

# 10 Talented people

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### background /'bækgraʊnd/ Noun

someone's **background** is the sort of family and education they have

*musicians from many different backgrounds | she's a journalist now, but her background was in medicine (she studied medicine) | a middle-class background*

### bathe /beɪð/ Verb

to **bathe** a person or animal means to put them in a bath or other container of water in order to wash them. If you **bathe**, you wash yourself in a bath or you swim in some water outdoors

*the elephant has to be fed and bathed every day | we bathed in the sea twice when we were on holiday | are you going to bathe the twins tonight?*

### log /lɒg/ Noun

a **log** is a long piece of wood that has been cut from a tree, either from the trunk or a branch

*some elephants will carry logs down the hill | a log cabin (a simple house or hut made from logs) | a log fire | you have to leave the logs for a year before they will burn properly*

### pass down /pɑːs daʊn/ Phrasal verb

something that is **passed down** is given by parents to their children, who then give it to their children, and so on

*the family Bible has been passed down through seven generations of my family | these skills have been passed down from mother daughter | I promised my grandfather I would pass it down to my own son when he reached the age of 21*

### qualification /ˌkwɒlɪfɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

your **qualifications** are the exams you have passed and the courses of study you have successfully completed, for example at university

*do you have any qualifications? | he left school with no qualifications | if you don't get any qualifications, you won't get a good job*

### quality /'kwɒləti/ Noun

someone's **qualities** are the natural characteristics they have, especially their good and positive features

*make sure they can tell what your best qualities are during the interview | she seems to have the right experience and qualities for the job | we need someone to show leadership qualities*

### trade /treɪd/ Noun

someone's **trade** is the job that they do to earn a living, especially when it is a job that involves making or fixing things with their hands

*I wanted to learn a trade so I didn't go to university | as long as you have a trade, you'll always have work |*

*he practised his trade in the north of England*

Noun: *tradesman*

*her father was a tradesman*

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### altitude /'æltɪ,tjuːd/ Noun

**altitude** is the height of something above the ground, often measured as being above the height of the sea

*passenger planes fly at altitudes of 30,000 or 40,000 feet above sea level | the experimental aircraft reached an altitude of 200,000 feet | at altitude (very high up), the air is much thinner and it's more difficult to breathe*

### celebrity /sə'lebrəti/ Noun

a **celebrity** is a famous person who appears on TV or in films, and who is written about in newspapers and magazines

*Armstrong was a worldwide celebrity | we're joined by a host of celebrities for tonight's awards | he became an international celebrity | using celebrities to advertise products is nothing new | celebrity endorsement is an effective way to boost sales*

### experimental /ɪk'sperɪ'ment(ə)l/ Adjective

an **experiment** is a scientific test that you do to see what happens under certain conditions. Activities that you do like this and the equipment that you use are **experimental**

experimental methods/data/results

*he conducted the first flight of the experimental aircraft | the experimental methods of Dr Hughes | an experimental research project | the experimental nature of the scheme | the experimental results were encouraging*

Noun: *experiment* | Verb: *experiment* | Adverb: *experimentally*

*do/conduct/carry out/perform an experiment | an experiment shows/proves something*

*permission to conduct the experiment was granted | the experiment was a failure | the experiment showed no harmful effects of the drug | we need to experiment further | surgeons experimented on rabbits before using the technique on humans | the theory cannot be tested experimentally | this can be demonstrated experimentally under laboratory conditions*

### helmet /'helmt/ Noun

a **helmet** is a hard hat that you wear to protect your head

*put a helmet on | take a helmet off*

*luckily, I was wearing my helmet | a cycle helmet | always wear a helmet on a motorbike | put your helmet on | she took off her helmet*

**hire** /'haɪə(r)/ Verb

if you **hire** someone, you choose them to start a job for you or for the company or organisation you are responsible for

*Armstrong was hired to do a particular job | you should get in touch with Jaguar – they're hiring at the moment | the local factory announced it was hiring another 12 machine operators*

**interference** /ˌɪntə(r)'fɪərəns/ Noun uncount

**interference** is unwanted electronic noise that you sometimes hear on the radio, TV or during a phone call

*when I was a child, we had so much interference on our TV | I don't know where this interference is coming from | try using a different aerial to reduce the interference*

