

Vocabulary Unit 6

myth /miθ/ ●●● **S3** **W3** **noun** [countable, uncountable] 🔊 🔊

1 an idea or story that many people believe, but which is not true **SYN** fallacy

myth of

🔊 the myth of male superiority

myth that

🔊 It was important to dispel the myth that AIDS was a gay disease.

2 an ancient story, especially one invented in order to explain natural or historical events →

mythology

🔊 a book of Greek myths

myth of

🔊 the myth of Orpheus

🔊 the giants of myth and fairytale

prove /pru:v/ ●●● **S2** **W1** **verb** (*past tense* **proved**, *past participle* **proved** or **proven** /'pru:vən/ especially American English) 🔊 🔊

1 **SHOW SOMETHING IS TRUE** [transitive] to show that something is true by providing facts, information etc → **proof**

🔊 You're wrong, and I can prove it.

prove (that)

🔊 Tests have proved that the system works.

prove something to somebody

🔊 I knew he had done it, but there was no way I could prove it to Eddie.

prove somebody's guilt/innocence

🔊 He claims the police destroyed records that could prove the officer's guilt.

vet¹ /vet/ ●●○ **S3** **noun** [countable] 🔊 🔊

1 (also **veterinary surgeon** British English *formal*) someone who is trained to give medical care and treatment to sick animals **SYN** **veterinarian** American English ▶ see thesaurus at **doctor**

an·cient¹ /'eɪnʃənt/ ●●● **W2** adjective 🔊 🔊

1 belonging to a time long ago in history, especially thousands of years ago **OPP** modern

🔊 the ancient civilizations of Asia

ancient Greece/Egypt/Rome

🔊 the religion of ancient Egypt

2 having existed for a very long time **OPP** new

🔊 an ancient walled city

🔊 an ancient forest

crea·ture /'kri:tʃə \$ -ər/ ●●● **W3** noun [countable] 🔊 🔊

1 **LIVING THING** anything that is living, such as an animal, fish, or insect, but not a plant

🔊 all the **living creatures** in the sea

creatures of the deep (=animals and fish that live in the ocean)

the Middle Ages

the period in European history between about 1100 and 1500 AD

rea·lize (also **realise** *British English*) /'ri:əlaɪz/ ●●● **S1** **W1** verb [transitive] 🔊 🔊

1 **UNDERSTAND** to know and understand something, or suddenly begin to understand it
realize (that)

🔊 I suddenly realized that the boy was crying.

🔊 Do you realize you're an hour late?

realize who/what/how etc

🔊 I'm sorry, I didn't realize who you were.

🔊 It took us a while to realize the extent of the tragedy.

🔊 It was only later that I realized my mistake.

appear

verb

UK  /əˈpiəʃ/ US  /əˈpɪr/

appear verb (BE PRESENT)

Add to word list 

B1 [1]

to start to be seen or to be present:

- *He suddenly appeared in the doorway.*
- *We'd been in the house a month when dark stains started appearing on the wall.*
- *His name appears in the film credits for lighting.*

a·mazed /əˈmeɪzd/ ●●● **S2** adjective  

very surprised **SYN** astonished

amazed (that)/how

 I'm amazed you've never heard of the Rolling Stones.

 You'd be amazed how much money you can save.

amazed at/by

 We were **absolutely amazed** at his rapid recovery.

amazed to see/find/discover something

 Visitors are often amazed to discover how little the town has changed.

rare·ly /ˈreəli \$ ˈrerli/ ●●● **W2** adverb  

not often **OPP** frequently

 She very rarely complains.

 This method is rarely used in modern laboratories.

vi·o·lent /'vaɪələnt/ ●●● S3 W3 adjective 🔊 🔊

- 1 involving actions that are intended to injure or kill people, by hitting them, shooting them etc
🔊 the increase in **violent crime**
🔊 violent clashes between the police and demonstrators
🔊 Thirty-one people have been injured in violent incidents throughout the day.
🔊 The riots ended in the violent deaths of three teenagers.
- 2 someone who is violent is likely to attack, hurt, or kill other people **SYN** aggressive
🔊 My father was a violent and dangerous man.
🔊 He had a reputation for **turning violent** (=suddenly attacking people).

bad-tempered ●●○ adjective British English 🔊 🔊

someone who is bad-tempered becomes easily annoyed and talks in an angry way to people

SYN irritable ▶ see [thesaurus](#) at **angry**

cen·tu·ry /'sentʃəri/ ●●● S2 W1 noun (plural centuries) [countable] 🔊 🔊

- 1 one of the 100-year periods measured from before or after the year of Christ's birth
the 11th/18th/21st etc century
🔊 The church was built in the 13th century.
the next/last century
🔊 by the beginning of the next century
🔊 the story of life on a small farm at **the turn of the century** (=the beginning of the century)

fa·mil·i·ar /fə'mɪliə \$ -ər/ ●●○ S3 W2 adjective 🔊 🔊

- 1 someone or something that is familiar is well-known to you and easy to recognize
🔊 a familiar tune
look/sound familiar
🔊 The voice on the phone sounded familiar.
be familiar to somebody
🔊 The signs of drug addiction are familiar to most doctors.
🔊 It was a relief to be back in **familiar surroundings**.

be familiar with something

to have a good knowledge or understanding of something

🔊 Are you familiar with this type of machine?

🔊 I'm not familiar with her poetry.

pol·i·ti·cian /ˌpɒləˈtɪʃən \$ ˌpɑː-/ ●●● **W2** noun [countable] 🔊 🔊

1 someone who works in politics, especially an elected member of the government

🔊 politicians who are trying to get the minority vote

🔊 a British Labour politician

frightened feeling worried because you might get hurt or because something bad might happen

I was too frightened to say anything.

Many animals are frightened of fireworks.

Frightened residents called the police as the gang started throwing bricks.

scared [**not before noun**] *especially spoken* frightened. **Scared** is less formal than **frightened** and is the usual word to use in everyday English

I'm scared of dogs.

Old people are too scared to go out of their homes.

afraid [**not before noun**] frightened. **Afraid** sounds more formal than **frightened** or **scared**

Children are often afraid of the dark.

I was afraid that I might say the wrong thing.

terrified very frightened

He looked terrified as the plane took off.

James was absolutely terrified of losing his only child.

He dragged the terrified woman into his car.

petrified very frightened – used especially when you are so frightened that you cannot think or move

She's absolutely petrified of spiders.

scared stiff/scared to death *informal* very frightened

I had to make a speech, and I was scared stiff.

She was scared to death of her father.