

fundamentalist /ˌfʌndə'mentəlɪst/ *noun* [C] **RELIGION** someone who believes that the rules of their religion should be followed exactly
 • **fundamentalist** *adjective*

fundamentals /ˌfʌndə'mentl̩z/ *noun* [plural] the main principles, or most important parts of something

funding /ˈfʌndɪŋ/ *noun* [U] **FINANCE** money given by a government or organization for an event or activity *The company received state funding for the project.*

fundraiser /ˈfʌndreɪzə/ *noun* [C] **FINANCE** a person or an event that collects money for a particular purpose

fundraising /ˈfʌndreɪzɪŋ/ *noun* [U] **FINANCE** when you collect money for a particular purpose *a fundraising event*

o → **funeral** /ˈfjuːnərəl/ *noun* [C] a ceremony for burying or burning the body of a dead person

funeral director *UK (US 'funeral director)* *noun* [C] someone whose job is to organize funerals and prepare dead bodies to be buried or burned

fungus /ˈfʌŋɡəs/ *noun* [C, U] *plural fungi* or **funguses** **BIOLOGY** a type of plant without leaves and without green colouring which gets its food from other living or decaying things

funk /fʌŋk/ *noun* [U] **MUSIC** a style of popular music with a strong rhythm that is influenced by African and jazz music

funky /ˈfʌŋki/ *adjective* *informal* **1** fashionable in an unusual and noticeable way *She's got some very funky clothes.* **2 MUSIC** Funky music has a strong rhythm, and is good to dance to.

funnel /ˈfʌnl̩/ *noun* [C] **1** [LIQUID] a tube with a wide part at the top that you use to pour liquid or powder into something that has a small opening ☞ See picture at **filtrate** **2** [SMOKE] a metal pipe on the top of a ship or train which smoke comes out of



funnel

funnily /ˈfʌnli/ *adverb* *UK* **funnily enough** although it seems strange and surprising *Funnily enough, I was just thinking about you when you called.*

o → **funny** /ˈfʌni/ *adjective* **1** [MAKING YOU LAUGH] making you smile or laugh *a funny story* ○ *It's not funny. Don't laugh!* **2** [STRANGE] strange or unusual and not what you expect *This chicken tastes a bit funny.*

COMMON LEARNER ERROR

fun or funny?

Use **fun** to talk about something which you enjoy doing. *Going to the cinema is fun.*

Use **funny** to describe something which makes you laugh.

The film was really funny.

OTHER WAYS OF SAYING funny

The adjective **amusing** is a more formal alternative to 'funny': *I gave her an article that I thought she would find amusing.*

If something is extremely funny, you can use the adjectives **hilarious** or (*informal*) **hysterical**: *I've just read his autobiography - it's absolutely hilarious/hysterical.*

If someone talks in a way that is clever and funny, you can use the adjective **witty**: *He was a very witty man.*

The adjective **comical** is sometimes used if someone or something looks funny: *She looked so comical in that hat!*

If you want to describe a person as very funny, in informal situations you can use the expressions to be a **good laugh** (*UK*) and be a **scream**. *You'd like Amanda - she's a scream/good laugh.*

o → **fur** /fɜː/ *noun* **1** **BIOLOGY** [U] the thick hair that covers the bodies of some animals like cats and rabbits **2** [C, U] the skin of an animal covered in thick hair and used for making clothes, or a piece of clothing made from this

furious /ˈfjʊəriəs/ *adjective* **1** [ANGRY] extremely angry *He's furious at the way he's been treated.* ○ *My boss was furious with me.* **2** [ENERGETIC] very energetic or fast *a furious attack*
 • **furiously** *adverb*

furlong /ˈfɜːlɒŋ/ *noun* [C] **MEASURES, SPORT** a unit of length used in horse races equal to 201 metres

furnace /ˈfɜːnɪs/ *noun* [C] a container which is heated to a very high temperature and used to heat buildings, melt metal, or burn things

furnish /ˈfɜːnɪʃ/ *verb* [T] to put furniture into a room or building *They have furnished the room very simply.*

furnish sb with sth *phrasal verb* *formal* to provide someone with something *Can you furnish me with any further information?*

furnished /ˈfɜːnɪʃt/ *adjective* If a room or building is furnished, there is furniture in it.

furnishings /ˈfɜːnɪʃɪŋz/ *noun* [plural] the furniture, curtains and other decorations in a room or building

WORD PARTNERS FOR furniture

a piece of furniture • garden/office furniture • antique furniture

o → **furniture** /ˈfɜːnɪtʃə/ *noun* [U] objects such as chairs, tables, and beds that you put into a room or building *antique furniture*

furore /fjʊəˈrɔːri/ *UK (US furor* /ˈfjʊərə/) *noun* [no plural] a sudden, excited, or angry reaction to something by a lot of people *The book caused a furore when it was published.*

furrow /ˈfʌrəʊ/ *noun* [C] **1** **FARMING** a deep line cut into a field that seeds are planted in **2** [FACE] a deep line on someone's face, especially above their eyes

furrow /ˈfʌrəʊ/ *verb* **furrow your brow** to make deep lines appear on your face above your eyes *He furrowed his brow as he struggled to think of a solution.*

furry /'fɜːri/ *adjective* covered with fur or with something that feels like fur

