

of satisfaction, delight, and pleasure in what one can do or has done, or in someone or something connected with one: *He takes a pride in his work. They spoke with pride of their pretty daughter.* 4 [the S of] the most valued thing or person: *This fine picture is the pride of our collection.*

vanity [U] the quality or state of being too proud of oneself or one's importance, abilities, etc: *You'll only make his vanity worse if you tell him how clever he is. She's always looking at herself in the mirror—what vanity!*

conceit 1 [U] *deprec* too high an opinion of one's own abilities, value, etc; too much pride: *That girl is full of conceit. I dislike conceit, especially in a young person.* 2 [C] *tech* a humorous or clever thought or expression: *Her poetry is full of little conceits.*

disdain [U] lack of respect; the feeling that someone or something is low and worthless: *The soldiers treated their prisoners with disdain. She looked at him with cold disdain.*

contempt [U] 1 the feeling that someone or something is of a lower rank and undesirable: *Some employers have contempt for their workers. I feel nothing but contempt for such dishonest behaviour!* 2 total disregard or disrespect: *I treat those fools with the contempt they deserve.* 3 the condition of being thought of low rank and undesirable: *'People who smoke and drink to much should be held in contempt,' she said.*

arrogance [U] pride and self-importance shown in a way that is rude and disrespectful to others: *Although what he said was reasonable his arrogance angered everyone.*

snobbery [U] the state or quality of being a snob, too interested in social position, wealth, etc: *Her snobbery made her stop seeing her old friends when she became rich.*

F145 verbs : despising and being proud [T1]

despise to regard as worthless, low, bad, etc; to dislike very angrily: *The soldiers despised those enemies who refused to fight. He began to despise himself for the way he had treated his friends.*

look down on [v adv prep] *infml* to despise, esp socially: *She looks down on people who are not rich.*

disdain [Wv6] to treat with a lack of respect, interest, etc: *He disdains them and won't talk to them. She disdains work; she never does any.*

humble to make (someone or oneself) humble or in a lower position: *He humbled his enemies publicly. It humbled his pride to admit his mistakes. 'You must humble yourself before God,' said the priest.*

pride oneself on [also V4b] to take a proper pride in: *She prides herself on her teaching, and she is very good indeed.*

F146 adjectives : despising and being proud [B]

disdainful showing disdain: *She gave him a disdainful smile. He is very disdainful towards stupid people.* -ily [adv]

contemptuous showing contempt: *He spoke in a very contemptuous way about them. There was a contemptuous smile on his face.* -ly [adv]

F147 adjectives : despised and held in contempt [Wa3;B]

despicable that should be or deserves to be despised: *It is (quite) despicable of you to leave your wife and family without any money.* -bly [adv]

contemptible that should be shown or deserves contempt: *What a contemptible thing to do/say!* -bly [adv]

F148 verbs : insulting people [T1]

insult to say or do something to offend: *They insulted him and he can't forgive them or forget it. He was insulted when they insisted on paying for him.*

offend [also I0] to insult and annoy (a person) by doing or saying something: *You offended her by saying that she only bought the cheapest clothes. Please don't be offended; I didn't mean to offend (you). He was offended when they didn't ask him to go with them.*

abuse to say unkind, cruel, or rude things to (someone) or about (somebody or something): *She abuses her ex-husband mercilessly.*

disparage [Wv4] to speak without respect of/for; make (someone or something) sound of little value or importance: *She's always disparaging the successes of others; is she jealous? In spite of your disparaging remarks I think she sings beautifully.*

decry to speak ill of; say bad things about (something powerful or dangerous to the public): *He decried the harmful influence of television.*

run down [v adv] *not fml* to say bad things about: *Stop running him down; he's not as bad as that!*

do down [v adv] *BrE infml* to say bad things about (someone, esp someone who is not present): *They praise him to his face, but do him down behind his back.*

cheek [(up)] *BrE infml* to behave, speak, etc boldly, rudely, or disrespectfully to (wards) (someone): *Don't cheek (up) your teacher!*

snub [often pass] to rudely pay no attention to: *He was snubbed by his former friends, because of what he did.*

F149 nouns : insulting people

insult 1 [U] speech or action which insults: *I*

don't like insult; I prefer politeness. **2** [C] an example of this: *To offer him so little money is an insult.*

offence BrE, **offense** AmE [U] esp fml the state of being insulted, offended: *I hope I didn't cause you any offence; I certainly meant no offence.*

abuse [U] unkind, cruel, or rude words: *He greeted us with a stream of abuse.*

disparagement [U] the act of disparaging someone or something: *He has met a lot of disparagement in his work, but he is not worried by it.*

snub [C] an act of snubbing: *He had to suffer the snubs of his former friends.*

F150 adjectives : insulting people [B]

insulting causing insult: *What an insulting thing to say! They spoke in a very insulting way.* -ly [adv]

abusive using or containing unkind, cruel, or rude words: *His language was very abusive when he spoke to her.* -ly [adv]

disparaging showing that one considers someone or something of little value or importance: *He made some disparaging remarks about her singing, but I think she's good.* -ly [adv]

pejorative [B] fml (of a word, phrase, etc) that suggests that someone or something is bad or worthless; insulting: *The words he used were clearly pejorative; he suggested that their leader was a fool.* -ly [adv]

depreciatory serving to lessen the value of someone or something; pejorative: *Stop making depreciatory remarks about him.*

derogatory strongly depreciative; showing that someone has a low opinion of someone else: *His remarks were very derogatory; I felt insulted.*

F151 verbs : disgracing, shaming, and embarrassing [T1]

disgrace **1** to be a disgrace to: *He disgraced himself/us all last night by drinking too much.* **2** [usu pass] to put (a public person) out of favour/position in disgrace: *The dishonest minister was publicly disgraced.*

shame **1** to bring dishonour to; disgrace: *He shamed his family by being sent to prison.* **2** to cause to feel shame: *It shames me to say it, but I told a lie.* **3** to appear very much better than: *Their good work shames all the others.* **4** [into or out of] to force or urge (to do something) by causing feelings of shame: *I tried to shame her into voting in the elections but she has no sense of duty.* **ashamed** **1** [F (of) F3, 5a] feeling shame, guilt, or sorrow (because of something done): *You should be ashamed (of yourself/your behaviour)! You should be ashamed to tell such lies. He was ashamed that he had lied. He was ashamed of asking/having asked such a*

simple question. I'm ashamed that he found me doing it. **2** [F3] unwilling through fear of feeling shame or being laughed at: *He was ashamed to ask such a simple question.* -ly [adv]

embarrass [Wv4] to cause to feel ashamed or socially uncomfortable: *She was embarrassed when they asked her age. I don't like making speeches in public; it is so embarrassing. He embarrassed her by telling dirty jokes.*

show up [v adv] esp BrE to make (someone) feel shame: *When we go to dinner parties my husband always shows me up with the rude jokes he tells.*

humiliate to cause (someone) to feel humble [⇒ F142] in a bad way; or to lose the respect of others: *His remarks humiliated me; I felt really small and silly.*

stigmatize, -ise [T1] to mark (a person) out by a sign of shame; tell or show that (someone) is shameful: *They stigmatized their opponent as a liar.*

F152 nouns : disgracing, shaming, and embarrassing

disgrace **1** [U] loss of honour and respect: *His actions brought disgrace on his family. Being poor is no disgrace. The child is in disgrace because he behaved badly at dinner.* **2** [S (to)] a cause of loss of respect: *Bad doctors like that are a disgrace to our hospitals.*

shame **1** [U] the painful feeling of the guilt, wrongness, inability, or failure of oneself or a close friend, relative, etc: *He felt no shame for all the bad things he had done. Her face reddened with shame when she heard of her mistake.* **2** [U] disgrace of this kind: *His bad behaviour brings shame on us all!* **3** [S] something that deserves blame: *It's a shame, the way they waste money.*

embarrassment **1** [U] the act of embarrassing; the state of being embarrassed: *They asked me to sing to them, much to my embarrassment.* **2** [C] a person or thing that embarrasses: *That nasty child is an embarrassment to his parents.*

humiliation **1** [U] the act of humiliating or being humiliated **2** [C] an example of this: *She has had many humiliations in her life but she has never accepted them.*

stigma [C] a sign of shame; a feeling of being ashamed: *There is a sort of stigma about having to ask for money; the stigma of being different from other people.*

