# THE HAPPIEST PERSON IN BRITAIN

to **claim** $\rightarrow$ to say that (sth) is true or is a fact, although you cannot prove it and other people might not believe it

to **declare** (v.) $\rightarrow$ to announce clearly, firmly, publicly or officially to **state** $\rightarrow$ (sth) as true, or to state your support for (idea, opinion, etc.)

to **enable**→to make sth possible

to  $impose \rightarrow to$  establish (sth) as a rule to be obeyed or to force people to accept (sth)

to **obey** $\rightarrow$ to act according to

to **devote**↔to **dedicate** 

to **comprehend**↔to **understand** 

to **persuade**↔to **convince** 

to **mend**↔to **fix**↔to **repair** 

**gadget** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a small device or machine with a particular purpose **equipment** $\rightarrow$ set of necessary tools, clothing etc. for a particular purpose

# free time $\leftrightarrow$ leisure time $\leftrightarrow$ spare time

drawback⇔a disadvantage

accurate⇔correct

**survey** (QUESTIONS) $\rightarrow$ an examination of opinions, behaviour etc., made by asking people questions

**questionnaire**  $\rightarrow$  a written list of questions that a number of people are asked to complete so that information can be collected *Visitors to the country have been asked to fill in a detailed questionnaire.* 

**<u>inhabitant</u>** $\rightarrow$  the people who live in a certain place to **own** $\rightarrow$ to **possess** (v.) $\rightarrow$ **possession** (n.)

#### SISTER WENDY

a monastery→a place where nuns or monhs live

**blissfuly** (adv.)→**bliss** (n.)→perfect happiness

**confinement** (n) $\rightarrow$ the situation of being kept somewhere usually by force

to **confine**  $(v.) \rightarrow$ to restrict to a certain place/area to be confined to a bed due to an illness

to confine an animal in a cage

**<u>contemplation</u>** (n.) $\rightarrow$  **contemplate** (v.) $\rightarrow$ to spend time considering **<u>enthusiasm</u>** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a feeling of energetic interest in a particular subject or activity and an eagerness to be involved in it

lonely (adj.)→loneliness (n.)

**solitary**  $(adj) \rightarrow being$  the only one, or not being with other similar things, often by choice

**solitude** (n) $\rightarrow$ the situation of being alone without other people

**verbosity**  $(n.) \rightarrow$  **verbose**  $(v.) \rightarrow$  using more words than are necessary **a kind-hearted person characters** in the book **priceless**  $(adj.) \rightarrow$  it is so **valuable** it doesn't have a price

### **SPORT AND LEISURE**

**jigsaw** (puzzle)→a picture stuck onto wood or cardboard and cut into irregular pieces which must be joined together correctly to form the picture again swimming costume ↔ bathing costume or bathing suit  $rod \rightarrow a$  long thin pole made of wood or metal refeere⇔iudae rod↔stick skis (n.)→skiina (v.)→hikina **winner** $\rightarrow$ the one who comes in first the runner up→the one who comes in second to **keep fit** This sport doesn't **appeal** to me. I'm not **keen on** this sport. I'm not **fond of** this sport. **competitors** -> those who competite in apponent↔rival supportor of the team **outdoors**↔in the open air skilful→skilfullv superior  $\neq$  inferior failure (n.)→to fail (v.)an exam qolf **course** tennis **court** to **train**↔to **teach** to **practise**→to do a sport **luxury** – **luxurious** 

#### **APPEARANCE**

plump (adj.)→having a soft rounded body; slightly fat obese (adj.)→extremely and unhealthily fat a bit overweight stout (adj.)→(esp. of older people) quite fat and solid-looking chubby→(esp. of children) fat in a pleasant and attractive way chubby little fingers and toes chubby cheeks a chubby smiling face **slender** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ thin and delicate, often in a way that is attractive **slim** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ attractively thin **well-built** $\rightarrow$ **handsome** $\rightarrow$ **attractive** $\rightarrow$ **good looking** $\rightarrow$ **muscular** thirty**ish** 

round faced≠long faced dark skinned≠fair skinned brown eyed **beard→moustache→a few grey** hairs a **frechled** girl curly, wavy, straight hair **crew-cut, bald, receding** hair **thin≠thick** hair

#### CHARACTERS

**intelligent = smart = bright = brainy = clever** →quick to learn **able** (SKILFUL)→clever or good at what you do **talented = gifted** <u>shrewd</u>→clear understanding and good judgment of a situation, resulting in an advantage

dumb = half-wit→stupid and annoying foolish = silly = brainless = daft → lacking in judgment simple→easily deceived; not experienced dim→not bright; not giving or having much light

