

# 2 Adjectives: people 1

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brave generous grateful honest independent jealous  
lively mature miserable patient popular proud  
relaxed reliable sensible superficial warm weird

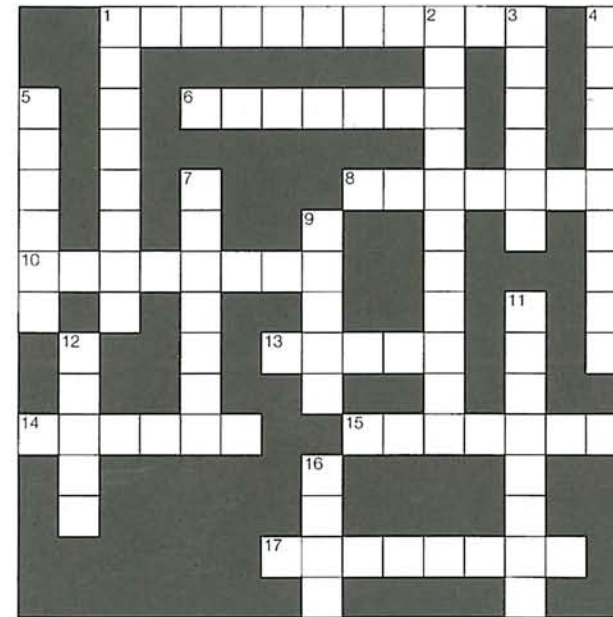
## Across

- 1 She doesn't think about anything seriously or have any deep feelings. She's so \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 He's always \_\_\_\_\_. He's never in a hurry and he's always calm.
- 8 She's the most \_\_\_\_\_ person in the school. Everybody likes her.
- 10 He's very \_\_\_\_\_. If he says he'll do something, then he does it.
- 13 She's very \_\_\_\_\_. She never complains about the pain she is in all the time.
- 14 She always tells the truth. She's very \_\_\_\_\_
- 15 He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ teacher. He doesn't get cross even when he has to repeat something three times.
- 17 They were very \_\_\_\_\_ when we said they could stay in our house while we were away.

## Down

- 1 He never drinks and drives. He's too \_\_\_\_\_ to do something silly like that.
- 2 She's going to travel around the world for six months on her own. She must be very \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She always has fun at parties because she's so bright and \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He never smiles and always looks \_\_\_\_\_. I don't know what his problem is.
- 5 She's only seventeen but she seems much older. She's very \_\_\_\_\_ for her age.

- 7 He makes her \_\_\_\_\_ when he looks at other girls.
- 9 She looks \_\_\_\_\_. Why does she always wear such strange clothes?
- 11 They're very rich but they are also really \_\_\_\_\_ with their money. They give wonderful presents.
- 12 He got 100% in all his exams. His parents are really \_\_\_\_\_ of him.
- 16 She's always \_\_\_\_\_ and friendly. You always feel welcome at her house.



The word *sensible* may be a 'false friend' for many students of English whose mother tongue has Latin roots. In English, *sensible* means *clever in a practical way*.

*She won't take any silly risks. She's a sensible girl.*

It does not mean the same as *sensitive*, which means *easily hurt or delicate*.

