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tioned no names but we all knew who he was al-
luding to. يلمح

► **allusion** /ə'lu:ʒn/ *noun* [C,U] an act of speak-
ing about sth indirectly: *The play is full of*
allusions to classical mythology. تلميح، إشارة خفيفة

¶ **ally** /'ælaɪ/ *noun* [C] (*pl. allies*) **1** a country that
has an agreement to support another country, espe-
cially in a war: *France and its European allies*
◀ Look at **alliance** and **allied**. دولة حليفة

2 a person who helps and supports you, espe-
cially when other people are against you: *the*
Prime Minister's political allies حليف، نصير

almighty /ɔ:l'marti/ *adj* **1** having the power to
do anything: *Almighty God* ذو قدرة كلية

2 (only before a noun) (*informal*) very great:
Suddenly we heard the most almighty crash.
ضخم، هائل

almond /'ɑ:mənd/ *noun* [C] an oval nut that is
often used in cooking: *trout with almonds* لوز

¶ **almost** /ɔ:lməʊst/ *adv* not quite, very nearly: *By*
nine o'clock almost everybody had arrived.
◊ *Careful! I almost fell into the water then!* ◊ *The*
film has almost finished. ◊ *She almost always*
cycles to school. ◊ *There's almost nothing left.*
تقريباً

¶ **alone** /ə'ləʊn/ *adj, adv* **1** without any other per-
son: *The old man lives alone.* ◊ *Are you alone?*
Can I speak to you for a moment? ◊ *I don't like*
walking home alone after dark. وحيد، بمفرده

Alone and **lonely** both mean that you are not
with other people. **Lonely** (*US lonesome*)
means that you are unhappy about this, but
alone does not usually suggest either
happiness or unhappiness. **Alone** cannot be
used before a noun. You can also use **on your**
own and **by yourself** to mean 'alone'. These
expressions are more informal and very
common in spoken English.

2 (after a noun or pronoun) only: *You alone can*
help us. ◊ *The food alone cost £40. The wine was*
extra. وحدته

IDIOM **go it alone** to do sth on your own without
help from anyone دون الاعتماد على أحد

leave sb/sth alone → LEAVE¹
let alone → LET¹

¶ **along** /ə'lɒŋ; US ə'lɔ:ŋ/ *prep* **1** from one end to or
towards the other end of sth: *I walked slowly*
along the road. ◊ *David looked along the corridor*
to see if anyone was coming. ◊ *Carry on along this*
street until you get to the traffic lights. على طول

2 in a line that follows the side of sth long: *Wild*
flowers grew along both sides of the river. بمحاذاة

3 at a particular point on or beside sth long: *Our*
house is about halfway along Hope Street. في

► **along adv** **1** forward: *We moved along slowly*
with the crowd. إلى الأمام

2 (*informal*) with sb: *We're going to the pub. Why*
don't you come along too? مع (شخص ما)

IDIOM **all along** → ALL²

along with sb/sth together with sb/sth: *Along*

with hundreds of others, she lost her job when the
factory closed. مع، بصحبة

¶ **alongside** /ə'lɒŋ'saɪd; US -,lɔ:ŋ-/ *adv, prep*
1 next to or along the side of sth: *a garden with*
a small river running alongside ◊ *The boat*
moored alongside the quay. بمحاذاة

2 together with sb/sth: *the opportunity to work*
alongside experienced musicians مع، في صحبة

aloof /ə'lʊ:f/ *adj* **1** not friendly or open to other
people; distant متحفظ، متباعد

2 not involved in sth; apart: *The President can*
no longer remain aloof from the problem.
متباعد، منعزل

¶ **aloud** /ə'ləʊd/ (*also out loud*) *adv* in a normal
speaking voice that other people can hear; not si-
lently: *to read aloud from a book* بصوت عال، جهاراً

¶ **alphabet** /'ælfəbet/ *noun* [C] the set of letters
that you use when you are writing a particular
language, especially when they are arranged in
a fixed order: *There are 26 letters in the English*
alphabet. الأبجدية

► **alphabetical** /'ælfəbetɪkl/ *adj* arranged in
the same order as the letters of the alphabet: *The*
poems are listed in alphabetical order. أبجدي
alphabetically /-kli/ *adv* أبجدياً

alpine /'ælpajn/ *adj* of or found in high moun-
tains: *alpine flowers* موجود على الجبال الشاهقة

¶ **already** /ɔ:l'redi/ *adv* **1** (used for talking about
sth that has happened before now or before a par-
ticular time in the past, especially if it happened
earlier than you expected): *'Would you like some*
lunch?' 'No, I've already eaten, thanks.' ◊ *We got*
there at 6.30 but Martin had already left. ◊ *Sarah*
was already awake when I went into her room.