F153 adjectives : disgracing, shaming, and embarrassing [B]

disgraceful bringing disgrace: *What a disgraceful thing to do/say to behave!* -lly

shameful deserving blame; causing the feeling or condition of shame: *What a shameful thing to do/say! It's shameful the way they waste money!* -lly [adv]

shamefaced showing shame or unsureness about oneself: *He made his excuses in a shamefaced way.* -ly [adv]
humiliating causing someone to feel humiliated: *The way they spoke to her was most humiliating for her.* -ly [adv]
embarrassing causing someone to feel ashamed or socially uncomfortable: *I made an embarrassing mistake; I called him by the wrong name.* -ly [adv]

F154 adjectives : having no shame [B]

shameless 1 (of a person) unable to feel shame: *'She is an immodest and shameless young woman!' he said.* 2 done without shame; indecent: *His behaviour was a shameless insult to us all.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]
bold [Wal] *deprec* (of a person, esp a woman or her behaviour) without shame: *She's a bold girl, isn't she?* -ly [adv] -ness [U]
brazen *emot* shameless: *They are quite brazen about their evil behaviour; they don't hide it.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

F155 adjectives : rude and cheeky [B]

rude [Wal] (of a person or his behaviour) not at all polite: *It's rude to say you don't like the food, when she spent so long preparing it. Don't make such rude remarks. Don't be so rude to your father.* -ly [adv]
impudent very rude in speech or act: *What an impudent remark/thing to say! He is a very impudent child.* -ly [adv]
impertinent rude; not at all respectful: *What an impertinent remark/child!* -ly [adv]
insolent (of people and their acts) showing rudeness; insulting: *What insolent behaviour! The man's manner was very insolent.* -ly [adv]
brash [Wal] rudely disrespectful and proud: *Oh, don't be so brash towards these people!* -ly [adv] -ness [U]
cheeky [Wal] *infml* rude; not respectful: *I don't like cheeky little girls who are rude to older people.* -ily [adv] *The child behaved very cheekily.* -iness [U]
fresh [Wal] *AmE* cheeky: *Don't be so fresh!*
audacious daringly impolite or disrespectful, as to someone of high rank: *What an audacious thing to do!* -ly [adv]

F156 nouns : rudeness and cheek [U]

rudeness the state or condition of being rude: *I don't want to see him again; his rudeness last time was unforgivable.*
impudence the state or condition of being impudent: *The child's impudence surprised us.*
impertinence the state or condition of being impertinent: *What impertinence!*
insolence the state or condition of being insol-

ent: *'His insolence must be punished!' the king said.*

disrespect lack of respect, esp by being rude: *Those children showed great disrespect to their parents.*

audacity daring rudeness or disrespect: *I was surprised at her audacity in wearing such a dress!*

cheek *infml* bold, disrespectful, rude behaviour: *No more of your cheek or else I'll hit you!*

freshness *AmE* cheek

nerve [*also S*] *deprec* boldness, esp if it is rude and disrespectful: *He's very untidy and he has the nerve to tell me my shoes need cleaning! The nerve of him! What a nerve!*

F157 verbs : disappointing people [T1]

disappoint 1 to fail to fulfil the hopes of (a person): *I'm sorry to disappoint you, but I can't come after all. He was disappointed to learn that you couldn't come. Please don't be too disappointed if I can't do it.* 2 to defeat (a plan, hope, etc): *I'm sorry to disappoint your hopes.* **disappointing** [B] causing one to be unhappy at not seeing hopes come true: *What disappointing news! Your examination marks are rather disappointing; I hoped you would do better.* -ly [adv] *The day of the garden party was disappointingly cold and wet.*

let down [v adv] *not fml* to cause (someone) to be disappointed esp in one's loyalty; to fail to keep a promise to: *I'm sorry I let you down yesterday; I won't do it again. She let us all down by not coming.*

F158 nouns : disappointing people

disappointment 1 [U] the state of being disappointed: *He left the station in great disappointment, for she wasn't on the train.* 2 [C] someone or something disappointing: *Our son has been a disappointment to us. He suffered various disappointments in his attempts to get work.* **to someone's disappointment** which makes someone feel disappointed: *She learnt, to her disappointment, that they hadn't invited her.*
letdown [C] *not fml* a disappointment: *It was a real letdown; she didn't come although she had promised.*

Kindness and unkindness

F170 adjectives, etc : showing helpful interest [B]

kind [Wal] (*of*) helpful; (that shows one is) interested in the happiness or feelings of others: *She is a kind person. That was a kind*

thing to do. What a kind thought! Be kind to animals. Would you be kind enough to do it? Would you be so kind as to do it? It was very kind of you to do it. **-ly** [adv] **-ness** 1 [U] the quality of being kind 2 [C] a kind action

kindly 1 [Wa2] pleasant; friendly: *She gave him a kindly smile. He is the kindest/most kindly person I have ever met. She spoke in a kindly way.* 2 [adv] [Wa1] in a kind manner: *She spoke kindly to him. not take kindly* to not accept easily or willingly: *He didn't take kindly to his new responsibilities.*

kind-hearted [Wa2] having or showing a kind heart (**nature**): *He's the very kindest-hearted person I know.* **-ly** [adv]

beneficent esp fml kind: *He behaved in a very beneficent way towards them.* **-ly** [adv] **beneficence** [U] the state of being beneficent; kindness

benevolent kind and liking to help other people: *The old man felt benevolent towards the poor children and gave them some money.* **-ly** [adv] **benevolence** [U] the state of being benevolent; kindness to other people

benign 1 (of people) kind and friendly: *He met them with a benign smile.* 2 (of weather) pleasant; not too hot or too cold 3 tech (of diseases) not very harmful **-ly** [adv]

good [Wa5 (to, of)] kind and helpful: *She's always been very good to me. It's good of you to help. Would you please be good enough to close the door? They hadn't a good word for her (= They talked unkindly about her).*

humane showing human kindness and the qualities of a civilized person: *His way of looking after the animals is very humane.* **-ly** [adv]

human 1 showing the feelings, esp those of kindness, which human beings have: *He seems quite human when you know him.* 2 of or concerning man: *the human voice* **-ly** [adv]

considerate [(of)] thoughtful of the rights and feelings of others; helpful: *What a very considerate young man he is! It was consider-of you to come and meet me.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

thoughtful [(of)] paying attention to the wishes, feelings, etc of other people; taking other people into account: *It was thoughtful of you to meet me here. He is a very thoughtful kind of person.* **-lly** [adv]

helpful [(of)] willing to help; useful: *She's a helpful girl. It was a helpful thing to do. It was helpful of you to do that.* **-lly** [adv]

beneficial having a helpful or good effect: *This holiday has been really beneficial; I've enjoyed it very much.* **-lly** [adv]

well-disposed showing kindness: *He is well-disposed towards most people. She's a very well-disposed person.*

obedient doing what one is told to do; obeying [⇒ G115] one's parents, teachers, officers, etc, esp without arguing: *She is a very obedient child. The dog is well-trained and obedient to its master's orders.* **-ly** [adv] **obedience** [U] the

condition of being obedient: *Obedience to orders is important in an army.*

F171 adjectives : tender and gentle [B]

tender [Wa1] gentle and loving; kind: *She has a tender way with people. She gave her child a tender look. What a tender heart he has!* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

tender-hearted esp emot easily moved to love, pity, or sorrow: *She's very tender hearted about those poor people.* **-ness** [U]

gentle [Wa1, 3] 1 kind and ready to help others: *She is a very gentle person, who never loses her temper.* 2 not violent; soft in movement: *There was a gentle wind among the trees. They climbed up a gentle slope.* **-tly** [adv Wa3] **-ness** [U]

F172 adjectives : sympathetic and understanding [B]

sympathetic [(to)] of, feeling, or showing sympathy: *She was sympathetic to my aims. It's no use just being sympathetic; help me!* **-ally** [adv Wa4]

warm-hearted having or showing warm and friendly feelings **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

tolerant showing or practising friendly feelings: *He is a Muslim/Catholic but is very tolerant towards those who have different religious opinions. What a tolerant woman she is!* **in-**[neg] **-ly** [adv]

understanding kind, because able to understand: *She was very helpful and understanding about what happened. Try to be a little more understanding!*

F173 adjectives : humanitarian and charitable [B]

humanitarian concerned with trying to improve life for human beings by giving them better conditions to live in and by changing laws, esp those which punish too severely

generous showing readiness to give money, help, kindness, etc: *She's not very generous with the food; she gives very small amounts. You are far too generous with your money.* **-ly** [adv]

liberal generous, esp in giving or being given quickly and easily or in large amounts: *He is very liberal with his money. She gave us liberal helpings of food.* **-lly** [adv]

magnanimous having or showing unusually generous qualities towards others: *A country should be magnanimous towards its defeated enemies.* **-ly** [adv]

charitable showing kindness and charity [⇒ F175]: *Be charitable; try to help them.* **-bly** [adv Wa3]