**cunning**→clever at planning sth so that you get what you want, esp. by tricking other people **sly**→able to deceive people in a clever way **craft**→(a job or activity needing) skill and experience, esp. in relation to making objects

optimistic≠pessimistic extroverted≠introverted relaxed≠tense <u>easy-going</u> = even-tempered

**sensible**→having an awareness or understanding of a situation **down-to-earth**→practical, direct or ordinary

sensitive→easily influenced, changed or damaged, esp. by a
physical activity or effect
sociable = gregarious
quarelsome = argumentative
cruel = sadistic

rude = impolite = ill-mannered →not polite; offensive or embarrassing discourteous →rude and not considering other people's feelings blunt →saying what you think without trying to be polite abrupt → not friendly or polite and using few words brusque →quick and rude in manner or speech curt →rude as a result of being very brief

#### honest = sincere trustworthy = <u>reliable</u> jealous = <u>envious</u> determined = <u>stubborn</u> = <u>obstinate</u> = pig-headed

#### <u>thrifty</u> = <u>economical</u>

**miserly** (adj.)  $\rightarrow$ a great desire to possess money and hatred to spend it, sometimes living in very unpleasant conditions because of this

**mean**→not willing to give or use (sth) freely; stingy **tight-fisted**→one who is unwilling to spend money

**self-assured**→having confidence in your own abilities **self-important**↔**full of oneself** (c.)

**arrogant**→unpleasantly proud and behaving as if you are more important than, or know more than, other people

<u>assertive</u> $\rightarrow$  behaving confidently and is not frightened to say what they want or believe

agressive⇔bossy (c.)

**original**→ special and interesting **peculiar**→unusual and strange, sometimes in an unpleasant way **weird**→very strange and unusual, unexpected or not natural; bizarre

eccentric→strange or unusual, sometimes in an amusing way odd→strange or unexpected

**frank** $\rightarrow$ honest, sincere and truthful, even when this might make other people uncomfortable $\rightarrow$ **direct open** $\rightarrow$ honest and not secretive

 $\underline{broadminded} \rightarrow willing to accept other people's behaviour and beliefs, esp. sexual behaviour$ 

**unprincipled**→having or showing no moral rules or standards of good behaviour

**permissive** $\rightarrow$ allowing behaviour which other people might disapprove = **lenient** also

**enquiring**→very eager to learn new things. <u>inquisitive</u>↔**nosy** (c.) **generous** $\rightarrow$ willing to give money, help, kindness, etc., esp. more than is usual or expected

extravagant→spending, using or doing more than necessary in an uncontrolled way

**innocent** $\rightarrow$ having no knowledge of the unpleasant, evil things in life **naive** $\rightarrow$ (too) willing to believe that someone is telling the truth, that people's intentions in general are good or that life is simple and fair. **ambitious** $\leftrightarrow$ **pushy** (c.)

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shy⇔timid
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to trick→to <u>deceive</u>

**punctual**-someone who always comes on time **absent minded** $\rightarrow$ one who doesn't know what is going around him, too occupate with one's minds **careless**—not taking or showing enough care and attention industrious→hard working **moody** $\rightarrow$ one who changes moods all the time **wittv** $\rightarrow$ one who makes amusing remarks **mutual** (adj.)→feeling the same emotion, or doing the same thing to or for each other bigoted→/disapproving/ who has strong opinion about different gender, politic, rase **academic** $\rightarrow$ relating to schools, colleges and universities, or connected with studying and thinking, not with practical skills **peer**→people of vour age **pursuit** of knowledge→looking for knowledge **robe**→lona dress **blindfold**  $(n_1, v_2) \rightarrow (to put on)$  a strip of cloth which covers someone's eyes to stop them from seeing **fable**→a story where animals speak **kniaht**→vitez anxiety→anxious to believe (v.)→a belief (n.) an opponent = a rival

# THE FARMER AND HIS SONS

moral $\rightarrow$ morality friend $\rightarrow$ friendship loyal $\rightarrow$ loyality neighbour $\rightarrow$ neighbourhood to **bury** (v.) $\rightarrow$ to put (a dead body) into the ground, or to put (sth) into a hole in the ground and cover it **puncture** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a small hole made by a sharp object, esp. in a tyre **vineyard** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a piece of land on which **vines**, plants which produce **grapes**, are grown treasure = wealth dead (adj.)→death (n.)

#### ART

What kind of a person should be an artist?

talented, artistic, creative, skillful, musical,...

to perform→performance→performer

**tone-deaf** $\rightarrow$  not able to recognize different notes or sing tunes accurately.

**conduct** (v.) MUSIC $\rightarrow$ to direct the preformance of (musician or a piece of music) $\rightarrow$ **conductor** (a person)

The one who plays the piano is **pianist**.

