

1 Culture and identity

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dress /dres/ Noun uncount

a particular kind of **dress** is the clothing that is typical or traditional for a particular country or culture

traditional dress

I like the colours of traditional Native American dress | the women all wore African dress

feed /fi:d/ Verb

if you **feed** a person or an animal, you give them something to eat

did you feed the dog this morning? | it costs a lot of money to feed a family of five (a family with five people in it) | she went upstairs to feed the baby

identity /aɪ'dentɪti/ Noun

the **identity** of a person or group is all the qualities and beliefs that they have, which make an individual person different from everyone else or a group different from other groups

a sense of identity | an identity crisis

the only time I feel worried about my identity is when Pakistan play England at cricket | everyone in society contributes equally to a nation's identity | an identity crisis (a time when you start to have doubts about things that you have always believed about yourself) | I grew up with a strong sense of identity

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influence /'ɪnfluəns/ Verb

if something **influences** you, it has an effect on the way you think, behave, or develop

the city has influenced a number of writers | what he saw in Baltimore influenced his decision to become a politician | a teacher who influenced my opinions when I was still at school | Foster was heavily influenced by classical music

Noun: *influence* | Adjective: *influential*

have influence on/over someone or something

he has a lot of influence in the school | she used her influence over the president to make him change his mind | his father had a great influence over him | one of the most influential writers of the 20th century | two of them became influential leaders within the church

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

he was very curious when he saw the bottle with a message inside | the museum has a lot to offer the curious visitor | I'm very curious to know what's

inside the suitcase | she wasn't in the least curious about where he had been

Noun: *curiosity* | Adverb: *curiously*

curiosity about something | satisfy your curiosity | out of curiosity

just out of curiosity, how much did it cost you? | the article did little to satisfy his curiosity about the event | she looked curiously into all the cupboards and wardrobes

individual /ˌɪndɪˈvɪdʒuəl/ Adjective

individual things or people are separate from other things or people and exist as a single person or thing

we provide support to each individual child in the school | students work at their own individual pace | the Soviet Union had 15 individual republics | each individual committee has a different job to do

Noun: *individual* | Adverb: *individually*

how can we help individuals lead longer, healthier lives? | he's one of the wealthiest individuals in the United States | the rooms in the hotel are individually decorated | the programme is designed to benefit students individually

behaviour /bɪ'heɪvjə(r)/ Noun uncount

someone's **behaviour** is the way they normally do and say things

good/bad behaviour

they changed their behaviour as a result of the experience | this sort of behaviour is unacceptable | you'll get extra pocket money for good behaviour

Verb: *behave*

he's been behaving very strangely this week | some of the children behaved very badly

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anger /'æŋɡə(r)/ Noun uncount

anger is the feeling you have when you think something is seriously wrong and you are being badly treated and want to fight back or shout at someone

the longer they kept him waiting, the more his anger grew | an anger management course (to learn how to stay calm in difficult situations) | he found it hard to control his anger | her anger was understandable

Adjective: *angry* | Adverb: *angrily*

she had never seen him so angry before | she sounded very angry over the phone | he threw his coat down angrily | he stared at the policeman angrily

bravery /'breɪvəri/ Noun uncount

bravery is the quality and behaviour involved in doing dangerous or difficult things without showing fear. Someone who acts in this way is **brave**

show/display bravery

it was an act of great bravery | he was awarded a medal for bravery | George displayed great bravery in the war | they have shown extraordinary bravery and determination

Adjective: **brave** | Adverb: **bravely**

it was an incredibly brave thing to do | the bravest man I ever knew | it was brave of her to go back into the water | they fought bravely, but without success

cheerful /ˈtʃɪə(r)f(ə)l/ Adjective

someone who is **cheerful** is happy and pleased
why are you so cheerful today? | she's such a cheerful person | I always feel cheerful on Friday – no work tomorrow! | the shop assistant was cheerful and helpful

