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absent

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A, a /eɪ/

the first letter of the alphabet

a (also an) weak /ə/ strong /eɪ/ determiner

- 1** **A1** used before a noun to mean one thing or person: *I need a car.* ◦ *Can I have an apple?*
- 2** **A1** every or each: *Take one tablet three times a day.*
- 3** **A1** used to say what job someone does: *She's a mechanic.*

Common mistake: a or an?

Remember to use **an** in front of words that begin with a vowel sound. These are words that start with the letters a, e, i, o, or u, or with a sound like those letters.

a car, an orange, an hour

A&E /ˈeɪəndˈiː/ noun [no plural] UK (US **emergency room**)

the part of a hospital where people go when they need treatment quickly:
She was taken to A&E.

abandon /əˈbændən/ verb

- 1** to leave someone or something somewhere: *Dad had to abandon the car by the side of the road.*
- 2** to stop doing something before it is finished: *We abandoned the picnic when it started to rain.*

abbey /ˈæbi/ noun

a group of buildings that includes a large Christian church, where religious men or women once lived: *Westminster Abbey*

abbreviation /əˈbrɪːviːeɪʃən/ noun

a shorter form of a word or phrase, especially used in writing: *'St' is an abbreviation of the word 'street'.*

ability /əˈbɪləti/ noun (plural **abilities**)

B1 the skill or qualities that you need to do something: *He had the **ability** to explain things clearly.*

able /ˈeɪbl/ adj

A2 If you are able to do something, you can do it: *He'll **be able to** help you.*

abnormal /æbˈnɔːməl/ adj

not normal: *abnormal behaviour*

aboard /əˈbɔːd/ adv, preposition
on or onto a plane, ship, bus, or train:
Welcome aboard flight 109 to Paris.

abolish /əˈbɒlɪʃ/ verb

to end a law or system: *Slavery was abolished in the US in 1865.*

about¹ /əˈbaʊt/ preposition

- 1** **A1** relating to a particular subject: *What was she talking about?*
- 2** UK to different parts of a place: *We wandered about the town.*
- 3** **what/how about...?** **A2** used to suggest something: *How about a coffee?*
- 4** **what/how about...?** **B1** used to ask for someone's opinion on a particular subject: *What about Ava – is she nice?*

about² /əˈbaʊt/ adv

- 1** **A1** close to a particular number or time, although not exactly that number or time: *It happened about two months ago.*
- 2** UK to or in different parts of a place: *She just leaves her clothes lying about.*
- 3** **about to do something** going to do something very soon: *I'm about to leave.*

above /əˈbʌv/ adv, preposition

- 1** **A1** in a higher position than something else: *Look on the shelf above your head.*
- 2** **A2** more than an amount or level: *This toy is for children aged four and above.*
- 3** **B1** higher on the page: *Please send the articles to the address shown above.*
- 4** **above all** **B1** most important of everything: *Above all, I'd like to thank my family.*

abroad /əˈbrɔːd/ adv

B1 in or to a different country: *Are you **going abroad** this summer?*

abrupt /əˈbrʌpt/ adj

sudden: *The conversation came to an abrupt end.*

absence /ˈæbsəns/ noun

- 1** a time when you are not in a place: *His absence was noticed.*
- 2** [no plural] the fact that something does not exist: *the absence of proof*

absent /ˈæbsənt/ adj

B1 not in a place, especially school or

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work: *He has been **absent from** school all week.*

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absolute /'æbsəlu:t/ **adj**

complete: *Our trip to Rome was an **absolute disaster**.*

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absolutely /,æbsə'lu:tli/ **adv**

1 **B1** completely: *The food was **absolutely delicious**.*

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2 used to strongly agree with someone: *'Do you agree?' 'Absolutely.'*

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absorb /əb'zɔ:b/ **verb**

1 to take in liquid, gas, or heat and hold it: *Cook the rice until all the liquid has been **absorbed**.*

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2 to understand and remember something: *It's hard to **absorb** so much information.*

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abstract /'æbstrækt/ **adj**