F174 adjectives : merciful and clement

[B]

merciful 1 [(to)] showing mercy; willing to be kind, to forget bad things done, or to forgive people for bad things done, instead of punishing them, etc: *The king was merciful and did not kill his enemies. The merciful king saved him from death.* 2 by the kindness of God, fortune, etc: *He had a merciful death and did not suffer too much pain.* -lly [adv Wa4] -ness [U]

lenient 1 merciful in judgment; gentle: *Be lenient with her, please; she's only a child.* 2 allowing less than the highest standards of work, behaviour, etc: *You are too lenient with these children; you must make them work harder.* -ly [adv]

clement often fml & pomp (esp of weather, conditions) pleasant; kind; gentle: *The weather is much more clement today, I think. He wore a clement smile on his face.*

F175 nouns : showing helpful interest

kindness 1 [U] the quality of being kind 2 [C] a kind action: *They have shown me many kindnesses in the past. Please have the kindness to answer this letter quickly. (BrE) Please do me the kindness to answer this letter quickly.*

goodwill [U] kind feelings towards or between people and/or willingness to act to increase the good fortune of these others: *Owing to the goodwill of the people of this town we have collected enough money to educate these children.*

humaneness [U] the quality of being humane

humanity [U] the quality of being human and/or humane

considerateness [U] the quality of being considerate

consideration [U (for)] thoughtful attention to the wishes and feelings of others: *He never shows any consideration for his mother's feelings. Have you no consideration for others, you nasty boy?*

sympathy [U] 1 the ability to share the feelings of another: *I have no sympathy for him or for what he has done.* 2 (the expression of) pity **sympathies** [P] 1 feelings of support: *His sympathies are all with our enemies.* 2 a message of comfort in grief: *He sent them his sympathies on the death of their father.*

tolerance [U] the ability or willingness to let other people do what they want, say and think what they like, etc: *He is a man of great tolerance.* in- [neg]

toleration [U; S] the ability to tolerate [= F9] or accept what one does not really like: *He has some toleration of people like that now, but he finds it difficult to work with them.*

charity 1 [U] kindness; the feeling of generosity: *Charity made her give food to the old woman.* 2 [U] Christian love for God and man:

*The Bible says that 'of faith, hope, and charity, the greatest of all is charity'. 3 [U] help to the poor: *She was always very generous in her charity. I don't want to live on charity for ever.* 4 [C] a society or organization that gives help to the poor: *There are many charities in Britain which send help to hungry people abroad.* 5 [U] sympathy and kindness shown when judging others: *She was only set free because of the judge's charity.* **charity begins at home** one's first duty is to one's family; after that, to others*

mercy 1 [U (to, towards)] the quality of being merciful; willingness to forgive and not punish: *He showed mercy to (wards) his enemies and let them live.* 2 [U; C usu pl with sing meaning] kindness or pity towards those who suffer or are weak: *God's mercy has/mercies have no limits.* **at the mercy of** powerless against: *Without a gun he was at their mercy. They were lost at sea, at the mercy of wind and weather.*

leniency [U] the quality of being lenient

clemency 1 [U] mercy, esp when used to make a punishment less severe: *The prisoner asked for clemency.* 2 (esp of the weather) gentleness

generosity 1 [U] the quality of being generous 2 [C] a generous act

liberality [U] generosity with things or ideas

condolence [C often pl (on); U] (an expression of) sympathy for someone who has experienced sadness, sorrow, misfortune, etc: *Please accept my condolences on your mother's death.*

solace 1 [U] comfort in grief or anxiety; lessening of trouble in mind: *She looked for solace in hard work.* 2 [C] something that provides this: *Hard work was a great solace to her in her grief.*

consolation 1 [U] comfort during a time of sadness or disappointment: *She got many letters of consolation when her mother died. Your remarks are no consolation at all!* 2 [C] a person or thing that consoles: *Your presence was a consolation to me at such a sad time.*

F176 verbs : showing helpful interest

consider [T1, 5, 6a] to take (someone's difficulties, etc) into account: *We must always consider people's feelings.*

sympathize, -ise [IØ (with)] to feel or show sympathy: *I know you feel angry and I sympathize, but what can we do? She was crying and he was sympathizing with her.*

feel for [v prep T1] not fml to sympathize with: *I really felt for her when she lost her child in that accident.*

understand [T1; IØ] genl to consider (someone's difficulties) and to sympathize: *I think he understands what you feel. Please try to understand!*

console [T1 (with)] to give comfort or sympathy to (someone) in times of disappointment or sadness: *She tried to console the murdered man's wife. After fire destroyed my home, I consoled myself with the thought that it might have been worse. That thought consoled me.*

solace [T1] *esp lit* to give solace to or for: *Hard work helped to solace her grief.*

F177 adjectives : not helpful or friendly [B]

nasty [W1] not helpful, friendly, kind, pleasant, etc: *What a nasty man he is! If he is nasty to me, I'll be even nastier to him!* -tily [adv] -tiness [U] ?

mean [W1] *AmE* bad-tempered; liking to hurt: *That's a mean dog; be careful it doesn't bite you.* -ness [U]

sour [W1] having or expressing a bad temper; unsmiling: *What a sour-faced old man! Why are you (looking) so sour?* -ness [U]

spiteful acting out of spite; cruel in a small mean way: *It was spiteful of him to tear up your letter.* -lly [adv]

malicious showing a wish or intention to hurt: *She was malicious towards them; she did everything she could to make life difficult for them.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

aggrieved 1 *fml* showing or suffering from a personal offence, hurt feelings, etc: *I felt very aggrieved after our quarrel.* 2 *law* having suffered a wrong: *The aggrieved person had had his leg broken.*

F178 nouns : not helpful or friendly [U]

spite unreasonable dislike for and desire to annoy another person, esp in some small way: *I'm sure he did that just out of/from spite. It was spite and nothing else!*

malice the wish, desire, or intention to hurt one or more others: *There is no malice in him; he didn't intend to cause you trouble.*

F179 adjectives : showing no kindness or pity [B]

merciless showing no kindness, mercy, or willingness to help or save anyone: *The enemy were merciless in their attack on the town; they killed everyone.* (fig) *What merciless weather!* -ly [adv] -ness [adv]

pitiless 1 showing no pity; merciless: *He was a pitiless king who made all his subjects suffer.* 2 unbearably severe: *The north wind was pitiless. They studied the plan in the cold pitiless light of reason.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

ruthless showing or having no kindness, pity, etc at all: *He is completely ruthless and will stop at nothing to get what he wants.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

remorseless showing no remorse [⇒ F83]: *She was quite remorseless in hurting him.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

heartless showing no kindness or pity: *It was heartless to leave the little dog to die of hunger.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

F180 adjectives : unhelpful and greedy [B]

mean [W1] 1 ungenerous; unwilling to share or help: *He's too mean (with his money) to buy us a meal.* 2 unkind; unpleasant in behaviour: *Let me go out; don't be so mean to me. I felt mean for not letting him go out.* -ness [U]

miserly mean like a miser: *He is very miserly with his money/the food he gives us.* -liness [U]

mercenary *usu deprec* doing something only for money, gain, or greed: *She is a very mercenary kind of person. Don't be so mercenary; do something for nothing for once in your life.*

grasping *emot* mean, esp with money: *They are very grasping people; they take all they can get and ask for more.*

selfish wanting or keeping as much as possible for oneself: *Oh, don't be so selfish with your money! She is one of the most selfish people I've met.* un- [neg] -ly [adv] -ness [U]

greedy [W1] 1 *usu derog* full of greed for anything, esp food, money, etc: *The greedy little boy ate all the food. Don't put your greedy hands on that cake/money!* 2 [for] needing something badly: *The roots of the plant were greedy for water. He was greedy for love.* -dily [adv] -iness [U]

avaricious *fml* having too great an eagerness and desire, esp for wealth; greedy: *He is a very avaricious man; he takes but seldom gives.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

F181 nouns : greed

greed [U (for)] a strong desire to obtain a lot or more than what is right, esp of food, money, or power: *He had a greed for gold.*

avarice [U] *fml* greed: *What unbelievable avarice; he wants all the money!*

miser [C] a person who loves money for its own sake and spends as little as possible; a mean person: *Don't be a miser; lend me £5.*

