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assemble /ə'sembl/ verb 1 [I, T] to join other people somewhere to make a group, or to bring people together into a group *They assembled in the meeting room after lunch.* 2 [T] to build something by joining parts together

assembly /ə'sembl/ noun 1 [SCHOOL] [C, U] UK a regular meeting of all the students and teachers at a school *morning assembly* 2 [GROUP] [C] a group of people, such as a government, who meet to make decisions, laws, etc *the national assembly* 3 [BUILD] [U] when you build something by joining parts together *The pack said 'assembly required'.*

assent /ə'sent/ noun [U] formal agreement or approval *Has she given her assent?* • **assent** verb [I] formal to agree to something

assert /ə'sɜ:t/ verb 1 **assert yourself** to behave or speak in a strong, confident way *She has to learn to assert herself.* 2 **assert your authority/control/independence, etc** to do something to show other people that you have power 3 [T] formal to say that something is certainly true [+ that] *He asserts that she stole money from him while they were working together.*

assertion /ə'sɜ:ʃən/ noun [C, U] formal when you say that something is certainly true [+ that] *I don't agree with his assertion that men are safer drivers than women.*

assertive /ə'sɜ:tɪv/ adjective behaving or speaking in a strong, confident way *You need to be much more assertive.* • **assertively** adverb • **assertiveness** noun [U]

assess /ə'ses/ verb [T] to make a judgment about the quality, size, value, etc of something *The tests are designed to assess a child's reading skills.* • **assessment** noun [C, U]

asset /'æset/ noun [C] 1 a person, skill, or quality which is useful or helps you to succeed *He'll be a great asset to the team.* 2 something which a person or company owns which has a value [usually plural] *The company has \$70 billion in assets.*

assiduous /ə'sɪdjuəs/ adjective formal showing a lot of effort and determination • **assiduously** adverb

assign /ə'saɪn/ verb [T] to give someone a particular job or responsibility [+ two objects] *UN troops were assigned the task of rebuilding the hospital.* ○ [often passive] *The case has been assigned to our most senior officer.*

assign sb to sth to give someone a particular job or place to work [often passive] *Which police officer has been assigned to this case?*

assignment /ə'saɪnmənt/ noun [C, U] a piece of work or job that you are given to do *a written assignment* ○ *He's on assignment in Brazil.*

assimilate /ə'sɪmɪleɪt/ verb formal 1 [T] to understand and remember new information 2 [I, T] to become part of a group, society, etc, or to make someone or something become part of a group, society, etc *The refugees have now assimilated into the local community.* • **assimilation** /ə'sɪmɪleɪʃən/ noun [U]

assist /ə'sɪst/ verb [I, T] to help *The army arrived*

to assist in the search. ○ *He's assisting the police with their investigation.*

assistance /ə'sɪstəns/ noun [U] formal help *financial/medical assistance* ○ *Can I be of any assistance?* (= Can I help you?) ○ *They have asked for financial assistance from the government.*

assistant /ə'sɪstənt/ noun [C] 1 someone whose job is to help a person who has a more important job *an administrative assistant* ○ *assistant manager* 2 a **sales/shop assistant** mainly UK someone who helps customers in a shop *The sales assistant was very helpful.*

associate /ə'səʊʃieɪt/ verb [T] to relate two things, people, etc in your mind *Most people associate this brand with good quality.*

associate with sb formal to spend time with someone

be associated with sth to be related to something or caused by something *There are many risks associated with smoking.*

associate /ə'səʊʃieɪt/ noun [C] someone who you know because of work or business *She's a business associate of mine.*

associate /ə'səʊʃieɪt/ adjective **associate director/editor/producer, etc** someone in a slightly less important position than the main person

association /ə'səʊʃi'eɪʃən/ noun 1 [C] an organization of people with the same interests or with a particular purpose *the Football Association* 2 [C, U] a connection or relationship between two things or people 3 **in association with** working together with *The event was organized in association with the Sports Council.* ○ See also: savings and loan association.

assorted /ə'sɔ:tɪd/ adjective of different types *a box of assorted chocolates*

assortment /ə'sɔ:tmənt/ noun [C] a group of different types of something *an assortment of vegetables*

assuage /ə'sweɪdʒ/ verb [T] formal to make unpleasant feelings less strong *The government tried to assuage the public's fears.* ○ *I'll take the kids out this afternoon and assuage my guilt for not having seen them all week.*

○ **assume** /ə'sju:m/ verb [T] 1 to think that something is likely to be true, although you have no proof [+ (that)] *Everything was quiet when I got home so I assumed that you had gone out.* 2 **assume control/power/responsibility, etc** to take a position of control/power/responsibility, etc *He has assumed the role of spokesman for the group.* 3 **assume an air/expression, etc** formal to pretend to have a feeling that you do not have *He assumed an air of indifference though I knew how he really felt.* 4 **assume a false identity/name, etc** to pretend to be someone else *an assumed name*

WORD PARTNERS FOR assumption

make an assumption • **be based on an assumption** • **a basic/common/false/underlying assumption** • **do sth under the assumption that** • **an assumption about sth**

assumption /ə'sʌmpʃən/ noun [C] 1 something that you think is true without having any