**mankind** /mæn'kaɪnd/ Noun uncount

you use **mankind** to refer to all the people who are alive on the Earth at the moment, and who have ever lived in the past

*Armstrong said it was a giant leap for mankind | climate change is the biggest challenge facing mankind at the moment | he felt a love for all mankind | mankind needs to act now before it is too late*

**mystery** /'mɪst(ə)ri/ Noun

a **mystery** is something or someone you do not know very much about or cannot explain, although you want to know more about them and to understand them

*his private life remains a mystery to us all | a mystery that has puzzled scientists for centuries | the cause of the fire remains a mystery | there is some mystery surrounding his early life*

Adjective: *mysterious* | Adverb: *mysteriously*

*he died in mysterious circumstances | her mysterious disappearance is still unexplained | Arthur vanished mysteriously after leaving work on Friday*

**passion** /'pæʃ(ə)n/ Noun

if you have a **passion** for something, you are very keen on it and want to be very involved with it a passion for something

*Armstrong had a passion for flying | my true passion is learning languages | her passion in life is distance running | his passion has been collecting old books*

Adjective: *passionate*

passionate about something

*she has always been passionate about her job*

**reflection** /rɪ'flekʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a **reflection** is an image or picture that you see in something such as a mirror or an area of smooth water

*he saw his reflection in the shop window (the image of himself) | a reflection of the trees on the surface of the lake | I couldn't see the TV screen properly because of the reflection of the lamp*

Verb: *reflect*

*the mirror reflected light from the street lamp outside*

**PAGES 120–121****click** /kɪk/ Verb

if something **clicks**, or if you **click** something, a short and sharp sound is made

*Kish clicks his tongue to help him find his way around | Ted clicked his fingers to attract the waiter's attention | the lid clicked open*

Noun: *click*

*there was a click, and then the door opened*

**deaf** /def/ Adjective

someone who is **deaf** cannot hear anything

go deaf

*he started going deaf when he was in his sixties | his second daughter has been deaf since birth | I think he's deaf, which is why he didn't react when you shouted at him*

Noun: *deafness*

*he suffered from total deafness*

**distinguish** /dɪ'stɪŋɡwɪʃ/ Verb

if you **distinguish** between two things or people, you successfully identify each of them by seeing the differences between them

distinguish between things/people | distinguish one person/thing from another

*he can't distinguish between a duck and a goose | he has difficulty distinguishing between blue and green | as children, we have to learn to distinguish good from bad | looking at the shape helps you to distinguish individual words*

Noun: *distinction*

*there's an important distinction between income and wealth*

**eyesight** /'aɪ,saɪt/ Noun uncount

your **eyesight** is how well you are able to see things good/keen eyesight | bad/poor eyesight | failing eyesight as we get old, our eyesight gets worse | my father had poor eyesight from when he was a child | I've never had any problems with my eyesight | they test your eyesight as part of your driving test | failing eyesight meant he could no longer play the piano

**fence** /fens/ Noun

a **fence** is a wooden or metal barrier that separates two areas of land

*we used to sit on the fence and watch the cows in the field | the fence blew down during the storm | my dad put up a new fence around the garden | they climbed over the security fence*

**fully-sighted** /'fʊli 'saɪtɪd/ Adjective

someone who is **fully-sighted** has good eyesight and does not have any problems with their eyes

*her fully-sighted colleagues were always willing to help | he wants to train fully-sighted firefighters to develop the same skills*

**hard of hearing** /hɑ:d ɒv 'hɪərɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is **hard of hearing** cannot hear very well I've become rather hard of hearing over the last

*few years | anyone who is hard of hearing will have found that film difficult to watch | after years playing loud rock music in a band, he was now quite hard of hearing | being hard of hearing causes more problems than you realise*

**keen** /ki:n/ Adjective

you use **keen** to emphasise the way someone's senses work very well. For example, someone who has keen eyesight can see very well

*a successful pilot must have keen eyesight | he had a keen eye for small details | dogs have a keen sense of smell*

Adverb: *keenly* | Noun: *keenness*

*they were keenly aware of the danger that lay ahead | he was keenly observant of everything that happened in the school | he sat up, listening keenly to the voices in the next room | they followed the news with the greatest keenness*

**nickname** /ˈnɪk,neɪm/ Noun

a **nickname** is an informal name people use for someone that is not their real name

