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adaptation /ˌædæp'teɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **adaptation** of a book or play for cinema or television is a version of it that has been written as a film script

a film/television/TV adaptation | a faithful adaptation | a loose adaptation

some film adaptations work very well | a television adaptation of Orwell's 1984 | she's working on an adaptation of her second novel | a faithful adaptation of King's novel (one that stays very close to the original story) | the film was a loose adaptation of Madame Bovary (did not follow the original story very closely)

Verb: adapt

her second novel was adapted for the big screen (to be shown in cinemas) | Andrew Davis adapted War and Peace for the BBC

box office /'bɒks ɒfɪs/ Noun

at a theatre or cinema, the **box office** is the place where you can buy tickets. A **box-office** success is a play or film that is very popular and sells a large number of tickets

the film was a box-office success despite what the critics wrote | Jaws was the first film to take \$100 million at the box office | his second film did not do well at the box office | It has broken box-office records in 15 countries

budget /'bʌdʒət/ Noun

the **budget** for a particular activity is the amount of money that is available to be spent on it

a tight budget | go over budget

his next film had a budget of \$1 million | he made his first film on a very tight budget (with very little money) | a low-budget film (one that did not cost a lot of money to make) | the project went over budget (spent more money than it had available)

capture /'kæptʃə(r)/ Verb

something that **captures** the meaning or importance of something else is able to express that meaning so that people recognise and understand it

the film brilliantly captures the atmosphere of wartime London | the photographs capture the essence of life in Eastern Siberia | That description captures perfectly the feeling of being a stranger in big city

cast /kɑːst/ Noun

the **cast** of a film or play is all the actors who play the individual parts

an all-star cast

the film had a great cast | the all-star cast included

Cate Blanchett and Kate Beckinsale | she joined the cast of East Enders in 2015 | the whole cast performed brilliantly | posters for the film announced a cast of thousands

Verb: cast

be cast as

Sandra Bullock was originally cast as Rafi | the producer decided to cast his daughter in the main role

imaginary /ɪ'mædʒɪnəri/ Adjective

something that is **imaginary** is not real but exists only in someone's mind

Tolkien created a very original imaginary world | as a child, I had an imaginary friend called Daisy | he pulled out an imaginary gun and pretended to shoot me | doctors encounter a number of imaginary diseases

native /'neɪtɪv/ Adjective

someone's **native** country, town, city, etc is the country, town, or city where they were born and grew up

Jackson returned to his native New Zealand | I live in Manchester but my native town is Windsor

spirit /'spɪrɪt/ Noun

the **spirit** of an action or statement is the way it is meant to be understood, not necessarily its literal meaning

the spirit of something

the film remains true to the spirit of the book | complaints are made in the spirit of improving a service | the display was put on in the spirit of fun | this is certainly against the spirit of the law (even if it is legal, it is not what the law intended to allow)

storyline /'stɔːrɪlaɪn/ Noun

the **storyline** of a book or film is the plot and the development of everything that happens in it

a film with a great storyline | the storyline was just ridiculous | the main storyline involved a man whose children had been killed

stunning /'stʌnɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **stunning** is extremely impressive and beautiful

absolutely stunning | stunning scenery | a stunning view

the film is visually stunning | a stunning building | the room looked stunning and was decorated beautifully | a stunning view from the hotel window | the cottage is set in stunning scenery | the stunning countryside of Wensleydale

Adverb: stunningly

a stunningly beautiful landscape

varied /ˈveəriəd/ Adjective

something that is **varied** consists of lots of different kinds of things

the varied scenery of New Zealand | it's a very varied job | the work is interesting and very varied | a very varied group of people | a varied range of products

Verb: *vary* | Noun: *variety*

a variety of something

prices vary quite a lot | the college offers a wide variety of courses

PAGES 22–23**approach** /əˈprəʊtʃ/ Noun

your **approach** to a problem or situation is the way you decide to deal with it or think about it

a new/different/alternative approach | a traditional approach | take an approach (to something)

Lauda and Hunt had a very different approach to life | a traditional approach to staff development | it is time for a dramatically new approach | if it is impossible to find an alternative approach, then the experiment should be halted

Verb: *approach*

approach a problem/task/matter/issue

people approached the issue in different ways | think about how you intend to approach the problem

background /ˈbækgraʊnd/ Noun

the **background** to a story is all the things that lead up to the events of the story but are not part of the main action

the background to something

chapter one provides all the background the reader needs | let me give you a little background to the story

baking hot /ˈbeɪkɪŋ ˈhɒt/ Adjective

if it is **baking hot**, the air around you is very hot indeed

it was baking hot on the beach | last summer was baking hot | a baking hot day in August

bank /bæŋk/ Noun

a **bank** is a raised area of ground, often along the side of something such as a field, river, canal, road etc
the car hit a bank and burst into flames | there was a ditch on the other side of the bank

bonnet /ˈbɒnɪt/ Noun

the **bonnet** of a vehicle such as a car or van is the front part that covers the engine

the cow landed on the bonnet of their van | she opened the bonnet to check the oil | the bonnet was a different colour from the rest of the car | he leaned against the bonnet of the car and waited

bounce back /ˌbaʊns ˈbæk/ Phrasal verb

if something **bounces back**, it moves quickly in the direction it came from after forcefully crashing into something solid

the car bounced back and burst into flames | the ball

hit the tree next door and bounced back into the garden

bumpy /ˈbʌmpi/ Adjective

a **bumpy** surface is very uneven and has a lot of raised parts on it. A **bumpy** ride is uncomfortable because the car or plane you are in is bouncing up and down a lot

a bumpy road/track | a bumpy ride/drive/journey
the path was bumpy in places | after a very bumpy ride, they arrived at the farmhouse | the plane made a bumpy landing | a bumpy flight through a thunderstorm

Noun: *bump*

he braked too late and hit the bump at speed | the car rattled loudly as it went over the bumps in the road | a speed bump (a deliberately raised strip across a road which is meant to make drivers slow down)

burst into flames /bɜː(r)st ɪntə ˈfleɪmz/ Phrase

if something **bursts into flames**, it suddenly starts to burn with a lot of uncontrollable flames

the car burst into flames | the plane hit the ground and burst into flames | two men died after their helicopter burst into flames

cliff /klɪf/ Noun

a **cliff** is an area of land which has an extremely steep side that goes down a long way, usually to the sea or a river

he looked down over the cliff | a high cliff rose above the sea | a rocky cliff above the waves of the Atlantic | keep away from the edge of the cliff

collapse /kəˈlæps/ Verb

if a building or something solid **collapses**, it becomes destroyed because it breaks and falls to the ground

part of the mine collapsed, blocking their exit | the bridge collapsed during the floods | I put up some shelves on Sunday but they collapsed on Monday! | a boy was killed when the wall of his classroom collapsed yesterday afternoon