F182 adjectives : jealous, resentful, and vengeful [B]

jealous [(of)] 1 wanting to keep what one has; possessive [⇒ D81]: *He is jealous of his wife's love.* 2 wanting to get what someone else has: *He is jealous of their success and wealth.* 3 shocked and angry at not being liked as much as someone else: *He was jealous when he discovered she loved someone else.* -ly [adv] *The dog jealously guarded its bone.*

envious [(of)] feeling or showing envy; wanting what someone else has: *She was envious of her sister's beauty. He looked at my new car with envious eyes.* -ly [adv] *'Aren't you lucky!' said Mary enviously.*

resentful [(about)] feeling angry or bitter at someone: *He is resentful at being called a fool. She felt very resentful because he left her. He*

gave her a resentful look. Don't be so resentful!
-lly [adv] **-ness** [U]
vengeful (of an action or feeling) based on a fierce desire or wish to harm another for what has been done to oneself: *His mind was full of vengeful plans.* **-lly** [adv]
sullen 1 silently showing dislike; silently resentful; not cheerful or interested: *He worked in a sullen way. She had a sullen look on her face.* 2 (fig) dark and unpleasant: *The sky was sullen.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

F183 nouns : jealousy, resentment, and revenge [U]

jealousy 1 jealous feeling; the state of being jealous 2 [C] anything done or said that shows jealousy: *His many little jealousies harmed their marriage.*

envy 1 a feeling of wishing that one had someone else's qualities, possessions, etc: *His good luck filled them with envy. The boy's new bicycle was an object of envy to all his friends. She felt envy at her friend's good luck.* 2 [the S of] a thing one wishes to own or a person one wishes to be like: *Their beautiful garden is the envy of their neighbours. She's so pretty, she's the envy of the other girls.*

resentment the feeling of resenting (what one thinks is) bad treatment: *She feels some resentment against him/at what he did/because of what he did/for what he did. I don't bear you any resentment now.*

vengeance great harm or damage done to another person because of what he or she had earlier done to oneself or one's family, etc: *He killed them in an act of vengeance. We shall take vengeance on them for these crimes!*

revenge usu unlawful action to punish someone who has or may have done wrong to oneself, one's family, friends, etc: *I must get revenge for this! She took (her) revenge on him for what he did to her. She did it in revenge for what he had done.*

F184 verbs : jealousy and resentment

envy [D1; T1] to feel envy for or of: *I don't envy you your journey in this bad weather. Religion teaches us not to envy other people. The girls all envied Mary's beautiful legs.* **-ingly** [adv]

resent [T1, 4] to feel angry or bitter at: *He resented being called a fool. I (strongly/bitterly) resent your remarks.*

F185 verbs : getting one's revenge

avenge [T1] 1 to get satisfaction (revenge or vengeance) for (a wrong) by punishing the wrongdoer: *He avenged his father's death by burning the village. He avenged the death on the village.* 2 to punish someone for a wrong done

to (oneself or somebody else): *I shall avenge my brother; the man who killed him shall die. They avenged themselves on their enemies.*

pay back [v adv T1 (for)] not fml to make (someone) suffer in return for something he or she did: *I'll pay you back for this! He paid them back for what they did to his family.*

get one's own back not fml to take one's revenge, esp in some small way: *I'll get my own back for what she did!*

get even [I0] not fml to be avenged; to get one's own back: *I'll get even if it takes (me) a hundred years!*

Honesty, loyalty, trickery, and deceit

F190 adjectives : honest and truthful

honest [B] 1 (of people) not likely to lie or cheat: *He's an honest man; he won't tell you lies.* 2 (of actions, appearance, etc) showing such qualities: *That man has an honest face.* 3 direct; not hiding facts: *This is my honest opinion. It's the honest truth; believe me!* **-ly** [adv]

trustworthy [B] fit to be trusted; (emot) honest: *He's completely trustworthy; he won't cheat you.* **un-** [neg] **-thily** [adv]

reliable [B] fit to be relied on [⇒ F201]: *He's a reliable man; if he says he will do the job, he'll do it.* **un-** [neg] **-bly** [adv Wa3]

straight [F] infml honest: *Be straight with me and I'll play straight with you.*

upright [B] emot reliable; honest: *He's a very upright sort of man; completely trustworthy and very religious.* **-ness** [U]

truthful [B] always or usu telling the truth; honest in what one says, writes, etc: *She's a truthful girl; she won't tell you lies.* **un-** [neg] **-lly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

F191 adjectives : not honest and truthful [B]

dishonest (of a person or behaviour) not honest: *She's a very dishonest girl; don't trust her. It's dishonest to tell people you are doing something and then to do something different.* **-ly** [adv] *He's behaved very dishonestly.*

crooked usu infml dishonest, usu in a criminal way: *I don't like his business activities; they are thoroughly crooked.*

deceitful emot dishonest, esp in telling lies: *Stop being so deceitful; tell the truth!* **-lly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

F192 adjectives : frank and straightforward [B]

frank [Wa1] free and direct in speech; open in

manner; plain and honest; truthful: *He had a frank, friendly look. If you want my frank opinion, I don't think the plan will succeed. Will you be quite frank with me about this matter (= tell me the truth, without trying to hide anything)?*

open **1** not hiding anything; honest: *Let's be open with each other.* **2** not hidden: *There was open hatred between the two men.*

aboveboard without any trick or attempt to deceive; honourable: *His part in the affair was quite (open and) aboveboard. He was honest and aboveboard with us.*

sincere [Wa2] (of a person, feelings, or behaviour) free from deceit, pretence, or falseness; real, true, or honest: *He had a sincere admiration of his opponent's qualities. She was not completely sincere in what she said. You have my sincerest/most sincere sympathy, dear friend.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** also **sincerity** [U]

genuine very sincere: *He is genuine in his desire to help. He has a genuine desire to help.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

forthcoming *infml* ready to be helpful, friendly, and honest: *He was quite forthcoming about what happened; he told us everything.*

forthright direct in manner and speech; expressing one's thoughts and feelings plainly: *His forthright behaviour shows that he's honest, but he seems rude to some people.* **-ness** [U]

straightforward **1** honest; without hidden meanings: *He gave us a straightforward answer.* **2** expressed or understood in a direct way, without difficulties: *It's a straightforward matter.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

candid open, direct, and honest **-ly** [adv] **candour** [U]

F193 adjectives : not frank and straightforward [B]

insincere not sincere: *He made some insincere remarks about being happy to see them.* **-ly** [adv] **-ity** [U]

furtive quiet, secret, and/or not direct, as expressing guilty feelings; trying to escape notice **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

stealthy [Wa1] moving or acting in a way which suggests a wish to be secret or not to be seen; furtive: *A stealthy figure moved among the trees.* **-thily** [adv] **-thiness** [U]

secretive fond of keeping secrets [⇒ F207]; choosing to hide one's doings or plans: *She's very secretive about where she got all this money; I wonder if she got it honestly.* **-ly** [adv]

F194 adjectives : direct and blunt [B]

direct (of people and behaviour) honest and easily understood: *He gave me a direct answer to my question. She's always very direct and open in her manner, so I know what she's thinking.* **in-** [neg] **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

overt not secret; open to all; public: *It was an overt act of friendliness/war.* **-ly** [adv] *They were overtly unfriendly.*

explicit (of statements, rules, etc) clear and fully expressed: *He gave us explicit instructions. He said to go home; he was quite explicit about it.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

blunt [Wa1] **1** (of a person) speaking roughly and plainly; telling what one thinks or what is true without trying to be polite, kind, or careful: *I'll be blunt about this, I don't like you.* **2** (of speech) rough; plain; honest: *He told her the sad truth in a few blunt words.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

F195 adjectives : not direct and blunt [B]

implicit **1** [(in)] (of a statement, rule, etc) meant though not plainly expressed: *This is an implicit threat. There was a threat implicit in the way he looked. His leaving us is implicit in the way he has written this report.* **2** [A; (B)] unquestioning and complete: *You have my implicit trust.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

implied expressed indirectly: *It's implied in his report that he will leave us soon.*

hidden *esp emot* not open: *He has hidden reasons for doing these things.*

secret kept hidden or known only to a few: *The plans must remain secret. They met at a secret meeting* **-ly** [adv] *It was done secretly.* **secrecy** [U]: *It was done in secrecy.*

covert [Wa5] *esp lit* secret; hidden; not shown openly: *The two lovers exchanged covert expressions of their love. He has covert reasons for what he is doing; I don't know what they are.* **-ly** [adv]

concealed *esp fml* not open; hidden: *She has a concealed dislike for all of them. She has a well/badly-concealed dislike for them.* **un-** [neg]

confidential **1** spoken or written in secret; to be kept secret: *This information is confidential.* **2** [Wa5] trusted with private or secret matters: *He is her confidential secretary.* **3** showing full trust, special or secret knowledge, etc: *She gave him a confidential look.* **-ly** [adv]: *Confidentially, I don't like him.*