*at school, his nickname was "Hyde" because his surname was Park | they gave me the nickname "Speedy" because I always won the running races | did you have a nickname when you were younger?*

Verb: *nickname*

*neighbours nicknamed the man "Milko" because he was always drinking milk*

**numb** /nʌm/ Adjective

if you are **numb**, or if part of your body is numb, you have no sensations there and cannot feel anything such as heat, cold, pain, etc

*my arm went numb from being pressed against the wall for so long | her body began to turn numb from cold | my lips were numb and I couldn't breathe properly | I left the dentist with my mouth still numb from the injection*

Verb: *numb*

*the dentist gave me an injection to numb the pain*

**potential** /pə'tenʃ(ə)l/ Noun uncount

if a place or person has **potential**, there is a big possibility that they can develop and become different or better in the future

reach/realise your (full/true) potential

*the house has got real potential | the area has enormous potential | he's only a young player, but he has potential | she hasn't reached her full potential yet*

Adjective: *potential* | Adverb: *potentially*

*he is thought of as a potential prime minister | we exhibited our work for potential employers | a potentially lucrative (well-paid) contract*

**sensitive** /sensə'tɪv/ Adjective

**sensitive** parts of the body notice smells, sights, sounds, etc. very quickly, even if they are very faint *she doesn't eat ice-cream, saying her teeth are too sensitive to cold | a sensitive sense of smell | his eyes were sensitive to the slightest change of brightness*

**short-sighted** /ʃɔ:t 'saɪtɪd/ Adjective

someone who is **short-sighted** cannot easily see things that are some distance away

*being short-sighted, I have to wear glasses when I'm driving | he wore thick glasses because he was so short-sighted | I always sat at the front of the class because I was short-sighted*

Opposite – Adjective: *long-sighted*

*if you're long-sighted, you can probably read the notice on the other side of the road*

**welcome** /'welkəm/ Verb

if you **welcome** something, you say that you are pleased about it and approve of it

*it's a description Kish welcomes | any research that can help develop new treatment has to be welcomed | the president welcomed the opportunity to meet a group of business leaders | he welcomed the announcement of a new enquiry into the disaster | the proposals were cautiously welcomed by campaigners*

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**assume** /ə'sju:m/ Verb

to **assume** a particular role or title means to take it on for yourself

*she assumed the role of queen | the prime minister assumed office (became prime minister) exactly two years ago | the military assumed power after they arrested the president*

**monument** /ˈmɒnjumənt/ Noun

a **monument** is something that is built to remind people of something important in the past

a monument to someone or something

*you'll go past a monument on your right | a historic monument | a monument to the people who died in the war | the monument was built 300 years after the battle*

**relegate** /ˈreləgeɪt/ Verb

if someone is **relegated** to a lower position or rank, they are put into a less important role or job

*he was relegated to second-in-command | both players were relegated to the second eleven | after six years as chairman, he was relegated to being deputy president of the company*

**revenge** /rɪ'vendʒ/ Noun uncount

**revenge** is the action of doing something harmful or bad to someone because you think they did something bad or harmful to you

seek revenge | take/get revenge

*relatives of the victim were seeking revenge | she got her revenge by accusing him of theft | 12 people died in a revenge attack | police suspect a revenge killing*

Verb: *revenge*

revenge yourself (by doing something)

*he revenged himself by stealing the car keys | he was determined to revenge his father's murder*



**self-conscious** /self 'kɒnʃəs/ Adjective

if you are **self-conscious**, you worry about what people think of you and often feel embarrassed when you are in public

*I was too self-conscious to go up to her | she was very self-conscious about her nose | a rather shy, self-conscious man in his forties | I do feel self-conscious at parties*

Adverb: *self-consciously* | Noun: *self-consciousness*

*Charles looked at his watch self-consciously | he waved self-consciously as his aunt got off the train | as they danced, her self-consciousness started to vanish*

**self-control** /self kən'trəʊl/ Noun uncount

**self-control** is the ability to stop yourself from doing you something you would like to do but that you know might not have a good result

*it took a lot of self-control to give up smoking | using all his self-control, he followed the diet for another eight weeks | children need to learn self-control before they leave school | you should exercise more self-control*

