

9 HOUSES

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affordable /ə'fɔ:(r)dəb(ə)l/ Adjective

if something is *affordable*, it has a reasonable price that is not too expensive, so most people would be able to buy it

Collocates: affordable housing

they're looking for an affordable flat | good quality products at affordable prices | health insurance simply isn't affordable for people on low wages

Verb: *afford*

we can't afford a holiday abroad on my salary

• assequible

attic /'ætɪk/ Noun

in a house, the *attic* is the room just underneath the roof, often used for storing things

we keep all sorts of rubbish in the attic | you need a ladder to get into the attic

• golfes

basement /'beɪsmənt/ Noun

a *basement* is a room or area in a building that is below the level of the ground outside

the basement was flooded again last week | our boiler is in the basement

• sòtan

compact /'kɒmpækt/ Adjective

if something is *compact*, it is small and does not use much space

the flat is nice and compact, so it's easy to keep clean | both engines are compact and lightweight

• compacte

convenient /kən'vi:nɪənt/ Adjective

something that is *convenient* helps you to do things easily. For example, if a place is *convenient* for the station, it is near the station so you can get there easily. If it is *convenient* to do something, then you can do it without any problems

the hotel was in the city centre, very convenient for the museums | shopping online is so convenient | the app is a convenient way to practise your Greek

Adverb: *conveniently* | Noun: *convenience* || Opposites – Adjective: *inconvenient* | Noun: *inconvenience*

the house is conveniently situated for the local shops | I enjoy the convenience of e-books, but still prefer paper copies | having to remember two passwords is really inconvenient | the low ceilings are an inconvenience for people over six feet tall

• convenient

cramped /kræmpt/ Adjective

if a place is *cramped*, there is not enough space and it is uncomfortable to live or work there

the house is quite cramped with four of us living here | we work in cramped conditions

• abarrotat

envy /'envi/ Verb

if you *envy* someone, you think they are lucky to have something or be doing something and wish you could have it or do it too

Collocates: *envy* someone something | *envy* someone for (doing) something

I don't envy them all that work they have to do | I used to envy those pilots in the air force | she envied her sister for getting married

Noun: *envy* | Adjective: *envious* | Adjective: *envious*

Collocates: *be envious* of someone or something

he never seemed to excite envy in his colleagues | he tried not to feel envious when Jack won the tournament | it was not an envious task and I was glad Alec volunteered for it

• envejar

face /feɪs/ Verb

to *face* someone or something or to *face* a particular direction means to be opposite them or to be looking in that direction

the living room faces south, so it gets a lot of light | she turned to face the class | I chose a hotel room facing the sea

• estar en direcció a

fire /'faɪə(r)/ Noun

fire is the heat and flames are made when things burn

Collocates: *light* a fire | *set fire* to something | *put* a fire out

it's cold – shall I light the fire? | forest fires can spread very quickly

• foc

heating /'hi:tɪŋ/ Noun uncount

the *heating* in a building is the equipment that provides heat for the building

Collocates: *central heating*

the house has got gas central heating | we haven't got any heating at the moment

Verb: *heat*

how much does it cost to heat this place?

• calefacció

potential /pə'tenʃ(ə)l/ Noun uncount

if a place or person has *potential*, there is a big possibility that they can develop and become different or better in the future

Collocates: reach/realise your (full/true) potential

the area has enormous potential | she hasn't reached her full potential yet

Adjective: *potential* | Adverb: *potentially*

he is thought of as a potential prime minister | a potentially lucrative (well-paid) contract

• *potencial*

roof /ru:f/ Noun

the *roof* of a building is the top surface that stops rain coming in

the roof is leaking | a door that leads out to the roof

• *teulada*

run-down /'rʌndaʊn/ Adjective

a building that is *run-down* is not in good condition because it is old and hasn't been looked after well. You can also say that an area of a town or city is *run-down*

when we bought the house, it was old and run-down | a run-down area with lots of social problems

• *deteriorat / en decadència*

separate /'sep(ə)rət/ Adjective

if things are *separate*, they are not together or joined to each other

we wanted the children to have separate rooms | they work in separate offices | hotel staff use a separate entrance

