

# Great Verbs

# To leverage

## Definitions (verb – British English):

1. **To use (something) to achieve a desired result:**

*She leveraged her experience to get a better role.*

2. **(In business): To use borrowed capital or existing assets to increase the potential return of an investment:**

*The company leveraged its assets to expand into new markets.*

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## Example Sentences:

- He leveraged his contacts in the industry to land the contract.
- The start-up leveraged social media to grow its brand quickly.
- The investor leveraged £10,000 into a £100,000 property deal.

# Chapter One

# Describing People

artistic, supportive, adventurous, talkative, reliable, patient, ambitious, sporty, creative, considerate, conscientious, helpful, talented, caring, confident, knowledgeable, humorous, generous, sociable, punctual

Root Word	Derivative	Word Type	Definition	Example Sentence
<b>art</b>	art	noun	The expression or application of human creativity and imagination, typically in a visual form.	She studied modern art at university and now works in a gallery.
<b>art</b>	artistic	adjective	Showing creative skill or taste.	The room had an artistic feel with all the paintings and sculptures.
<b>art</b>	artist	noun	A person who creates art, such as painting or drawing.	Picasso was a famous artist known for his unique style.
<b>art</b>	artistically	adverb	In a creative or skillful manner.	She arranged the flowers artistically in the vase.
<b>support</b>	support	verb	To help or back someone or something.	He supports his family by working two jobs.
<b>support</b>	supportive	adjective	Providing encouragement or emotional help.	She's very supportive of her friends during hard times.
<b>support</b>	supporter	noun	A person who approves of and encourages someone or something.	He is a strong supporter of animal rights.
<b>adventure</b>	adventure	noun	An unusual and exciting or daring experience.	They went on an adventure through the jungle.
<b>adventure</b>	adventurous	adjective	Willing to take risks or try out new experiences.	He's an adventurous traveller who loves exploring remote areas.
<b>talk</b>	talk	verb	To speak in order to give information or express ideas or feelings.	We talked about our holiday plans last night.
<b>talk</b>	talkative	adjective	Fond of or given to talking a lot.	The talkative boy kept the whole class entertained with his stories.
<b>rely</b>	rely	verb	To depend on with full trust or confidence.	You can rely on her to finish the project on time.
<b>rely</b>	reliable	adjective	Consistently good in quality or performance; able to be trusted.	He is a reliable worker who never misses a deadline.
<b>patience</b>	patient	adjective	Able to accept or tolerate delays, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious.	She is very patient with her younger siblings.
<b>patience</b>	patience	noun	The capacity to accept or tolerate delay or trouble without getting angry.	You need a lot of patience to teach small children.
<b>ambition</b>	ambition	noun	A strong desire to do or achieve something.	His ambition is to become a doctor.
<b>ambition</b>	ambitious	adjective	Having a strong desire for success or achievement.	She's very ambitious and wants to become the CEO of the company one day.
<b>sport</b>	sport	noun	An activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes.	Football is his favourite sport.
<b>sport</b>	sporty	adjective	Fond of or good at sports.	He's very sporty and plays basketball every weekend.
<b>create</b>	create	verb	To bring something into existence.	She created a beautiful painting in just two hours.
<b>create</b>	creative	adjective	Having good imagination or original ideas.	He's a creative writer with many published stories.
<b>create</b>	creativity	noun	The use of imagination or original ideas to create something.	Creativity is important in problem-solving.
<b>consider</b>	consider	verb	To think about something carefully.	We considered moving to another city.
<b>consider</b>	considerate	adjective	Showing concern for the feelings of others.	She's always considerate of other people's needs.
<b>conscience</b>	conscience	noun	A person's moral sense of right and wrong.	He has a guilty conscience about lying.

<b>conscience</b>	conscientious	adjective	Wishing to do one's work or duty well and thoroughly.	She's a conscientious student who always completes her homework on time.
<b>help</b>	help	verb	To make it easier or possible for someone to do something.	Can you help me lift this box?
<b>help</b>	helpful	adjective	Giving or ready to give help.	The staff were very helpful and polite.
<b>talent</b>	talent	noun	A natural ability to do something well.	He has a talent for music.
<b>talent</b>	talented	adjective	Having a natural aptitude or skill for something.	She's a talented artist who sells her paintings online.
<b>care</b>	care	noun	The provision of what is necessary for the health or protection of someone or something.	He gave the dog special care after it was injured.
<b>care</b>	caring	adjective	Displaying kindness and concern for others.	She's a very caring nurse who listens to her patients.
<b>confidence</b>	confidence	noun	A feeling of self-assurance arising from one's abilities or qualities.	She has great confidence in her public speaking.
<b>confidence</b>	confident	adjective	Feeling or showing confidence in oneself.	He was confident during the job interview and answered all questions well.
<b>know</b>	know	verb	To be aware of through observation, inquiry, or information.	I know that she's from Brazil.
<b>know</b>	knowledge	noun	Facts, information, and skills acquired through experience or education.	His knowledge of history is impressive.
<b>know</b>	knowledgeable	adjective	Well informed; intelligent.	She is very knowledgeable about art history.
<b>humour</b>	humour	noun	The quality of being amusing or comic.	His sense of humour makes everyone laugh.
<b>humour</b>	humorous	adjective	Funny or making you laugh.	That was a humorous story about his holiday mishap.
<b>generosity</b>	generous	adjective	Showing a readiness to give more of something, such as money or time.	He is generous with both his time and money.
<b>generosity</b>	generosity	noun	The quality of being kind and generous.	Her generosity to strangers is remarkable.
<b>social</b>	sociable	adjective	Willing to talk and engage in activities with other people.	She's very sociable and loves meeting new people.
<b>punctual</b>	punctual	adjective	Happening or doing something at the agreed or proper time.	He's always punctual and arrives at meetings early.
<b>punctual</b>	punctuality	noun	The fact or quality of being on time.	Punctuality is important in professional settings.