1 relating to ideas and not real things: *Truth and beauty are **abstract concepts**.*

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2 abstract art involves shapes and colours and not images of real things or people: *abstract paintings*

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absurd /əb'zɜ:d/ **adj**

very silly: *Your argument is completely **absurd**.*

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abuse¹ /ə'bju:s/ **noun**

1 the act of using something for the wrong purpose in a way that is bad: *alcohol **abuse***

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2 [no plural] the act of being violent or cruel to another person: *child **abuse***

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3 [no plural] rude words said to someone: *The crowds were shouting **abuse** at him.*

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abuse² /ə'bju:z/ **verb** (**abusing**, **abused**)

1 to be cruel and violent with someone: *Some of the women were **abused** by their husbands.*

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2 to use something for the wrong purpose in a way that is bad: *He **abused** alcohol all his life.*

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3 to say rude words to someone: *The crowd started **abusing** him.*

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abusive /ə'bju:sɪv/ **adj**

using rude language or violence to be cruel to someone: *an **abusive** phone call*

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academic /,ækə'demɪk/ **adj**

related to education, schools, universities, etc.: *academic standards*

accelerate /æk'seləreɪt/ **verb**

to start to move or drive faster: *I **accelerated** to pass the bus.*

accelerator /æk'seləreɪtə/ **noun**

the part of a car that you push with your foot to make it go faster
 → See **Car** on page C3

accent /'æksənt/ **noun**

1 **B1** the way that someone speaks, showing where they come from: *an American **accent** • a French **accent***

2 a mark written or printed over a letter to show you how to pronounce it: *There's an **accent** on the 'e' of 'café'.*

accept /æk'sept/ **verb**

1 **B1** to take something that someone offers you: *He **accepted** the job. • He won't **accept** advice from anyone.*

2 to say that something is true, often something bad: *He **refuses** to **accept** that he made a mistake.*

3 **accept responsibility/blame** to admit that you caused something bad that happened: *I **accept** full responsibility for the accident.*

acceptable /æk'septəbl/ **adj**

B1 good enough: *Is her work of an **acceptable** standard?*

access¹ /'ækses/ **noun** [no plural]

1 **B1** the fact of being able to use or see something: *Do you have **access** to a computer? • Internet **access***

2 **B1** the way that you reach or go into a place: *The only **access** to the island is by boat.*

access² /'ækses/ **verb**

to be able to find and see information, especially using a computer: *You will need a password to **access** those files.*

accessory /æk'sesəri/ **noun** [usually plural] (plural **accessories**)

something added to something else to make it more attractive or useful: *camera **accessories***

accident /'æksɪdənt/ **noun**

1 **A2** something bad that happens that is not wanted or planned, and that hurts someone or damages some-

thing: *a car accident* ◦ *She had an accident in the kitchen.*

2 by accident (B1) without wanting to or planning to: *I deleted the wrong file by accident.*

accidental /ˌæksɪ'dentəl/ **adj**
happening without being wanted or planned: *accidental damage*

accidentally /ˌæksɪ'dentəli/ **adv**
If you do something bad accidentally, you do it without wanting to or planning to: *I accidentally knocked over a glass of water.*

accommodation /əˌkɒmə'deɪʃən/ **noun** [no plural] UK (US **accommodations** [plural noun])
(B1) a place where you live or stay: *rented accommodation*

accompany /ə'kʌmpəni/ **verb** (**accompanying, accompanied**)
1 (B1) formal to go to a place with someone: *All children must be accompanied by an adult.*

2 (B1) to be sold or supplied with something else: *The book is accompanied by a DVD.*

3 to play a musical instrument with someone else who is playing or singing

accord /ə'kɔ:d/ **noun** [no plural]
of your own accord because you decide to, and not because someone tells you to: *She left of her own accord.*

according to /ə'kɔ:dn̩ tu:/ **preposition**
1 (B1) as said by someone or as shown by something: *According to Susie, he was alone last night.*

