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-ties /iz/ Suffix

when you are talking about periods of time of about ten years, you can refer to them, for example, as the **fifties**, **sixties**, **seventies**, etc. The **fifties** are the ten years starting with 1950; the **sixties** are the ten years starting with 1960, and so on

he started his career as a photographer in the fifties | Thatcher was prime minister throughout the eighties | my dad was born in the seventies

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artist /ˈɑːtɪst/ Noun

an **artist** is someone who draws or paints pictures or who makes sculptures

Picasso was a famous artist of the 20th century | she had always wanted to be an artist | the cafe was popular with artists, writers and other creative people | Leo is a very gifted artist (he has a lot of skill)

Noun: *art* | Adjective: *artistic*

a book about 20th century art | her artistic style developed over the years | I'm not very artistic and I've never been able to draw

king /kɪŋ/ Noun

a **king** is a man who rules a country, and whose son or daughter will rule after he dies. A woman who rules a country in this way is a queen. In Britain, the **king** or queen is the head of the country, but has a parliamentary government that makes the laws

the king was killed in 1649 | Henry VIII is probably the most famous English king | a list of all the English kings and queens since 1066

musician /mjuːʒɪj(ə)n/ Noun

a **musician** is someone who plays a musical instrument

a jazz musician | the musicians walked onto the stage | the musicians played beautifully | the band was five musicians who'd started playing together at school

Noun: *music*

What sort of music do you listen to? | pop music

painting /ˈpeɪntɪŋ/ Noun

a **painting** is a picture that someone has made using paint

an oil painting | a watercolour painting

it's a lovely painting but it isn't worth much | an exhibition of paintings by Picasso | she did a lot of paintings of the river | I'm going to hang this painting in the bedroom | his works include a number of oil paintings (using paint that is made from oil) | a fine watercolour painting (using paint that is mixed with water)

Noun: *painter* | Verb: *paint*

a portrait painter | he mostly paints landscapes

president /ˈprezɪdnt/ Noun

a **president** is the most senior politician and the leader of the government of some countries

the president of the US | President Macron of France | the president lives in the White House

queen /kwiːn/ Noun

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Elizabeth became queen in 1952 | the queen's head is on the coins and banknotes | Have you ever met the queen?

scientist /ˈsaɪəntɪst/ Noun

a **scientist** is someone whose job involves studying subjects such as physics, chemistry, or biology

scientists are worried about global warming | two Russian scientists discovered a new material called "graphene" | scientists still don't understand exactly how the brain works

Noun: *science*

she studied science at university | science made a lot of progress in the twentieth century

writer /ˈraɪtə/ Noun

an **writer** is someone who writes books as a job, or someone who has written a particular book

a famous writer | my favourite writer is Henning Mankell | not many writers earn a lot of money | a writers' festival (where lots of writers talk to the public about their work)

Verb: *write*

Who wrote War and Peace? | she gave up her job so that she could write a book

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comment /ˈkɒment/ Noun

a **comment** is something you write on the internet, underneath an article, photo, Facebook post etc., saying what you think about it

you must be registered to post comments here | click here to submit your comment | Have you read all the comments here?

Verb: *comment*

lots of people commented on the photos | anyone can comment on my blog posts | you have to register for the site before you are allowed to comment

diary /ˈdaɪəri/ Noun

a **diary** is a book which has a space for every day

of the year. You use it to record the date and time of things you need to do, or to write down the interesting things that happen to you every day

keep a diary | write a diary

I wrote the date for our meeting in my diary | during her year in France, she kept a diary (wrote down what happened every day) | let's have lunch next Friday. Don't forget to put it in your diary | she wrote her diary before going to bed

fitness tracker /'fɪtnəs ,trækə/ Noun

a **fitness tracker** is a device some people wear that records information about what they do, for example how many steps they take in a day, or how fast their heart beats, etc.

my fitness tracker connects to my phone | a wearable fitness tracker (that you can wear on your wrist or arm) | I'm going to buy a fitness tracker in January | most people in my class have a fitness tracker

share /ʃeə/ Verb

if you **share** photos, articles, links etc, you put them on a social media page so that your friends can see them too

he's shared a lot of photos of his holiday | it was a really interesting article – thanks for sharing | I thought I'd share this with you all

write down /'raɪt 'daʊn/ Phrasal verb

if you **write something down**, you write it on a piece of paper or in a book with a pen or pencil

I wrote down his phone number on the back of an envelope | I forgot to write it down – I'll have to ask her again | write this down on a piece of paper

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attach /ə'tætʃ/ Verb

to **attach** something to something else means to fix it there so that the two things stay together. To **attach** something to an email means to send a separate document along with the message you have written, or in the same envelope as the letter

I've attached a few photos | I forgot to attach the map with directions to our house | my mail software won't let me attach files bigger than 2MB | my electronic business card is attached | please find attached details of the course

Noun: *attachment*

please print the attachment and sign it before posting it back to us | I've sent three photos in the attachments

attend /ə'tend/ Verb

if you **attend** an event, you go to it and are present there

attend a meeting/conference | attend college/school/university

all employees have to attend the training session | all students are welcome to attend | the ceremony was attended by nearly 200 people | he's been attending church regularly for many years

boring /'bɔːrɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is **boring** is not interesting

a really boring book | my job is really boring | the film was so boring we left before the end | he's the most boring teacher in the whole school