**self-help** /self help/ Noun uncount

**self-help** is using your own efforts and making your own decisions without relying on other people

*I've read several self-help books | a local self-help group | over the weekend, I learned a lot about self-help*

**self-interest** /self 'ɪntrɪst/ Noun uncount

**self-interest** is an attitude that makes you do things that will benefit yourself without considering the effects on other people

*he always acts out of self-interest | individual self-interest made cooperation unlikely | every nation will respond in its own self-interest | he promised to serve as president without any self-interest*

**self-made** /self meɪd/ Adjective

a **self-made** man or woman is someone who has become successful entirely through their own efforts, and hasn't had to have help or borrow a lot of money from other people

*my father was a self-made man | a self-made millionaire | a rich, self-made industrialist | there's no such thing as a self-made politician*

**unmistakably** /ˌʌnmɪ'steɪkəb(ə)li/ Adverb

something that is **unmistakably** true is obviously true

*her body is unmistakably a woman's | her accent was unmistakably English, not American | 12 passengers were unmistakably dead, but two managed to survive the crash | this time, unmistakably, the surprise was genuine*

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**bright** /braɪt/ Adjective

someone who is **bright** is very clever and intelligent

*he's very bright – always top of his class | a very*

*bright young man | the brightest girl in her class | an exceptionally bright student | he was slow at learning compared to his much brighter sister*

**commit** /kə'mɪt/ Verb

if you **commit** to doing something, or if you are **committed** to it, you are determined that you will do it and promise yourself or other people that you will be committed to (doing) something

*I'm committed to staying with the firm for at least another five years | I'm committed to doing the best job I can | I understand that you don't want to commit until you know about the company | she committed herself to staying another year in Rome*

**concept** /'kɒnsept/ Noun

a **concept** is an idea

*I've read about what they do and I think it's a brilliant concept | the concept behind the plan is very complicated | the basic concept is described in chapter 2 | the original concept of the light bulb was very clever*

**consultancy** /kən'sʌltənsi/ Noun uncount

**consultancy** is the job of advising businesses about a particular aspect of what they do

*she took a job with a large consultancy firm | last year, the company spent over £1m on consultancy fees | a management consultancy*

**cooking utensil** /'kʊkɪŋ ju(:)'tensl/ Noun

a **cooking utensil** is a tool that you use in the kitchen when you are preparing food, such as a bowl, knife, frying pan, etc

*the kitchen is fully equipped with cooking utensils | we had to supply our own cooking utensils | metal cooking utensils*

**creative** /kri'eɪtɪv/ Adjective

someone who is **creative** is able to use their imagination well to think of new and interesting things. Their ideas and actions can also be called **creative**

*a creative and adaptable professional | turning data into usable information is a creative process | she had loads of creative ideas for new apps | he made a number of very creative suggestions | we need a bit of creative thinking to solve this problem*

Verb: *create* | Adverb: *creatively* | Noun: *creativity*

*she created some beautiful artwork | you need to think creatively to solve this problem | they encouraged creativity at my school*

**curious** /'kjʊəriəs/ Adjective

if you are **curious** about something, you want to know more about it

*curious about something | very curious | be curious (to know/hear/learn) about something*

*all children are curious about the world around them | the museum has a lot to offer the curious visitor | I'm very curious to know what's inside the suitcase | she wasn't in the least curious about where he had been*

Noun: *curiosity* | Adverb: *curiously*

curiosity about something | satisfy your curiosity | out of curiosity

**easy-going** /'i:zi 'gəʊɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is **easy-going** is always relaxed and never gets worried or stressed about anything

*they're both easy-going types who are passionate about travel | we encourage a friendly, easy-going atmosphere | I'm lucky my boss is so easy-going | she was talkative, cheerful and very easy-going*

**flood** /flʌd/ Noun

a **flood** is an occasion when large amounts of water pour into an area, for example after there has been a lot of very heavy rain or if a water pipe bursts  
*there've been a lot of floods with all this rain | the village was cut off by floods | the flood water rose rapidly overnight | the need for better flood defences | the area has regular floods*

Verb: *flood* | Noun: *flooding*

*fears that the river could flood | thousands of homes are now flooded | the river broke its banks and flooded the village | if the rain continues, there might be some flooding tonight | the station is closed because of flooding*

