Word Quest 1

List 1 · People

Vocabulary and example	Write it

adult n. /ˈædʌlt/

a person who is fully grown, usually 18 or older

Family: adults · adulthood (n.) **Use it with:** young adult · adult ticket **Tip:** Stress can be on either part: AD-ult or a-DULT. Both are correct.

Tickets cost 50 yuan for an **adult** and 20 for a child.
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age n. /eɪdʒ/

how many years someone has lived

Family: ages · aged (adj.) **Use it with:** at the age of · the same age **Tip:** Say “at the age of 12”, not “in the age of 12”.

At the **age** of ten, my brother could already beat Dad at chess.

alone adj./adv. /əˈləʊn/

without other people

Use it with: be alone · live alone · leave someone alone **Tip:** Alone means no one is with you; “lonely” means you feel sad about it.

Mia doesn’t like eating **alone**, so she always sits with friends at lunch.

beard n. /bɪəd/

hair that grows on a man’s chin and cheeks

Family: beards · bearded (adj.) **Use it with:** grow a beard · a long beard

Grandpa has a long white **beard**, and the little kids think he is Father Christmas.

busy adj. /ˈbɪzi/

having a lot of things to do

Family: busier · busiest · business (n.) **Use it with:** busy with · a busy day · a busy street **Tip:** Busy can also describe a place with many people: a busy station.

I’m too **busy** with homework to play games tonight.

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cousin n. /ˈkʌzn/

the child of your aunt or uncle

Family: cousins **Use it with:** my cousin · first cousin **Tip:** English uses one word, “cousin”, for , , and the others.

My **cousin** Leo lives in Shanghai, so I only see him at Spring Festival.

crowd n. /kraʊd/

a large group of people in one place

Family: crowds · crowded (adj.) **Use it with:** a crowd of · in the crowd · a big crowd

A huge **crowd** waited outside the stadium to see the singer.

expert n. /ˈekspɜːt/

a person who knows a lot about a subject

Family: experts · expertise (n.) **Use it with:** an expert on · an expert in **Tip:** Use “expert on” or “expert in” a subject, not “expert of”.

My little sister is an **expert** on dinosaurs: ask her anything!

family n. /ˈfæmɪli/

a group of people who are related, like parents and children

Family: families **Use it with:** family members · a big family · family name **Tip:** Family name is your surname, like Wang or Li.

There are five people in my **family**, plus one very lazy cat.

famous adj. /ˈfeɪməs/

known by very many people

Family: fame (n.) **Use it with:** famous for · world-famous **Tip:** Say “famous for” something: Paris is famous for the Eiffel Tower.

This little noodle shop is **famous** in our town for its spicy beef.

female adj./n. /ˈfiːmeɪl/

of the sex that can have babies or lay eggs

Family: females **Use it with:** female students · a female teacher

Only the **female** mosquito bites people.

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life n. /laɪf/

the time from when you are born until you die

Family: lives (pl.) · live (v.) **Use it with:** all my life · daily life · school life **Tip:** The plural is "lives": "Doctors save lives."

My grandma has lived in the same village her whole **life**.

male adj./n. /meɪl/

of the sex that cannot have babies; a man or boy

Family: males **Use it with:** male students · a male lion

In our class there are fifteen **male** students and sixteen girls.

member n. /'membə/

a person who belongs to a group or club

Family: members · membership (n.) **Use it with:** a member of · a team member · family member

Every **member** of the basketball club gets a free T-shirt.

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neighbor n. /'neɪbə/

a person who lives next to or near you

Family: neighbors · neighborhood (n.) **Use it with:** next-door neighbor · a good neighbor **Tip:** American spelling; British English writes "neighbour".

Our **neighbor** plays the piano at 6 a.m. every Sunday.

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old adj. /əʊld/

having lived or existed for a long time; not new

Family: older · oldest **Use it with:** years old · an old friend · grow old **Tip:** Say "I am 14 years old", not "I have 14 years".

My phone is so **old** that it cannot download new apps.

people n. /'pi:pl/

men, women and children; more than one person

Use it with: young people · many people · most people **Tip:** People is plural: "People are kind", not "People is kind".

How many **people** are coming to your birthday party?

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slim adj. /slɪm/

thin in an attractive way

Family: slimmer · slimmest **Use it with:** slim figure · stay slim **Tip:** Slim sounds kinder than "thin" when you describe a person.

The model in the advert is tall and **slim**.

thin adj. /θɪn/

having little fat on the body; not thick

Family: thinner · thinnest **Use it with:** thin and tall · a thin book **Tip:** It also describes objects: thin paper, a thin slice.

After being ill for two weeks, my friend looked very **thin**.

twin n. /twɪn/

one of two children born to the same mother at the same time

Family: twins **Use it with:** twin brother · twin sister · identical twins

I have a **twin**, and our teacher still can't tell us apart.