Adjective: *bored* | Opposite – Adjective: *interesting* | Adjective: *interested*

I got bored after waiting for an hour | If you're bored, why don't you go and do your homework? | the Harry Potter books are really interesting | I watched a really interesting programme on TV last night | he said he wasn't interested in cars | tell me more – I'm really interested

fantastic /fæn'tæstɪk/ Adjective

something that is **fantastic** is very good

this food is fantastic | we had a fantastic holiday | the view from the hotel window was fantastic | a fantastic guitar player

fine /faɪn/ Adjective

something that is **fine** is quite good

everything at school is fine at the moment | "How was your evening?" – "It was fine, thanks" | a rather fine painting

fun /fʌn/ Adjective

if something is **fun**, you enjoy it

have fun | great fun

we had a lot of fun at the weekend | swimming in the sea is great fun | Why don't you come with us – it'll be fun?

funny /'fʌni/ Adjective

something that is **funny** makes you laugh

a really funny joke | Mr Platt is funny sometimes | we watched funny YouTube videos all evening | it's the funniest book I've ever read | a funny story in a magazine

great /greɪt/ Adjective

something that is **great** is very good

the trip to New York was great | Birmingham is a great place to live | there are some great shops here | we saw a great film last night | you look great in that jacket | Athens is a great city

hope /həʊp/ Verb

if you **hope** something will happen, you want it to happen but you are not sure if it actually will

I hope you pass your driving test | we're hoping to go on holiday to Spain next year | "Is Tim coming home for Christmas?" – "I hope so." | I hope we can still be friends | I hope they won't be upset when they find out what's happened

Noun: *hope*

there isn't a hope of getting there on time (it's not possible to get there on time) | it's not impossible, so there's still some hope

look forward to /'lʊk ,fɔːwəd tuː/ Phrasal verb

if you are **looking forward to** something, you think you will enjoy it or be pleased when it happens

look forward to doing something

I'm looking forward to going to France for a week |

we're all looking forward to seeing you next month | she was looking forward to her birthday | I'm looking forward to Christmas already | Are you looking forward to the end of term?

nice /naɪs/ Adjective

something that is **nice** is pleasant and enjoyable
Did you have a nice time on your holiday? | there's a nice café near here | she's a nice person | we had a nice meal at a restaurant | this is a nice place to live | he always wears nice clothes | the soup tastes nice

not bad /,nɒt 'bæd/ Phrase

something that is **not bad** is good, but not very good
the film was not bad | she's not bad as a singer | the first course wasn't bad, but the main course was terrible

not very good /,nɒt veri 'ɡʊd/ Phrase

something that is **not very good** is quite bad
my cooking is not very good | the film wasn't very good | I'm not very good at singing

OK /,əʊ'keɪ/ Adjective

something that is **OK** is not good, but also not bad
the film was OK | the food in the restaurant was OK | we had an OK evening at the cinema

terrible /'terəb(ə)/ Adjective

something that is **terrible** is very bad
the food in the school canteen is terrible | he made a terrible mess in the kitchen | a terrible crime | they worked in terrible conditions | I've got a terrible pain in my leg | What a terrible film that was! | I made a terrible mistake

yours sincerely /jɔːz 'sɪnsɪəli/ Phrase

at the end of the letter, before your name, you write **Yours sincerely** if you started the letter using the other person's name, or **Yours faithfully** if you started the letter Dear Sir or Dear Madam
Yours sincerely, Michael Mishkin

PAGES 78–79**belong** /bɪ'lɒŋ/ Verb

if something **belongs** to you, it is yours and you own it

belong to someone

Who does this coat belong to? | the house has belonged to our family for a hundred years | it's not my computer; it belongs to the school | Does this book belong to you?

Noun: *belongings*

the fire destroyed most of their belongings (the things that belonged to them)

incredible /ɪn'kredəb(ə)/ Adjective

something that is **incredible** is very impressive

New York is an incredible city | an incredible film | her incredible kindness | the food here is incredible

remind /rɪ'maɪnd/ Verb

if something **reminds** you of someone or something, it makes you think about them

remind someone about something | remind someone of someone or something | remind someone to do something

Does this story remind you of anything? | he reminds me of my brother (he looks like my brother) | that song reminds me of my wedding (it makes me think about my wedding)

scared /skeəd/ Adjective

if someone is **scared**, they are afraid because they think something bad is going to happen to them
scared of something | scared that

I'm scared of spiders | there's no need to be scared | I thought I heard someone downstairs and got really scared | she was scared that she'd fall into the water

Verb: *scare*

the noise scared everyone in the station

scary /'skeəri/ Adjective

someone or something that is **scary** makes you feel afraid

a bit scary | really scary

it was a bit scary until the doctor arrived | she can be very scary when she's angry | it was really scary when he started shouting at me | it was really scary walking across the field in the dark | those spiders look scary

wardrobe /'wɔːdrəʊb/ Noun

a **wardrobe** is a large cupboard where you can hang your clothes

a fitted/built-in wardrobe

we had to hire a van to get the wardrobe home | the wardrobe got stuck as we tried to get it upstairs | there were two wardrobes in the bedroom | a built-in wardrobe (which is part of the house and cannot be moved)

wow /waʊ/ Interjection

you say "**Wow**" when you have just seen or heard something very impressive or amazing

Wow! Is that your new car? | "I'm going to California for a month." – "Wow!"