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half- /hɑ:f/ Prefix

half- is a prefix that you can add to the nouns 'brother' or 'sister' to show that two people share one of the same parents. *Half-* can also be added to words to give the meaning of 50 percent

my dad remarried last year and now I have a half-brother | you can get half-price tickets

• *demi-*

step- /step/ Prefix

step- is a prefix that you can add to words for family members to show you are related to someone through a second or a later marriage. For example, your *stepfather* is the man who has married your mother after the death or divorce of your natural father. A *stepbrother* is the child of your *stepparent*

my mum remarried last year and my stepfather is great

• *beau-*

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charming /'tʃɑ:(r)mɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is *charming* has very good manners and always behaves in a way that makes other people like them

he's a very charming man | she found him utterly fascinating and charming

Noun: *charm*

he had great personal charm

• *charmant*

criticism /'krɪtɪsɪz(ə)m/ Noun

criticism is a statement that expresses disapproval of someone or of something they have done. *Criticism* is also the activity of making statements like this

Collocates: draw/attract criticism | come in for criticism

I got plenty of criticism for my first exhibition | she came in for some fierce criticism

Verb: *criticise* | Noun: *critic* | Adjective: *critical* |

Adverb: *critically*

Collocates: criticise someone for (doing) something

the new theatre was criticised for being ugly | critics of the plan were quick to point out its weaknesses | she's always making critical comments about my piano playing

• *critique*

diplomatic /ˌdɪplə'mætɪk/ Adjective

someone who is *diplomatic* is always careful about what they say, making sure that they do not offend anyone

she's always very diplomatic | he gave a diplomatic answer when he was challenged about it

Adverb: *diplomatically*

he answered all her questions diplomatically, if not truthfully

• *diplomate*

direct /dɪ'rekt/ Adjective

someone who is *direct* always says exactly what they think, even if it might upset or offend people

she's always very direct and says what she means | he was very direct about it: he wanted her to leave | you'll need to be pretty direct with him

• *direct*

go off /ˌgəʊ 'ɒf/ Phrasal verb

if you *go off* somewhere, you leave where you are and go somewhere else for a while

he went off to get another book to show me | don't go off just yet – I haven't finished the story

• *partir*

intense /ɪn'tens/ Adjective

if someone is *intense*, they are very serious in the way they talk and behave

she's very focused, very intense | she can be a bit too intense sometimes | a very intense relationship

Noun: *intensity*

she looked at me with real intensity

• *acharné*

loyal /'lɔɪəl/ Adjective

someone who is *loyal* supports someone or something reliably and without changing

Collocates: fiercely loyal | loyal support | remain loyal (to someone or something)

only a few remained loyal to the prime minister | you can be sure of our loyal support | she is fiercely loyal to her family and her job

Adverb: *loyally* | Noun: *loyalty* || Opposite –

Adjective: *disloyal*

Collocates: fierce/great loyalty | blind loyalty | inspire loyalty | show loyalty | demand/expect loyalty

he inspires extraordinary loyalty among his staff | despite the setbacks, they loyally supported him

• *loyal*

modest /'mɒdɪst/ Adjective

someone who is *modest* does not like to talk about their successes or abilities

Collocates: be modest about something

he's very successful, but also incredibly modest | when she said her paintings were all right, she was just being modest

Adverb: *modestly* | Noun: *modesty*

"I was just one of the team," he said modestly | he described the achievement with great modesty

- *modeste*

naughty /'nɔ:tɪ/ Adjective

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

his children are really naughty | she can be quite naughty sometimes | that was very naughty of you

- *désobéissant*

personally /'pɜ:(r)s(ə)nəli/ Adverb

if you take something *personally* that someone has said to you, you are offended by it because you feel they are criticising you and not anyone else. If you criticise someone *personally*, you deliberately say something critical about them

Collocates: take something personally

I was making a general point about the team, but he took it personally | I don't think he meant it personally

Adjective: *personal*

in his speech, he launched a personal attack on the president

- *personnel*

push /pʊʃ/ Verb

if you *push* yourself, you make yourself work hard because you want to achieve something important or significant. If you *push* someone else to do something, you make them do it by encouraging them very firmly or forcing them to do it

I just wanted a good time at college, but he really pushed himself | they really push pupils to achieve high marks

