Word Quest 4

List 16 · Friends and relationships

Vocabulary and example	Write it

behalf n. /bɪˈhɑːf/

for someone, or instead of someone

Use it with: on behalf of **Tip:** Only in “on behalf of”.

I’m writing on **behalf** of my class.

betray v. /bɪˈtreɪ/

to hurt someone who trusts you, e.g. by telling their secrets

Family: betrays · betrayed · betrayal (n.)

He **betrayed** his friend by telling the teacher.

comfort v./n. /ˈkʌmfət/

to make someone feel better when they are sad

Family: comforts · comforted **Use it with:** in comfort

She **comforted** her crying sister.

confront v. /kənˈfrʌnt/

to face a difficult person or problem directly

Family: confronts · confronted · confrontation (n.)

I **confronted** him about the lie.

embrace v./n. /emˈbreɪs/

to hug; also, to accept a new idea happily

Family: embraces · embraced

They **embraced** at the airport.

exclude v. /eksˈkluːd/

to not let someone join

Family: excludes · excluded · exclusion (n.) **Tip:** Opposite: include.

The other kids **excluded** him from the game.

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guidance n. /ˈgaɪdəns/

help and advice

Family: guide (v./n.)

Students need **guidance** when choosing a university.

harmony n. /ˈhɑːməni/

living or working together peacefully

Family: harmonious (adj.) **Use it with:** in harmony

The two families live in **harmony**.

joint adj./n. /dʒɔɪnt/

shared by two or more people; also, the place where two bones meet

Family: joints **Use it with:** a joint effort

We wrote a **joint** report.

mercy n. /ˈmɜːsi/

kindness to someone you could punish

Family: merciful (adj.)

The king showed **mercy** and set the prisoner free.

mutual adj. /ˈmjuːtʃuːəl/

felt or done by both people

Family: mutually (adv.) **Use it with:** a mutual friend

Their respect is **mutual**.

neglect v./n. /nɪˈglekt/

to not take care of something

Family: neglects · neglected

Don’t **neglect** your plants or they’ll die.

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offend v. /əˈfend/

to make someone feel upset or insulted

Family: offends · offended · offensive (adj.)

I didn't mean to **offend** you.

pardon n./v. /ˈpɑːdn/

forgiveness; also, a polite way to ask someone to repeat

Family: pardons · pardoned **Use it with:** I beg your pardon

Pardon? I didn't hear you.

revenge n. /rɪˈvendʒ/

hurting someone because they hurt you

Use it with: take revenge

He wanted **revenge** for the trick.

settle v. /ˈsetl/

to end an argument; also, to start living in a place

Family: settles · settled **Use it with:** settle down · settle in

They **settled** the argument with a coin toss.

spare adj./v. /speə/

extra; also, to give time or money

Family: spares · spared **Use it with:** spare time · spare a minute

Do you have a **spare** pen?

tease v. /tiːz/

to laugh at someone in a playful or unkind way

Family: teases · teased

My brother always **teases** me about my singing.

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