Adverb: *separately* | Verb: *separate*

always wash coloured clothes separately from the whites | the brothers were separated and sent to different schools

• *separat*

spacious /'speɪʃəs/ Adjective

if a room or building is *spacious*, it is big and has a lot of space in it

the rooms are light and spacious | a lovely spacious living room | spacious new offices

• *espaiós*

tiled /taɪld/ Adjective

a floor, roof, or wall that is *tiled* is covered in square, flat pieces of baked clay

the kitchen has a tiled floor | the bathroom is fully tiled

Noun: *tile* | Verb: *tile*

Collocates: floor/wall tiles | roof tiles

a factory that produces tiles | we used black and white floor tiles in the bathroom | we're going to tile the lower half of the walls

• *enrajolat*

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conflict /'kɒnflɪkt/ Noun

conflict or a *conflict* is violent fighting between groups of people or countries

Collocates: armed conflict

in any armed conflict there will be civilian casualties | conflicts erupted in the 1850s, resulting in a number of wars

• *conflicte*

crash /kræʃ/ Verb

if prices *crash*, they drop a lot very quickly because people suddenly stop buying things or do not want to pay so much money for them. If a country's economy *crashes*, it is badly affected and starts to fail

there's a risk that house prices will crash | the stock market crashed in 1929

• *caure en picat*

due to /'dju: tu/ Preposition

if something happens *due to* something else, it happens because of it

the crime rate is falling due to better policing | the match was cancelled due to rain

• *degut a*

experience /ɪk'spiəriəns/ Verb

if you *experience* a particular situation or problem, it happens to you or affects you

China is not the only country experiencing these problems | do you experience difficulty concentrating?

Collocates: have an experience | an experience of/with something

a lot of people we've spoken to have had a similar experience | it was his first experience of being in a foreign country

• *experimental*

fail /feɪl/ Verb

if something *fails* to happen, it does not happen. If you *fail* to do something, you do not do it

Collocates: fail to do something | fail in something

over 70% fail to reach their target | he failed to turn up to the meeting | he failed in his attempt to become a millionaire | the business is failing (not doing well)

Noun: *failure*

Collocates: failure to do something

he was criticised for his failure to communicate with his colleagues | the whole project ended in failure

• *fallar / no aconseguir*

gap /gæp/ Noun

a *gap* is a very big difference between two situations, groups of people, or ideas

the growing gap between the rich and the poor (the rich are getting richer and the poor are getting poorer) | there's still a pay gap between men and women

- diferència / bretxa

goal /gəʊl/ Noun

your *goals* are the things you want to achieve in your life

Collocates: achieve/accomplish a goal

he has worked hard to achieve his goals | my goal is to be a senior lecturer by the time I'm 35

- objectius

hit /hɪt/ Verb

to *hit* a particular level on a scale means to reach it

the housing market has hit the bottom | sales have hit one million units a month | petrol prices hit a peak (reached their highest price before falling again) of £1.30 a litre

- arribar

immigration /ˌɪmɪˈɡreɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

immigration is the process in which people move into a country from another country in order to live and work there

there's been a sharp rise in immigration | immigration will be an important issue during the election

Noun: *immigrant*

this country has always welcomed immigrants

- immigració

investment /ɪnˈves(t)mənt/ Noun

investment is the process of buying shares in a company in the hope that they will pay you money regularly from their profits. An *investment* is also something you buy now because you think it will increase in value

Collocates: a good investment

he works as an investment analyst | buying a house is a good long-term investment

Verb: *invest* | Noun: *investor*

Collocates: invest in something

should I invest in property? | we want to attract foreign investors

- inversió

WORD BUILDING: NOUNS THAT END WITH -MENT

We can make nouns from some verbs by adding the suffix – **ment**, as in **investment**:

appointment: *make an appointment with the doctor / keep your appointment (go to it)*

attachment: *an email attachment / send the attachment in a different format*

equipment: *high-tech equipment / the job requires specialist equipment*

improvement: *make steady improvement / he's showing some improvement*

management: *they criticized his poor management / management skills*

treatment: *be given special treatment*

However, just because a noun ends in **-ment**, it does not always mean you can remove the **-ment** to make a verb. For example, **environment** is a noun, but **environ** is NOT a verb!

