

# A

**a**<sup>1</sup> /eɪ/, **A** *noun* the first letter of the alphabet, followed by B ○ *Do you mean 'dependant' spelt with an 'a' or 'dependent' with an 'e'?* ◇ **from A to Z** completely, all the way through

**a**<sup>2</sup> /ə, eɪ/, **an** /ən, æn/ *article* **1.** one ○ *an enormous hole* ○ *a useful guidebook* ○ *She's bought a new car.* ○ *I want a cup of tea.* ○ *We had to wait an hour for the bus.* (NOTE: **an** is used before words beginning with **a, e, i, o, u** and with **h** if the **h** is not pronounced: *an apple* or *an hour.* **a** is used before words beginning with all other letters and also before **u** where **u** is pronounced /ju:/ : *a useful guidebook*) **2.** for each or to each ○ *Apples cost £1.50 a kilo.* ○ *The car was travelling at 50 kilometres an hour.* ○ *He earns £100 a day.*

**abandon** /ə'bændən/ *verb* **1.** to leave someone or something in an unkind way ○ *The dog had been abandoned by its owner.* **2.** to give up or stop doing something ○ *The company has decided to abandon the project.* ○ *We abandoned the idea of setting up a London office.*

**abbreviation** /ə,bri:vi'eɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a short form of a word

**ability** /ə'bɪlɪti/ *noun* **1.** a natural tendency to do something well ○ *I admire his ability to stay calm in difficult situations.* ○ *We can develop their natural abilities.* (NOTE: The plural is **abilities**.) □ **I'll do it to the best of my ability** I'll do it as well as I can **2.** the fact of being clever ○ *suitable for different levels of ability* (NOTE: no plural)

**able** /'eɪb(ə)l/ *adjective* **1.** □ **to be able to do something** to be capable of something or have the chance to do something ○ *They weren't able to find the house.* ○ *Will you be able to come to the meeting?* **2.** good at doing something, or good at doing many things ○ *She's a*

*very able manager.* ○ *There are special activities for able children.*

**about** /ə'baʊt/ *preposition* **1.** referring to something ○ *He told me all about his operation.* ○ *What do you want to speak to the doctor about?* **2.** □ **to be about to do something** to be going to do something very soon ○ *We were about to go home when you arrived.* **3.** not exactly ○ *I've been waiting for about four hours.* ○ *She's only about fifteen years old.* ◇ **how about?** **1.** what do you think about? ○ *We can't find a new chairperson for the club – What about Sarah?* **2.** would you like a cup of tea? ◇ **while you're about it** at the same time as the thing you are doing ○ *While you're about it, can you post this letter?*

**above** /ə'baʊ/ *preposition* **1.** higher than ○ *The plane was flying above the clouds.* ○ *The temperature in the street was above 30 degrees.* ○ *At prices above £20, nobody will buy it.* **2.** older than ○ *If you are above 18, you have to pay the full fare.* **3.** louder than ○ *I couldn't hear the telephone above the noise of the drills.*

**abroad** /ə'brɔ:d/ *adverb* in or to another country ○ *They've gone abroad on holiday.* ○ *I lived abroad for three years.*

**absence** /'æbsəns/ *noun* the fact of being away from a place ○ *She did not explain her absence from the meeting.* ○ *The former president was sentenced in his absence.* □ **in the absence of** because someone or something is not there ○ *In the absence of the chairman, his deputy took over.* ○ *In the absence of any official support, we had to raise our own funds.*

**absent** /'æbsənt/ *adjective* not there ○ *Ten of the staff are absent with flu.*

**absolute** /'æbsəlu:t/ *adjective* complete or total

**absolutely** *adverb* 1. /'æbsəlu:tli/ completely ○ *I am absolutely sure I left the keys in my coat pocket.* 2. /,æbsə'lu:tli/ yes, of course ○ *Did you build it yourself?* – *Absolutely!*

**absorb** /əb'zɔ:b/ *verb* 1. to take in something such as a liquid ○ *The water should be absorbed by the paper.* ○ *Salt absorbs moisture from the air.* 2. to reduce a shock ○ *The car's springs are supposed to absorb any shock from the road surface.*

**absurd** /əb'sɜ:d/ *adjective* completely unreasonable or impossible to believe ○ *It's absurd to expect you will win the lottery if you only buy one ticket.*

**abuse**<sup>1</sup> /ə'bju:z/ *noun* 1. rude words ○ *The people being arrested shouted abuse at the police.* 2. very bad treatment ○ *the sexual abuse of children* ○ *She suffered physical abuse in prison.* (NOTE: [all senses] no plural)

**abuse**<sup>2</sup> /ə'bju:z/ *verb* 1. to treat someone very badly, usually physically or sexually ○ *She had been abused as a child.* 2. to make the wrong use of something ○ *He abused his position as finance director.* 3. to say rude things about someone ○ *The crowd noisily abused the group of politicians as they entered the building.*

**academic** /,ækə'demɪk/ *adjective* 1. relating to study at a university ○ *Members of the academic staff received a letter from the principal.* 2. only in theory, not in practice ○ *It is only of academic interest.* ■ *noun* a university teacher ○ *All her friends are academics.*

**accelerate** /æk'seləreɪt/ *verb* to go faster ○ *Don't accelerate when you get to traffic lights.*

**accent** /'æksənt/ *noun* 1. a particular way of pronouncing something ○ *He speaks with an American accent.* 2. the stronger or louder part of a word or sentence ○ *In the word 'letter' the accent is on the first syllable.* 3. a mark over a letter showing a particular way of pronouncing it ○ *Café has an accent on the 'e'.*

**accept** /æk'sept/ *verb* 1. to take and keep a present ○ *We hope you will accept this*

*little gift.* 2. to say 'yes' or to agree to something ○ *She accepted the offer of a job in Australia.* ○ *I invited her to come with us and she accepted.* (NOTE: Do not confuse with **except**.)

**acceptable** /æk'septəb(ə)l/ *adjective* good enough to be accepted, although not particularly good ○ *Fighting in the street is not acceptable behaviour.* ○ *Smoking is becoming less socially acceptable.* ○ *A small gift of flowers would be very acceptable.* ○ *The offer is not acceptable to the vendor.*

**access** /'ækses/ *noun* a way of reaching a place ○ *The concert hall has access for wheelchairs.* ○ *At present there is no access to the site.* □ **to have access to something** to be able to reach a place, meet a person, or obtain something ○ *I'll have access to the studio day and night.* ○ *The company has access to substantial funds.* ■ *verb* to get information from a computer ○ *She tried to access the address list.*

**accident** /'æksɪd(ə)nt/ *noun* 1. an unpleasant thing which happens and causes damage or injury ○ *He lost his leg in an accident at work.* ○ *She was involved in a car accident and had to go to hospital.* 2. something that happens unexpectedly ○ *Their third baby was an accident.* □ **by accident** without being planned or expected ○ *He found the missing papers by accident.*

**accidental** /,æksɪ'dent(ə)l/ *adjective* happening without being planned or expected ○ *an accidental meeting* ○ *accidental damage* ○ *His death was not accidental.*

**accidentally** /,æksɪ'dent(ə)li/ *adverb* without being planned or expected

**accommodation** /ə,kɒmə'deɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a place to live or somewhere to stay for a short time ○ *Are you still looking for accommodation?* ○ *Visitors have difficulty in finding hotel accommodation during the summer.* (NOTE: In British English, **accommodation** has no plural.)