F196 adjectives : innocent and trusting [B]

innocent knowing little about life; having little or no experience; easily deceived: *She is a very innocent kind of person.* **-ly** [adv] **-cence** [U]

naïve, **naïve** **1** having or showing no experience (as of social rules or behaviour), *esp* because one is young: *The young boy was laughed at for his naïve remarks.* **2** believing what anyone says or what is most favourable: *It's naïve (of you) to believe he'll do what he says.* **3** *tech* having almost no knowledge or experience of a particular subject: *We need naïve people*

(= who have not studied the subject before) to take this test. **-ly** [adv] **naivety** [U]
artless not trying to deceive or influence others; simple, almost foolish; natural: *She seemed to be just an artless child, but she wasn't.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]
trusting *emot* ready to trust others: *She had a trusting look in her eyes.* **-ly** [adv]
trustful *gentl* ready to trust others: *Try to be a bit more trustful.* **-lly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

F197 adjectives : cunning and sneaky [B]

cunning *often deprec* showing or having cleverness in deceiving: *He's as cunning as a fox. That's a cunning ideal/trick!* **-ly** [adv]
tricky [Wa1] *not fml* always playing tricks [⇒ F207], esp to deceive people: *What a tricky girl she is!* **-ily** [adv] **-iness** [U]
crafty [Wa1] *esp emot* very cunning: *Be careful or that crafty old man will take all your money.* **-ily** [adv] **-iness** [U]
sly [Wa1] **1** clever in deceiving; dishonestly tricky; crafty: *That was a sly trick to play.* **2** playfully amusing: *He played a sly joke on her.* **on the sly** secretly (as of something done dishonestly or unlawfully) *He's been married for years, but he still sees other women on the sly.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]
artful **1** cleverly deceitful; tricky; cunning: *He's very artful and usually succeeds in getting what he wants.* **2** skilfully put together; cleverly considered: *That artful arrangement of pieces of wood was made to catch mice.* **-lly** [adv] **-ness** [U]
sneaky [Wa1] *infml* cunning and tricky: *She's the sneakiest person I've ever met; she'd deceive herself if she could!* **-ily** [adv] **-iness** [U]

F198 adjectives : respectable and decent [B]

respectable *not always apprec* showing or having character and standards acceptable to society: *How dare you talk to a respectable woman like that? It's not respectable to be drunk in the street. Put on a clean shirt and (try to) look respectable.* **-bly** [adv Wa3] **-bleness** [U]
decent respectable; good and suitable: *They are decent people living decent lives. Put on a decent shirt and try to look decent.* **in-** [neg] **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]
law-abiding keeping the law: *She is a respectable, law-abiding person.*

F199 adjectives : loyal and constant

loyal true to one's friends, group, country, etc: *He has always been a loyal friend to me. She is loyal to her friends.* **-lly** [adv] **dis-** [neg]: *He has never been disloyal to his friends.* **-lly** [adv]

faithful **1** full of or showing loyalty: *He is a faithful friend. He remained faithful to his friend.*

constant *lit* loyal: *He was very constant during all our difficulties.*

F200 nouns : honesty, faith, and allegiance [U]

honesty the quality of being honest: *His honesty is well known; he won't deceive you.* **dis-** [neg]

trust **1** firm belief in the honesty, goodness, dependability, justice, power, etc of someone or something; faith: *I don't place any trust in his promises. Put all your trust in God. My husband trusts me and I don't intend to break that trust.* **2** solemn responsibility: *He holds a position of trust in society.* **3** [S] *fml* a solemn responsibility given to someone: *This is a trust that we lay on you; we know that you will do your best.* **4** the condition of being given to someone for care, protection, etc: *I left my pets in trust with a neighbour while I went on holiday.* **5** care; keeping: *After my parents' death I was put in my grandmother's trust.* **take on trust** to accept without proof or close examination: *You'll have to take what I said on trust.* **distrust** also **mistrust** lack of trust: *He keeps his money at home because he has a great mistrust of banks.*

trustworthiness the quality of being trustworthy; *emot* honesty: *His trustworthiness is not in doubt.*

faith **1** strong trust and belief: *He will not steal my money; I have faith in him.* **2** the condition of being sincere; loyalty: *He acted in good faith. She acted in bad faith and hoped to cheat them.*

reliance *esp emot/lit* trust: *I place complete reliance on his judgment.* **reliant** [F (on)] showing reliance on someone or something; dependent: *We are completely reliant on him/his help.*

reliability ability to be trusted or relied on: *He's a good man for the job; I can speak for his reliability.* **un-** [neg]

integrity complete honesty and goodness: *He is a man of the greatest integrity; he would not steal your money.*

loyalty the quality of being loyal: *His loyalty to his friends was never in doubt.* **dis-** [neg]

constancy *emot* faithfulness; loyalty: *She loved her husband for his constancy to her.*

allegiance *esp emot* loyalty, faith and dutiful support to a king, country, idea, etc: *That political party no longer deserves our allegiance.*

F201 verbs : trusting and relying on people

trust **1** [Wv4;T1;D3] to believe in the honesty and dependability of (someone or something);

have faith in: *You shouldn't trust him; he's dishonest. Trust my judgment! You can't trust him to do anything right. You don't trust your daughters to stay out so late, do you? You're far too trusting. It was stupid of you to let that man into the house even if he did say he was a policeman.* **2** [T1; D3] to depend on: *You can't trust the trains (to run on time).* **3** [T1] to allow (someone) to have money or goods and to pay for them at a later date: *Can you trust me for a packet of cigarettes until Friday?* **4** [I0; T5a] *fml* to hope: *Everything went all right, I trust. I trust you enjoyed yourself?*

rely on/upon [v prep] **1** [T1, 4; V4a] to depend on (something or something happening): *You can't rely on the weather here. I think I can come, but don't rely on it. Don't rely on going to India (= perhaps you won't go). Don't rely on me/my going to India (= perhaps I won't go).* **2** [T1; V3] to trust (someone, or someone to do something): *You may rely on me (to help you).*

USAGE Some people think *rely on his coming* is better English than *rely on him coming*; but in *rely on him to come* one can use only *him*.

depend on upon [v prep] **1** [T1; V3, 4a] to trust; get help or support from: *I depend on you to do it. He doesn't work but depends on his father (giving him money).* **2** [T1, 6a no pass] to be affected by: *Our success will depend on hard work/on how hard we work.*

depend [Wv6; I0] to depend on (def **2**) certain things: *Will he succeed?—That depends!* **dependent** [B (on)] *esp fml* that depends on: *She is dependent on him; she needs him.* **dependence** [U] the state of depending, being dependent **in-**[neg] **dependable** [B] able to be trusted or depended on: *He is a very dependable person; you can rely on him.* **dependability** [U] the state of being dependable **dependant, dependent** [C] someone who depends on another, *esp* for food, clothes, etc, *esp* as a child: *His wife and children are his dependants.*

F202 nouns : decency and respectability [U]

decency the quality of being decent: *Please have the decency to move your coat from that chair! She's a good woman; her decency is well known.* **in-**[neg]

respectability the state or condition of being respectable: *Her respectability is well known.*

F203 verbs : lying, cheating, and betraying

[ALSO ⇒ C234]

lie [I0] to not tell the truth: *She lied. She lied to me. She lied about what happened. She's a lying kind of a person.* **liar** [C] a person who lies: *They are all liars; don't believe a word they tell you.*

cheat *esp emot* **1** [T1 ((out) of)] to take from (someone) unfairly, dishonestly, or deceitfully: *He cheated the old woman ((out) of her money) by making her sign a paper she didn't understand.* **2** [I0 (at)] to act dishonestly or deceitfully to win an advantage, *esp* in a game: *Don't play cards with him; he always cheats. I always cheat at cards, it's the only way I can win.* **3** [T1] *lit* to avoid or escape as if by deception: *The swimmers cheated death in spite of the storm.* **4** [I0 (on)] *infml* to be sexually unfaithful, *esp* to one's husband or wife: *They've been married for only 6 months and already she's started cheating (on him)!*

deceive [T1 (in or into); I0] *esp fml* to cause (someone) to accept as true or good what is false or bad: *I trust him because I know he would never deceive me. Do my eyes deceive me, or is that really an elephant pulling a carriage? Don't deceive yourself into thinking that bad plan is really good.*

fool [T1] to deceive: *You can't fool me—I know you're not really ill.*

trick [T1 (into)] to cheat or deceive by a trick or tricks: *She tricked me! She tricked him into giving her all his money.*