Noun: *collapse*

the bridge collapse happened at 7 o'clock this morning | measures were taken to protect the building from collapse

context /ˈkɒntekst/ Noun

the **context** in which something happens is the particular set of circumstances around it that might influence it or help to explain it

the novel reflects two very different cultural contexts | with no sensible context the film was just a series of violent scenes

copper miner /ˈkɒpə(r) maɪnə(r)/ Noun

a **copper miner** is a worker who works in a copper mine, getting copper out of the ground

33 copper miners were trapped for over two months | in 1797, copper miners here earned around £2 a month | her father was a copper miner | copper miners went on strike demanding better pay

Noun: *copper mine*

Chilean copper mine workers are among the highest-paid miners in South America | the copper mine closed ten years ago and is now a tourist attraction

emerge /ɪ'mɜ:(r)dʒ/ Verb

if someone or something **emerges**, they appear from somewhere where they have been hidden or out of sight

after 69 days, 33 copper miners emerged into the sunlight | the road ran through a short tunnel before emerging again at the other end | the moon emerged from behind a cloud

extreme /ɪk'stri:m/ Adjective

extreme means very great in degree or very severe in effect

he suffered extreme burns | how would you define extreme poverty? | extreme cold kills twice as many people as extreme heat | Arkansas is known for extreme weather and many storms | such extreme temperatures can be a threat to health (very hot or very cold temperatures) | crop damage was extreme

Adverb: *extremely*

an extremely difficult task | in November, the situation became extremely dangerous

faint /feɪnt/ Verb

if you **faint**, you become unconscious, for example because you are not well or because you are too hot or because you have had a strong emotional shock

his wife fainted when she saw his face | I think I'm going to faint | she almost fainted when she heard the news | he had never fainted in his life | she was the sort of girl who wouldn't scream and faint in a crisis

Adjective: *faint*

feel faint

I feel a bit faint (as if I am going to faint)

go ahead /ˌgəʊ ə'hed/ Phrasal verb

if something **goes ahead**, it takes place as it was planned to do and is not cancelled

Hunt wanted the race to go ahead | the project is still going ahead despite the budget cuts | the game will go ahead as planned unless the weather gets a lot worse

intense /ɪn'tens/ Adjective

something that is **intense** is very extreme in strength, degree, or amount

he was trapped in the intense heat for over a minute | a week of intense cold weather | an emotionally intense conversation | he was under intense pressure to resign

Adverb: *intensely* | Noun: *intensity* | Verb: *intensify*

an intensely bright light | her paintings have a rich intensity of colour | the storm intensified during the night

marshal /'mɑ:(r)(ə)/ Noun

a **marshal** is one of the people whose job is to supervise everything that happens at a public event including controlling the crowds who are there

two safety marshals pulled him out of the car | all the marshals were wearing yellow jackets | marshals asked the crowd to stand back while the ambulance came through

pits /pɪts/ Noun plural

in motor racing, the **pits** are the places at the edge of the track where the drivers bring their cars when they need to get petrol or change tyres during a race

he came into the pits three times during the race | the mechanics waited in the pits with the new tyres | there was nearly a crash as they both left the pits at the same time

plastic surgery /ˌplæstɪk 'sɜ:(r)dʒəri/ Noun uncount

if someone has **plastic surgery**, they have a medical operation to repair damage to their skin or to improve their appearance

just six weeks after his plastic surgery he was back in a racing car | my plastic surgery cost over £4,000 | he had to undergo plastic surgery after the accident | she denied having had plastic surgery

Noun: *plastic surgeon*

a good plastic surgeon will be able to hide the scars

plot /plot/ Noun

the **plot** of a story, film, or play is all the events that happen during it and the way they are connected to each other

a complicated/simple plot | a plot twist

the film had a very complicated plot | it was a long book with a surprisingly simple plot | can you describe the plot in two sentences? | a great story with a shocking plot twist at the end (an unexpected event in the story that is meant to surprise people)

plunge /plʌndʒ/ Verb

if someone or something **plunges**, they fall a long way downwards and very quickly

it plunged 70 metres to the road below | she plunged into the water | the car plunged over the edge of the bridge

Noun: *plunge*

the plane started a steep plunge when the engine caught fire

put to sleep /ˌput tə 'sli:p/ Phrase

to **put** an injured animal **to sleep** is to kill it without pain because it is too ill to survive and would suffer a lot otherwise

the cow had to be put to sleep | as a vet, I often have to put an animal to sleep | we were worried that our dog would have to be put to sleep

set off /ˌset 'ɒf/ Phrasal verb

if someone **sets off**, they begin a journey

the runners set off at 12:00 | we're setting off at 6am tomorrow | they set off early the next day | do you want something to eat before we set off?

setting /'setɪŋ/ Noun

the **setting** for the story in a book or film is the place and time where the action happens

the plot and setting of the film reminded me of Mad

Max | the second series introduced new characters but kept the same setting | a version of Hamlet in a modern setting

Verb: set

the play is set in the family home in Moscow

trapped /træpt/ Adjective

if someone is **trapped** somewhere, they cannot move, for example because they are held there by something heavy or because something is blocking their way out

he was trapped inside the burning car | twenty people were trapped when the building collapsed | we were trapped for over two hours | a tree fell across the doorway leaving us trapped | seven miners were trapped underground

Verb: trap

the rising water trapped us upstairs

turning point /'tɜ:(r)niŋ pɔɪnt/ Noun

a **turning point** is a moment during a process or sequence of events when things start to change and develop in a different way and therefore change the eventual result

the turning point in the story came when the narrator's wife left him | the election marked a turning point in the country's history | a turning point in the strike came a week later | the invasion of Russia proved to be a turning point in the war

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animation /ˌæni'meɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **animation** is a film that uses drawings or computer images that appear to move, rather than using real people or objects. **Animation** is also the process used in making these films

a studio that specializes in video animations | Disney films use both traditional and computer animation | animation software | we used a combination of animation and live-action (involving real people)

Adjective: animated | Noun: animator

an animated movie about dinosaurs | over 300 animators worked on the film

blogging /'blɒɡɪŋ/ Noun uncount

blogging is the activity of regularly writing for a particular blog (a page or set of pages on a website where someone writes short articles and where other people can add things)

I started blogging three years ago | she stopped blogging when she got a Twitter account | blogging took up a lot of my time last year