**accompany** /ə'kʌmp(ə)ni/ *verb* 1. to go with someone or something ○ *She accompanied me to the door.* 2. to play a musical instrument while someone

else plays another instrument or sings ○ *She sang and was accompanied on the piano by her father.* (NOTE: accompanied **by** someone or something)

**accomplish** /ə'kʌmplɪʃ/ *verb* to do something successfully ○ *You won't accomplish anything by arguing.*

**according to** /ə'kɔ:dɪŋ tu:/ *preposition* **1.** as someone says or writes ○ *The washing machine was installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.* ○ *According to the police, the car was going too fast.* **2.** in agreement with rules or a system ○ *Everything went according to plan or schedule.* **3.** in relation to ○ *The teachers have separated the children into classes according to their ages.*

**account** /ə'kaʊnt/ *noun* **1.** same as **bank account** **2.** □ *I was worried on her account* I was afraid something might happen to her ◇ **on account of** because of, due to ○ *The trains are late on account of the fog.* ○ *We don't use the car much on account of the price of petrol.* ◇ **take something into account** to consider something ○ *We have to take the weather into account.* ◇ **on no account** not at all

**accurate** /'ækjʊrət/ *adjective* correct in all details ○ *Are the figures accurate?* ○ *We asked them to make an accurate copy of the plan.*

**accurately** /'ækjʊrətli/ *adverb* correctly ○ *The weather forecast accurately predicted the storm.*

**accuse** /ə'kju:z/ *verb* to say that someone has done something wrong ○ *The police accused her of stealing the money.* (NOTE: You accuse someone **of** a crime or **of** doing something.)

**achieve** /ə'tʃi:v/ *verb* to succeed in doing something after trying very hard ○ *Have you achieved all your aims?* ○ *The company has achieved great success in the USA.*

**achievement** /ə'tʃi:vmənt/ *noun* something which has been done successfully ○ *She is very modest about her achievements.* ○ *Coming sixth was a great achievement, since he had never entered the competition before.*

**acid** /'æsid/ *noun* a chemical substance that is able to dissolve metals

**acknowledge** /ə'k'nɒlɪdʒ/ *verb* **1.** to say that something has been received ○ *She didn't acknowledge receiving my letter.* **2.** to accept that something is true ○ *She acknowledged that she had seen me there.*

**acknowledgement** /ə'k'nɒlɪdʒmənt/ *noun* a letter or note sent to say that something has been received

**acorn** /'eɪkɔ:n/ *noun* the fruit of an oak tree

**acquaintance** /ə'kweɪntəns/ *noun* a person you know slightly ○ *She has many acquaintances in the travel industry but no real friends.*

**acquire** /ə'kwɪə/ *verb* to become the owner of something ○ *She has acquired a large collection of old books.*

**across** /ə'krɒs/ *preposition* **1.** from one side to the other ○ *Don't run across the road without looking to see if there is any traffic coming.* **2.** on the other side of ○ *He saw her across the street.* ■ **adverb** from one side to the other ○ *The river is only twenty feet across.* ○ *The stream is very narrow – you can easily jump across.*

**act** /ækt/ *noun* **1.** something which is done ○ *He thanked her for the many acts of kindness she had shown him over the years.* **2.** a part of a play or show ○ *Act 2 of the play takes place in the garden.* **3.** a short performance ○ *The show includes acts by several young singers.* **4.** a law passed by Parliament ○ *an act to ban the sale of weapons* ■ **verb** **1.** to do something ○ *You will have to act quickly if you want to stop the fire.* ○ *She acted in a very responsible way.* □ **to act as someone or something** to do the work of someone or something ○ *The thick curtain acts as a screen to cut out noise from the street.* **2.** to behave in a particular way ○ *She's been acting very strangely.* ◇ **to get your act together** to organise yourself properly ○ *If they don't get their act together, they'll miss their train.*

**action** /'ækʃən/ *noun* **1.** the fact of doing something ○ *We recommend swift ac-*

tion to prevent the problem spreading. ○ What action are you going to take to prevent accidents? □ **out of action** not working ○ The car has been out of action for a week. **2.** something that is done ○ They've shown their commitment by their actions. **3.** a movement ○ Avoid sudden actions that could alarm the animals. **4.** the things that happen in a performance such as a play or film ○ The action of the play takes place in a flat in London. **5.** a case in a law court where someone tries to get money from someone else ○ to bring an action for damages against someone

**active** /'æktɪv/ *adjective* **1.** involved in an activity or activities, especially in an energetic way ○ He didn't play an active part in the attack on the police station. ○ My grandmother is still very active at the age of 88. **2.** (of a volcano) exploding or likely to explode ○ Scientists think the volcano is no longer active. **3.** the form of a verb which shows that the subject is doing something (NOTE: If you say 'the car hit him' the verb is active, but in 'he was hit by the car' it is passive.)

**activity** /æk'tɪvɪti/ *noun* **1.** the act or fact of being active **2.** something that someone does to pass time pleasantly ○ Children are offered various holiday activities – sailing, windsurfing and water-skiing. (NOTE: The plural in this sense is **activities**.)

**actor** /'æktə/ *noun* a person who acts in the theatre, in films or on TV

**actress** /'æktres/ *noun* a woman who acts in the theatre, in films or on TV (NOTE: Many women prefer to call themselves actors rather than actresses.)

**actual** /'æktʃuəl/ *adjective* real ○ It looks quite small but the actual height is 5 metres. ○ Her actual words were much stronger.

**actually** /'æktʃuəli/ *adverb* really ○ It looks quite small, but actually it is over 5 metres high. ○ He said he was ill, but actually he wanted to go to the football match.

**ad** /æd/ *noun* an advertisement (*informal*)  
○ If you want to sell your car quickly, put an ad in the paper.

**adapt** /ə'dæpt/ *verb* **1.** to change something to be suitable for a new situation ○ She adapted the story for TV. ○ The car has been adapted for disabled drivers. **2.** to change your behaviour to fit into a new situation ○ We'll all have to learn to adapt to the new system.

**adaptable** /ə'dæptəb(ə)l/ *adjective* able to change or be changed easily to deal with new situations or uses

**add** /æd/ *verb* **1.** to make a total of numbers ○ If you add all these numbers together it should make fifty. (NOTE: **Adding** is usually shown by the sign + : **10 + 4 = 14**.) **2.** to join one thing to another ○ Interest is added to the account monthly. ○ Add two cupfuls of sugar. ○ Put a teabag into the pot and add boiling water. ○ By building the annexe, they have added thirty rooms to the hotel. **3.** to say or to write something more ○ I have nothing to add to what I put in my letter. ○ She added that we still owed her some money for work she did last month.

