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advantage *noun* (**advantages**) something useful or helpful

to take advantage of someone is to treat them unfairly when they are not likely to complain
to take advantage of something is to make good use of it

Advent *noun* in the Christian Church, the period before Christmas

adventure *noun* (**adventures**) **1** an adventure is something exciting or interesting that someone does **2** adventure is doing bold and exciting things, *She enjoys a bit of adventure.*

adventurous *adjective*

adverb *noun* (**adverbs**) a word that tells you how or when or where or why something happens. In these sentences, the words in italics are adverbs: They moved *slowly*. Come back *soon*. I *only* want a drink.

adversary (*say* **ad-vuh-suh-ree**) *noun* (**adversaries**) an opponent or enemy

adverse *adjective* not good; harmful, *The magic potion had an adverse effect.*

adversity *noun* (**adversities**) adversity is bad things that happen to someone

advertise *verb* (**advertises, advertising, advertised**) **1** to advertise something is to praise it in a newspaper or on television so that people will want it **2** to advertise an event is to tell people when it will take place, *Have you advertised the concert?*

advertisement *noun* (**advertisements**) a public notice or short television film that tries to persuade people to buy something

advise *noun* **1** something you say to someone to help them decide what to do **2** a piece of information

advisable *adjective* sensible; worth doing

advise *verb* (**advises, advising, advised**) to advise someone is to tell them what you think they should do

advocate¹ (*say* **ad-vuh-kuht**) *noun* (**advocates**) a

person who speaks in favour of someone or something

advocate² (*say* **ad-vuh-kayt**) *verb* (**advocates, advocating, advocated**) to advocate something is to speak in favour of it

aerial¹ *noun* (**aerials**) a wire or metal rod for receiving or sending radio or television signals

aerial² *adjective* from or in the air, or from aircraft, *an aerial view of the island*

aerobatics *plural noun* an exciting display by flying aircraft **aerobatic** *adjective*

aerobics *plural noun* aerobics are energetic exercises that strengthen your heart and lungs

aerodrome *noun* (**aerodromes**) a small airport or airfield

aerodynamics *plural noun* the study of the interaction between the air and solid bodies moving through it **aerodynamic** *adjective*

aeronautics *plural noun* the study of aircraft and flying

aeroplane *noun* (**aeroplanes**) a flying vehicle with fixed wings and powerful engines

aerosol *noun* (**aerosols**) a device that holds a liquid under pressure and lets it out in a fine spray

aesthetic *adjective* to do with beauty, especially in art or music

affair *noun* (**affairs**) **1** something interesting that happens; an event, *The party was a very strange affair.* **2** someone's affairs are their private business, *Why are you so interested in my affairs?*

affect *verb* (**affects, affecting, affected**) to affect someone or something is to cause them to change or to harm them, *The dampness might affect his health.*

affected *adjective* not real; pretended

affection *noun* (**affections**) affection or an affection is love or fondness, *She has a great affection for her cat.* **affectionate** *adjective*

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advantage *noun* asset, benefit, blessing, bonus, boon, gain, help, plus
 OPPOSITE disadvantage, handicap

adventure *noun* **1** escapade, experience, exploit, incident **2** excitement, risk, uncertainty

adversary *noun* enemy, foe, opponent, rival

adverse *adjective* bad, detrimental, ill, untoward
 OPPOSITE favourable, good

adversity *noun* calamity, catastrophe, disaster, distress, hardship
 OPPOSITE prosperity

advertise *verb* **1** plug (*informal*), promote, publicise, push (*informal*) **2** publicise

advertisement *noun* ad (*informal*), advert

(*informal*), blurb, commercial, plug (*informal*), promotion, publicity, trailer

advice *noun* **1** counsel, guidance, opinion, recommendation, suggestion, tip **2** news, notification, word

advisable *adjective* prudent, recommended, wise
 OPPOSITE foolish, inadvisable

advise *verb* counsel, suggest, urge, warn

affair *noun* **1** activity, business, concern, dealing, episode, incident, occurrence, operation, responsibility

