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dedication /ˌdedɪˈkeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount
someone's **dedication** is their determination to do a task thoroughly and well
his dedication to keeping fit was admirable | finishing medical school took years of dedication | her lifelong dedication to classical music
Verb: *dedicate*
she is dedicated to providing the best customer service possible

mat /mæt/ Noun
a **mat** is a piece of cloth that you put on the floor like a carpet
wipe your feet in the mat before you come in | a mat for doing yoga on | we're just using a couple of mats until we can afford a carpet

only child /ˈəʊnli tʃaɪld/ Noun
an **only child** is someone who doesn't have any brothers or sisters
he was an only child of wealthy parents | Cerys was single and an only child | didn't you feel lonely as an only child?

settle /ˈset(ə)l/ Verb
if you **settle** someone somewhere, or if they get **settled** there, they become comfortable where they are and have become familiar with it
settle down
parents are keen to settle them into college life | we're happily settled here now | the kids have settled down and are in bed now

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accuse /əˈkjuːz/ Verb
if you **accuse** someone of doing something, you tell them that you believe they have done something bad or illegal
accuse someone of (doing) something
he's been accused of a number of crimes | the two men were accused of murder | opposition leaders regularly accuse the government of failure
Noun: *accusation* | Noun: *accuser* | Noun: *the accused*
make an accusation | a serious accusation | a wild accusation
she made a serious accusation against her boss | officials denied all accusations that they were responsible | he plans to pursue legal action against his accusers | you need to face your accusers | the accused had spent three months awaiting trial

admit /ədˈmɪt/ Verb
if you **admit** something, you say that you have done

something wrong or something that people will not approve of
admit doing something | admit to (doing) something | admit that
he admitted stealing the car | he hasn't admitted anything yet | they'll never openly admit being wrong | he admitted to being a liar | the farmers finally admitted that they had acted wrongly
Noun: *admission*
admission of something
an admission of guilt

beg /beg/ Verb
if you **beg** someone for something, you ask them for it in an anxious or desperate way
beg someone for something | beg someone to do something | beg for something | beg something | beg of someone
he begged her forgiveness | I beg you to reconsider | let me have it, I beg of you | can I beg a slice of bread from you? | he came round begging for another chance

blanket /ˈblæŋkɪt/ Noun
a **blanket** is a large, thick piece of cloth that you use as a cover to keep yourself warm when you are in bed
we need to provide them with food and blankets | the blanket slid off the bed during the night and I woke up really cold | the blanket was the same colour as the curtains

claim /kleɪm/ Verb
if you **claim** something, you say it is true, although you do not give any proof, and so some people do not believe you
claim that
he claimed that his father had been an MP | she claimed that she had a degree, but I know that she never went to university | he still claims that he is innocent | he claimed that he never got my email
Noun: *claim*
the company made some false claims about the quality of its products

convince /kənˈvɪns/ Verb
if you **convince** someone, you succeed in making them believe something that they did not believe to start with
convince someone of something | convince someone that
the professor is trying to convince me that I could waste less | he managed to convince them of his honesty | the article wouldn't convince all its readers, but it was well written
Adjective: *convincing* | Adjective: *convinced*

it was a very convincing article | I'm convinced he'll be back at work next week

deny /dɪˈnaɪ/ Verb

if you **deny** something, you say that it is not true

deny doing something

I thought he'd taken my laptop, but he denied it | it was you wasn't it? Don't deny it | he denied taking the laptop | the rumours were denied by both policemen

Noun: *denial*

his denials were ignored by everyone

erase /ɪ'reɪz/ Verb

if you **erase** something, you do something that makes it go away or disappear as if it had never been there

time had erased her youth | all our progress was erased by the storm | it will take a few years to erase the debt

hardship /'hɑː(r)dʃɪp/ Noun uncount

hardship is a situation in which your life is very difficult, for example because you do not have much money

she suffered hardship throughout her childhood | losing his job caused him great hardship | he faced hardship to get through university | the country went through a period of severe hardship during the war

invade someone's privacy /ɪn'veɪd 'sʌmwʌnz 'prɪvəsi/ Phrase

to invade someone's privacy means to do something without their permission that they do not like because it unfairly involves their private life

they were worried about their privacy being invaded | you can't just walk in and invade my privacy like that! | ringing your doorbell isn't really invading your privacy