**add up** *phrasal verb* to make a total □ the figures do not add up the total is not correct

**addition** /ə'dɪf(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** someone or something added to something else ○ the latest addition to the family ○ He showed us the additions to his collection of paintings. **2.** the act of adding figures to make a total ○ You don't need a calculator to do a simple addition. □ **in addition to** as well as ○ There are twelve registered letters to be sent in addition to this parcel. ◇ **in addition** as well ◇ **in addition to** as well as ○ There are twelve registered letters to be sent in addition to this parcel.

**additional** /ə'dɪf(ə)nəl/ *adjective* included as well as what there is already

**address** /ə'dres/ *noun* **1.** a set of details of the number of a house, the name of a street and the town where someone lives or works ○ What is the doctor's address? ○ Our address is: 1 Cambridge Road, Teddington, Middlesex. **2.** the set of letters, symbols and numbers that

identify someone's email account ■ **verb** **1.** to write details such as someone's name, street and town on a letter or parcel ○ *That letter is addressed to me – don't open it!* **2.** to speak or write to someone ○ *Please address your questions to the information office.* ○ *Teachers are not normally addressed as 'Sir' here.* **3.** to make a formal speech to a group ○ *The chairman addressed the meeting.*

**address book** /ə'dres bu:k/ **noun** a notebook or computer file in which you can record people's names, home addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses

**adequate** /'ædɪkwət/ **adjective** **1.** enough for a purpose ○ *We don't have adequate supplies for the whole journey.* ○ *His salary alone is barely adequate.* **2.** only just satisfactory

**adhesive** /əd'hi:sv/ **adjective** able to stick to things ■ **noun** a substance which sticks things together

**adjacent** /ə'dʒeɪs(ə)nt/ **adjective** very close to or almost touching something ○ *My office is in an adjacent building.*

**adjective** /'ædʒɪktɪv/ **noun** a word which describes a noun ○ *In the phrase 'a big black cloud', 'big' and 'black' are both adjectives.*

**adjust** /ə'dʒʌst/ **verb** to make a slight change to something ○ *I need to adjust this belt a bit.* □ **to adjust to something** to become used to something ○ *How are you adjusting to being a parent?*

**admiration** /,ædmə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ **noun** respect for someone or something

**admire** /əd'maɪə/ **verb** to consider someone or something with approval ○ *He was admired for his skill as a violinist.* ○ *We admired the view from the balcony.*

**admission** /əd'mɪʃ(ə)n/ **noun** **1.** the act or fact of being allowed to go in to a place ○ *Admission to the exhibition is free on Sundays.* ○ *My friend was refused admission to the restaurant because he was not wearing a tie.* □ **no admission** no one can enter **2.** a statement saying that something bad is true ○ *Her*

*admission that she had taken the money led to her arrest.*

**admission fee** /əd'mɪʃ(ə)n fi:/ **noun** an amount of money paid to go into a place such as a museum

**admit** /əd'mɪt/ **verb** to allow someone to go in to a place ○ *Children are admitted free, but adults have to pay.* ○ *This ticket admits three people.* (NOTE: **admits – admitting – admitted**) □ **to admit (to) doing something** to say that you have done something wrong ○ *They admitted stealing the car.*

**adopt** /ə'dɒpt/ **verb** **1.** to take someone legally as a son or daughter ○ *They have adopted a little boy.* **2.** to decide to start using something ○ *The book has been adopted for use in all English classes.* ○ *We need to adopt a more flexible approach.*

**adore** /ə'dɔ:/ **verb** to like someone or something very much

**adult** /'ædʌlt/ **noun** a fully-grown person ■ **adjective** **1.** fully grown ○ *an adult tiger* **2.** relating to a mature person or people ○ *adult fiction*

**advance** /əd'vɑ:ns/ **verb** to move forward ○ *The police slowly advanced across the square.* ■ **noun** **1.** a movement forwards ○ *The police have made some advances in their fight against crime.* ○ *The team made an advance into their opponents' half.* **2.** money paid as a loan or as a part of a payment to be made later ■ **adjective** done before something happens ○ *She made an advance payment of £3000.* ◇ **in advance** earlier than the time something happens ○ *You must phone in advance to make an appointment.* ○ *They asked us to pay £200 in advance.*

**advanced** /əd'vɑ:nst/ **adjective** which is studied at a higher level ○ *He's studying advanced mathematics.* ○ *She's studying for an advanced degree.*

**advantage** /əd'vɑ:ntɪdʒ/ **noun** something which will help you to be successful ○ *Being able to drive a car is an advantage.* ○ *Knowledge of two foreign languages is an advantage in this job.* ○ *She has several advantages over the other job candidates.* ◇ **to take advan-**

**tage of something** to profit from something ○ *They took advantage of the cheap fares on offer.* ◇ **to take advantage of someone** to get something unfairly from someone ◇ **to (good or best) advantage** in a way that helps someone or something appear especially good ○ *She used her knowledge of Italian to good advantage.*

**adventure** /əd'ventʃəl/ *noun* a new, exciting and dangerous experience ○ *I must tell you about our adventures in the desert.*

**adverb** /'ædvɜ:b/ *noun* a word which applies to a verb, an adjective, another adverb or a whole sentence ○ *In the sentence 'He walked slowly, because the snow was very thick.' both 'slowly' and 'very' are adverbs.*

**adverse** /'ædvɜ:s/ *adjective* (of conditions) unpleasant and unwanted ○ *an adverse reaction* ○ *adverse effects*

**advert** /'ædvɜ:t/ *noun* same as **advertisement**

**advertise** /'ædvətaɪz/ *verb* to make sure that people know that something is for sale, or that something is going to happen ○ *The company is advertising for secretaries.* ○ *Did you see that the restaurant is advertising cheap meals on Sundays?* ○ *I saw this watch advertised in the paper.*

**advertisement** /əd'vɜ:tɪsmənt/ *noun* an announcement which tries to make sure that people know that something is for sale, or that something is going to happen

**advertising** /'ædvətaɪzɪŋ/ *noun* the act of making sure that people know that something is for sale, or that something is going to happen ○ *The company has increased the amount of money it spends on advertising.* ○ *They spent millions on the advertising campaign.*

**advice** /əd'vaɪs/ *noun* an opinion that someone gives you about what you should do ○ *He went to the bank manager for advice on how to pay his debts.* ○ *They would not listen to the doctor's advice.* ○ *My grandfather gave me a very useful piece of advice.* ○ *His mother's advice was to stay in bed.* (NOTE: no plu-

ral: use *some advice* or, for one item, a *piece of advice*)