fox [T1] *infml* **1** to deceive cleverly: *He foxed us and got away with all the money.* **2** *usu pass* to cause not to understand: *I'm really foxed by what's happening!*

take in [v adv T1] *infml* to cheat; deceive: *Their mother was taken in by the businessman's offers to help her and stupidly gave him most of her money. Don't be taken in by what he says; it isn't true. He successfully took us all in!*

kid [T1; I0] *infml* to deceive or pretend, *esp* in a playful manner: *He's not really hurt; he's only kidding. Stop trying to kid me; I know you're not telling the truth. You're kidding! (= The things that you are saying are hard to believe). He's coming tomorrow; no kidding.*

do [T1] *BrE sl* to cheat; deceive: *He has done us all! I've been done; he's taken all the money!*

pass off [v adv T1] *not fml* to present falsely; pretend that (someone or something) is different and better: *He tried to pass himself off as a doctor. She passed the fake money off as real money.*

mislead [T1] to cause (someone) to think or act wrongly or mistakenly; to guide wrongly (sometimes with the intention to deceive): *Her appearance misled him; he thought she was young, but she wasn't. The traveller was misled by the old and incorrect map he was using, and lost his way. Don't let his friendly words mislead you into trusting him.*

pretend [T1, 3, 5a; I0] to say, claim, or appear falsely in order to mislead: *He pretended to like us, but he didn't. She pretends that she likes them, so that she can get their help. He pretended illness and didn't go. He doesn't like her; he's only pretending. She pretended to be surprised, but she wasn't really.* **pretender** [C] **1** one who pretends **2** (*esp* formerly) one who claims to be the king of a country, etc

betray 1 [T1] to be disloyal or unfaithful to: *I thought he was too good to betray his friends. She betrayed her country to the enemy.* 2 [T1] to give away or make known (esp a secret): *He betrayed the news to all his friends.* 3 [T1, 5; (V3)] to be a sign of (something one would like to hide): *Her red face betrayed her nervousness/betrayed (the fact) that she was nervous.*
sell out [v. adv T1; IØ] not fml to be disloyal or unfaithful to (one's purposes or friends), esp for money: *He is a good writer who sold out (his artistic standards) and now just writes for money.*

F204 nouns : lying, cheating, and betraying

lie [C] an act of lying, of not telling the truth: *He tells lies. What a lie he told her! It's all lies; don't believe him.*

falsehood 1 [C] usu fml an untrue statement, for the purpose of cheating; (euph) a lie: *His story was full of falsehoods.* 2 [U] esp poet the condition of being false 3 [U] willingness to cheat and betray: *His heart is full of falsehood.*

disloyalty 1 [U] the state of not being loyal 2 [C] usu pl a disloyal act: *We have not forgotten his many disloyalties to his country.*

deceit also **deception** [C; U] (an) activity or action which deceives: *His deceit is shameful. I'm tired of all your lies and deception(s).*

treachery 1 [U] disloyalty; deceit; falseness, esp to a friend, king, etc: *His treachery in joining the enemy made everyone hate him.* 2 [C] a disloyal action

treason [U] (the crime of) disloyalty to one's country, esp by helping its enemies or by violent opposition to those in power: *Joining the enemy was an act of treason; he will be hanged if we catch him.*

cunning [U] cleverness, esp in deceiving: *The fox showed its cunning by swimming down the stream so that the hunting dogs wouldn't be able to smell it.*

perfidy fml & esp lit 1 [U] also **perfidiousness** disloyalty; treachery: *It is an act of perfidy to sell one's country's secrets to the enemy.* 2 [C] usu pl an example of this: *All your little perfidies have not gone unnoticed.*

betrayal 1 [U] the act of betraying 2 [C] an example of this: *The story of the betrayal of Jesus by Judas is in the Bible.*

sellout [C] not fml an act of disloyalty or unfaithfulness to one's purposes or friends; betrayal: *'It's a sellout!' he said in anger.*

pretence BrE, **pretense** AmE 1 [U] the act of pretending: *No more pretence, please; tell the truth.* 2 [C] (an esp false) claim: *Don't listen to his pretences; he is lying.*

pretension fml & pomp 1 [C (to)] a pretence; claim: *I have no pretensions to being an artist.* 2 [U] pretence: *Stop all this pretension.*

imposture [U] the pretence of being another

person: *His imposture was discovered; he was not Dr Smith at all.*

impostor [C] a person who pretends to be someone else; a cheat: *He's an impostor; he isn't a famous doctor.*

stealth [(by) U] a quiet and secret way of doing something: *He did it by stealth. She showed great stealth in her business activities; he knew nothing about them.*

F205 adjectives : not honest and loyal [B]

dishonest not honest: *He is a very dishonest man; don't trust him. He got his money in dishonest ways.* -ly [adv] *He got his money dishonestly.*

deceitful emot dishonest: *She has been very deceitful about everything she's done!* -ily [adv] -ness [U]

misleading causing someone to be misled: *He gave us a very misleading description of the house.* -ly [adv]

disloyal not loyal: *He was disloyal to his employers; his action was completely disloyal.* -ily [adv]

treacherous 1 very disloyal and deceitful: *The president swore to punish his minister's treacherous actions.* 2 very dangerous: *Treacherous currents make swimming in this part of the river dangerous.* -ly [adv]

perfidious fml & esp lit disloyal; treacherous: *His perfidious actions in selling our country's secrets have not been forgotten.* -ly [adv]

F206 verbs : plotting and trapping

plot [IØ; T1, 3, 6a,b] to plan together secretly: *They're plotting against him. They're plotting to kill him. She plotted his murder/plotted how to murder him.*

conspire 1 [IØ, 3: (with, together)] esp fml to plot something unlawful or bad: *The criminals conspired to rob a bank.* 2 [13] (fig) (of events) to combine: *Events conspired to produce great difficulties for us all.*

trap [T1] to catch or keep (a person or animal) in or by a trap; to catch by plotting and planning: *He trapped her; she couldn't get away. Help; I'm trapped! They trapped the animals and killed them.*

snare [T1] 1 to catch (as if) in an animal trap, esp cleverly: *He was snared in their arguments.* 2 to get by skilful actions: *She snared a good job.*

F207 nouns : secrets, plotting, tricking, and trapping

plot [C] a secret plan to do something usu against a person, needing combined action by

several people: *The police discovered a plot to kill the minister.*

conspiracy 1 [C] a secret plan to do something unlawful: *The police discovered the generals' conspiracy to seize control of the government.* 2 [U] the act of secretly planning to do something unlawful: *He was hanged for conspiracy in 1845.*

secret [C] something that is secret [⇒ F195], not known or usu told to others; a hidden reason; cause, etc: *Can you keep a secret? Let me tell you a secret. This is a secret plan; don't tell anyone. What is the secret of her power over children?*

trick [C] 1 something done to deceive or cheat someone: *He got the money by a trick!* 2 something done to someone to make him or her look stupid and so give amusement to others: *The children loved playing tricks on their teachers. What a nasty trick to play!* **trickery** [U] the use of tricks to deceive or cheat

subterfuge *esp fml* 1 [C] a trick or dishonest way of doing something or succeeding in something: *He won by a subterfuge.* 2 [U] the attempt to gain one's aims secretly: *Must you always use subterfuge?*

ploy [C] *sometimes deprec* an idea or action, esp one used in order to gain some advantage: *Her usual ploy is to pretend to be ill, so that people will take pity on her.*

device [C] a plan, esp for a purpose which is not wholly good: *He'll use any device to get what he wants.*

stratagem [C] *esp fml* a trick to deceive someone: *What stratagem did he use to get past the enemy?*

trap [C] 1 a trick by which one catches people, animals, etc: *The soldiers fell into the enemy's trap and were killed. Be careful; it may be a trap.* 2 [often in comb] an apparatus with which one can catch esp animals: *The mouse was caught in the trap/the mousetrap.*

snare [C] 1 a trap for catching an animal, esp an apparatus with a rope which catches the animal's foot 2 [often pl with sing meaning] *esp lit* something in which one may be caught; a course which leads to being trapped: *the snares of evil*

artifice 1 [C] a skilful trick, esp one intended to deceive: *She used a little artifice to get what she wanted.* 2 [U] inventive skill in deceiving: *She used artifice to get what she wanted.* 3 [C] a clever arrangement or thing: *The use of mirrors in a room is an artifice to make the room look larger.*