Noun: blog | Noun: blogger | Verb: blog

blog post

his blog is read by thousands of people | a blog post (a single article on the blog) | a political blog (a blog about politics) | a very active political blogger (who writes about politics) | Hadley blogs about fashion

bring a story to life /ˌbrɪŋ ə 'stɔ:ri tə laɪf/ Phrase

if you **bring a story to life**, you tell it or show it in an exciting way that makes your reader or audience very interested in it

not everyone can bring a story to life visually | his excellent Russian accent really brought the story to life | she used music as well as pictures to bring the story to life

combine /kəm'baɪn/ Verb

if you **combine** a number of different things, you mix them or join them together to make a single thing

combine something with something

the show combines music and drama | a holiday which combined culture and sunbathing | a busy city which successfully combines the ancient and the modern | different methods may be combined together to get the best results | video games combine physical actions with expression

Noun: combination | Adjective: combined

the show was a combination of music and dance | there's a combination of reasons for the decision | the doctor recommended a combination of drugs for her illness | a combined business trip and weekend break

data /'deɪtə/ Noun

data is facts or information that can be analysed and used for making calculations or decisions

data analysis

in infographics, people combine data and images to communicate information | none of the personal data collected is ever passed on | the data is then analysed and recorded | data analysis | the study was based on data from 1000 adults aged between 20 and 35

delight /dɪ'laɪt/ Noun uncount

delight is a feeling of great pleasure and happiness

to someone's delight | feel delight at something

their youthful delight is clearly visible in the photo | to my surprise and delight, Jenny organised a big party for my 40th birthday | you can imagine my delight when I saw what she'd posted on Facebook about me | she felt huge delight at the idea of returning to Venice

Adjective: delightful | Adjective: delighted | Verb: delight

we spent a delightful evening in Bristol | I was delighted to hear you passed your exam! | the play delighted audiences throughout January and February

engage /ɪn'geɪdʒ/ Verb

if you **engage** someone or **engage** their attention, you make them interested in what you are saying or doing so that they pay close attention to it

engage the reader/viewer/listener | engage the audience

a good photo engages the viewer immediately | she really engaged the audience from the very beginning of the show | the party never engaged the public properly and lost the election heavily | a well-

written novel that engages the reader from the very first page

Noun: *engagement* | Adjective: *engaged*

it was hard work trying to ensure student engagement | the website has built a large and engaged audience

express /ɪk'spres/ Verb

if you **express** something, especially an emotion, you communicate it to someone using words, pictures, music, etc

the frequent use of images to express ideas | I just want to express my thanks for your help last week | she expressed a desire to visit her nephew in Godalming | everyone has the right to express their opinion on this topic | he'd always found it hard to express his feelings

Noun: *expression* | Adjective: *expressive* | Adverb: *expressively*

an expression of something

an expression of sympathy | the look on his face was very expressive | her eyes grew larger and more expressive | he smiled at her expressively

icon /'aɪkən/ Noun

an **icon** is an image on a computer screen that is used to represent a particular function or idea as a picture rather than as words

click on the icon to open the document | what does this icon mean? | the screen was full of icons | use this icon to delete the file

infographic /ɪnfə'græfɪk/ Noun

an **infographic** is a visual charts or graph that represents information in an interesting and understandable way

she uses a lot of infographics in her blog | I saw an interesting infographic on his Twitter feed | an infographic about the amount of sugar in the average person's diet | infographics are very effective because they catch the eye in a way that words on the page simply can't

insert /ɪn'sɜ:(r)t/ Verb

if you **insert** something into something else, you put it inside the other thing

insert something in/into something

the user can easily insert a photo into their tweet | insert the new battery into the back of the phone | how can I insert my signature into a pdf document? | the doctor inserted a needle into my arm | her hand shook slightly as she inserted the key in the lock

Noun: *insertion* | Noun: *insert*

regular insertion and removal of the plug can make the wires come loose | some advertisers place inserts in the magazine (loose pages carrying advertising)

launch /lɔ:ntʃ/ Verb

if you **launch** a new product, book, website, etc., you start to make it available and let a lot of people know about it so that they can buy it or make use of it

Facebook was launched in 2004 | we're launching a new product next month | they're launching an electric car at the Motor Show | they've launched a new range of laptop computers

Noun: *launch*

60 journalists turned up for the book launch | the successful launch of the Royal website

life jacket /laɪf,dʒækɪt/ Noun

a **life jacket** is a jacket with no sleeves that helps you float in water, for example if you have fallen into a river or the sea

put your life jacket on before getting into the boat | there were no life jackets on board the ship | tell your friends that wearing a life jacket is important | a bright orange life jacket was floating on the sea

migrant crisis /maɪgrənt ,kraɪsɪs/ Noun

the **migrant crisis** is the situation in which millions of people from a number of countries are forced to leave their homes because of war, poverty, or hunger and try to reach safety in Europe

he helped bring the migrant crisis to the world's attention | Europe needs to do more to solve the migrant crisis | the migrant crisis has got worse over the last year

refugee /ˌrefjuː'dʒi:/ Noun

a **refugee** is someone who has had to leave their country because of war or their political or religious beliefs, or because of an event such as an earthquake, flood, etc

a refugee camp

the ship's captain agreed to take the refugees to the safety of Malaysia | the war has created thousands of refugees | Germany welcomed more than 1 million refugees in 2015 | there were over 2,000 people in the refugee camp

risk /rɪsk/ Verb

if you **risk** doing something, you do it because you want the benefit it will give you if it succeeds, even though there is a strong chance that it will fail and have a bad effect on you

risk doing something

they risked crossing the sea to get to Greece | we'll just have to risk telling him he can't come | it's dangerous, but I'll risk it if you will

Noun: *risk* | Adjective: *risky*

take a risk

are you willing to take the risk? | it was a risk, but it paid off (it was a success) | it's risky to put all your money in shares | oil exploration is a risky business

social networking /ˌsəʊʃəl 'netwɜ:(r)kɪŋ/ Noun

social networking is the use of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc. to share information, find people with similar interests, etc.

