

**cause, create, lead to, provoke** *The new rules will create a lot of antagonism.*

● **PREP.** ~ **between** *the antagonism between the two brothers* ~ **towards** *her antagonism towards her mother*

## anthology *noun*

● **VERB + ANTHOLOGY** **compile, edit, publish, put together** *We have put together an anthology of children's poetry.*

● **PREP.** **in an/the-** *The essay first appeared in an anthology of feminist criticism.* | -**of**

## anthropology *noun*

● **ADJ.** **cultural, social** *Social anthropology examines family relationships in detail.*

⇒ Note at **SUBJECT** (for verbs and nouns)

## antibiotic *noun*

● **ADJ.** **effective**

● **QUANT.** **course, dose** *The doctor put her on a course of antibiotics.*

● **VERB + ANTIBIOTIC** **be on, take** *Did you remember to take your antibiotics?* | **give sb, prescribe, put sb on, treat sth with** *The doctor prescribed antibiotics.*

## anticipate *verb*

● **PHRASES** **be eagerly/keenly anticipated** *one of the most eagerly anticipated arts events of the year* **be widely anticipated** *It is widely anticipated that she will resign.*

## anticipation *noun*

● **ADJ.** **great, keen** | **eager, excited, happy, pleasurable** *We look forward to your lecture with eager anticipation.* ◊ **a feeling of pleasurable anticipation** | **growing** *There is growing anticipation that the prime minister will have to resign.*

● **VERB + ANTICIPATION** **be full of** *We are full of anticipation, and can't wait to visit you.*

● **PREP.** **in -of** *People are buying extra groceries in anticipation of heavy snowstorms.*

● **PHRASES** **a feeling/sense of anticipation, a shiver/thrill of anticipation** *The unexpected news sent a thrill of anticipation through the group.*

## antics *noun*

● **ADJ.** **amusing, crazy, playful**

● **VERB + ANTICS** **get up to, perform** *The youngsters got up to all sorts of amusing antics.* | **enjoy, laugh at, smile at** *She was laughing at his antics.*

## antidote *noun*

### 1 against poison/disease

● **ADJ.** **effective** | **natural**

● **VERB + ANTIDOTE** **administer, give** *The doctor administered an antidote.*

● **PREP.** ~ **for** *Quinine is a natural antidote for this fever.* ~ **to** *We do not have an effective antidote to this poison.*

### 2 thing that takes away the effects of sth unpleasant

● **ADJ.** **effective, good, perfect, powerful**

● **VERB + ANTIDOTE** **act as, serve as** | **offer, provide** *The resort offers the perfect antidote to the pressures of modern life.*

● **PREP.** ~ **for** *I think that stricter punishment is the best antidote for crime.* ~ **to** *Creative activity serves as an effective antidote to depression.*

## antipathy *noun*

● **ADJ.** **deep, profound, strong, violent** | **growing, in-**

**creasing** | **mutual** *They have a mutual antipathy to each other.* | **personal** *Despite his personal antipathy to me he was still able to be polite.* | **natural** *a natural antipathy towards people in authority*

● **VERB + ANTIPTATHY** **feel, have** | **express, show**

● **PREP.** ~ **between** *There was a lot of antipathy between the two doctors.* ~ **for** *his antipathy for his boss* ~ **to/towards** *I feel a profound antipathy to using any weapon.*

## antique *noun*

● **ADJ.** **fine** | **genuine** | **priceless, valuable**

● **VERB + ANTIQUE** **collect**

● **ANTIQUÉ + NOUN** **dealer** | **antiques fair/shop**

## antiquity *noun*

### 1 ancient times

● **ADJ.** **classical, Greek, Roman, etc.** *legends from Greek antiquity* | **late** | **immemorial, remote**

● **VERB + ANTIQUITY** **date from, survive from** | **be lost in** *The origins of this ancient structure are lost in antiquity.*

● **PREP.** **from -a** *study of urban life from antiquity to the present day* **in -vases** *that were manufactured in late classical antiquity*

### 2 a work of art, etc. from ancient times

● **ADJ.** **classical, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, etc.**

