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actually /æktʃʊəli/ Adverb

you use **actually** to emphasise what you think is the real or exact truth

Noun: *drawing* | Verb: *draw*

coin /kɔɪn/ Noun

a **coin** is

a shiny one pound coin | several coins fell out of his pocket | some of these old coins are worth a lot of money | I collect old French coins

connection /kə'nekʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a **connection** is

the hut has an important connection to Scott | I had no connection with him at all | is there any connection between the two crimes? | scientists discovered a connection between smoking and cancer | I'd never met him before, but we discovered we had a family connection

expedition /,ekspə'dɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

an **expedition** is

this hut was the starting point for Scott's expedition | the expedition will start in June and will take seven weeks | on December 14th, Amundsen's expedition reached the South Pole | Sir John Hunt led the expedition on Mount Everest in 1953 | two expedition members left the ship in Buenos Aires

note /nəʊt/ Noun

a **note** is

she put the note back in her wallet | can you give me two five pound notes for this ten pound note? | I thought I had a note in my back pocket | some shops will refuse to accept a fifty pound note

copy /kɒpi/ Noun

a **copy**

a copy of something

have you got a copy of today's paper? | I've lost my copy of Macbeth | the bookshop had several copies of his books in the window | he was reading a week-old copy of the Daily Telegraph

diary /'daɪəri/ Noun

a **diary**

keep a diary | write a diary

I wrote the date for our meeting in my diary | during her year in France, she kept a diary (wrote down what happened every day) | let's have lunch next Friday. Don't forget to put it in your diary | I don't want you to read my diary – it's personal

drawing /'drɔːɪŋ/ Noun

if you **draw** something, you use a pen or pencil to make a picture of it. The activity is **drawing**, and the picture that you make is also called a **drawing**
a drawing of something or someone

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card /kɑː(r)d/ Noun

a **card** is a piece of stiff paper folded in half, often with a picture on one side, that you write a message on and send to someone
a birthday card

curious /'kjʊəriəs/ Adjective

if you are **curious** about something, you want to know more about it

very curious | be curious (to know/hear/learn) about something

Noun: *curiosity* | Adverb: *curiously*

curiosity about something | satisfy your curiosity | idle curiosity | out of curiosity

disappointing /ˌdɪsəˈpɔɪntɪŋ/ Adjective

the film started well, but the ending was disappointing | the doctor had to give him some disappointing news | it was disappointing to hear you failed the exam | the England football team were very disappointing last night

Adjective: *disappointed* | Verb: *disappoint* | Noun: *disappointment*

be disappointed at/by/with something | be disappointed that

she sounded very disappointed when I spoke to her | she was disappointed with her exam results | I was really disappointed at not getting the job | he was very disappointed that you missed his birthday | I was a bit disappointed by the film | I'm sorry to disappoint you, but there weren't any tickets left | his decision to leave university disappointed his mother | she managed to hide her disappointment when she heard the result | it was another bitter disappointment (something was extremely disappointing)

email /iːmeɪl/ Noun

an **email** is a message that you send to someone using the Internet

send someone an email

Verb: *email*

email me when you get there | I've got to email this to Jennifer

Facebook page /ˈfeɪsbʊk peɪdʒ/ Noun

your **Facebook page** is a page on the Facebook website where you put information about yourself, photos, etc. so that you can share them with your friends

click this link to add a photo to your Facebook page | visit my Facebook page for more information | over 90% of businesses have a Facebook page

fridge /ˈfrɪdʒ/ Noun

a **fridge** is a

put the butter back in the fridge | I never keep eggs in the fridge | there's a full bottle of milk in the fridge | we have a fridge in the kitchen and another in the garage

letter /ˈletə(r)/ Noun

a **letter** is a message that you write on paper, put in an envelope and send to someone through the post

send someone a letter | write someone a letter | I got a letter from Andy yesterday | I used to write lots of letters, but now I just send emails | are there

any letters for me? | she wrote him a long letter explaining why she wasn't coming back | I had a letter telling me my uncle had died

