VERBS and NOUNS

In my experience, I've found certain verbs can be used more often than others depending on the language used, so I've created a list to match verbs with the nouns and phrases I believe they most regularly appear alongside in English.

Below is the list in alphabetical order – they should help to clarify the meaning of certain verbs you don't fully understand, thus allowing you to have more confidence in writing and speaking. Most of the verbs appear here in the past sense. Please take a look and try to read 10 to 20 examples from the list per day, ideally saying them out loud. It will help improve and reinforce your vocabulary, and it will help your confidence when listening and speaking everyday English.

accepted the	amused himself; he	applauded the	attached to
invitation to the	found the clown's	(good)	something; attach
party (decided to	performance very	performance	а сору
go to the party)	amusing		
		appreciated the	attacked by
added the	analyse (British	compliment;	someone/
numbers	spelling) analysed	people want to be	something
	the findings/report;	appreciated for	
admired her	analyse (study) his	their efforts	attempted to do it
beauty; admired	behavior; analyse		(an activity/task)
his courage	the data	approved of her	
	analyze (American	behaviour;	attended the event
admitted her	spelling)	approved the	
mistake; admitted		application (so the	attracted to her; to
fault	announced the	project could	attract attention
	winner;	proceed)	
advised the			avoided someone;
customers;	(she) annoyed me;	argued the (court)	we're avoiding
to give some	please don't annoy	case; argued with	someone
advice	me while I'm trying	someone; they	because they
	to study	argued	cause us
afford to buy that;			discomfort;
I can't afford to	answered the		avoiding the
buy that because I	question; give me		question [not
don't have any	the answer so I can	arranged the	answering the
money; he can't	finish my exam.	booking; arranged	question]
afford to make a		the event	
mistake	apologized for his		
	mistake; your	arrested the	
agreed to the deal;	apology is/is not	criminal; arrested	
agreed to do it;	accepted (because I	the suspect	
agree to disagree	don't believe you're		
	truly sorry)	arrived early/late;	

alerted to the			
dangers;	appeared all of a	asked a question;	
alerted the	sudden; appeared	ask a favour	
authorities;	out of the darkness;		
be alert	•		
allowed to go			
there; allowed to			
do something;			
allow me to			
introduce			
myself/my			
(friend/relative/			
work colleague).			
allow some time			
for me to finish			
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backed	begged for	boiled the egg;	branched out into
(supported) the	forgiveness for his	boiled the water	a new market;
troops (to win the	crimes; begged for	(so his coffee	[extended]
war)	money (so he could	would be hot)	
land and the constitution	buy something to	la alba al Zaustalala	breathed clean air
baked the cookies;	eat.)	bolted (quickly	and drank clean
baked the cake		fled) the scene;	water; he took a
	behaved very well;	bolted things	slow, deep, breath
balanced on one	behaved calmly (in	together; he	and exhaled,
foot	spite of it being a	bolted the two	repeating the
	stressful situation)	pieces of wood	process until he
banned		together by	calmed down.
(illegal/disallowed,	belonged to the	putting bolts	
[usually used in	owner; the	through the wood	bruised her leg
the context of a	man pays for the vet	and then screwing	when she rode her
sport])	fees because the dog	nuts onto those	bike into a parked
substances;	belongs to him.	bolts	car; his shoulder
he's been banned			was punched and
from all sports;	bleached her hair (to	bombed the	two days later you
he's been banned	make it a different	enemy territory	could see a bruise.
from the pub (for	colour)	(with explosives)	
being drunk and			brushed her hair;
abusive)	blessed the	booked a flight	she brushed her
	worshippers (so they	and hotel	hair because her
banged his head	would have divine	accommodation	hair was tangled.
on the wall;	protection and	(through the	
she banged her fist	favour)	travel company's	bumped his head
on the door	EB-J-J- O B C	website)	on the top of the
because she	blinded by the light	 	doorframe;
couldn't get in	(which shone into	bored the crowd	bumped into an old
	her eyes)	(because it was a	friend on the train
		very boring	[unexpectedly saw

blinked several times show); I am the friend] bare to watch (because some dust bored (because I went into his eyes) can't think of burnt the roast something; I can't bare to see anything to do) pork because it my team lose blot (stain) on his was left in the another reputation borrowed the oven too long. championship books from the match because it blushed (cheeks (bury) buried the library; went red) (because is too painful to borrowed a power deceased at the watch she was tool (because he cemetery; he embarrassed to be didn't have one) buried the honoured so batted (flickered) evidence to avoid her eyelids in a publicly) bounced the ball being caught for display of (onto the ground his crime. seduction; batted boasted about his and it bounced deep into the 8th buzzed the achievements back up again); doorbell so the inning (of a (because he was she was bouncing baseball match) proud/not a very on the trampoline homeowner could and hit 3 home humble person) let him in. runs. bowed his head (when meeting bathed in the bath the king); (to clean his body) bowed to the crowd after the battled the enemy stage play beamed the laser boxed him into a onto the barcode corner (and he (to determine the could not escape); price of a product) she boxed (packaged) the item (so it could be mailed). braked and came to a stop (when the traffic lights changed to yellow) clapped his hands compared the two calculated the sum coughed because of the two because the band quotes and he had a cold; he numbers: he deserved an decided which had a cough for 3 weeks and it was made a calculated applause. would be best; he decision because enjoys comparing beginning to hurt he considered all cleaned the floor athletes from his throat; I cough and sneeze in the of the risks with a broom then different eras.

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competed in the

with a mop and

some soapy water;

called out to her

springtime because

I have allergies

friend to warn her of danger ahead; called up (on the phone) the gas company to complain about a bill.

camped in the woods in a 3-person tent.

cared for his mother when she was too old and frail to take care of herself.

carried the shopping bags from the car and into the kitchen; he carried on like a child [behaved like]; we need to carry on [need to continue]

carved the pork with the knife; (the storm) caused millions of dollars in damage to homes and businesses

challenged the competitor to a duel

changed his mind about wearing when the weatherman forecast a warm day.

charged an extra

you should clean your hands before eating your dinner.

cleared the path so people could walk on it without being obstructed; there was a lot of fog in the morning, but it cleared later in the day.

clipped the documents together using a clip; the chickens had their wings clipped so they wouldn't fly away.

closed the shop at 5pm, and opened it at 9am the next morning.

coached the football team to victory because he inspired his players and had a good game plan

coiled the wire by twisting it around a pencil, each loop higher than the loop previous

collected all of the cans and bottles from the festival and placed them in the bins; he has collected stamps all of his life and has a very impressive collection

triathlon/
marathon/
contest; the team
competed with all
their effort but
still lost the match

complained about the service at the restaurant because the waiter was rude, and the food arrived very late; complained about being treated unfairly

completed the exam before everyone else, because she was a gifted student and studied many hours in preparation

concentrated hard while he did the IQ test; they knew they had to concentrate because their lecturer did not like to repeat himself

concerned for his safety; we are concerned because there exists a lot of risks

confessed to the crime, so the police were able to finish their

counted all of his notes; she counted from 1 to 100 in an effort to fall asleep; I counted the coins in my wallet and I have almost \$20

covered something to protect it; he covered his back with sunscreen to avoid being burnt in the sun; they covered the pitch with a tarpaulin when it started to rain

cracked the skin/surface/mater ial; you have to crack an egg before you scramble it; a stone hit his windscreen and it made a small crack

crashed into something with force; the driver was not concentrating when she veered off the road and crashed her car into a tree; the cyclist was leading the race until he crashed into a parked car

crawled on hands and knees; the baby crawled

fee for the extra service; the bull charged toward the matador

chased the criminal on foot for 2 kilometres before catching him

cheated on the exam, so his results did not reflect his true abilities.

checked the temperature of the soup several times to make sure it was ready to be served

cheered loudly for the football team in the hope the support would urge them on to a victory

chewed the the bubblegum (in his mouth)

coloured the wall to make a mural; she's colouring in the sketch book

combed my hair because it was very messy and I had an interview for a job

commanded the soldiers to do 50 pushups; the master commanded his dog to sit, and when his dog sat he gave it a little food treat.

communicated the terms and conditions of the contract over the phone; if a couple does not communicate their feelings openly and honestly, the relationship will suffer

investigation; he confessed to his sins, but then committed more sins

confused about where she was because she was given bad directions; she was confused by the man's strong accent

connected the cord from the television to the power outlet; he couldn't see the connection between car accidents and drunk drivers considered all of the options before making a decision; she considered the offer, but decided against it; could you please consider my proposal?