● **VERB + ANTIQUITY** **collect** *He collects Egyptian and Roman antiquities.*

### 3 great age

● **ADJ.** **considerable, great** *the considerable antiquity of the rocks in this region*

## antiseptic *noun*

● **ADJ.** **powerful** | **mild** *Mint is a mild antiseptic.*

● **VERB + ANTISEPTIC** **apply, put on** *You should put some antiseptic on that cut.*

## antithesis *noun*

● **ADJ.** **complete, exact, very** | **sharp**

● **VERB + ANTITHESIS** **be, represent**

● **PREP.** ~ **between** *the sharp antithesis between their views* ~ **of** *The company represented the antithesis of everything he admired.*

## anxiety *noun*

● **ADJ.** **acute, considerable, deep, great** | **chronic, constant, nagging** | **growing, increasing, mounting** | **natural, understandable** | **needless, unnecessary** | **public**

● **QUANT.** **level** *the high level of anxiety created by entering a new environment*

● **VERB + ANXIETY** **arouse, bring, cause, create, provoke** | **lead to** | **experience, feel, suffer from** *She felt a nagging anxiety that could not be relieved.* | **express, share** *The mothers were able to share their anxieties with each other.* | **cope with, deal with** *skills to cope with anxiety* | **allay, alleviate, dispel, reduce, relieve** *The aim is to reduce anxiety and help the patients relax.* | **aggravate, increase**

● **ANXIETY + VERB** **grow** *The more reports I study the more my anxiety grows.* | **arise (from/out of sth), surface** *A few anxieties surfaced during the meeting.*

● **ANXIETY + NOUN** **attack** | **level**

● **PREP.** ~ **about** *her growing anxiety about her health* ~ **at** *anxiety at the deterioration of relations between the powers* ~ **for** *deep anxiety for the whole family* ~ **over** *There are anxieties over the effects of unemployment.*

● **PHRASES** **fear and anxiety** *They were encouraged to express their fears and anxieties.*

● **PREP.** **at a/the** ~ *The police are investigating a fire at a farm near Whitby.* **down on the** ~ *The myth of happy and contented animals down on the farm is now far from the truth.* **on a/the** ~ *He had lived on that farm all his life.*

### farm *verb*

● **ADV.** **heavily, intensively** *The land has been intensively farmed.* | **organically** *They farm organically now.*

### farmer *noun*

● **ADJ.** **big, large** | **small** *a new scheme to help the small farmer* | **peasant, tenant** | **gentleman** | **commercial** | **hill** | **organic** | **arable, livestock** | **dairy** | **cattle, chicken, pig, sheep, etc.**

### farming *noun*

● **ADJ.** **commercial** | **intensive** | **battery, factory** | **subsistence** | **hill** | **organic** | **arable, livestock, mixed** | **dairy** | **fish, fruit, poultry, sheep, etc.**  
 ● **VERB + FARMING** **be engaged in, work in**  
 ● **FARMING + NOUN** **community** | **industry** | **land** | **method, practice**

### fascinating *adj.*

● **VERBS** **be, look, sound** | **become** | **make sth** | **find sth**  
 ● **ADV.** **deeply, most, really, terribly, truly, very** *a most fascinating book* ◊ *'This is all very fascinating,' said Wilcox, 'but I've got a meeting in five minutes.'* | **absolutely, quite** | **endlessly** *I find the natural world endlessly fascinating.*  
 ● **PREP.** **to** *What was fascinating to me was the way the creatures moved.*

### fascination *noun*

● **ADJ.** **deep, great** | **growing** | **particular, peculiar, special** | **endless, enduring, lifelong, perennial** | **awful, horrible, horrified, morbid, unhealthy** | **strange** *a morbid fascination with death*  
 ● **VERB + FASCINATION** **have, hold** *The sea holds a fascination for all children.* | **develop, feel, find, have** *He had a deep fascination with all forms of transport.* | **exercise, exert** *These exotic plants exert a fascination all of their own.* | **share** *She shared his fascination for motorbikes.* | **gaze in/with, look (on) in/with, stare in/with, watch in/with** | **listen in/with** *He looked on in horrified fascination as the ship drew nearer to the rocks.*  
 ● **PREP.** **in/with** ~ *She watched in fascination as the cat pounced on the mouse.* | ~ **for** *She developed a fascination for these creatures.* ~ **in** *He found great fascination in her quiet, frank manner.* ~ **with** *a lifelong fascination with Baroque music*  
 ● **PHRASES** **part of the fascination** *Seeing over a thousand species of fish is part of the fascination of the reef.* **a source of fascination to sb** *His letters have been a source of fascination to a wide audience.*