2 based on a particular system or plan: *Students are put in groups according to their ability.*

account¹ /ə'kaʊnt/ **noun**
1 (A1) an arrangement with a bank to keep your money there: *I paid the money into my account.*
2 a description of something that happened: *They gave different accounts of the event.*

3 take something into account/take account of something to think about something when judging a situation: *They took his age into account when*

judging his performance. ◦ *A good architect takes account of the building's surroundings.*

4 on no account not for any reason: *On no account must these records be changed.*

account² /ə'kaʊnt/ **verb**
account for something phrasal verb to explain something: *Can she account for the missing money?*

accountancy /ə'kaʊntənsi/ **noun** [no plural] UK (US **accounting** /ə'kaʊntɪŋ/) the job of being an accountant: *She works in accountancy.*

accountant /ə'kaʊntənt/ **noun** (B1) someone whose job is keeping records of all the money that people or companies spend and earn

accounts /ə'kaʊnts/ **plural noun**
a set of official records of all the money a company spends and earns

accurate /'ækjərət/ **adj** (B1) correct or exact: *accurate information*
→ Opposite **inaccurate** **adj**
• **accurately** **adv**

accusation /'ækjuːzeɪʃən/ **noun**
a statement that you think someone has done something bad: *Her manager made a number of accusations against her.*

accuse /ə'kju:z/ **verb** (**accusing, accused**)
to say that you think someone has done something bad: *She accused him of stealing from her.*

accustomed /ə'kʌstəmd/ **adj**
be accustomed to something to have done something so often or have had it so long that it is normal or comfortable for you: *He was accustomed to speaking in public.*

ace /eɪs/ **noun**
a playing card with one symbol on it, which has the highest or lowest value in many card games: *the ace of hearts*

ache¹ /eɪk/ **noun** (B1) pain that continues for a long time: *I've got stomach ache.*

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ache² /eɪk/ verb (**aching**, **ached**)to hurt continuously: *My legs are aching after all that exercise.*

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achieve /ə'tʃi:v/ verb (**achieving**, **achieved**)**B1** to succeed in doing something difficult: *We finally achieved our goal of buying a house.*

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achievement /ə'tʃi:vmənt/ noun**B1** something good that you have done that was difficult: *This movie is his greatest achievement.*

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acid /'æsid/ nouna liquid that burns or dissolves things: *hydrochloric acid*

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acne /'ækni/ noun [no plural]

a skin problem that causes a lot of red spots on the face

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acquaintance /ə'kwetɪəns/ nounsomeone that you have met, but do not know well: *He's a business acquaintance.*

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acquainted /ə'kwetɪtɪd/ adj formalIf you are acquainted with someone, you have met them but do not know them well: *I'd like to get better acquainted with her.*

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acquire /ə'kwɪə/ verb (**acquiring**, **acquired**) formal**1** to get something: *My grandfather acquired several valuable paintings.***2** to learn something: *I've acquired some useful skills in this job.*

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acre /'eɪkə/ noun

a unit for measuring area, equal to 4,047 square metres

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across /ə'krɒs/ adv, preposition**1** **A2** from one side to the other: *I walked across the road.***2** **A2** on the opposite side of: *There's a bank just across the street.* ◦ *The library is across from the school.*

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act¹ /ækt/ verb**1** **B1** to behave in a particular way, usually a bad way: *Stop acting like a child!***2** **B1** to perform in a play or movie**3** to do something to stop a problem: *We have to act now to stop the spread of this disease.*

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act as something phrasal verbto do a job for a short time: *He acted as an adviser on the project.***act**² /ækt/ noun**1** **B1** one of the parts in a play**2** something that someone does: *an act of kindness***3** a law made by a government: *an act of Parliament***4** a way of behaving in which someone pretends to be or feel something: *She's not really upset – it's just an act.***acting** /'æktɪŋ/ noun [no plural]