news reporter /njuːz rɪˈpɔːtə/ Noun

a **news reporter** is a journalist who reports on the news for a newspaper or magazine or for a television or radio station

newspaper /ˈnjuːzpeɪpə(r)/ Noun

a **newspaper** is a set of sheets of paper with stories and pictures about the news printed on them. They are usually published every day and are often called just *papers*. Most **newspapers** also have websites

can I look at your newspaper? | a free newspaper | which newspaper do you read? | I bought a newspaper at the station | a national newspaper (sold all over the country) | a local newspaper (sold only in a small area)

phone conversation /ˈfəʊn ˌkɒnvəˈseɪʃən/ Noun

a **phone conversation** is a period of time during which you talk to someone on the phone

we had a long phone conversation yesterday evening | we don't need to meet, just a phone conversation will be OK | the president had a one-hour phone conversation with Mr Putin

Post-it note /pəʊst ɪt nəʊt/ Noun

a **Post-it note** is a small piece of paper that you use to write something on. It has glue along one edge so you can stick it somewhere, and the glue is specially made so that you can easily remove the note later

the fridge was covered in Post-it notes | I left a Post-it note on her desk to say that Laura had phoned | a packet of Post-it notes

presentation /ˌprez(ə)n'teɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

if you give a **presentation**, you stand in front of a group of people, for example in a meeting or in a class, and tell them information about a particular subject

give a presentation

I have to give a presentation at the meeting | I nearly fell asleep during Gavin's presentation | a short presentation | we sat through a two-hour presentation on the company's plans

Verb: *present*

she presented the company's plans for the next five years

radio programme /reɪdɪəʊ ˈprəʊɡræm/ Noun

a **radio programme** is an individual show that you can listen to on the radio

I heard a really interesting radio programme last night | there's a good radio programme on at 8 o'clock | did you hear that radio programme about the French election?

surprised /sə(r)'praɪzd/ Adjective

if you are **surprised**, something has happened that you were not expecting

people are sometimes surprised when I tell them where I work | I was quite surprised when she said she was leaving | he looked surprised when I told him I was leaving | I was really surprised how much I enjoyed the film

Adjective: *surprising* | Adverb: *surprisingly* | Noun: *surprise* | Verb: *surprise* || Opposites – Adjective: *unsurprising* | Adverb: *unsurprisingly*

get a surprise | to someone's surprise

it was rather surprising to get a letter from her after 15 years | the article came to a surprising conclusion | the meal was surprisingly good | it's surprisingly easy to make a cake | it was a pleasant surprise to get your email | to my surprise, they offered me the job | the question took me completely by surprise | it didn't surprise me at all that he was dead | the announcement surprised us all | it was unsurprising that Sam fell ill after spending all night in the rain | unsurprisingly, he's very good at chess

text message /tekst 'mesɪdʒ/ Noun

a **text message** is a written message that you can send from your mobile phone to someone else's mobile phone

I'll send you a text message when we get to the airport | how much does it cost to send a text message? | I never got your text message because there was no signal on the beach | we've been exchanging text messages all week

Whatsapp message /wɒts æp 'mesɪdʒ/ Noun

a **Whatsapp message** is a written message, which might include pictures, video or sound, that you send from your mobile phone using the messaging service Whatsapp

I got a really funny Whatsapp message from Simon | did you get my Whatsapp message?

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archaeologist /,ɑː(r)'kiːblədʒɪst/ Noun

an **archaeologist** is someone who studies very old objects in order to learn about how people lived hundreds or thousands of years ago

archaeologists found pots and cooking tools that were 1,500 years old | the village was discovered by archaeologists three years ago | according to archaeologists, the wagon had three wheels

Noun: *archaeology* | Adjective: *archaeological*
she's studying archaeology at university | a famous archaeological site (place where things are being dug up)

collector /kə'lektə(r)/ Noun

a **collector** is someone who buys and collects lots of a certain type of object, such as stamps, paintings, coins, etc.