**advise** /əd'vaɪz/ *verb* **1.** to suggest to someone what they should do ○ *He advised her to save some of the money.* **2.** to tell someone officially that something has happened (*formal*) ○ *They advised us that the sale of the house had been completed.*

**adviser** /əd'vaɪzə/, **advisor** *noun* someone who helps people to make decisions about what to do

**aerial** /'eəriəl/ *noun* a piece of equipment for receiving radio or TV signals

**aeroplane** /'eərəpleɪn/ *noun* a vehicle which flies in the air, carrying passengers or goods

**affair** /ə'feə/ *noun* **1.** something which is relevant to one person or group of people only ○ *That's his affair – it's nothing to do with me.* ○ *It's an affair for the police.* ○ *His business affairs were very complicated.* **2.** a sexual relationship with someone who is not your husband or wife ○ *He's having an affair with his boss's wife.* **3.** an event ○ *The party is just a family affair.* **4.** an event or situation that shocks people ○ *The whole sorry affair was on the front page of the newspapers for days.* ■ **plural noun affairs** situations or activities relating to public or private life

**affect** /ə'fekt/ *verb* to have an influence on someone or something ○ *The new regulations have affected our business.* ○ *Train services have been seriously affected by the strike.*

**affection** /ə'fekʃən/ *noun* a feeling of liking someone, especially a friend ○ *She always spoke of him with great affection.*

**afford** /ə'fɔ:d/ *verb* to have enough money to pay for something ○ *How will you afford such an expensive holiday?* □ **be unable to afford, can't afford** to be unable to accept something because it might cause you a problem ○ *I can't afford a delay of more than three weeks.*

**afraid** /ə'freɪd/ *adjective* **1.** frightened of something or someone ○ *I am afraid of snakes.* ○ *He is too afraid to climb the ladder.* **2.** □ **to be afraid (that)** to be

sorry to say ○ *I'm afraid that all the cakes have been sold.* ○ *You can't see the boss – I'm afraid he's ill.* ○ *Have you got a pocket calculator? – No, I'm afraid not.*

**after** /'ɑ:ftə/ *preposition* **1.** following or next in order to ○ *If today is Tuesday, the day after tomorrow is Thursday.* ○ *They spoke one after the other.* ○ *What's the letter after Q in the alphabet?* □ **after you** you go first **2.** later than ○ *We arrived after six o'clock.* ○ *We don't let the children go out alone after dark.* ■ **conjunction** later than a time ○ *After the snow fell, the motorways were blocked.* ○ *Phone me after you get home.* (NOTE: **after** is used with many phrasal verbs: **to look after, to take after, etc.**) ◇ **after all** **1.** in spite of everything ○ *Everything was all right after all.* **2.** the fact is ○ *He should be OK; after all, he is eighteen now.*

**afternoon** /,ɑ:ftə'nu:n/ *noun* the time between midday and the evening ○ *He always has a little sleep in the afternoon.* ○ *There is an afternoon flight to Paris.* ○ *Can we meet tomorrow afternoon?*

**afterwards** /'ɑ:ftəwədz/ *adverb* later ○ *We'll have lunch first and go shopping afterwards.*

**again** /ə'gen/ *adverb* **1.** another time ○ *He had to take his driving test again.* □ **again and again** several times, usually in a firm or determined way ○ *The police officer asked the same question again and again.* **2.** back as you were before ○ *Although I like going on holiday, I'm always glad to be home again.*

**against** /ə'genst/ *preposition* **1.** so as to touch ○ *He was leaning against the wall.* ○ *She hit her head against the low doorway.* **2.** in opposition to ○ *England is playing against South Africa tomorrow.* ○ *It's hard cycling uphill against the wind.* ○ *They went against his advice.*

**age** /eidʒ/ *noun* the number of years which you have lived ○ *She is thirty years of age.* ○ *He looks younger than his age.* ■ **plural noun ages** a very long time (informal) ○ *I've been waiting here for ages.* ○ *It took us ages to get served.*

**aged**<sup>1</sup> /eidʒd/ *adjective* with the age of ○ *a girl aged nine* ○ *She died last year, aged 83.*

**aged**<sup>2</sup> /'eidʒɪd/ *adjective* very old ○ *an aged man*

**agency** /'eidʒənsi/ *noun* an office which represents another firm ○ *an advertising agency*

**agenda** /ə'dʒendə/ *noun* a list of points for discussion □ **what's on the agenda?** what are we going to discuss? ■ a set of things that someone plans to do □ **top of your agenda** what someone wants most ○ *A holiday is top of my agenda at present.*

**agent** /'eidʒənt/ *noun* a person who works for or represents someone else ○ *Our head office is in London but we have an agent in Paris.*

**aggression** /ə'gref(ə)n/ *noun* a feeling of anger against someone that is expressed, especially in physical force □ **an act of aggression** an attack on someone

**aggressive** /ə'gresɪv/ *adjective* ready to attack someone

**aggressively** /ə'gresɪvli/ *adverb* as if wanting to attack someone

**ago** /ə'gəʊ/ *adverb* in the past ○ *He phoned a few minutes ago.* ○ *This all happened a long time ago.* (NOTE: **ago** always follows a word referring to time.)

**agree** /ə'gri:/ *verb* **1.** to say yes or give permission ○ *After some discussion he agreed to our plan.* (NOTE: You agree **to** or **on** a plan.) **2.** to say or show that you have the same opinion as someone else ○ *Most of the group agreed with her suggestion.*

**agreement** /ə'gri:mənt/ *noun* **1.** the act or fact of thinking the same ○ *to reach an agreement* or *to come to an agreement on salaries* ○ *Agreement between the two sides is still a long way off.* □ **they are in agreement with our plan** they agree with our plan ○ *We discussed the plan with them and they are in agreement.* **2.** a contract ○ *to draw up or to draft an agreement* ○ *We signed an agreement with the Italian company.*

**ahead** /ə'hed/ *adverb* **1.** in front ○ *Our team was losing, but now we are ahead again.* ○ *Run on ahead and find some seats for us.* ○ *You need to go straight ahead, and then turn left.* **2.** in future ○ *My diary is filled with appointments for six weeks ahead.* **3.** before ○ *We try to fill the vacancies at least three weeks ahead.* ◇ **ahead of** /ə'hed 'bʊv/ **1.** in front of ○ *Ahead of us was a steep hill.* ○ *They ran on ahead of the others.* **2.** in a future time ○ *You have a mass of work ahead of you.* **3.** before (informal) ○ *They drafted in extra police ahead of the international match.*

**aid** /eɪd/ *noun* **1.** help, especially money, food or other gifts given to people living in difficult conditions ○ *aid to the earthquake zone* ○ *an aid worker* (NOTE: This meaning of **aid** has no plural.) □ **in aid of** in order to help ○ *We give money in aid of the Red Cross.* ○ *They are collecting money in aid of refugees.* **2.** something which helps you to do something ○ *kitchen aids* ■ **verb** **1.** to help something to happen **2.** to help someone