Noun: *invasion of privacy*

if your boss is reading all your emails, it's a definite invasion of privacy

refugee /ˌrefjʊ'dʒiː/ Noun

a **refugee** is someone who has left their country to escape from war or danger

the war has created thousands of refugees | thousands of people live in the refugee camp | more refugees arrived by boat last week | life is very difficult as a refugee

swear /sweə(r)/ Verb

if you **swear** something, you promise very firmly that it is true or that you will do it

swear that

I swear I didn't take your phone | he had a gun, I swear it! | Jan swore that the door was locked when he left the office

telephoto lens /ˈteliˌfəʊtəʊ lɛnz/ Noun

a **telephoto lens** is a piece of equipment on the front of a camera that allows you to take photographs of

things or people that are a very long way away

a new digital camera with a telephoto lens | the safest way to photograph the tigers is with a telephoto lens

threaten /'θret(ə)n/ Verb

if someone **threatens** you, they frighten you by telling you they will hurt you or do something bad to you

threaten to do something

"I'll call the police," he threatened | he followed me home and started threatening me | the government threatened to close the university | lack of money threatened the survival of the school | the crowd was threatening violence against the president

Noun: *threat* | Adjective: *threatening*

they faced threats of violence | global warming is a serious threat to the human race | he was charged with sending a threatening letter to his teacher

unethical /ʌn'eθɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

unethical behaviour is morally wrong

is it unethical to take photos without people's permission? | he was accused of unethical conduct | his methods were clearly unethical | it was neither illegal nor unethical

Adverb: *unethically* || Opposite – Adjective: *ethical* | Adverb: *ethically*

the doctor acted unethically on several occasions | they insist on the highest ethical standards | is it ethically acceptable to keep them in prison for so long?

urge /ɜː(r)dʒ/ Verb

if you **urge** someone to do something, you encourage them very strongly to do it

urge someone to do something | urge that

he urged me to think again | shoppers have been urged to change their habits | parents who smoke are strongly urged to quit | we strongly urge you to vote "no" | we urge our best students to consider graduate study | he urged that peace talks should start

Noun: *urge*

feel an urge (to do something)

Annie felt an urge to phone her mother (wanted very much to phone her)

victim /ˈvɪktɪm/ Noun

a **victim** is someone who suffers as a result of a crime committed against them or as a result of an event that they cannot control

a victim of something

I've been a victim of three burglaries | another victim died two days later | about half of dog bite victims are children | flood victims were unable to return to their homes for weeks

warn /wɔː(r)n/ Verb

if you **warn** someone, you tell them about something bad that might happen to them

warn someone about something | warn someone that | warn someone not to do something
she warned us that it was going to rain | it's good to warn other people so they're prepared for the worst | we were warned about the danger before we set off | I warned you not to do that

Noun: *warning*

the bomb went off without warning | they ignored the warnings to stay away | Tom shouted a warning, but it was too late

weathered /'weðəd/ Adjective

if something is **weathered**, the surface has started to look old and worn, like something that has been outside in the wind and rain for a long time

her skin had weathered over the years | his face was weathered and he looked older than his 38 years | the building had a weathered appearance

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aerosol /'eərəʊsəl/ Noun

an **aerosol** is a liquid kept under pressure that you spray out of a metal container

don't leave aerosol containers near the cooker | don't use aerosol cleaners on the furniture | aerosols are the main reason for the hole in the ozone layer

astonishing /ə'stɒnɪʃɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **astonishing** makes you very surprised and impressed

it was an astonishing achievement | the island is home to an astonishing variety of birds | the paintings were absolutely astonishing | the results were astonishing

Adjective: *astonished* | Noun: *astonishment* | Verb: *astonish*
in *astonishment*

they both looked astonished when I told them the news | Howard was too astonished to say anything | his mouth fell open in astonishment | she made no attempt to hide her astonishment | Harold did something that astonished us all

charming /'tʃɑ:(r)mɪŋ/ Adjective

someone or something that is **charming** is very pleasant and attractive

she had such a charming personality | he's a very charming man | he found her utterly fascinating and charming | she gave me a charming smile

