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airline /ˈeə(r)laɪn/ Noun

an **airline** is a company that makes regular plane flights carrying passengers from one place to another
a low-cost airline (that charges only a small amount of money) | an airline pilot | the airline flies to 87 different airports across Europe and Asia | how many airlines operate out of Heathrow?

cable car /ˈkeɪbl kɑː/ Noun

a **cable car** is a small vehicle that hangs from wires overhead and is used for carrying people up mountains, for example when they want to go skiing
it takes ten minutes to get to the top in a cable car | there's been a cable car here since the 1950s | we had to wait 20 minutes for a cable car

day off /deɪ ɒf/ Noun

a **day off** is a working day or a school day when you are allowed not to go to work or school
they let me take the day off on Friday | how many days off do you get a year? | I always have a day off on my birthday | enjoy your day off tomorrow!

downside /ˈdaʊnsaɪd/ Noun

a **downside** is a disadvantage that exists in a situation that is otherwise very good
the only downside is that it's not cheap | the other downside is that you have to get up at five in the morning | you need to think about possible downsides | you have to pay three months in advance, and that's a big downside

dramatic /drəˈmætɪk/ Adjective

if something is **dramatic**, it is quite exciting and impressive
a dramatic painting of the Battle of Trafalgar | Cumbria is famous for its dramatic scenery | the story ended in a highly dramatic fashion | the whole experience was quite dramatic
 Adverb: *dramatically* | Noun: *drama*
he kicked open the door and leapt dramatically into the room | we had quite a drama finding the hotel

self-catering /ˌself ˈkeɪtərɪŋ/ Adjective

self-catering houses, flats, accommodation etc are places where you can stay for a while and where you can cook and eat your own food instead of having to use restaurants or cafes
we rented a self-catering cottage for a week in North Wales | a self-catering holiday | all our cottages are self-catering

there are no strict rules and where people can do whatever they want to do

it's a school where anything goes | they're very casual and relaxed there – anything goes | I asked about what I should wear and they said anything goes

barbecue /ˈbɑː(r)bɪˌkjuː/ Noun

a **barbecue** is a meal cooked outdoors, for example in someone's garden or on the beach, often as a social occasion

we've been invited to a barbecue tomorrow night | there were over thirty guests at the barbecue | the garden has a barbecue area away from the house | I hope it doesn't rain for the barbecue

Verb: *barbecue* | Noun: *barbecue*

Australians like to barbecue their meat | put some ore sausages on the barbecue

delay /dɪˈleɪ/ Noun

if there is a **delay**, something is not going to happen when it is meant to but will happen at a later time
 a long/short/brief delay | a delay of something | without delay

there were long traffic delays because of the accident | after a brief delay, the concert continued | there will be a delay of about half an hour | you must leave the country without delay (immediately)

Verb: *delay*

delay something until something | delay doing something

I often delay doing things I don't enjoy | they have decided to delay the start of the game until three o'clock | the train was delayed by two hours | a storm delayed our departure from Southampton

hiking /ˈhaɪkɪŋ/ Noun uncount

if you go **hiking**, you walk a long distance in the country for pleasure

we went hiking in the mountains in Scotland | my hobbies are hiking and playing the piano | a hiking holiday

Verb: *hike* | Noun: *hiker*

we hiked from Forres to Findhorn at the weekend | she could see two hikers coming down the side of the hill

itinerary /aɪˈtɪnərəri/ Noun

an **itinerary** is a list of all the places that you will go to and activities you will do on a journey

a busy itinerary | have you seen the itinerary for tomorrow? | you can see the itinerary on their web page | I'm afraid the museum is not on the itinerary

put off /pʊt 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

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anything goes /ˈɛniθɪŋ ɡəʊz/ Phrase

you say **anything goes** to refer to a situation where

don't be put off by the cost – I can lend you some money | if we punish these two it might put the others off | I felt so sick afterwards that it put me off smoking for life | the smell from the kitchen put me off eating there | don't let that one bad experience put you off golf

rafting /ˈrɑːftɪŋ/ Noun uncount

rafting is the activity of sailing down a river on a raft (a platform that floats, made from pieces of wood or other material that are tied together)