**aim** /eɪm/ *noun* what you are trying to do ○ *His aim is to do well at school and then go to university.* ○ *One of our aims is to increase the speed of service.* ■ **verb** **1.** to plan to do something ○ *We aim to go on holiday in June.* **2.** to point a gun at someone or something ○ *He was aiming or aiming a gun at the policeman.*

**air** /eə/ *noun* **1.** a mixture of gases which cannot be seen, but which is all around us and which every animal breathes ○ *His breath was like steam in the cold air.* **2. the air** the space around things and above the ground ○ *He threw the ball up into the air.* (NOTE: These meanings of **air** have no plural.) ■ *adjective* referring to a method of travelling or sending goods using aircraft ○ *new air routes* □ **by air** in an aircraft ○ *I don't enjoy travelling by air.* ○ *It's quicker to send the letter by air.* ■ *verb* to make a room or clothes fresh by giving them more air ○ *Let's open the windows to air the room.*

**aircraft** /'eəkrɑːft/ *noun* a vehicle which flies in the air ○ *The passengers got into or boarded the aircraft.* ○ *The airline*

*has a fleet of ten aircraft.* (NOTE: The plural is **aircraft**: *one aircraft, six aircraft.*)

**airfare** /'eəfeə/ *noun* the amount of money a passenger has to pay to travel on an aircraft

**air force** /'eə fɔːs/ *noun* a country's military air organisation

**airline** /'eəlaɪn/ *noun* a company which takes people or goods to places in aircraft ○ *The airline has been voted the most popular with business travellers.* ○ *He's an airline pilot.*

**airplane** /'eəpleɪn/ *noun* US an aircraft

**airport** /'eəpɔːt/ *noun* a place where aircraft land and take off ○ *You can take the underground to the airport.* ○ *We are due to arrive at Heathrow Airport at midday.*

**alarm** /ə'lɑːm/ *noun* **1.** a loud warning sound ○ *An alarm will sound if someone touches the wire.* □ **to raise the alarm** to warn everyone of danger **2.** same as **alarm clock** ■ *verb* to frighten someone ○ *I don't want to alarm you, but there's a police car parked outside your house.*

**alarm clock** /ə'lɑːm klɒk/ *noun* a clock which rings a bell to wake you up

**album** /'ælbəm/ *noun* **1.** a large book **2.** a collection of songs on a CD, cassette or record

**alcohol** /'ælkəhɒl/ *noun* a substance in drinks such as beer or wine that can make people drunk ○ *They will not serve alcohol to anyone under the age of 18.*

**alcoholic** /,ælkə'hɒlɪk/ *adjective* relating to alcohol

**alert** /ə'lɜːt/ *adjective* watching or listening carefully, ready to notice something

**alike** /ə'laɪk/ *adjective* very similar ■ *adverb* in a similar way ○ *My sister and I just don't think alike.* ○ *The change will affect rich and poor alike.*

**alive** /ə'laɪv/ *adjective* **1.** living ○ *He was still alive when he was rescued from the burning building.* ○ *When my grandfather was alive, there were no supermarkets.* (NOTE: not used in front of a noun: *the fish is alive* but *a live fish*.) **2.** lively



○ *The holiday village really comes alive at night.* □ **to come alive** to become busy and active

**all** /ɔ:l/ *adjective, pronoun* everything or everyone ○ *They all* or *All of them like coffee.* ○ *All trains stop at Clapham Junction.* ○ *Did you pick all (of) the tomatoes?* ○ *Where are all the children?*

■ **adverb** 1. completely ○ *The ground was all white after the snow had fallen.*

○ *I forgot all about her birthday.* 2. □ **all by yourself** all alone ○ *You can't do it all by yourself.* ○ *I'm all by myself this evening – my girlfriend's gone out.* ◇ **all along** right from the beginning ◇ **all at once** suddenly ◇ **all in** 1. tired out 2.

including everything ◇ **all of a sudden** suddenly ◇ **all over** 1. everywhere over something 2. finished ◇ **all right** well ○ *She was ill yesterday but she's all right now.* ◇ **all the same** in spite of this ○ *I'm not really keen on horror films, but I'll go with you all the same.*

**allergic** /ə'lɜ:dʒɪk/ *adjective* suffering from or referring to an allergy □ **to be allergic to** to react badly to a substance ○ *Many people are allergic to grass pollen.* ○ *She is allergic to cats.*

**allergy** /'ælədʒi/ *noun* a bad reaction to a substance which makes you sneeze, or makes your skin itch, e.g. ○ *She has an allergy to household dust.* ○ *The baby has a wheat allergy.*

**allow** /ə'laʊ/ *verb* to let someone do something ○ *She allowed me to borrow her book.* ○ *Smoking is not allowed in the restaurant.* ○ *You are allowed to take two pieces of hand luggage onto the plane.*

**allowance** /ə'laʊəns/ *noun* 1. an amount of money paid to someone regularly ○ *a weekly allowance* 2. an amount of money which you are allowed to earn without paying tax on it 3. □ **to make allowances for** to take something into account ○ *You must make allowances for his age.*

**ally**<sup>1</sup> /'ælaɪ/ *noun* 1. a country which works together with another, especially in a war (NOTE: The plural is **allies**.) 2. someone who is willing to support you in something you want to achieve ○

*Jack has been my closest ally in the campaign.*

**ally**<sup>2</sup> /ə'laɪ/ *verb* □ **to ally yourself with or to someone** to join forces with someone ○ *The unions have allied themselves with the opposition.* (NOTE: **allies** – **allying** – **allied**)

**almost** /'ɔ:lməʊst/ *adverb* nearly ○ *London is almost as far from here as Paris.* ○ *She's almost as tall as I am.* ○ *She'll eat almost anything.* ○ *Hurry up, it's almost time for the train to leave.*

**alone** /ə'ləʊn/ *adjective* 1. with no one else ○ *She lives alone with her cats.* ○ *He was all alone in the shop.* 2. only ○ *She alone knew the importance of the message.* ■ **adverb** without other people ○ *We don't let the children go out alone after dark.* ○ *I don't like travelling alone.* ◇ **leave alone** 1. not to disturb someone ○ *Leave your sister alone, she's trying to read.* 2. to stop touching or playing with something ○ *Leave the cat alone, it doesn't like being stroked.* ○ *Leave those keys alone, the noise is annoying me.* ◇ **to go it alone** to do something, especially a business activity, without help from anyone

**along** /ə'lɒŋ/ *preposition* 1. by the side of ○ *He has planted fruit trees along both sides of the garden path.* ○ *The river runs along one side of the castle.* 2. in a straight forward direction ○ *She ran along the pavement.* ○ *Walk along the street until you come to the post office.* ○ *I was just driving along when I caught sight of my brother.* 3. to a place ○ *John came along after about five minutes.* ○ *Is it ok if I bring a friend along?*

