# Word Quest 6

List 18 · Friends and relationships

| Vocabulary and example | Write it |
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**acquaint** v. /əˈkweɪnt/

to make someone familiar with something or someone

**Family:** acquaints · acquainted · acquaintance (n.) **Use it with:** be acquainted with

Let me **acquaint** you with the rules.

**avail** n./v. /əˈveɪl/

use or help

**Family:** avails · availed **Use it with:** to no avail · avail yourself of **Tip:** Formal.

We searched for hours, but to no **avail**.

**benefactor** n. /ˈbenɪfæktə/

a person who gives money or help to others

**Family:** benefactors

An unknown **benefactor** paid for the new library.

**concession** n. /kənˈseʃn/

something you agree to give up in an argument; also, a lower price for some people

**Family:** concessions · concede (v.)

Both sides made **concessions**.

**console** v. /ˈkɒnsəʊl/

to comfort someone who is sad

**Family:** consoles · consoled · consolation (n.) **Tip:** The noun “console” (CON-sole) is a game machine.

She **consoled** her friend after the exam.

**courtesy** n. /ˈkɜːtəsi/

polite behaviour

**Family:** courtesies · courteous (adj.)

It’s common **courtesy** to say thank you.



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**deceive** v. /dɪˈsiːv/

to make someone believe something false

**Family:** deceives · deceived

He **deceived** his parents about his grades.

**deception** n. /dɪˈsepʃn/

the act of making someone believe something false

**Family:** deceptions · deceptive (adj.)

The magic trick was clever **deception**.

**discord** n. /ˈdɪskɔːd/

disagreement and arguing

There was **discord** in the team.

**exclusion** n. /eksˈkluːʒn/

keeping someone out of a group or place

**Family:** exclude (v.) **Tip:** Opposite: inclusion.

**Exclusion** from friends can hurt a lot.

**foe** n. /fəʊ/

an enemy

**Family:** foes **Use it with:** friend or foe

The two old **foes** finally shook hands.

**intervene** v. /ˌɪntəˈviːn/

to get involved to stop or change something

**Family:** intervenes · intervened · intervention (n.)

The teacher **intervened** in the fight.

**nurture** v./n. /ˈnɜːtʃə/

to care for and help to grow

**Family:** nurtures · nurtured **Use it with:** nature and nurture

Good teachers **nurture** their students' talents.



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**philanthropy** n. /fɪˈlænθrəpi/

giving money to help others

**Family:** philanthropist (n.)

His **philanthropy** built ten schools.

**provision** n. /prəˈvɪʒn/

providing something; also, a condition in an agreement

**Family:** provisions · provide (v.) **Tip:** Provisions (plural) also means food for a journey.

The **provision** of clean water is essential.

**provoke** v. /prəˈvəʊk/

to cause a reaction, often anger, on purpose

**Family:** provokes · provoked · provocation (n.)

Don't **provoke** the dog.

**reconcile** v. /ˈrekənsaɪl/

to become friends again after an argument

**Family:** reconciles · reconciled · reconciliation (n.)

The brothers **reconciled** after ten years.

**ridicule** v./n. /ˈrɪdɪkjuːl/

to laugh at someone in an unkind way

**Family:** ridicules · ridiculed · ridiculous (adj.)

They **ridiculed** his strange clothes.

**soothe** v. /suːð/

to make someone calm; also, to make pain less

**Family:** soothes · soothed · soothing (adj.)

She sang to **soothe** the crying baby.



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**torment** v./n. /ˈtɔːment/

to make someone suffer, often on purpose

**Family:** torments · tormented **Tip:** Stress: verb tor-MENT; noun TOR-ment.

The older kids **tormented** him every day.

**undermine** v. /ˌʌndəˈmaɪn/

to make something weaker, slowly or secretly

**Family:** undermines · undermined

His jokes **undermined** her confidence.

**validate** v. /ˈvælɪdeɪt/

to show that someone's feelings or ideas are reasonable; also, to prove correct

**Family:** validates · validated · validation (n.)

A good friend **validates** your feelings.



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