F208 verbs & nouns : hiding and disguising

hide 1 [T1] to put or keep out of sight; make or keep secret: *I hid the broken plate behind the table. You're hiding some important facts. Don't hide your feelings; say what you think.* 2 [I0] to place oneself or be placed so as to be

unseen: *I'll hide behind the door. (fig) Where's that book hiding? in hiding* hiding oneself: *The criminals were in hiding from the police. He has been in hiding for months.*

conceal [Wv5; T1 (from), 4] *esp fml* to hide; to keep from being seen or known: *It is wrong for a man to conceal things from his wife. Trees concealed the entrance to the park. There is a concealed entrance here. He concealed having been there.*

concealment [U] 1 the act of concealing: *Concealment of stolen property is a crime punishable by imprisonment.* 2 the state or condition of being concealed: *The criminals stayed in concealment until the police had passed.*

disguise 1 [T1 (as)] to change the usual appearance, etc of (someone, one's face, something, etc) so as to hide the true nature: *She disguised herself as a man, but couldn't disguise her voice. The door in the wall was disguised as a bookcase.* 2 [T1] to hide (the real state of things): *He disguised his fear by looking angry. There is no disguising the fact that business is bad.* 3 [C] something that is worn or used to hide the true nature of a person or thing: *The thief wore a false beard as a disguise. Nobody saw through his disguise. in disguise* disguised: *He came in disguise.*

mask 1 [C] a covering for the eyes, face, or head: *The thief wore a mask, so I couldn't see his face.* 2 [Wv5; T1] to cover with a mask: *The money was taken by two masked thieves.* 3 [T1] (fig) to cover or hide: *He masked his feelings well.*

F209 verbs : hiding and moving secretly

lurk [I0] 1 to wait in hiding, esp for an evil purpose: *The murderer lurked behind a tree.* 2 to move quietly as if having done wrong and not wanting to be seen 3 to exist unseen: *Danger lurks in that quiet river.*

haunt [T1] 1 (of a spirit) to visit, appearing in a strange form: *That house is haunted. A headless man haunts the castle.* 2 [usu pass] to be always in the thoughts of (someone): *She's haunted by her memories/fear. I was haunted by his last words to me.* 3 *esp lit* to visit a place regularly: *Sea birds haunt the shore.*

prowl 1 [I0] (esp of an animal looking for food, or of a thief) to move about in a quiet way trying not to be seen or heard: *Cats like to prowl at night. I woke in the middle of the night and heard someone prowling about the garden.* 2 [L9] *infnl* to wander about looking and examining: *She likes to prowl round the shops.* 3 [T1] to move silently and secretly through (a place): *He prowls the streets after dark. on the prowl* prowling: *He saw a lion on the prowl.*

steal [L9] to move quietly so as not to be seen or heard: *She tried to steal through the gate without being seen. He stole past the other man into the house.*

F210 verbs : uncovering and revealing

uncover [T1] to find out (something unknown or kept secret): *The police have uncovered a plan to steal £1,000,000.*

expose [T1] 1 to uncover so as to leave without protection: *She exposed her skin to the sun. The soldiers were warned to remain hidden and not to expose themselves. (fig) Her youth and beauty will expose her to many dangers. The house is in an exposed position on top of a high hill.* 2 to make known (a secretly guilty person or action): *I threatened to expose him/the plan (to the police).* 3 to place in view: *They exposed the goods for sale in the market.* 4 tech to uncover (a film) to the light, when taking a photograph: *This film has already been exposed.* **expose (oneself or another) to** to make (oneself or another) suffer: *His fatness exposes him to a lot of joking at the office.* **expose oneself** to show one's sexual parts on purpose in the hope of making people feel excited

reveal 1 [T1] to allow to be seen: *a dress that reveals part of her stomach; The curtains opened, to reveal a darkened stage.* 2 [T1, 5: (as); X (to be) 1.7] (not used with actual spoken words) to make known (to be): *She revealed the secret. She suddenly revealed (the fact) that she was not married. These letters reveal him as/reveal him to be an honest man.*

Relaxation, excitement, interest, and surprise

F220 adjectives, etc : quiet, calm, and peaceful [B]

quiet [Wa1] 1 free from (unwanted) activity; at rest: *We lead a quiet life in this village. The sea seems quieter now. The trains are quiet in the afternoon.* 2 not making oneself/itself noticed by activity: *The children's quiet behaviour was unusual.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

calm [Wa1] 1 free from excitement; quiet and untroubled: *Even after her husband died she was calm. Although the enemy was only five miles away, the city was calm.* 2 (of weather) not windy: *After the storm it was calm.* 3 (of water) not rough; smooth: *The sea was calm.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

peaceful 1 quiet; untroubled: *How peaceful it is in the country now. She had a peaceful death.* 2 loving peace: *All peaceful nations will disapprove of that country's warlike actions.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

patient having or showing willingness to wait, do things, help, etc, esp calmly, even though one might really want to do something else: *That teacher is very patient with the slower children.* im- [neg] -ly [adv]

leisurely 1 calm in movement; not hurrying: *He*

did the work in a leisurely way. 2 [adv] infml calmly and slowly: *He went leisurely about his business.*

tame [Wa1] (of an animal) not wild [⇒ F110]; used to people; not dangerous: *Are those horses tame? He keeps a tame lion.* -ly [adv] -ness [U]

F221 adjectives : calm in special ways [B]

pacific lit, euph & pomp peaceful: *'What a beautifully pacific place this is!' he said. The people are pacific here; we never have any trouble.*

tranquil calm, quiet, and peaceful; free from anxiety, worry, etc: *She leads a tranquil life in the country, in a tranquil little village.* -ly [adv]

serene completely calm and peaceful; without trouble, sudden activity, or change: *It was a serene summer night. She had a serene trust in God.* -ly [adv] serenity [U]

relaxed calm and peaceful in body or mind: *He was relaxed in his chair, and spoke in a relaxed way to his friends.*

equable 1 (of a person) of even temper; not easily annoyed: *I like working with him; he is so calm and equable.* 2 (of temperature, character, etc) without great changes -bly [adv]

even-tempered calm and never becoming angry: *He is the most even-tempered man I know.*

comfortable 1 giving comfort, esp to the body: *This is a comfortable chair. The room was at a comfortable temperature.* 2 having or providing comfort: *He has a comfortable job.* 3 [F] free from (too much) pain, grief, anxiety, etc: *The doctor said that mother was comfortable after her operation.* 4 [A] simple and undemanding: *His life has settled into a comfortable pattern that never changes.* -ably [adv]: *They live comfortably on his income.*

snug [Wa1] 1 giving or enjoying warmth, comfort, peace, protection, etc; cosy: *a snug little room with the fire going; sitting snug by the fire; a snug harbour* 2 (as of clothes) fitting closely, or sometimes too tightly: *a comfortable snug-fitting coat.* -ly [adv]: *I don't like a coat to fit too snugly.* -ness [U]

F222 nouns : quiet, calm, and peace

quiet [U] the state of being quiet; quietness (often in the phr **peace and quiet**): *The quiet of the night was disturbed by singing. All he wants in life is peace and quiet.* **on the quiet** without telling anyone; secretly: *She did it on the quiet.*

quietness [U] the state of being quiet: *The quietness of the children worried their mother.*

calm [U; S] 1 a time of peace and quiet; absence of excitement or worry 2 a an absence of wind or rough weather: *The air didn't move; it was*

the calm before the storm. **b** (of water) a period of stillness: *There was a calm on the sea.*

peace [U] **1** calmness; quietness: *He sat on the bank, enjoying the peace of the lake. Please let me do my work in peace. The place had an air of peace and quiet.* **2** freedom from anxiety or troubling thoughts: *This news is bad for my peace of mind.*

tranquillity BrE, **tranquility** AmE [U] the state of being tranquil

serenity*[U] the state of being serene: *Her serenity relaxes other people.*

patience [U] **1** the ability **a** to wait for something calmly for a long time: *You need to have patience if you want to get served in this shop.* **b** to control oneself when angered, esp at foolishness or slowness: *If you don't stop making that noise I'm going to lose my patience.* **2** the power of bearing pain or other unpleasant things without complaining: *His patience during his long illness was remarkable.* **3** (the power of showing) care and close attention to work that is difficult or tiring: *I wouldn't have the patience to sit mending watches all day.*

ease [U] the state of being comfortable and without worry or anxiety: *She's rich and leads a life of ease. Let me put you at your ease; we are all here as your friends, not to make life difficult for you. She sat at ease by the fire with a drink.*

relaxation **1** [U] the act of relaxing; the condition of being relaxed: *Relaxation in a hot bath after work can be very pleasant.* **2** [C; U] something done to make one relaxed: *He plays the piano for (a bit of) relaxation; it's one of his few relaxations.*

comfort **1** [U] the state of being free from anxiety, pain, or suffering and of having all one's bodily wants satisfied; complete contentment: *For comfort indoors the temperature should be set at 70°. He's lived all his life in great comfort.* **2** [U] strengthening help, kindness, sympathy, etc. given to a person who is suffering, grieving, or unhappy: *The priest spoke a few words of comfort to the dying man. The child ran to his mother for comfort.* **3** [C] a person or thing that gives strength or hope or that makes grief or pain easier for an unhappy person: *My husband was a great comfort to me when I was ill.*