### fashion *noun*

#### 1 style of dressing, etc. popular at a particular time

● **ADJ.** **current, latest, modern, new** | **growing** | **changing, passing** *changing fashions in education* ◊ *This theory, though recent, is more than a passing fashion.* | **high** *The store sells everything from sports clothes to high fashion.* | **designer** *the influence of Italian designer fashion on the clothes industry* | **female, street, youth** | **architectural, cultural, intellectual**  
 ● **VERB + FASHION** **be, be in** *She wore a powdered wig, as was the fashion of the day.* ◊ *Black is always in fashion.* | **become, come into** *Pessimism has become the fashion.* ◊ *When did flares first come into fashion?* | **fall out of, go out** *Careful spending has gone out of fashion in our con-*

*sumer society.* | **be out of** | **come back into** | **be back in** | **introduce, set, start** *He set a fashion for large hats.* | **follow, keep (up) with, keep pace with** *I've given up trying to keep up with the latest fashions.*

● **FASHION + VERB** **change** *watching how fashions change over the years*

● **FASHION + NOUN** **statement** *Flared trousers were a fashion statement of the seventies.* | **model** *She started her career as a fashion model.* | **show** | **shoot** *photographers at fashion shoots* | **magazine** | **scene** *fresh interest in the New York fashion scene* | **capital** *Paris, the world's fashion capital* | **business, industry, market, trade, world** *Her summer collection took the fashion world by storm.* | **company, house, label** *one of the most successful fashion houses in Milan* | **retailer, shop** | **design, photography** | **designer, editor, photographer** | **accessory, clothes, garment** | **victim** *this season's must-have accessories that no fashion victim will be seen without*

● **PREP.** **after the** ~ *of* *She spoke in French after (= copying) the fashion of the court.* | ~ *for* *the fashion for long dresses* ~ *in* *Fashions in art come and go.*

● **PHRASES** **changes in fashion, the fashion of the day, the height of fashion** *The palazzo represents the height of architectural fashion for the mid-17th century.* **the world of fashion** *household names in the world of fashion and design*

#### 2 way you do sth

● **ADJ.** **true** ... *The inspector insisted the meeting be held, in true spy novel fashion, in the open air.* | **normal, orthodox, usual** *Application for the course can be made in the normal fashion.* | **conventional, time-honoured, traditional** *They celebrated their win, in time-honoured fashion, by spraying champagne everywhere.* | **typical** *We had just gone out when, in typical fashion, the rain came down.* | **limited** *He has a small vocabulary and is only able to express himself in a limited fashion.* | **positive** | **no uncertain** *Karpov struck back in no uncertain fashion to win the seventh game.* | **meaningful** | **parrot** *Students become frustrated with learning verbs parrot fashion.* | **best** *(often ironic), exemplary* *batons ready in best police fashion* | **civilized** | **appropriate** | **cavalier** | **controlled, orderly, organized, regular, systematic** | **ad hoc, desultory, haphazard, piecemeal, random, roundabout** | **arbitrary** | **straightforward** | **logical, predictable** | **linear** *Costs and revenues are assumed to behave in a linear fashion.* | **easy, leisurely, relaxed** *The descent of the footpath starts in easy fashion.* | **dramatic, spectacular** | **bizarre, peculiar** | **mysterious** | **friendly** | **jocular** | **business-like** | **democratic**  
 ● **VERB + FASHION** **behave in**  
 ● **PREP.** **after a** ~ *So they became friends, after a fashion (= to some extent).* **in a** ~ *Why are they behaving in such a ridiculous fashion?* **in ...** ~ *The troops embarked in orderly fashion.*