I love rafting on the Zambezi | I was too scared to try white-water rafting (rafting down a very fast flowing river) | we spent the afternoon river rafting

Noun: *raft*

we had a raft race across the river

Segway /ˈseg weɪ/ Noun

a **Segway** is a short platform for your feet with a wheel underneath at each end and a central upright post to hold on to, that has a motor and that you can ride

riding a Segway is easier than it looks | we rented Segways for the afternoon | how much does a new Segway cost?

snorkelling /ˈsnɔːkəlɪŋ/ Noun uncount

snorkelling is the activity of swimming just below the surface of the water, using a pipe that sticks out above the water so that you can breathe in air

it's a popular spot for snorkelling | we tried rafting, windsurfing, and snorkelling | guests can enjoy snorkelling in the clear, warm water

Verb: *snorkel* | Noun: *snorkel*

we snorkelled across the lake | I left my snorkel behind

soap opera /səʊp ˈɒpərə/ Noun

a **soap opera** is a TV show that is on several times a week, telling a story about the same group of people
Coronation Street is Britain's longest-running soap opera | we never watched soap operas at home when I was growing up | do you like soap operas? | I'm sure I've seen her in a soap opera

thrill /θrɪl/ Noun

a **thrill** is a feeling of great excitement or fear that you get, for example when doing something different or dangerous

experience/feel a thrill | a thrill of something

the thrill of white-water rafting | Harry felt a thrill of excitement when he saw the mountain | experience the thrill of flying your own plane | seeing Niagara Falls was the biggest thrill of the holiday

Verb: *thrill* | Adjective: *thrilling* | Adjective: *thrilled*
Keith Jarrett thrilled his audience with his hour-long solo | a thrilling tale of adventure in the Canadian wilderness | Wales won 19-16 in a thrilling match | I was thrilled when I realised George Clooney was in the same restaurant | he'll be thrilled when he hears we're going to New York for the weekend

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boarding pass /ˈbɔːdɪŋ pɑːs/ Noun

to **board** a plane or ship means to get on it. A

boarding pass is the piece of paper or the screenshot on your phone that you show as you get on to prove that you should be allowed on

you should print your boarding pass at home before you set off for the airport | I dropped my boarding pass when we went through the security checks | the boarding pass has your seat number on it | they insisted on seeing my boarding pass before letting me on the plane

Verb: *board*

we can't board the plane for another half an hour

bush walk /bʊʃ wɔːk/ Noun

the **bush** is the wild areas in Australia or some

countries in Africa. A **bush walk** is when someone goes on foot into one of these areas, for pleasure or to explore it and learn about it

we went for a ten-hour bush walk | a guided bush walk | an early evening bush walk along an elephant path

chef /ʃef/ Noun

a **chef** is someone who works in the kitchen of a restaurant or hotel and prepares the food

he's the head chef in a big London hotel | chefs have to work very long hours | her ambition is to become a chef

crop /krɒp/ Noun

a **crop** is a plant such as wheat or corn that is grown by farmers in order to sell it

a frost can destroy the crop | they grow a variety of crops | a staple crop (that provides most of someone's food) | a cash crop (that someone grows to sell) | they grew crops in large open fields | rice is the principal crop cultivated here

disabled /dɪsˈeɪb(ə)ld/ Adjective

someone who is **disabled** cannot use all their body completely or easily because of illness, injury etc.

you have to overcome many barriers when you're disabled | he's been disabled since birth | a car crash left him disabled at the age of 17 | the cinema has disabled access (there are no steps and people in wheelchairs can get in easily) | a summer camp for disabled children

Noun: *disability*

Stephen Hawking overcame a serious disability to become a famous scientist | the Paralympic Games are for athletes with physical disabilities

fill out /fɪl aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you **fill out** a form, you write information in spaces on a piece of paper or on a computer screen, for example your name, address, credit card number, etc
please fill out this form and return it to the hospital | I had to fill out a lot of forms to get my new passport | fill out our fast, online application | there's five pages of questions, but it's quite easy to fill out

gap year /gæp jɪə/ Noun

a **gap year** is a year between finishing school and starting university, when some people do not study but work or travel in order to earn some money or have interesting experiences

take/have a gap year

she spent a gap year travelling across Asia and Australia | taking a gap year was the best thing I did | at the interview, they'll ask you why you want to have a gap year | Mark is working in Mumbai during his gap year

host /həʊst/ Noun

your **host** is the person whose home you are staying in, or the person who has invited you to an event such as a party

we need to take a present for our host | our host welcomed us at the door | I spent six months living with a host family in Rome