Vkontakte is a Russian social networking site | social networking played an important part in the American presidential election | social networking has changed the way we interact with each other | the site offers plenty of social networking features

Noun: *social network*

finding customers is easy with social networks | Social networks are an important tool of online marketing

striking /ˈstraɪkɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **striking** is very noticeable and impressive

the website has some striking images | a striking example of modern architecture | a striking feature of the house was the huge window at the back | an unusual, striking and very beautiful design

Adverb: *strikingly* | Verb: *strike*

the station's strikingly modern appearance | I was struck by the quality of the food

take off /ˌteɪk ˈɒf/ Phrasal verb

if an activity **takes off**, it starts to become popular and involve a large number of people

blogging took off in the mid-2000s | hockey didn't take off here until after the Olympic Games in 2016

upload /ˈʌpˌləʊd/ Verb

if you **upload** data files, you transfer them from your personal computer, tablet, or phone to a larger computer where other people will be able to find them and open them

it's easy to upload your photos | it took nearly an hour to upload all my video files | we'll email you instructions on how to upload your files

Noun: *upload* || Opposites – Verb: *download* | Noun: *download*

the upload failed because the disk was full | All uploads are done automatically | I've just downloaded the latest episode of House of Cards | she moved the download to her work folder

visual /ˈvɪʒʊəl/ Adjective

something that is **visual** involves the use of pictures or other things that you can see

these charts are a very useful visual tool | he's an expert at visual storytelling | try and create a visual image in your mind | I prefer painting and other visual arts to music | in my presentation I used a lot of visual aids (images to help the audience understand what was being said)

Adverb: *visually* | Verb: *visualize*

the opera was very visually exciting | the app is visually beautiful, but it's very slow | he makes it easy for the reader to visualise the building

youthful /ˈjuːθf(ə)l/ Adjective

behaviour or feelings that are **youthful** are typical of children and young people, especially showing enthusiasm and lack of worry

their youthful delight is clearly visible in the photo | his piano playing shows a youthful exuberance (energy and cheerfulness) | the girls were full of youthful enthusiasm | he is youthful, passionate and fearless

Noun: *youthfulness*

I admired his youthfulness and love of life

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acceptable /əkˈseptəb(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is **acceptable** is agreed by people to be suitable for a particular situation or group

be acceptable to someone | be acceptable to do something

he wanted the stories to be acceptable to children's parents | it took hours of talking to reach an acceptable solution | a driving licence is acceptable as proof of identity | it's not acceptable to fall asleep during the lesson | a solution that was acceptable to both companies

Verb: *accept* | Noun: *acceptance*

his theory has never been widely accepted | we simply accept that behaviour as normal | there is greater acceptance that technology can play an important role | new crops were introduced and gained international acceptance

bad temper /ˌbæd ˈtempə(r)/ Noun uncount

if someone has a **bad temper**, they become angry very quickly and easily, even if there is not really a good reason

my father had a really bad temper | a young boy with a very bad temper | he walked out in a fit of bad temper (a sudden moment of anger and annoyance) | he arrived in a bad temper because he had had to walk from the station

Adjective: *bad-tempered*

there's no need to be so bad-tempered about it | it was only after they married that she noticed how bad-tempered he had become | I was questioned for ten minutes by a bad-tempered policeman

claim /kleɪm/ Verb

if you **claim** something is true, you say it is true even though other people do not believe it

the brothers claimed they were just keeping records of tales | he also claimed that his laptop had been stolen | police said 1,000 people were on the march, but organisers claimed the figure was closer to 10,000 | he claimed that he never met the president

Noun: *claim*

her claim is entirely false | the police promised to investigate the claims

devoted /dɪˈvəʊtɪd/ Adjective

if something is **devoted** to a particular topic or activity, everything about it is related to that topic or activity

devoted to something

a theme park devoted to the stories of the Brothers Grimm | the evening was devoted to music by Chopin | his whole life is devoted to football – playing it, watching it, and reading about it | a museum devoted to photography

Verb: *devote*

he devoted his whole life to working for the church

edition /ɪˈdɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **edition** is a particular version of a book that is printed and put on sale at one time

early editions had no illustrations | a first edition of *Moby Dick* is worth about \$50,000 | later editions corrected some of the mistakes | I bought a new edition of my chemistry textbook

enchanting /ɪn'tʃɑ:ntɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **enchanting** is extremely attractive and pleasant

a library of old books with tales more enchanting than they had ever heard before | the view from the hotel window was enchanting | Venice is the most enchanting city in Italy | the most enchanting place to spend a holiday

Verb: *enchant* | Adjective: *enchanted* | Noun: *enchantment* | Adverb: *enchantingly*

the lake enchanted me from the moment I first arrived there | we were enchanted by the atmosphere of the old town | he was so enchanted with the village that he took photographs of every house | I was in a state of complete enchantment with the music | an enchantingly beautiful garden lay behind the house

ensure /ɪn'ʃʊ:(r)/ Verb

to **ensure** that something happens means to do something that makes certain that it will happen

ensure that something happens

please ensure your child returns the signed letter to us | you must ensure that all the doors are locked when you leave the house | precautions to ensure the safety of all passengers | use a tape measure to ensure you know the exact size you need

evil /'i:v(ə)/ Adjective

someone who is **evil** is very cruel and enjoys hurting other people

the evil stepmother in the story of *Snow White* | the judge described the three men as evil and sentenced them to life in prison | I don't believe that people are born evil | she was unpleasant, but I wouldn't call her evil

Noun: *evil*

pure evil

he believed he was fighting evil | I looked in his eyes and all I could see was pure evil

fairy tale /'feəri teɪl/ Noun

a **fairy tale** is a story for children involving magic and imaginary beings

a book of fairy tales | fairy tales help children to understand how the world works | as a child, I never liked fairy tales | most fairy tales have happy endings, but not all

faraway /'fɑ:rə'weɪ/ Adjective

a **faraway** place is a long way from where you are a faraway land/place

stories that would fascinate people in faraway lands | a series of films about faraway places | they spent two weeks on a faraway beach where the sun shone every day

fascinate /'fæsɪneɪt/ Verb

if something **fascinates** you, you are very attracted to it and think it is extremely interesting

geology is a subject that has always fascinated me | a book that will fascinate all its readers | her beauty and charm fascinated him | Shakespeare's plays have fascinated audiences for over 400 years

Adjective: *fascinating* | Adjective: *fascinated* | Adverb: *fascinatingly*

I found her story absolutely fascinating | Berlin is one of the most fascinating places I've ever visited | Kevin watched, fascinated, as they showed him their magic tricks | he was fascinated with modern technology and engineering | I'd be fascinated to know what she said to him | Eden is a fascinatingly complicated character | she had deep blue eyes and a fascinatingly beautiful face

fatten /'fæt(ə)n/ Verb

to **fatten** an animal is to provide it with plenty of food before killing it so that it will provide a lot of meat for people to eat

sheep were being fattened ready to go to market | the barley is useful for fattening the pigs