**independent-minded** /ˌɪndɪˈpɛndənt ˈmaɪndɪd/ Adjective

someone who is **independent-minded** makes their own decisions and does what they want rather than doing what other people want them to do  
*a curious and independent-minded person | an independent-minded politician who often disagreed with his own party | even as a child she was independent-minded and rebellious*

**paperwork** /ˈpeɪpə(r), wɜ:(r)k/ Noun uncount

**paperwork** is forms that are being filled in, reports that are being written, etc, typically thought of as being dull and uninteresting

*the job mostly involves paperwork | I'm trying to finish all this paperwork before I go on holiday | you need to collect all the necessary paperwork together | she had a mountain of paperwork to get through | even more paperwork arrived this morning*

**passionate** /ˈpæʃ(ə)nət/ Adjective

if you are **passionate** you feel very fond of and enthusiastic about something

*she was very passionate about her work | his manager described him as a passionate and committed employee | the university was looking for passionate students*

**persuasive** /pə(r)'sweɪsɪv/ Adjective

someone or something that is **persuasive** convinces you that something is true or that you should do something

*his analysis is highly persuasive | there was persuasive evidence of his guilt | he was so persuasive I eventually agreed to the proposal | there were persuasive reasons for staying in Prague*

Verb: *persuade* | Adverb: *persuasively* | Noun: *persuasiveness* | Noun: *persuasion*

*they didn't need much persuading | how do I persuade my colleagues to help? | no one was persuaded by his argument | she spoke clearly and persuasively | the author persuasively argues for tax reform | buyers make purchases based on the persuasiveness of the salesperson | his persuasiveness overcame all the objections | he didn't need much persuasion to come to the cinema | I'm open to persuasion (I'm prepared to listen to what someone has to say)*

**spreadsheet** /ˈspredʃi:t/ Noun

a **spreadsheet** is a computer program that displays information in rows and columns, and that can do calculations with the data it displays. **Spreadsheets** are used especially for financial information

*I've handed out the spreadsheet of current figures | I created a spreadsheet for our household expenses | this spreadsheet will help you work out how much your electricity bills are likely to be | the spreadsheet is updated at the end of every working day*

**suited** /su:tɪd/ Adjective

if you are **suited** to something, you have the right qualifications, experience, or personality for it suited to something

*I think I'm quite suited to the job | not everyone is suited to working in an office | they were perfectly suited to each other*

**trek** /trek/ Verb

if you **trek** somewhere, you go on a long and difficult journey by walking

*he spent two years trekking through South America | we trekked up the river for a few days | by afternoon, we had trekked 15 miles*

Noun: *trek* | Noun: *trekking*

*a two-week long trek | the 10 kilometre trek took seven hours to complete | a pony trekking holiday (riding on ponies instead of walking) | a book about trekking in Peru*

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**capability** /ˌkeɪpəˈbɪləti/ Noun

someone's or something's **capabilities** are the things that they are good at doing or that they are able to do

*she waited for a chance to show her capabilities | these capabilities are what makes humans different from animals | so they have the capability to finish the project on time? | the camera has an automatic focusing capability*

Adjective: *capable*

*we're lucky to have so many capable individuals in our department*

**civil war** /ˈsɪvl wɔ:/ Noun

**civil war** is a war fought between groups of people within one country

*Syria is being torn apart in a civil war | the English civil war was nearly 400 years ago | after the revolution of 1917, Russia faced several years of civil war*

**controversy** /ˈkɒntɹəvɜː(r)si Noun

**controversy** is a serious disagreement among a number of people about an important subject  
cause/provoke/arouse (a) controversy

*there's been some controversy about how they drill for oil | the proposals have caused a lot of controversy | some recent controversies in the media | the proposal aroused a fierce controversy | there is some controversy surrounding his place in history*

Adjective: *controversial* | Adverb: *controversially*  
highly/deeply controversial | a controversial subject/issue/topic | a controversial decision | a controversial remark/comment

*a highly controversial issue | a controversial politician | the referee made a number of controversial decisions | the government controversially decided to withdraw its support for the project | controversially, there were no women in the new cabinet*

**elegant** /ˈeɪɡənt/ Adjective

someone who is **elegant** always dresses very well and has a good figure

*he was charmed by the elegant Egyptian queen | his mother was an elegant woman of 53 | I felt so elegant in my new clothes*