2 (used in negative sentences and questions for
expressing surprise) so early; as soon as this:
Have you finished already? ◊ *Surely you're not*
going already! من قبل، مسبقاً
مبكراً هكذا!

alright /ɔ:l'raɪt/ *adv* (*informal*) = ALL RIGHT

Alsatian /æ'lseɪ'n/ *noun* [C] (*US German*
shepherd) a large dog with smooth hair, that is
often trained to help the police or as a guard
dog كلب حراسة كبير، كلب بوليسي

¶ **also** /'ɔ:lsəʊ/ *adv* (not with negative verbs) in
addition; too: *Mark Wilson paints and writes*
novels in his spare time. He also speaks Chinese.
◊ *Please bring some paper, a pen and also a calcu-*
lator. ◊ *The food is wonderful, and also very*
cheap. أيضاً؛ علاوة على ذلك

Too and **as well** are less formal than **also** and
are very common in spoken English. **Also**
usually goes before a main verb or after 'is',
'are', 'were', etc: *He also enjoys reading.* ◊ *He*
has also been to Australia. ◊ *He is also*
intelligent. **Too** and **as well** usually go at the
end of a phrase or sentence: *I really love this*
song, and I liked the first one too/as well. Do not
confuse **also** with **even**: *Even (NOT also) in the*
middle of summer, the nights can be cold.

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z**IDM** not only ... but also → ONLY²**altar** /ˈɔːltə(r)/ *noun* [C] the holy table in a church or temple
هيكل: مذبح

‡ **alter** /ˈɔːltə(r)/ *verb* [I,T] to make sth different in some way, but without changing it completely; to become different: *They've altered the plan for the new building. The main entrance will now be in Queen Street.* ○ *This does not alter the fact that the company is in serious financial difficulty.* ○ *This skirt is too big for me now. I'll have to alter it (= make it smaller by sewing it).* ○ *The village seems to have altered very little in the last twenty years.*

► **alteration** /ˌɔːltə'reɪʃn/ *noun* [C,U] ^{تغيير: تغيير} a small change in sb/sth: *We want to make a few alterations to the house before we move in.* ○ *The travel company will inform you of any alteration in the time of departure.* ^{تعديل, تغيير}

alternate¹ /ɔːl'tɜːnət/; US /ɔːl'tɜːnət/ *adj* 1 (used about two types of events, things, etc.) happening or following regularly one after the other: *Helen and Nick take the children to school on alternate days (= Helen takes them on Monday, Nick on Tuesday, Helen on Wednesday, etc.).*

^{متعاقب, متناوب}
2 one of every two: *He works alternate weeks (= he works the first week, he doesn't work the second week, he works again the third week, etc.).* (أسابيع مثلاً) متخالفة

► **alternately** *adv* بالتعاقب, بالتناوب

alternate² /ɔːl'tɜːnɪt/ *verb* 1 [I] **alternate with sth; alternate between A and B** (used about two types of events, things, etc.) to happen or follow regularly one after the other: *It's exciting music. Quiet violin passages alternate with sudden bursts of trumpet sound.* ○ *She seemed to alternate between hating him and loving him.*

^{يتعاقب, يتناوب}
2 [T] **alternate A with B** to cause two types of events or things to happen or follow regularly one after the other: *He alternated periods of work with periods of rest.* ^{يتناوب}

► **alternation** /ɔːl'tɜːneɪʃn/ *noun* [C,U] ^{تعاقب, تناوب}

‡ **alternative** /ɔːl'tɜːnətɪv/ *adj* (only before a noun) that you can use, do, etc. instead of sth else: *There is heavy traffic on the A34. Drivers are advised to find an alternative route.*

^{بديل, آخر}
► **alternative** *noun* [C] one of two things that you can choose between: *The Minister suggested community service as an alternative to imprisonment.* ^{خيار آخر}