the job of performing in plays and movies

action /'æksjən/ noun**1** **B1** [no plural] exciting or important things that are happening: *He likes movies with a lot of action.***2** something that you do: *We must take action before the problem gets worse.***3** **out of action** damaged or hurt and not able to operate or move: *My car's out of action.***active** /'æktɪv/ adj**1** **B1** busy doing a lot of things: *She's still very active, even at the age of 87.***2** **B1** In an active verb or sentence, the subject of the verb is the person or thing doing the action. For example, 'Andy drove the car' is an active sentence.**3** very involved in an organization or planned activity: *He is an active member of the local drama club.***actively** /'æktɪvli/ advin a way that involves intentional effort: *I've been actively looking for a job for six months.***activity** /æk'tɪvəti/ noun**1** **A2** (plural **activities**) something that you do, especially for enjoyment: *Activities on offer include swimming and tennis.***2** [no plural] the actions of people when they are moving around and doing things: *There was no sign of activity outside.***actor** /'æktə/ noun**A2** someone who performs in plays, in movies, or on television

[More information](#)**actress** /'æk-trəs/ noun

a woman who performs in plays, in movies, or on television

actual /'æktʃuəl/ adj**1** real, not guessed or imagined: *We were expecting about fifty people, but the actual number was higher.***2** **in actual fact** used to show what is really true, or to give more information: *I thought she was Portuguese, but in actual fact she's Brazilian.***Common mistake: actual or current?****Actual** means 'real'. It does not mean 'happening now'.*His friends call him Jo-Jo, but his actual name is John.*Use **current** to talk about things that are happening or that exist now.*She started her current job two years ago.***actually** /'æktʃuəli/ adv**1** **A2** used when you are saying what is true about a situation: *He didn't actually say anything important.* ◦ *So what actually happened?***2** **B1** used when you are emphasizing something surprising: *A friend of mine was actually at the same concert – I hadn't seen her for years!***3** used when you are disagreeing with someone or saying no to them: *'You never told me.' 'Actually, I did.'***acute** /ə'kju:t/ adjAn acute problem is very bad: *There's an acute shortage of doctors in the area.***ad** /æd/ noun

short form of advertisement

AD /eɪ'di:/used to show that a particular year came after the birth of Jesus Christ: *1066 AD***adapt** /ə'dæpt/ verb**1** to change something to fit a different use or situation: *The original book has been adapted for television.***2** to change the way that you behave or think to fit a new situation: *It took time to adapt to my new boss.***adaptable** /ə'dæptəbl/ adjable to change for a different situation or use: *Frogs are highly adaptable and live in many environments.***adapter** /ə'dæptə/ noun UK

something that is used for connecting two or more pieces of electrical equipment to the same electrical supply

add /æd/ verb**1** **A2** to put something together with something else, making the whole thing bigger: *Mix the sugar and butter, then add the eggs.* ◦ *Do you have anything to add to the list?***2** **A2** to put two or more numbers together to get a total: *Don't forget to add the cost of postage.***3** **B1** to say another thing: *She said she liked him but added that he was difficult to work with.***add something up** phrasal verb**B1** to put two or more numbers together to get a total: *Have you added up all the figures?***addict** /'ædɪkt/ nounsomeone who cannot stop taking a drug or doing something as a habit: *a drug addict***addicted** /ə'dɪktɪd/ adjnot able to stop taking a drug or doing something as a habit: *Sam is addicted to computer games.***addition** /ə'dɪʃn/ noun**1** **in addition (to something)** **B1** added to what already exists, happens, or is true: *In addition to teaching, she works in a restaurant in the summer.***2** [no plural] the act of adding numbers together to get a total**3** a new or extra thing that is added to something: *Baby Eva is the latest addition to the family.***additional** /ə'dɪʃnəl/ adjextra: *We need additional information.*◦ **additionally** adv *Additionally, we request a deposit of £200 in advance.***address¹** /ə'dres/ noun**1** **A1** the number of a building and the name of the street, city, etc. where it is**2** **A1** a group of letters and signs used to send email to someone or to find information on the Internet: *an email address* ◦ *a Web address***address²** /ə'dres/ verb**1** to write a name or address on an