Noun: *charm*

he had great personal charm

cure /kjʊə(r)/ Noun

a **cure** for an illness is something that stops the illness and makes someone well again

a cure for something

there's no cure for the common cold | scientists are still searching for a cure | she wants to discover a cure for cancer | this is not a permanent cure (it won't last for ever)

Verb: *cure* | Adjective: *curable* || Opposite – Adjective: *incurable*

cure someone of something

she's now completely cured of the disease | it's likely to be several weeks before he's fully cured | this disease used to be fatal, but now it can be cured | you can't cure a common cold | a curable illness | he's got an incurable medical condition

discipline /'dɪsəplɪn/ Verb

to **discipline** someone means to punish them because they have broken the rules of an organisation that they are part of

the bus company apologised and disciplined the driver | six members of staff were disciplined for smoking in the toilets | she threatened to discipline anyone who spoke to the local newspaper

Noun: *discipline* | Adjective: *disciplinary*

he imposed tough discipline whenever anyone was late for work | we had to take disciplinary action against him

engaging /ɪn'geɪdʒɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **engaging** keeps you interested all the time

her lessons were always very engaging | not all the stories in the book were so fresh and engaging | an engaging, interactive display | every night there were engaging and educational activities

entitled /ɪn'taɪtld/ Adjective

if you are **entitled** to have something or do something, you have a right to have it or do it

entitled to something | entitled to do something | the law says you are entitled to keep the car | the bank is entitled to refuse to lend you the money | I'm not entitled to a company car yet | you are entitled to free legal advice

Noun: *entitlement* | Verb: *entitle*

entitlement to something | entitle someone to something

the children's entitlement to free school meals | this will entitle you to free medical care for the next year

fabric /'fæbrɪk/ Noun

fabric is cloth or material used for making clothes, sheets, covering for furniture, etc

a light cotton fabric | silk is my favourite fabric for this sort of dress | a shop window displaying several colourful fabrics | a roll of fabric

furnish /'fɜ:(r)nɪʃ/ Verb

if you **furnish** a house or flat, you get the furniture that you need and put it in there

we gave him an armchair to help him furnish his flat | over the years we furnished the house with some very fine furniture | a fully-furnished flat

Noun: *furniture*

there was hardly any furniture in the room – just a bed and a chair

honesty /'ɒnɪsti/ Noun uncount

honesty is the quality of always telling the truth and never cheating or stealing things

honesty is very important in this job | a high degree

of honesty is required in this job | you can go far through hard work and honesty | I really appreciate your honesty

Adjective: **honest** | Adverb: *honestly* || Opposites – Noun: *dishonesty* | Adjective: *dishonest* | Adverb: *dishonestly*

her father was a kind, honest man | my parents taught me to be honest | he lived his life honestly | his dishonesty was obvious | if they think you're dishonest they won't give you a job | the judge decided she had acted dishonestly

life expectancy /laɪf ɪks'pektənsi/ Noun uncount
your **life expectancy** is the number of years you can reasonably expect to be alive

life expectancy in the UK for women is now over 82 years | life expectancy rose throughout the 20th century but might now drop | the inhabitants of Liechtenstein have the longest life expectancy in Europe | lower than average life expectancy | the life expectancy of a horse is 25 to 30 years

lottery /'lɒtəri/ Noun

a **lottery** is a sort of game where you choose a set of numbers, and you win money if the numbers you chose are the right ones
do/play the lottery | win the lottery | win (money) on the lottery | lottery ticket

a weekly lottery | a national lottery (you can buy tickets anywhere in the country) | a lottery ticket | I dream of winning the lottery | the lottery jackpot (the biggest prize in the lottery) | I do the lottery every week | she won £200 on the lottery

ozone layer /'əʊzəʊn 'leɪə/ Noun singular

the **ozone layer** is the part of the atmosphere about 10 km above the earth that is made up of ozone (a kind of oxygen) and that protects the earth from some of the possible harmful effects of strong sunshine

there's a dangerous hole in the ozone layer | these chemicals have a bad effect on the ozone layer | during winter, the ozone layer increases in depth