Noun: *push*

he's clever enough, but lazy. He needs a bit of a push

- *forcer*

scholarship /'skɒlə(r)ʃɪp/ Noun

a *scholarship* is money that is given to someone by an organisation so that they can afford to go to school or university

Collocates: win a scholarship

he won a scholarship to study physics at Cambridge | I'm here on a scholarship

- *bourse*

sensitive /'sensətɪv/ Adjective

someone who is *sensitive* is easily affected by what other people say about them and gets offended very easily

he seems highly sensitive to criticism | a very sensitive and delicate child | you're too sensitive to last long in this office

Noun: *sensitivity*

you need to consider her sensitivities more

- *sensible*

show off /'ʃəʊ ,pɒ/ Phrasal verb

if someone is *showing off*, they are trying to impress people by talking about their achievements or possessions in a very annoying way

he never shows off or boasts about anything | as a child, he was always showing off

Noun: *show-off*

his sister was always a bit of a show-off

- *frimer*

WORD BUILDING: NOUNS MADE FROM PHRASAL VERBS

Some phrasal verbs can be made into nouns with similar meanings.

Sometimes the nouns are one-word nouns, sometimes they are two words joined with a hyphen (-). Sometimes the words from the phrasal verb appear in the same order in the noun; sometimes they are the other way round.

PHRASAL VERB

show off: he's always showing off

check in: check your bags in

fall out: let's not fall out about money

walk out: she walked out on her husband

rip off: they tried to rip us off

pour down: it's pouring down

bring up: bring up kids on your own

NOUN

show-off: he's a terrible show-off

check-in: I'll meet you at the check-in

falling-out: they had a bad falling out

walkout: the union ordered a walkout

rip-off: it was such a rip-off

downpour: get caught in the downpour

upbringing: have a strict upbringing

shy /ʃaɪ/ Adjective

someone who is *shy* feels nervous when they are with other people and finds it difficult to talk, especially with people they do not know

she's very quiet and shy | he's very shy with girls | she gave a shy smile

Adverb: *shyly*

the brothers looked shyly at their mother's friend

- *timide*

sweet /swi:t/ Adjective

if someone is *sweet*, they are pleasant, kind, and nice to other people

he's very sweet and affectionate | it was sweet of you to help | he always gives me a big hug; it's so sweet

Adverb: *sweetly*

she smiled sweetly and sat down

- *agréable*

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 108–109**active** /'æktiv/ Adjective

if someone is *active* in a role or organisation, they take part and do things rather than just saying they support it

we can play an active role in helping with childcare | he was never a very active MP

Adverb: *actively*

he is actively involved in his local church

- *actif*

childcare /'tʃaɪld,keə(r)/ Noun uncount

childcare is all the activity involved in looking after children. *Childcare* also refers to the arrangements that working people make for someone to look after their children while they are at work

trained childcare providers | finding affordable childcare is a big challenge

- *garde d'enfants*

complication /,kɒmplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

complications are problems that make a situation or task more difficult to deal with

despite the complications, there are benefits to be had too | one further complication was that my passport had expired

- *complication*

contrary /'kɒntrəri/ Adjective

if something is true *contrary* to what people think, it really is true although most people do not realise it and think the situation is different

contrary to common belief, the average age of becoming a grandparent is 51 | contrary to public opinion, there is no such thing as "road tax"

- *contraire*

contribute /kən'tribju:t/ Verb

if you *contribute* to something, you provide something useful either by what you say or what you do

Collocates: *contribute (something) to something*

grandchildren contribute to the relationship by helping their grandparents stay up-to-date | her visits contributed greatly to my eventual recovery | thanks to everyone who has contributed their memories to the blog

Noun: *contribution*

Collocates: *make a contribution*

his book was a valuable contribution to modern literature

- *contribuer*

estimate /'estimeɪt/ Verb

if you *estimate* something, you try to work out its approximate amount, value, or strength

it's estimated that 20% of grandparents spend 10 or more hours a week looking after their grandchildren | experts estimate it will take 1,000 tons of rock to fill the hole | we have no means of estimating accurately the population of ancient Rome

Noun: *estimate* | Noun: *estimation* | Adjective: *estimated*

Collocates: *a rough estimate*

initial estimates suggested over £1m of damage | a rough estimation of the Sun's temperature | the estimated cost was £50m