investor /ɪnˈvestə(r)/ Noun

an *investor* is someone who buys shares in a company in the hope that they will receive money regularly from the profits. An *investor* is also someone who buys something because they think it will increase in value

investors from abroad are buying up a lot of property | we want to attract foreign investors

Verb: *invest* | Noun: *investment*

Collocates: invest in something | a good investment

invest money in the stock market | buying a house is a good long-term investment

- inversor

largely /ˈlɑː(r)dʒli/ Adverb

you use *largely* when introducing the main reason for something, although there are also other reasons

it was largely because of the economic problems in neighbouring countries | the delay was largely due to a shortage of bricks

- sobretot

middle-class /mɪd(ə)l 'klaːs/ Adjective

the *middle class* is one of the groups which people in a society are divided into according to their jobs, education, background, etc. People from that class are *middle-class*

wages are increasing for middle-class people | a middle-class area of Leeds

Noun: *middle class*

the middle classes were badly affected by the tax rises

- classe mitjana

pray /preɪ/ Verb

if you *pray*, you speak to the god that you believe in. To *pray* for something also means to hope very much that it will happen

Collocates: pray that | pray for something

people should be praying that prices will fall | I'm praying for a fine day tomorrow | he went into the church to pray

- *pregar*

privacy /'prɪvəsi/ Noun uncount

privacy is a state in which no one can see you or know what you are doing

many people will fight to protect their privacy | I can say what I want in the privacy of my own home

Adjective: *private*

she's a very private person (she never says much about herself to anyone)

- *intimitat*

property /'prɒpə(r)ti/ Noun

property is land and buildings

property prices are high in London | the sign said "private property – keep out"

- *propietat*

protest /prə'test/ Verb

if people *protest*, they say very forcefully that they do not agree with a plan or situation

Collocates: protest against/about something

many local people protested about the new building plans | they are protesting about low wages | the minister protested strongly against the proposal

Noun: *protest* | Noun: *protester*

a mass protest by students

- *protestar*

rate /reɪt/ Noun

the *rate* at which something happens is the number of times it happens over a certain period of time

Collocates: birth rate | death rate | divorce rate | crime rate

the crime rate is going down finally | the divorce rate in the north is much higher than in the south

- *index*

rising /'raɪzɪŋ/ Adjective

something that is *rising* is getting bigger in number, size, or value

rising sea levels are a concern | rising fuel costs are affecting all families

Verb: *rise* | Noun: *rise*

average salaries rose 2% last year

- *que augmenta*

sharp /ʃɑː(r)p/ Adjective

a *sharp* change in the rate or size of something is a sudden and big change in it

Collocates: a sharp rise/increase

a sharp rise in immigration | there was a sharp increase in prices last month | a sharp drop in unemployment

Adverb: *sharply*

traffic to the website fell sharply over Christmas

- *sobtat / marcat*

shortage /'ʃɔː(r)tɪdʒ/ Noun

if there is a *shortage* of something, there is not enough of it

Collocates: a shortage of something

there is a shortage of housing in the UK | there are serious food and water shortages

Adjective: *short*

Collocates: be short of something

if you're short of carrots, just use potato

- *carència*

slow down /,sləʊ 'daʊn/ Verb

if a process or activity *slows down*, it starts to happen less actively. If a country's economy *slows down*, there is less economic activity and businesses start to fail and people lose their jobs

economic growth slowed down in the second half of the year | there's no evidence that climate change is slowing down

Noun: *slowdown*

Collocates: an economic slowdown

Africa is feeling the full impact of the global economic slowdown

- *desaccelerar*

steadily /'stedɪli/ Adverb

if something changes *steadily*, it changes constantly and gradually, and usually at the same rate

house prices have been rising steadily for the last ten years | unemployment has fallen steadily

Adjective: *steady*

a steady increase in prices

- *de manera estable*

target /'tɑː(r)ɡɪt/ Noun

a *target* is something you are trying to achieve in your life or an objective you have as part of your job

Collocates: reach a target | miss a target | set a target

our target is to reduce inflation to less than 5% | he missed his sales target for March

- *objectiu*

STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 84–85**access** /'ækses/ Noun uncount

access to somewhere or something is the fact of being able to go there or use it

Collocates: access to somewhere

access to the car park is via a staircase | a hotel that offers free Wi-Fi access

