



○ **appropriate** [əprəʊpriət] *adj.*

When a thing is **appropriate**, it is right or normal.

→ *It's **appropriate** to wear a suit when you go to the office.*



○ **avoid** [əvɔɪd] *v.*

To **avoid** something is to stay away from it.

→ ***Avoid** the broken bottle on the floor.*



○ **behave** [bihéiv] *v.*

To **behave** is to act in a particular way, especially to be good.

→ *She always **behaves** well when her father is around.*



○ **calm** [kɑ:m] *adj.*

When someone is **calm**, they do not get excited or upset.

→ *A nice warm bath makes me feel so **calm**.*



○ **concern** [kənsə:m] *n.*

**Concern** is a feeling of worry.

→ *I was filled with **concern** after reading the newspaper.*



○ **content** [kəntənt] *adj.*

To be **content** is to be happy and not want more.

→ *The baby looked very **content** sitting on the floor.*



○ **expect** [ɪkspékt] *v.*

If you **expect** something to happen, you believe it will happen.

→ *I **expect** the bus to be here very soon.*



○ **frequently** [frí:kwəntli] *adv.*

When something happens **frequently**, it happens often.

→ *We meet **frequently**, either at the beginning or ending of the week.*



○ **habit** [hæbit] *n.*

A **habit** is a thing that you do often.

→ *Smoking is a bad **habit** that can kill you.*



○ **instruct** [ɪnstrákt] *v.*

To **instruct** is to teach.

→ *My teacher **instructs** us in several subjects.*



- **issue** [ɪʃuː] *n.*  
An **issue** is an important topic.  
→ *The men spoke about **issues** that were important to the people.*



- **none** [nʌn] *pron.*  
**None** means not any of someone or something.  
→ *He spent all his money. There is **none** left.*



- **patient** [ˈpeɪjənt] *adj.*  
If a person is **patient**, they don't become angry or upset easily.  
→ *I had to be **patient** and wait until 5 o'clock to leave.*



- **positive** [ˈpɒzətɪv] *adj.*  
If something is **positive**, it is good.  
→ *She has a **positive** future ahead of her after finishing college.*



- **punish** [ˈpʌnɪʃ] *v.*  
To **punish** means to make someone suffer for breaking the rules or laws.  
→ *To **punish** me, my teacher had me stand in the corner.*



- **represent** [ˌreprɪzənt] *v.*  
To **represent** is to speak or act for a person or group.  
→ *My lawyer will **represent** me in court.*



- **shake** [ʃeɪk] *v.*  
To **shake** is to move back and forth or up and down quickly.  
→ *When people **shake** hands, it usually means they agree.*



- **spread** [sprɛd] *v.*  
To **spread** is to move quickly to more places.  
→ *I like to **spread** butter on my toast.*



- **stroll** [strɔʊl] *v.*  
To **stroll** means to walk slowly and calmly.  
→ *My dog and I **strolled** through the park today.*



- **village** [ˈvɪlɪdʒ] *n.*  
A **village** is a very small town.  
→ *There are only a few houses in my **village**.*

# The Dog's Bell

John's dog was a bad dog. He bit people **frequently**. John had great **concern** about this. It was not an **appropriate** way for a dog to **behave**. His friends in the **village** always **expected** the dog to bite them. The news about John's dog **spread** through the village. **None** of the people wanted to go to John's house. John tried to **instruct** the dog to behave, but it never worked. He tried to be **patient** and teach the dog to be **calm**. That also didn't work. John didn't want to **punish** the dog. "How will I stop my dog's bad **habit**?" John asked himself.

John's friend came to talk to him about the **issue**. During their important meeting, his friend said, "The people in the village asked me to **represent** them. We want your dog to stop this habit. Why don't you put a bell around the dog's neck? This way, we would hear your dog coming down the street."

John thought this was a great idea. Now, people could stay away from the dog. It would not be able to bite anyone anymore.

The dog liked the bell, too. People looked at him when they heard his bell. This made the dog very **content**. He liked the song the bell played when he walked.

One day, John's dog **strolled** through the village and met some other dogs. He expected them to want a bell like his. But they laughed at his bell. They said the bell made people **avoid** him. John's dog **shook** his head. "No, they look at me because they like the bell."

The other dogs said, "You have the wrong idea of what makes you popular. Of course they like your bell. It tells them where you are so they can avoid you. You aren't able to bite them anymore!"

You see, being popular isn't something **positive** when it's for the wrong reason.

