

**hostile** *adjective* belligerent, warlike, ill-disposed, unsympathetic, unfriendly, inhospitable, inimical, antagonistic, opposed, adverse, unfavourable, contrary, opposite. **❏** friendly, welcoming, favourable.

**hot** *adjective* **1** a hot climate/hot soup: warm, heated, fiery, burning, scalding, blistering, scorching, roasting, baking, boiling, steaming, sizzling, sweltering, sultry, torrid, tropical. **2** a hot curry: spicy, peppery, piquant, sharp, pungent, strong.

**❏** **1** cold, cool. **2** mild.

**hotel** *noun* boarding-house, guest-house, pension, motel, inn, public house, pub (*informal*), hostel.

**hotheaded** *adjective* headstrong, impetuous, impulsive, hasty, rash, reckless, fiery, volatile, hot-tempered, quick-tempered.

**❏** cool, calm.

**hound** *verb* chase, pursue, hunt (down), drive, goad, prod, chivvy, nag, pester, badger, harry, harass, persecute.

**house** *noun* **1** rows of neat little houses: building, dwelling, residence, home. **2** the house of Stuart: dynasty, family, clan, tribe.

■ **verb** **1** soldiers housed with local families: lodge, quarter, billet, board, accommodate, put up, take in, shelter, harbour. **2** housing the crown jewels: hold, contain, protect, cover, sheathe, place, keep, store.

*Types of house include:*

bungalow, cottage, council house, detached, pied-à-terre, prefab (*informal*), semi-detached, semi (*informal*), terraced, thatched cottage, town house; apartment, bedsit, condominium (*US*), duplex (*US*), flat, granny flat, maisonette, penthouse, studio; chalet,croft, farmhouse, grange, hacienda, hall, homestead, lodge, manor, manse, mansion, parsonage, ranch house, rectory, shack, shanty, treehouse, vicarage, villa; hut, igloo, log cabin, tepee, wigwam, yurt. *See also accommodation; building.*

**household** *noun* family, family circle, house, home, ménage, establishment, set-up.

■ *adjective* domestic, home, family, ordinary, plain, everyday, common, familiar, well-known, established.

**hover** *verb* **1** a hawk hovering above: hang, poise, float, drift, fly, flutter, flap. **2** he hovered by the door: pause, linger, hang about, hesitate, waver, fluctuate, seesaw.

**however** *adverb, conjunction* nevertheless, nonetheless, still, yet, even so, notwithstanding, though, anyhow.

**howl** *noun, verb* wail, cry, shriek, scream, shout, yell, roar, bellow, bay, yelp, hoot, moan, groan.

**hub** *noun* centre, middle, focus, focal point, axis, pivot, linchpin, nerve centre, core, heart.