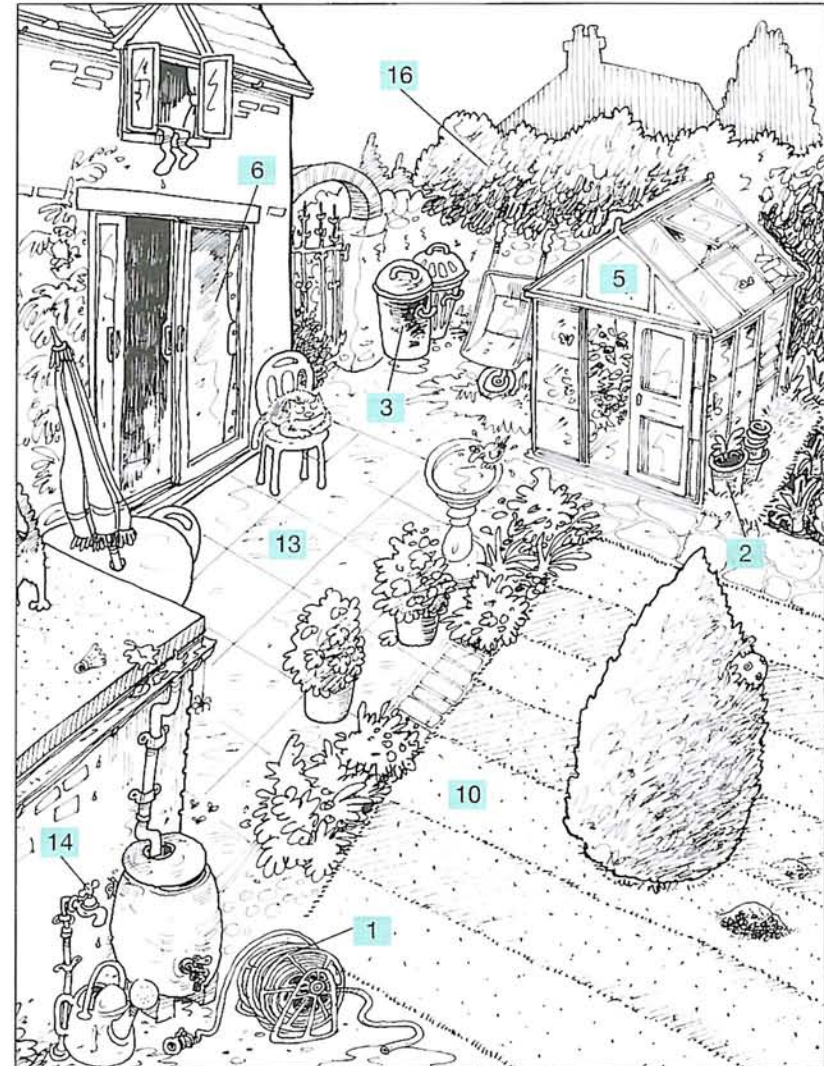
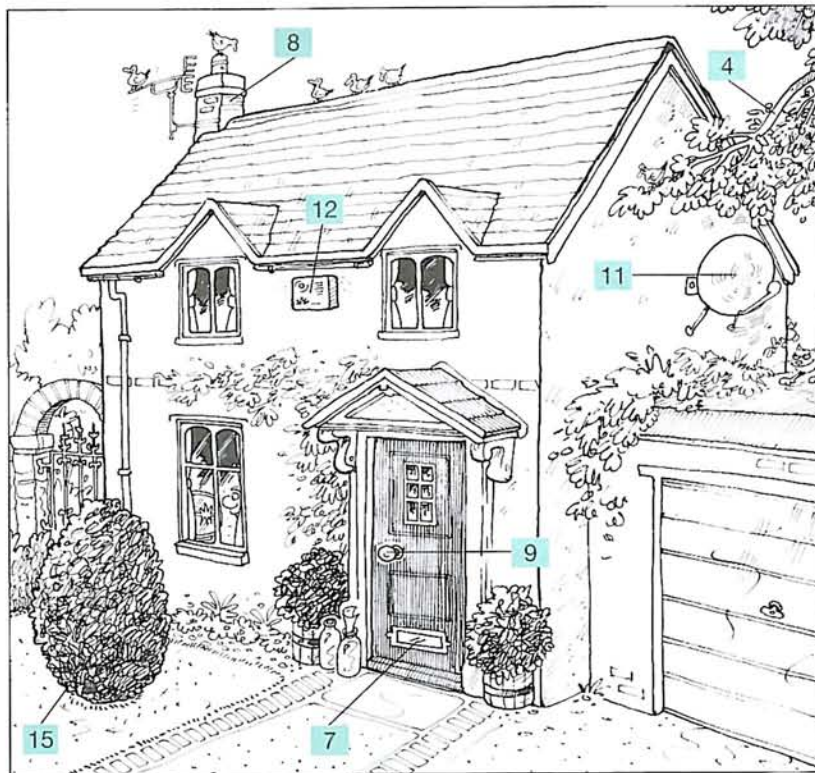
*She can't use soap on her face. She's got very sensitive skin.*

*Don't tease him. He's very sensitive and you might make him cry.*

# 6 The house and garden

Write the numbers 1 to 16 next to the correct words.