**aloud** /ə'laʊd/ *adverb* in a voice which can be easily heard

**alphabet** /'ælfəbet/ *noun* a series of letters in a specific order, e.g. A, B, C, etc ○ *G comes before H in the alphabet.* ○ *If you're going to Greece on holiday, you ought to learn the Greek alphabet.*

**alphabetical** /,ælfə'betɪk(ə)l/ *adjective* relating to the alphabet □ **in alphabetical order** in order of the first letter of each word ○ *The words in the dictionary are in alphabetical order.* ○ *Sort out the address cards into alphabetical order of the people's names.*

**already** /ɔ:l'redi/ *adverb* before now or before the time mentioned ○ *I've already done my shopping.* ○ *It was already past ten o'clock when he arrived.*

**also** /'ɔ:lsəʊ/ *adverb* in addition to something or someone else that has been mentioned ○ *He's a keen cyclist and his sister also likes to cycle when she can.* ○ *She sings well and can also play the violin.* (NOTE: **also** is usually placed before the main verb or after a modal or auxiliary verb.)

**alter** /'ɔ:ltə/ *verb* to become different, or make something different, especially in small ways or in parts only ○ *They wanted to alter the terms of the contract after they had signed it.* ○ *The shape of his face had altered slightly.*

**alteration** /,ɔ:ltə'reɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* **1.** the act of becoming different or of making something different **2.** something that has been, or needs, changing ○ *She made some alterations in the design.*

**alternate**<sup>1</sup> /ɔ:l'tɜ:nət/ *adjective* every other one ○ *We see each other on alternate Sundays.*

**alternate**<sup>2</sup> /'ɔ:ltəneɪt/ *verb* to keep changing from one particular position or state to another

**alternative** /ɔ:l'tɜ:nətɪv/ *adjective* **1.** in place of something else ○ *If the plane is full, we will put you on an alternative flight.* ○ *Do you have an alternative solution?* **2.** following a different way from usual ■ *noun* something which you do instead of something else ○ *Now that she's ill, do we have any alternative to calling the holiday off?*

**although** /ɔ:l'dəʊ/ *conjunction* in spite of the fact that ○ *Although it was freezing, she didn't put a coat on.* ○ *I've never been into that shop although I've often walked past it.*

**altogether** /,ɔ:ltə'geðə/ *adverb* taking everything together ○ *The food was £10 and the drinks £5, so that makes £15 altogether.* ○ *The staff of the three shops come to 200 altogether.*

**always** /'ɔ:lweɪz/ *adverb* **1.** every time ○ *She is always late for work.* ○ *Why does it always rain when we want to go for a walk?* **2.** all the time ○ *It's always*

*hot in tropical countries.* **3.** frequently, especially when someone finds it annoying ○ *She's always asking me to lend her money.*

**am** /əm, æm/ *1st person present singular of be*

**a.m.** /,ɛɪ 'em/ *adverb* before midday ○ *I have to catch the 7 a.m. train to work every day.* ○ *Telephone calls made before 6 a.m. are charged at the cheap rate.* (NOTE: **a.m.** is usually used to show the exact hour and the word **o'clock** is left out)

**amazement** /ə'meɪzmənt/ *noun* great surprise ○ *To his amazement he won first prize.*

**amazing** /ə'meɪzɪŋ/ *adjective* **1.** very surprising ○ *It was amazing that she never suspected anything.* **2.** extremely interesting and unusual ○ *It was an amazing experience, sailing so far from land at night.*

**ambition** /æm'bɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* a wish to do something special ○ *His great ambition is to ride on an elephant.*

**ambulance** /'æmbjuləns/ *noun* a van which carries sick or injured people to hospital ○ *When she fell down the stairs, her husband called an ambulance.*

**American** /ə'merɪkən/ *adjective* relating to America or to the United States

**among** /ə'mʌŋ/, **amongst** /ə'mʌŋst/ *preposition* **1.** surrounded by or in the middle of ○ *He was standing among a crowd of tourists.* **2.** between a number of people in a group ○ *Let's share the cake among us.* **3.** in addition to other people or things ○ *Jack was there, among others.*

**amount** /ə'maʊnt/ *noun* a quantity of something such as money ○ *The amount in my bank account has reached £1000.* ○ *We spent a large amount of time just waiting.* □ **a certain amount** some but not a lot ○ *Painting the house will take a certain amount of time.*

**amount to** *phrasal verb* **1.** to make a total of ○ *My year's savings amount to less than £1000.* **2.** to be similar or equal to something ○ *I think what he said amounts to a refusal to take part.* **3.** □ **to amount to the same thing** to mean the

same, to be the same ○ *Whether he took cash or free holidays, it all amounts to the same thing.* ○ *The remaining problems don't amount to much.*

**amuse** /ə'mju:z/ **verb** **1.** to make someone laugh ○ *This story will amuse you.* □ **to amuse yourself** to play or get pleasure from what you are doing ○ *The children amused themselves quietly while their parents talked.* **2.** to make the time pass pleasantly for someone ○ *How can we amuse the children on the journey?*

**amusement** /ə'mju:zmənt/ **noun** **1.** a feeling of pleasure caused by something that is funny **2.** □ **to someone's amusement** making someone feel pleasure in a funny situation ○ *Much to her amusement, the band played 'Happy Birthday to you!'* **3.** a way of passing the time pleasantly ○ *They had planned several visits for the guest's amusement.*

**amusing** /ə'mju:ziŋ/ **adjective** funny

**an** /ən, æn/ ▶ **a**

**analysis** /ə'næləsɪs/ **noun** a close examination of the parts or elements of something ○ *job analysis* ○ *to make an analysis of the sales or a sales analysis* ○ *to carry out an analysis of the market potential* (NOTE: The plural is **analyses** /ə'nælɪsi:z/.)

**ancient** /'eɪnfənt/ **adjective** very old, or belonging to a time long ago ○ *He was riding an ancient bicycle.*

**and** /ən, ənd, ænd/ **conjunction** used to join two words or phrases ○ *All my uncles and aunts live in the country.* ○ *The children were running about and singing.* ○ *Come and sit down next to me.* (NOTE: **and** is used to say numbers after 100: 'seven hundred and two (702)') ◇ **and so on, and so forth, and so on and so forth** with other similar things ○ *He talked about plants, flowers, vegetables, and so on.*

**anger** /'æŋɡə/ **noun** a feeling of being very annoyed ○ *He managed to control his anger.* ○ *She couldn't hide the anger she felt.*

**angle** /'æŋɡəl/ **noun** a corner where two lines meet ○ *She planted the tree in the angle of the two walls.* ◇ **at an angle**

not straight ○ *The shop front is at an angle to the road.*

**angrily** /'æŋɡrɪli/ **adverb** in an angry way ○ *He shouted angrily when the children climbed over the fence.*

**angry** /'æŋɡri/ **adjective** upset and annoyed, and sometimes wanting to harm someone ○ *The shopkeeper is angry with the children because they broke his window.* ○ *He gets angry if the post is late.* ○ *I am angry that the government is doing nothing to prevent crime.* ○ *When the cashier still hadn't arrived at midday the boss got even angrier.* (NOTE: **angrier** – **angriest**)

**animal** /'ænɪm(ə)l/ **noun** a living thing that moves independently ○ *I love having animals as pets.* (NOTE: **animal** may include humans in scientific contexts.)