Adverb: **cheerfully** | Noun: **cheerfulness**

she waved cheerfully from the other side of the street | he smiled cheerfully when he saw us | I admired him for his bravery and cheerfulness

happiness /ˈhæpɪnəs/ Noun uncount

if you are **happy**, you are very pleased and feel good. The feeling you have is **happiness**

my dogs give me a lot of happiness | feelings of great happiness | she sometimes thought she would never find happiness | this is the secret of true happiness

Adjective: **happy** | Adverb: **happily** || Opposites – Noun: **unhappiness** | Adjective: **unhappy** | Adverb: **unhappily**

you look happy today | everyone is happy when they find a bargain | she was very happy with her exam results | she smiled happily | my childhood felt like years of unhappiness | what is the cause of your unhappiness? | I was very unhappy in my first term at university | why are you so unhappy? | an unhappily married couple

jersey /ˈdʒɜː(r)zi/ Noun

a **jersey** is a shirt worn as part of a uniform in sports such as football

Froome wore the yellow jersey for the last eight days of the race | I had to wash eleven football jerseys in time for the match on Sunday | he took off his muddy jersey

knowledge /ˈnɒlɪdʒ/ Noun uncount

your **knowledge** of something is everything you know about it

she has a detailed knowledge of modern Russian literature | my knowledge of physics is very basic | I used my local knowledge to work out how to get back to the hotel | a general knowledge quiz (a competition with questions on a range of different subjects)

Adjective: **knowledgeable** | Verb: **know**

knowledgeable about something | know about something

our guide spoke good English and was very knowledgeable | she became quite knowledgeable about Egyptian history | do you know much about cricket? | he knows all there is to know about Ferrari cars (he is very knowledgeable about them)

positive /ˈpɒzətɪv/ Adjective

if you are **positive** about something, you believe you are in a good situation and that you will succeed, and you do not think about any bad possibilities

everyone who works here has a really positive attitude | she was always smiling, positive, and hard-working | if you take a positive approach to your exams you'll be fine

Adverb: **positively** || Opposite – Adjective: **negative**

I had to start thinking positively, otherwise I was going to fail | you shouldn't be so negative about the job | her attitude was so negative it was obvious she'd fail the exams

power /ˈpaʊə(r)/ Noun uncount

power is the ability to have a strong influence on people or events. People who have this ability are **powerful**

power over someone or something

she used her power carefully | he had a remarkable power over the people who worked for him | the only one with real power in our family is my mother

Adjective: **powerful**

the president of the United States is the most powerful person in the world | big businesses are more powerful than governments in the 21st century

pride /praɪd/ Noun uncount

if you feel **proud** of something, you have a feeling of great satisfaction because you have done something well. This feeling is **pride**

take pride in (doing) something

people take pride in what they do here | she showed us her award with great pride | she could see the pride in her parents' faces | with immense pride she hung her medal round her neck

Adjective: **proud** | Adverb: **proudly**

be proud of something | be proud to do something

she was so proud of herself when she passed the exam | he's particularly proud of this painting | I'm proud to announce that I'm now a grandfather | Jack walked in proudly holding the fish he'd caught | she smiled proudly as her daughter collected her degree certificate

symbol /ˈsɪmb(ə)l/ Noun

a **symbol** is an object, picture, or shape that is used to represent a particular idea or feeling in art or literature

a symbol of something

Picasso painted a white dove as a symbol of peace | the national symbol of England is a lion | a uniform with the national symbol on the sleeve | the ring is a symbol of their love for each other | the dog in the painting is a symbol of loyalty

Adjective: **symbolic** | Verb: **symbolize** | Noun: **symbolism**

animals were highly symbolic figures in Egyptian art | the flowers are symbolic of life (they represent it) | a dove is often used to symbolize peace | the event symbolizes the country's struggle for democracy | an analysis of the symbolism in the painting

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globalization /gləʊbəlaɪ'zeɪʃ(ə)n/ Noun uncount

globalization is the process by which the world is becoming one single economy with all countries following the same rules, rather than each country having its own way of doing things

thanks to globalization, you can buy Nike shoes anywhere in the world | some people think that globalization will create more problems than it solves | it's not possible to stop globalization, it's gone too far now