riot shield /raɪət ʃɪld/ Noun

a **riot shield** is a piece of equipment used by the police when there is a violent protest on the streets. It is made from thick, strong, transparent metal or plastic to protect them from stones, bottles, etc being thrown at them

police with riot shields stood outside the station | metal riot shields were introduced in 1970 | some metal riot shields have a small window at eye level

sledge /sledʒ/ Verb

a **sledge** is an object people use to travel over snow. It has pieces of metal or wood instead of wheels so that it can slide. If you **sledge**, you ride on a sledge
we sledged down the hill | they sledged 11 miles to reach the lake | we sledged through the storm to get back to the cabin | we spent the afternoon sledging down the hill behind the house

Noun: *sledge*

the children were outside making a sledge | I fell off the sledge half way down the hill

slow down /sləʊ daʊn/ Phrasal verb

if a process or activity **slows down**, or if you **slow it down**, it starts to happen less quickly

products that will slow down the ageing process | is there any way we can slow down population growth? | progress has been slowing down for several months now | you can't stop the process, just slow it down if you're lucky

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bad publicity /bəd pʌb'lɪsɪti/ Noun uncount

bad publicity is news or information about someone or about an organisation that has a bad effect on them because it makes people think worse of them
afraid of bad publicity, he refused to do a newspaper interview | last week, thanks to bad publicity, the airline backed down and offered everyone a refund | we don't want any more bad publicity

be lost for words /biː lɒst fɔː wɜːdz/ Phrase

if you are **lost for words**, you are so surprised or shocked by something that you cannot think of what to say

she fell silent, lost for words | I'm lost for words – I just never expected to win the whole tournament | for once, Mr Trump seemed lost for words

betray /bɪ'treɪ/ Verb

if someone **betrays** you, they do something that has a bad effect on you when it was their job or duty to be loyal to you

Judith was betrayed by her own brother | if you betray me, I will kill you | he felt betrayed by his boss | he was accused of betraying his country by spying for the Russians

Noun: *betrayal*

the novel deals with murder and betrayal

clear your name /kliə jɔː neɪm/ Phrase

if you **clear your name**, you prove that you are not guilty of something bad or illegal that you have been accused of doing

it took me three years to clear my name | he was able to clear his name thanks to a lot of help from a journalist friend | he asked the company to issue a statement to clear his name

fail /feɪl/ Verb

when something such as a machine or an important part of your body **fails**, it stops working properly
both engines failed within an hour of taking off | the brakes failed in the wet conditions | she was only 11 when her kidneys failed

Noun: *failure*

he pulled out of the race with engine failure | heart failure is a common cause of death | the probable cause was mechanical failure

give your word /gɪv jɔː wɜːd/ Phrase

if you **give your word**, you promise something
give someone your word

I give you my word that I'll pay back the money | he gave his word that he would keep the library open | I want you to give me your word that you didn't steal it

let down /lɛt daʊn/ Phrasal verb

if someone **lets you down**, they don't do something that they were meant to do, and this causes a problem for you

I'm determined not to let you down | it wasn't the first time that she had been let down by her brother | he had let down both his crew and his passengers | we're relying on you, Wayne. Don't let us down

Adjective: *let down*

the incident left him feeling let down and upset | despite what she said, she felt terribly let down

miraculously /mə'reɪkjʊləsli/ Adverb

if something good happens **miraculously**, it actually happens even though people were afraid that it would not happen and that people would be hurt or things would be damaged

he miraculously survived by holding onto a tree | the operation was miraculously successful | his mother and brother miraculously swam to safety

Adjective: *miraculous* | Noun: *miracle*

the doctor said her survival was simply miraculous | he made a miraculous recovery | if he passes his exams it will be a miracle

rumour /ru:mə(r)/ Noun

a **rumour** is information that passes from one person to another, and that is not certain to be true

rumours started that he had been sacked | have you heard the rumours about David Beckham? | the rumours were obviously untrue | it's surprising how quickly rumours spread

