon *noun* a long, thin piece of shiny material that you can tie around a present

rich *adj* If someone is **rich**, he/she has a lot of money.

robbery *noun* (*pl robberies*) the crime of stealing money or something expensive

roll *verb* to make a flat thing into the shape of a tube or circle

roller *noun* a tube with a handle that turns like a wheel. You use it to roll paint onto a wall.

rope *noun* very thick, strong string you use for lifting heavy things or for tying things together

rubber gloves *noun* special gloves that you use to keep your hands dry when you are cleaning

rubbish dump *noun* a place for people to leave rubbish

ruins *noun* the parts of an old building that are still there but are broken

S

sack *noun* a large, strong bag

sailing boat *noun* a boat that uses the wind to move

salary *noun* (*pl salaries*) money that someone is paid every month for doing their job

salty *adj* If food is **salty**, it tastes of salt.

saw *noun* a long, thin tool with metal teeth for cutting wood

scientist *noun* a person who studies science as their job

script *noun* the words of a play that the characters say

seaweed *noun* a plant that grows in the sea or on rocks next to the sea

servant *noun* a person who cooks, cleans, etc. in a rich person's house

shade *noun* a dark, cool area where there is no light from the sun

shallow *adj* If water is **shallow**, there is only a small distance between the top and the bottom.

sing *verb* (*pt sang pp sung*) to make a beautiful sound with your voice

singer *noun* a person who sings

sink *noun* (*pt sank pp sunk*) a large bowl with hot and cold water taps in the kitchen, where you wash dishes or wash your hands

sink *verb* If a boat **sinks**, it goes down under the water.

site *noun* a place where something happened or is happening

skylight *noun* a window in the roof to let light in

slanted *adj* If something is **slanted**, it is not straight up or across.

sling *noun* a piece of material you tie around your neck to hold your arm when you hurt it

snack *noun* food that you eat between meals

solar panel *noun* a flat piece of glass that catches the sun's energy

source *noun* the place where you get something from

speakers *noun* special boxes that loud music comes out of

special effects *noun* exciting action in a film that is made on a computer, not done in real life

species *noun* (*pl species*) a type of animal, bird or plant

sponge *noun* a soft, light material that is full of holes and holds water easily. You use a sponge for cleaning.

spring *noun* 1 a thin piece of metal that goes round and round. There are springs in many machines. 2 a place where fresh water comes out of the ground

stage *noun* the place at the front of the theatre where actors perform a play

stamp *noun* a small square of paper with a picture that you buy and stick on the envelope when you send a letter

stamp *verb* to make a noise with your foot on the ground

statue *noun* the shape of a person or animal made from stone or wood

steady *adj* If something is **steady**, it always stays the same and doesn't change.

steps *noun* blocks of stone that get higher and higher, that you walk up or down

stick *verb* (*pt, pp stuck*) to fix something onto another thing

stilts *noun* two long sticks that you stand on to make yourself very tall

straight *adj* If something is **straight**, it is not curved or crooked.

sugar *noun* a very sweet food that is in cakes, chocolate and sweets

surgeon *noun* a special type of doctor who cuts open people's bodies to help make them better

surprise *noun* something that you didn't expect

surprising *adj* Something is **surprising** if you didn't expect it to happen.

swap places *verb* If you **swap places** with someone, they go where you were and you go where they were.

sweet *adj* If food is **sweet**, it tastes of sugar.

swimming pool *noun* a place where people swim, like a big bath

T

take *verb* (*pt took pp taken*) If you **take** a thing, you carry it to another place.

take off *verb* You **take off** your clothes before you go to bed.

tape measure *noun* a long, thin band marked with centimetres, that you use to see how long something is

teach *verb* (*pt, pp taught*) to tell people about something new, or tell them how to do something

teacher *noun* a person whose job is to teach in a school

technology *noun* machines, computers and other equipment that we invent to do work for us

teenager *noun* a person who is between 13 and 19

thought *noun* something that you think

thoughtful *adj* If someone is **thoughtful**, they always think of what other people need and try to help them.

threat *noun* a danger to something, for example to a type of animal

time capsule *noun* a container with pictures, information and things in it that show how life is now. You bury a **time capsule** in the ground for people in the future to find.

tire *verb* If something **tires** you, it makes you feel tired.

tiring *adj* If an activity is **tiring**, it makes you feel tired.

tool *noun* something that you hold in your hand and use to do a particular job

tool box *noun* a box you carry tools in

train *verb* to teach people how to do something

training *noun* practice that you do to get better at sport

tray *noun* a flat container with low edges

tree house *noun* a very simple building in a tree, that children play in

trophy *noun* (*pl trophies*) a gold or silver cup that you get when you win a competition

TV crew *noun* a team of people who work together to make a TV show

V

visit *verb* to go and see a person or place

visitor *noun* a person who goes to see a person or place

vitamins *noun* things in food that we need to grow and be healthy

volunteer *noun* a person who does a job but doesn't get any money for it

W

washing line *noun* a rope you hang wet clothes on for them to get dry

water mill *noun* a building on a river where water makes a large wheel go round to make a machine work

wave *verb* When you **wave** to someone, you lift up your hand and move it to say hello.

wheelchair *noun* a special chair with wheels for people who can't walk

wild *adj* If an animal is **wild**, it lives in nature, not in a zoo or a wildlife park.

wildlife *noun* the animals and birds living in a place

wildlife park *noun* a zoo where you can see animals outside, not just in cages

win *verb* (*pt, pp won*) If you **win** a game, you are better than the other team or person because you score more goals or points.

wonder *noun* the feeling that you have when something is amazing

wonderful *adj* If something is **wonderful**, it is very very good.

worst *adj* If something is the **worst**, it is bad and not as good as all the others.

wrapping paper *noun* coloured paper that you put around a present

wrist *noun* the thinnest part of your arm, next to your hand