Verb: *host*

we hosted a dinner for several of our neighbours

lotion /ləʊʃ(ə)n/ Noun

lotion is a thick liquid. Suntan lotion is a thick liquid that you put on your skin to stop yourself getting burnt when you are out in the sun

don't forget to pack your suntan lotion | apply the lotion before you go outside | do not spread the lotion near your eyes | a bottle of hand lotion

monastery /'mɒnəst(ə)ri/ Noun

a **monastery** is a building or set of buildings where monks (Christian men who live apart from other people) live and work

they've been restoring a 300-year-old monastery | the most important monastery in Italy | he spent the next ten years of his life in a monastery | the monastery was built in 1608

restore /rɪ'stɔ:(r)/ Verb

if you **restore** something that was very old, broken, or not working properly, you repair it so that it is as good as it was when it was new

they've been restoring the old palace for years | they restored the old mosque to its original condition | the church has been beautifully restored | he spends his weekends restoring old cars

Noun: *restoration*

restoration of the cathedral took over seven years

rewarding /rɪ'wɔ:(r)dɪŋ/ Adjective

an activity that is **rewarding** is good because you get pleasure or some benefit from it

hugely/richly rewarding | a rewarding hobby/pastime | a rewarding experience

the journey was a hugely rewarding experience | it's a very rewarding job | it's financially rewarding | emotionally rewarding

Verb: *reward* | Noun: *reward*

enjoy/obtain/get a reward (for/from something)

he got the rewards for all his hard work | she was rewarded with promotion to sergeant

site /saɪt/ Noun

a **site** is a place where something is or where something happens

a building site

it's on the site of a much older church | a building site (where building work is going on) | an ancient burial site | a landfill site (for burying rubbish in the ground) | the most visited archaeological site in Mexico | the power station occupies a 24 hectare site

Verb: *site*

their cities were typically sited near rivers | the three main passenger terminal buildings are sited next to each other

trail /treɪl/ Noun

a **trail** is a path that goes through countryside

we walked the trail from Winchester to Eastbourne | you can see the trail on the map here | follow the trail for another three miles, then you'll see the youth hostel on your right

upcoming /ʌp'kʌmɪŋ/ Adjective

an **upcoming** event is going to happen fairly soon

dates of upcoming courses can be found on our website | we're busy with the arrangements for our upcoming wedding | check on their upcoming concerts on their Facebook page

Phrasal verb: *come up*

there's an interesting new series coming up on Netflix

vaccination /ˌvæksɪ'neɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a **vaccination** is a medical injection of a substance into your body that is intended to prevent you catching a particular disease

I had to have several vaccinations before I went to Malawi | some parents are still refusing vaccination for their children | doctors recommend that people receive annual influenza vaccinations

Verb: *vaccinate* | Noun: *vaccine*

vaccinate someone against something | vaccine for something

all children should be vaccinated against measles | more than 90% of Brazil's infant population was vaccinated | a safe and effective vaccine | the vaccine was administered to approximately 10,000 children | is there a vaccine for malaria?

valid /vælɪd/ Adjective

an official document that is **valid** is still acceptable because it has not yet reached the date when it expires (stops being acceptable)

my passport is valid for another three years | if your passport is no longer valid, you'll have to get a new one before you go to Finland | is your driving licence still valid?

wildlife reserve /ˈwaɪldlaɪf rɪ'zɜ:v/ Noun

a **wildlife reserve** is a large area of land where wild animals are protected

I spent a year working in a wildlife reserve in West Africa | we saw a lot of elephants in the wildlife reserve | explore the wildlife reserve from the comfort of a Jeep