consisted of multiple things; the cocktail consisted of two fruits and two alcoholic spirits

contained within a space; the virus has been contained; he kept his lunch in a plastic container

across the kitchen floor for the first time, making his parents proud; the soldiers had to keep low to avoid being seen by the enemy, so they crawled through the forest for 7 kms

crossed the bridge/path/ road/river; he crossed through his neighbour's backyard and jumped the fence into another neighbour's yard in order to retrieve a ball

crushed the shell of the peanut; crushed the garlic; he squeezed the tomato in his hand until it was completely crushed

cried because she was sad; the boy cried when his ice-cream landed on the ground; the woman cried when she heard the tragic news cured the illness; the disease will continue to spread until a cure is found

curled up into a ball; she curled the

wool into a ball: continued to wipe the tornado curled the bench even around the house after it was clean; before hitting it the image was and causing major very fuzzy but she damage continued to watch the movie curved around a bend; he had to go anyway straight down the copied the road for 300 metres then follow image/document; she made several a slight curve to the left; the 8th copies of her passport because hole at his she was worried favourite golf about being course has bunkers robbed while on on the left and holiday; he loved curves to the right the meal so much he asked the chef cycled on his bike; if he could copy the cyclist rode his bike; the earth's the recipe rotation around the corrected the sun is cyclical mistake: she corrected all of the spelling errors on her student's essay dammed the river delivered the disapproved of dressed up/in because a barrier parcel/letter/ something; the someone/ package/note; she something; she was needed to businessmen were allow the cattle to delivered the disapproved of his dressed in suits and ties; the cross package to the behavior; recipient; she has to dancing girls were protesters dressed in their deliver an important damaged the strongly material/object; speech on workplace disapproved of dance clothes the painting was safety the government's damaged when stance; he lost dripped into/onto someone depended on the election something; there scratched it; both her/him/them/ us; must be a leak in because the cars were we're depending on majority of voters the hose, because damaged when you to be there on disapproved of the water is they collided time because we him dripping; he can't afford any squeezed the wet disarmed the danced to the delays; she sponge and it music; the moved depended on him bomb; the man dripped into the

their bodies to the rhythm of the music to create a new dance

dared to dream; someone dared him to swim across the river and he did it; the kids were always getting into trouble because they were always daring each other to do crazy things

decayed the organic matter; the tooth was severely decayed and would have to be removed or repaired; the deceased animal decayed quickly because it was left out in the searing heat

deceived someone; she deceived me because she said she was paying the bills when she was actually at the beach

decided to act/do something; he knew it would be too hot to run at midday, so he decided to run in the early morning

decorated the

but he was often unreliable

described the situation/object; she described the job responsibilities to the new workers; he described his dream to his therapist

deserted someone/ something; they didn't want to desert the family, but they needed to keep moving; he was upset because she deserted him when he needed her most

deserved something; he had worked hard for the company for 20 years before they fired him and felt he deserved (to be treated) better; she knew she was a good girlfriend and deserved some flowers on Valentine's Day

destroyed the evidence/object/feeling; his brother stole his watch, so he destroyed his brother's cricket bat

detected (noticed) something; he drove the same road every morning and it was always the same, but this morning he detected something

was pointing a gun at the hostages, but the police were able to disarm him

discovered something; he discovered a secret and was eager to tell people about it; while digging in the garden he was shocked to discover an old treasure chest

disliked the arrogant man; she dislikes coffee, but likes tea; he disliked having to do homework when his favourite tv program was on

divided between something/ some people; the townsfolk were divided on how to deal with vandalism (in their town); the parents divided the ice-cream for their children so they all had equal portions

doubled his earnings because he worked hard and impressed his boss; doubled his efforts and sink

dropped something; she dropped the ball while she was running and nearly tripped over it; if I drop a glass on the pavement it will break

drowned in the water; the farmer tried to save the sheep, but the sheep drowned in the flood; rescue crew could not find the fisherman – they suspected that he had drowned

drummed the drum to the beat of the music

dried something/ someone; the cushion was damp, so they left it in the sun to dry; he got out of the shower, grabbed a towel and dried himself

dusted the dirty bench with a duster; we need to dust the house because it's covered in dust

house/building/roo m; she decorated the living room with Christmas decorations; he decorated the bedroom using blue colours in preparation for their newborn baby boy

delayed the flight/event; the flight was delayed because the pilot was late getting to the airport; she delayed the start time of the movie because a lot of people were late to arrive

delighted with something; you could see he was delighted to receive so many gifts because he could not stop smiling; she was delighted to announce the birth of her first child to her friends

different; the police camera detected 70 cars speeding in one day; I can't be sure she is being serious because I can detect a hint of sarcasm

developed something; she developed an ability to know when someone's lying; he is developing from a boy into a man

disagreed because their values and experiences were so different; she thought all men act like boys and he disagreed; the citizens of a country often disagree with the decisions made by their government

disappeared into the abyss/out of view; he was standing there in the middle of the room one moment, and then he was gone – he just disappeared!

achieved his goal in half the time/twice as quickly

doubted whether he could sail around the world with only one month of sailing training; doubted if the marriage would last because the newlyweds were from vastly different cultures

dragged the tyre along the ground when it would have been more efficient to roll it; the man fell off the horse, but his foot got caught in the stirrup and he was dragged along the ground for 200 metres before the the horse stopped

drained the fluid from his leg before commencing the operation; they wanted to swim but the pool had been drained

dreamed of something/ someone; while asleep, she dreamed of leaving her job,

earned what
he/she/we/ they
worked for; he
earned his place in
the team with
hard work,
training, and
dedication;
she earned a
military award for
her bravery in a
combat zone
educated the
student: the

educated the student; the students were educated at a private school; the children need to be educated before they enter the workforce

embarrassed someone/some group; he revealed her secret to the public and she was deeply embarrassed; everyone laughed at his naked body and it was very embarrassing for him

employed by his/her/their employer to do a job; she was employed by a gas company and they paid her very well; we need to ended the activity/
performance; he
wanted a cheap pair
of shoes but the sale
had ended; the deal
ends at midnight
tonight; they

constantly argued,

so it came as no

surprise that their

relationship ended

enjoyed the activity; she enjoyed watching the sunset in Santorini; he's intelligent because he enjoys reading academic books; I play football every chance I get because I really enjoy it

entered the room/ competition; she entered the lobby via the main entrance; you don't have a chance of winning the competition unless you enter (the competition)

entertained the audience; the rock band played well and the audience were entertained; I find women's tennis a little boring, but I think men's tennis is entertaining

escaped the

but then woke and got ready for work

excited with/by someone/ or to be with someone/be doing something; she was a big fan of classical music and (she) was very excited to go to the opera; the couple were excited to tell people that they were expecting a baby; the stuntman excited the crowd with his performance excused by someone/him/her self for something; please excuse me for arriving late to school, it was not my fault; the man was excused from the meeting because he had to attend a funeral

exercised oneself/ones interest/power; I exercised in the gym for 2 hours today; the athlete exercised to keep his body in shape; the President exercised his power to withdraw troops, despite prominent leaders suggesting it was not a good

explained something to someone; please listen as I explain the rules of the game; the lecturer explained his theory to his students; natural phenomena is sometimes hard to explain;

exploded into a million pieces; they were making good time in their car until the engine exploded; the bomb exploded, destroying several buildings

extended something; a lot of the workers were behind on the project, so their supervisor extended the deadline (of the project completion date); the flower extended toward the sun when the sun shone down on it; the boy extended his arm to grab the cookie

employ a reliable undesirable decision and dedicated place/situation; the worker criminals escaped existed at one from the prison; the time; the lion chased the dinosaurs existed emptied the trash/container gazelle, but the for thousands of etc; I emptied the gazelle managed to years; it's fish tank to give it believed that escape a thorough clean; there are many we need to empty examined the undiscovered the rubbish bin report/findings; the species of insects because it is full medical team which exist today; examined the body I wonder how many stars exist to determine the cause of death; she encouraged the student who examined the survey expanded needing some then made a something; the inspiration; she conclusion company recently was struggling to expanded their finish the portfolio because marathon but her there is a lot of demand for their trainer was services; the encouraging her from the sidelines man's jeans felt tight, but the salesperson assured him they would expand; expected something; she expected the comedy movie to be funny, but it wasn't; we expect that our friends will be arriving very shortly (soon); the police expected to find their suspect because they had a lot of evidence faced his fear; he fetched the ball; the flashed the torch; forced to was terrified of dog was well trained it was very dark, do/into/by swimming, but - the dog could not so she flashed the something; the knew he would only fetch a stick, torch on the tent boxer was hit with

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in an effort to find

a flurry of punches

but it could fetch the

have to face his

fear sooner or later; she turned around and faced her mother (so they were looking at each other)

fading away; fading into the darkness; if the light is too bright, you can turn the knob to fade it; it was difficult to read the slogan on the shirt because the shirt was very faded.

failed the test; she failed to understand what her instructor had told her; some people succeed in achieving their goals while others

fancied some chocolate for dessert; she fancies (likes) him; they fancy (would like to) going for a swim

fastened their seatbeats; he fastened the straps on his lifenewspaper from the front yard and bring it to his owner

filed the documents; she filed the papers in alphabetical order to avoid confusion; filed (submitted) the lawsuit against his attacker

filled his suitcase with clothes; he filled the cup with water until it was completely full; she filled the gap in the wall with putty; we need to fill the car with petrol because it is currently empty.