If you say that something is **music to your ears**, you mean that you are very pleased to hear it.

to  $hum \rightarrow$ to make a continuous low sound

**preface** (n.)-something which comes before and introduces something more important, esp. a piece of text at the beginning of a book explaining its aims

intervals between a play

a critic writes reviews

#### paperback≠hard back/cover

current≠out of date = absolete, no longer topical/in use/fashionable

at the and≠in the end (finnaly)

**conceit**  $(n.) \rightarrow too$  much pride or too much confidence in your general ability to perform particular actions or to achieve particular aims

**conceited** (adj.)→/disapproving/

He's a conceited young man who believes he's always right about everything.

<u>**dull**</u> (BORING) (adj.) $\rightarrow$ not interesting or exciting in any way **gripping** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ interesting or exciting

I found the book so gripping that I could not stop reading it from start to finish.

**blurb** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a short summary on the back of the book invent**or**. sculpt**or** 

librar**ian**, politisian, histor**ian** 

**praise**  $(v.) \rightarrow to$  express admiration or approval about the achievements or characteristics of (a person or thing)

#### to **announce**→to make an **announcement**

 $wide {\rightarrow} width$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{long} \rightarrow \text{length} \\ \text{deep} \rightarrow \text{depth} \\ \text{warm} \rightarrow \text{warmth} \end{array}$ 

strong→strength

high→height

# THE WRITER, THE PAINTER AND THE MUSICIAN

**outnumber**  $(v_{i}) \rightarrow to$  be greater in number than painfully **grief-stricken**→extremely sad **dispensary**  $(n.) \rightarrow a$  place where medicines are prepared and given out, often in a hospital useful≠useless **subsequent** (adj.)→happening after sth else nervous breakdown **abandon**  $(v) \rightarrow to$  leave (a place, thing or person) forever **bitter** feelings≠**resentful** angry **limelight**  $(n) \rightarrow$  receiving a lot of public attention and interest popular→**popularity** (to) poison (v., n.)→**poisonous** (adj.) to breathe→**breath** a genious  $\leftrightarrow$  a **prodigery**  $\rightarrow$  a child with extrodenery skills and abilities thorougly (adv.)→completely **doting**→loving **sibling**→a brother or a sister **pigeon**  $(n) \rightarrow a$  large usually grey bird, which is often seen in towns sitting on buildings in large groups, and is sometimes eaten as food **amateur**≠proffesional **feature**  $(n) \rightarrow an$  esp. typical guality or important part **spill**  $(v) \rightarrow to$  (cause to) fall or spread beyond the limits of sth **lifelike** (adi.)↔real **onwards**↔from then **undisputedly**↔unguestioned to apologize→an apology influenza↔flue to lose  $(v_{.}) \rightarrow loss$   $(n_{.})$ **battered** (adj.) $\rightarrow$  damaged, esp. by being used a lot.

to **spot** (v.) $\rightarrow$ to see or notice, usually when it involves looking hard **bustling** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ full of busy activity **steamy** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ hot and humid to **tap** $\rightarrow$ to hit (sth) gently, and often repeatedly, esp. making short

to  $tap \rightarrow to hit (sth) gently, and often repeatedly, esp. making short sharp noises$ 

**tap,** US **faucet** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a device which controls the flow of liquid, esp. water, or gas

**thus**↔therefore

then (temporal meaning)

**than** (comparative meaning)

# NATIONALITIES

**discreet** (adj.)→careful, factful in what one says **bigot**  $(n_{n_{i}}) \rightarrow a$  person who has strong, unreasonable beliefs and who thinks that anyone who does not have the same beliefs is wrong→**bigoted** (adj.) **prejudice**  $(n) \rightarrow when you show dislike based on language, feature,$ **sophisticated** = **refined** = **elaborate**→ having a good understanding of the way people behave and a good knowledge of culture and fashion **reserved**—the habit of not showing your feelings or thoughts **hospitable** (adj.)→friendly and welcoming to guests and visitors -> host -> hospitality **hospitable**  $\neq$  **hostile** (adj.) $\rightarrow$  **hostility** (n.) **casual** = informal tolerant (adj.)→tolerance (n.) lazv (adi.)→laziness **respectful**→one who pays respect **respected**→one who is respected **respectable**→one who deserve to be respected womanizer **connoisseur** one who has good taste in food, wine,...