- *estimer*

fond /fɒnd/ Adjective

if you have *fond* memories of someone or something, it always gives you pleasure when you think about them or remember them

I have fond memories of my grandmother | she smiled as the fond memories flooded her thoughts | it brought back fond memories of my first trip to Cornwall

Adverb: *fondly* | Noun: *fondness*

I'll always fondly remember those summers spent in Ireland | she remembers her grandparents with fondness

- *affectueux*

interfere /,ɪntə(r)'fɪə(r)/ Verb

if you *interfere*, you become involved in a situation when your help or advice is not wanted

Collocates: *interfere in something*

stop interfering! | I wish you wouldn't interfere in my business

Noun: *interference* | Adjective: *interfering*

Collocates: *interference in/with something*

we cannot accept any interference in our internal procedures | an interfering neighbour

- *s'immiscer*

leisure /'leɪʒə(r)/ Noun uncount

leisure is time when people are not working and can do activities that they enjoy

Collocates: *leisure time* | *leisure pursuits/activities*

my leisure time was spent reading crime novels | *leisure pursuits such as golf or tennis*

- *loisir*

notion /'nəʊʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a *notion* is an idea or belief or opinion about something

this notion may seem strange at first | *he only had a vague notion of what to do next*

- *notion*

pose /pəʊz/ Verb

if something *poses* some kind of danger or problem, it causes it

terrorism still poses a serious threat | *bare wires pose a risk of electric shock*

- *constituer*

potentially /pə'tenʃəli/ Adverb

you use *potentially* to say that something might happen or become possible in the future

we can potentially play a more active role in helping with childcare | *his injuries are potentially fatal (he might die because of them)*

Noun: *potential* | Adjective: *potential*

he has the potential to become a great golfer | *the website can attract potential customers*

- *potentiellement*

reluctant /rɪ'lʌktənt/ Adjective

if you are *reluctant* to do something, you do not really want to do it

Collocates: *be reluctant to do something*

I was reluctant to give up my job | *she felt reluctant to ask for more money*

Adverb: *reluctantly* | Noun: *reluctance*

Collocates: *reluctantly agree (to do something)* | *reluctantly accept something* | *with reluctance*

he came with us rather reluctantly | *I couldn't understand his reluctance to go on the trip*

- *réticent*

role /rəʊl/ Noun

your *role* is the purpose or position that you have in a particular situation

Collocates: *play a role* | *a major role* | *an important role*

horses have played an important role in the country's history | *what's your role in the company?*

- *rôle*

rule /ru:l/ Verb

if someone *rules* in a situation, their influence and power is greater than anyone else's, and they control what happens

a lack of discipline can produce spoilt children who rule the house | *it's my house, and I rule here* | *she looked weak, but at home she ruled the roost (she was the most powerful person in the family)*

- *dominer*

sacrifice /'sækrɪfaɪs/ Noun

if you make a *sacrifice*, you give something up in order to be able to do or have something else instead

we lent them some money, but that meant making sacrifices ourselves | *many volunteers went out there, often at great personal sacrifice*

Verb: *sacrifice*

I sacrificed another night's sleep to go and pick him up from the airport

- *sacrifice*

spoil /spɔɪl/ Verb

if parents *spoil* a child, they always allow the child to have whatever he or she wants, which can have a bad effect on the way the child behaves and develops

my grandmother would spoil us the whole time we were there | *I always thought my mother spoiled my brother and was cruel to me*

Adjective: *spoilt* or *spoiled*

a spoiled brat (a spoiled child)

- *gâter*

status /'steɪtəs/ Noun

someone's *status* is the role or position that they have in society, as seen by other people

I'm not yet comfortable with my new status as a grandmother | *what is your marital status? (are you married or not married?)*

- *statut*

stereotype /'steriə,taɪp/ Noun

a *stereotype* is something that people think is typical of a particular person, place, or thing, especially when this belief is unfair or untrue

the stereotype of a granny is an old lady with white hair and glasses | *changing stereotypes about computer programmers isn't easy*

Adjective: *stereotypical* | Adverb: *stereotypically* |

Verb: *stereotype*

she spoke with a stereotypical Liverpool accent | *the police are often stereotyped as slow and stupid in films*

