

## Words which are often confused



These words are often confused by candidates at Cambridge English: First.

### Unit 4, Vocabulary, Exercise 1 (page 42)

**food** *noun* [U] something that people and animals eat, or plants absorb, to keep them alive: *baby food*.  
*There was lots of food and drink at the party.*

**dish** **FOOD** *noun* [C] food prepared in a particular way as part of a meal: *a chicken/vegetarian dish*

**meal** **FOOD** *noun* [C] an occasion when food is eaten, or the food which is eaten on such an occasion: *I have my main meal at midday. You must come round for a meal sometime.*

### Unit 6, Vocabulary, Exercise 1 (page 63)

#### fun or funny?

If something is **fun**, you enjoy doing it.  
*I really liked the skating – it was such fun.*

1 If something is **funny**, it makes you laugh.  
*It's a very funny film.*

2 If something is **funny**, it is strange, surprising, unexpected or difficult to explain or understand.  
*The washing machine is making a funny noise again.*

#### possibility, occasion or opportunity?

A **possibility** is a chance that something may happen or be true. **Possibility** cannot be followed by an infinitive.  
*Is there a possibility of getting a job in your organisation?*

An **occasion** is an event, or a time when something happens. Occasion does not mean 'chance' or 'opportunity'.  
*Birthdays are always special occasions.*

An **opportunity** is a possibility of doing something, or a situation which gives you the possibility of doing something.  
*The trip to Paris gave me an opportunity to speak French.*  
*I have more opportunity to travel than my parents did.*

#### work or job?

**Work** is something you do to earn money. This noun is uncountable.  
*She enjoys her work in the hospital.*

**Job** is used to talk about the particular type of work activity which you do. This noun is countable.  
*He's looking for a job in computer programming.*

### Unit 5, Vocabulary, Exercise 3 (page 54)

**assist** **verb** [I or T] *formal*: to help: *You will be expected to assist the editor with the selection of illustrations for the book.*

**attend** **BE PRESENT** *verb* [I or T] *slightly formal*: to go to an event, place, etc.: *The meeting is on the fifth and we're hoping everyone will attend.*

**get to know sb/sth**: to spend time with somebody or something so that you gradually learn more about them: *The first couple of meetings are for the doctor and patient to get to know each other.*

**join** **BECOME A MEMBER** *verb* [I or T]: to become a member of an organisation: *I felt so unfit after Christmas that I decided to join a gym.*

**take part**: to be involved in an activity with other people: *She doesn't usually take part in any of the class activities.*

#### know or find out?

If you **know** something, you already have the information.  
*Andy knows what time the train leaves.*

If you **find** something **out**, you learn new information for the first time.  
*I'll ring the station to find out what time the train leaves.*

#### learn, teach or study?

To **learn** is to get new knowledge or skills.  
*I want to learn how to drive.*

When you **teach** someone, you give them new knowledge or skills.  
*My dad taught me how to drive.*

When you **study**, you go to classes, read books, etc. to try to understand new ideas and facts.  
*He is studying biology at university.*