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- a** envelope or parcel: *A parcel arrived **addressed to** Emma.*
- b** **2** to do something in order to stop a problem: *We have to **address the problem now**.*
- c** **address book** /ə'dres bʊk/ **noun**
a book or electronic file in which you keep a list of names, addresses, and phone numbers: *She put his new phone number in her **address book**.*
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- e** **adequate** /'ædɪkwət/ **adj**
1 enough: *I didn't have **adequate time** to prepare.*
2 good enough, but not very good: *The sound quality is **adequate for** everyday use.*
• **adequately** **adv**
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- g** **adjective** /'ædʒɪktɪv/ **noun**
(A2) a word that describes a noun or pronoun. The words 'big', 'boring', and 'blue' are all adjectives.
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- i** **adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/ **verb**
1 to change something slightly to make it fit or work better: *You can **adjust the heat** with this switch.*
2 to change the way you behave or think and become comfortable in a new situation: *They found it **difficult to adjust to life** in a new country.*
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- k** **adjustment** /ə'dʒʌstmənt/ **noun**
a small change that you make to something so that it works better, fits better, or is more suitable: *We've **made a few adjustments to the schedule**.*
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- m** **administration** /əd,mɪnɪ'streɪʃən/ **noun** [no plural]
the things that you have to do to manage the work of an organization
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- o** **admiration** /,ædmə'reɪʃən/ **noun** [no plural]
the feeling of liking something or of liking and respecting someone for the good qualities that he, she, or it has: *I have great **admiration for** my teacher.*
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- r** **admire** /əd'maɪə/ **verb** (**admiring, admired**)
1 **(B1)** to look at something or someone and think that he, she, or it is attractive: *I was just **admiring your shirt**.*
2 to like something or to like and respect someone for the good qualities that he, she, or it has: *I **admire him for** being so determined.*
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- t** **admission** /əd'mɪʃən/ **noun**
1 **(B1)** [no plural] the money that you pay to enter a place: *The museum doesn't **charge admission** for children.*
2 the act of agreeing that you did something bad: *Her departure was seen by many as an **admission of** guilt.*
- u** **admit** /əd'mɪt/ **verb** (**admitting, admitted**)
1 **(B1)** to agree that you did something bad, or that something bad is true: *Both men **admitted to** taking illegal drugs. ◦ I was wrong – I **admit it**.*
2 to allow someone to enter a place: *It says on the ticket 'admits 2'.*
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- w** **adolescence** /,ædəl'esəns/ **noun** [no plural]
the period of time in someone's life between being a child and being an adult
- x** **adolescent** /,ædəl'esənt/ **noun**
a young person who is between being a child and being an adult
- y** **adopt** /ə'dɒpt/ **verb**
1 to take someone else's child into your family and legally become the parent of that child: *He was **adopted as a baby**.*
2 to start doing or using something new: *We've **adopted a different approach to solving the problem**.*
- z** **adopted** /ə'dɒptɪd/ **adj**
An adopted child has legally become part of another family: *They have two **adopted children**.*
- z** **adoption** /əd'ɒpʃən/ **noun**
the process of legally becoming the parents of someone else's child: *They couldn't have children, so they were **considering adoption**.*
- z** **adore** /ə'dɔː/ **verb** (**adoring, adored**)
to love someone or something very much: *Sarah **adored her father**.*
- z** **adult¹** /'ædʌlt/ **noun**
(A1) a person or animal that has finished growing and is not now a child
- z** **adult²** /'ædʌlt/ **adj**
1 having finished growing: *an **adult male rat***

2 **A2** for adults or relating to adults:
adult education

advance¹ /əd'vɑ:ns/ **noun**

1 **in advance** **B1** before a particular time: *We booked our tickets in advance.*
2 new discoveries and inventions:
scientific advances

advance² /əd'vɑ:ns/ **verb** (**advancing, advanced**)