affect *verb* impinge on, influence, touch

affection *noun* caring, fondness, tenderness, warmth

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- b affirm** *verb* (affirms, affirming, affirmed) to state strongly, *He affirmed his decision to leave.*
- c afflict** *verb* (afflicts, afflicting, afflicted) to be afflicted by something unpleasant, like an illness, is to suffer from it **affliction** *noun*
- d affluence** (say af-loo-uhns) *noun* having a lot of money or wealth, *There is more affluence in the bigger cities.* **affluent** *adjective*
- e afford** *verb* (affords, affording, afforded) **1** to be able to afford something is to have enough money to pay for it **2** to be unable to afford the time to do something is not to have enough time for it
- f afloat** *adverb* floating, *We managed to keep the raft afloat.*
- g afraid** *adjective* frightened
I'm afraid I am sorry; I regret, *I'm afraid I've burnt the cakes.*
- i afresh** *adverb* again; in a new way, *We must start afresh.*
- j African¹** *adjective* coming from or to do with Africa
- African²** *noun* (Africans) a person from Africa
- k aft** (say ahft) *adverb* at the back of a ship or aircraft
- l after** *preposition & adverb* **1** later or later than; following, *They set off after breakfast. We saw them again the week after.* **2** following or coming behind, *They were after us in the queue.* **3** to be named after someone is to be given their name, *She was named after her grandmother.*
- m afternoon** *noun* (afternoons) the time from midday until evening
- n afterwards** *adverb* at a later time
- o again** *adverb* **1** once more; another time, *It was fun seeing the movie again.* **2** as before, *You will*

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- r affirm** *verb* assert, confirm, declare, swear
- s afflict** *verb* distress, oppress, plague, torment, trouble
- t affluent** *adjective* prosperous, wealthy, well-heeled (*informal*), well off, well-to-do
- u afraid** *adjective* alarmed, anxious, fearful, nervous, scared, terrified, worried
OPPOSITE brave, unafraid
- v after** *preposition & adverb* **1** following, past
OPPOSITE before
- w afterwards** *adverb* after, later, next, subsequently
- x against** *preposition* **2** anti, averse to, opposed to
OPPOSITE for, in favour of
- y age¹** *noun* **2** epoch, era, period, time **4** aeons, donkey's years (*informal*), eternity (*informal*), yonks (*informal*)
- z age²** *verb* develop, grow older, mature, mellow, ripen

soon be well again.

again and again lots of times

against *preposition* **1** touching or hitting, *He was leaning against the wall.* **2** opposed to; not liking, *Are you against animal testing?*

age¹ *noun* (ages) **1** your age is how old you are **2** an age is a period of history, *the Elizabethan age* **3** age is the last part of someone's life, *She had the wisdom that comes with age.* **4** (*informal*) (ages) a long time, *We've been waiting ages.*

age² *verb* (ages, ageing, aged) to age is to become old

aged *adjective* **1** (say ayjd) having the age of, *The girl was aged 9.* **2** (say ay-jid) very old, *We saw an aged man.*

agency *noun* (agencies) the office or business of someone who organises things

agenda (say uh-jen-duh) *noun* (agendas) a list of things that people have to do or talk about, for example at a business meeting

agent *noun* (agents) **1** someone whose job is to organise things for other people, *We booked our holiday with a travel agent.* **2** a spy, *He is a secret agent.*

aggravate *verb* (aggravates, aggravating, aggravated) **1** to aggravate something is to make it worse **2** (*informal*) to aggravate someone is to annoy them **aggravation** *noun*

aggression *noun* starting a war or attack; being aggressive

aggressive *adjective* **1** an aggressive person or group is one that is likely to attack or use violence **2** an aggressive activity is done with energy and has a strong effect, *They began an aggressive sales campaign.*

THESAURUS

aged *adjective* **2** elderly, retired

OPPOSITE young

agency *noun* bureau, firm, organisation

agenda *noun* plan, program, schedule

agent *noun* **1** broker, delegate, middleman, negotiator, proxy, representative **2** intelligence officer, mole (*informal*)

aggravate *verb* **1** compound, exacerbate, inflame, intensify, worsen

OPPOSITE improve

2 bother, exasperate, get on someone's nerves, irritate, provoke

aggressive *adjective* **1** attacking, belligerent, combative, hostile, militant, pugnacious

OPPOSITE friendly

2 assertive, insistent, persistent, pushy, self-assertive, zealous

OPPOSITE retiring