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a **rebellion** /rɪ'belɪən/ **noun**
 an act of fighting against the government of a country

b **rebuild** /rɪ:'bɪld/ **verb (rebuilt)**
B1 to build something again after it has been damaged: *The cathedral was rebuilt after the fire.*

c **receipt** /rɪ'si:t/ **noun**
A2 a piece of paper that proves that you have received goods or money: *Could I have a receipt?*

d **receive** /rɪ'si:v/ **verb (receiving, received)**

Common mistake: receive
 Learners often spell **receive** wrong. Remember that the **e** comes before the **i**.

e **A2** to get something that someone has given or sent to you: *Occasionally, he receives letters from fans.*

f **recent** /rɪ:'sɛnt/ **adj**
B1 happening or starting from a short time ago: *a recent photo* ◦ *In recent years, sales have decreased.*

g **recently** /rɪ:'sɛntli/ **adv**
B1 not long ago: *Have you seen any good movies recently?*

h **reception** /rɪ'sepʃən/ **noun**
1 B1 the place in a hotel or office building where people go when they arrive: *Ask for me at reception.*
2 a formal party to celebrate a special event or to welcome someone: *a wedding reception*

i **receptionist** /rɪ'sepʃənɪst/ **noun**
A2 someone who works in a hotel or office and answers the telephone and deals with visitors when they arrive: *a hotel receptionist*

j **recipe** /'resɪpi/ **noun**
B1 a list of foods and a set of instructions telling you how to cook something: *a recipe for carrot cake*

k **reckless** /'rekləs/ **adj**
 doing something dangerous and not caring about what might happen: *reckless driving*
 • **recklessly** **adv**

l **reckon** /'rekən/ **verb**
1 to think that something is probably true: *I reckon he likes her.*

2 to guess that a particular number is correct: *His fortune is reckoned at \$5 million.*

m **recognition** /,rekə'gɪʃən/ **noun**
1 the act of accepting that something is true or real: *There is a growing recognition of the size of the problem.*
2 [no plural] the act of remembering something or someone because you have seen them before: *I waved at her, but she showed no sign of recognition.*

n **recognize** /'rekənaɪz/ **verb (recognizing, recognized)**
1 B1 to know someone or something because you have seen them before: *I recognized her from her picture.*
2 to accept that something is true or real: *Smoking is recognized as a leading cause of lung cancer.*

o **recommend** /,rekə'mend/ **verb**

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1 B1 to say that someone or something is good or suitable for a particular purpose: *Can you recommend a good wine to go with this dish?*

2 to advise someone that something should be done: *The report recommends that tourists avoid the region.*

p **recommendation** /,rekə'men'deɪʃən/ **noun**
 a suggestion that someone or something is good or suitable for a particular purpose: *I bought this book on Andy's recommendation.*

q **record¹** /'rekɔ:d/ **noun**
1 B1 the best, biggest, longest, tallest, etc.: *He holds the world record for 100 metres.*

2 B1 a song or music which has been recorded and which is available for the public to buy: *My favourite Beatles record is 'Love Me Do'.*

3 information that is written on paper or stored on computer so that it can be used in the future: *medical records*
 ◦ *My teacher keeps a record of my absences.*

4 A person's or company's record is