1 to develop or progress, or to make something develop or progress:
Research has advanced our understanding of the virus.
2 to move forward, especially while fighting

advanced /əd'vɑ:nst/ **adj**

1 **A2** at a higher, more difficult level:
an advanced English course
2 **B1** having developed to a more modern stage: *advanced technology*

advantage /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ **noun**

1 **B1** something good that helps you:
One advantage of living in town is having the shops so near.
2 **take advantage of something** **B1** to use the things that are good or that can help you in a situation: *Take advantage of the sports facilities while you're here.*
3 **take advantage of someone/something** to treat someone or something badly in order to get what you want: *I think she takes advantage of his generous nature.*

adventure /əd'ventʃə/ **noun**

A2 an exciting and sometimes dangerous experience: *They had quite a few adventures on their travels.*

adventurous /əd'ventʃərəs/ **adj**

An adventurous person likes to try new or difficult things: *I'm going to be more adventurous with my cooking.*

adverb /'ædvɜ:b/ **noun**

A2 a word that gives more information about a verb, adjective, phrase, or other adverb. In the sentence 'He ate quickly', 'quickly' is an adverb.

advert /'ædvɜ:t/ **noun** UK
 short form of advertisement

advertise /'ædvətaɪz/ **verb** (**advertising, advertised**)

1 **B1** to tell people about a product or service, on television, on the Internet, in newspapers, etc., so that people will buy it: *Companies are not allowed to advertise cigarettes on television.*
2 **B1** to put information in a newspaper, on the Internet, etc., asking for someone or something that you need: *The school is advertising for teachers.*

advertisement /əd'vɜ:tɪsmənt/ **noun**

A2 a picture, short film, etc. that is designed to persuade people to buy something: *a newspaper/television/online advertisement*

advertising /'ædvətaɪzɪŋ/ **noun** [no plural]

the business of persuading people to buy products or services: *Sarah works in advertising.*

advice /əd'vaɪs/ **noun** [no plural]

A2 suggestions about what you think someone should do: *This book gives advice on saving money.* ◦ *I took your advice and went home early.* ◦ *Can I give you a piece of advice?*

Common mistake: advice

Remember that this word is not countable.

I need some advice.

I need an advice.

To make **advice** singular, say **a piece of advice**.

Common mistake: advice or advise?

Be careful not to confuse the noun **advice** with the verb **advise**.

I advise you to see a lawyer.

I advice you to see a lawyer.

advise /əd'vaɪz/ **verb** (**advising, advised**)

B1 to tell someone that they should do something: *I would advise him to see a doctor.*

adviser /əd'vaɪzə/ **noun** (also **advisor**)

someone whose job is to give advice about a subject: *a financial adviser*

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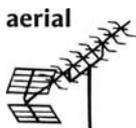
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aerial /'eəriəl/ noun

UK (US **antenna**)
a piece of metal that
is used for receiving
television or radio
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aerobics /eə'reübiks/ noun [no plural]

physical exercises that you do to
music, especially in a class

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aeroplane /'eərəplem/ noun UK (US **airplane**)

A2 a vehicle that flies and has an
engine and wings

→ See picture at **plane**

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aerosol /'eərəsəl/ noun

a metal container
that forces liquid out
in small drops when
you press a button



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affair /ə'feə/ noun

1 a sexual relation-
ship between two
people when one or both of them is
married to someone else: *He had an
affair with a woman at work.*
2 a situation, especially a bad one: *The
government's handling of the affair has
been widely criticized.*

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affairs /ə'feəz/ plural noun

situations or subjects that involve you:
*He refused to discuss his financial
affairs.*

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affect /ə'fekt/ verb

1 to cause a change in someone or
something: *How will the new road
affect the community?*
2 If an illness affects someone, the
person becomes ill: *The disease affects
older people.*
3 to cause a strong emotion, espe-
cially sadness: *Try not to let her criti-
cism affect you.*

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affection /ə'fekʃən/ noun [no plural]
a feeling of liking or loving someone,
or the things you do to show this:
Mum gave us lots of love and affection.