Adjective: *fattened*

a fattened calf

folk tale /'fəʊktel/ Noun

a **folk tale** is an old story that has existed for hundreds of years by people telling it to each other rather than writing it down formally

the brothers listened carefully to the folk tales that people told them | according to folk tales, the town fell into the sea | an old Danish folk tale | he spent years studying Ukrainian folk tales

folklore /'fəʊklɔ:r/ Noun uncount

folklore is all the traditional stories and beliefs from a particular community

a student of local folklore | Sadko became a hero of Russian folklore | their aim is to preserve Slovak folklore tradition | Bolivia has a rich folklore

illustration /ˌɪlə'streɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **illustration** is a picture in a book that shows a scene from a story or provides information about something

there are 16 colour illustrations in the middle of the book | a book with beautiful illustrations | the illustrations were mostly photographs, with a few drawings as well | the illustrations are simple and very colourful

Verb: *illustrate* | Adjective: *illustrated* | Noun: *illustrator*

she illustrates children's books as well as medical textbooks | an illustrated guidebook to Istanbul | I need an illustrator for my book about bread making

inspired /ɪn'spaɪə(r)d/ Adjective

if someone is **inspired**, something has given them a lot of enthusiasm which makes them want to do or get involved in something

inspired, the brothers began collecting their own

stories | feeling inspired, she began writing a novel | I'm sorry you were bored - I honestly thought you'd be inspired

Verb: *inspire* | Adjective: *inspiring* | Noun: *inspiration* || Opposites – Adjective: *uninspired* | Adjective: *uninspiring*

his writing inspired thousands of people all over the world | an inspiring teacher | he got his inspiration from a trip he made to Tunisia | the whole event felt uninspired and I was glad when it ended | a rather uninspiring painting of the Palace of Westminster

keep a diary /ˌki:p ə ˈdaɪəri/ Phrase

if you **keep a diary**, you regularly write something in it about yourself. A **diary** is a book which has a space for every day of the year, and you use it to write down the interesting things that happen to you every day

I've been keeping a diary since I was 14 | many people find it helpful to keep a diary of their activities | I kept a diary for three years until I left university

keep an eye on /ˌki:p ən 'aɪ ɒn/ Phrase

if you **keep an eye on** a situation, you make sure you know what is happening so that you can take action at the right moment or if something goes wrong or needs attention

I need to keep an eye on the time as I've got a train at six | they have to keep an eye on the weather because a frost can destroy the crop | keep an eye on the pan and turn the heat down when the water boils | keep an eye on the petrol gauge – we might not have enough to get home

keep records /ˌki:p ˈrekɔ:(r)dz/ Phrase

if you **keep a record of** something or **keep records**, you write down things that have happened so that you can check the information at a later date

keep a record of something

we keep records of all our students' exam results | the brothers were just keeping records of tales | you should keep detailed records of every meeting | records are kept for ten years and then destroyed

Noun: *record-keeping*

effective record-keeping is very important in a hospital | set up a record-keeping system to keep track of your spending

keep track of /ˌki:p ˈtræk ɒv/ Phrase

if you **keep track of** something, you follow what is happening so that you are always aware of how it is developing

it's difficult to keep track of all the changes | make sure you keep track of your progress | he started a diary to keep track of how much he was eating

keep you /ˌki:p ju:/ Phrase

if you say to someone "I don't want to **keep you**", you mean that you need their attention for a short time but that you do not want to make them spend more time than is absolutely necessary with you because you know they have other things they want or need to do

I don't want to keep you – I've just got a quick question | don't let me keep you if you've got a train to catch

keep your chin up /ˌki:p jə(r) ˈtʃɪn ʌp/ phrase

if you say to someone "**keep your chin up**", you are encouraging them to stay positive and cheerful even though they are in a difficult situation

try to keep your chin up – things can't get any worse | keep your chin up, and good luck with the exam | keep your chin up, and it will all be over by tomorrow

manual /ˈmænjʊəl/ Noun

a **manual** is a book that gives instructions about how to do certain things or how to behave in certain situations

an instruction manual

I've lost the instruction manual for the dishwasher | the owner's manual for the car | he said he couldn't get the TV to work so I told him to read the manual | the manual is available online

monstrous /ˈmɒnstɹəs/ Adjective

something that is **monstrous** is large, unpleasant, and ugly

she sees past the monstrous looks of the Beast | a group of seven monstrous creatures

obey /əbeɪ/ Verb

if you **obey** someone or **obey** an order or set of rules, you do what you have been told to do or what you are expected to do

he reluctantly obeyed his father and took a job in the family firm | if you don't obey, you will be punished | their orders must be obeyed without question | children are taught to obey their parents

Adjective: *obedient* | Adverb: *obediently* | Noun: *obedience* || Antonyms -- Verb: *disobey* | Adjective: *disobedient* | Noun: *disobedience*

complete/blind/unquestioning obedience | civil disobedience

he is very obedient and never gets into trouble | she had never been an obedient child | Patrick rose obediently and went to the door | Obediently, I took a few steps forward | she demanded complete obedience from her staff | unquestioning obedience to the regulations of the army | I want co-operation, not blind obedience (complete obedience that does not involve any thought) | Nelson won the battle, but had disobeyed direct orders | those who appeared to disobey were quickly arrested | don't you dare disobey me! | as a child, he was naughty and disobedient | a mischievous and disobedient child | the time has come for non-violent civil disobedience (when lots of people peacefully break the law as a way of protesting against something) | an act of disobedience

oral /ˈɔ:rəl/ Adjective

something that is **oral** involves speech and not writing

the Carrier language has an oral tradition | oral history interviews (interviews asking people about

things they experienced a long time ago to try and learn about the past) | the exam involved a written test and an oral presentation | I had an oral agreement with him, so there are no documents we can refer to | I failed my French oral exam (a test to see how well I could speak French)

Adverb: orally

these stories are passed down orally through the generations | I was informed of the decision orally on Monday, and in writing on Wednesday

phenomenon /fə'nomɪnən/ Noun

a **phenomenon** is something that can be seen to exist or be happening. If you refer to a particular sort of **phenomenon**, you mean it is an excellent or impressive example of what it is. The plural is *phenomena*

a global publishing phenomenon | the film became a cultural phenomenon | The most interesting phenomena in nature are mind, life, and the universe itself

Adjective: phenomenal | Adverb: phenomenally

she had a phenomenal memory (a very impressive memory) | Jaws was a phenomenally successful film

rags to riches /ˌrægz tə ˈrɪtʃɪz/ Phrase

you use **rags to riches** when talking about people who began life very poor but who later become successful and rich