# A WORLD GUIDE TO GOOD MANNER

to **exceed**→to go over or beyond **increase**→to grow in size**≠decrease quidebook**→a traveller needs it etiquette (n.)→code of behaviour to behave  $(v_{.}) \rightarrow$  behaviour  $(n_{.})$ to assume  $(v_{.}) \rightarrow assumption (n_{.})$ customary (adj.)→usual **customs** (plural n.) $\rightarrow$ money paid to the government when you take particular goods from one country to another foreigner (n.)→foreign (adj.) seldom (adv.)→almost never→rarely→sometimes≠often (stopnievanie!) **executive**≠someone who holds an important possition in a company sole $\rightarrow$ the bottom of your shoes senior→seniority essential (adj.)→very imporatnat=vital to **bow**→to bend forward

to have a  $\underline{stiff\ upper\ lip} {\rightarrow} smb$  who does not show his feelings when he is upset

# SIGNS

to **browse**→to look for despite=inspite of **admission**→it is free or charged s **seat belt** (also **safety belt**)→a belt which fastens around someone who is travelling

### FILLING IN A FORM

to fill in a form <u>marital</u> (adj.)→to marry (v.) annual (adj.)=yearly to apply (v.)→applicable (adj.)→application (n.)→an applicant (a person) income (n.)→the amount of money you get yearly temporary≠permanent to reside→to live a resident (n.)→resedential (adj.) to own (v.)→an owner (a person) self employed→you are your own boss to work part/full time accurate→correct and without mistakes≠inaccurate

#### WHERE DO WE BUY THINGS

**news stand**→we buy magazines here an **off-licence**→where you buy alcoholic drinks **butchers**→where you buy a joint of beef a **hardware shop**→where you buy tehnical equipments **stationer**→where you buy office equipments (envelopes, writing equipments)

# A WEATHER FORECAST

geographical features (characteristics)
climate
backbone=spine (hrbtenica)
drier-sunnier
wetter-rainy
arable=suitable for growing crops
densily populated=heavily populated
dense (adj.)
→thick
→dense fog
→stupid (informal)

**famed for**→**renowned** (elebrated, famous for) vast (adj.)→very large in area, size, quantity, degree **mining**  $(n) \rightarrow a$  process of getting coal, precious stones **mist**  $(n.) \rightarrow cloud$  of minute drops of water, just above the ground; less thick than fog **chillv**→rather cold: unpleasantly cold **foqqy**→**foqqier**→the **foqqiest hazv**→unclear **humid**→hot and damp (slightly wet) **drizzle**→light rain hailstorm→a sudden heavy fall of hail (small hard balls of ice)-toča **downpour** (n.)→heavy rain **flood** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a large amount of water that covers an area that is usually dry→**flooded** (adj.)-poplava **drought**→no rain for a long time **breeze** (n.)→light wind breeze→**wind**→**gale**→**hurricane overcast**→cloudy

### TRAVELLING

no **vacancy**→no available room **youth hostel** a **fortnight**→a period of two weeks an **accommodation** 

# WORD OF THE DAY

to **snigger** (v.) $\rightarrow$ to laugh quitly and often unkindly at sth which is not ment to be funny

**aghast** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ to be shocked by horror, frighetened to outnumber the disadvantages of watching TV

**semblance** (n.) $\rightarrow$ appearance of being sth; likeness to sth

Bring the meeting to some sembiance of order

eloquent (adj.)→talkative, communicative

A person who is eloquent is good at speaking and able to persuade people

**coy** (adj.)→shy, bashful, demure

**reckless** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ rash, not thinking of the consequences

**insipid** (adj.)→dull or tasteless

I'm done watching this insipid television program.

innate (adj.)→inborn, natural

panache→confident, stylish manner

She talks with grat panache.

**to boast**  $(v.) \rightarrow to talk$  about one's own achievements abilities with too much pride $\rightarrow$ to show off

**feisty** (adj).) $\rightarrow$  being frisky and exuberant, smd who is very opiniated, energetic

#### **beneath**→under, below

Ex.:The Citizen is beneath the president.

**bold** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ confident and brave of without feelings of shame Ex.:I don't feel bold enough to do it.

**penitence** (n.)→sorrow and regret→**penitent** (adj.)

ex.:He expressed suitable penitence for what he had done.

to **pelt**  $(v.) \rightarrow$ to attack sb by throughing things at them

ex.:The children pelted hum with snowballs.

to **muffle**  $(v.) \rightarrow to$  wrap or envelop un a cloth; esp. it keep warm; to deaten or prevent sound; to muffle drums

ex.:muffle up the children before they go out

**gossip**  $(n., v.) \rightarrow$  to talk about the affairs of other people

**slamming** /informal/ (adj.)→very attractive, amazing cool

**inevitable** (adj.) $\rightarrow$ if sth is inevitable bound to happen (it is certain to happen)

ex.: If this policy continous his violence is inevitable.

**high** (n.) $\rightarrow$ a state of enphorm or high spirits

ham-fisted (adj.) $\rightarrow$ Lacking skill when using hands or when dealing with people

ex.:He can't tie a knot that rope-he's too ham-fisted

vague (adj.)→not clear, not distinct

ex.:This painting has vague lines.