- *stéréotype*

turn /tɜː(r)n/ Verb

if you *turn* a particular age, you become that old
I only recently turned 50 | I'll be turning 60 in December

- franchir

typical /ˈtɪpɪk(ə)l/ Adjective

something that is *typical* is normal and has all the same features as most of the other things of the same sort
she looked like my idea of a typical granny | the house was built in typical Tudor style

Adverb: *typically*

typically, each exam is taken by about 2,000 students

- typique

vague /veɪɡ/ Adjective

something that is *vague* is not clear or definite

Collocates: a vague idea/memory | a vague impression | a vague feeling

I had only vague memories of my own grandparents | his description of the robber was rather vague

Adverb: *vaguely*

I can vaguely remember my first day at school

- vague

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 110–111**apologise** /əˈpɒlədʒaɪz/ Verb

if you *apologise*, you say that you are sorry for something bad or wrong that you have done or said

Collocates: apologise for (doing) something | apologise to someone

we're both very stubborn and I didn't want to be the first to apologise | I apologise for my rudeness earlier | Katie later deleted the tweet and apologised

Noun: *apology* | Adjective: *apologetic* |

Adverb: *apologetically*

Collocates: an apology for something | demand an apology | owe someone an apology | accept an apology

"I'm sorry," he said, with an apologetic smile | the waiter apologetically explained that they had no more steak

- s'excuser

awkward /ˈɔːkwə(r)d/ Adjective

an *awkward* situation is one in which people feel slightly embarrassed

it was quite awkward meeting her again after all that time | there was a bit of an awkward silence

Adverb: *awkwardly*

we shook hands a little awkwardly, then left

- délicat

bump into /ˌbʌmp ˈɪntuː/ Phrasal verb

if you *bump into* someone you know, you meet them unexpectedly somewhere because you are both there at the same time

a few years later, I bumped into her at a conference | we bumped into each other outside the station

- rencontrer par hasard

date /deɪt/ Verb

if you are *dating* someone, you see them regularly because you are starting a romantic relationship with them

then he started dating his best friend's sister | we dated for two years before we got engaged | we'd been dating for five months when he broke it off

Noun: *date*

they went to the cinema on their first date

- sortir avec

drift /drɪft/ Verb

if things are *drifting*, no one is controlling events or planning what should happen. If two people *drift apart*, they gradually become less friendly or their relationship gradually ends because neither of them does anything to keep the friendship alive

I made new friends, and Dan and I slowly drifted apart | it will only make things worse if you just let things drift | she drifted into a job as a waitress

- dériver

fall out /ˌfɔːl ˈaʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *fall out* with someone, you have an argument with them and you both stop talking to each other

Collocates: fall out with someone | fall out over something
we fell out over a girl | look – I don't want to fall out with you about this | have those two fallen out or something?

Noun: *falling-out*

we had a big falling-out a few years ago

- se brouiller

glad /glæd/ Adjective

if you are *glad* about something, you are happy about it. If you are *glad* to do something, you are very willing to do it

Collocates: glad that | be glad to do something

I'm glad we split up | he was glad that she remembered him | I felt glad to be starting a new job

Adverb: *gladly*

our support team will gladly help you

- content

hang out /ˌhæŋ ˈaʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you *hang out* with someone, you spend a lot of your free time with them. If you *hang out* somewhere, you spend a lot of your free time there

we used to hang out together all the time | they hang out behind the bus station | she started hanging out with Ellie and Jay

- trainer

idiot /ˈɪdiət/ Noun

if you say that someone is an *idiot*, you mean they are very foolish or stupid

our boss was a bit of an idiot | he drives like an idiot

Adjective: *idiotic*

that was an idiotic thing to do

- idiot

in touch /ɪn ˈtʌtʃ/ Phrase

if you are *in touch* with someone, you still see them and talk to them sometimes. If you *lose touch*, you stop seeing them or talking to them, especially when they move to a different town

Collocates: keep in touch | stay in touch | lose touch

we still keep in touch via Facebook | after I moved to Bratislava, we lost touch

- en contact

meet up /ˌmi:t ʌp/ Phrasal verb

if two or more people *meet up*, they go somewhere they have arranged to go to in order to do something together socially