### fashionable *adj.*

● **VERBS** **be, look** | **become** | **remain** | **make sth** | **consider sth**  
 ● **ADV.** **extremely, highly, very** *Furnishings of this sort are now highly fashionable.* | **increasingly** | **quite, rather** | **currently** | **newly** | **suddenly** *a young and suddenly fashionable actor* | **no longer**  
 ● **PREP.** **among** *These cars are no longer fashionable among the young.*

### fast *noun*

● **ADJ.** **long** | **brief**  
 ● **VERB + FAST** **go on, keep, observe** *All members of the religious community keep these fasts.* | **break** *In the evening the people break their fast.*

**fast** *adj., adv.*

- VERBS **be, seem** *Her pulse seemed very fast.*
- ADV. **exceptionally, extremely, really, remarkably, surprisingly, very** *I should make a very fast profit on these.* | a bit, fairly, a little, pretty, quite, reasonably, relatively *I suppose delivery in two days is quite fast really.* | amazingly, blindingly, incredibly, unbelievably *He came round the corner blindingly fast.* | dangerously

**fasten** *verb*

- ADV. **firmly, properly, securely, tightly** *We fastened all the windows securely.* | **up** | **together** *She fastened the papers together with a paper clip.*
- PREP. **to** *She fastened the rope to a tree.*

**fat** *noun***1** substance directly under your skin

- ADJ. **excess, surplus** | **body** | **puppy** *It wasn't easy to lose puppy fat when Mum fed her on stodgy home cooking.*
- VERB + FAT **go to, put on, run to** *If you eat too much you will put on fat.* ◊ *She was middle-aged and running to fat.* | **burn (off), lose, shed** *Exercise helps you burn off excess fat.* | **break down** *Claims that anti-cellulite creams can break down fat are controversial.*
- FAT + VERB **accumulate** *The waistline is usually the first area where fat accumulates.*
- PHRASES **not an ounce of fat** *His body was all muscle, with not an ounce of fat.* | **a roll of fat** *He had great rolls of fat round his middle.*

**2** in your diet/used in cooking

- ADJ. **dietary** | **added, excess, extra, surplus** | **visible** | **animal, vegetable** | **mono-unsaturated, polyunsaturated, saturated, unsaturated** *margarines that contain polyunsaturated fats* | **cooking** | **bacon, beef, etc.** | **hot** *Put the chicken in hot fat and braise thoroughly.*
- VERB + FAT **contain, have** *This cheese has a lot of fat in it.* | **be high/low in fat** *Ice cream is high in fat and sugar.* | **eat** *The amount of fat you eat can affect the health of your heart.* | **cut down on** *It's easy to cut down on fat without changing your diet too much.* | **cut out** *She has cut out fat altogether in an effort to lose weight.* | **cut, trim** *Trim any visible fat off the meat before cooking.* | **drain (off), pour off, skim off** *Remove the turkey from the pan and drain off the excess fat.*
- FAT + VERB **contain sth** *Fats contain more calories than carbohydrates for the same weight.* | **spit** *The only sound from the kitchen was the lamb fat spitting.*
- FAT + NOUN **intake** *the relationship between fat intake and cholesterol levels* | **content** *Despite its very low fat content, it is deliciously creamy.*

**fat** *adj.*

- VERBS **be, feel, look** | **become, get, grow** | **make sb** *Try to cut out the foods that are making you fat.*
- ADV. **enormously, hugely, immensely, really, very** | **quite, rather** | **grossly, monstrously**
- PHRASES **big/great fat** *sitting next to a big fat woman* ◊ *a big fat envelope stuffed with banknotes*

**fatal** *adj.***1** causing death

- VERBS **be, prove**
- ADV. **near** *He has not driven since his near fatal crash earlier this year.* | **always, invariably, universally** | **often, sometimes, usually** | **rarely** | **potentially** *The disease is potentially fatal.*
- PREP. **for** *This kind of accident is almost always fatal for the pilot.* | *to a chemical which is invariably fatal to small mammals*

**2** causing serious trouble● VERBS **be, prove**

- ADV. **absolutely** | **ultimately** *Her disregard of this advice was ultimately fatal.*
- PREP. **to** *Tax increases have proved fatal to the nation's business community.*