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| branch <u>4</u>      | greenhouse _____     |
| burglar alarm _____  | hedge _____          |
| bush _____           | hose _____           |
| chimney _____        | lawn _____           |
| door handle _____    | letterbox _____      |
| dustbin _____        | patio _____          |
| flowerpot _____      | satellite dish _____ |
| French windows _____ | tap _____            |



In America, a garden is usually called a *yard*. In British English, the word *yard* is uncommon. It means a *small paved or concrete area at the back of the house*. The modern word for a paved area at the back of the house is a *patio*.



# 16 Verbs: relationships

Complete the sentences with a verb from the box in the correct form.

annoy apologize argue behave communicate criticize embarrass  
~~fancy~~ force offend pretend regret separate share support

- 1 At first, I really fancied him. I found him very attractive.
- 2 We started going out together and we \_\_\_\_\_ everything: money, clothes and even friends.
- 3 After a bit he began to \_\_\_\_\_ me with some of his habits. For example, he used to whistle all the time.
- 4 Sometimes he \_\_\_\_\_ me in front of my friends by drinking too much and telling the same stupid jokes over and over again.
- 5 Once he \_\_\_\_\_ me to go camping with his parents in Wales. I hate camping and I didn't get on with his parents.
- 6 We started to \_\_\_\_\_ about money. He said I was spending too much. I said he wasn't earning enough.
- 7 Once he came round with his mother and she \_\_\_\_\_ me by saying my flat was a mess.
- 8 I told her it was none of her business but David didn't \_\_\_\_\_ me against her.
- 9 I think we both \_\_\_\_\_ badly. He was lazy and passive and I was rude and aggressive.
- 10 I started to \_\_\_\_\_ him in front of people. I used to say he was mean with money, for example.

- 11 I always \_\_\_\_\_ afterwards, but he used to say, 'It's too late to say sorry.'
- 12 I hated spending any time on my own with him. I often went to the cinema in the evenings and \_\_\_\_\_ I was working late.
- 13 By the end of our relationship, we didn't \_\_\_\_\_ at all. We sat in silence all the time.
- 14 Eventually, we \_\_\_\_\_. I haven't seen him since 1998.
- 15 I don't \_\_\_\_\_ splitting up. We weren't happy together.



The phrase *to go out with someone* means to have a romantic relationship. *I used to go out with Jenny's brother when I was sixteen.*  
In American English, the word is *to date*.  
*We dated for about two years before we broke up.*  
*Are Jim and Heidi dating? They're always together these days.*

# 17 Word building: prefixes

A Make the opposites of these adjectives by putting the correct prefix in front of them. Choose from *un-*, *in-*, *im-*.

- |                        |                   |                  |
|------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 <u>un</u> attractive | 7 ___ healthy     | 13 ___ polite    |
| 2 ___ correct          | 8 ___ interesting | 14 ___ popular   |
| 3 ___ dependent        | 9 ___ mature      | 15 ___ possible  |
| 4 ___ expensive        | 10 ___ moral      | 16 ___ practical |
| 5 ___ fashionable      | 11 ___ patient    | 17 ___ sensitive |
| 6 ___ formal           | 12 ___ pleasant   | 18 ___ usual     |

B Complete the sentences with one of the prefixed adjectives above.