Cinderella is a classic 'rags to riches' story | his life was one of rags to riches, but then sadly back to rags | her journey from rags to riches is an inspiration to us all | a classic tale of rags to riches

reshape /ˌriːʃeɪp/ Verb

if you **reshape** something, you make changes to the way it is organised

Wilhelm continued to reshape and improve the stories | the new boss arrived determined to reshape the department | they want to reshape Irish society | it will take years to reshape the economy

take up /ˌteɪk ˈʌp/ Phrasal verb

if something **takes up** a certain amount of space or time or energy, it uses up that amount of it

the footnotes took up as much space as the stories | the wardrobe took up half the bedroom | learning French was taking up all my spare time

theme park /θiːm paː(r)k/ Noun

a **theme park** is a large area outside with a lot of activities for people to enjoy. You have to pay to go into a theme park, and the activities are usually based on the same topic

my friend used to spend her whole holiday at a theme park | the number of theme parks in China is growing | they visited the Disneyland theme park in Paris | we went on some great rides at the theme park

untouched /ʌn'tʌtʃt/ Adjective

something that is left **untouched** is not changed, edited, or affected by anyone or anything else

leave something untouched | remain untouched

unpleasant details of the stories were left untouched | the beauty of the Lake District remains untouched | they reorganised most of the company but our department was untouched

wise /waɪz/ Adjective

someone who is **wise** knows and understands a lot of things and can make sensible decisions. If someone's actions or choices are wise, they have used their knowledge and understanding very well

my English teacher was a very wise man | it was a wise decision to go to university | my grandad was the wisest man I ever met | mixing orange juice with milk was not a wise choice

Adverb: wisely | Noun: wisdom || Opposite –

Adjective: unwise | Adverb: unwisely

he wisely decided not to try and swim across the river | that's a lot of money, make sure you spend it wisely | wisdom comes with experience – you cannot learn it | it was unwise of her to tell him he was stupid | rather unwisely, he started arguing with his boss

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animal trap /ˌæɪm(ə)l ˌtræp/ Noun

an **animal trap** is a device that someone puts down on the ground in order to catch a wild animal

Rowan's foot was caught in a metal animal trap | animal traps are cruel | when I was a boy I used to put animal traps out to catch rabbits

awkward /ˈɔːkwə(r)d/ Adjective

an **awkward** situation is one in which people feel embarrassed because it is difficult for them all to do what they want to do, and they do not want to make things difficult for the others

it's a bit awkward with three people trying to use the kitchen at once | it was quite awkward having his ex-wife at the wedding | she thought it would be too awkward if all her friends were there too

Adverb: awkwardly | Noun: awkwardness

we shook hands a little awkwardly, then I left | after some initial awkwardness, they agreed to work together on the project

bend /bend/ Verb

if you **bend** something that was straight, or of it **bends**, it stops being straight and starts to have a curve or an angle in it

I bent the key trying to force it into the lock | a strong metal that won't bend easily | I can't bend my arm | it was very difficult to bend the wire | if you use cheap metal it can easily bend or break

Adjective: bent

the wheel was bent out of shape | a bent stick

bump /bʌmp/ Noun

a **bump** is a raised, uneven part on a surface

one of the tyres burst when I hit a bump in the road | he braked too late and hit the bump at speed | the car rattled loudly as it went over the bumps | a speed bump (a deliberately raised strip across a road which is meant to make drivers slow down)

Adjective: **bumpy**

a bumpy road/track | a bumpy ride/drive/journey
the path was bumpy in places | after a very bumpy ride, they arrived at the farmhouse | the plane made a bumpy landing | a bumpy flight through a thunderstorm

catch /kætʃ/ Verb

if you **catch** what someone is saying, you manage to hear it and understand it. If you don't catch what they are saying, you don't hear it properly and do not understand what they mean

He mumbled something about it being unfair, but I couldn't catch his exact words | they spoke so fast I didn't catch anything at all | can you say that again? I didn't quite catch it | I waited by the door trying to catch what they were saying | sorry, I never caught your name

cautiously /kɔːʃəsli/ Adverb

if you do something **cautiously**, you do it very carefully, making sure not to take any risks
we moved cautiously along the narrow path | the proposals were cautiously welcomed by teachers | she held out her hand cautiously | the company adopted new technology more cautiously than its rivals

Adjective: **cautious** | Noun: **caution**

he's very cautious | a cautious driver | the police decided to adopt a cautious approach | the animals should be approached with great caution | caution is advised when driving in snow

clamp /klæmp/ Verb

if you **clamp** things together or if something **clamps** itself, two things are held together very firmly so that neither of them can move

clamp something to something | clamp things together

an animal trap had clamped itself firmly to his ankle | be careful not to clamp them together too firmly or they might break | then another frame is clamped tightly to the first frame

Noun: **clamp**

hold the two pieces together with a clamp until the glue dries | I used a clamp to hold the wood while I was cutting it

cover /'kʌvə(r)/ Verb

if you **cover** a certain distance, that is how far you manage to walk, cycle, drive etc. at one time
they had only covered a kilometre in the last half an hour | we tried to cover twenty miles before stopping for lunch | they'd covered only half the distance by the time it got dark

cry /kraɪ/ Verb

if someone **cries** or **cries out**, they say something in a very loud voice, for example because they are in pain or trying to get someone's attention

cry for something

"I can't move," cried Rowan | "I hate you," she cried angrily | the wounded men were crying for help |

Alan suddenly cried out and pointed to the smoke coming from the house

Noun: **cry**

he heard a cry of terror | a loud cry broke the peace of the afternoon

encouragingly /ɪn'kʌrɪdʒɪŋli/ Adverb

if you do something **encouragingly**, you do it in a way that you hope will help someone, for example by saying positive things to them in order to make them do something good

"it's not much further now," he said encouragingly | the teacher smiled encouragingly

Adjective: **encouraging** | Verb: **encourage** | Noun: **encouragement**

encourage someone to do something | give/offer encouragement

our teachers were very encouraging | the doctor gave me an encouraging smile | we try to encourage each other when things are difficult | my parents encouraged me to play a musical instrument | my friends offered some encouragement | young children need quite a lot of encouragement

get caught on /get 'kɔːt ɒn/ Phrase

if something **gets caught on** something else, it becomes hooked or trapped on the other thing and cannot move freely

my trousers got caught on the door handle | the fishing line got caught on a branch | her scarf got caught in the wheel of the car

get stuck /get 'stʌk/ Phrase

if someone or something **gets stuck** somewhere, they cannot move easily or get away even though they want to

the lift got stuck between two floors | we got stuck behind a tractor on a narrow road | my wedding ring got stuck on my finger and I haven't taken it off for 12 years | the key got stuck in the door

hiking /haɪkɪŋ/ Noun uncount

hiking is the activity of walking for pleasure over a long distance in the country

he was tired from hiking through the jungle | a hiking holiday in Scotland | my hobbies are cycling and hiking