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badly-behaved /'bædli br'heɪvd/ Adjective
if someone is **badly-behaved**, they are rude or do annoying things
my niece is an incredibly badly-behaved little girl | badly-behaved pupils will be reported to the headteacher

balcony /'bælkəni/ Noun
a **balcony** is a platform outside a window upstairs where you can sit or stand
I stood on the balcony watching the traffic | we keep pots of flowers on the balcony | our hotel room had a lovely large balcony | I have a balcony where I can hang the washing

blank /blæŋk/ Adjective
if your mind is **blank** or **goes blank**, you suddenly cannot think properly and cannot remember something that is actually quite obvious
she asked me how to say "I love you" in Russian and my mind just went blank | she looked up confidently, then suddenly her mind went blank | for a moment my mind was blank, then it all came back to me

change your mind /tʃeɪndʒ jɔː maɪnd/ Phrase
if you **change your mind**, you make a different decision from one that you have already made
I was going to go out this evening, but then I changed my mind | if you change your mind, ring me and I'll come and pick you up | it's too late to change your mind now, you've already accepted the invitation

chest of drawers /tʃest ɒv drɔːz/ Noun
a **chest of drawers** is a piece of furniture with several drawers (containers) that you can pull out and push back in, used for storing clothes, sheets, etc
there's a wardrobe and a chest of drawers in the bedroom | we'll have to empty the chest of drawers before we move it | the cat was hiding under the chest of drawers

claustrophobic /ˌklɒːstrə'fəʊbɪk/ Adjective
claustrophobia is a fear of being of being in a very small space. Someone who is **claustrophobic** suffers from claustrophobia. A space that is claustrophobic is very small and makes you feel very uncomfortable
the rooms are small and incredibly claustrophobic | my husband is claustrophobic and won't travel by plane | I hope you're not claustrophobic – the car's very tiny | inside the cave it was dark and claustrophobic

Noun: *claustrophobia*

don't go in there if you suffer from claustrophobia

corridor /'kɒrɪdɔː(r)/ Noun
a **corridor** is a passage in a building with doors to rooms on one or both sides of it
go down the corridor and you'll find my office on the left | a corridor ran the length of the building (went from one end to the other) | go up the stairs at the end of the corridor

damp /dæmp/ Adjective
something that is **damp** is slightly wet in a unpleasant way
the room was cold, damp and dark | my shirt is still damp | it was very damp in the cellar | the carpet feels damp

Noun: *dampness*

dampness can cause damage to a building

former /'fɔː(r)mə(r)/ Adjective
you use **former** to say what someone or something was in the past, because they are no longer the same now

St Petersburg is the former capital of Russia | a former police officer | Rob is a former electrician who has become a successful singer | the restaurant is in the former town prison

Adverb: *formerly*

the building was formerly a library

ghost town /gəʊst taʊn/ Noun
a **ghost town** is a town where no one lives any more, because there are no jobs and everyone has left to go and work somewhere else

within four months, it became a ghost town | there used to be 3,000 people living here, but now it's a ghost town | without any tourists, this place would become a ghost town

gold rush /gəʊld rʌʃ/ Noun
a **gold rush** is a period of time when lots of people go to a particular area because they think they will be able to find gold in the ground and become rich. The first famous gold rush was in California in 1848
the town was built during the first great gold rush | the Australian gold rush started in 1851 | he made a lot of money in the gold rush

have a lot on your mind /hæv ə lɒt ɒn jɔː maɪnd/ Phrase
if you **have a lot on your mind**, you have a lot of problems that you think about all the time
I've had a lot on my mind recently, which is why I haven't been in touch | don't disturb your dad this evening, he's got a lot on his mind

in two minds /ɪn tuː maɪndz/ Phrase
if you are **in two minds**, you are having difficulty making a decision about something
be in two minds about something
I'm in two minds about taking the job | I was in two minds until the last minute | she was in two minds about what to do

makeover /'meɪkəʊvə(r)/ Noun
if you give something a **makeover**, you clean it or repair it or change it in some way to make it more attractive
give something a makeover
we've given the kitchen a complete makeover | the house is in need of a makeover | the hotel has had a £1 million makeover

mattress /ˈmætrəs/ Noun

a **mattress** is a soft surface on a bed that you lie on to sleep

a really comfortable mattress | this mattress is too soft for me | we need a new mattress for the spare bed | you should replace your mattress every eight years

mind you /maɪnd ju/ Phrase

you say “**mind you**” when you are about to say something that explains or emphasizes what you have just said

