Word Quest 1

List 26 · Useful linking words

Vocabulary and example	Write it

against prep. /əˈgenst/

touching or leaning on; also, opposing or playing versus

Use it with: lean against · against the rules · against the wall

Our team played **against** the best school in the city.

also adv. /ˈɔːlsəʊ/

as well; too

Use it with: and also · not only … but also **Tip:** Goes before the main verb: “I also like tea”, not “I like also tea”.

She speaks English, and she **also** speaks a little Japanese.

because conj. /bɪˈkɒz/

for the reason that

Use it with: because of **Tip:** Because + a sentence; “because of” + a noun: because of the rain.

I was late **because** my alarm didn’t ring.

can v. /kæn/

to be able to; also, to be allowed to

Family: could **Use it with:** can do · can’t · can I **Tip:** No “to” after “can”: “I can swim”, not “I can to swim”.

Can you swim?

cause v./n. /kɔːz/

to make something happen

Family: causes · caused **Use it with:** cause a problem · the cause of

The storm **caused** a power cut in the whole town.

else adv. /els/

other; different; more

Use it with: anything else · someone else · or else **Tip:** Or else warns: Hurry, or else we’ll miss the bus.

Do you want anything **else**?

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exist v. /egˈzɪst/

to be real; to be there

Family: exists · existed · existence (n.) **Use it with:** still exist · no longer exist

Do aliens **exist**? Nobody knows.

maybe adv. /ˈmeɪbiː/

perhaps; possibly

Use it with: maybe not · maybe later **Tip:** Maybe (one word) means perhaps; “may be” (two words) is a verb: It may be true.

Maybe it will snow tomorrow.

object n. /ˈɒbdʒekt/

a thing you can see and touch

Family: objects **Use it with:** a small object · an everyday object **Tip:** As a verb (ob-JECT) it means to say you don’t agree.

A strange **object** fell from the sky into the field.

place n./v. /pleɪs/

a particular area or building

Family: places · placed **Use it with:** take place · in place of · first place **Tip:** Take place means happen: The party takes place on Friday.

This is the best **place** in town for hot pot.

rather adv. /ˈrɑːðə/

quite; also, more willingly

Use it with: would rather · rather than · rather good **Tip:** I’d rather + verb with no “to”.

I’d **rather** stay at home than go shopping.

result n. /rɪˈzʌlt/

what happens because of something; also, a score

Family: results · resulted **Use it with:** as a result · the result of

The exam **results** come out next week.

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stuff n. /stʌf/

things in general (informal)

Use it with: a lot of stuff · and stuff **Tip:** Informal and uncountable: “my stuff”, not “my stuffs”.

Take your **stuff** off my bed!

they pron. /ðeɪ/

the people or things already talked about

Family: them · their · theirs **Use it with:** they say · they are **Tip:** They can also mean one person whose gender we don’t know.

My cousins came over, and **they** stayed for dinner.

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