

# 12 PEOPLE I KNOW

## STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 104–105

### 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*

- prefix per indicar mig

### 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*

- prefix per indicar vincle familiar amb una altra persona

## STUDENT'S BOOK PAGES 106–107

### charming /ˈtʃɑ:(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*

- encantador

### criticism /ˈkrɪtɪsɪz(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*

- crítica

### diplomatic /ˌdɪpləˈmætɪk/ 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*

- diplomàtic

### direct /dɪˈrekt/ 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*

- directe

### go off /ˌɡəʊ ˈɒf/ 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*

- marxar

### intense /ɪnˈtens/ 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*

- intens

### loyal /ˈlɔɪəl/ 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*

- lleial

**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*

- **modest**

**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*

- **entremaliat**

**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*

- **personalment**

**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*

- **obligar / fer una empena**

**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*

- **beca**

**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 ,ɒf/ 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*

- **fer ostentació**

**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*

- **tímid**

**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*

- *dolç*

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**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*

- *actiu*

**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*

- *cura dels nens*

**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*

- *complicació*

**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"*

- *contrari*

**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*

- *contribuir*

**estimate** /'estɪmeɪt/ 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*

- *calcular*

**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*

- *afectuós*

**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*

- *interferir*

**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*

- *temps lliure*

**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*

- *concepte*

**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*

- *plantejar / suposar*

**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*

- *potencialment*

**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*

- *reticent*

**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?*

- *paper*

**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)*

- *manar*

**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*

- *sacrifici*

**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)*

- *consentir*

**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?)*

- *estatus*

**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*

- *estereotip*

**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*

- *fer (anys)*

**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*

- *típic*

**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*

- *indefinit*

**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*

- *demanar disculpes*

**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*

- *incòmode*

**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*

- *trobar-se algú*

**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 amb algú*

**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*

- *anar a la deriva, anar sense rumb fix*

**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*

- *discutir*

**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*

- *passar l'estona*

**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 contacte*

**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*

- *trobar-se*

**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*

- *moviment*

**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*

- *extravertit*

**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*

- *personalitat*

**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*

- *lamentar*

**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*

- *romandre*

**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*

- *tossut*

**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*

- *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*

- *desitjar*

**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*

- *adaptable*

**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*

- *avantpassat*

**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*

- *fulla*

**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*

- *cultiu*

**reveal** /rɪ'veɪl/ 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*

- *revelar*

**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*

- *mostra*

**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*

- *buscar l'origen*