**UNIT 4**

**Boomerang Kids Rely on their Parents: Is It a Positive Trend?**

**Academic words from the NAWL list in “Boomerang Kids…”**

**dependence (n)** uncountable

**Definition:** the quality or state of being influenced or determined by or subject to another

*…our dependence on oil as a source of energy*

*…the financial dependency of some women on men*

**Word Form:**

dependency (n) = dependence (n)

dependent (adj)

**Collocations:**

dependence on/upon

mutual dependence

drug/alcohol dependence

**Example Sentence:**

* The company was hurt by its dependence on government loans.
* Our dependence upon foreign oil makes our economy vulnerable.
* Dependence on [alcohol](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/alcohol) can have a [serious](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/serious) effect on your [relationships](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/relationship) and [career](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/career).

**nest (n)**

**Definition:** home / a place of rest, retreat, or lodging

*…grown children who have left the nest...*

*They lived in a cozy little*nest*in the suburbs.*

**Word Form:**

nest (v)

**Collocations:**

leave / return to the nest

**Example Sentence:**

* College years signal the time has come for kids to leave the nest.

**offspring (n)** countable -plural offspring also offsprings

**Definition:** someone’s child or children

*a young mother trying to control her offspring*

**Example Sentence:**

* *Hardly a day goes by without Mrs.*[*Molt*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/molt)*or one of her offspring calling around to*[*borrow*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/borrow)*something.*
* *Parents with the*[*disease*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/disease)*are likely to*[*pass*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/pass)*it on to their offspring.*

**orient (v)**

**Definition:** to set or arrange (*in any determinate position*)

*Orient the map so that north is at the top.*

**Word Form:**

orientate (v) = orient(v)

**Example Sentence:**

* *In any case, orienting the piece on the table also takes time.*
* *The house is*oriented*so that it faces west.*

**residual (adj)**

**Definition:** remaining after a process has been completed or something has been removed

*the residual effects of drug treatment*

*a residual pesticide*

**Word Form:**

residue (n) = remnant

residually (adj)

residual effect

**Example Sentence:**

* *My*[*personal*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/personal)[*theory*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/theory)*is that the reported*[*goldfish*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/goldfish) *deaths are*[*due*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/due)*to residual effects of these*[*F*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/f)[*rays*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/ray)*.*

**tutor (n)** countable

**Definition:** someone who gives [private](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/private) [lessons](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/lesson) to one student or a small group, and is paid directly by them

*I got a*tutor*to help me with my homework.*

*The children were educated at home by a succession of tutors.*

**Word Form:**

tutor (n)a [teacher](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/teacher) in a [British](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/british) [university](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/university) or [college](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/college)

tutor (v)

**Example Sentence:**

* *They*[*hired*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/hire)*a private tutor to help Carlos with his English.*
* *Hourly-paid*[*language*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/language)*tutors, too, face increasingly*[*demanding*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/demand)[*employers*](http://www.ldoceonline.com/dictionary/employer)*.*