Adjective: *globalized* | Verb: *globalize* | Adjective: *global* | Adverb: *globally*

we live in an increasingly globalized world | this kind of business won't survive in a globalized economy | the industry needs to globalize or it will be left behind | the global economic crisis | global warming | a globally important industry

goods /gʊdz/ Noun plural

goods are products that are made to be sold in shops
it's cheaper to buy electronic goods online | a shop selling luxury goods | the goods are transported by road | a goods train (carrying things, not passengers) | buying and selling goods in different countries is not a new activity

henna /'henə/ Noun uncount

henna is a red- or brown-coloured substance that is used to colour people's hair or for putting patterns onto their skin

a bottle of henna shampoo | I got a henna tattoo this morning | she painted her hands and nails with henna

in-thing /ɪn-θɪŋ/ Noun

if you say that something is the **in-thing**, you mean it has suddenly become very fashionable and will probably go out of fashion just as quickly

Japanese food is the latest in-thing in Europe | long hair was the in-thing when I was 16 | it's the in-thing to go travelling before going to university

market /'mɑː(r)kɪt/ Noun

the **market** for a particular sort of goods is all the places and opportunities for selling them

the worldwide market for mobile phones is still growing | there's no market for paper dictionaries any more – everyone goes online | we need to increase our share of the market

mutton /'mʌt(ə)n/ Noun uncount

mutton is the meat that you get from an adult sheep
they serve mutton instead of beef | we had roast mutton with potatoes and carrots | I've never eaten mutton | mutton has a much stronger taste than lamb

values /'væljuːz/ Noun plural

the **values** of a particular culture are the ways of behaving and traditions that are considered to be important and worth keeping

a TV show that teaches Chinese values | we share the same values as them, even though we don't live in the same town | these are the values I learned in my childhood

view /vjuː/ Noun

your **view** of something is what you think about it and your opinion of it

in someone's view

she has a very positive view of the situation (thinks it is good) | in my view (I think) you should take the job | he had a very pessimistic view of things after his illness | what's your view on the proposal?

Verb: *view*

how do you view our chances in the cup final?

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check out /tʃek aʊt/ Phrasal verb

if you **check out** something you look at it or try it to see what it is like and decide what you think about it

you should check out our new website – it's really cool | we're going to check out the new restaurant at the weekend | don't forget to check out our new gym when it opens

closely /'kləʊslɪ/ Adverb

if you work **closely** with someone, you work together and communicate with each other the whole time

we work closely with small hotels in twelve different countries | the two companies have been closely linked for five years | we have been working closely together on the proposal

courteous /'kɜː(r)tiəs/ Adjective

someone who is courteous behaves very politely and respectfully towards other people

she remained courteous throughout our meeting | a courteous American helped me with my suitcase | Spencer was kind, courteous, and spoke very good English | a courteous young man

Adverb: *courteously* | Noun: *courtesy*

he shook my hand courteously and showed me into the office | the bishop stood up to greet him courteously | they treated us with courtesy and kindness

field /fiːld/ Noun

a **field** is a particular kind of activity

lots of people want to get into that field | maths is a very broad field of study | Jeff wanted to enter the engineering field | we lead the field in designing personalized trips

impression /ɪm'preʃ(ə)n/ Noun

if something or someone gives you a particular

impression, they make you have a particular feeling about them or form a particular opinion about them
get an impression (about something) | give someone an impression | make an impression | a first/initial impression | a wrong/false impression | a good/bad impression

you need to make a good impression in the interview | the photo creates a false impression | I got the impression that someone had died | I got the distinct impression (the very strong impression) that we weren't welcome | I don't want to give you the wrong impression | what was your first impression of her?