the stamp was sold to a collector for over £500 | these old wine bottles are very popular with

collectors | she's a well-known art collector | several book collectors offered to buy it from me

Verb: *collect* | Noun: *collection*

I collect stamps and coins | a large collection of 19th century wine glasses

desperately /'desp(ə)rət(ə)li/ Adverb

if you are **desperately** trying to do something, you want to succeed in what you are doing very much, although you might not, and you think that if you do not succeed the result will be very bad for you
she was desperately trying not to laugh | the team are desperately trying to save the ancient objects | he was fighting desperately to get out of the water

Adjective: *desperate* | Noun: *desperation*

'we were getting desperate | he's desperate to get a job | a desperate attempt to reach an agreement | people are heading for the cities in desperation

law /lɔː/ Noun

a **law** is an official rule that people in a country have to obey

a law against something | break the law

there are laws controlling the movement of historical objects in and out of Egypt | every country has a law against murder | have you ever broken the law?

painting /'peɪntɪŋ/ Noun

if you **paint** something, you use paint and a brush to make a picture of it. The activity is **painting**, and the picture that you make is also called a **painting**

a painting of someone or something

it's a lovely painting but it isn't worth much | an exhibition of paintings by Picasso | she did a lot of paintings of the river | I'm going to hang this painting in the bedroom | his works include a number of oil paintings (using paint that is made from oil) | a fine collection of watercolour paintings (using paint that is mixed with water)

Verb: *paint* | Noun: *painting* | Noun: *painter* | Noun: *paint*

I'm trying to paint a picture of my house | Picasso painted this in 1927 | I enjoy painting when I have the time | she wants to learn how to paint | her uncle was a well-known painter | he spilt some paint on the floor

pot /pɒt/ Noun

a **pot** is a container that is used for cooking, storing food or growing plants in

people there often cook in clay pots | a large cooking pot with two handles | a red plant pot | a flower pot

robber /'rɒbə(r)/ Noun

a **robber** is someone who steals things from other people

the robbers escaped in a white van | robbers often come to Abu Sir al Malaq to steal things | robbers took the most valuable painting | the bank robbers were caught the next day

Noun: *robbery* | Verb: *rob*

the robbery was well-organised and very quick | they were planning a bank robbery | he was in prison for trying to rob a bank

sand /sænd/ Noun

sand is the stuff you find on lots of beaches or in deserts. It is like a fine powder and is made up of very tiny pieces of white or yellow rock

extreme heat can turn sand into glass | we came back from the beach with sand in our hair | he shook the wet sand from his clothes

Adjective: **sandy**

a lovely, sandy beach

soldier /'səʊldʒə(r)/ Noun

a **soldier** is a member of an army, who has to fight when there is a war

six soldiers were killed in the attack | German soldiers entered Poland in 1939 | a soldier in uniform

statue /stætʃu:/ Noun

a **statue** is a large copy of a person or animal made of wood, metal or stone

there are statues of lions in Trafalgar Square | a statue of Churchill | there's a statue of Dick Whittington outside the hospital | an equestrian statue (a statue of someone on a horse) | the Statue of Liberty is 46m high

steal /sti:l/ Verb

to **steal** something that does not belong to you means to take it without permission and not give it back

steal something from somewhere/someone

he stole some jeans from the shop | someone tried to steal my bike | thieves stole hundreds of pounds | my car was stolen last night

Adjective: **stolen**

he was driving a stolen car | the house was full of stolen goods (things that had been stolen from somewhere)

tomb /tu:m/ Noun

a **tomb** is a place where a dead person is buried
the church contains the tomb of the last emperor | the queen's tomb | there are five people buried in the tomb | six pots were found inside the tomb

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oxygen /'ɒksɪdʒ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

oxygen is a gas that is one of the main gases in the air that we breathe

there's not much oxygen in the air at the top of a mountain | the first people who climbed Mount Everest had to take bottles of oxygen with them | all living things need oxygen to survive

village /'vɪlɪdʒ/ Noun

a **village** is a place with buildings where people live. A village is smaller than a town and much smaller than a city

they live in a village near Bristol | a pretty village in the country | the village was very quiet | please drive slowly through the village | it was difficult moving from a village to a city