filmed the actors in the scene (for the movie); while on Safari, he filmed the lion chasing the gazelle with his new camera

fired the gun into the air several times to show he was a threat; she fired her lazy employee and hired a reliable worker to fill the (job) vacancy

fitted the groom
with a tailor-made
suit; you can't put
every animal on
Earth into a boat
because they will not
fit; he could not fit

the zipper

floated in the water; he threw the briefcase in the ocean and wondered whether it would sink or if it would float; the clouds floated (drifted) across the sky

flooded the area; the town was flooded because there had been several days of heavy rainfall; she forgot to turn off the bath then returned to see the bathroom was flooded

flowed down the stream/river/canal; a stream of words flowed from his mouth as he gave an inspiring speech; she dropped her hat in the river and watched it flow downstream

flowered; The plants flowered early - usually they flower in Spring

folded something; the retailer folded the shirts and put them on the shelf and forced into the corner of the (boxing) ring; the racer made an illegal overtaking move and was forced to take a 10 second penalty; her suitcase was almost completely full, but she forced her remaining clothes into it and managed to zip it shut

formed something; the two men formed a partnership and went into business together; the water leaked from the gutter and formed a puddle on the ground

founded something; she founded the institute in 1997; he finally found the toy he'd been searching for 3 straight hours

framed the painting/person/ group/argument; she painting the painting and then framed it; the suspect said there was incriminating evidence against him because he'd been framed; she was very

jacket because he wanted it to be secure

faxed the document; we sent the letter by fax, it should have come through

your fax machine

feared the consequences of driving while intoxicated; police feared the gunman had taken hostages; the teenager had a fear of dogs because he was bitten by a dog when he was a child

fenced the property; the farmer erected a fence to keep foxes and other predators from attacking his animals

gathered something/ information; he was under pressure to deliver a good speech, and despite being all of his clothes into the suitcase, so he left a few clothes at home

fixed the broken machine; the coffee machine was not working, and nobody knew how to fix it

flapped away; the bird flapped it's wings and flew away for customers to see; she neatly folded the paper and slid it into her pocket

followed the leader/instruction; he followed the instructions given to him by his boss; if we follow the example of tyrants, we will continue to repeat the same mistakes

fooled by someone/ something; we're often fooled by politicians, because we naively believe they are telling us the truth

convincing because she framed her argument around empirical evidence while her opponent relied on gossip and conjecture

frightened someone/by someone/ something; she leapt out from behind the door and frightened her unsuspecting sister; he wore a gory costume which looked very frightening

fried the food; they used vegetable oil to fry the potatoes; he fried the egg in the pan

grabbed his jacket then left the house; the boy grabbed a handful of sand and threw it at his brother; monkeys grab tree branches grinned at someone/ something; the man smiled at her so she grinned back; the boy got a lot of presents guarded something/ someone; the soldiers guarded the front gates of the palace; he was not worried about

quite worried he managed to gather his thoughts and speak confidently; she gathered the documents and put them in the briefcase

gazed at something; he gazed through the window and saw the parade marching down the street; she gazed into his eyes and thought she was falling in love

glowed in the darkness; the moonlight glowed brightly and cast a beautiful reflection on the surface of the ocean; the light from the candle was glowing against the wall

glued something; the vase broke but he was able to glue it back together; she run out sticky tape so decided to use glue instead and swing from one branch to another

grated the cheese; he grated the cheese then sprinkled it over the spaghetti

greased the pan so the cake would not stick to the bottom; greased the chain

greeted the guests as they arrived at the party; the concierge greeted the couple when they arrived to the hotel for his birthday and he was grinning all day

gripped something (with one's hand/s); the gymnast gripped the apparatus tightly so he wouldn't fall; the mother tried to take the spoon from her baby but the baby had a good grip and didn't want to let it go

groaned at someone/because of something; the train driver announced that the train would be stationary for a further 10 minutes and everyone in the carriage groaned; she didn't say anything when her boss asked her to work on the weekend, she simply groaned

guaranteed to do something; the customer was skeptical about the quality of the product, but the salesman guaranteed it would function for at least 2 years; she told her friend intruders entering his home because he had an angry dog guarding his property

guessed something; she wasn't sure about the answer so she took a guess; his fellow students knew the answer to the equation, but he wasn't completely sure so he just guessed and hoped it was correct

guided towards somewhere/by something/ someone; she was guided in life by her faith; he helped guide the driver of the car get through a very narrow road; she guided the plane safely to the ground

hammered something; the carpenter hammered the nail into the piece of wood

handed something; he took the documents off the desk and handed them to his business partner; she handed the pencil to the student and the student began to draw

handled the situation/thing; he handled the transition from the old management style to the new management style very well; the government handled the criticism of their policy changes very poorly

hang on/over someone/ something; she hung the clothes on the clothesline and waited for them to dry

harmed someone/ something; there is a lot of toxins being released into the air which harm the environment; the passengers were harmed when the car collided with a bus

hated someone/ something; she hated making dinner so most of the time she ordered food to be delivered to her home; he hates people who put their feet on the seats of public transport;

haunted by someone/ something; she was haunted by the memory of being attacked in her home; he believed the house was haunted because there were many mysterious and inexplicable things that occurred inside (the house); she was haunted by a recurring nightmare

headed into something; she was offended by the she would try to be at the meeting place on time, but she couldn't guarantee anything

heated something; she heated her dinner in the oven while he heated his meal in the microwave; the sun's heat is much more noticeable in summer; the car didn't have any water or coolant which caused it to overheat

helped
oneself/someone
else; she was
good at solving
mathematical
equations, so she
helped her
brother with his
maths homework;
she helped a lot of
disadvantaged
people through
her charity work

hooked by someone/ something; the fisherman hooked the fish through it's mouth and began to reel it in; the television show always had a dramatic hook end the end in order to make the

hugged by someone; she arrived at the party and gave her friend a hug; he gave the widow a consoling hug; they hugged for a long time because they were good friends and hadn't seen each other for many years

hummed a sound/tune; she heard a song on the radio in the morning and then hummed the tune of the song for the rest of the day, which was very annoying for her work colleagues;

hunted someone/ something/animal; the farmer hunted wild animals to provide food for his family, and it was sometimes necessary to hunt foxes because they posed a threat to his livestock;

hurried away from someone/ something/hurried due to something;

happened to someone/ something; he knew the man had suffered an injury but he wasn't sure what had happened; a lot of destructive things have happened to the Earth since the Industrial Revolution

harassed by someone/ something; her boss sexually harassed her and she filed a law suit against him; the famous actor felt that the paparazzi were harassing him because they followed him everywhere he went

guest speaker's comments, so she rose from her seat in the auditorium and headed for the nearest exit; he headed for the supermarket to get some groceries

healed someone/ something; she took the cough medicine and after a few days her ailment was healed; he was healed using a combination of western and eastern medicines; she was healed with medicine and meditation

heaped something on someone; he heaped praise on his team because they had done a great job; she was unhappy because her boss gave her a heap of documents to read over the weekend audience curious enough to watch the following episode

hopped into/onto something; the little girl had injured her right foot, so she hopped all the way home from school on her left foot; they hopped into the car and drove to the sporting event

hoping for something; he was hoping to receive a bike for his birthday, but he was not expecting one; she was expecting her first child and hoped the government would give financial support to new mothers

hovering over someone/ someone/ something; the vultures were hovering over the injured animal and waiting for it to die – then they would feast; most of the day had been very sunny, but in the afternoon a dark cloud began to hover over the

she hurried to the hospital to be with her brother because he had fallen off his motorcycle; he had to do overtime at work, which meant he had to hurry to the restaurant for an anniversary dinner with his wife

identified something; the witness came into the (police) station and she identified the key suspect in the police line-up; he could not identify the liquid which had stained his shirt

ignored someone/ something; she didn't like the man who spoke to her because he had an annoying voice, so she simply ignored him; he was delivering a speech on workplace health and safety - he knew it was a boring speech because after 5 minutes people started ignoring him

imagined something; she didn't like working at a desk all day, so she often imagined being on a island paradise and drinking a cocktail; they lived in a dangerous neighbourhood and imagined a future with more opportunities

impressed

increased something with a value; the book was becoming very popular, so the publisher increased the price; they increased their speed in order to arrive on time; she wanted bigger muscles, so she increased the weights on the machines at the gym

influenced someone/ something; he saw his friend eating a piece of cake, which influenced his decision to order dessert; the jury was influenced by the testimony of the witness; she never knew her father and as such she was heavily influenced by her mother

informed someone of something; he informed the police that a car accident had occurred on the highway; her parents were shocked when she informed them that she was leaving university to become an actress

injected something into someone/ something; he was

intended to do something; she intended buy some fruit and vegetables but realised it was unnecessary when her husband entered through the door carrying a bag of groceries; he intended to drive to his grandparents place but his brother had taken his car without asking him for permission

town

interested in someone/ something; she was interested in travelling the world and experiencing different cultures; he was interested in the girl next door, but he was too shy to ask her out on a date

interfered with someone/ something; the couple yelled at her because she interfered into their private conversation; he was travelling on a train and his phone conversation was

invited someone; she invited over 100 guests to her wedding; he wrote a great article for a medical journal and he was invited to talk about his research findings at a conference

irritated by someone/ something; she was irritated by her boyfriend's snoring; he liked camping but he often complained about how irritating it was to be bitten by mosquitos

itched something; she was bitten by mosquitos and as a result her skin itched; the dog looked very itchy because it was constantly scratching it's fleas

someone; the student studied impressed the teacher because she did very well on her last exam; the coach was impressed with his teams effort

improved something; he played poorly last week, but this week he improved his performance significantly; she trained hard and as a result her abilities improved

included someone/ something; he made a creamy, chicken pasta and although it wasn't part of his recipe, on this occasion he included onions; she was a great cricketer - she was included in the squad to compete in the World Cup

injected with a vaccine to protect him against the flu; she injected the needle into the patient

injured someone; he rolled his ankle while playing football and injured it quite badly; she didn't stretch her muscles before running and as a result she injured her hamstring and had to limp home

instructed by someone to do something; the Colonel instructed the soldiers to run 10 laps of the obstacle course; she bought a bed from IKEA and read the instructions on how to put it together

interrupted momentarily as the carriage entered a tunnel

interrupted someone/ something; she interrupted the professor's lecture to tell everyone they needed to evacuate the building; he was trying to tell a funny story but he was continually interrupted by the sound of a barking dog

introduced something/ someone; she briefly introduced the topic to the students but promised them she would explain it more thoroughly at a later date so they could understand it completely; he introduced one of his single friends to another of his single friends, and they became a couple

invented something; she invented a device that could dry dishes and save water at the same time; he knew his