Alternative is now often used for talking about more than two things: *There are several alternatives open to us at the moment.*

alternatively *adv*: *Trains leave London Paddington every half hour. Alternatively, there is a regular coach service from Victoria Coach Station.* ^{بدلاً من ذلك}

‡ **although** /ɔːl'dəʊ/ *conj* 1 (used for introducing a statement that makes the main statement in a sentence seem surprising): *Although she was*

tired, she stayed up to watch the late-night film on television. ^{رغم أن}

2 (used for introducing a statement that modifies the main statement) and yet; but: *There will be heavy rain in many parts of Britain tonight, although it is unlikely to reach the South West until morning.* ^{إلا أن}

You can also use **though** but it is less formal than **although**. **Even** can be used with **though** for emphasis, but not with **although**: *She didn't want to go to the party, although/though/even though she knew all her friends would be there.* **Though**, but not **although** can be used at the end of a sentence: *She knew all her friends would be there. She didn't want to go, though.*

altitude /'æltɪtjuːd/; US -tuːd/ *noun* 1 [sing.] the height of sth above sea: *The plane climbed to an altitude of 10 000 metres.* ^{ارتفاع (فوق مستوى البحر)}

2 [C, usually pl] a place that is high above sea level: *You need to carry oxygen when you are climbing at high altitudes.* ^{الأماكن المرتفعة}

Alt key (also **ALT key**) /'ɔːlt kiː/ *noun* a key on a computer keyboard which you press while pressing other keys, in order to change their function ^{مفتاح التبديل}

alto /'æltəʊ/ *noun* [C] (*pl. altos*) the lowest normal singing voice for a woman, the highest for a man; a woman or man with this voice

^{إحدى الطبقات الصوتية: مغن بهذا الصوت}

‡ **altogether** /ɔːl'təʊ'geðə(r)/ *adv* 1 completely: *I don't altogether agree with you.* ○ *At the age of 55 he stopped working altogether.* ^{تماماً}

2 including everything: *We've got about £65 altogether.* ^{جملة}

3 when you consider everything; generally: *Altogether, Oxford is a pleasant place to live.* ^{عموماً}

Altogether is not the same as **all together**. **All together** means 'everything or everybody together': *Put your books all together on the table.* ○ *Let's sing. All together now!*

aluminium /æljə'mɪniəm; ælə-/ (US **aluminum** /ə'luːmɪnəm/) (*symbol Al*) *noun* [U] a light silver-coloured metal that is used for making cooking equipment, etc: *aluminium foil* ^{(معادن) الألومنيوم}

‡ **always** /'ɔːlweɪz/ *adv* 1 at all times; regularly: *We almost always go to Scotland for our holidays.* ○ *Why is the train always late when I'm in a hurry?* ^{دائماً}

2 all through the past until now: *Tom has always been shy.* ○ *I've always liked music.* ^{دوماً}

3 for ever: *I shall always remember this moment.* ^{أبداً}

4 (with continuous tenses) again and again, usually in an annoying way: *She's always complaining about something.* ^{لا يفتك (يفعل شيئاً)}

Always does not usually go at the beginning of a sentence. It usually goes before the main verb or after 'is', 'are', 'were', etc: *He always wears*

those shoes. ○ *I have always wanted to visit Egypt.* ○ *Fiona is always late.* However, **always** can go at the beginning of a sentence when you are telling somebody to do something: *Always stop and look before you cross the road.*

5 (used with 'can' or 'could' for suggesting sth that sb could do, especially if nothing else is possible): *If you haven't got enough money, I could always lend you some.* إذًا لأمّر

Alzheimer's disease /'æltʃaɪmæz dɪzɪz/ *noun* [U] a disease that affects the brain and makes you become more and more confused as you get older مرض الزهايمر

AM /,er'em/ *abbrev* amplitude modulation; one of the systems of broadcasting radio signals تضمين النبوة (راديو)

‡ **a.m.** (US also **A.M.**) /,er'em/ *abbrev* before midday: *10 am* (= 10 o'clock in the morning) قبل الظهر

am → BE

amalgamate /ə'mælgəmeɪt/ *verb* [I,T] (used especially about organizations, groups, etc.) to join together to form a single organization, group, etc: *If the two unions amalgamated, they would be much more powerful.* يندمج؛ يدمج