Verb: *rumour*

she was rumoured to have been poisoned | it was widely rumoured that he had recently come back from Syria

runway /ˈrʌnweɪ/ Noun

a **runway** is a long, straight strip of land at an airport where planes take off and land

the runway here is over 4,000 metres long | nobody wants to see a third runway built at Heathrow | a concrete runway was installed in 1954 | the plane climbed steadily after leaving the runway

take someone's word for it /teɪk 'sʌmwʌnz wɜ:d fɔ:r ɪt/ Phrase

if you **take someone's word for it**, you believe what they say even though they have given no evidence for it

don't take my word for it, go and see for yourself | it sounds unlikely, but I'll take your word for it | we'll just have to take his word for it and hope he's right

transformation /ˌtrænsfə(r)'meɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a **transformation** is a complete change

the transformation of something (into something) | a complete/total transformation | undergo a transformation

she proposed a radical transformation of the health service | the transformation phase of the process | she underwent an amazing transformation | the building's transformation from a school to a community centre | the party has undergone a complete transformation

Verb: *transform*

the whole house has been transformed | they transformed the old station into a hotel

wing flap /wɪŋ flæp/ Noun

a **wing flap** is a section of the wing of an aeroplane that can be moved up or down in order to control the movement of the aeroplane

wing flaps help reduce the plane's speed when landing | the pilot adjusted the wing flaps ready for take-off

word goes round /wɜ:d gəʊz ə'raʊnd/ Phrase

if **word goes round** or **gets round**, information passes from one person to another so that eventually a lot of people know it

word went round that McCartney was coming back to Liverpool | word went round that our new neighbours were from Albania | somehow, word got round that my dad had been in prison

word of mouth /wɜ:d ɒv maʊθ/ Phrase

if information is carried by **word of mouth**, it gets known by people talking to each other, rather than through advertisements, TV programmes, the Internet, etc

the hotel relies on word of mouth for new customers | the best sales technique is still word of mouth | you should always listen to word-of-mouth recommendations

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fake /feɪk/ Adjective

something that is **fake** is a copy of a real, valuable, or official object, that has been made in order to deceive people

he was arrested for trying to enter the country on a fake passport | a fake CV | the paper was accused of publishing fake news | the paintings were fake

Noun: *fake* | Verb: *fake*

the painting was a fake | he faked her signature on the cheque | he entered the country using faked documents

genuine /dʒenjuɪn/ Adjective

someone who is **genuine** is really what they appear to be and does not pretend to be different

he seems like a genuine guy | she's honest, sincere, and genuine | you've been a genuine friend to me

gossip /ˈɡɒsɪp/ Noun uncount

gossip is talking about things in not a very serious way, often about personal things to do with other people that might not be true

I try not to get involved in office gossip | this wasn't idle gossip (probably untrue), it was absolutely true | her divorce was in all the gossip columns (newspaper)

columns about famous people) | he enjoys spreading gossip whenever he can

Verb: gossip | Noun: gossip

gossip about someone or something

they're always gossiping about the boss's husband | we can't spend all day gossiping – I'm going back to work | the village gossip (someone in a village who is always gossiping)

proper /ˈprɒpə(r)/ Adjective

someone or something that is **proper** is correct, and is exactly how they are meant to be

he's a proper doctor | you should eat a proper meal, just a sandwich | my father always said that being a musician isn't a proper job | you need to do a proper search of the house | the proper way to carry them is like this | make sure he gets proper medical treatment

Adverb: properly

the fish wasn't cooked properly | my phone isn't working properly

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coordinate /kəʊˈdɪn(eɪ)t/ Verb

if you **coordinate** something with someone else, you arrange to do something at the same time as them so that you will get the exact result that you want

they coordinate their attacks to overwhelm their prey | we need to coordinate our approach to him | you should coordinate this activity with the school librarian

Adjective: coordinated

they launched a coordinated attack from both sides of the city

dip /dɪp/ Verb

if you **dip** something in a liquid, you put it into a liquid briefly, just long enough to get it wet

dip something into something

I like to dip my biscuits into my tea | dip the brush into the paint pot | I dipped my toe in the water to see how cold it was

flipper /ˈflɪpə(r)/ Noun

a **flipper** is the flat arm or leg of a sea animal such as a whale or a penguin

whales move easily through water because of their flippers | it had flippers instead of feet | the flippers help it swim very fast

immune /ɪ'mju:n/ Adjective

if you are **immune** to an illness, you cannot catch it because your body is able to resist it

immune to something

I had measles as a baby so I'm immune to it now | the doctor told me not to worry as I was immune | the body's immune system (the chemicals in one's body that fight disease and infection)