		girlfriend would be angry at him for being late, so he invented a story that he thought would excuse his lateness	
jailed for committing a crime; he was jailed for 5 years for committing armed burglary; she was sentenced to serve a minimum 2 years jail term for her crimes jammed into something/by something/ between something; the crowd of people jammed into the town square and couldn't get out because the exits had been blocked; his toy fell off his bed and was jammed between the side panel and the wall	jogged on a surface/for a duration/to a location; he needed good running shoes because he jogged for 5kms every morning; she was out of breath because she had jogged for 10 minutes in order to arrive at the train station and board her train on time joined a group/meeting; he was dissatisfied with the government's actions to combat climate change, so he joined a group to protest the continued mistreatment of the environment; she was not concerned about missing the bus, because she knew she could join her friends who were hitchhiking further down the road	joked about/with someone/ joked about something; she joked with her friend about how ridiculousness of the current election campaigns on the television; he made a joke about religion and a lot of people were offended, because they didn't like their beliefs being mocked judged someone/ something; she judged the contestants in the talent contest and gave each of them a score; he didn't like it when people judged his character before taking some time to know him; you shouldn't judge a book by it's cover	juggled something; I'm tired because three workers called in sick and I had to juggle several tasks at the same time; she threw the tennis balls in the air and juggled them for three minutes straight, then held out a hat, hoping to receive coin donations from the small crowd which had gathered to watch jumped into/over/through something; he jumped over the puddle of water to avoid wetting his new shoes; she commanded her dog to jump through the hoops during the dog show; he jumped into the river and swam to the other
kicked something/ someone; he kicked the football and scored a goal; she competed in the karate	kissed someone; she leaned in toward her boyfriend and gave him a kiss; the loving couple passionately kissed	knitted something; the woman knitted a cardigan for her granddaughter; he took the	side knotted something; she noticed her shoelaces were untied so she tied them and knotted

competition and kicked her opponent with her in the ribs

killed something/ someone; he killed the mouse by placing a piece of cheese on a mouse trap; she went hunting a killed 3 rabbits with a rifle and they didn't care who was watching

kneeled down/kneeled on something; the church parishioners kneeled and prayed; the unfaithful man kneeled down and begged his girlfriend for forgiveness; plumbers often have to kneel in order to be low enough to work on pipes knitting needles and ball of yarn and knitted a small sweater for his newborn baby

knocked something/ someone; he stumbled and knocked the vase, causing it to wobble and almost fall from the mantle; she played football and got knocked to the ground by an opposition player them so they wouldn't come loose again; he threaded the cotton through the needle then made a knot so the cotton would not slide out and could be used to stitch

labelled something/labelled by someone; he knew he would forget which documents were which, so he labelled them; her collection of vinyl records were labelled according to genre and placed in order from oldest to newest

landed something/landed on something; they lowered the spacecraft and landed it on the moon; the plane was due to takeoff at 2pm and land at 4pm but it landed at 4.15pm

learned something; he didn't know how to swim, but he took several lessons and eventually learned how to swim; she learned to be polite from her parents, who taught her to respect other people

levelled something; he levelled the ground in order to allow the building crew to build a house on a flat, even surface; he levelled the wobbly table by placing some cardboard under the short (table) leg

licensed to do something; he was licensed to drive trucks and other heavy vehicles; she lightened something; she lightened the weight of the exercise machine in order to ease the strain on her muscles; he opened the curtains and lightened the room

liked something/ someone; she really liked him, so she decided to ask him out on a date; he liked jogging in the morning but only if the weather was good

listed something; she listed the items she needed from the loaded something; the farmers loaded the potatoes onto the back of the truck; the workers loaded the pallet with the necessary products and then called the forklift driver to take it away

locked something; she felt there was an intruder lurking around the house, so she locked her doors and called the police; he had some valuable items in his possession, so he put them in a safe and locked it securely

longed for something/

lasted; he competed in the marathon and expected to finish it, but only lasted 25 minutes before retiring with a sore calf muscle; she took a shower and lasted 30 seconds because there was no hot water

laughed at something/ someone/laughed with someone; he laughed for 15 minutes straight because the comedian was very funny; she laughed with her friends because they'd just heard a very funny joke

launched into/at something; the soldiers launched a rocket at their enemy; she launched a verbal attack on the man who made sexual advances toward her

got the job at the factory as a forklift driver because she had good references and she was licensed to operate a forklift

licked something; he licked the ice cream to prevent it from dripping down the cone; she ate the chicken wings with her hands and then licked the sauce off her fingers

lied about something/ lied to someone; he lied to his mother because he knew he would be in trouble if she discovered he was absent from school; she was only 17 years old, but she lied about her age and was admitted into the nightclub supermarket and stuck the list on the fridge; he was not able to contact his old friend because his (phone) number was not listed in the telephone directory

listened to something/ someone; she listened to her favourite band on her Ipod from morning till night; the students always listened to their professor when he spoke to them

lived somewhere/ in something/ with someone; he lived in Mexico for three years and then moved to Los Angeles; she did a big road trip and lived in a caravan for three months in 2007; they had lived together for 2 years before breaking up someone; she longed for those warm summer nights because she hated these cold winters; he longed for her because he was very much in love with her

looked after someone/ something; looked at someone/ something; looked through something; looked into something; she didn't know where the sound was coming from, but it was keeping her awake so she decided to look into it; they looked through the window and saw their neighbour gardening in his front lawn; he said something that upset her and she looked at him angrily; he looked after his friend's dog while he and his girlfriend were away on holiday

loved someone/ something; they loved taking vacations, like most people; he loved the way she moved her body when she danced to her favourite

managed something/ someone; he managed the supermarket before becoming a manager of a department store; she found it difficult to complete the exam, but she managed to complete it eventually

marched with someone/marched with a group; marched in/into something; he marched down the street and hit his drum as part of the marching band; the soldiers marched for 2 straight hours; she was upset because he had broken her toy, so she marched into his room and broke one of his toys

marked something; he marked the date on the calendar so that he wouldn't forget; she received her student's exams mattered to someone; she didn't like soccer, so the result of the final match didn't matter to her, but it mattered to her brother because he was a big supporter of one of the competing teams

measured something/ something measured by someone; he measured the sugar in a cup and then measured the flour in a cup, then put both ingredients into the mixture; she measured her waist to see if she would fit into the wedding dress she wanted to buy; his emotions were clearly high, but he remained calm and gave a very measured response

meddled into something; she meddled into her friend's private affairs even though it was none of her business; if you meddle into someone else's problems without milked a cow; the farmer milked the cows, and the milk was taken to stores to be sold to the public

mined something; she mined the earth in search of precious minerals; the mining company had mined in that part area for over 20 years until they exhausted all the natural resources available

missed
something/
someone; she was
going to be late to
her interview
because she
missed the bus;
they had been
separated for
more than one
year, and he
missed her a lot

mixed
emotions/mixed
something; she
has mixed
emotions about
going to the party
because she hates
one of the guys
attending the
party, and she

song; she loved shopping and going to the movies

moved something; she didn't like the couch being close to the television, so she moved it further away; he didn't like where he was living, so he quit his job and moved to a nicer town

muddled something; she muddled the pieces of the puzzle then attempted to put it together again; he couldn't remember where he'd met her because his mind was muddled

mugged someone/mugged by someone; she travelled through the United States and was mugged by someone who stole her purse when she walked down a narrow street at night; he desperately needed money, so he mugged an old lady who had just taken money out of a cash machine

multiplied something; the

and marked them all as a Pass or a Fail

married someone; he married his long term girlfriend, and then they went on their honeymoon together; they had been married for four years and then they got divorced

matched someone/ something; they were matched on the online dating site due to their shared interests; she felt that the white shoes matched her white dress, so she decided to buy them

mated; the animals mated and the female had a small litter their knowledge or consent, it might make them upset

melted something; the ice was taken out of the freezer and it eventually melted; the foundry melted the metal and poured the resultant liquid into a cast

memorised something; the man memorised the order of the cards in the deck; she didn't need to see which numbers were on her credit card when buying things online because she had memorised the numbers

mended something; the soles of his shoes were falling apart, but he mended them before the marathon commenced; the carpenter mended the table so that it no longer wobbled

messed
(something) up; he
didn't know exactly
what he'd done, but
he could tell from his
boss's frustrated
expression that he'd
messed up; she
messed up her
speech and it was

wants to drink and have fun with her other friends who will also be there; the baker mixed the sugar and the flour then stirred the mixture

moaned; he badly injured his leg and fell to the ground - he stayed there and moaned in pain until the paramedics arrived; she moaned with delight during sex

moored to something; the boats in the harbour were moored near the pier so they would not drift away

mourned the loss of a loved one; he mourned the death of his wife; they were in mourning because their favourite uncle just passed away student multiplied 5 apples with 5 apples and arrived at the sum of 25 apples; the spread of the virus was multiplying at a very fast rate

murdered someone/ murdered by someone; the drug addict was murdered by the drug dealer because he didn't have any money (for the drug dealer); she was sentenced to 15 years in prison for murdering her husband

nailed something; she took a hammer and nailed the nail into the wood; I thought the comedian wouldn't be able to tell the joke, but he nailed it!