Noun: **villager**

several villagers came out to help us when the car broke down

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African-American /'æfrɪkən ə'merɪkən/ Adjective

African-American people are black Americans whose ancestors originally came to the US from Africa

jazz started among the African-American communities in New Orleans | 80% of our students are African-American | there's a large African American population here

Noun: **African American**

Barack Obama is the first African American to serve as president of the United States

classical music /'klæsɪkəl 'mju:zɪk/ Noun uncount

classical music is serious music of the sort composed by people such as Beethoven, Wagner, Tchaikovsky and so on

I much prefer classical music to pop music | a classical music concert | a collection of classical music recordings | we spent the evening listening to classical music

community /kə'mju:nəti/ Noun

a **community** is all the people who live and work together in a particular area

we are a small village community here | the new road will affect everyone in the community | community leaders held a meeting with the police | a community centre (a building which local people can go to and hold events in) | the town is organised into four local communities

function /'fʌŋkʃ(ə)n/ Noun

the **function** of something is its main purpose or the job that it is meant to do

Voyager 1 still has an important function | the main function of the department is to find new employees | his function as mayor stopped after he became a member of parliament

interstellar space /'ɪntə(:)'stɛlə speɪs/ Noun uncount

interstellar space is the area of space between our solar system and other stars

interstellar space is not completely empty | Voyager 1 is the first man-made object to go into interstellar space | there are small amounts of hydrogen in interstellar space

jazz /dʒæz/ Noun uncount

jazz is a kind of music with a strong beat and rhythm, which is often made up during a performance instead of being prepared before a jazz band

she plays the trumpet in a jazz band | do you like jazz? | jazz can be quite difficult to listen to | we met at a jazz festival

launch /lɔːntʃ/ Verb

if someone **launches** a rocket or spacecraft, they send it up into the air or into space

Voyager 1 was launched in 1977 | Brazil successfully launched a rocket into space | the two-man Gemini spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral

Noun: *launch*

the launch of Apollo 11 was a huge success

life form /laɪf fɔːm/ Noun

a **life form** is any kind of living thing

Voyager 1 is carrying a message for other life forms in the universe | no life forms have been found on the moon | early life forms on Earth lived in water

mission /mɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun

a **mission** is a special journey made in order to carry out important research or exploration

Voyager 1 has completed its first mission successfully | six Apollo missions successfully landed men on the Moon | the mission was controlled from Houston

moon /muːn/ Noun

a **moon** is an object that goes round a planet. Earth has one moon, that we call the Moon, but some planets have several moons

Jupiter has at least 16 moons | neither Mercury nor Venus has any moons at all | the two moons of Mars are called Deimos and Phobos

planet /plænɪt/ Noun

a **planet** is an object in space, including the Earth, that goes round the sun or another star

Venus is the closest planet to Earth | do you think there is life on other planets? | scientists say they have discovered a new planet | how many planets can you name?

solar system /səʊlə 'sɪstɪm/ Noun

the **solar system** is the area of space that contains the sun and the planets, including Earth

what is the largest planet in the solar system? | Voyager 1 is the first spacecraft to leave the solar system | is there life outside our solar system? | there are nine planets in the solar system

spacecraft /speɪs,kra:ft/ Noun

a **spacecraft** is a vehicle that travels into space

the spacecraft spent three weeks in space | we lost contact with the spacecraft when it went behind the moon | no more signals were received from the spacecraft | I was surprised at how small the spacecraft was

universe /'juːnɪvɜː(r)s/ Noun

the **universe** is absolutely everything that exists, on earth, in the solar system, and beyond

there must be other life forms somewhere in the universe | the universe is about 14 billion years old | we can only see a tiny part of the universe | the universe is still expanding (growing bigger)