F223 verbs : relaxing and calming

relax **1** [Wv5; I0; T1] **a** (of people) to become less active and stop worrying: *Sit down and relax! He was lying in the sun looking very relaxed and happy.* **b** to make (someone) do this: *The music will help to relax you.* **2** [I0; T1] to make or become less stiff or tight: *His muscles relaxed. He relaxed his hold on the wheel.* **3** [T1] to make (effort or control) less severe: *You must not relax your efforts for a moment.*

calm [T1; I0] to make or become calm: *The mother calmed her child. Calm yourself! The fisherman calmed the water by pouring oil on to it. She calmed after a while.*

calm down [v adv] **1** [I0] (of a living being or something active) to become calm: *The excited girl quickly calmed down. At last the wild wind calmed down.* **2** [T1] to make (a living being) calm: *I'll go and calm your brother/the animals down.*

cool down [v adv] *not fml* **1** [I0] (of an angry or excited person) to become calmer and less excited: *She didn't cool down for hours after that argument.* **2** [T1] to cause (an angry or excited person) to become calmer or less excited: *I tried to cool her down but she was still very angry when she left.*

unwind [I0] *infml* to relax, usu slowly: *It's nice to unwind in the evening after a hard day's work.*

quieten [I0; T1 (down)] to (cause to) become quiet: *They were shouting at first but they quietened (down) after a while. She quietened her behaviour. I quietened her worries.*

quiet [T1] *esp AmE* to quieten: *Quiet the children, please.*

ease **1** [T1] to make more comfortable: *I eased her mind by telling her that the children were safe.* **2** [T1] to take away (pain or worry): *I gave him some medicine to ease the pain.* **3** [T1 (off)] to free (someone) from pain or worry: *I eased him (of his difficulty) by telling him what to do.* **4** [T1] to make looser: *My new coat is too tight and must be eased under the arms.* **5** [I0 (off)] to become less troublesome or difficult: *The relationship between these two countries has eased. The wind has eased off.* **6** [X9] to cause (something) to move as stated, esp slowly and gently by using skill and care (*note the phr ease something open*): *The drawer in my desk was stuck fast, but I eased it open with a knife. I eased the heavy load off my shoulders and sat down for a rest.*

comfort [T1] to give comfort to (an unhappy, ill, or anxious person or animal): *I tried to comfort her after her mother's death.*

F224 verbs : interesting and exciting [T1]

[ALSO ⇒ F25, K10]

interest to cause (someone) to be, want to see, do, think about, have, etc: *That book interests me; I must get/read it. These things have interested him for years and he has learnt a lot about them.*

excite **1** to cause (someone) to lose calmness and to have strong feelings, often pleasant: *The story excited the little boy very much. Don't excite yourself!* **2** [also V3] to cause (someone to do something or something to happen) by raising strong feelings: *The army's cruelty excited a rising of the people/excited the people to rise against him.* **3** to make (an organ of the body, one's interest, etc) active: *Strong coffee excites your nerves. The beggar's story excited my pity.*

thrill [Wv4; also L9] to (cause to) feel a thrill or thrills: *Our hearts thrilled to the news. She thrilled.*

led at the thought of meeting the queen. It was a thrilling story of violence and murder. The match was so exciting that it thrilled everyone.

exhilarate [usu pass] *emph* to make (someone) happy and excited: *I was exhilarated by/at her visit.*

stimulate [Wv4] **1** to increase in activity: *Exercise is stimulating. Cold air stimulates the blood.* **2** to excite (the body): *Some plants are stimulated by light. We found the talk very stimulating.* **3** to encourage: *He was stimulated into new efforts. The first success stimulated even more new discoveries.* **stimulation** [U] **stimulus** [C] something which is the cause of activity: *Light is a stimulus to growth in plants. Success can be a stimulus to one's efforts.*

F225 adjectives : interesting and exciting [B]

interesting causing interest: *That's an interesting book. What a very interesting idea.* **un-** [neg] **-ly** [adv]

absorbing taking all one's attention; very interesting: *The play was so absorbing we didn't notice how late it was.* **-ly** [adv]

engrossing (esp of books) very interesting: *That's an engrossing story.* **-ly** [adv]

exciting causing strong, usu pleasant feelings: *That was a very exciting story. He finds her exciting/an exciting person.* **un-** [neg] **-ly** [adv]

thrilling causing one to feel thrilled: *What a thrilling story/thing to happen!* **-ly** [adv]

sensational often deprec **1** causing excited interest: *There was a sensational murder here last year. I haven't been doing anything sensational; just working.* **2** (esp of writing, news, etc) intended to cause quick excitement or **-lly** [adv] shock: *He doesn't like sensational newspapers.*

exhilarating causing one to feel exhilarated: *This weather is wonderful, and very exhilarating.* **-ly** [adv]

breathhtaking **1** very exciting: *The race was quite breathtaking* **2** very unusual: *She had a breathtaking beauty. It was an act of breathtaking stupidity.* **-ly** [adv] *She was breathtakingly beautiful.*

F226 adjectives : interested and excited

interested **1** [B] concerned; having or showing an interest: *I was interested in your remark. He had an interested look on his face.* **2** [A] personally concerned; on whom there will be an effect; who cannot make a judgment from the outside: *He is the interested person in this matter. All the interested parties (= people) came to the meeting.* **-ly** [adv]

excited [B] full of strong, pleasant feelings; not calm: *The excited children were opening their Christmas presents. I'm very excited about the party tomorrow.* **un-** [neg] **-ly** [adv]

frantic [B] very excited, worried, etc, esp so that one moves too much, cannot think or behave properly, etc: *She was in a frantic state when the child didn't come home at the right time.* **-ally** [adv Wa4]: *He tried frantically to telephone her, but couldn't get through.*

thrilled [B] very excited: *I'm thrilled to see you! She had a thrilled expression on her face when she met him.*

exhilarated [B] *emph* very excited and happy: *He felt exhilarated when he heard the good news.*

frenzied [B] being in a state of great excitement, fear, etc and unable to think, act, etc properly: *There was a frenzied look on her face.* **-ly** [adv]

keen [Wa1] **1** [(BrE) B, F3; (AmE) A] (of a person) having a strong active interest in something; eager or anxious to do something: *He's a keen student of politics. (BrE) He's keen to pass the examination. (BrE) Her father wants her to go to university, but she's not keen.* **2** [B] (of a game or struggle of any kind) done with eagerness or activity on both sides: *There was keen competition for the job.* **3** [B] (of the mind, feelings, the five senses, etc) good, strong, quick at understanding, deeply felt, etc: *She has a keen mind. He had a keen desire to win. She has keen eyesight.* **4** [F on] esp BrE *infnl* having a strong liking for or a strong active interest in something or someone; eager or anxious to do something: *She's keen on music. I'm keen on passing this examination. She's keen on him.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

eager [B; F3, 5c] full of interest or desire; keen: *He listened to the story with eager attention. He is eager for success. I'm not so eager to get a new car now; the prices have gone up. (fml) The committee is eager that all the workers should come on time.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

enthusiastic [B] full of enthusiasm [⇒ F228] and eager interest: *She is enthusiastic about going to France. The most enthusiastic students were also the most successful.* **-ally** [adv Wa4]

zealous [B (for, in); F3] *fml* & *pomp* eager: *He is zealous for famelin doing his duty/to do his duty.* **-ly** [adv] **-ness** [U]

ardent [B] esp *lit*, *emph* & *pomp* strongly felt; strongly active; eager; fierce: *It is our ardent hope that the war will end soon. He is an ardent supporter of the party.* **-ly** [adv]

avid [B (for)] esp *fml* & *lit* eager; keen: *She is an avid reader. He is avid for praise. He is avid in his desire to please us.* **-ly** [adv]

desirous [F of, F5] *fml*, *pomp* & *old use* feeling or having a desire: *She has always been desirous of famelof being famous. The president is strongly desirous that you should attend the meeting.*

F227 adjectives : wanting to know, learn etc

curious **1** [F3] eager to know or learn: *The children were curious to know more about life*