named something/ someone; the parents named their newborn baby Chloe; the manager named 5 employees to attend the prestigious function

too late to fix it
needed something/
someone; she didn't
want to listen to
him, but he needed
to talk to her; the
rescue team needed
to find the missing
person very quickly;
she had to work late,
so she needed her
husband to pick up
their kids from
school

nodded; the student asked the teacher if he could go to the bathroom, and the teacher nodded (to say yes); she nodded in agreement

noted something; he was noted for being a very good athlete; she thought the area would be good place to raise her family - she noted that there were a lot of schools in the neighbourhood

noticed something; he cautiously entered his home because he noticed the front door was slightly open; she noticed her husband and his father had a lot of similar mannerisms

numbered something; the contestants were numbered from 1 to 10, and eventually number 7 was the winner; horses in a horse race are numbered to help punters and race callers identify the winner overflowed; the glass overflowed with beer because the barman wasn't paying attention; if the river overflows the surrounding towns could be flooded

owed something to someone; she owed her landlord \$500 in rent money; the man used his credit card excessively and owed the bank a lot of money

owned something; she owned a lot of clothes, many of

obeyed someone; she was usually mischievous and never followed orders, but on this occasion she obeyed her teacher; he obeyed his mother's request for him to be polite to their guests

objected to someone/ something; she objected to being filmed without her consent; he objected to animals being raised in captivity obtained something; the police had obtained new information and decided to re-open an old (criminal) case; she obtained the files she needed to complete her report; he obtained an illegal weapon and was arrested for having it in his possession

occurred; it occurred to her that she should call her mother, because they hadn't spoken to each other for a long time; police found it difficult to

offered something; he offered to take care of his friend's house while his friend was on holiday; she offered to help with financial support; he offered the hungry man some soup

opened something; she opened the envelope and read the letter; he opened the door and walked through

because he believed they deserved to be free

observed someone/ something; she observed the man in her store for thirty minutes, and when she looked away the man stole something; we can surmise that the climate is changing because we have observed the migration patterns of animals is changing dramatically

do their job because several incidents occurred at the same time; the Titanic was en route to America but a collision occurred with an iceberg and it sunk

offended by something/ someone; the comedian made a joke about religion and the religious man was offended; she offended the politician because she refused to shake his hand

ordered something; she ordered a steak at the restaurant, and the waiter asked her how she would like it cooked; he ordered the book online and it arrived 1 week later

which she had never even worn; he owned a property in Australia, but decided to sell it last summer

packed something; he packed his bag and called a taxi to take him to the airport; she packed her mouth with bubblegum and could not talk

paddled; he splashed his hands in the shallow water in an effort to paddle towards the shore

painted something; she took her paint brush and painted the wall in her living room; his description phoned someone; she phoned her grandfather (with her mobile phone); he phoned the customer service number but nobody answered his call, so he left a message on the answering machine

picked something/ someone; he picked the rubbish off the ground and put it in the bin; she was not picked to represent the basketball team

pinched someone/ something; she was so happy to win the prize that she possessed something; the man possessed an uncanny ability to always arrive on time; she possessed (owned) a precious jewel

posted something; he went to the post office and posted the letter to his friend who lived overseas; she posted a status update on Facebook

poured something; she poured him a

prevented something; the middle-aged man was prevented from buying a motorcycle because his wife had control of their bank account; the roadworks prevented the driver from taking his usual route

pricked something/ someone/pricked by someone/ something; the little girl cried because she was pricked by the cactus plant; he accidentally

painted the picture of a desperate man who would do anything for money

parked something; she parked her car in the shopping centre car park; there was nowhere to park the car, so the driver simply drove home

parted something; she parted her hair so that it was separated to make two sides; they were having too many difficulties in their relationship, so they decided to part ways

passed something/ someone; we drove quickly on the highway and passed several cars; he passed the peas and gravy to his father, who was sitting opposite him at the dining table; she was delighted to learn she had passed her exam and would be able to graduate

pinched herself to make sure she wasn't dreaming; she reacted angrily to her friend because he used his forefinger and thumb to pinch her arm

pined for something/ someone; he loved her so much that he pined for her every night and day

placed something; she took the plates and cutlery and placed them on the dining table; he was placed on an antiterrorism watchlist

planned something; he knew exactly what to say because he had been planning his speech for months; they planned an extravagant wedding

planted something; she planted the seeds in the soil and waited several weeks for them to sprout; they planted the trees and knew that they would provide a lot of shade years later

played something; they children made sand-castles and played on the beach; drink; he poured some gin into the glass then took a sip

practised (BrE) practiced (AmE) something; she bought a new tennis racquet and practiced her serving technique; he practiced boxing at his local gym, and he needed several more weeks of practice before being proficient enough to fight in a competition

preached something; the preacher preached a message of love and forgiveness; she preached to the church choir

preceded someone/ something; the arrival of the plane preceded the arrival of the car because the plane was a lot faster; the planting of a seed precedes the growing of the seed

prepared something/ someone/prepare

pricked his finger with a sewing needle and it started to bleed

printed something; she went to the library and printed the ticket for her flight; he printed several brochures then gave them to a young boy for him to deliver to people in the town

produced something; she produced a music video for her friend's band; the injured hiker was afraid he would get an infection, so he was relieved when someone produced a first aid kit from their backpack

programmed something/ programmed to do something; some planes are programmed to land automatically if the pilot is unable to operate the craft manually; the computers have been programmed to operate some software better than other software

pasted something; she pasted the newspaper clippings to the poster using a paste adhesive

patted something; he patted the dog's head; she patted her horse with long stroking movements of her arm

paused something; he paused before speaking because he didn't want to say the wrong thing; they paused the movie so they could make some popcorn without missing any of the story

pecked something/ someone; the bird pecked it's beak against a nutshell

pedaled something; the cyclists pedaled their bikes; the cyclists pedaled rapidly so he could arrive at his destination as early as possible

peeled something; the

she played her guitar and sang three inspiring songs; they played Grand Theft Auto on their Playstation

pleased someone/ pleased for someone; he was pleased to see his football team win on the weekend; she was not pleased with her husband when he walked through the house with dirty shoes

plugged something; she plugged the sink so she could fill the sink with water; he plugged the hole to prevent any leakages

pointed at someone/ something; the teacher pointed at the whiteboard to show her students what she was talking about; the old man pointed his finger at the naughty boy and told him to behave

poked someone/ something; the man's girlfriend was sleeping, so he poked her shoulder until she awoke; he poked the animal with a stick and the animal ran away

for something; she prepared the dinner and served it for her guests; he prepared to accept his punishment in court, for vandalising his neighbour's property; they took a lot of extra supplies to prepare for the long journey ahead

presented something/ presented something to someone; she presented the award to the winner; he was presented with a medal of honour for his services; the lawyer presented evidence in the trial against the accused man

preserved something; the food was preserved for longer because it was placed in the fridge; the jam was preserved in a jar

pressed something; the woman on the bus pressed a red

promised something to someone/promised someone something; he promised his friends he would bring beer to the party, but he was not the most reliable person, so it was difficult believe him even when he promised; the politician broke her promise to lower taxes and the citizens became very angry

protected something/ someone; he protected his skin from the heat of the sun by applying a lot of sunscreen; she accepted responsibility for the mistake of her colleague in order to protect her colleagues reputation

provided something; the applicant provided the prospective employer with her resume, as they had requested; she provided a long answer to the question from the audience member; the elephant

woman peeled her banana (skin) and ate it; the man peeled the mandarin and threw the rind in the compost

peeped; he peeped at the lady while she was unaware of his presence; she was curious about who was attending the private function, so she peeped her into the function room and saw a number of celebrities

performed something; he performed at a music festival with his band; she performed very well in the movie, and was given many accolades by fans and critics

permitted something/ permitted someone to do something; she permitted her friend to ride her new bike, on the condition he doesn't ride further than the corner; he had a heart condition, but his doctor permitted him to

polished something; she bought some varnish and used it to polish the floorboards in her kitchen; she went to a beauty salon and a beautician polished her fingernails

popped something; the man knew it was time to turn off the microwave because the popcorn had almost finished popping; she blew too much air into the balloon and it popped button to alert the driver that she wanted to get off at the next stop; it is particularly important to know which button to press on the console of a spacecraft or a Formula 1 car

pretended to do something/be someone; the man wasn't employed by the store, but he pretended to work there because he wanted to talk to the customers; the little boy swam in the water and pretended to be a fish; the kids pretended to be cowboys and Indians until their parents told them to come inside for dinner

provided a lot of entertainment at the zoo, but most people believed it should be running free in the wild

pulled something; the man pulled the door open and walked through; the gardener pulled weeds out of the ground so that the other plants could flourish

pumped something up; he pumped up the air mattress so he had something he could sleep on; she stopped at a petrol station and pumped up her car tires with the air hose

punched someone/ something; she was so offended by the man's comments that she punched him in the face; the boxers punched each other several times

punctured something; the bike tire was punctured when the woman rode her bike over a nail; the collision

eat ice-cream once a week			was so strong that the man's lung was punctured punished someone; the criminal was punished for his crimes; the boy the punished for lying to his parents pushed someone/ something; he pushed the door open and walked through; she pushed the shopping cart down the aisle and grabbed the items that were on her shopping list
questioned someone/ something; the police questioned several eyewitnesses; the parents questioned why their child was getting into trouble because he was attending a good school	queued for something; the people at the bus stop formed a queue so people could board the bus in an orderly manner; there were several queues at the shopping centre registers during the holiday season		
raced someone/ something; they raced their high- powered cars on a long stretch of road; the Formula 1 cars raced for an hour before heavy rain forced the event to be cancelled	refused someone/ something; he refused to comment on the allegations; she refused to go with her mother, because they had just had a big fight regretted something; he regretted eating so	removed something; he removed the cap off the bottle so he could have a drink (from the bottle); she thought the wound had healed, so she removed the bandage	rhymed words; she was a good rapper because she consistently rhymed her lyrics and made good beats; children often read stories which rhyme to help them learn, because the rhyming sounds

radiated something; the stars in the night sky radiated energy; microwaves radiate a form of electromagnetic radiation

rained somewhere/rained on someone/ something; the town was in danger of flooding because it had rained for several hours; it rained heavily so a lot of people needed to use an umbrella