Noun: immunity

immunity to something

children build up their natural immunity to simple colds | immunity can be passed from a mother to her baby

overwhelm /ˌəʊvə(r)'welɪn/ Verb

if you **overwhelm** someone or something, you manage to get complete control over them despite their attempts to stop you

they coordinate their attacks to overwhelm their prey | 300 troops overwhelmed the city in a night time attack | we were overwhelmed by a much stronger army

Adjective: overwhelming

the use of overwhelming force

pack /pæk/ Noun

a **pack** is a group of animals that live and hunt together

a pack of something | in packs

a pack of dogs | these animals hunt in packs | a pack of eight wolves

prey /preɪ/ Noun uncount

prey is an animal or animals that another animal is hunting to eat as food

lions will attack prey that are larger than them | a bird of prey (a bird that hunts and kills other animals) | spiders use webs to catch their prey | when chasing prey they can run at speeds of 30 km/h | smaller snakes eat smaller prey

Verb: prey

prey on/upon something

these birds prey on mice and other small mammals

put off /put ɒf/ Phrasal verb

if something **puts** you **off** something, it makes you dislike it or not want to do it

put someone off (doing) something

don't be put off by the smell – it tastes lovely | I felt so sick afterwards that it put me off smoking for life | the adverts for the film put me off wanting to see it | don't let that one bad experience put you off golf

Adjective: off-putting

the smell from the kitchen was rather off-putting

ruthless /ˈru:θləs/ Adjective

someone who is **ruthless** makes sure they achieve what they want and does not care if other people are hurt in the process

the newspaper described him as a ruthless killer | Stalin was a ruthless dictator | I never knew you could be so ruthless | a ruthless enemy

Adverb: ruthlessly | Noun: ruthlessness

we were ruthlessly punished for the smallest offences | the ruthlessly ambitious daughter of King Uther | he was known for his ruthlessness and cruelty | he achieved his aims thanks to a combination of ruthlessness and skill

splash /splæʃ/ Verb

if liquid **splashes**, it flies up in small drops and makes something wet

the coffee splashed over the tablecloth | the paint splashed against the wall when I dropped the tin

Noun: *splash*

Benny jumped into the water with a huge splash

swipe /swaɪp/ Verb

if you **swipe** something or **swipe** at it, you hit it in a slightly uncontrolled way

she swiped at the wasp | she swiped me right across the nose by accident | the dog swiped him with its tail

Noun: *swipe*

he took a swipe at me

REVIEW PAGE 116**misbehave** /ˌmɪsbɪˈheɪv/ Verb

if someone **misbehaves**, they behave very badly

he'd been misbehaving all afternoon | if you misbehave again you'll have to go to your room and stay there | he always misbehaves when we have visitors | they were severely punished if they misbehaved

Noun: *misbehaviour* || Opposite – Verb: *behave*

any future misbehaviour will be punished | make sure you behave when the visitors are here

missing /ˈmɪsɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **missing** is not where it is meant to be and you do not know where it is. If someone **goes missing**, they disappear from their home and people worry about them because they do not know where the person is

go missing

she's been missing for three weeks | he went missing after school on Tuesday | a missing child | police found the missing couple in Barnsley

naughty /ˈnɔːti/ Adjective

if children are **naughty**, they behave badly and do things they are not supposed to do

Yamato did something very naughty | his children are really naughty | she can be quite naughty sometimes | you've been a very naughty boy | that was very naughty of you | my neighbour talks to me as if I were a naughty schoolchild

shelter /ˈʃeltə(r)/ Noun

a **shelter** is somewhere that gives you protection, for example from rain, cold, danger, etc

take shelter

a bus shelter (where people keep dry when they are waiting for a bus) | they took shelter under the entrance to a supermarket | the lizard was looking for shelter under a rock | the sun was very strong and there was no shelter in the middle of the field | he found a military shelter in the forest

Verb: *shelter* | Adjective: *sheltered*

four of us sheltered under the branches of an oak tree | a nice sheltered spot for a picnic