**fate** *noun***1** sb/sth's future

- ADJ. **awful, dreadful, grim, terrible** | **cruel, unhappy** | **tragic** | **worse** *They decided to kill themselves rather than suffer a worse fate at the hands of their enemy.* | **common, normal, usual** | **likely** *Under-representation is the likely fate of small parties.* | **ultimate** | **unknown** *The ultimate fate of the captured troops is unknown.* | **the same, similar** *She broke her ankle before the big match, then suffered the same fate a month later.*
- VERB + FATE **face** *He faces a grim fate if he is sent back to his own country.* | **meet, suffer, undergo** | **share** *He had no desire to share the fate of his executed comrades.* | **avoid, escape** *She managed to escape the fate of the other rebels.* | **deserve** *What had he done to deserve such a terrible fate?* | **accept, be resigned to** *The condemned men were resigned to their fate.* | **bemoan, bewail** *Instead of just bemoaning your fate, why not do something to change it?* | **ponder** | **seal** *He had signed his confession and sealed his own fate.* | **decide** *An extraordinary general meeting to decide the company's fate will be held on Thursday.* | **abandon sb/sth to, leave sb/sth to** *The generals abandoned the men to their fate.* | **rescue/save sb/sth from** | **discover, hear (of), know (of), learn (of)** *He will learn of his fate in court tomorrow.* | **await** *The convicts awaited their fate in prison.*
- FATE + VERB **await sb/sth, be/lie in store for sb/sth** *They were warned of the dreadful fate that awaited them if ever they returned to their homes.* | **befall sb/sth** *Worst of all was the fate that befell the captured rebel general.* | **be/hang in the balance** *The fate of the African wild dog hangs in the balance (= is uncertain).*
- PHRASES **hold/have sb/sth's fate in your hands** *The jury held the fate of the accused in their hands.* | **leave/place/put your fate in sb's hands, a fate worse than death** *(often humorous)* *Obeying her parents' wishes for her life seemed a fate worse than death.*

**2** power controlling everything

- ADJ. **cruel** *He believed that the universe was controlled by the whims of a cruel fate.* | **kind** *Fate was kind to me.*
- VERB + FATE **believe in** *Such coincidences are almost enough to make one believe in fate.* | **tempt** *It would be tempting fate to say that we will definitely win the game.* | **leave sth to** *I have a great deal of trust and I leave everything to fate.*
- FATE + VERB **decide sth, decree sth** *Fate decreed that she would never reach America.* | **intervene** *He secretly hoped that fate would intervene and save him having to meet her.* | **strike** *Only weeks after her previous injury, fate struck again, leaving her unable to compete.* | **deal a/its hand, deal sb a hand** *Fate took a cruel hand that fate had dealt her.* | **take a hand** *Fate took a hand in (= influenced) the outcome of the championship.*
- PHRASES **an accident/quirk/turn/twist of fate** *It seemed a cruel twist of fate that the composer should have died so young.* | **the hand of fate** *The new job had come at just the right time for him. Was it the hand of fate?*

**father** *noun*

- ADJ. **lone, single** *As a single father, he found it a struggle bringing up three children.* | **widowed** | **absent** | **biological, natural, real** | **adoptive, foster, step-** | **surrogate** *Elena's brother was a surrogate father to her kids after her husband died.* | **elderly, old** | **dead, deceased, late** | **caring, devoted, good, loving, marvellous** *He is very good with children and would make a marvellous*

# Oo

## oar noun

- VERB + OAR **take** *We each took an oar. | pull-on* *We pulled hard on the oars. | ship* *We shipped the oars to get through the narrow opening.*

## oath noun

### 1 formal promise

- ADJ. **sacred, solemn | Hippocratic** *a doctor's Hippocratic oath*
- VERB + OATH **swear, take** *He took an oath of allegiance to his adopted country. | break, violate*
- PREP. ~ **of an oath of allegiance/loyalty**

### 2 in a court of law

- VERB + OATH **administer** *Only a judge is allowed to administer the oath.*
- PREP. **on~** *He swore on oath that he had never seen me before. under~* *Witnesses must testify under oath.*