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affectionate /ə'fekʃənət/ adj

often showing that you like or love
someone: *an affectionate little girl*
• **affectionately** adv

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afford /ə'fɔ:d/ verb

B1 to have enough money to buy
something or enough time to do
something: *Can we afford a new car?*
• *I can't afford to wait.*

afraid /ə'freɪd/ adj

1 **A2** feeling fear or worry: *I'm afraid
of big dogs.* • *They were afraid that
their son would get hurt.*

2 **I'm afraid** **A2** used to politely tell
someone something bad or to politely
disagree with someone: *I'm afraid
that we can't come to your party.*

African American /æ'frɪkən
ə'merɪkən/ noun

an American person whose family
came from Africa in the past

• **African-American** adj *the African-
American community*

after¹ /'ɑ:ftə/ preposition

1 **A1** following something that has
happened: *We went swimming after
lunch.*

2 **A2** following in order: *H comes after
G in the alphabet.*

3 **A2** once you have gone past a par-
ticular place: *Turn left after the hotel.*

4 **B1** following someone or some-
thing: *We ran after him.*

5 despite: *I can't believe he was so rude
to you after all the help you've given
him!*

6 because of something that hap-
pened: *I'll never trust her again after
what she did to me.*

7 US used to say how many minutes
past the hour it is: *It's five after three.*

8 **after all** **B1** used to add an explana-
tion to something that you have just
said: *You can't expect to be perfect –
after all, it was only your first lesson.*

9 **day after day, year after year, etc.**

B1 happening every day, year, etc.
over a long period: *We went to France
for our holidays year after year.*

10 **be after something** to be trying to
get something: *What type of job are
you after?*

after² /'ɑ:ftə/ conjunction

B1 at a later time than something else
happens: *We arrived after the game had
started.*

after³ /'ɑ:ftə/ adv

A2 later than someone or something else: *Hilary got here at midday and Matt arrived soon after.*

afternoon /,ɑ:ftə'nu:n/ noun

A1 the time between the middle of the day and the evening: *I played tennis on Saturday afternoon.*

Common mistake: afternoon

If you talk about what happens during the afternoon, use the preposition **in**.

In the afternoon I phoned my girlfriend.

At the afternoon I phoned my girlfriend.

If you say a day of the week before **afternoon**, use the preposition **on**.

I'm going to the dentist on Tuesday afternoon.

afterwards /'ɑ:ftəwədz/ adv mainly UK (US usually **afterward**)

A2 at a later time, after something else has happened: *I did my homework and went swimming afterwards.*

again /ə'geɪn/ adv

1 A1 once more: *Ask her again.*

2 A2 as before: *Get some rest and you'll feel better again soon.*

3 again and again B1 many times: *He played the same song again and again.*

4 all over again repeated from the beginning: *I'm not starting my story all over again.*

5 yet again another time after something has happened or been done many times before: *The bus was late yet again.*

against /ə'geɪnst/ preposition

1 A2 competing with someone or something: *Liverpool are playing against AC Milan.*

2 A2 touching something: *Push the bed against the wall.*

3 disagreeing with a plan or activity: *Andrew wants to buy a motorcycle, but I'm against it.*

4 against the law/the rules not allowed by a law or rule: *It's against the law to sell alcohol to teenagers.*

age /eɪdʒ/ noun

1 A1 the number of years that someone has lived, or that something has existed: *Mozart died at the age of*

35. ◦ *a child under/over the age of five* ◦ *Their son is your age* (= as old as you are).

2 B1 a period of history: *the Ice Age*

3 [no plural] the state of being old: *Some wines improve with age.*

aged /eɪdʒd/ adj

A2 having a particular age: *They have one daughter, aged three.*

agency /'eɪdʒənsi/ noun (plural **agencies**)

B1 a business that provides a service: *an advertising agency*

agenda /ə'dʒendə/ noun

a list of subjects that people will discuss at a meeting: *There are several items on the agenda.*

agent /'eɪdʒənt/ noun

1 someone whose job is to deal with business for someone else: *Please contact our agent in Spain for more information.*