It's not a nice room. Mind you, for \$12 a night, what do you expect? | yes, that's me. Mind you, the photo is twelve years old

peasant /ˈpez(ə)nt/ Noun

in the past, a **peasant** was someone who worked as a farmer and did not have much money or education
peasants left the countryside to look for work in the big cities | her grandfather was a peasant who could not read or write | life as a peasant was very hard | the peasants there lived in wooden huts

period /ˈpɪəriəd/ Noun

period furniture, costume, cars, etc are typical of a particular time in history

they filled the house with period furniture | the actors all wore period costume | we had to find several period cars for the film

porch /pɔː(r)tʃ/ Noun

a **porch** is a small roof over the entrance to a house or church

we took shelter from the rain under the porch | the church porch dates back to the 15th century | the front porch was damaged in the storm

primitive /ˈprɪmətɪv/ Adjective

something that is **primitive** is not very modern, and is uncomfortable or does not work very well

conditions in the hotel were primitive | a primitive washing machine | their website is really primitive

prospector /prəˈspektə(r)/ Noun

a **prospector** is someone who goes to an area and tries to find something valuable in the ground such as gold or diamonds

the bar was full of prospectors | prospectors found several oil fields in the state | most of the prospectors left without finding anything

Verb: *prospect*

prospect for something

the company is prospecting for gold in the north of the country

put your mind to something /pʊt jɔː maɪnd tuː ˈsʌmθɪŋ/ Phrase

if you **put your mind to** something, you make a determined effort to do it

you'll succeed if you put your mind to it | if Ken had really put his mind to it, he'd have finished by now | this shows what people can achieve if they only put their mind to it

shutters /ˈʃʌtəz/ Noun plural

shutters are solid pieces of wood or metal that swing across to cover a window

there were wooden shutters in the upstairs windows | I've never lived in a house with shutters | he got up and opened the shutters to let in the morning light

vaulted /ˈvɔːltɪd/ Adjective

if something such as a ceiling is **vaulted**, it is not flat but curves upwards towards the middle then back down again

the room has white walls and a high vaulted ceiling | a vaulted stone arch | a vaulted cellar

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alternatively /ɔːl'tɜː(r)nətɪvli/ Adverb

you use **alternatively** when making a new or different suggestion

you could take a taxi, or alternatively use the bus | the document is available as a pdf, or alternatively in Microsoft Word

Noun: *alternative*

another alternative would be to take the train

compensation /ˌkɒmpən'seɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

compensation is money or goods that you are given because a person or organisation has done something bad to you

compensation for something | in compensation | as compensation | demand/claim compensation | award someone compensation

they offered a gift as compensation | she is demanding compensation for the damage to her property | he was later awarded £10,000 in compensation | we were given just £20 as compensation

Verb: *compensate*

compensate someone for something

he was compensated for the loss of his left hand in the accident | he was ordered to compensate the victims of his actions

couch /kaʊtʃ/ Noun

a **couch** is a long, soft chair that two or more people can sit on at the same time

there's a big couch in the living room | they sat down on the couch | we need to buy a new couch | she lay on the couch for a few minutes | a comfortable couch | we sat on the couch watching TV

dissatisfaction /dɪs,sætɪs'fækʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

dissatisfaction is a feeling of unhappiness and disappointment that you get because something is not acceptable

dissatisfaction with something

there was widespread dissatisfaction with the proposals | she wrote an email expressing her dissatisfaction with the hotel | I share your dissatisfaction | there was deep dissatisfaction that the police hadn't done more to prevent the violence

Adjective: *dissatisfied* || Opposites – Noun: *satisfaction* | Adjective: *satisfied*

another dissatisfied customer | he was becoming dissatisfied with the service he was getting from his internet provider | they found strong customer satisfaction among users of the library | another satisfied customer

feel free /fi:l fri:/ Phrase

you say **feel free** to do something when telling someone that they have your permission to do it
feel free to do something

feel free to call round any time | feel free to send us your suggestions | please feel free to pick the apples

hospitality /ˌhɒspɪˈtæləti/ Noun uncount

hospitality is friendly and welcoming behaviour towards visitors

we pride ourselves on our hospitality | thanks for your warm and generous hospitality | we accepted their hospitality for the night (we stayed at their house overnight)