Verb: **hike** | Noun: **hike** | Noun: **hiker**

we hiked across the Lake District from one youth hostel to the next | they hiked twenty miles to the coast | it's a ten-mile hike from here | we're going on a hike tomorrow | she could see two hikers coming down the side of the hill

leap to one's feet /li:p tə wʌnz 'fi:t/ Phrase

if you **leap to your feet**, you suddenly get up very quickly from where you have been sitting or lying

he leapt to his feet and ran to the door | she leapt to her feet when the doorbell rang

moan /məʊn/ Verb

if you **moan** about someone or something, you

complain about them in a very unhappy way

moan about something or someone

Rowan was moaning about his sore feet | will you stop moaning! | she's always moaning about the buses | there's no point moaning; it won't change anything | don't be such a moaning Minnie (someone who is annoying because they are always complaining) | "I hate you! You never let me stay out late," he moaned

Noun: *moan* | Noun: *moaner*

I don't want to listen to your moans! | he had a moan about the referee after the match | don't be such a moaner | he's one of the biggest moaners I know

mumble /ˈmʌmb(ə)/ Verb

if you **mumble**, you say something in a way that is difficult for people to hear clearly

he mumbled something about it being unfair | stop mumbling! | he doesn't say much to other people, but he's often mumbling to himself | he didn't answer directly, just mumbled something we couldn't understand

Noun: *mumble*

there was a low mumble of voices

mutter /ˈmʌtə(r)/ Verb

if you **mutter**, you say something very quietly in a way that is difficult for people to hear clearly

Jess kept muttering something under her breath | he walked out of the room muttering to himself | she muttered an apology | he heard several voices muttering angrily | still muttering, he got out of the car and opened the gate

Noun: *mutter* | Noun: *muttering*

we could hear the mutter of his voice in the next room | there were angry mutterings from the boys, but they calmed down when they saw the food arriving

odd /ɒd/ Adjective

something that is **odd** is strange or unusual

I had a very odd phone call from Jennifer this morning | it seemed odd watching my brother in a Hollywood movie | did you notice anything odd about his behaviour that evening? | I know it might sound odd, but I can assure you it's true

Adverb: *oddly*

oddly enough

oddly enough, we saw him again outside the restaurant the following evening

panic /ˈpænik/ Verb

if you **panic**, you suddenly start behaving in a slightly wild way because you are very frightened or worried about something

panic about something

two people completely panicked when the lift got stuck | whatever you do, don't panic | there's no need to panic | just stop panicking about it and calm down | I panicked and ran into the garden | everyone was panicking and trying to find a way out

Noun: *panic* | Adjective: *panicky*

widespread panic | blind panic | panic breaks out/sets in | in a panic

the news caused widespread panic across the continent | he went into a blind panic when he thought he'd lost the baby | a panic attack (a sudden feeling of panic) | panic broke out when smoke was seen coming out of the kitchen | in a panic, he jumped out of the second floor window | he felt panicky as soon as he stepped inside the plane

reboot /ˈriːbuːt/ Verb

if a computer **reboots**, or if you **reboot** it, it closes down completely and then starts up again

all my files were still there after I rebooted the computer | no one could do anything until they rebooted the central server | close all your applications, then reboot | you will need to reboot after you've installed the program

Noun: *reboot*

luckily, the reboot was successful and I didn't lose any work | after the reboot, you should be able to see your files again

regain /ˈrɪgeɪn/ Verb

if you **regain** something you once had but have now lost, such as an ability or quality, you get it back again

regain control | regain your health | regain consciousness

she almost fell but managed to regain her balance | the important thing is to rest and regain your health | he collapsed and never regained consciousness (he died) | Radcliffe regained the lead 500 metres from the finish and held on to win | government forces regained control of the city after a night of heavy fighting

relief /ˈrɪliːf/ Noun singular

if something is a **relief**, it manages to stop you worrying about a bad or difficult situation. If something provides **relief** from pain, it stops the pain for a while

it must have been a relief to get your money back | it was such a relief to know I'd passed the exam | effective methods of pain relief

Verb: *relieve*

a good way to relieve stress | this should help relieve the pain | ways to relieve the pressure at work

sigh /saɪ/ Noun

a **sigh** is a deep breath that someone lets out, for example when they are disappointed, very tired, or suddenly relieved

heave a sigh | a sigh of relief

"Let's try your way," she said with a sigh | he gave a sigh of relief, then turned and smiled at me | Edmund heaved a disappointed sigh (breathed out very heavily because of disappointment) | there was an audible sigh of relief (a sigh that could be heard) from the audience

Verb: *sigh*

she sighed heavily and stepped back | he sighed and shook his head

steep /sti:p/ Adjective

a **steep** hill, slope, etc. rises very quickly and so is difficult to go up or down
 a steep hill/path/road/slope
there was a steep drop to our left | be careful how you walk, the steps are very steep just here | it was a steep climb back to the hotel
 Adverb: steeply
the path climbs steeply, but there's a fabulous view from the top | the beach slopes steeply into deep water

straighten /streɪt(ə)n/ Verb

if you **straighten** something, or if it **straightens**, it becomes straight again after it has become bent or crooked
the key snapped when I tried to straighten it | I can't straighten my leg | the road curved round the hill then straightened again | make sure you straighten your tie before you go into the interview room

stranded /'strændɪd/ Adjective

if someone is **stranded** somewhere, they are in a place where they do not want to be any more and are not able to get away from it
the last train had just left so I was stranded in Manchester for the night | she drove off and left me stranded in Ipswich | some stranded motorists had to sleep in their car | the boat drifted into the middle of the lake leaving us stranded

struggle /'strʌɡ(ə)l/ Verb

if someone is **struggling**, they are trying hard to do something that is very difficult
 struggle with something | struggle to do something
Chris knew that Rowan was struggling | Anna has always struggled with maths | we're struggling to cope with all this work | this is a subject where I'm really struggling
 Noun: struggle
 a struggle to do something
it was a struggle to understand her when she spoke so fast | she found the course a bit of a struggle

sympathise /'sɪmpəθaɪz/ Verb

if you **sympathise** with someone or with their problems, you feel sorry for them because they are sad or in a bad situation
 sympathise with someone or something
the neighbours came round to sympathise when they heard the news | why should I sympathise with a criminal? | I didn't expect him to understand or sympathise | believe me, I can sympathise with your problem
 Noun: sympathy | Adjective: sympathetic | Adverb: sympathetically
 feel/have/show/express sympathy (for/towards someone) | deepest/heartfelt sympathy
she got no sympathy from her sister, who was secretly delighted | I felt no sympathy for him | do you have any sympathy for her? | would it help if I go and lend him a sympathetic ear? (go and listen