### 3 swear word

- ADJ. **obscene**
- QUANT. **stream, string** *He muttered a stream of oaths.*
- VERB + OATH **mutter, utter**

## oats noun

- ADJ. **rolled | porridge**
- QUANT. **field**
- VERB + OATS **grow | sow | cut, harvest**
- OATS + VERB **grow**

## obedience noun

- ADJ. **absolute, complete, total** *He demands absolute obedience from his men. | blind, passive, unquestioning*
- VERB + OBEDIENCE **demand, exact, expect | owe** *All clergy owed obedience to their superior. | pledge, swear*
- PREP. **in~to** *She acted in passive obedience to her boss's directions. | ~to* *The slaves had to swear obedience to their masters.*

## obey verb

- ADV. **immediately, instantly** *She was used to having her orders instantly obeyed. | automatically, blindly, meekly, unquestioningly | eagerly | reluctantly*
- VERB + OBEY **have to, must | refuse** *to He refuses to obey the school rules. | fail to | be willing to | promise to*
- PHRASES **be only obeying orders** *At the trial the soldiers made the excuse that they were only obeying orders. a duty/an obligation to obey* *People have a moral duty to obey the law. sth has to be/must be obeyed* *Rules are rules and they must be obeyed.*

## obituary noun

- VERB + OBITUARY **write | print, publish | read**
- OBITUARY + NOUN **column, page**

## object noun

### 1 solid thing

- ADJ. **solid | inanimate | everyday, household** *Her paintings are of ordinary everyday objects.*

### 2 purpose

- ADJ. **main, primary, principal | sole** *My sole object is to get to the bottom of this mystery.*

- OBJECT + NOUN **lesson** *The plans are an object lesson in how to ruin a city centre.*

- PHRASES **the object of the exercise** *The object of the exercise is to score as many points as possible.*

## object verb

- ADV. **strenuously, strongly, vehemently**
- VERB + OBJECT **can/could hardly** *It was your own idea in the first place, so you can hardly object now. | be entitled to, have a/the right to*
- PREP. **to a petition objecting to the scheme**
- PHRASES **object on the grounds that ...** *I objected on the grounds that it was unkind to the animals.*

## objection noun

- ADJ. **serious, strenuous, strong | valid | main, major, principal | fundamental | common**
- VERB + OBJECTION **logge, make, raise, state | have** *I'd like to open a window, unless anyone has any objections. | meet, overcome | withdraw*
- PREP. **over the ~s of** *She was appointed over the objections of certain members of the board. | ~against a common objection against nuclear power ~to* *The committee has raised serious objections to the plans.*

## objective noun

- ADJ. **key, main, major, primary, prime, principal | broad, overall, overriding, ultimate | limited, narrow | long-term, short-term | clear, specific | stated** *The legislation has failed to achieve its stated objectives. | common* *The two groups are pursuing a common objective. | economic, educational, environmental, military, political, strategic | business, policy*
- VERB + OBJECTIVE **accomplish, achieve, attain, fulfil, meet, reach, satisfy, succeed in** *The department needs more money to fulfil its objectives. | fail in | agree, define, establish, formulate, identify, set, specify* *We need to establish a clear objective. | declare, state | promote, pursue*
- PREP. **in an/the~** *The party is radical in its objectives. | ~of* *We succeeded in our prime objective of cutting costs.*

## objective adj.

- VERBS **be, seem | remain**
- ADV. **truly, very | completely, purely, totally, wholly** *It is impossible to be completely objective. | fairly, quite, reasonably | apparently | supposedly*

## obligation noun

- ADJ. **contractual, legal, statutory | moral, social | financial | family** *I can't travel next month because of family obligations. | professional | mutual*
- VERB + OBLIGATION **discharge, fulfil, meet** *The builders failed to meet their contractual obligations. | comply with, honour | have* *We have a moral obligation to help. | feel | owe | assume, incur, take on | impose*
- OBLIGATION + VERB **arise from sth** *obligations arising from your contract of employment*
- PREP. **under an~** *I am under no obligation to tell you my name. without~* *Our mortgage advice is given free and without obligation. | ~to* *A lawyer owes an obligation of confidence to the client.*