- 1 She is so \_\_\_\_\_. She is seventeen but she acts like a six-year-old.
- 2 He's very \_\_\_\_\_. He doesn't get lonely although he lives on his own and takes all his holidays on his own.
- 3 The band's last CD was very \_\_\_\_\_. Hardly anybody bought it and they never played it on the radio.
- 4 The total is \_\_\_\_\_. They've charged us £15 for the fruit salad!
- 5 This sunny weather is very \_\_\_\_\_. It's normally cold and wet at this time of year.
- 6 Sally has been looking for a job for months. She looked miserable when Maria kept talking about her new job. Maria shouldn't be so \_\_\_\_\_. She should think about Sally's feelings.
- 7 We're having a very \_\_\_\_\_ party on Saturday evening. Come any time after nine and there's no need to dress up.
- 8 He can't even boil an egg or make coffee. In the kitchen he's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- 9 Your diet is very \_\_\_\_\_. You eat too much fat and sugar and not enough fruit and vegetables.

10 She's always stealing from shops. In my opinion, she's completely \_\_\_\_\_.

11 Mes Amis is an excellent restaurant. The food is delicious and it's very \_\_\_\_\_. Even I can afford to eat there!

12 'I'm tired of waiting for this bus. Let's get a taxi.'

'Don't be so \_\_\_\_\_. The bus will be here in another five minutes. We can't afford a taxi.'

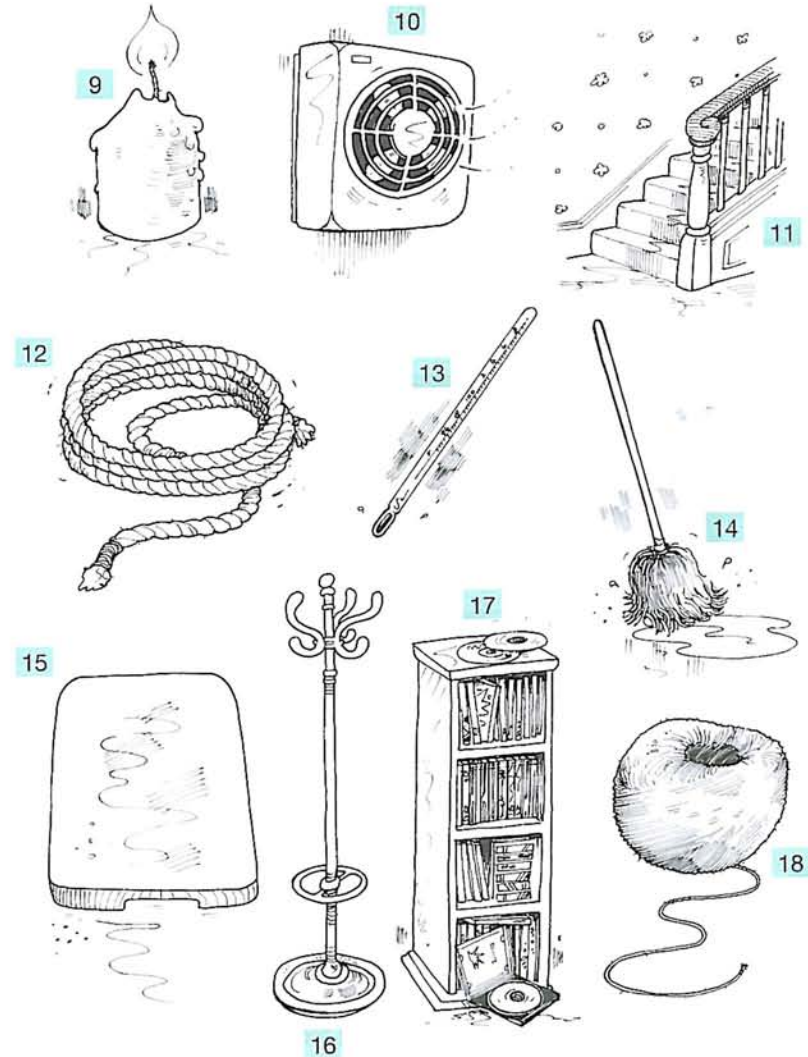
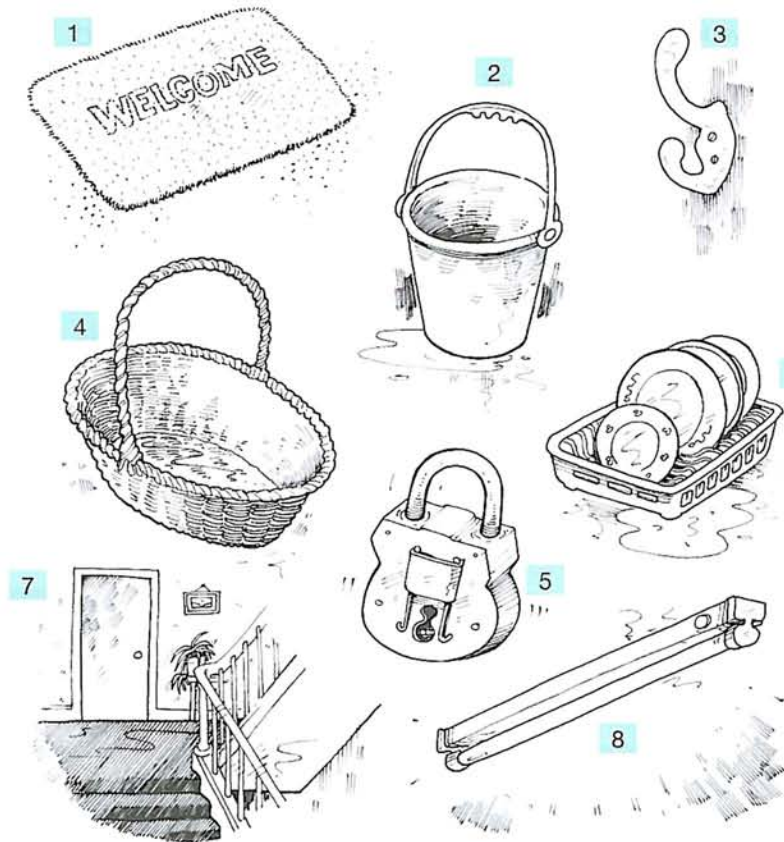