## Describing people Dialogue

**Emma:** "Hey Jack, what did you think of the trip to the mountain?"

**Jack:** "Oh, it was amazing! The whole experience was so adventurous. I love how we got to explore the wild trails, even though the weather was unpredictable."

**Emma:** "I agree! It was so fun. You were definitely the most sporty one in our group. I'm glad you were there to encourage us to keep going."

**Jack:** "Thanks! I'm always up for a challenge. I've been trying to stay in shape, you know? But I have to admit, your artistic skills really stood out. I couldn't stop looking at the sketches you made of the mountain scenery."

**Emma:** "Aww, thanks! I just love capturing moments like that. I think it's important to be creative, especially when you're surrounded by nature. Plus, the view was so inspiring!"

**Jack:** "Absolutely! You know, it's one of the things I admire about you—you're always so considerate. You took the time to show me how to sketch the trees properly, even though we were running short on time."

**Emma:** *"Of course! I couldn't leave you hanging. You've always been reliable, and I wanted to help you. It's nice to know I can count on you, too."*

**Jack:** *"I appreciate that. But speaking of help, I noticed how patient you were when we got lost on the trail. You didn't even freak out, even though we were all starting to get worried."*

**Emma:** *"Well, I just wanted to stay calm. I think being patient is key in those situations. Plus, it's a good thing we had Sarah there with us—she's so knowledgeable about the trails and nature. It made me feel more confident about finding our way back."*

**Jack:** *"Sarah is great! She's always so helpful, always ready with answers. I love how sociable she is, too. She talked to everyone during the trip and made us all feel like part of the team."*

**Emma:** *"Exactly! It's funny how she can be so humorous even when things get a bit tense. She had us all laughing when we couldn't figure out how to set up the tent."*

**Jack:** *"Right? And she's so generous with her time. She stayed up late just to make sure we were all comfortable. Not everyone would do that."*

**Emma:** *"You're right. And it's the little things like that that make her so considerate. Everyone on the trip showed a lot of care for each other."*

**Jack:** *"Totally. I also noticed that you were super punctual. Every time we needed to meet, you were there early. It made the trip so much smoother."*

**Emma:** *"Thanks, Jack. I think being punctual is important, especially when you're on a schedule. It shows respect for everyone's time."*

**Jack:** *"For sure. And it's just one of the many reasons I enjoy going on trips with you. You're ambitious, too. Always planning ahead and thinking about what's next. I can tell you're going places!"*

**Emma:** *"Thanks for saying that! I try to stay motivated, and it helps when I have such an amazing group of friends, like you, by my side."*

**Jack:** *"It's a team effort! We all have different strengths, and together we make the perfect crew."*

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Shy	shy	adjective	Nervous or uncomfortable about meeting or talking to people.	The shy student avoided eye contact during the presentation.
	shyness	noun	The quality of being shy.	Her shyness made it hard for her to make new friends.
Convict	convicted	adjective / verb (past)	Declared guilty of a criminal offence by a court.	He was convicted of fraud and sentenced to five years in prison.
	conviction	noun	A formal declaration that someone is guilty; a strong belief.	Despite the conviction, he maintained his innocence. / She spoke with great conviction.
Sue	sued	verb (past)	Took legal action against someone.	She sued the company for wrongful dismissal.
	lawsuit	noun	A legal case brought to settle a dispute.	The lawsuit lasted over two years.
Ordinary	ordinary	adjective	Normal, with no special or distinctive features.	He wore ordinary clothes, nothing fancy.
	ordinariness	noun	The quality of being ordinary.	The film's ordinariness made it relatable to many viewers.
Goofy	goofy	adjective	Silly, ridiculous, or mildly foolish.	He pulled a goofy face that made everyone laugh.
	goofiness	noun	The state of being silly or clumsy.	His goofiness was endearing rather than annoying.



<b>Clumsy</b>	clumsy	adjective	Awkward in movement or handling things.	She's too clumsy to carry a tray of drinks without spilling.
	clumsiness	noun	Lack of coordination or grace.	His clumsiness on the dance floor was part of his charm.
<b>Impulse</b>	impulsive	adjective	Acting without thinking carefully.	She made an impulsive decision to book a last-minute trip.
	impulsively	adverb	In a sudden, spontaneous way.	He impulsively bought a car he couldn't afford.
	impulsiveness	noun	Tendency to act suddenly without thought.	Her impulsiveness often led to regret.
<b>Punctual</b>	punctuality	noun	The quality of being on time.	Punctuality is a valued trait in the workplace.
<b>Addict</b>	addicted	adjective	Physically or mentally dependent on a substance or activity.	He became addicted to video games during the holidays.
	addiction	noun	A strong and harmful need to regularly do or have something.	Addiction to social media can affect sleep and focus.
	addict	noun	A person who is addicted.	He's a recovering drug addict.
<b>Compel</b>	compulsory	adjective	Required by rule or law.	Attending the safety training is compulsory.
	compulsion	noun	A force that makes someone do something.	He felt a compulsion to check his phone constantly.
	compel	verb	To force someone to do something.	The court can compel witnesses to testify.
<b>Shrink</b>	shrink	verb	To become smaller in size or amount.	My jumper shrank in the wash.
	shrinkage	noun	The process of becoming smaller.	Shrinkage of profits is a concern for the company.
	shrink	noun (informal)	A psychiatrist or psychologist.	He sees a shrink to help with anxiety.

# Speed Reading