▶ **amalgamation** /ə,mælgə'meɪʃn/ *noun* [C,U] اندماج

amass /ə'mæs/ *verb* [T] to gather together a large quantity of sth: *We've amassed a lot of information on the subject.* يكدس

amateur /'æmətə(r)/ *noun* [C] **1** a person who takes part in a sport or an activity for pleasure, not for money as a job: *Only amateurs can take part in the tournament; no professionals will be allowed.* الهواة (ضد المحترف)

2 (usually used when being critical) a person who does not have skill or experience when doing sth: *The repair work on this house was clearly done by a bunch of amateurs.* غير خبير

▶ **amateur adj 1** done, or doing sth, for pleasure (not for money as a job): *an amateur photographer* هواة

2 (also **amateurish**) done without skill or experience بلا خبرة، بلا براعة

‡ **amaze** /ə'meɪz/ *verb* [T] to surprise sb very much; to seem incredible to sb: *Sometimes your behaviour amazes me!* ○ *It amazes me that anyone could be so stupid!* يدهش

▶ **amazed adj** extremely surprised; feeling that you cannot believe sth: *She was amazed to discover the truth about her husband.* ○ *I was amazed by the change in his attitude.* مدهش، مذهل

amazement noun [U]: *He looked at me in amazement.* ○ *To my amazement, I passed the test easily.* اندهاش، استغراب

amazing adj causing you to be very surprised: *She has shown amazing courage.* ○ *I've got an amazing story to tell you.* عجيب، مذهل

amazingly adv لدرجة مذهلة

ambassador /æm'bæsədə(r)/ *noun* [C] a diplomat of high rank who represents his/her country

in a foreign country: *the Spanish Ambassador to Britain* ⇨ Look at **embassy**. سفیر

amber /'æmbə(r)/ *noun* [U] **1** a hard clear yellow-brown substance used for making jewellery or ornaments كهرمان

2 a yellow-brown colour: *The three colours in traffic lights are red, amber and green.* لون أصفر ضارب للحمرة

▶ **amber adj** كهرماني

ambiguity /æmbrɪ'gju:əti/ *noun* [C,U] (*pl. ambiguities*) the possibility of being understood in more than one way; sth that can be understood in more than one way غموض؛ شيء غامض

ambiguous /æm'bigjuəs/ *adj* having more than one possible meaning: *That's a rather ambiguous remark – what exactly do you mean?* غامض

▶ **ambiguously adv** على نحو غامض

‡ **ambition** /æm'bɪʃn/ *noun* **1** **ambition (to be/do sth)** [U] strong desire to be successful, to have power, etc: *One problem of young people today is their lack of ambition.* طموح

2 [C] something that you very much want to have or do: *It has always been her ambition to travel the world.* توق، مطمح

ambitious /æm'bɪʃəs/ *adj* **1** **ambitious (to be/do sth)** having a strong desire to be successful, to have power, etc: *I'm not particularly ambitious – I'm content with my life the way it is.* طموح

2 difficult to achieve or do because it takes a lot of work or effort: *The company have announced ambitious plans for expansion.* طموح، صعب التحقيق

ambivalent /æm'bɪvələnt/ *adj* having or showing a mixture of feelings or opinions about sth or sb: *I have always felt rather ambivalent about having children.* متناقض المشاعر

▶ **ambivalence** /-əns/ *noun* [U] تناقض المشاعر

‡ **ambulance** /'æmbjʊləns/ *noun* [C] a special motor vehicle for taking ill or injured people to and from hospital سيارة الإسعاف

ambush /'æmbʊʃ/ *noun* [C] a surprise attack from a hidden position كمين

▶ **ambush verb** [T] يهاجم من كمين

amen /ɑ:'men/; US eɪ'men/ *interj* (used at the end of a prayer by Christians) let this be so: *In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, Amen.* آمين

amenable /ə'mi:nəbl/ *adj* willing to accept sth; willing to be guided: *I'm amenable to any suggestions you may have.* على استعداد للقبول، قابل للتوجيه

amend /ə'mend/ *verb* [T] to change sth slightly, often in order to make it better: *The law needs to be amended.* يعيدّل

▶ **amendment noun 1** [C] a part that is added or a small change that is made to a piece of writing, especially to a law تعديل

2 [U] an act of amending: *The bill was passed without amendment.* تعديل

amends /ə'mendz/ *noun* [plural]

IDIOM **make amends** to do sth for sb, that shows that you are sorry for sth bad that you have done