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some garden flowers ('cont')

- lavender
- lilac
- lilies
- marigolds
- pansies
- petunia
- roses
- snowdrops
- sunflowers
- sweet peas
- tulips
- wallflowers

some wild flowers

- bluebells
- buttercups
- daisies
- dandelions
- foxgloves
- poppies
- primroses

rose



sunflower



tulip

fluffy adjective

She picked up the small, **fluffy** kitten.

- furry
- soft
- woolly

fly verb

We watched the birds **flying** above our heads.

- to glide
- to soar
- to hover
- to flutter
- to flit
- to dart
- to swoop
- to dive

Use **glide** when something moves quietly through the sky:

A hot-air balloon **glided** silently past us.

Use **soar** when a bird or plane flies high in the sky:

The eagle **soared** high above us.



soaring eagle

Use **hover** when something stays in the same place in the air:

A helicopter **hovered** over the field.

Use **flutter**, **flit**, and **dart** when something flies about quickly:

Bats were **flitting** about in the barn.

Use **swoop** or **dive** when something flies down towards the ground:

The owl **swooped** down onto its prey.

fog noun

I couldn't see because of the **fog**.

- mist

fold verb

Fold the paper along the dotted line.

- to bend
- to crease

follow verb

1 I knew someone was **following** me.

- to chase
- to run after
- to pursue
- to shadow
- to tail
- to track

Use **chase**, **run after**, and **pursue** when someone is trying to catch a person:

The policeman **pursued** the two robbers.

Use **shadow** and **tail** when someone follows a person secretly:

We **tailed** the professor as far as the library.

Use **track** when someone follows the tracks that a person has left:

They brought in dogs to **track** the criminals.

2 **Follow** this road until you come to a fork.

- to take
- to go along
- to continue along

3 **Follow** my instructions carefully.

- to pay attention to
- to obey

food noun

1 We were all tired and in need of **food**.

- something to eat
- refreshments
- nourishment
- grub (informal)
- a meal

2 We've got plenty of **food** for the animals.

- feed
- fodder

fool noun

Don't be such a **fool**!

- an idiot
- a twit
- an imbecile
- a clown

fool verb

You can't **fool** me.

- to trick
- to deceive

foolish adjective

That was a very **foolish** thing to do.

- silly
 - stupid
 - daft
 - mad
 - idiotic
 - unwise
- OPPOSITE sensible

foot noun

- a paw (a dog's or cat's foot)
- a hoof (a horse's foot)
- a trotter (a pig's foot)

force noun

1 We had to use **force** to open the door.

- strength
- might
- power

2 The criminals used **force** to get into the building.

- violence

force verb

1 He **forced** me to give him money.

- to make
- to order

He **made** me give him the money.

2 They **forced** the door open.

- to push
- to break
- to smash

forest noun

Don't get lost in the forest!

- a wood
- a jungle (a tropical forest)

forget verb

I've **forgotten** my PE kit.

- to leave behind
- I've **left** my PE kit **behind**.
- to not bring
- I **haven't brought** my PE kit.
- OPPOSITE remember

forgive verb

I'm sorry. Please **forgive** my terrible behaviour.

- to excuse
- to pardon

form noun

1 The bicycle is a **form** of transport.

- a type
- a sort
- a kind

2 He is a magician who can change himself into any **form** he chooses.

- a shape

form verb

These rocks **formed** millions of years ago.

- to develop
- to be made

These rocks **were made** millions of years ago.

foul adjective

There was a **foul** smell in the kitchen.

- horrible
- disgusting
- nasty
- revolting
- repulsive

fragile adjective

Be careful, these glasses are **fragile**.

- delicate
 - flimsy
 - breakable
 - brittle
- OPPOSITE strong

free adjective

- 1 At last he was **free**!
- at liberty
 - out of prison
 - no longer in captivity
- 2 All the drinks are **free**.
- for nothing
 - complimentary

free verb

- The judge **freed** him.
- to release
 - to liberate
 - to set free
- The judge **set** him **free**.

fresh adjective

- 1 Start each answer on a **fresh** page.
- clean
 - new
 - different
- 2 I love the taste of **fresh** strawberries.
- freshly picked
- 3 We had **fresh** bread for tea.
- warm
 - freshly baked
- 4 The **fresh** air at the seaside will do you good.
- clean
 - clear
 - pure
 - bracing
- 5 I felt lovely and **fresh** after my swim.
- lively
 - energetic
 - refreshed
 - invigorated

friend noun

- a mate
- a pal
- a companion
- a partner
- a colleague
- an ally

A **mate** or **pal** is a friend:
Who's your best **mate**?

A **companion** is someone you travel with or do things with:

I took my dog with me as a travelling **companion**.

A **partner** or **colleague** is someone you work with:
I always choose Sam as my **partner** in class.
An **ally** is someone who helps you in a fight:
I needed an **ally** in my fight with the Jones boys.

friendly adjective

- 1 She's a very **friendly** person.
- kind
 - nice
 - pleasant
 - amiable
 - affectionate
- 2 Don't worry, our dog is very **friendly**.
- good-natured
 - gentle
- 3 Tina and I are quite **friendly** now.
- pally
 - matey (informal)
 - close
- OPPOSITE unfriendly

frighten verb

- The noise **frightened** us.
- to scare
 - to startle
 - to shock
 - to make someone jump
 - to terrify
- Use **startle**, **shock**, or **make someone jump** if something frightens you suddenly:
Sam **startled** me when he jumped out from behind a bush.
Use **terrify** if something frightens you a lot:
That film used to **terrify** me when I was young.

frightened adjective

- Are you **frightened** of spiders?
- afraid
 - scared
 - startled
 - terrified
 - petrified
- Use **startled** if you are frightened by something sudden:
I was **startled** when the door suddenly opened.

Use **terrified** or **petrified** if you are very frightened:
James was **petrified** when he saw the lion.

frightening adjective

- The film was quite **frightening**.
- scary
 - terrifying
- Use **terrifying** for something that is very frightening:
It was **terrifying** going on such a big roller coaster.

front noun

- At last we got to the **front** of the queue.
- the beginning
 - the head
- OPPOSITE back

fruit noun (see page 68)**full** adjective

- 1 We poured water into the bucket until it was **full**.
- full to the brim
 - overflowing
- 2 The school hall was **full**.
- packed
 - full to capacity
- 3 The room was **full** of people.
- crowded
 - packed
- 4 The basket was **full** of good things to eat.
- packed with
 - crammed with
 - bursting with
 - bulging with
- OPPOSITE empty

fun noun

- We had lots of **fun** on the beach.
- enjoyment
 - pleasure

funny adjective

- 1 He told us a very **funny** joke.
- amusing
 - hilarious
 - witty

Use **hilarious** for something that is very funny:
The film was absolutely **hilarious**.
Use **witty** for something that is funny and clever:

Joe's very good at making **witty** jokes.

OPPOSITE serious

- 2 We had to write a **funny** poem.
- humorous
- 3 You look really **funny** in that hat.
- comical
 - ridiculous
- 4 This sauce tastes very **funny**.
- strange
 - peculiar
 - odd
 - curious

furious adjective

- My dad was **furious** when he saw the mess.
- livid
 - fuming

furry adjective

- I stroked the cat's **furry** head.
- fluffy
 - woolly
 - soft

fuss noun

- There was a terrible **fuss** when we found a mouse in our classroom.
- a commotion
 - an uproar

fussy adjective

- 1 Some children are quite **fussy** about their food.
- choosy
 - picky
 - hard to please
- 2 My sister is very **fussy** about keeping her room neat and tidy.
- particular
 - fastidious