raised someone/ something; the government raised the minimum wage and it gave people are chance to get out of poverty; the bread raised a few inches while it cooked inside the oven

reached something/ somone/reached for someone/ something; the child reached his arm upward in an effort to grab a cookie from the bench; a lot of homes were damaged in the

much because it made him feel sick; she regretted entering the marathon because she was not fit enough to finish the race

reigned by someone/reigned over someone; a lot of people believe America reigns over the rest of the world because they have a lot of military power

rejected something/rejected by someone; he was heartbroken because the girl he liked told him she was not interested in having a relationship with him; she was offered two jobs at the same time, so she accepted the higher paying job and rejected the other one

rejoiced; the woman rejoiced because she and her husband had been trying to have a baby for a long time and her doctor told her she was finally pregnant; most of the African American population rejoiced when Barack Obama became the President

repaired something; he was confused as to why the television was not working, because he had recently repaired it; she repaired the faulty toaster so that she could have toast for breakfast

repeated something; she had to repeat what she said because nobody heard her the first time; if someone does very badly in school, it is not uncommon for them to have to repeat the year level before progressing

replaced someone/ something; replaced by someone/ something; she was made redundant at the factory because her job was replaced by a robot; he broke a vase while he was looking after his friend's house, and wondered if it could be repaired or if it would need to be replaced

are pleasing to listen to

rinsed something; the dirty plates were rinsed before they were washed and dried; she rinsed the bottom of her shoes under the tap because they were a little bit dirty

risked something; the woman risked losing a lot of money because she had placed all of his money on a bet; the man risked losing his licence because he often drove while under the influence of alcohol

Robbed (by)
someone/
something; she
was robbed by a
man with a knife
who demanded she
give him all of her
money; the area
was not safe
because several
people in the
neighbourhood had
been robbed (by
thieves) in the last

bushfire, but many community members reached out to those in need and provided support

realised something; the old man realised he was no longer capable of driving his car safely, so he sold it; a lot of people don't realise when they are wrong because they only choose to listen to statements which support their opinions

received something; the man received a letter in the mail and was pleased to see it was from his brother who he hadn't heard from in quite some time; it's unfair that many politicians have received money from large corporations, because they allow themselves to be influenced in ways which disregard the will of the people

recognised someone/ something; she

relaxed; he was feeling very relaxed because he had just had a very nice massage; she was worried about her house being damaged in the storm, but she relaxed when the weatherman said the worst of the storm had passed

released someone/ something; the prisoner was released from jail after serving the full term of his sentence; when dopamine is released into the body, it boosts focus and concentration

relied on someone/ something; he relied on his parents to drive him to soccer practice because he was not yet old enough to drive; it is better to feel confident and empowered about oneself than to rely on other people to make you happy

remained doing something/ remained with someone/ something; even though the traffic lights turned green,

replied to someone; he replied to the email he'd received from his lawyer because it was urgent; she had to reply to several candidates to let them know they'd been unsuccessful in their job interview and would need to continue looking for a job

reported someone/ something; he saw a man hit a woman and he reported it to the police; she investigated what had happened and reported the facts to the people who needed to know (what had happened)

reproduced something; he was annoyed that he had lost his essay, but with a lot of effort he was able to reproduce the strongest points in his essay and he passed with a good grade; the studio was so upset about their film not making

month

rocked by someone/ something; he was rocked by the news that his girlfriend had been seeing another man; the community was rocked to learn their Sheriff had been killed in a car accident

rolled something; the baker rolled the dough before placing it on a tray; the race car clipped another car and flipped in the air, then rolled end over end until finally stopping

rotted; the bread was rotten and needed to be thrown out; if fruit is not eaten after a certain time period, it will rot, but it can be used for compost

rubbed someone/ something; she

recognised the man on the stage because she had seen him on television; it is easier to recognise your family and friends because you see them quite often

recorded something; the musician recorded his third album; she was worried that her boss would harass her, so she secretly recorded their conversation on your phone; the parents recorded their child's first steps with a camera

reduced something; the government reduced spending on welfare programs, making it hard for people who needed those programs; he reduced the size of the balloon by letting some air out; she reduced the number of calories she consumed per day and eventually started losing weight

reflected

she remained stationary because her car broke down when it stopped; she remained in her seat when the meeting finished, because she knew her boss wanted to talk to her privately

remembered something/ someone; when she saw the opening scenes of the movie she remembered she had already seen it before; he lost the girl's phone number, but he was able to remember it because he had a very good memory

reminded of someone/ something/ reminded by someone/ something; he knew he would forget what time the movie started, so he asked his friend to please remind him; she drove to a small town and was reminded of a different town she visited in her childhood, because there were a lot similarities between the two

money that they reproduced the same story but used a different director

requested someone/ something; he requested that the restaurant make him a steak; the boss requested that all her employees arrive to work on time, and said she didn't want to hear any excuses for being late

rescued someone/ something/rescue d by someone; the girl had been lost in the woods for two days until she was rescued by a search team; the man was drowning in the ocean, but he was rescued by a lifesaver who dragged him into a dinghy and took him to shore

retired; the man had worked hard for the company and decided to retire on his 65th birthday so he could spend more time at home; the sportsperson had

rubbed the ointment over the affected area; he hit his head on the door frame and then rubbed his head, hoping it would ease the pain

ruined something; his pants were ruined when he spilt wine on them; her poor grades

ruled over someone/by someone; most countries are ruled by their elected politicians

rushed into something; he rushed through his exam because he didn't know the subject well and didn't care about what grade he would get; they rushed to the hospital with the pregnant woman because she was ready to have her baby

something/ reflected on something; the skiers were sunburnt because the sun's rays reflected off the snow; the mirror reflected the object in front of it; the wounded daredevil reflected on his decision to fight a bear in a cage and concluded it was not a wise decision to retire from game because she suffered a careerending injury

returned to someone/ something; the soldier returned from the war and greeted his family at the airport; the woman felt that the meat pie she ordered was too cold, so she returned it to the waitress and asked for it to be heated up; the letter was returned because it was sent to the wrong address

stopped by someone/ something; he stopped at the traffic lights because the light had turned red; it was late at night, so she decided to stop watching tv, and then she went to bed

sacked someone/sacked by someone; she was sacked (from her job) because she was always late; I'm going to have to sack him because he does not work hard and when I ask him to do a task he always argues

shocked by someone/ something; he was shocked to learn that computers could one day be more powerful than humans; his parents were shocked when he called to tell them he had been arrested for

shivered; her body

she was so cold; he

was not shaking, he

because the heater

in his apartment was

not working; a lot of

people shiver in

winter

shivered because

was shivering

possessing drugs;

soothed by something/ someone; she was soothed by the thought that she would see her family again soon; the mother soothed her crying baby by seeing him a lullaby; she was soothed by the sounds of the meditation music; soothed by the massage

spared something; he spared his efforts so that he would have more energy later; she spared

stored something; the baker stored the flour and the sugar in the cupboard; the warehouse stored a lot of products; small bags can be stored in the overhead compartments on

sailed somewhere/ something; they sailed to Jamaica

in their yacht; he

and set sail for his

raised the mast

satisfied

destination

someone/oneself; the teacher was satisfied that her student had done the necessary homework and was ready for the test; the dog was always satisfied after going for a walk

saved someone/ something/saved by someone/ something; he was able to go on a holiday overseas because he had saved a lot of money; she saved a bird that had it's wing caught in some wire; the firemen saved the old lady from the burning building and she was extremely grateful

saw something/ someone; he was in love with her from the first moment he saw her; she saw so many stars in the night sky when she went camping in the countryside

scared someone/scared by someone/ something; he was scared of the dark; she was scared of dogs she received a shock when she put her hand on the electric wire

shopped for something/ someone; he shopped at the grocery store for more than an hour because he had a long lists of items he needed to buy; she loved to go to the fancy areas of the city to shop for the most expensive clothing

shrugged; he asked her if she wanted to go to a sports bar, and she shrugged her shoulders because she felt indifferent to that suggestion

sighed; he sighed when his girlfriend told him she would not be able to go with him to the concert; the students sighed when their teacher told them they had a lot of homework to do over the weekend; did he sigh because he was sad, or did he sigh because he was relieved?

signed something; the band signed the some chocolate for her husband instead of eating it all herself

sparked something/by something; his desire to wear a jumped was sparked by a breeze which made him cold; she was sparked by the documentary on climate change to invest in solar energy

sparkled; the stars in the night sky shone and sparkled

spelled something; he was known for having a great vocabulary because whenever he was asked to spell a word he always spelled it correctly

spilled (America) spilt (UK) something; she poured too much milk into the glass and it spilled on the floor; he bumped into someone and spilled his beer

spoiled someone/

planes

strapped; he strapped his child into the back seat of the car and then they drove to school; the delivery personnel strapped the items securely inside the back of the truck

strengthened someone/ something; the athlete strengthened his muscles so he could compete to a high standard; the latest failure only strengthened her resolve to be better and succeed next time

stretched something; his socks were always falling down because the elastic had been stretched too many times; the straps were not stretchy enough to reach the necessary hook

stripped something; he stripped the wallpaper off the walls and decided to paint (the walls); he stripped off his clothes, one item at a time until

because a dog bit her when she was young

scattered something; he scattered the puzzle pieces across the table and began to assemble the puzzle; it took a long time for her to clean her room because she had a lot of clothes scattered across the floor

scolded someone/scolded by someone; the mother scolded her son for drawing on the living room walls; his dad scolded him for driving the car without permission

scorched someone/scorched by someone/ something; she didn't wear any sunscreen and was scorched by the sun; the land has been scorched after several years of drought

