Word Quest 3

List 12 · Talking and language

Vocabulary and example	Write it

alert adj./v./n. /əˈlɜːt/

watching carefully and ready to act; or to warn someone

Family: alerts · alerted **Use it with:** on alert · a red alert

Stay **alert** when you cross the road.

announce v. /əˈnaʊns/

to tell people something officially

Family: announces · announced · announcement (n.) **Use it with:** announce that

The principal **announced** that school would close early.

boast v. /bəʊst/

to talk too proudly about yourself

Family: boasts · boasted **Use it with:** boast about

He's always **boasting** about his new phone.

command n./v. /kəˈmænd/

an order; or to tell someone to do something

Family: commands · commanded **Use it with:** give a command · in command

The dog follows every **command**: sit, stay, roll over.

complaint n. /kəmˈpleɪnt/

a statement that you are unhappy about something

Family: complaints · complain (v.) **Use it with:** make a complaint

We made a **complaint** about the noise.

confirm v. /kənˈfɜːm/

to say that something is true or will happen

Family: confirms · confirmed · confirmation (n.) **Use it with:** confirm a booking

Please **confirm** your booking by email.

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convince v. /kənˈvɪns/

to make someone believe that something is true

Family: convinces · convinced **Use it with:** convince someone that · be convinced

She **convinced** me that the film was worth seeing.

criticize v. /ˈkrɪtɪsaɪz/

to say what is bad about someone or something

Family: criticizes · criticized · criticism (n.) **Use it with:** criticize someone for **Tip:** British English also writes "criticise".

Don't **criticize** his drawing; he's only five.

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express v. /ekˈspres/

to show a feeling or idea in words or actions

Family: expresses · expressed · expression (n.) **Use it with:** express yourself · express thanks

It's hard to **express** my feelings in English.

feedback n. /ˈfiːdbæk/

comments about how well you did something

Use it with: give feedback · positive feedback **Tip:** Uncountable.

My teacher gave me helpful **feedback** on my essay.

hint n./v. /hɪnt/

a small piece of help to guess something

Family: hints · hinted **Use it with:** drop a hint · a useful hint

Give me a **hint**: is it an animal?

idiom n. /ˈɪdɪəm/

a group of words with a meaning you can't guess from the single words

Family: idioms **Use it with:** an English idiom

"It's raining cats and dogs" is an English **idiom**.

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kid n./v. /kɪd/

a child; also, to joke

Family: kids · kidded **Use it with:** just kidding · no kidding **Tip:** Informal.

Are you **kidding**? That's amazing!

Mandarin n. /ˈmændərɪn/

the main form of Chinese, spoken in most of China

Use it with: speak Mandarin **Tip:** Always a capital M.

My American friend speaks **Mandarin** very well.

mention v./n. /ˈmenʃn/

to talk about something briefly

Family: mentions · mentioned **Use it with:** don't mention it · mention that **Tip:** Don't mention it is a polite answer to "thank you".

Did she **mention** her birthday?

nonsense n. /ˈnɒnsəns/

words or ideas that are silly or not true

Use it with: talk nonsense · complete nonsense

That's **nonsense**! The moon isn't made of cheese.

persuade v. /pəˈsweɪd/

to make someone do something by giving good reasons

Family: persuades · persuaded · persuasion (n.) **Use it with:** persuade someone to

I **persuaded** my parents to let me get a dog.

respond v. /rɪˈspɒnd/

to answer or react

Family: responds · responded · response (n.) **Use it with:** respond to

She didn't **respond** to my message.

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response n. /rɪ'spɒns/

an answer or reaction

Family: responses **Use it with:** in response to

I'm still waiting for a **response** from the school.

signature n. /'sɪgnɪtʃə/

your name written in your own way

Family: signatures · sign (v.)

Please put your **signature** at the bottom of the form.

whisper v./n. /'wɪspə/

to speak very quietly

Family: whispers · whispered **Use it with:** in a whisper

She **whispered** the answer to me.

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