further¹ /'fɜːðə/ *adverb* **1** [MORE] more *He refused to discuss the matter further.* ○ *Have you got any further* (= achieved any more) *with your research?* **2** [PLACE/TIME] (*comparative of far*) at or to a place or time that is a longer distance away *Let's walk a bit further down the road.*

further² /'fɜːðə/ *adjective* [always before noun] more or extra *For further details about the offer, call this number.* ○ *We will let you know if there are any further developments.*

further³ /'fɜːðə/ *verb* [T] to make something develop or become more successful *He'll do anything to further his career.*

further education *noun* [U] UK **EDUCATION** education at a college for people who have left school but are not at a university

furthermore /'fɜːðə'mɔː/ [US] /'fɜːrðə'mɔːr/ *adverb* in addition to what has just been said

furthest /'fɜːðɪst/ *adjective, adverb* (*superlative of far*) most distant

furtive /'fɜːtɪv/ *adjective* doing something secretly, or done secretly, so that people do not notice *He gave her a furtive glance as soon as his wife left the room.* • **furtively** *adverb*

fury /'fjʊəri/ *noun* [U, no plural] extreme anger *He could hardly control his fury.*

fuse¹ /'fjuːz/ *noun* [C] **1 PHYSICS** a small object that stops electrical equipment working if there is too much electricity going through it *The fuse has blown. You'll have to change it.* ○ a **fuse box** **2** [BOMB] the part of a bomb or other explosive object that starts the explosion *Light the fuse, and then stand back.*

fuse² /'fjuːz/ *verb* [I, T] **1 PHYSICS** UK If a piece of electrical equipment fuses, or if you fuse it, it stops working because there is too much electricity going through it. *You've fused the lights.* **2** to join or become combined *The bones of the skull are not properly fused at birth.*

fuselage /'fjuːzələ/ *noun* [C] the main body of an aircraft

fusion /'fjuːzən/ *noun* [C, U] **1 PHYSICS** when two or more things join or become combined *nuclear fusion* ○ *She describes her music as a fusion of folk and rock.* **2 PHYSICS** the process of joining two nuclei (= central parts of atoms) to produce energy

fuss¹ /fəs/ *noun* **1** [U, no plural] when people become excited, annoyed, or anxious about something, especially about something unimportant *What's all the fuss about?* ○ *They were making a big fuss over nothing.* **2 kick up/make a fuss** to complain about something *If they don't bring our food soon, I'll have to kick up a fuss.* **3 make a fuss of/over sb** to give someone a lot of attention and treat them well *My uncle always makes a big fuss of the children.*

fuss² /fəs/ *verb* [I] to worry too much or get too excited, especially about unimportant things *Please don't fuss, Mum. Everything's under control.*

fuss over sb/sth *phrasal verb* to give someone or something too much attention because you want to show that you like them

fussy /'fʌsi/ *adjective* **1** [NOT LIKING] only liking particular things and very difficult to please *She's a very fussy eater.* **2** [CAREFUL] too careful about unimportant details **3** [TOO COMPLICATED] if something is fussy, it is too complicated in design and has too many details.

futile /'fjuːtəl/ [US] /'fjuːtəl/ *adjective* certain not to have a successful effect or result *a futile attempt to escape* • **futility** /'fjuː'tɪlɪ/ *noun* [U] when something is futile

futon /'fuːtən/ *noun* [C] a flat bed filled with soft material that can be used on the floor or on a wooden base, or folded into a seat

WORD PARTNERS FOR future

the distant/foreseeable/near future • plan for/predict the future • in the future

future¹ /'fjuːtʃə/ *noun* **1** the future a [TIME TO COME] the time which is to come *He likes to plan for the future.* ○ *They hope to get married in the near future* (= soon). **b LANGUAGE** In grammar, the future is the form of the verb used to talk about something that will happen. **2 in future** UK (*mainly US in the future*) beginning from now *In future, I'll be more careful about who I lend my bike to.* **3** [WHAT WILL HAPPEN] [C] what will happen to someone or something in the time which is to come *We need to discuss the future of the company.* **4** [SUCCESS] [U, no plural] the chance of continuing to exist or succeed *She's got a very promising future ahead of her.*

future² /'fjuːtʃə/ *adjective* [always before noun] **1** happening or existing in the time which is to come *future plans* ○ *in future years* ○ *What will we leave for future generations?* **2 future tense** **LANGUAGE** the form of the verb which is used to talk about something that will happen

the future perfect *noun* **LANGUAGE** the form of the verb which is used to show that an action will have been completed before a particular time in the future. The sentence 'I'll probably have left by then.' is in the future perfect.

futuristic /,fjuːtʃə'rɪstɪk/ *adjective* very modern and strange and seeming to come from some imagined time in the future *a futuristic steel building*

fuzzy /'fʌzi/ *adjective* **1** [NOT CLEAR] confused and not clear *We could only get a fuzzy picture on the television.* **2** [WITH HAIRS] covered in soft, short hairs, or material like this *a fuzzy kitten* ○ *fuzzy slippers*

fuzzy logic *noun* [U] a way of solving questions in which statements or opinions are formed from information which is not clear or definite

FYI *internet abbreviation for* for your information: used when you send someone a document or tell them something you think they should know about