Verb: *impress* | Adjective: *impressive* | Adverb: *impressively*

what impressed me about the film was the quality of the acting | his piano playing was really impressive | an impressive achievement | the view from the hotel towards the Eiffel Tower was impressive | an impressively large collection of CDs

pleasure /'pleɪə(r)/ Noun

pleasure is happiness you get from doing something that you enjoy. **Pleasure** is also used in some phrases, such as *it's a pleasure to meet you*, which you say to be polite the first time you meet someone, or *it's my pleasure*, which is a polite way of replying to someone who has thanked you for something *the pleasure of gardening was her latest discovery | we had the pleasure of going to two weddings last month | I always enjoy the pleasure of your company | it's been a pleasure talking to you | enjoy life's simple pleasures while you can*

Adjective: *pleasurable* || Opposite – Noun: *displeasure*
we spent a pleasurable afternoon watching cricket | the party was not as pleasurable as he had expected it to be | he expressed his displeasure in a series of tweets

punctual /'pʌŋktʃuəl/ Adjective

if you are **punctual**, you arrive somewhere at the right time and are not late
you need to be punctual for your interview | he's always punctual | her visitor was punctual, as usual | I like the punctual trains in Japan

Adverb: *punctually* | Noun: *punctuality*
she arrived punctually at eight o'clock | he walked in punctually at half past two | punctuality is very important in this job | his punctuality improved after he was threatened with the sack

stay in touch /steɪ ɪn tʌtʃ/ Phrase

if you **stay in touch** with someone, you regularly talk to them by phone or exchange emails or text messages after you no longer live near each other and can't meet in person often
let's stay in touch | we stayed in touch after James moved to Scotland | we didn't stay in touch when she left London and I don't know where she's living now

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amuse /ə'mju:z/ Verb

if someone or something **amuses** you, they do or say something that you think is funny
my friend always amuses me with his funny stories | dad used to amuse us by singing on long car journeys

| it amused me to watch him trying to skateboard

Adjective: *amusing* | Adjective: *amused* | Noun: *amusement*

my boss was not amused when I told him I was leaving | she was easily amused by old jokes | something very amusing happened to me this morning | a collection of four amusing poems | he laughed, his eyes shining with amusement | the show was ten minutes of amusement followed by an hour of sheer boredom

depth /depθ/ Noun

the **depth** of something is the range of interesting qualities it has, especially when these qualities are not obvious straight away but become apparent as you think about it

nowhere has a depth of culture like India | there's a great depth to the music of Beethoven | as he listened to the lecture, he became aware of the depth of her ideas

feature /'fi:tʃə(r)/ Noun

a **feature** is something noticeable or interesting about someone's face

her eyes are her best feature | I'd recognize his features anywhere | can you describe his facial features? (what his face looked like)

hospitable /hə'spɪtəb(ə)l/ Adjective

someone who is **hospitable** is very friendly and generous towards people they do not know, and is always ready to welcome them into their home

our hosts were extremely hospitable and friendly | everyone in the village was most hospitable | she stayed with a very hospitable family in the mountains

Noun: *hospitality*

thanks for your warm and generous hospitality | we accepted their hospitality for the night (we stayed at their house overnight)

landscape /'læn(d),skeɪp/ Noun

the **landscape** is the view that you can see when you are in the country, away from towns and buildings, including things like hills, fields, rivers, etc

a beautiful landscape | the natural landscape and setting was beautiful | a rocky and windswept landscape

particular /pə(r)'tɪkjʊlə(r)/ Adjective

if you say you are talking about a **particular** person or thing, you mean you are talking about one person or thing (and not any other), even though you have not said exactly which one

some violent criminals share a particular gene | I don't belong to any particular political party | in this particular town, there were three churches | one particular book had a huge influence on my life

remote /rɪ'məʊt/ Adjective

somewhere that is **remote** is a long way from towns or cities

*it takes a long time to get there as it's quite remote
| he comes from a remote town in Australia | a
remote corner of Scotland | a remote village in the
mountains | his travels took him to the remotest
regions of China*

shepherd /ˈʃepə(r)d/ Noun

a **shepherd** is someone whose job is to look after
sheep and make sure they are safe and do not get lost
*the shepherd has two dogs to help him move the
sheep across the land | one of my grandfathers was
a shepherd in Cumbria | it's a very hard life being a
shepherd*