**ankle** /'æŋkəl/ **noun** the part of the body where your leg joins your foot

**anniversary** /,æni'vɜ:z(ə)ri/ **noun** the same date as an important event that happened in the past

**announce** /ə'naʊns/ **verb** to say something officially or in public ○ *He announced his resignation.* ○ *She announced that she would be standing for parliament.*

**announcement** /ə'naʊnsmənt/ **noun** a statement made in public ○ *The managing director made an announcement to the staff.* ○ *There were several announcements concerning flight changes.*

**annoy** /ə'noɪ/ **verb** to make someone feel slightly angry or impatient ○ *Their rude behaviour really annoyed us.*

**annoyance** /ə'noɪəns/ **noun** a feeling of being slightly annoyed ○ *There was a tone of annoyance in her voice.*

**annoyed** /ə'noɪd/ **adjective** slightly angry or impatient ○ *He was annoyed with his neighbour who had cut down one of his trees.* ○ *I was annoyed to find someone had stolen my mobile phone.*

**annoying** /ə'noɪɪŋ/ **adjective** making you angry or impatient ○ *I find it very annoying that the post doesn't come before 10 o'clock.* ○ *How annoying! I forgot to buy the milk.* ○ *The baby has an annoying cough which won't go away.*

**annual** /'ænjuəl/ *adjective* happening once a year ○ *The village fair is an annual event.* ○ *I get annual interest of 6% on my savings account.*

**another** /ə'nʌðə/ *adjective, pronoun* **1.** one more ○ *I'd like another cake, please.* ○ *Would you like another?* **2.** a different one ○ *He's bought another car.* ○ *She tried on one dress after another, but couldn't find anything she liked.* ♢ **each other**

**answer** /'ɑ:nsə/ *noun* **1.** something that you say or write when someone has asked you a question ○ *The answer to your question is yes.* ○ *I knocked on the door but there was no answer.* □ **in answer to** as a reply to ○ *I am writing in answer to your letter of October 6th.* **2.** the act of picking up a telephone that is ringing ○ *I phoned his office but there was no answer.* ■ *verb* **1.** to speak or write words to someone who has spoken to you or asked you a question ○ *He never answers my letters.* ○ *When he asked us if we had enjoyed the meal we all answered 'yes'.* **2.** □ **to answer the phone** to speak and listen to a telephone caller ○ *His mother usually answers the phone.* □ **to answer the door** to open the door to someone who knocks or rings the bell ○ *No-one answered the door though I knocked twice.*

**ant** /ænt/ *noun* a small insect that lives in large groups

**antibiotic** /,æntibaɪ'ɒtɪk/ *noun* a substance which kills harmful organisms such as bacteria

**antique** /æn'ti:k/ *noun* an old and valuable object ○ *He collects antiques.* ■ *adjective* old and valuable ○ *an antique Chinese vase*

**antiseptic** /,æntɪ'septɪk/ *noun* a substance which prevents infection ■ *adjective* preventing infection ○ *an antiseptic dressing*

**antonym** /'æntənɪm/ *noun* a word which means the opposite of another word

**anxiety** /æŋ'zaɪəti/ *noun* **1.** nervous worry about something ○ *Her anxiety about her job prospects began to affect her health.* **2.** the state of being keen to

do something ○ *In his anxiety to get away quickly, he forgot to lock the door.*

**anxious** /'æŋksəs/ *adjective* **1.** nervous and very worried about something ○ *She's anxious about the baby.* **2.** keen to do something ○ *The shopkeeper is always anxious to please his customers.*

**anxiously** /'æŋksəsli/ *adverb* in a nervous, worried way ○ *They are waiting anxiously for the results of the exam.*

**any** /'eni/ *adjective, pronoun* **1.** it doesn't matter which ○ *I'm free any day next week except Tuesday.* **2.** (usually in questions or negatives) a small quantity ○ *Have you got any money left?* ○ *Is there any food for me?* ○ *Would you like any more to eat?* ○ *Will any of your friends be there?* **3.** □ **not...any** none ○ *I don't like any of the paintings in the exhibition.* ○ *There isn't any food left – they've eaten it all.* ○ *Can you lend me some money?* – sorry, I haven't got any.

**anybody** /'eniɒdɪ/ *pronoun* same as **anyone**

**anymore** /,eni'mɔ:/, **any more** *adverb* □ **not ... anymore** no longer ○ *We don't go there anymore.*

**anyone** /'eniwʌn/ *pronoun* any person at all ○ *Anyone can learn to ride a bike.* □ **anyone else** any other person ○ *Is there anyone else who can't see the screen?*

**anything** /'eniθɪŋ/ *pronoun* **1.** it doesn't matter what ○ *You can eat anything you want.* ○ *Our dog will bite anything that moves.* **2.** (in questions or negatives) something ○ *Did you do anything interesting at the weekend?* ○ *Did you hear anything make a noise during the night?* ○ *Has anything happened to their plans for a long holiday?* ○ *Do you want anything more to drink?*

**anyway** /'eniweɪ/ *adverb* despite something else ○ *I'm not supposed to drink during the daytime, but I'll have a beer anyway.* ○ *I think it's time to leave – anyway, the last bus is at 11.40.*

**anywhere** /'eniweə/ *adverb* **1.** it does not matter where ○ *Put the chair anywhere.* **2.** (in questions or negatives) somewhere ○ *I can't see your wallet anywhere.* ○ *Did you go anywhere at the*

*weekend?* ○ *Is there anywhere where I can sit down?*

**apart** /ə'pɑ:t/ *adverb* **1.** separated ○ *The two villages are about six miles apart.* **2.** in separate pieces ○ *He took the watch apart.* ◇ **apart from** except for ○ *Do you have any special interests apart from your work?* ○ *I'm feeling fine, apart from a slight cold.*

**apartment** /ə'pɑ:t'mənt/ *noun* a separate set of rooms for living in ○ *She shares an apartment with a friend.*

**ape** /eɪp/ *noun* a large monkey

**apologise** /ə'pɒlədʒaɪz/, **apologize** *verb* to say you are sorry ○ *He shouted at her and then apologised.* ○ *She apologised for being late.*

**apology** /ə'pɒlədʒi/ *noun* an act of indicating that you are sorry (NOTE: The plural is **apologies**.) ■ *plural noun* **apologies** a statement indicating that you are sorry, especially if you cannot attend a meeting ○ *My apologies for being so late.* ○ *Please give the chairman my apologies.*