2 someone who tries to find out secret information, especially about another country: *a secret agent*

ages /'eɪdʒɪz/ plural noun informal

B1 a very long time: *I've been waiting here for ages.*

aggressive /ə'gresɪv/ adj

angry and violent towards another person: *aggressive behaviour*

• **aggressively** adv *These dogs sometimes behave aggressively.*

ago /ə'gəʊ/ adv

A2 in the past: *It happened a long time ago.*

agony /'æɡəni/ noun (plural **agonies**)

very bad pain: *She was in agony after her operation.*

agree /ə'ɡri:/ verb (**agreeing, agreed**)

1 A2 to have the same opinion as someone: *I agree with you.* ◦ *We all agreed that mistakes had been made.* ◦ *They have finally agreed on a name for their new dog.*

2 B1 to decide something with someone: *They agreed to meet on Sunday.*

3 to say you will do something that someone asks you to do: *She agreed to help him.*

agree with something phrasal verb

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to think that something is morally right: *I don't agree with hunting.*

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agreement /ə'gri:mənt/ noun

1 a promise or decision made between two or more people: *The company and the union reached an agreement.*

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2 [no plural] a situation in which all the people involved in something have the same opinion: *Not everyone was in agreement.*

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agriculture /'ægrɪkʌltʃə/ noun [no plural]

the work of growing plants and taking care of animals that are used for food
• **agricultural** /'ægrɪ'kʌltʃərə/ adj *agricultural machinery*

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ahead /ə'hed/ adj, adv

1 **B1** in front: *She walked ahead of us.*

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2 **B1** in the future: *He has a difficult time ahead of him.*

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3 with more points than someone else in a competition: *Barcelona were ahead after ten minutes.*

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4 **go ahead** informal said to allow someone to do something: *'Can I use your phone?' 'Sure, go ahead.'*

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aid /eɪd/ noun

1 help, or something such as food or equipment that gives help: *Emergency aid was sent to the flood victims.*
◦ *teaching aids*

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2 **in aid of someone/something** UK in order to get money for a group of people who need it: *There's a concert in aid of famine relief.*

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AIDS (also **Aids**) /eɪdz/ noun [no plural]

a serious illness that stops the body from fighting other illnesses

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aim¹ /eɪm/ noun

B1 a result that you try to achieve: *The aim of the movie was to make people laugh.*

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aim² /eɪm/ verb

1 **B1** to try to do something: *We're aiming for a 10% increase in sales.*
2 to point a weapon towards someone or something: *He aimed the gun at the target.*

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3 **be aimed at someone** to be intended to influence a particular person or group: *These advertisements are aimed at young people.*

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air /eə/ noun

1 **A2** [no plural] the mixture of gases around the Earth that we breathe: *I love the smell of the air in the mountains.*

2 **A2** [no plural] used especially before another noun about activities that involve planes: *air travel*

3 **the air** the space above and around things: *He fired his gun into the air.*

air conditioning /,eə kən'dɪʃənɪŋ/ noun [no plural]

B1 a system that keeps the air cool in a building or car

aircraft /'eəkrɑ:ft/ noun (plural **aircraft**)

a vehicle that can fly

air force /'eə ,fɔ:s/ noun

B1 the part of a country's military organization that uses planes

airline /'eəlaɪn/ noun

B1 a company that takes people and things to places in planes

airmail /'eəmeɪl/ noun [no plural]

the system of sending letters or parcels by plane

airplane /'eəpleɪn/ noun US (UK **aeroplane**)

a vehicle that flies and has an engine and wings

airport /'eəpɔ:t/ noun

A2 a place where planes take off and land

aisle /aɪl/ noun

1 a passage between the lines of seats in a plane, church, theatre, etc.

2 a passage between the shelves in a supermarket

alarm¹ /ə'lɑ:m/ noun

1 **B1** a loud noise that tells you there is danger: *a fire alarm*

2 **B1** a clock that makes a noise to wake you: *The alarm went off at 5.30.*

3 [no plural] a sudden feeling of fear that something bad might happen: *There's no need for alarm – we're safe.*

alarm² /ə'lɑ:m/ verb

to worry someone: *I didn't want to alarm him by saying that she was ill.*