

COMMON WORDS AND THEIR WORD FAMILIES 1

VERBS	NOUN	ADJECTIVE	ADVERB
enable	ability	able unable	ably
	absence absentee	absent	
	accident	accidental	
accommodate	accommodation		
acknowledge	acknowledgement		
act	action activity activist actress actor	active inactive	
activate	activation		
add	addition additive	additional additive	
	adequacy inadequacy	adequate inadequate	
admire	admiration	admirable	admirably
	advantage disadvantage	advantageous disadvantageous	
advertise	advertisement advertiser		
admit	admission admittance		
adopt	adoption		
advise	advice advisability	advisable inadvisable	advisably inadvisably

	affection	affectionate unaffectionate	
affect	effect	effective ineffective	
agree disagree	agreement disagreement	agreeable disagreeable	agreeably disagreeably
	alcohol	alcoholic	alcoholically
allow	allowance		
	ambition	ambitious	
amuse	amusement		
annoy	annoyance		
excite	excitement		
	anxiety	anxious	
apologise	apology	apologetic	apologetically
appear disappear	appearance disappearance	apparent	apparently
applaud	applause applauder		
apply	application applicant	applicable	applicably
appoint	appointment		
appreciate	appreciation	appreciative	
approve disapprove	approval disapproval		
argue	argument argumentation	arguable argumentative	arguably
arrange	arrangement		
arrive	arrival		
assist	assistance		
associate	association		

assume	assumption		
astonish	astonishment		
attend	attendance		
	attention	attentive	
attract	attraction attractiveness unattractiveness	attractive unattractive	
avoid	avoidance	avoidable unavoidable	avoidably unavoidably
base	base basic	basically	basis
beautify	beauty beautician	beautiful	beautifully
believe	belief disbelief	believable unbelievable	believably unbelievably
bleed	blood		
	bravery	brave	
breathe	breath	breathless	
broaden	breadth	broad	
brighten	brightness	bright	
	brilliance	brilliant	
bury	burial		
calculate	calculation calculator		
	caution	cautious	
change	change changeability	changeable	unchangeable
	child childhood	childish childlike	
choose	choice		
circle	circle	circular	

civilise	civilisation civics	civil civic civilised uncivilised	
classify	class classification		
enclose	enclosure		
collect	collection collector	collective	
comfort	comfort discomfort	comfortable uncomfortable	comfortably uncomfortably
compare	comparison	comparative comparable	comparably
compel	compulsion	compulsory	compulsorily
compete	competition competitor	competitive	
complete	completion	complete incomplete	
compose	composition c omposer		
conclude	conclusion		
confirm	confirmation		
confide	confidence	confident unconfident confidential	
confess	confession		
confirm	confirmation	confirmed unconfirmed	
confuse	confusion		
congratulate	congratulation		
	consciousness unconsciousness	conscious unconscious	
conserve	conservation		

consider	consideration	considerable inconsiderable	considerably inconsiderably
construct	construction	constructive	
consume	consumption		
continue discontinue	continuation discontinuation	continuous discontinuous continual	
	convenience inconvenience	convenient inconvenient	
converse	conversation	conversational	
cook	cook cooker	cookery	
correct	correction	correct incorrect corrective	
encourage discourage	courage encouragement discouragement	courageous	
	cowardice	coward	
create	creation creature creator	creative	
	crime criminal	criminal	
criticize	critic criticism	critical	
	curiosity	curious	
	cruelty	cruel	
	custom	customary	
damage	damage		
endanger	danger	dangerous	
darken	darkness	dark	
	day	daily	

deafen	deafness	deaf	
	deceit	deceitful	
decide	decision	decisive indecisive	
decorate	decoration decorator		
deepen	depth	deep	
defend	defence defendant	defensive indefensible	indefensibly
deliver	delivery	deliverable undeliverable	
depend	dependence independence	dependent independent	
describe	description	descriptive describable indescribable	
destroy	destruction	destructive non- destructive	
determine	determination	determined undetermined	
develop	development		
dictate	dictation	dictatorial	
die	death	dead deadly	
differ	difference	different	
differentiate	differentiation		
direct	direction director directory	direct indirect	
discover	discovery		
discuss	discussion		
	distance	distant	
distribute	distribution		

disturb	disturbance		
divide	division	divisive	
doubt	doubt	doubtful	
	dust duster	dusty	
ease	ease	easy	easily
economise	economy economics	economic economical uneconomical	
educate	education	educational	
	efficiency	efficient inefficient	
elect	election		
electrify	electricity electrician	electric electrical	
embarrass	embarrassment		
employ	employment unemployment employee employer		
enjoy	enjoyment	enjoyable	enjoyably
enter	entrance		
enthuse	enthusiasm enthusiast	enthusiastic unenthusiastic	enthusiastically unenthusiastically
equalise	equalisation equality inequality	equal unequal	equally
except	exception		
exhibit	exhibition		