Adverb: *elegantly* | Noun: *elegance*

*she always dressed elegantly when she went out | we were impressed by her charm and elegance*

**grief** /ɡriːf/ Noun uncount

**grief** is great sadness that you feel when someone you know and like dies

*his grief was so great that he killed himself | he didn't know how to talk about his grief | I'd never experienced grief like this before | her early death caused much grief among her family and friends*

Verb: *grieve*

*he was still grieving a year after his wife had died*

**infuriate** /ɪnˈfjuəriət/ Verb

if something **infuriates** you, it makes you very angry

*his attitude infuriated her | he has the ability to infuriate people with his opinions | it just infuriates me that they are allowed to do such things | what infuriated him was that she did not even apologise for being so late*

Adjective: *infuriating* | Adverb: *infuriatingly* | Adjective: *infuriated*

*it was infuriating to be told I was too old | it was the most infuriating film I've ever seen | my train to work is late on an infuriatingly regular basis | she became so infuriated that she slammed the door on her way out*

**overjoyed** /ˌəʊvə(r)ˈdʒɔɪd/ Adjective

if someone is **overjoyed**, they are very happy about something

*she was overjoyed to hear that he wasn't hurt in the crash | we were overjoyed when he came back alive from the war | he was overjoyed to hear the plan was finally working*

**rival** /ˈraɪv(ə)l/ Noun

a **rival** is a person or organisation who is competing with you to achieve something that only one of you can have

someone's main/nearest/chief/closest/fiercest rival | a bitter/deadly rival

*his closest rival was injured two weeks before the race | they'd been bitter rivals for 20 years, but now they've found friendship | Radcliffe finished the race nearly two minutes ahead of her nearest rival*

Noun: *rivalry*

fierce/bitter rivalry | sibling rivalry | rivalry between people

*the rivalry between the two cities occasionally erupted into violence | a bitter rivalry that lasted 20 years | sibling rivalry (rivalry between brothers or sisters)*

**rug** /rʌɡ/ Noun

a **rug** is a thick piece of cloth that is used to cover part of the floor in a room

*a beautiful Turkish rug | it has the soft feel of a wool rug | a blue rug with matching cushions*

**seize** /siːz/ Verb

to **seize** a place or to seize control of somewhere means to use force to take control there

seize control | seize power | seize the throne

*two weeks later she seized the throne | rebels seized control of the presidential palace | they seized public buildings and the airport | Lenin was finally able to seize power in October 1917 | he seized the city of Vidin in 1365*

Noun: *seizure*

*there were reports of land seizures in the east of the country | the seizure of the city brought an end to two years of fighting*

**successor** /səkˈsesə(r)/ Noun

the **successor** to someone is the person who takes their place and does their job after they die or stop doing the job

*after he resigned, it took the firm over four months to appoint a successor | her successor sadly died three weeks later | he did not want to resign until they had decided on a successor | I'm sure my successor will continue to grow the business*

Verb: *succeed* | Noun: *succession*

*Williams succeeded his father as head of the company | Prince Charles will be the oldest person to succeed to the British throne | we have planned the succession carefully*

**throne** /θrəʊn/ Noun

a **throne** is a special chair that a king or queen sits on at formal occasions. People also talk about **the throne** to refer to the role and function of being a king or queen

succeed to the throne | be on the throne

*she succeeded to the throne in 1952 | she's been on the throne (queen) for 65 years | the throne passed from father to son | Henry VII claimed the throne after the Battle of Bosworth Field*

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**accommodate** /ə'kɒmədeɪt/ Verb

if a place can **accommodate** a certain number of people, it can hold them all at the same time

*a holiday cottage that can accommodate six people  
| the school was built to accommodate about 300  
students | the hall can accommodate 700 spectators*

Noun: *accommodation*

*it provides accommodation for around 260 students*

**debris** /'deɪbrɪ:/ Noun uncount

**debris** is the broken pieces of something that remain after it has been destroyed somehow

*there was debris all over the road | debris from the  
wreck came onto the beach | firefighters started to  
remove the debris | mud and debris flowed through  
the village after the storm*

**module** /'mɒdju:l/ Noun

a **module** is a part of a spacecraft that can operate on its own when it separates from the rest of the spacecraft

*a landing module | a lunar module (that is designed  
to land on the moon) | the lunar module separated  
from the command module*