Verb: access

guests can access several tennis courts and the swimming pool

- accès

authorities /ɔ:'θɒrəti:z/ Noun plural

the *authorities* are official institutions such as central and local government who are able to make laws and decide how a country, town, or city should be run

the authorities have done a lot to reduce the crime rate | airport authorities announced that night flights would be permitted during the summer

- autoritats

awkward /'ɔ:kwə(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

Adverb: awkwardly

we shook hands a little awkwardly, then left

- diffícil / incòmode

cover /'kʌvə(r)/ Verb

if one thing *covers* something else, it is on top of the other thing so that it is difficult to see what is underneath

Collocates: cover something with something | be covered in something

the streets are covered in litter | cover the table with a cloth before you start painting on it

- cobrir

dead /ded/ Adjective

if a place is *dead*, it is not very lively

it's pretty dead in the centre after 8 in the evening | I couldn't wait to leave Hull – it was dead

- mort

decorated /'dekəreɪtɪd/ Adjective

something that is *decorated* has been made to look beautiful by being painted or by having pretty things added to it

a huge and beautifully decorated house | the church was beautifully decorated

Verb: decorate | Noun: decoration

it took us all weekend to decorate the downstairs of the house | why don't we put up some party decorations?

- decorat

distance /'dɪstəns/ Noun

the *distance* between two things is the amount of space between them. If something is *in the distance*, you can see it or hear it, but it is a long way from where you are

the school is quite a distance from here | I could see some people in the distance

Adjective: distant

he heard the distant sound of the motorway (the sound was coming from a long way away)

- distància

downstairs /,daʊn'steə(r)z/ Adverb

if something is *downstairs*, it is on the ground floor level of a building or on a level below where you are

both the tables are needed downstairs | can you run downstairs and see if she's in kitchen

Adjective: downstairs

the three downstairs rooms were all flooded

- planta baixa

filthy /'fɪlθi/ Adjective

if something is *filthy*, it is extremely dirty

the streets were filthy and covered in litter | his clothes looked filthy | the house was absolutely filthy

Noun: filth

everything was covered in filth

- repugnant

immigrant /'ɪmɪgrənt/ Noun

an *immigrant* is someone who has left their own country and now lives in another country

a lot of immigrants have settled here | since 1970, the immigrant population has doubled

Noun: immigration

there's been a sharp rise in immigration

- immigrant

isolated /'aɪsəˌleɪtɪd/ Adjective

an *isolated* place is far away from other buildings, shops, towns, etc. If you feel *isolated*, you are lonely because you are in place that is a long way from your friends or family
you'll be a bit isolated without a car | I felt lonely and isolated in my first weeks at university

Noun: *isolation*

I didn't like the isolation of working from home

- *aïllat*

litter /'lɪtə(r)/ Noun uncount

litter is rubbish that is dropped in public places and which makes those places look untidy

the streets are covered in litter | pick your litter up

- *escombraries*

multicultural /ˌmʌltiˈkʌltʃərəl/ Adjective

a place that is *multicultural* has people from a lot of different countries and cultures living and working together

London is so much more multicultural than it was in the 1930s | a multicultural classroom with kids of eight nationalities studying together | Unity House is the college's multicultural centre

- *multicultural*

naked /'neɪkɪd/ Adjective

if you are *naked*, you have no clothes on

Collocates: stark naked

you could go around naked and no one would see you | his naked body was found in woods behind the factory

- *despullat*

offer /'ɒfə(r)/ Verb

to *offer* something means to have it available for people, either as part of a service or as part of what someone is buying or renting

large, old house offering quiet, comfortable accommodation | the university offers courses in French, Russian, and German

- *oferir*

settle /'set(ə)l/ Verb

if you *settle* somewhere, you start to live there permanently
a lot of immigrants have settled here recently | he settled in Birmingham after the war

Noun: *settler*

European settlers started to arrive in 1793

- *establiir-se*

tenant /'tenənt/ Noun

a *tenant* is someone who pays rent to live in a house or flat, or in a room in a house or flat

Anastasia is looking for a tenant | the previous tenant had left the place in a mess

- *inquillí*