Adjective: *hospitable* | Adverb: *hospitably* || Opposite – Adjective: *inhospitable*

our hosts were very hospitable and friendly | they offered us a warm and hospitable welcome | Zora went to California, where she was hospitably entertained | the front door stood hospitably open | my aunt Julia was a most inhospitable woman – I never even saw inside her house

impression /ɪmˈpreʃ(ə)n/ Noun

if you get an **impression** about something, you get a feeling about it or form an opinion about it

get an impression (about something) | give someone an impression | leave someone with an impression | a first/initial impression | a strong impression | a good/bad impression | a vivid impression

I got the distinct impression (the very strong impression) that we weren't welcome | I don't want to give you the wrong impression | it left me with the impression that she's not very happy | what was your first impression of her? | the painting gives a vivid impression of London in 1850 childhood?

obligation /ˌɒblɪˈɡeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **obligation** is something that you have to do, especially as a duty

be under obligation to do something | feel an obligation

your only obligation is to make a room available in your own home | you mustn't feel under any obligation to help out | I felt an obligation to stay and wash up

Adjective: *obliged*

be obliged to do something

you're not obliged to wear a tie in the office

opt /ɒpt/ Verb

if you **opt** to do something, you decide to do that thing rather than something else. If you **opt** for something, you choose it from among several possibilities

opt to do something | opt for something

we opted to dine in the hotel restaurant | several states have opted to increase taxes | I opted for drama school rather than university | she opted for a leather jacket and jeans

Noun: *option* | Adjective: *optional*

of course, an electric car would be another option (another thing you could choose) | there are plenty of additional options available | the digital radio is an optional extra (you can choose to have it but it is not compulsory)

pick up /pɪk ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if you **pick** someone **up** in a car, you collect them and drive them somewhere

they sent a taxi to pick me up at the station | I'll come and pick you up at the airport | I have to pick the children up from school

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blame /bleɪm/ Verb

if you **blame** someone, you accuse them of being responsible for something bad that has happened

blame someone for something | blame something on someone or something | be to blame

don't blame me if your life is a disaster! | nobody is blaming you – it was an accident | Murray blamed his defeat on a lack of concentration | she blamed me for the accident | he was to blame for our being late

Noun: *blame* | Adjective: *blameless* | Adverb: *blamelessly*

the blame lies/rests with someone | get the blame (for something) | put/pin the blame on someone

some of the blame lies with the hospital | I always got the blame when my sister was naughty | he pinned the blame on the prime minister | she had led a blameless life | she knew her own conduct had not been entirely blameless | she acted blamelessly throughout the whole process

catch /kætʃ/ Verb

if you **catch** someone, you succeed in seeing them to talk to before they have left somewhere and gone somewhere else

I wanted to catch you before you left for the airport | you'll have to hurry if you want to catch him | I managed to catch her just as she was going out the door

figure out /ˈfɪɡər aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you **figure out** a problem or a situation, you think about it until you have an answer to it or an understanding of it

I'm trying to figure out where you are | it didn't take long to figure out that he had stolen all my money | she wouldn't tell me where she'd put it, so I had to figure it out for myself

shot /ʃɒt/ Noun

a **shot** is a picture taken by a camera or a sequence of pictures in a film

a close-up shot

he managed to get an exclusive shot of Madonna as she left the hotel | he took several shots of the inside of the restaurant | a close-up shot of her earrings | the film opened with a shot of Obama entering the White House

Verb: shoot

we're going to Ireland to shoot the final scenes of the film

stick to /stɪk tuː/ Phrasal verb

if you **stick to** something, you continue to do it or use it rather than changing to something different

let's stick to the original plan | I always find it hard to stick to a diet | he stuck to his principles | she stuck to her word (she did what she had promised to do)

tough /tʌf/ Adjective

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

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 (with many problems)

weird /wɪə(r)d/ Adjective

something that is **weird** is very strange

it was a great exhibition, but the paintings were a bit weird | her brother's rather weird | we listened to some weird music | it felt weird having lunch outside with snow on the ground | I know it sounds weird, but that's how it was

Adverb: weirdly

she was wearing a rather weirdly shaped coat