scraped something; she scraped the black board with her fingernails; he was contract and agreed to make a new album; the movie star signed her name on a piece of paper for an adoring fan

signaled something; he waved his arms to signal an oncoming car to stop and help him; when driving it is very important to pay attention to traffic signals

sinned; the man went to the confession booth because he felt guilty and needed to confess his sins; most people try to live a good and moral life, but few people in life have never sinned

sipped something; her coffee was very hot, so she had to take small sips to avoid burning her tongue; he initially sipped the alcohol from the glass because he was concerned that alcoholic content was too strong

skied; the skier was taken to the top of the snowy mountain before smoothly skiing back to the something; she told her sister what presents she was getting for Christmas and it spoiled the surprise; the little boy was rude and selfish because his rich parents spoiled him with gifts every day, and he never learnt the value of hard work

spotted
something/
someone; the
woman asked the
tour guide to
shine a light on
the tree because
she thought she
spotted a koala;
the boy spotted a
twenty dollar note
on the ground so
he quickly
grabbed it and put
it in his pocket

sprayed someone/ something; she sprayed me with the hose; the man sprayed the can of deodorant under his arms; the farmer sprayed his crops with the fertiliser

sprouted; the seeds sprouted quickly because the garden was he was completely naked; she was stripped of her medal because she was found guilty of taking performanceenhancing drugs

stroked something/ someone; the trainer stroked the horse's mane with a brush; he thought he was a brilliant person, so it was easy for her to stroke his ego and make him swell with pride

stuffed something; they stuffed all of their clothes in to one giant suitcase; they glazed and stuffed the turkey then put it in the oven

subtracted; she subtracted three apples from the bag of five apples so that two apples remained in the bag

succeeded; he succeeded in his first attempt; the team succeeded in winning the Championship

angry because somebody had scraped the side of his brand new car

scratched someone/ something; she scratched her skin because it was very itchy; he didn't like holding the cat, because it would often use it's claws to scratch him

screamed at someone; she saw a strange man outside her house late at night, so she screamed and it woke the neighbours; a lot of people scream when they ride on a rollercoaster

screwed something; he screwed the screw into the wood with a screwdriver, which he turned in a clockwise motion

scribbled
something; he
took a pencil and
scribbled
something
incoherent on a
piece of paper;
most toddlers
scribble when they
paint because they
lack the co-

base (of the mountain); snowboarders have one board, while skiers have one ski on each foot. Both glide over the snow

skipped; the girls were so happy to finish school that they held hands and skipped all the way home instead of walking

slapped someone/ slapped by someone; the woman slapped her husband when she discovered he'd been flirting with another woman at work; the father slapped the video game controller out of his son's hands because he had repeatedly told him to get some fresh air and play outside

slipped on something; he slipped on the floor because it was covered in an invisible layer of soapy water; she stepped on a banana peel and slipped over

slowed; the traffic lights turned red and the cars slowed to a halt; he was running

exposed to the perfect amount of water and sunlight

squashed something/ someone; the woman squashed the oranges to extract the juice; a heavy object fell on the man and it squashed him

squeaked; the rubber duck squeaked when the toddler squeezed it; the door squeaked when it was opened and closed because the hinges were old and rusty

squealed; the little girl squealed when the dog barked at her; the girls squealed with delight when they were told they could have a sleepover

squeezed something; he squeezed the tube of toothpaste because it was almost empty; she had to squeeze the clay to mould it into the perfect shape

stained

sucked something; the vacuum cleaner sucked all of the dirt and dust off the carpet; the little girl sucked on her lollipop

suffered; he suffered a broken leg; she was feeling very sad because she had suffered a death in the family

suggested something; he was not in a position to make demands or requests, but he was allowed to make suggestions; the job recruiter suggested that the job seeker get some more qualifications

suited someone/ something; the bikie was not suited to the role of office assistant; the sheep dog was suited to the farm because it needed a lot of space to run around

supplied something; he supplied the restaurant with beers from his brewery; the hospital supplied a

ordination to draw identifiable objects

scrubbed something; she scrubbed the grime off the kitchen bench; he got on his hands and knees and scrubbed the kitchen floor with a coarse sponge

sealed something; she put the letter in the envelope and then sealed the envelope; he sealed the envelope so that none of the documents would not fall out

searched something; he lost his keys and searched for them for 3 hours before finally finding them; the rescue team searched for the missing girl

separated from something/ someone; the puppies were separated when they were bought by their new respective owners; the couple were having too many arguments so they decided to

to fast and needed to slow down

smashed something; Inside a pub, a crazy, drunk man smashed his pint glass against the bar and threatened to cut people with it; the driver lost control of his vehicle and it veered off the road and smashed into a tree

smelt something; she took a deep breath and smelt the pleasing aroma of the rose; the dirty plates were left in the sink for over a week and they smelt very unpleasant as a result

smiled; the boy was acting in the school play, and he smiled when he saw his parents sitting in the audience; she could not stop smiling because she felt an overwhelming sense of joy

smoked something; he smoked his cigarette outside; she enjoyed smoking marijuana snatched something; the petty thief snatched the old lady's handbag something; she spilled the red wine on the carpet and it left a stain; his reputation had been stained after the latest controversy

stamped something; the documents needed an official stamp before they could be processed; he put a stamp on the envelope and then took the envelope to the post office

stared at someone/ something; the attractive woman felt uncomfortable because an old man had been staring at her for a long time; the boy stared at his feet when his father scolded him because he was ashamed of his actions; they stared at the beautiful sunset

started something; she started a new business in July; he was more effective when he started to understand how bed for the elderly woman; the bird supplied worms for her offspring

supported someone/ something; he had supported his father because his father was too old and frail to take care of himself

supposed to do something; her friends were angry at her because she stayed at home when she was supposed to be meeting them at the mall; people are supposed to be quiet when they are in a library

surprised; he was surprised to receive a gift because he wasn't expecting one; she was surprised to see the store was having another big sale

surrounded someone/ something; the police surrounded the criminal so he had nowhere to run or hide; the couple were scared because they were surrounded by a gang of thugs

separate

served by someone/served something; she ate at a fancy restaurant and was served by an Italian waitress; the hosts served dinner to their quests

settled something; the two friends settled an argument by searching Google; the neighbours had to settle their dispute in court

shaded something; the courtyard was well shaded by the big trees surrounding it; the drawing did not have any bright colours, it had outlines and shading and was drawn with a piece of charcoal

shared something; the divorced parents shared custody of their children; the little girl gave some of her cookie to her friend because her parents had taught her to share and ran away with it; his mother snatched the candy out of his hands and told him he could have it back when he finished eating his vegetables

sneezed; the woman sneezed 5 times because there was a lot of pollen in the air and she had allergies; it's common to say "bless you" to someone after they sneeze

sniffed something; he sniffed the old, opened milk carton and it was very pungent; she knew she had to get out of the building because she sniffed the air and it smelled of smoke; he sniffed the perfume and like the smell, so he bought it for his girlfriend

snored; few people in the dormitory could sleep because one man snored very loudly

snowed; the man could not reverse his car out of the driveway because it had snowed for 3 days straight (and the driveway was

to play the game

stayed somewhere; the couple went on holiday and stayed in a fancy hotel; the dog stayed outside and waited for it's master because it was a loyal and obedient dog

steered something/ someone; he steered the car around the bend; the driver steered the car around the corner and into the driveway;

stepped on something; she stepped on something hard and sharp and it pierced her foot; he cursed when he realised he'd stepped in a pile of dog poo

stirred
something; the
baker stirred the
cake mix before
pouring it into the
tray; her
emotions were
stirred when she
listened to her
mentor deliver an
inspirational
speech

suspected something; she wasn't completely sure, but she suspected that her husband was having an affair; it was too early to determine the extent of her injuries, but people suspected it would take a long time before she recovered fully

suspended; the player was suspended for breaking team rules; play was suspended due to heavy rain making play impossible

switched something; the retailer could not find the right shirt because somebody had switched it with a different shirt; nobody could tell that the two girls had switched places because they are identical twins

shaved something; the man shaved his beard; the woman's legs were very smooth because she shaved them and moisturized them often

sheltered; the homeless man didn't ask for much, he just wanted some food and shelter

talked to someone; she talked for two straight hours; the scientist talked about climate change

tamed; although they were wild animals, they had been tamed because they had been raised in captivity

tapped something; she didn't want his parents to know she had come to their house, so she tapped on his bedroom window to let him know she was there; he nervously tapped his fingers on the table

covered in snow); a lot of people decided to go skiing after it snowed on the mountain

soaked something; the man's clothes were too dirty to put straight in the washing machine, so he soaked them for a few hours first; the woman's clothes were soaked when it rained heavily, because she didn't have an umbrella thawed something; he thawed the ice

thawed something; he thawed the ice until it was a puddle of water; she took the chicken out of the freezer so it would thaw

ticked something; he ticked the box with a black pen; the form clearly stated that the applicant should tick the box – not cross it - with a blue or black pen

tickled someone; the father tickled his kids under their arms and it made them roll around the floor and squeal with laughter; the woman became annoyed after her boyfriend tried to repeatedly tickle her feet with his fingernails stitched something; the dressmaker stitched the dress so that it was no longer frayed; the doctor stitched the patient's open wound and told the patient there may be a small scar visible when the stitches are taken out

traced something; police traced the suspect's movements to an abandoned warehouse and arrested him there

traded something/ a player; the football team traded their player to a rival club in exchange for a pick at the national draft; countries often trade goods and services with other countries when they can't produce those goods and services as efficiently and cost effectively themselves

trotted; she trotted down the hallway

troubled by something/ troubled someone; the protesters troubled the authorities because they threatened to become violent

trusted someone; he trusted her because she had always been very reliable in the past; the woman was not concerned by the fact her husband was surrounded by beautiful women at his job because she fully trusted him

tried something; they couple tried

tasted something; she tasted the soup to see if it was hot enough to serve; he ate the lemon cake and it tasted very sweet

teased someone; the other girls at school teased her because she was different; the boy spent his lunchtime in detention because he constantly teased and taunted a smaller boy at school

telephoned; he phoned his friend

tempted; although he needed to travel across the country quickly, he was tempted to travel by train because he was afraid of flying; people who like sweet foods find ice-cream very tempting

terrified; he was terrified of the monsters under his bed; she was terrified at thought that her country might go to war

tested someone/ something; she tied something/ someone; he tied his shoelaces; she tied the rope so that it was securely fastened; he tied his prisoner's hands and feet with tape

timed something/ someone; the trainer timed the athlete's run and she completed it (the run) in 8 minutes and 45 seconds; the comedian made the crowd laugh because she timed the delivery of her joke perfectly

tipped something; the photo tipped over the edge of the shelf and fell to the floor; he tipped (predicted) his football team would lose that week

touched something/ someone; he leaned over and touched his toes with his hands; she lightly touched her wound, even though the doctor told her not to (touch it)

toured somewhere; the couple went on holiday and toured the Gili Islands in Indonesia; I wonder if it's better to tour the Rocky Mountains trained someone; the athlete trained for four years in preparation for the Olympic games; astronauts need to do a lot of training before they're ready to operate a spacecraft

transported someone/ something; the limousine transported the celebrity to the function; the ambulance transported the sick man to the hospital

trapped something/ someone/trapped by someone/ something; the woman was trapped inside the broken elevator; the man from the pest control company trapped the rodent so that it could be captured; firemen had to break the door of a burning house because a woman was trapped inside

travelled somewhere; the newly married to make a reservation at the restaurant, but unfortunately it was all booked out; he tried to connect to the internet but his wifi was not working

tugged something; the ships were tugged away from the reef; she tugged off her boots

tumbled somewhere; he finished the 100 metre sprint and his momentum caused him to fall and tumble; the rock was dislodged and tumbled down the hill turned somewhere/ something; she drove her car through an intersection and then turned left into a driveway; his face was getting warm as he tried to sleep, so he turned the pillow over to cool down

twisted somewhere/ someone/ something; the dancers twisted

tested the electrical appliance before buying it; the loud man on the bus was testing the patience of his fellow commuters

thanked someone; she thanked her friend for taking her to the hospital; the retiring player thanked his teammates for playing well and winning the game by car or by train

towed something; the man's car was towed away because it was parked illegally, and it had to retrieve it from the tow company's depot; her car was stuck in the mud, so she needed another car, (with a rope attached to both cars) to tow it out couple travelled to a tropical island for their honeymoon; the adventurous man travelled around the country for 30 days

treated something/ someone; he was considered to be a nice person because he treated everyone with respect; the paramedics treated the injured man inside the ambulance

trembled; an earthquake shook the city and all of the buildings trembled; the woman trembled with fear when she saw her attacker

tricked someone; the magician tricked the audience using misdirection; the footballer tricked the referee into giving him a penalty kick by pretending to have been struck by an opposition player

tripped someone/tripped

and turned on the dance-floor; she twisted the bottle cap off the bottle; he twisted the lid of the jar

typed something; he typed the words with a typewriter; she typed very quickly because she had to use a computer to write memos all day, every day

		by someone/ something; she was penalized for tripping her opponent with her foot; I was walking along the riverbank when I tripped over a fallen tree branch and landed on my hip	
undressed; she undressed in the change-room and then put on different clothes; he undressed out of his work clothes, had a shower, then put on more comfortable clothes	united; the two players were usually competitive rivals, but they united to fight against a common enemy; irrespective of our differences everyone in the world needs to unite in order to combat global warming	unpacked something; the customs officials at the airport asked the traveler to unpack his bag so that they could search inside it; the man unpacked his suitcase	used something; the girl used her phone to take a photo and upload it to Facebook; the old man used cloth to wipe the kitchen bench; I used a computer to write this sentence
unfastened; she unfastened her seatbelt and got out of the car; he unfastened the straps, which had been fastened to hold the loose items in place	unlocked something; he unlocked the door with his key, then he went inside; she unlocked the liquor cabinet and took a bottle of whisky, after he father specifically told her not to take anything (from the liquor cabinet)		
vanished; the magician appeared on the stage, then a huge puff of smoke obscured him. When the smoke faded the magician had vanished. He was nowhere to be	visited someone/ some place; the girl went to the hospital to visit her sick grandfather; the couple travelled to Thailand and visited some temples and other areas popular with tourists		

seen; an unidentified flying object appeared in the sky then vanished moments later

wailed; everyone else was quiet, but he wailed in pain; the little girl injured her arm, then ran back to her mother wailing

waited for someone/ something; he waited in the queue; the couple waited for a table to become available at the restaurant; she waited for the water to get warm before stepping into the shower

walked somewhere; he walked along the path; she walked up the mountain; he hurt his forehead when he walked into a screen door

wandered somewhere; he had a lot of spare time, so he wandered around the town and didn't worry about getting lost; she's got no goals and no motivation, she wasted something; he felt guilty because he wasted a great opportunity to spend time with his son; even though she was no longer hungry, she ate the remainder of her meal because she hated wasting food; he wasted all of his money on gambling

watched something/ someone; the undercover detectives watched their suspect enter the convenience store; the people on the wildlife safari watched a lion chase a gazelle; she watched the news every night at 6pm

watered; he watered the garden because the plants looked a little dry

waved to someone; the little boy waved goodbye to his friend; the parents waved to their teenaged son when he walked through the arrivals gate at the airport

whirled; the merry-go-round whirled around; she heard a familiar voice and whirled around quickly to see who had spoke

whispered something; she whispered the secret into her friend's ear; if people want to talk to each other in a library they should whisper so other people don't have to hear them talking

whistled a tune/noise; the happy man whistled a happy tune; Axl Rose whistles the opening to the Guns n Roses song 'Patience'

winked at someone; the guy winked at the girl to let her know he liked her; a blink is a quick shutter of both eyes, whereas a wink is a slightly slower opening and worked somewhere/on something; she worked very hard on the project and received a lot of praise as a result; he had worked at the factory for over 10 years before becoming a supervisor

worried about someone/ something; she was worried about her friend, who was a journalist reporting in a war zone; he was a very calm person and never about to worry about anything

wrapped something; she wrapped the Christmas gifts with wrapping paper; she wrapped her baby boy in a blanket to help keep him warm

wrecked something; he wrecked the kettle when he used it to boil milk

just wanders around aimlessly

wanted something/ someone; she wanted to eat chocolate, but there was none left in the fridge or in the cupboards; he wanted to take her to Paris for their Honeymoon

warmed something; he warmed the soup in the microwave; she warmed his heart when she showed him love and affection

warned someone; the news reporters warned the community that a volcano was going to erupt and they needed to evacuate the town; she warned her brother that there would be consequences for going into her room, but he did it anyway; doctors need to warn patients that their medication will have side-effects

washed something; she watched the dirty plates then put

weighed something/ someone; the man at the gym got off the treadmill and then weighed himself on the scale; the worker at the post office weighed the envelope to determine how much it would cost to send it; the woman at the deli weighed the ham, and it weighed 150 grams

welcomed someone/ some group; the host welcomed her guests as they arrived; the concierge welcomed the couple to the hotel

whined; the immature man whined about the bad weather, even though there was nothing he could do about it; the toddlers whined when they were told they would not be going to McDonalds

whipped something/ someone; he had scars and welts on his back from being whipped for his beliefs; she was lashed with a whip for her supposed crimes; the baker whipped the cream until it was thick closing of one eye in an effort to be suggestive or to secretly convey an understanding of something

wiped something; she wiped the breadcrumbs off the bench; he grabbed a cloth and wiped the dust off the mantle

wished something/for something; the birthday girl blew out the candles on her cake and wished it could be her birthday every day of the year; he wished he could travel back in time and avoid making the mistakes he'd made; the little boy wished he was an adult so he could do whatever he wanted

wobbled; the table wobbled because two of the legs were shorter than the others; toddlers wobble on their bikes when they're learning to ride

wrestled someone/ something; the two friends wrestled on the ground until one of them got hurt; it is not a good idea to try and wrestle a crocodile; wrestling is one of the oldest known sports

wriggled; the man wriggled out of his sleeping bag; to wriggle is to twist and turn like snake or a worm

them on the rack to dry; she washed her clothes then hung them out to dry; the man washed his car, then gave it a wax finish		wondered something; he wondered if it was possible to return the engagement ring to the store if his girlfriend rejected his proposal; she was doing great work at the office, but she wondered if her boss would let her work from her home	
x-rayed; doctors x-rayed his arm to determine if there was a break or a fracture of the bone			
yawned; embarrassingly, the President's wife yawned three times during his speech. She was simply too tired to pay full attention; I tried to stay awake, but I knew when I started yawning it would not be long before I fell asleep	yelled at someone/ something; her voice was quite sore because she yelled at her husband for leaving the toilet seat up; she yelled at him because he made her so angry; the army sergeant yelled at his troops because they had been undisciplined		
zipped something; he unzipped his trousers to go to the toilet, then zipped them up again once he was ready to leave the bathroom; she zipped the suitcase then put it in the taxi	zoomed somewhere/ into something; with his camera he zoomed into the mountains to get a clearer picture of them; she zoomed in on 'googlemaps' map to see exactly where she needed to go		