I can't remember the last time we met up | we meet up twice a year for a meal

- se retrouver

move /mu:v/ Noun

a *move* is something that you do as part of an attempt to achieve something

Collocates: make a move | a wise move

she made the first move in their relationship | it was a wise move to sell the caravan

- pas

outgoing /ˈaʊtgəʊɪŋ/ Adjective

someone who is *outgoing* is friendly and lively, and likes meeting new people

Sandra remembers him as a very outgoing person | he's very funny and outgoing

- extraverti

personality /ˌpɜː(r)səˈnæləti/ Noun

someone's *personality* is their character and how they usually appear to other people

she has a very outgoing personality | they got on very well, despite having very different personalities

- personnalité

regret /rɪˈɡret/ Verb

if you *regret* something you have done, you feel bad about it and wish you hadn't done it

Collocates: bitterly/deeply regret something | regret doing something | regret that

Franck regrets he's no longer friends with Jef | I deeply regret what happened that day in Rome | you should never regret telling the truth

Noun: *regret*

Collocates: regret for something

he has finally expressed regret for his unacceptable behaviour | I would like to express my sincere regret for what I have done

- regretter

remain /rɪˈmeɪn/ Verb

to *remain* in a particular state or condition means to stay that way without changing

we've remained friends ever since primary school | he remained silent all through the trial

- rester

stubborn /ˈstʌbə(r)n/ Adjective

someone who is *stubborn* does not like to change their mind about anything and does not listen to people who try to persuade them to change

we're both very stubborn and I didn't want to be the first to apologise | I've had to be stubborn and selfish in my pursuit of my career | after a week of stubborn resistance, he finally gave in

Adverb: *stubbornly* | Noun: *stubbornness*

Patrick shook his head stubbornly | my father used to get so angry at her stubbornness

- têtu

via /ˈviə/ Preposition

via something means by using that thing or by going through that place

we kept in touch via email and social media | we flew to Sydney via Hong Kong

- par/via

wish /wɪʃ/ Verb

if you *wish* something, you want it to be true although you know it is impossible

we talked about the things we wished we'd said to him | I wish I hadn't left school when I was still so young | she really wished she'd studied harder for the exams

- souhaiter

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 112–113**adaptable** /ə'dæptəb(ə)l/ Adjective

someone or something that is *adaptable* can change when necessary in order to succeed at something

these plants are highly adaptable to most environments | you need to hire someone who is more adaptable

Verb: *adapt* | Noun: *adaptation*

we need to adapt to living with climate change | plants have evolved many adaptations to cope with fire

- souple

ancestor /'ænsɛstə(r)/ Noun

your *ancestors* are all the members of your family who lived before you, your grandparents, their parents, and so on into the past

my ancestors came over with William the Conqueror in 1066 | his ancestors had emigrated to America in the sixteenth century

Noun: *ancestry*

I'm English, but I have some Spanish ancestry through my great-grandfather

- ancêtre

blade /bleɪd/ Noun

on a knife, sword, axe etc the *blade* is the flat part with a sharp edge

he was sharpening the axe blade in the workshop | a razor blade

- lame

cultivation /ˌkʌltɪ'veɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

cultivation is the preparation of land and the growing of plants on it, usually for food

Collocates: be under cultivation

cultivation of crops has been going on here for three thousand years | the region supports intensive rice cultivation

Verb: *cultivate*

rice and other crops are cultivated in the valleys

- culture

reveal /rɪ'vi:l/ Verb

to *reveal* something means to make it known, especially when it was something that was previously unknown or secret

the analysis revealed the shared genes in our DNA | this newspaper can exclusively reveal the date of the next election

Noun: *revelation*

the revelation came as a surprise to his friends, and even to his family

- révéler

sample /'sɑ:mp(ə)l/ Noun

a *sample* of something is a small piece of it which can be used to provide information about the whole thing

water samples were analysed to see if it had been polluted | he was sent a sample issue of the magazine | blood samples are collected and sent to the laboratory

- échantillon

trace /treɪs/ Verb

if you *trace* the beginning and development of something, you find out how it started and what happened as it developed through time

the project aims to trace the route taken by our ancestors from Africa | I've traced my ancestry back to the start of the fifteenth century | the article traces the history of cricket from its origins to the present day

- retrouver