to him sympathetically) | Albert had been very sympathetic, but he could do nothing to make the situation better | she listened sympathetically as he poured out his grief | "Poor old you", he said sympathetically

thorn bush /'θɔ:(r)n bʊʃ/ Noun

a **thorn bush** is any sort of bush that has thorns (thin sharply pointed parts) sticking out of the branches
I scratched myself on a thorn bush | the ball was stuck deep in a thorn bush so I left it there | she tore her skirt on a thorn bush

transfer /træns'fɜ:(r)/ Verb

if you **transfer** to one thing or place from another thing or place, or if someone **transfers** you, you move to a different place or thing from where you were to start with
 transfer to somewhere (from somewhere)
another bus came along and we all transferred onto that one | at Folkestone, passengers transfer from the train to a coach to go through the tunnel | several employees chose to transfer to the Glasgow branch | I started doing philosophy at university but then transferred to the law department
 Noun: transfer
her parents demanded a transfer to a different school | a coach doing airport transfers (taking passengers from the airport to their hotel)

trip /trɪp/ Verb

if you **trip**, your foot hits something by accident and you fall or lose your balance
 trip on/over something
Jenny tripped on a rock and almost fell | I tripped over the cable | it's really icy so be careful you don't trip! | she tripped while she was running down the stairs
 Noun: trip
it was only a little trip but she broke her arm badly

under one's breath /ˌʌndə(r) wʌnz 'breθ/ Phrase

if you say something **under your breath**, you say it very quietly so that people near you cannot hear what you are saying
Jess kept muttering something under her breath | he swore under his breath | she laughed softly under her breath

walk back /ˌwɔ:k 'bæk/ Phrasal verb

if someone **walks back** somewhere, they return in the direction they came from by walking
Chris walked back slowly to see what the problem was | I had to walk back home after the car broke down | we walked back along the footpath looking for my scarf

worn /wɔ:(r)n/ Adjective

if something is **worn**, the surface has become smooth because it has been used a lot
the tyres are badly worn | the carpets were old and worn | replace any damaged or worn parts in the engine

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awesome /ˈɔːs(ə)m/ Adjective

something that is **awesome** is extremely impressive and sometimes a little frightening

getting to the top of the mountain was awesome | the equipment in the new gym is awesome | your bike looks awesome | Ray did an awesome job of the cooking

bummer /ˈbʌmə(r)/ Noun

in very informal English, a **bummer** is a bad or unpleasant situation

it was a big bummer discovering we'd climbed the wrong mountain | Monday's a real bummer this term – maths in the morning and again in the afternoon | your dad won't let you come to the party? What a bummer! | it will be a real bummer if we miss the last train home

in good time /ɪn ˌɡʊd ˈtaɪm/ Phrase

if you start doing something **in good time**, you make sure that you have more than enough time available for you to finish it so that you will not be late. If you arrive somewhere **in good time**, you arrive some time before you need to be there

we set off in good time, but the car broke down outside Abingdon | he got to the cinema in good time and had a cup of coffee while he waited for Alex | we got everything ready for the party in good time

off-route /ˈɒfruːt/ Adjective

if you are **off-route** or go **off-route**, you are following a path or course which is not the one that you had originally planned to use or wanted to use

maybe we're a bit off-route | we went a few hundred metres off-route to visit the church in a field | when we saw the bridge, we realised we were seriously off-route

peak /piːk/ Noun

a **peak** is the top of a mountain

we reached the peak just as the sun was coming up | Mont Blanc is the highest peak in Europe | the mountain peak was still a long way ahead of us | snow-covered peaks

peel off /piːl ˈɒf/ Phrasal verb

if something **peels off**, or if you **peel it off**, it comes away from the surface it was attached to in a thin layer

the rock was peeling off like sheets of paper | I fell asleep on the beach and now my skin is peeling off | paint was peeling off the doors and window frames | can you peel the skin off this garlic for me?

pick one's way /ˌpɪk wʌnz ˈweɪ/ Phrase

if you **pick your way** somewhere, you walk or climb there very carefully, picking (choosing) where to put your feet with great care

we picked our way up the side of the mountain | she picked her way through the puddles (pools of rainwater) outside the bus station | I picked my way down the ladder

register /ˈredʒɪstə(r)/ Noun

a **register** is a book which records events that happen, for example the names and numbers of visitors to a place or the attendance of children in a class at school

we looked at the summit register (a book signed by the people who have reached the summit of the mountain) | the hotel register showed that he had stayed there in July | the teacher called the register (read out the name of each child to find out who is present and who is absent)

ridge /rɪdʒ/ Noun

a **ridge** is a long thin area where the land drops away on either side, usually high up on a mountain

we started to make our way across the ridge | there's a narrow ridge leading up to the main peak | a ridge extends northwards with narrow valleys on either side | he pointed to a small ridge of land ahead of them | the city was surrounded by various mountains and ridges

summit /ˈsʌmɪt/ Noun

the **summit** of a mountain is its highest point

we needed to reach the summit before dark | the summit of Everest is over 29,000 feet up | he's the youngest person to have climbed the seven summits (the highest mountain of each of the seven continents)

tough /tʌf/ Adjective

something that is **tough** is very difficult to do successfully. A **tough** situation is one that is difficult to deal with

the race was tough, but I managed to get through it and finish | I ran a marathon last year; it was tough, but I really enjoyed it | it's a very tough exam | it was a tough decision to leave | she had a tough time at school (had many problems)

treacherous /ˈtreɪʃərəs/ Adjective

a path, road, or route that is **treacherous** is dangerous, for example because it is not smooth or because it is icy

the ridge they had to go along was treacherous | the roads were treacherous after the snow had fallen | a steep and treacherous path up the side of the hill | police warned of treacherous road conditions in the north

vertical /ˈvɜː(r)tɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is **vertical** rises or goes straight up

below us was a vertical drop of 200 feet to the road | on this chart, the rows go across horizontally and the columns are vertical | a jacket with vertical stripes | the wall was not quite vertical

Adverb: *vertically*

it looked as if the plane was climbing vertically

vertical face /ˈvɜː(r)tɪk(ə)l ˈfeɪs/ Noun

on a mountain, a **vertical face** is a part where the side of the mountain goes straight up, making it impossible to walk up it

the western side was a vertical face, so we approached from the east | we started up a steep slope which quickly became a vertical face | the vertical face of the cliff rose 100 metres above the beach