**apostrophe** /ə'pɒstrəfi/ *noun* a printing sign ('), either showing that a letter has been left out, e.g. weren't, or after a noun to show possession, e.g. Ben's coat or the girls' coats

**apparatus** /ə'pærɪtəs/ *noun* scientific or medical equipment

**apparent** /ə'pærənt/ *adjective* **1.** easy to see or accept as true ○ *It was apparent to everyone that she was annoyed.* **2.** possibly different from what something seems to be ○ *There is an apparent mistake in the accounts.*

**apparently** /ə'pærəntli/ *adverb* according to what you have seen or heard ○ *Apparently she took the last train home and then disappeared.* ○ *He didn't come to work today – apparently he's got a cold.*

**appeal** /ə'pi:l/ *noun* **1.** an act of asking for help ○ *The police have made an appeal for witnesses.* ○ *The hospital is launching an appeal to raise £50,000.* **2.** an attractive quality ○ *the strong appeal of Greece as a holiday destination* ■ *verb* **1.** □ **to appeal for something** to ask for something ○ *They appealed for*

*money to continue their work.* **2.** □ **to appeal against a verdict** to make a legal request for a court to look again at a decision ○ *He has appealed against the sentence.* **3.** □ **to appeal to someone** to attract someone ○ *These CDs appeal to the teenage market.* ○ *The idea of working in Australia for six months appealed to her.*

**appealing** /ə'pi:lɪŋ/ *adjective* **1.** attractive ○ *The design has proved appealing to our older customers.* **2.** wanting help or support ○ *The child gave her an appealing look as she got up to leave.* (NOTE: only used before a noun)

**appear** /ə'pɪə/ *verb* **1.** to start to be seen ○ *A ship appeared through the fog.* **2.** to seem ○ *There appears to be a mistake.* ○ *He appears to have forgotten the time.* ○ *She appeared rather cross.* **3.** to play a part in a film or play or take part in a TV programme ○ *She appears regularly on TV.* **4.** to come to a law court ○ *He appeared in court, charged with murder.*

**appearance** /ə'pɪərəns/ *noun* **1.** the way that someone or something looks ○ *You could tell from his appearance that he had been sleeping rough.* **2.** the fact of being present somewhere, especially unexpectedly ○ *The appearance of a teacher caused them to fall silent.* □ **to put in an appearance** to go somewhere where other people are for a short time **3.** the beginning of something new ○ *the rapid appearance of mobile phone shops all over the country* ○ *They were worried by the sudden appearance of a red rash.* **4.** an occasion when someone is performing in a film or play or on TV ○ *This is her second appearance in a film.*

**appetite** /'æpɪtaɪt/ *noun* a need or wish to eat ○ *Going for a long walk has given me an appetite.* ○ *He's not feeling well and has lost his appetite.*

**applause** /ə'plɔ:z/ *noun* the act of clapping your hands together several times to show that you liked a performance

**apple** /'æp(ə)l/ *noun* a common fruit that is hard, round and sweet, and grows on a tree ○ *Don't eat apples that are not ripe – they'll make you ill.*

**appliance** /ə'plaɪəns/ *noun* a machine such as a washing machine or cooker used in the home

**applicant** /'æplɪkənt/ *noun* a person who applies for something ○ *job applicants* ○ *Applicants for licences must fill in this form.*

**application** /,æplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n/ *noun* 1. the process of putting something on something else ○ *Several applications of the cream will be necessary.* 2. the process or act of applying for a job ○ *He wrote a letter of application.* ○ *We've received dozens of applications for the job of barman.*

**application form** /æplɪ'keɪʃ(ə)n fɔ:rm/ *noun* a form which has to be filled in to apply for something

**apply** /ə'plaɪ/ *verb* 1. □ **to apply for a job** to ask for a job ○ *She applied for a job in the supermarket.* ○ *He's applying for a job as a teacher.* 2. to put something on ○ *Wait until the first coat of paint is dry before you apply the second.* 3. □ **to apply to** to affect or to be relevant to ○ *This rule only applies to people coming from outside the EU.* (NOTE: **applies – applying – applied**)

**appoint** /ə'pɔɪnt/ *verb* to give someone a job ○ *He was appointed (as) manager or to the post of manager.* ○ *We want to appoint someone to manage our sales department.* (NOTE: You appoint a person to a job.)

**appointment** /ə'pɔɪntmənt/ *noun* 1. an agreed time for a meeting ○ *I want to make an appointment to see the doctor.* ○ *She was late for her appointment.* □ **on her appointment as manager** when she was made a manager 2. the process of being given a job 3. a job ○ *We are going to make three new appointments.*

**appreciate** /ə'pri:ʃi,eɪt/ *verb* to recognise the value of something ○ *Shoppers always appreciate a bargain.* ○ *Customers don't appreciate having to wait to be served.*

**apprentice** /ə'prentɪs/ *noun* a young person who works as an assistant to a skilled person in order to learn from them ○ *He's started work as a plumber's apprentice.*

**approach** /ə'prəʊtʃ/ *noun* 1. the fact of coming nearer ○ *With the approach of winter we need to get the central heating checked.* 2. a way which leads to something ○ *The approaches to the city were crowded with coaches.* 3. a way of dealing with a situation ○ *His approach to the question was different from hers.* ■ *verb* to come near ○ *The plane was approaching the airport when the lights went out.*

**appropriate** /ə'prəʊprɪət/ *adjective* suitable for a particular situation ○ *That skirt is not really appropriate for gardening.* ○ *We leave it to you to take appropriate action.*

**approval** /ə'pru:v(ə)l/ *noun* the act of agreeing ○ *The committee gave their approval to the scheme.* ○ *Does the choice of colour have your approval or meet with your approval?*

**approve** /ə'pru:v/ *verb* 1. to agree to something officially ○ *The committee approved the scheme.* 2. □ **to approve of something** to think something is good ○ *He doesn't approve of loud music.*

**approximately** /ə'prɒksɪmətli/ *adverb* not exactly ○ *It takes approximately 35 minutes to get to the city centre from here.*

**April** /'eɪprəl/ *noun* the fourth month of the year, the month after March and before May ○ *Her birthday is in April.* ○ *We went on holiday last April.* (NOTE: **April 5th** or **April 5**: say 'the fifth of April' or 'April the fifth' or in US English 'April fifth'.)

**aptitude** /'æptɪ,tju:d/ *noun* a natural ability that can be developed further

**arch** /ɑ:tʃ/ *noun* a round structure forming a roof or entrance ■ *verb* to make something round like an arch ○ *The cat arched her back and started spitting.*

**architect** /'ɑ:kɪtekt/ *noun* a person who designs buildings

**architecture** /'ɑ:kɪtektʃəl/ *noun* the design of buildings

**are** /ə, ɑ:/ 1st person plural present of **be**. 2nd person singular present of **be**. 2nd person plural present of **be**. 3rd person plural present of **be**