- *un-* can go before any letters
- *im-* or *in-*? It's easy to decide. We only use *im-* before the letters *m* and *p*: *immobile*, *improbable*.

# 18 Around the house

Write the numbers 1 to 18 next to the correct words.

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|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| banister <u>11</u> | doormat _____       | padlock _____     |
| basket _____       | extractor fan _____ | plate rack _____  |
| board _____        | hat stand _____     | rope _____        |
| bucket _____       | hook _____          | string _____      |
| candle _____       | landing _____       | strip light _____ |
| CD rack _____      | mop _____           | thermometer _____ |



The phrase *hat stand* seems slightly odd since in Britain, most people do not wear hats or hang them up. In fact, a hat stand is the thing we hang our coats on, which usually stands in the entrance hall of a house. In American English it is called, perhaps more sensibly, a *coat stand*.

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nosy   obstinate   self-confident   strict   sympathetic  
talented   timid   violent

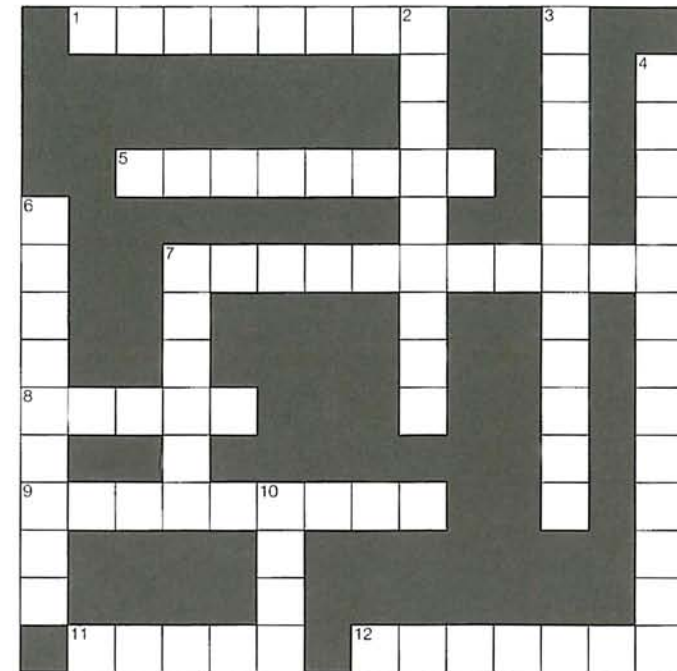
## Across

- 1 They shouldn't get married at eighteen. They are far too \_\_\_\_\_ to take such an important decision.
- 5 Clive is having another exhibition of his paintings. He's also giving a concert next week. He is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person.
- 7 Tina is so \_\_\_\_\_. If I have a problem, she always listens and tries to help me.
- 8 At the office party, she stood in a corner and didn't speak to anyone. She's very quiet and \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 We've given her lots of good advice but she won't listen. She's very \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Jackie is so \_\_\_\_\_. One minute she's laughing and the next she's sulking.
- 12 He's a \_\_\_\_\_ man. He was arguing with Tom last night and he ended up pushing him against the wall and shaking him.

## Down

- 2 My uncle cycles around town in a big red hat and long red boots. Everyone stares at him because he looks so \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 She enjoys hot air ballooning and parachute jumping. She's very \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 He wasn't nervous about starting his new job. In fact he was very \_\_\_\_\_ and felt sure that he would do it well and enjoy it.

- 6 Michael already owns three restaurants but he intends to own a chain of them by the time he's thirty-five. He's very \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 Her parents are quite \_\_\_\_\_. She's seventeen but she has to be home by ten o'clock, even at weekends.
- 10 He's always asking me questions about my family and job. He's very \_\_\_\_\_



Here's a way of increasing your word power. When you look up a new adjective in the dictionary, check if it has a noun form and write that down as well, for example *immature* (adj), *immaturity* (n).

# 34 Disasters

Complete the extracts from newspaper articles with the correct words from the box. Put the verbs in the correct form.

crash (verb) disease drought drown (verb) earthquake famine-  
flood hijack hurricane kidnap (verb) lightning volcano

1 Thousands of children are dying of hunger in Ethiopia. The Red Cross is distributing food in the worst areas of the famine but ...

2 The area around Boulder, Colorado, has not seen rain for nine months. During the long \_\_\_\_\_, water supplies have been brought in by lorry ...

3 A 53-year-old policeman \_\_\_\_\_ in the River Thames at Hammersmith, West London, last night. The man, Robert Fox, dived in to rescue his granddaughter ...

4 A massive \_\_\_\_\_ shook Los Angeles yesterday, destroying hundreds of buildings and a road bridge. It measured 7.2 on the Richter Scale ...

5 A twenty-eight-year-old mother of two was in hospital last night after she was struck by \_\_\_\_\_. The woman has slight burns on her arm. 'I was taking the dogs for a walk in the park when the storm started ...'

6 The \_\_\_\_\_ of the International Airlines plane ended last night when the terrorists released all the passengers and gave themselves up to the police.

7 Doctors have no cure for the mystery \_\_\_\_\_ which is spreading across northern India. Symptoms are sore fingers and toes and a fever.

8 Scientists say that Mount Etna will erupt in the next few days. Thick smoke started to pour from the \_\_\_\_\_ this morning and ...

9 Residents of Lewes, in East Sussex, had to swim across the main street yesterday. The \_\_\_\_\_ caused by recent heavy rain is the worst for 150 years.

10 A coach full of schoolchildren \_\_\_\_\_ on the M4 motorway last night. The driver and two children were taken to hospital suffering from cuts.

11 The 12-year-old son of a wealthy businessman was \_\_\_\_\_ in New York last night. Mr Tony Brancusi, the child's father, told journalists he had received a letter asking for \$2 million for the return of his son.

12 A \_\_\_\_\_ in the Caribbean island of Nevis has killed fourteen people and left thousands homeless. 'The wind blew the roof off my house,' one survivor said.



Motorways in Britain are called *M* (for motorway) and a number, for example *M1*, *M4*, *M25*.

We use the definite article to refer to a motorway.

