

Work

a short-term contract
to get a rise
to be made redundant
challenging
perks
staff
to be fired

The family

a step brother
a distant relative
a single-parent family
to bring up
a close family
a get-together
the black sheep of the family

Idioms

to get the wrong end of the stick
to smell a rat
to see eye to eye
to kill two birds with one stone
his bark is worse than his bite
to have a skeleton in the cupboard
it's like water off a duck's back

Formal verbs

to omit
to transcribe
to ensure
to require
to adhere to
to conduct business
to view

Phrasal verbs

to hang up
to run out of sth
to take after sb
to blow sth up
to set off /out
to get over sth
to cut off

Time

to have time on your hands
time's up
to kill time
to make up for lost time
to give somebody a hard time
for the time being
to take your time

Sounds

to drip
to sniff
to hoot
to mumble
to stammer
to hum
to giggle

Money

a mortgage
loaded
to be in the red
tight-fisted
an income
the stock market
an instalment

History

to loot
a spear
to retreat
a ceasefire
a coup
to surrender
to overthrow

Compound adjectives

high-heeled
narrow-minded
well-behaved
absent-minded
easy-going
second-hand
mass-produced

Confusing words

a suite
besides
to announce
a stranger
ashamed
commitment
to deny

Humour

witty
to make fun of
a cartoonist
to get a joke
a pun
to burst out laughing
hilarious

The natural world

a hive
endangered species
fins
battery hens
a puppy
to sting
an animal activist

Food

to stir
a chopping board
poached eggs
to drain
to heat
a frying pan
a recipe

Travel

long-haul
a round trip
a package holiday
to take out travel insurance
an outing
off the beaten track
touristy

get

to get to know
to get a shock
to get rid of sth
to get your own back
to get on your nerves
to get a life
to get into trouble