*We were driving up the M40 on our way to Birmingham, when our car broke down.*



# 53 More word building

Use the words on the right to make a new word which fits the sentences.

- 1 At the show, the magician kept pulling rabbits out of his hat. **MAGIC**
- 2 Their dog barks a lot but he won't hurt you. He's completely \_\_\_\_\_. **HARM**
- 3 There's no \_\_\_\_\_ between my old bike and my new one. The new one is ten times better. **COMPARE**
- 4 I'm fed up with your \_\_\_\_\_. You're acting like a child. **BEHAVE**
- 5 People are usually quite shy about discussing their \_\_\_\_\_ in public. **BELIEVE**
- 6 This juice is full of artificial flavours. It tastes totally \_\_\_\_\_. **NATURAL**
- 7 It's been a great \_\_\_\_\_ getting to know you. I hope we meet again soon. **PLEASANT**
- 8 Put twenty pence in the machine and you can test your \_\_\_\_\_. **STRONG**
- 9 She's very \_\_\_\_\_. She's going to travel all around the world on her own for a whole year. **DEPEND**
- 10 There wasn't much of a \_\_\_\_\_ on the menu so I had a pizza again. **CHOOSE**
- 11 \_\_\_\_\_ it rained all weekend so we couldn't go on the cycling trip we'd planned. **FORTUNE**

- 12 I have very little \_\_\_\_\_ of the hotels and restaurants in this area. **KNOW**
- 13 We were all very impressed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the countryside. **BEAUTIFUL**
- 14 In \_\_\_\_\_ to being good-looking and clever, he is also very rich. **ADD**
- 15 He's a very \_\_\_\_\_ person. He loses everything and is always late for meetings. **ORGANIZATION**
- 16 She grew up in the country and I think she had a very happy \_\_\_\_\_. **CHILD**
- 17 He's usually very kind and patient but just \_\_\_\_\_ he loses his temper. **OCCASION**



The suffix *-less* often has the meaning *without*. For example a *homeless* person is someone without a home.

The suffix *-ful* often gives the opposite meaning: *thoughtless* and *thoughtful* are opposites. Be careful, though. The opposite of *homeless* is not *homeful*!

# 54 Green issues

Complete the sentences with the correct words from the box.

artificial concrete crops ~~endangered~~ energy  
 environment factory free range fuel organic pesticides  
 polluted public transport traffic veal wildlife

- 1 Rhinos are an endangered species. We have to protect them or they will become extinct.

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- 2 It's amazing how much \_\_\_\_\_ you can find in a city garden: foxes, hedgehogs, frogs and lots of birds and insects.

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- 3 There's too much \_\_\_\_\_ in modern cities. Why can't we have more parks and open spaces instead of all these skyscrapers?

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- 4 We need stricter laws to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ from the smoke and gases released by cars and factories.

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- 5 I don't usually eat sweets. The \_\_\_\_\_ colourings and flavourings give me a headache.

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- 6 This apple juice is \_\_\_\_\_. That means the fruit trees weren't sprayed with chemicals.

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- 7 I only eat \_\_\_\_\_ chicken and eggs. I don't approve of chicken farms where the animals are kept in small cages.

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- 8 Most farmers spray their \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ to stop insects eating them.

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- 9 This farm is like a \_\_\_\_\_. The animals are treated like machines.

- 10 In order to produce \_\_\_\_\_, farmers take calves from their mothers when they are two weeks old and keep them in small, dark cages.

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- 11 Oil is the main source of \_\_\_\_\_ in this country. It would be good to use cleaner sources like the wind and the sun.

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- 12 There would be less \_\_\_\_\_ on the roads if the government made \_\_\_\_\_ cheaper.

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- 13 Our new car is very economical on \_\_\_\_\_. It can do 100 kilometres on six litres.

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- 14 A ship carrying oil crashed on the rocks here last year and now a lot of the coast is \_\_\_\_\_.



Try reinforcing your vocabulary in one area by making a word-web. For example, with words from this test you can make an environment word-web or a farm word-web. You could start your farm word-web like this:

